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SHS hosts District 6 Connecticut River Valley Music Festival



James Robins leads Middle School Concert Band.

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SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - "Yeah - there we go, clarinets!" called conductor James Robins as he stabbed the air with his baton. Turning quickly to the saxophone section, he yelled, "Altos - killin' it at measure 63!"

Members of the District 6 CRV middle school band responded with enthusiasm, despite the early Saturday morning hour. Rehearsal for the festival concert to be held that night was in full swing.

The auditorium and music rooms at Springfield High School were buzzing with the music of bands and choirs as dozens of middle and high school students from schools up and down the Connecticut River Valley participated in the annual District 6 Winter Concert on Feb. 3.

Each student had already undergone months of preparation, including presenting repertoire at an audition in the fall. The festival itself was a whirlwind of rehearsals and meetings over a precious few hours on Friday and Saturday, blending the

student participants in ensembles for the first time and resulting in a concert on Saturday afternoon.

Guest conductor James Robins led the largest ensemble - the middle school concert band, comprised of 50 student musicians from nine area schools. Robins, who is director of bands at Hampstead Middle School in Hampstead, N.H., also teaches guitar and serves as an adjudicator and trombone clinician.

Kayla Werlin of Lexington, Mass., conducted the 40-member high school chorus. She chairs the music department and teaches vocal music at Longmeadow High School, where her choirs have earned awards for festival performances as well as the American Prize for Choral Performance.

The high school jazz band was led by Earl MacDonald, professor of music and director of Jazz Studies at the University of Connecticut. MacDonald, an active clinician, guest conductor, and teacher at summer camps, has won numerous awards for teaching and for jazz arrangements. His 18-member ensemble,

though the smallest in number at the festival, packed a big musical punch with their four concert selections, including "Cirrus," one of MacDonald's own compositions.

Audience members at the afternoon concert were excited to hear the results of the students' hard work. Penny and Brian Stammers, carrying a tribute bouquet for their granddaughter, flutist Skylar Thibodeau of Weathersfield, summed up the general feeling: "We're so proud!"

Participating schools included Bellows Falls Middle School, Bellows Falls Union High School, Black River High School, Brattleboro Area Middle School, Brattleboro Union High School, Green Mountain Union High School, Hartford Memorial Middle School, Hartford High School, Leland & Gray Union High School, Mid-Vermont Christian Academy, Riverside Middle School, Springfield High School, Twin Valley Middle and High School, Vermont Academy, and Weathersfield School.

Student wins spot in All-New England Choral Festival

BY KAREN ENGDAHL

The Shopper

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - When SHS student Ainsley Bertone tried out in December for the New England Music Festival Association choir, she understood it would be a long time before she knew the results of her audition.

"I had almost forgotten about it, actually," she said with a smile, "but one day when I was feeling kind of discouraged I went to my lesson with Mr. Chlebak (SHS music teacher) and he handed me a big white envelope. It took a while to sink in, but finally I realized I had been accepted! I made it into the choral ensemble, and I missed a perfect score by only nine points!"

Bertone will be one of more than a hundred regional high school students gathering at the Lewis Mills High School in Burlington, Conn., for three days in mid-March to learn, rehearse, and perform a full concert of choral masterpieces. Instrumentalists who successfully auditioned for the festival will also perform in the concert. The New England Music



SHS music student, Ainsley Bertone. PHOTO BY KAREN ENGDAHL

Festival, which was founded in 1927, is one of the oldest such festivals in the nation.

"We've gotten the list of repertoire," said Bertone, "and it's a beautiful selection of pieces for mature voices. I can't wait to sing with this group!"

Bertone explained that the conductor, Dr. Janet Galavan from

Ithaca College, has sent specific markings and instructions for the music, which includes "Red, Red Rose" by Mulholland; "Sing Unto God" by Handel; "Snow Angel," a song for women's voices; and "Sound Off," a song for men's voices.

Students participating in the festival are housed with local host families for the three-day event. Bertone, who is the only student from Springfield traveling to the festival, said she expects to hear from her host family some time in February.

"I'll be going there by myself, so it will be a real adventure!" she said.

In addition to preparing for the March festival, Bertone, who is hoping for a career in musical theatre, is finishing her college auditions in the weeks ahead.

"I'm going into each experience knowing I have something to learn," she said. "I can't act like I 'know it all' or that I've got this thing nailed down. There's always more to learn - you have to have passion and keep it going."

Joint Board discusses through traffic weight limits through the village

BY AMANDA WEDEGIS

The Shopper

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - The Joint Board met on Jan. 30, 2018 in the Lower Theater of the Bellows Falls Opera House to hear a presentation from the town and village auditor Ron Smith, from RHR Smith & Co. auditing firm, about the fiscal year 2017.

He started with the town, reporting that it was financially sound. The town is operating on a budget of 5 million dollars with a carry over surplus budget to be allocated in 2019. "I'd probably give your report card a B-plus on Rockingham," Smith said. His only suggestion to the town would be to reclassify the Theater Fund from an enterprise to a special revenue fund. The reason being that an enterprise fund needs to be self-sufficient and "I don't think it's going to be self-sufficient today, tomorrow, or probably ever."

Moving onto the village of Bellows Falls, Smith reported that they have an operating budget of 2 million dollars and very little surplus to work with. A key issue that has made the village unstable

is the payback to TransCanada. They had insufficient funds and needed the town's assistance. The village has agreed to repay those funds to the town in a five-year timeframe. On a positive note, Smith recognized that the wastewater and water departments were healthy funds.

"The good news is that you're not in a deficit," he said. "The not-so-better news is that you don't have a lot to work with."

Select Board member, Ann DiBernardo asked what he would recommend to the village, to which he replied that they needed to "gradually build back [their] surplus." This would be accomplished through contingencies, surplus, and an increased tax rate. This is a gradual solution over several years so not to put a heavy burden on taxpayers.

Following Smith's presentation, the boards returned to the discussion of public safety and through traffic in downtown Bellows Falls. The subject of truck traffic has been discussed between the trustees and the select board for some time. Select Board member Cass Wright reported that the DMV and VTrans both have mentioned that the village can go forward with weight limit ordinances, but enforcement is key.

Wright called on the Village Trustees to handle enforcement and bring it to the attention of the Bellows Falls Police Department.

Select Board member Gaetano Putignano recalled that they had previously agreed to purchase weight limit signs for downtown four months ago. Municipal Manager Shane O'Keefe mentioned he was doing research on the signage.

O'Keefe replied that the road through downtown is classified as a Class 2 Highway, which has a 24,000 pound limitation, but that Bellows Falls is also an incorporated village and is subject to state limit statutes.

Trustee Deborah Wright looked up the Title 23, Article 7 of the Vermont Statutes that says, "Trustees from time to time may adopt rules and regulations relating to truck travel and parking within the Village." She argued that the village has the right to make an ordinance to limit truck travel through Westminster St., the Village Square, and Rockingham St.

Putignano made the motion to restrict the weight limit to 24,000 lbs. and to place proper signage at the designated locations for no through traffic. These signs must be acquired within two weeks. The motion was passed unanimously.

Kurn Hattin welcomes inspirational guest, Jack Pratt

WESTMINSTER, Vt. - Exploration of diversity continued on Jan. 29 at Kurn Hattin Homes for Children with Jack Pratt sharing his experience working with the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. He explained how Dr. King was called to action in Montgomery, Ala. in 1955 to lead the Civil Rights Movement, and then answered the children's questions about segregation, boycotts, and race-relations in the southern states.

A major point in Mr. Pratt's presentation was that Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. said "yes" to becoming the leader of the Civil Rights Movement when he could have said "no." "Dr. King had to get up every day for 13 years knowing that each day could be his last," he told the children. "When he answered the call, his life changed forever." Mr. Pratt worked with



Mr. Jack Pratt stands with Kurn Hattin children after a presentation he gave about his work with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

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Dr. King from 1963 until Dr. King's assassination in 1968.

Mr. Pratt implored the children to have the courage that Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. had - to stand up for what is right, even though it isn't easy. He talked about the success that has been achieved for equal rights in the United States, and about the work that still needs to be done. His closing advice to the children: "We all have dreams, and sometimes life asks you to do different things. If you answer the call, it might change your life - but it also might change the world."

A place of hope since 1894, Kurn Hattin Homes for Children provides a safe home and quality education for boys and girls, ages 5-15, whose families are experiencing a time of personal or financial need. Kurn Hattin transforms the lives of children and their families forever. For more information, go to www.kurnhattin.org



Pratt identifies prominent leaders of the Civil Rights Movement in a photograph. He is a young man wearing glasses and a tie is in the photo on the far left.

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HCRS implements changes to improve access to services

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Health Care and Rehabilitation Services (HCRS), southeastern Vermont's community mental-health agency, announced that it has instituted a new, faster process for new clients to access services.

As part of the agency's quality improvement efforts, which includes feedback from clients and

community members, HCRS has instituted Centralized Access Navigation for all its sites and programs. Centralized Access Navigation is a model used in many community mental health organizations nationwide. The Centralized Access Navigation process incorporates an Access Navigator in the agency's three regions (Springfield, Hartford, and Brattleboro), to assist new clients with accessing appropriate mental health, drug and alcohol, or developmental disability services and guide them through the admissions process in a timely manner. The Access Navigators have a broad range of knowledge designed to assist the new client with rapid and targeted access to care.

Individuals seeking services will contact the Access Navigators through a toll-free number (Springfield area: 855-220-9429, Brattleboro area: 855-220-9428, or Hartford area: 855-220-9430). Access Navigators will ensure the individual receives a timely initial appointment, assist the individual through the admissions process, and provide follow-up to ensure the individual's needs are being met.

Visit www.hcrs.org for more information.



Chamber's person & organization of 2017

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Springfield Regional Chamber of Commerce is thrilled to congratulate Donald S. Whitney as 2017 Citizen of the Year and Springfield Co-op as 2017 Organization of the Year, for their enormous positive impact on the Springfield area community.

Winners were announced at the Chamber's 102nd annual meeting event on Saturday, Jan. 27.

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Westminster Cares announces memorial and honor gifts

WESTMINSTER, Vt. - Westminster Cares welcomes donations throughout the year from anyone wishing to remember or honor a loved one or friend.

The following memorial and honorary gifts were made in December 2017.

In honor of the following: Susan Clifford from Patrick Clark; Ronnie Friedman from Faith Pepe, Sarah Waldo from Oliver Brody; Phyllis Anderson from Bonnie Anderson; my mom, Jackie Johnson, from Lisa Calchera.

In memory of Betty Holton from: Russell and Barbara Hodgkins; Hugh and Betty Haggerty.

In memory of Artie Aiken from Sarah Waldo; Bruce Murray; Lori Larue

In memory of Richard Friedman from: Joan Harte and Janet Lynch

In memory of the following: Gary French from Luella French; Doris Bowen from Mary and Dan Davis; Bill LaCour from Catherine Cooper-Ellis; of all those

we lost this year from Bill Smidutz; Artie Aiken from Doug Sherwin, and Yvette Durell.

In memory of John Barnett from: Susan Roman, Denise and John Barnett, John McCammond.

In memory of the following: my parents from MaryAnn D'Ambrosio; Henry "Hank" Anderson from Bonnie Anderson and Phyllis Anderson; of deceased members of the Wajdowicz and Pulaski families from Matt and Terry Wajdowicz; Pat and Walter Jennison from Linda Jennison and Janet Manzoillo; Kay and Robie Palmer from George and Georgiana Cheney; Gladys M. Hinds and Ernest W. Hogan from Edward Hinds; Nancy Noonan from Dahlia Noonan; Sam Streetter and Artie Aiken from Bruce Murray, G. Preston and Barbara E. James from anonymous; William Schreiber from Tatiana Schreiber; Joanne Duval; Caro Duval, Staci Jones-Maly and Genevieve Farnsworth from Tonia and Lester White; Sam Streetter from Jim and Colleen Grout; Raymond Hitch-

cock from Rachael Shaw; Ernie and Phyllis Norman from Scott and Wanda West; David L. Williams from Elizabeth K. Williams, Miles Zuverino from Tress Zuverino; Jack and Barbara Keil from Nick and Jill Keil; Bill Law from Lucille Traina.

From January 2018:

In honor of the following: Phyllis Anderson from Heidi Anderson and Lee Trapani; Susan Clifford from Gaelen and Rich Ewald.

In memory of the following: Artie Aiken; Aunt Connie Harlow and Uncle Ralph Harlow from Lori Larue; Harold F. Angers from Barbara Angers; Marie Wright from Ann Wright; Ralph and Signa Buck from Donald and Nancy Adams; Lloyd E. Church from Carol Church; LoLo Hotshot Justin Beebe from Susan and Rich Talbot; John Barnett from Libby Mills; Rosalie Coven from Judy and Tony Coven; Almon Flagg from Ken Flagg; Alice and Harold Shattuck from Barb Greenough; Donald and Muriel Devoe from Judy Haggerty; Of loved ones from Alice Cobb Rogers.

Donations needed for SEVCA's Care for Kids & Families collection drive

REGION - SEVCA's "Good Buy" thrift stores are now offering customers the opportunity to give to local kids and families in need and get something back at the same time. From Feb. 1 through March 31, everyone who donates personal care items to SEVCA's "Care for Kids & Families" collection drive will receive 10 percent off any purchase at our Good Buy Stores. Diapers, baby formula, shampoo, and toothpaste are some of the items urgently needed by local homeless shelters and food shelves to distribute to families in need.

"The Good Buy Stores already provide a service to our communities by offering low-cost clothing, furniture, and household goods (and free



SEVCA is collecting donations.

that one of the biggest unmet needs in our area is actually for baby care and personal care products."

Items collected will be distributed through the Upper Valley Haven in White River Junction, Our Place Drop-in Center in Bellows Falls, and the Springfield Family Center. These organizations offer groceries, meals, and shelter to hundreds of families in crisis every month, but often come up short when it comes

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to providing the personal care essentials most people take for granted.

Samantha Lane, administrative coordinator for the Springfield Family Center, said that many area organizations are experiencing an uptick in people seeking their help. They operate a day shelter for the homeless (with showers), daily meals, and a food shelf, among other services. Lane said that in December alone, 482 households (624 individuals) utilized the food shelf, 586 people received daily meals, and 68 people used the day shelter showers. Personal hygiene products are in high demand. "If these products are available through the food shelf, they go in a matter of minutes...these are the items we struggle the most to provide," Lane said. Although many organizations sponsor food drives to benefit the Springfield Family Center, "Most people don't think about donating personal hygiene products; they don't realize how badly we need them." She said that every donation helps, and they are grateful to be one of the beneficiaries for the "Good Buy" Thrift Store's collection drive.

Jennifer Fontaine, director of Operations at the Upper Valley Haven, said that personal care items are in high demand among their clients as well. The Haven serves 1,200-1,300 people per month at its food shelf, and up to 38 individuals in its regular and seasonal shelters and eight families in its family shelter on any given night. "We don't have the money to spend on these items, but there's a huge need. People can't take care of themselves without things like toothpaste or shampoo; plus, a lot of these items, like diapers and tampons, are really expensive," she said. "These are things that people can't use their 3SquaresVT benefits to purchase."

Items needed for the Care for Kids & Families collection drive include: disposable diapers (especially sizes 3, 4, & 5), baby wipes, infant formula, baby lotion and powder, shampoo and conditioner, toothpaste and toothbrushes, deodorant, soap, feminine products, tissues (Kleenex), and toilet paper.

"Good Buy" Store locations in Springfield, White River Junction, and Bellows Falls are all accepting donations. Customers may shop when they drop off their contribution or use their 10 percent discount during a future visit. The location, hours, and contact information for the stores can be found at www.sevca.org/thrift-stores/locations or by calling SEVCA at 800-464-9951.

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Springfield student wins Voice of Democracy essay contest

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Sofia Gulik of Springfield High School, Springfield, Vt. representing Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 771 in Springfield won the Vermont Department of Veterans of Foreign Wars Voice of Democracy Essay contest held at the VFW in Middlebury, Vt. on Jan. 20, 2018.

Gulik competed with other high school students in Vermont with the winning essay on "American History: Our Hope for the Future" theme. Gulik was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship and an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. in early March, where she will be competing with essay contest winners from all other VFW state winners.

Established in 1947, the Voice of Democracy audio-essay program provides high school students with the unique opportunity to express themselves in regards to a democratic and patriotic-themed recorded essay. Each year, nearly 40,000 9-12 grade students from across the country enter to win their share of \$2.1 million in educational scholarships and incentives awarded through the program. The national first-place winner receives a \$30,000



Front Row: Vito DeMarco, Post 771 Adjutant; Gail Ferguson, VFW Post 771 Auxiliary President; Kathleen Gulick, Sofia Gulick, Bonita Before, VT State VFW Auxiliary President. Back Row: C. William Mattoon, Post 771 Commander; Steve Leach, VFW 1st District Quartermaster; and Mr. Charles Magnant, VT VFW Department Commander.

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scholarship paid directly to the recipient's American university, college, or vocational/technical school. Other national scholarships range from \$1,000-\$16,000 in the essay competi-

tion. Information on the contest can be found at www.vfw.org/community/youth-and-education/youth-scholarships.

Healthy Living Initiative

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - You've just finished a long day at work and head home only to stop for some take-out because you're too exhausted to make dinner. You sit down with a tall glass of wine and proceed to binge watch your favorite Netflix series, bowl of ice cream in hand, finally crawling into bed well past midnight. After tossing and turning, your 6 a.m. alarm receives multiple hits to the snooze button, only to rush to your morning meeting without breakfast.

Halfway through your day, you're encouraged by an alert on your computer to "drink your water and get your butt to the gym! You've got this." - a series of motivational alarms you've set to finally lose those extra pounds as you kicked off the New Year. Barely through the first month, you're already defeated by the same challenges you've faced in the past.

Making healthy changes is hard, and while most of us have an idea of

what a healthy lifestyle should look like, figuring out how to fit it in to our already stressful and busy day-to-day lives - often with kids - can sometimes feel impossible.

Most of us know what we want to change, but we sometimes look past what needs to change in order to get us there. Sure, exercise and diet may help you lose the extra pounds, but how long can you really withstand 5 a.m. wake ups and boiled broccoli and chicken dinners?

The first step to making a lifestyle change is to really evaluate more than just the obvious. With the Healthy Living Program through the Edgar May Health and Recreation Center, we're focusing on eight components of our wellness to support and create change: emotional, physical, intellectual, financial, social, environmental, occupational, and spiritual. The Edgar May has successfully offered a space for our community to move

more, but after 11 years we're excited to open the doors to complete the wellness circle through programs, workshops, coaching, challenges, videos, blogs, and more.

Join us as we kick off our new Healthy Living Initiative, with Mallory Peterson at the Edgar May's Studio Momentum for a free afternoon dedicated to opening up your eyes to other areas of your wellness. This is a free event on Feb. 18 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. with a focus on stress management, sleep improvement, goal setting, healthy eating, cooking demos, and more!

Stay tuned as we offer more opportunities to support lifestyle change throughout the community. For more information, contact Mallory Peterson, director for Healthy Living at the Edgar May Health and Recreation Center by phone 802-885-2568 or email mpeterson@myrecenter.org.

Bellows Falls Woman's Club meeting

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Members of the Bellows Falls Woman's Club will meet on Tuesday, Feb. 13 at the United Church, School St., beginning at 1:30 p.m. The program will be presented by Alex Stradling of FACT (Falls Area Community Television). Members are reminded to bring non-perishable food and personal care items for Our Place Drop-in Center. In honor of American Heart Month, members may choose to wear red.

The Jan. 9 meeting featured first grade students from Central Elementary School and their music

teacher, Alisa Daigneault. She explained and demonstrated the program she uses with her students, one which reaches beyond learning songs and which motivates the children to respond to music and rhythms. Classroom teachers and other adults accompanied the children as well.

Mike Smith, CEO of Greater Falls Area Services, spoke to the group about the Feb. 22 public community forum regarding the opioid crisis we are facing. This event will be held in the Opera House/Town Hall, beginning at 6 p.m. Club members are en-

couraged to attend and participate.

The local club is a member of General Federation of Women's Clubs, with state affiliation through GFWC-VT. The organization promotes community volunteerism. A signature project of GFWC is domestic violence awareness and prevention. The winter meeting of GFWC-VT was held in Orwell on Feb. 3.

Women interested in joining the local club and helping with its projects are encouraged to call Barbara Comtois, membership chairman at 802-344-0025.

Sign up now for the spring 2018 Cross-Class Dialogue



Cross-Class Dialogue.

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BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Sign up now for the 8th Cross-Class Dialogue Circle on Saturdays March 17, March 31, and April 7 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Rockingham Library, 65 Westminster St. in Bellows Falls. Economic inequality is real and is hurting our communities. Be a part of the solution.

The class divide in the U.S. is growing, and yet, we have a hard time talking about class or across class lines. Cross-Class Dialogue Circles are a powerful way for people across the class spectrum to come together to talk about their experiences with class, to listen to each other's stories and perspectives, and then to work together as change makers for economic justice. Engaging with each other across class is empowering, healing, and liberating.

Cross Class Dialogue Circles bring together 10-15 community members with a diversity of class

experiences, ranging from being homeless, to managing family foundations, and everything in between.

Our goals in meeting together are to better understand class as part of an economic system, our own experience with class, and how it shows up in our daily life and communication; to learn and practice strategies for engaging with each other about difficult subjects; to learn and share practical tools for contributing to economic justice; and to build stronger community ties for economic justice. We approach these goals with courage, depth, humor, and sincerity.

This project is hosted by ACT for Social Justice and is supported

through fiscal sponsorship of Post Oil Solutions. Organizational co-sponsors are Marlboro College Diversity and Inclusion Task Force, Youth Services, Hilltop Montessori, and Resource Generation Praxis Group. Organizational sponsors are important in ensuring the continuation of this community education opportunity.

Sign-up for the three-day circle at www.act4socialjustice.com. Child-care, transportation, and lunch are provided. This program is free. Please come fragrance-free and nut-free. For more information, email info@act4socialjustice.com or call 802-254-3400.

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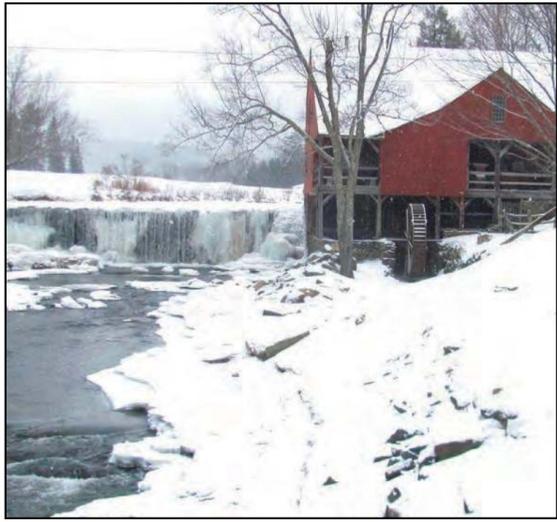
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WESTON, Vt. - Weston Grist Mill in winter.

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What will you pay for Medicare in 2018?

REGION - Our previously published alert listed 2018 Medicare Part B premium income thresholds as they were originally reported on the official Medicare website. These thresholds were subsequently corrected on www.Medicare.gov. The correct income thresholds are reflected on the table.

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has announced that the standard monthly Part B premium in 2018 will remain \$134 (or higher, depending on your income). In 2017, most Medicare beneficiaries who received Social Security benefits paid a lower monthly premium (\$109, on average). However, this is likely to change in 2018.

Due to a provision in the Social Security Act called the "hold harmless" rule, Medicare premiums for existing beneficiaries can't increase faster than their Social Security benefits. Over the past few years, Social Security benefits didn't increase much because of low or no cost-of-living increases. However, there will be a 2 percent cost-of-living increase for Social Security benefits in 2018. This increase will cause more people to pay higher monthly Medicare Part B premiums closer to the standard (\$134) amount. The Social Security Administration (SSA) will tell you the exact amount of your Part B premium in 2018.

Approximately 30 percent of Medicare beneficiaries are not protected by the hold harmless rule, and may pay the standard premium or more for Medicare Part B. You fall into this group if:

- You enroll in Part B for the first time in 2018.

• You don't get Social Security benefits.

• You're directly billed for your Part B premiums (they aren't taken out of your Social Security benefits).

• You have Medicare and Medicaid, and Medicaid pays your premiums.

• Your modified adjusted gross income, as reported on your federal income tax return from two years ago, is above a certain amount.

Beneficiaries with higher incomes have paid higher Medicare Part B premiums since 2007. To determine if you're subject to income-related premiums, the SSA uses the most recent federal tax return provided by the IRS. Generally, the tax return you filed in 2017 (based on 2016 income) will be used to determine if you will pay an income-related premium in 2018. You can contact the SSA at 800-772-1213 if you have new information to report that might change the determination and lower your premium (for example, you lost your job and your income has gone down, or you've filed an amended income tax return).

Other Medicare costs
Other Medicare Part A and Part B costs in 2018 include the following:

- The annual Medicare Part B deductible for Original Medicare will be \$183, the same as in 2017.

2017 Beneficiaries who file an individual income tax return with income that is:	Beneficiaries who file a joint income tax return with income that is:	Beneficiaries who file an income tax return as married filing separately with income in 2017:	Monthly premium
\$85,000 or less	\$170,000 or less	\$85,000 or less	\$134
Above \$85,000 up to \$107,000	Above \$170,000 up to \$214,000	N/A	\$187.50
Above \$107,000 up to \$160,000	Above \$214,000 up to \$320,000	N/A	\$267.90
Above \$160,000 up to \$214,000	Above \$320,000 up to \$428,000	Above \$85,000 up to \$129,000	\$348.30
Above \$214,000	Above \$428,000	Above \$129,000	\$428.60

2018 Beneficiaries who file an individual income tax return with income that is:	Beneficiaries who file a joint income tax return with income that is:	Beneficiaries who file an income tax return as married filing separately with income in 2018:	Monthly premium
\$85,000 or less	\$170,000 or less	\$85,000 or less	\$134
Above \$85,000 up to \$107,000	Above \$170,000 up to \$214,000	N/A	\$187.50
Above \$107,000 up to \$133,500	Above \$214,000 up to \$267,000	N/A	\$267.90
Above \$133,500 up to \$160,000	Above \$267,000 up to \$320,000	N/A	\$348.30
Above \$160,000	Above \$320,000	Above \$85,000	\$428.60

Changes to Medicare in 2018.

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State of the Union essay contest winners

REGION - U.S. Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.) on Monday, Jan. 29, announced the winners of his eighth annual State of the Union essay contest, which gives Vermont high school students an opportunity to describe which issues they would

prioritize if they were president.

A panel of seven Vermont teachers who served as volunteer judges selected Marjorie Parker, a sophomore at Woodstock Union High School as this year's winner. Parker focused on the need to prevent hate crimes,

particularly against members of the LGBT community.

"With the recent military ban on transgender Americans, the LGBT community is feeling singled out and at risk," Parker wrote. "One way to bring a greater feeling of peace

to these fellow Americans is by increasing protections instead of taking them away."

Alaura Rich, a senior at St. Johnsbury Academy, was the second place winner. Rich wrote about the prohibitive cost of a college education and the need for the United States to have the best-educated workforce in the world. "The Declaration of Independence birthed the underlying fundamental foundation of our nation's belief in both opportunity and upward mobility, and it is the responsibility of the United States government to ensure equal educational opportunities for all," Rich wrote.

Oliver Minshall, a junior at Hanover High School, wrote about income inequality and was the third place winner. "To improve the state of this great country, we must find a solution to the pernicious scourge of income inequality and create a more just, equitable and sustainable path for our economy," Minshall wrote.

This year, 585 students from 47 Vermont high schools submitted 250-500 word essays - more schools than any prior year.

Sanders has invited the 20 finalists to join him for a roundtable discussion at the Statehouse in Montpelier on Saturday, Feb. 10 to discuss the issues they wrote about in their essays.

"I always enjoy speaking with these students about what they would change to make our country a better place," said Sanders, who serves on the Senate education committee. "We need our students to help find solutions for the problems that face our country. That's what democracy is all about."

The winners and finalists will also have their essays entered into the Congressional Record - the official archive of the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives.

Since Sanders held the first State of the Union essay contest, thousands of students from schools throughout Vermont have written essays on a wide range of important issues such as the declining middle class, climate change, health care, the national debt, the rising cost of a college education, and many other topics.

The winners and finalists for this year's essay contest are:

- First Place: Marjorie Parker, Woodstock Union High School (Sophomore)
- Second Place: Alaura Rich, St. Johnsbury Academy (Senior)
- Third Place: Oliver Minshall, Hanover High School (Junior)

Local Finalists:

- Mason Castle, St. Johnsbury Academy (Junior)
- Maisie Newbury, Middlebury Union High School (Junior)
- Hope Petraro, Montpelier High School (Sophomore)
- Ethan Schmitt, Rutland High School (Sophomore)

All finalists are listed online at www.VermontJournal.com

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LOCAL HISTORY

BY RON PATCH

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

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

Kelly's Tavern history

Recently I happened upon an old newspaper clipping from January 1962. It was Ed Kendall's column in the Springfield Reporter. It seems Kendall had copied a story written by Austin N. Chandler many years before. From about 1870 on Chandler ran a printing business and barbershop in Chester.

Chandler mentions Downer's Hotel burning a decade or so before. Downer's burned in 1916 so Chandler must have written his story about 1926. Chandler was 89 at the time he wrote this story so he was born about 1837 and had moved to Chester about 1847. These dates are estimates. I found no birth or death records.

Howe Hotel mentioned would be the Lackey place that burned to the ground a few years ago. There will be at least one more installment from Kendall's column.

"My parents moved from Winhall to Chester when I was a boy 10 or 11 years of age. Among the first Chester people they formed an acquaintance with were Mr. and Mrs. Howe, an elderly couple who owned the hotel property on North Street just above the church. Mr. Howe was a little wizened up old fellow with a good memory who frequently came to my home for an evening visit with my father.

"He and his family owned and occupied the hotel property that had once been an important hostelry. I still retain memories of his conversations with father concerning his home in its best days. If he told the truth, and I think he did, it was on the stage route leading to Boston from Northern Vermont.

"Frequently stages stopped there to leave and take on passengers. For many years alcoholic liquors were freely dispensed to patrons of the place. The hotel possessed a dance hall that was in use for many years after the hotel closed its doors. It was in this hall that I learned to dance contradances and quadrilles.

"A century or more ago many dance halls were built with spring floors. The floor sills were fastened securely to the walls of the building at each end. Each side was unattached to the walls in any way. Thus, when the hall was filled with dancers the rhythm of certain dances would cause the floor to spring up and down six or more inches at its center. The floor in this hall was of this type. It was quite an experience to dance the Virginia Reel." (Note: I looked online for the Virginia Reel dance and suggest you do as well.)

It was equally interesting to those not dancing to watch the dancers bob up and down. The dance hall in Downer's Hotel which burned a decade of years or more ago contained this type



Kelly's Tavern & Howe Hotel, also known as the Lackey place that burnt down recently. PHOTO PROVIDED

floor. I have often wondered what would have happened to these halls if "jitter bug" had been in vogue at the time. I cannot recall that any form of entertainment other than dancing ever took place in the Howe Hotel hall.

For many years a cheese factory located farther up North Street did a thriving business. In this factory quite a large room was to be found in which a cheese was aged and cured. Eighty or more years ago, Orange P. Dunn operated the factory. Mr. Dunn's product rated very high throughout New England. The factory did a very thriving business. In those days the tank truck had not appeared. Each morning buckboard wagons with three or four large milk cans, back of the driver's seat, were a common sight on their way to the factory as the farmers made their daily delivery of milk to the cheese factory. Let's get back to the subject I had in mind when I started this article: dramatics of years ago and some of the people who participated in their presentation in Chester.

Previous to building of the Town Hall (1884) the room in the cheese factory that I have made mention of, was the audience room in which the Thespians of Chester Depot and North Street held forth. Probably the climax was reached by them with their rendition of "Neighbor Jackwood" written by J.T. Trowbridge. The plot of the story being woven around the life of a slave girl in the South. It was rendered before my parents moved to Chester. It must have been a classic, however, as I heard mention of it many times before I reached an age that allowed me to become a Thespian myself.

The play was directed by Mrs. Hannah Gowing. Mrs. Gowing's

husband, Robert Gowing, and Robert's brother, Quatus, owned and operated the gristmill just below the covered bridge. Seventy-five years ago three gristmills were kept busy grinding grain for Chester farmers. Although some of this grain was brought in from the West, the greater part was grown by farmers. In those days the fancy stock feeds in use today were unheard of. The majority of farmers grew their own grains; corn and oats were the chief grains grown. These were supplemented by barley, rye buckwheat and India wheat. Here I am getting away from my topic again. To be continued....

This week's old saying is from the 1960s. "Better living through chemicals."



Remember when...

Remember when this stonewall cow path lead to Mount Flamstead?

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Springfield Art and Historical Society presents: Shem Kentfield and his gun

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Eric Bye will present "Shem Kentfield and his Gun" on Saturday, Feb. 17 at 2 p.m. at the Springfield Art and Historical Society at 65 Route 106 in North Springfield. Bye tells us that, in 1780, "there was an unsavory tavern frequenter in Charlestown named Shem Kentfield." This fascinating piece of local history reads like a thriller, with a vow of arson, threats of death, hideouts in a cave, and a hanging approved by George Washington. Through it all, Kentfield's fowler remains, as it was given as a reward to Lemuel Whitney, who played an important role in the

story. It has remained in Springfield's Whitney family until its recent donation to SAHS.

Bye is a muzzle-loading rifle expert and has contributed to Muzzle-Blasts magazine. The infamous gun will be on display at the program for audience viewing. This program is free and open to all. For more information, call 802-886-7935 or email sahs@vermontel.net.



Eric Bye holds Shem Kentfield's fowler. PHOTO PROVIDED

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Op-Ed: A message from Montpelier

This is the first of my periodic notes covering the happenings in the Statehouse during the 2018 legislative session. My hope is to keep all of you informed and abreast of the issues discussed and bills proposed. I will try to give you a sense of Vermont's legislative process on how ideas become law, and opportunities for citizen involvement in the process.

It was great to get back to the Capital where the place was abuzz with activity - greeting colleagues, discussing issues, and then quickly settling in for a busy session. As is tradition, the session opened with remarks from Speaker of the House Mitzi Johnson and the State of the State Address delivered by Governor Scott on day two.

In her opening remarks, Speaker Johnson welcomed representatives back to the Statehouse and outlined her vision to continue to create a strong healthy future for Vermont. She emphasized prioritizing legislation that addresses and enables our working families to meet their basic needs while creating an economy that works for all Vermonters. She went on to note that this would require continued, reliable, and workable investments in Vermont's healthcare, education, workforce development, and environment.

Governor Scott delivered his State of the State Address highlighting progress made in 2017, and recommitting to an agenda focused on economic growth and affordability, while protecting the vulnerable. The governor re-emphasized that Vermont needs to address the looming issues of declining population and economic trends. He reminded us that our costs of living remain among the highest in the U.S. and are not sustainable. He emphasized that Vermonters cannot afford higher fees or taxes - including property taxes - any more this year than last

year. He noted that last year the State limited budget growth to 1 percent, while wages grew at 2 percent.

Within the first two weeks both the House and Senate took care of some unfinished business by voting - my vote included - to pass Bill H-511 on recreational marijuana legalization. The bill was signed into law by Governor Scott to take effect on July 1, 2018 and allows an adult, 21 years of age or older, to possess up to 1 oz. of marijuana and to cultivate no more than two mature and four immature plants. The legislature is expecting a report from the Governor's Marijuana Advisory Commission due in December 2018 that will examine the impact on Vermont's economy with a tax and regulate form of legalization for consideration in 2019.

In my upcoming messages I hope to fill you in on recent happenings in the legislature and give you a closer look at pressing issues such as educational funding, water quality, and rural economic development.

I welcome any questions, opinions, thoughts, or concerns you may have on any legislative issues. You can contact me at tbock@leg.state.vt.us or tmboc@vermontel.net or feel free to call me at home at 802-875-2222.

I heartily encourage you to visit the statehouse. The public is welcome to watch the proceedings in both the House and Senate chambers. If you let me know beforehand, I would enjoy the opportunity to meet with you for lunch in the statehouse cafeteria. I look forward to hearing from you.

Article written by Representative Tom Bock of Andover, Baltimore, Chester, and North Springfield.

Op-Ed: Vermont finds economic prosperity in climate change solutions

There has been a fascinating conversation taking place in Vermont over the last several years - a conversation about whether "environmentalism" and "entrepreneurialism" can exist together. It is a conversation driven, in part, by the anticipated effects of climate change, and the challenge to do something about it.

Of course, in Vermont the economy and the environment are deeply intertwined. For most - if not all - of our history we have relied a great deal on our unique and healthy environment to support a vibrant and evolving working landscape. From tourism to the maple industry, from forest products to craft beer and more, Vermont has birthed livelihoods that both depend on and contribute to a healthy and sustainable environment.

I have participated in this conversation with thoughtful and diverse people who love Vermont, and who are deeply motivated to think about how we can create value, affordability, prosperity - and environmental sustainability - by approaching climate change and its related challenges with creativity, innovation, and thoughtfulness.

I serve as the Chair the Vermont Climate Economy Action Team (CEAT), which is a diverse group of Vermonters representing the business, economic development, tourism, finance, workforce development, low-income advocacy, solid waste, and energy communities. CEAT is dedicated to ensuring that Vermont not only leads in identifying solutions to climate change but grasps the economic opportunities this challenge presents. These opportuni-

ties lie within advancing the Climate Economy - initiatives that expand distributed energy generation and efficiency, cultivate climate economy entrepreneurs and startup businesses, and ultimately reduce Vermont's carbon dependence while boosting economic development, creating jobs, and attracting youth and creative entrepreneurs to the state.

As we begin this new phase of Vermont's history, we are already seeing a surprising opportunity emerge. Relatively new economic sectors such as solar and home efficiency are helping to reduce emissions, while at the same time boosting local economies, increasing state revenues, and employing hard-working professionals throughout Vermont. Electricians, contractors, plumbers, engineers, tech experts, farmers, and foresters are creating answers to climate change that will be a foundation for the economic renewal of the state.

The Climate Economy can be a fundamental component of all economic activity in the state, whether it's how we manufacture and produce goods, develop technology, transport products, attract tourism, or use the working landscape. It is the economy of the future, and is powered by Vermont's history of independence, frugality, resilience, and innovation. With hard work, a vision for economic renewal, and the right policies in place, Vermont has a terrific opportunity to become well positioned to become the most attractive, inviting, and friendliest state in the country for Climate Economy business development - a national center of green innovation and entrepreneur-

ship.

CEAT envisions a future where Vermont's creativity, ingenuity, tenacity and grit are the foundation for a vital and growing Climate Economy for all Vermonters - where energy and efficiency solutions are threads that connect across communities, from businesses and homes to schools and places of worship, and are fundamental to how we build, move, transport, and produce goods in Vermont.

CEAT sees a future where electric vehicles are affordable and accessible to all individuals and businesses. Transportation networks can be reliable and inexpensive without increasing greenhouse gas emissions and bike and pedestrian commuting can be a realistic and attractive option rather than an exception.

In the future, the Climate Economy makes it possible for everyone to have access to a comfortable, safe, and well-heated home powered by reliable, clean, and affordable electricity. This can be achieved while reducing emissions and improving access to clean energy. Vermonters shouldn't have to struggle to heat their homes; low energy and net zero homes will improve efficiency and help curb climate change.

It is an ambitious vision. And it's one that requires us to begin acting now, taking the steps and putting the vital foundations in place while both the opportunities and the challenges are fresh.

CEAT recently released its legislative platform for 2018. The platform supports initiatives that promote the growth of the Climate Economy through dramatically expanding weatherization, supporting built-environment solar, and facilitating a shift to electric vehicles. I encourage you to take a look at www.vtrural.org/programs/climate-economy/action-team.

We can do our part to innovate solutions to climate change while boosting the economy and growing jobs throughout Vermont. We are very enthusiastic about the chance to drive the solutions in Vermont and to seize the most significant economic development opportunity of our generation.

By Joseph Fusco. Fusco, a vice president at Casella Waste Systems, Inc., is chair of the Climate Economy Action Team, a group of stakeholders convened by the Vermont Council on Rural Development.



"But all my diet pills have to be taken with food!"

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

What can you do to make a happy, healthy heart you ask? Your heart is a muscle, and it functions based on the foods, exercise, and rest you provide it. Are foods you feed your heart full of color and rich in nutrients, essential fatty acids, protein, and plant sterols?

Do you get 30 minutes of exercise on 4 or 5 days a week? Do you get 7 or 8 hours of sleep daily? Is your lifestyle stress-free?

If you answered no to any questions, you might consider making some happy heart changes. Try eating 3 to 5 vegetables and fruits daily. Consider quality supplements or

a meal replacement option if you don't eat nutritionally balanced meals. Maybe exercising 10 minutes once a day, then add 5 minutes more next week, work up from there. Try going to bed 30 minutes earlier. Maybe prepare breakfast or lunch for the next day before you go to bed, and sleep 30 minutes longer in the morning. Little steps make a difference.

Happy Heart Month with kind regards,
Judy Cenate
Health Enthusiast
Bellows Falls, Vt.

Dear Editor,

My name is Genevieve Mertens. I am registered nurse at the University of Vermont Medical Center, a part of the nurse's union, and member of the Vermont Workers Center. I recently attended the public hearing on access to healthcare at the Statehouse on Tuesday, Jan. 23. Fifty-one people shared their personal healthcare stories and most expressed support for Act 48, a law that if implemented would give all Vermonters access to

affordable and high quality healthcare. It passed seven years ago. And yet, it has still not been implemented.

Legislators are discussing a new bill, one that only would provide primary care, instead of total care like Act 48. Rather than try to fix another fragment in an already broken system, legislators should be bold and create a system that provides total care.

I see the damaging effects of an

unfair healthcare system everyday in my job. I had a patient who could not afford the medications for her diabetes and ended up having both of her legs amputated due to complications from that disease. I see patients wait too long to seek care because they're afraid of the costs many times.

Listen to the people, the patients, the nurses, the mother who has to choose between taking her child the doctors or buying them food, who

has to choose between filling her own prescriptions or her family's.

Our legislators have the responsibility and the opportunity to do the right thing for Vermonters. We need a universal healthcare system.

Sincerely,
Genevieve Mertens, R.N.
University of Vermont Medical Center
Burlington, Vt.

Dear Editor,

On behalf of the Springfield Energy Committee, our Chester volunteers, and Vital Communities, I would like to say a resounding thank you to the 20-some folks who braved frigid weather to attend the Weatherize event at the First Congregational Church in Springfield Jan. 25. I would also like to thank the local media for helping us get the word out to everyone.

I am sure every person in this town who is involved in organiz-

ing events knows the vital role our weekly newspapers and SAPA TV play in promoting our various causes. I would be remiss if I did not thank the area churches, Lt. Fountain, and local organizations for their help as well.

What is Weatherize? It is a program designed to encourage Vermonters to seal and insulate their homes. This makes your house warmer, saves money on your heating bill, and reduces your energy

use. Participating contractors will give a free energy audit and estimate.

You can then decide if you want to make improvements and which ones to make, if not all of them. Once the work is completed, participants qualify for rebates, and if they sign a contract by May 31 are entered to win a \$500 rebate. Local volunteers and Vital Communities will ensure that the process works smoothly. The Weatherize Cam-

aign runs through March 31.

Be warm, save money, save energy. Too good to be missed! For more information go to www.VitalCommunities.org/Weatherize or contact Char Osterlund at charm@vermontel.net.

Thank you,
Char Osterlund
Co-coordinator, Springfield Energy Committee
Springfield, Vt.

Dear Editor,

As a result of the "Spirit of Giving" program, Ludlow Shaw's Supermarket has donated to Black River Good Neighbor Services food shelf \$2,800 worth of food. This food drive, held during the holiday season, exemplifies the generosity within our community for those less fortunate. Local support is truly the foundation of our operation. Thank you to everyone who supported this amazing effort on our behalf!

Black River Good Neighbor Services is both grateful and proud to

receive the continuing support of Ludlow Shaw's Supermarket, which has a longstanding history of supporting and partnering with their local food shelf. Our sincere thanks go to Scott Dickey, Shaw's manager, and Jeff Wood, grocery manager, who coordinated this effort.

Sincerely,
Krey Kellington
Food Program administrator
Black River Good Neighbor Services
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obituaries

Lynn-Ann M. Kelley, 1956 - 2018

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Lynn-Ann M. Kelley, 61, of Springfield, Vt. passed away Monday, Jan. 29, 2018 at Springfield Health and Rehabilitation Center after a short but hard fought battle with brain cancer.

Kelley was born May 1, 1956 in Rutland, Vt., daughter of Charles and Marilyn (King) Kelley. She graduated from FHUHS in 1974 and attended Castleton State College and CCV.

On July 30, 1992, she married Christopher Hudkins, together they enjoyed traveling to Bermuda and the Florida Keys.

Kelley was employed by the Vermont Country Store, CCV, State of Vermont Forest, Parks, and Recreation, and the Agency of Natural Resources.

Survivors include her husband Christopher of Springfield; son Grant Willard of Lincoln, N.H.; step-sons Caleb, Jacob, and Gabriel Hudkins of Alachua, Fla.; her mother Marilyn; sisters Charlene (Bill) Baptie of Springfield, Vt., Theresa (Larry) Loso of Connecticut, and Denise Little of Texas; brothers Michael Kelley of Connecticut and Scott Kelley of Barre, Vt.; seven grandchildren; several aunts, uncles, nephews, nieces, and cousins.



Lynn-Ann M. Kelley, 1956 - 2018. PHOTO PROVIDED

Kelley is predeceased by her father, a brother Patrick J. Kelley, and a nephew Christopher J. Baptie.

Visiting hours will take place at Davis Memorial Chapel, 99 Summer St., Springfield, VT, 05156, on Saturday, Feb. 10, 2018 from 2 to 4 p.m. Burial will take place at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, please make memorial contributions to Springfield Humane Society, 401 Skitchewaung Trail, Springfield, VT, 05156.

Davis Memorial Chapel is assisting with arrangements.

Wain K. Maas

CHESTER, Vt. - Wain K. Maas, 83, a long time resident of Chester, Vt., died peacefully Jan. 22, 2018 at the McClure Miller VNA Respite House in Colchester, Vt. She was born in Arlington, N.J., the daughter of Calvin and Kathryn Koch. She graduated from the Kimberley School in 1952, Montclair, N.J., and was a 1956 graduate of Wheaton College, Norton, Mass.

Maas taught third grade at Chester Andover Elementary School for 18 years. She was an active member of the community wherever she lived and served on the board of the Whiting Library in Chester, was a founding member of the Green Mountain Festival series, was a sustaining member of the Junior League of Sarasota, Fla., and founded and helped organize several nursery

schools in and around Cornwall, N.Y., including the Canterbury Presbyterian Church Nursery School.

Surviving are her husband William H.; two sons William H. Jr. (Jeanne) and Andrew (Shannon); two daughters Kathryn Carver (Daniel) and Amy Richardson (Michael), 11 grandchildren and her brother, Frank Koch. She was predeceased by her brother Calvin S. Koch, Jr.

A service and Celebration of Life will be held at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, June 2 in Chester, Vt. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations be made in Wain's name to the Pennies for the Playground, Chester Andover Elementary School, Main Street, Chester, VT, 05143.

To send online condolences to her family please visit www.cremation-societycc.com.

Mary G. Baldesaro Serio, 1928 - 2018

N. WALPOLE, N.H. - Mary Grace Baldesaro Serio, 89, died peacefully on Jan. 29, 2018 at Cooley Dickinson Hospital surrounded by her loved ones. She was born on Nov. 28, 1928 to Pasquale and Francaina (Tranquilli) Baldesaro in North Walpole, N.H. She married Leborio "Lester" Serio, and began her large, loving family. She was a co-owner of Serio's Market, a business that was not only a great source of pride to her, but also to the greater Northampton community. Serio was a self-made financial guru, spending her time outside the market keeping up with the Wall Street Journal.

She is survived by her daughter Maria Serio D'Onofrio and her husband Enzo; son Patrick E. Serio and his wife Sally; grandchildren Michael D. D'Onofrio and his wife Rebecca, Marissa Cartwright, Anthony J. Serio, Jr. and his wife Rebecca, Chris-

topher J. Serio and his wife Mauria, Peter M. Serio, and Kevin J. Serio; and great-grandchildren Jayla, Mario, Matthew, Harrison, and Remington. She is also survived by brothers-in-law Cosmo Serio and Edward Cavallari, daughter-in-law Sharon Serio Valente, and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents and husband, Serio is preceded in death by her son Anthony J. Serio, brother Ernie Baldesaro, sister-in-law Josephine Cavallari, grandson Matthew K. Serio, and grandson-in-law Charles I. Cartwright.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church in Northampton, Mass. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Serio's memory to the Matthew K. Serio Scholarship Fund at 1 Union Station, Providence, RI, 02903.

Nancy F. Burton, 1935 - 2018

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Nancy F. Burton, 82, passed away on Friday evening, Jan. 26, 2018 at the Springfield Health & Rehabilitation Center in Springfield, Vt. She was born May 23, 1935 in Springfield, Vt., the daughter of Herbert B. and Lillian (Hutchinson) Fullam. She attended Springfield schools, graduating from Springfield High School class of 1953.

On Oct. 29, 1954, she married Robert K. Burton in Springfield, Vt.

Burton was employed as a bookkeeper for several Springfield businesses over the years and as a customer service agent at several area banks.

She was an avid bowler and belonged to several leagues, and traveled across the country with a traveling team. She enjoyed camping, playing card games, and cribbage. Burton was a longtime resident of Springfield and also resided in Florida for 10 years.

She is survived by her husband Robert of Springfield, daughter



Nancy F. Burton, 1935 - 2018. PHOTO PROVIDED

Kimberly S. Burton of Springfield, son Dale H. Burton of Springfield, brother Robert Fullam of Springfield, three grandchildren, and many nieces, and nephews.

She was predeceased by her parents, son James, daughter Shirley, sister Pearl Abbott, and brothers Donald "Charles" Fullam, Malcolm Fullam, and Richard Fullam.

Laverne L. Lindamood, 1933 - 2018

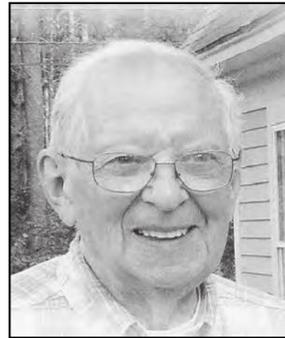
SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Laverne "Vern" L. Lindamood passed away at home on Feb. 2, 2018. He was born in Fall River, Kan. on Jan. 15, 1933 to Leo and Naomi Lindamood. He graduated from Tech High School in Indianapolis where he met his future wife. Upon graduation from Butler University as a Cadet Colonel in ROTC, he was commissioned in the Air Force and immediately stationed at Bentwaters Air Force Base in England.

Working for a national company he lived in Nebraska, Oklahoma, Kansas, Pennsylvania, and New York.

He came to Springfield, Vt. in 1977 to be CFO of Idlenot Dairy. He was then CFO for Springfield Hospital for many years until his retirement. Asked to consult for Southeastern Vermont Community Action (SEVCA), he again became a chief financial officer. After three tries over several years, he finally retired. He always said work was his hobby.

Lindamood was predeceased by his parents and identical twin sisters Vonna Gilbert and Donna Duncan and their spouses.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years Joyce; sons Kent and his wife Karen, Curtis and his wife Kristen, Greg and his wife Andrea, and a son by choice Anthony Stevens. He is



Laverne L. Lindamood, 1933 - 2018. PHOTO PROVIDED

also survived by ten grandchildren, four great grandchildren, and his canine best friend Simon.

A celebration of Lindamood's life will be held at noon on Sunday, Feb. 11, 2018 at the North Springfield Baptist Church.

If you plan to share a memory of Vern at the celebration, please contact Pastor George Keeler at 802-886-8107. If you wish to make a charitable gift in his honor, please make it to SEVCA, 91 Buck Drive, Westminster, VT, 05158.

Davis Memorial Chapel is assisting with arrangements.

Mary J. Rosa, 1959 - 2017

NEWFANE, Vt. - Mary J. Rosa, 58, passed away unexpectedly on Dec. 24, 2017 at her home in Newfane. She was born July 26, 1959 in Bridgeport, Conn. the daughter of Samuel and Maryann (Carson) Pisacreta. She attended schools in Bridgeport, graduating from Harding High School.

Rosa was married to Virgilio Rosa. They later divorced. She was employed as a dietician and nutritionist at Brattleboro Hospital and Valley Care in Townshend. She also worked as a caregiver in the area for many years.

Rosa enjoyed gardening, animals, and baking. She loved to treat family and friends with baked goods. Most

of all she loved time with her family.

She is survived by two sons Virgilio "Sonny" Rosa of Dummerston, Vt. and Nicholas Rosa of Newfane, Vt.; one daughter Jennifer L. Rosa of Newfane, Vt.; five grandchildren; three brothers Samuel Pisacreta, Roger Pisacreta, and Richard Volpe; and one sister Vicki Pisacreta.

She was predeceased by her parents and one sister Margaret Carson.

A family gathering will be held in the spring of 2018. Contributions may be made in her memory to the Brattleboro Humane Society. Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield, Vt. assisted the family with arrangements.

Carol E. Clark, 1944 - 2018

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Carol E. Clark, 73, passed away peacefully on Sunday, Feb. 4, 2018. Clark was born on Oct. 27, 1944 in Springfield, Vt., the daughter of Charles and Eleanor (Garvey) Davis, and she was a 1962 graduate of Bellows Falls High School. She was an active member of the Moose, the American Legion Auxiliary, and the Polish American Club. Clark enjoyed camping with her family, playing bingo every Sunday, doing crafts, and decorating for Halloween. She loved to spend time with her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

On June 16, 1962, she married Henry Clark who survives. Also surviving are her children Tammie Clark of Palm Coast, Fla., David Clark of Rockingham, Tim Clark and wife Kim of Springfield, and Michael Clark and husband Sam of Burlington; her brothers David Davis and wife Sharon of Marlow, N.H., Bob Davis and wife Linda of Alstead, N.H., and Kenny Davis and wife Mary of Athens, Vt.; and numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren. She is predeceased by her parents, her brother Roger Davis, and her sisters Nancy Adams and Pat Howard.



Carol E. Clark, 1944 - 2018. PHOTO PROVIDED

There will be calling hours from noon - 1 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 10 with service beginning at 1 p.m. at the Fenton & Hennessey Funeral Home in Bellows Falls. A gathering will follow the service at the Moose Family Center.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 300 Cornerstone Drive, Suite 130, Williston, VT, 05495.

The family would like to thank the staff at the Thompson House for their support and care of Carol.

Ted H. Putnam, 1933 - 2018

CHARLESTOWN, N.H. - Ted Horace Putnam, 84, of Charlestown, passed away on Jan. 30, 2018 at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical after a brief illness, surrounded by his family. He was born on July 17, 1933 in Walpole, N.H., the son of Ellsworth and Ethel (Pierce) Putnam.

He graduated from Vilas High School in 1951 and then went on to graduate from the Thompson School of Agriculture at UNH in 1953. He was a lifelong dairy farmer and especially enjoyed growing crops and working in the forestland. He loved hunting, fishing, following college basketball, watching the Red Sox, and the Patriots. He enjoyed traveling and trips to Maine.

He served as selectman for the town of Charlestown for 9 years, director at Yankee Farm Credit, director at N.H. Electric Co-op, and a member of the N.H. Timberland Association.

He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Nancy (Dawson) Putnam; his son Alan Putnam and his wife Sheila of Charlestown, N.H.; his daughter Amy Hemingway and her husband Chris of Charlestown, N.H.; granddaughters Ashley and Emma Putnam of Charlestown, N.H.; brother Paul Putnam and his wife Patricia of Charlestown; and numerous nieces and nephews.



Ted H. Putnam, 1933 - 2018. PHOTO PROVIDED

He is predeceased by his parents; brothers Fred Putnam and Morris O. Putnam, Sr.; sister, Celia Putnam; half-sisters Beatrice Blackington and Dorothy Richardson; half-brother Donald Putnam.

Funeral services were held on Monday morning, Feb. 5 at the Charlestown Congregational Church. Reverend Paul Gibbons officiated.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Charlestown Ambulance Association, P.O. Box 369 Charlestown, NH or the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 22478, Oklahoma City, OK, 73123.

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When I was a kid, Vermont wasn't even a blip on the college basketball scene. Today, rabid followers of the hoop ranks, know just what a Cata-mountain is. In addition, most of the same people, have now heard of a native Vermonter by the name of Taylor Coppenrath.

The same has mostly been true of the prep basketball ranks. A high schooler or two, try Keith Cieplicki (Rice to William & Mary) and Henry Dalrymple (St. Johnsbury to Georgia Tech) played their way into national opportunities, but most players didn't excel enough to be offered a chance back in the day.

Vermont Academy has fielded basketball teams for many years. Only once previously, a unit coached by Fred Zins in the 1960s made it to the New England Tournament, but then the Wildcats made their way back again in 2009. Then, beginning in 2012, they have gone every year since.

One hoop player with a dream prepped at Vermont Academy and has made his way to the University of Vermont basketball roster. He sees a connection between the two programs. Some of our readers, avid area hoop fans who attend games at Vermont Academy, are a part of that.

"Both of the communities are very supportive and both have caring adult fans. I knew many of the fans at VA were excited I chose to go to Vermont because they told me they were," says Bailey Patella.

Vermont Academy Coach, Alex Popp, found Patella at an Elite 75 Showcase event. Popp felt Patella was a perfect fit for his school and his team.

"I like to recruit the guys who have potential and are kind of under the radar," he told me. The Saxtons River coach continued, "It is also important to me to recruit families. You want good character players who know how to fit in."

Patella spent two years at VA, growing in all aspects of his life, and his family basically made the trip with him. Vermont Academy's Director of Alumni Engagement, Liz Olmsted, told me, "[Bailey's] dad was our number one fan. He sat in the first row and he was the loudest."

Funny she said that, I noticed a very vocal, positive cheering fan behind

the UVM bench on Saturday, Feb. 3 in Baltimore, Md. Sure enough, it was Bailey's dad. He recognized every Cata-mountain for their contributions. Popp couldn't have known this family trait when he recruited the son, could he?

The choice of the Saxtons River school wasn't easy for Patella. He was interested in what Popp had to offer, but he was about to enter his senior year of high school and to play his final year of hoops with friends he "had spent time with since kindergarten. Even though I liked it there and knew it would help me, I decided to stay in Lenox."

And then came the phone call. Patella recalls, "I'd been in school about a week and Coach Popp called. He said we wanted you to know we still have a room for you, if you are interested. That's when I decided to go."

This story is about Vermont and a love for basketball. It is a story about opportunity, and it is about organization and direction, about laying out a map for yourself.

Bailey had two stories about coming to Vermont Academy: one about his time there and one about the people he left behind. He didn't seem eager to leave Lenox because he loved his friends and the support system. The Lenox, Mass. community had always provided for him. He appeared almost relieved that his hometown mostly understood his choice to leave.

"All my friends supported me, which was great. They said they were sad to see me go and that wasn't easy. So many people from the town supported me and that made things easier," the now UVM freshman said.

As for his time at Vermont Academy, he also remembers, "We played pickup basketball the first night I was there, and everyone kind of respected my game and we immediately started bonding as a team, like a big family."

Patella went on to say, "Coach Popp helped me work on my game and our strength coach (Local businessman and VA graduate Casey Cota) knew I needed a lot of work in his area. I had kind of been skinny all my life, and I put on 15-20 pounds quickly. He always kept an extra eye on me to make sure I kept going. That is an area we are still working on here, where they keep pushing me. I drink a lot of protein shakes and try to have three or four plates at a meal."

Popp read Patella well. "I remember he said when I met him, that he wanted to get me on campus. Once I came to Vermont, I saw how nice it was right away. I like Burlington the same way. I had hardly been to Vermont before I went to Vermont Academy. I learned quickly to love the surroundings. I loved the trails we had on campus. Overall, it was just a beautiful place. If you get stressed, you can just take a walk out in the fresh air."



Former Vermont Academy player Bailey Patella taking his time, shooting a free throw for the University of Vermont. Photo provided by UVM Basketball.

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It is easy to tell Patella is an appreciative kid. He looks at the experience now and says, "Making the move to Vermont Academy not only made me a stronger basketball player, but helped me improve my grades, which was another big thing and just helped me grow as a person, in all aspects of my life."

Popp says, "UVM knew they wanted Bailey and that he was a fit. They were persistent in recruiting him. Hamlet Tibbs (UVM assistant) is someone who can earn your trust and they did a great job recruiting him. They recognized his length and athleticism and how he could help their program."

Joining a Division I program that had dreams of their own, of competing in another NCAA Tournament was exciting, but in turn, fogged up Patella's dreams again. Head Coach John Becker decided it would be best to redshirt both Patella and another talented teammate for a year, in hopes of making the program stronger down the road. It would also give Patella time to grow in many aspects.

Bailey said Becker told him, "I think in your fifth year, you can be an all-league type player."

Becker told Patella about standout Kurt Steidl, who was a major contributor on last year's team as a senior, but Becker wished he had been able to redshirt Steidl back when he was a freshman, so he would have been able to contribute this year. Patella would be Becker's Steidl down the road.

Unfortunately injuries happen, and Patella is no longer a redshirt. The freshman admitted, "This has made it kind of an up-and-down year," but because he is the person he is, he quickly transferred his thoughts to allow only the positive.

"I know I have to be patient. The big thing with me right now is practice. I know I have to become more consistent in practice and keep practicing hard in hopes of being ready to earn more minutes," Patella says.

How does Coach Becker look at Patella? He responded to that question by going back to what he saw while recruiting him. The successful Cata-mountain coach said, "I liked his competitive spirit. He has high major athleticism and long arms. He will be a really good player for us, once he fills out and improves his skill set."

In closing, this is a story in progress, of one young man who many local sports fans saw play at Vermont Academy and share their hopes for his success. One thing appears sure though. Patella understands the value of his surroundings, including those who support him. Chances are, regardless of if he becomes an all-league player, he has shown he has the tools, including patience and work ethic, to be successful wherever his skills take him.

Upcoming local basketball games

BELLOWS FALLS

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Bellows Falls standout Taylor Goodell, on her drive to the basket, has provided offense, playmaking and all around good play to the Terrier cause this winter. Bellows Falls girls' team stands 12-2 and is in 7th place in the Vermont Division II standings currently. They have two home games remaining:

- Wednesday, Feb. 14 - Leland & Gray
- Thursday, Feb. 22 - Twin Valley

Bellows Falls would be seeded 15th if the Vermont Division II Boys' Basketball Tournament began today. The Terriers are presently 3-7 with half of their schedule in front of them. The Terriers lone senior, Shane Clark, is shown tightly guarded while driving to the basket.



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- Tuesday, Feb. 20 - Green Mountain
- Monday, Feb. 26 - Poultney
- Tuesday, Feb. 27 - Twin Valley

BLACK RIVER

LUDLOW, Vt. - The Black River Presidents stand 12th today in the Boys' Basketball Vermont Division IV state standings. The Presidents are 3-8 presently and have four home games remaining, all to be played at Green Mountain's Nason Gym. The games are:

- Friday, Feb. 9 - Twin Valley
- Thursday, Feb. 15 - Long Trail
- Tuesday, Feb. 20 - Poultney
- Tuesday, Feb. 27 - Arlington

The Black River Lady Presidents team has two games remaining at home this winter. They stand 0-13.



Lady President Jae Greineder is shown in action in an early game this season.

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Cyrus Bickford is about to pass to a mate closer to the basket.

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- Monday, Feb. 12 - West Rutland
- Saturday, Feb. 24 - Arlington

FALL MOUNTAIN

LANGDON, N.H. - The Fall Mountain Boys stand at 7-7 on the season and would be seeded 14th in Division III New Hampshire if the playoffs began today.

they play in a tough division in the Granite State and likely have to win two of their remaining games to reach the postseason. Their only remaining home game is Tuesday, Feb. 20 versus Hillsboro-Deering.

The Lady Wildcats are presently 12-3 and stand 5th in the New Hampshire Division III ranks. They have three games remaining:

- Saturday, Feb. 10 - Newport
- Thursday, March 1 - Monadnock
- Tuesday, March 6 - away at Conant



Michael Murdoch one of the team's most consistent players.

PHOTO BY DOUG MACPHEE



Sophie Bardis is one of a number of talented freshmen on the successful Fall Mountain Girls basketball team.

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GREEN MOUNTAIN

CHESTER, Vt. - Green Mountain would have the highest boys' seed of any area team if the Vermont Division III boys' basketball tournament was to begin today. The Chieftains are currently 6-6 with eight games remaining to be played. The team is currently the 9th seed in the division. They still have home games to be played:

- Friday, Feb. 16 - Leland & Gray
- Friday, March 2 - Bellows Falls

Green Mountain girls' team stands in 5th place in the Vermont Division III state standings presently with a 12-4 record. Green Mountain has two home games remaining:

- Thursday, Feb. 8 - Bellows Falls
- Thursday, Feb. 22 - Proctor



The Lady Chieftains' Maya Lewis is a player who contributes in many ways for Terry Farrell's team.

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Chieftain Ryan McSally is shown attacking the basket with Chase Ordway-Smith (32) and Sawyer Pippin (11) looking on.

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Springfield Elks hoop shooters

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Springfield Elks Lodge sent two competitors to the Vermont Elks Hoop Shoot in Barre, Vt., on Saturday, Jan. 27. When the day was done, they both finished second in their age group. After the hoop shoot, all the competitors and parents were treated to a luncheon at the Barre Elks Lodge and presented with trophies.

Pictured left to right in front: Dylan McCarthy and Matthew Durphey. Back row: Victor Baskevich, Springfield Elks Lodge Hoop Shoot chairman; Shannon McCarthy, mother of Dylan; Sarah Currier and Casey Durphey,

parents of Matthew; and Brian Gaura, Vermont Elks State President.

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SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - The Springfield Cosmos boys' basketball team will have to finish strong to make the Vermont Division II State Tournament. They are presently 0-13 and have seven games remaining, three of which are at home. Senior Dakota Bushey has been a top Cosmo point producer in many games this winter. The team's home games are:

- Friday, Feb. 9 - Woodstock
- Friday, Feb. 23 - Hart-

ford

- Tuesday, Feb. 27 - Windsor

The Springfield girls are 6-8 on the season and stand in 12th place in the Vermont State Division II standings presently. They have a couple home games left, including:

- Thursday, Feb. 15 - Twin Valley
- Tuesday, Feb. 20 - Woodstock

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Dakota Bushey is with the ball looking to score.

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The team is huddled and gearing up for a strong finish.

PHOTO BY KRISTINE M. BURPEE

arts & entertainment

Julie Y. Baker Albright solo exhibition

GRAFTON, Vt. - Gallery North Star will be presenting an exhibition by renowned still life oil painter Julie Y. Baker Albright. The show will run from Feb. 10 through March 11. There will be an opening reception for the artist on Saturday, Feb. 10 from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Rendered in a style reminiscent of the Old Masters, the still life paintings of Julie Y. Baker Albright demonstrate an exceptional control of both subject and medium. This exhibition showcases her sublime proficiency in evoking the essential elements of her subjects. Aesthetic arrangements artfully captured are the hallmarks of her work.



Roses and Cherries, 14x11. PHOTO PROVIDED

A sixth generation Vermonter and graduate of the University of Vermont, she currently resides in the northern part of the state. Albright has spent her life as a professional artist working first in clay and progressing to watercolors and finally oils. Her award winning paintings have been exhibited in over 40 juried exhibitions across the country.

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

Community Hope & Action Mardi Gras dinner and dance

TOWNSHEND, Vt. - On Saturday, Feb. 17 from 5-8 p.m. Community Hope & Action of Townshend will host a free community supper and dance. This month's event will have a Mardi Gras theme - beads and masks will be available that night! The band, Bayou X, will be playing Zydeco and Cajun music and teaching Zydeco dance lessons, so get ready to boogie!

The dinner, cooked by the Community Hope & Action team, will be from 5-6 p.m. at the Townshend Town



Bayou X. PHOTO PROVIDED

Hall. Music and dancing will follow upstairs from 6-8 p.m.

Please contact Community Hope & Action at communityhopeandaction@gmail.com or 802-365-4700 with any questions. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

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The History of Spices is the next OLLI program

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Hank Kaestner will present the next OLLI-Osher Lifelong Learning Institute program on Tuesday, Feb. 13, 2018. The History of Spices will be presented at 2 p.m. at the Nolin Murray Center next to St. Mary's Catholic Church on Pleasant St. in Springfield, Vt.

Kaestner, former director of spice procurement for McCormick & Co., will discuss his travels as spice buyer for the world's largest spice company. World exploration was largely driven by the search for spice origins. Our speaker literally followed in the footsteps of the early explorers, Vasco Da Gama and Columbus. He'll take us back to the dawn of civilization, since spice buying is the world's second oldest profession! Tracing the



Learn about the History of Spices, the second oldest profession in the world! STOCK PHOTO

He will recount stories such as that Manhattan island was traded by the Dutch to the British for a 50-acre island in eastern Indonesia that Britain held for the nutmegs it produced. Yale University was founded in Connecticut largely with money made in the spice trade.

Kaestner has made more than 150 trips back to the spice sources, visiting all of the major spice production areas of the world. This knowledge has resulted in his being considered one of the world's foremost experts on spices.

He has combined his hobby of photography while traveling to remote and fascinating corners of the globe. He is a world-renowned bird-watcher and has presented 2,000 lectures on spices, travel, and birds.

This program is co-sponsored by the Springfield Garden Club.

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

The OLLI series programs are selected with input from the local members and carry varied themes from semester to semester including history, art, music, literature, health, nature, science, travel, and current events. Programs are held at 2 p.m. on Tuesday afternoons and last about an hour and a half.

Membership for the semester includes access to the nine programs. Non-members are encouraged and welcome to attend individual lectures for a single program fee. Memberships, as well as single program fees, may be paid at the program.

The following OLLI program will be two weeks later on Feb. 27, and will be "Gold Mines of New England," presented by Jim Pecora, author and mining historian.

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

For weather-related changes to the schedule you may check the above mentioned website or SAPA TV, 802-885-6248 or call 802-885-3094.

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Local artist display at Springfield Town Library

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - What can I be when I grow up? Springfield children, all children, think about what work lies ahead. For Judith Nelson, born and raised in Springfield, her interests developed into a lifelong career as a professional graphic artist.

The Springfield Town Library is hosting a display on the work of

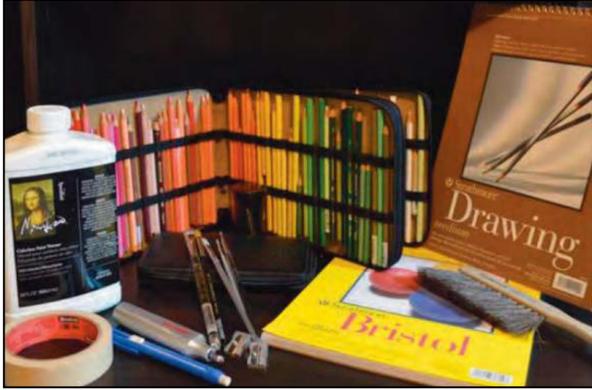
Judy Nelson, beginning Feb. 13. Bring your child in to see illustrations of "Arthur," from the books by Marc Brown, such as "Arthur Goes to School." Consider a conversation and some easy nonfiction to explore dreams of what to be "when I grow up."

Nelson graduated from Springfield

High School in 1964 and went to Syracuse University for a degree in illustration. After graduation, she moved to Kansas City to work for Hallmark Greeting Cards. Later she received her BFA from Rhode Island School of Design with a concentration in fine arts painting, and eventually her Master's degree in education from Lesley College in Cambridge, Mass.

As a freelance artist, Nelson specialized in licensed character illustration, children's book illustration, character development, girls' toy illustration, packaging art, line art, cartoon characters, greeting card illustration, and art direction. Nelson's clients included Hasbro, Mattel, Fisher-Price, Milton Bradley, Disney, Parker Brothers, Random House, Little Brown, Nestle, Hallmark, McGraw Hill, and Unicef.

The Springfield Town Library is located at 43 Main Street, Springfield, Vt. For more information, call the library at 802-885-3108 or check the website at www.springfieldtownlibrary.org.



An artist like Judy Nelson needs supplies.

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"A Mardi Gras Experience" brings a slice of New Orleans to Killington

KILLINGTON, Vt. - On Thursday, Feb. 15, Killington gets a big taste of New Orleans, as Richard James' Krewe Orleans: A Mardi Gras Expe-

rience fills the Pickle Barrel Nightclub with the music and the spirit of the Big Easy. The show is open to anyone 21 years of age and older.

Pink Talking Fish keyboard player Richard James has assembled a stellar cast of musicians from bands such as Giant Country Horns, moe., Trey Anastasio Band, Turkuaz, and more. This ten-piece New Orleans tribute will feature the music of the Meters, Dr. John, Allen Toussaint, Professor Longhair, the Neville Brothers, Jon Cleary, and Little Feat, among others.

Following this limited run of only five shows, Richard James will resume his winter tour with

Pink Talking Fish, a hybrid tribute fusion act featuring the music of Pink Floyd, the Talking Heads, and Phish.

Tickets for Richard James' Krewe Orleans: A Mardi Gras Experience may be purchased online, at JAX Food & Games, or at the Pickle Barrel during business hours. Tickets will also be available at the door on the night of the performance. Doors open at 8 p.m. The Pickle Barrel is located midway on the Killington Road. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit www.picklebarrelnightclub.com or call the Pickle Barrel Nightclub at 802-422-3035.



Enjoy Mardi Gras festivities at Pickle Barrel.

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Women's Freedom Center presents "Invoking Justice"

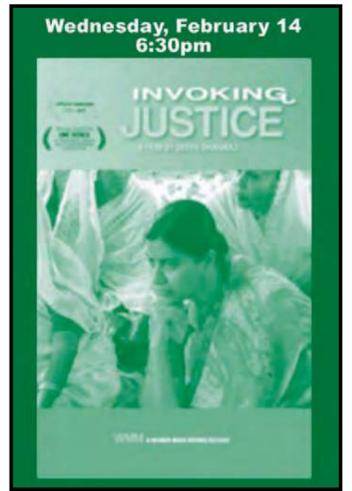
BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - On Wednesday, Feb. 14 at 6:30 p.m., the Women's Freedom Center presents the documentary film "Invoking Justice" at the Rockingham Library.

In Southern India, family disputes are settled by Jamaats - all male bodies, which apply Islamic Sharia law to cases without allowing women to be present, even to defend themselves. Recognizing this fundamental inequity, a group of women in 2004 established a women's Jamaat, which soon became a network of 12,000 members spread over 12 districts. Award-winning filmmaker Deepa Dhanraj follows several cases, shining a light on how the women's Jamaat has acquired power through both communal education and the leaders' persistent, tenacious, and compassionate investigation of the crimes.

"Invoking Justice" is the last in a series of films by and about women, sponsored by the Women's Freedom Center running the

second Wednesday of each month, Sept. 2017 through Feb. 2018 at Rockingham Library. If you were not able to make it to the Women's Film Festival in Brattleboro, the Women's Freedom Center is bringing the festival films to you. Films are free and open to the public.

The Women's Freedom Center is the local non-profit organization working to end domestic and sexual violence in Windham and 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.



"Invoking Justice" will show on Feb. 14.

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RAMParts February offerings

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Due to the length of "Angels in America Part II: Perestroika," the broadcast will be shown on two consecutive Sundays, Feb. 11 and Feb. 18. This National Theatre Live broadcast focuses on how lives and times are being restructured in light of the AIDS pandemic. Nathan Lane, playing Roy Cohn, is prominently featured. This seminal work was begun in the late 1980s, reached Broadway in 1993, and then became an HBO mini-series in 2003. You will see the live production staged in July 2017 from London's National Theatre, starring Nathan Lane ("The Producers"), Andrew Garfield ("Spiderman," "Hacksaw Ridge"), James McArdle ("Star Wars: The Force Awakens"), and Denise Gough, 2016 Olivier Award for Best Actress ("People, Places and Things"). The cast brings "Angels" to Broadway in the spring of 2018. Doors open at 12:30 p.m. Purchase one ticket for the two screenings.

On Thursday, Feb. 15, Exhibition on Screen brings "Michelangelo: Love and Death," a cinematic journey through the great chapels and museums of Florence, Rome, and the Vatican, to the print and drawing rooms of Europe, to explore Michelangelo's 89 years of "Renaissance genius." Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

On Sunday, Feb. 25, the Bolshoi Ballet broadcast brings "Lady of the Camellias" to the Opera House with another modern interpretation of a classic. "With their dizzying sweep and fluid spirals, Neumeier's pas de deux are love in flight, romance personified. The score, samplings of melancholic Chopin (much of it his most famous nocturnes, sonatas, etc.) only heightens the emotions." Doors open at noon.

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outdoor news

Springfield Winter Carnival is this weekend!

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - The big event is just around the corner... Come one, come all to the Springfield Winter Carnival at Crown Point Country Club from Friday, Feb. 9 to Sunday, Feb. 11. Friday evening will kick off with a bonfire and open skating and sledding under the lights. The Crown Point Pub will be open, serving burgers, hotdogs, chili, fries, and drinks. There will also be free hot chocolate all evening!

Saturday, Feb. 10 is packed with fun stuff! Skating and sledding will continue to run all day and night, with the restaurant opening at 11 a.m. Some snowshoes will be provided - please bring your own skates, sleds, and cross-country skis. Lots of indoor kids' activities are planned. Troy Wunderle's Big Top Adventures will be there to dazzle from noon to 4 p.m. Don't miss face-painting, crafts, and sno-cones with All-4-One.

The annual Cardboard Sled contest will begin at noon. And for those

with a need for speed, bring your kayak and test out the slopes in the Downhill Snow Kayak Races at 3 p.m. There will be prizes for the winners of both events. To enter either competition, please arrive 30 minutes prior to the event to register.

Saturday festivities will carry on with a spectacular fireworks display brought to you by Atlas Fireworks and Kelley Sales and Service. Warm yourselves around the bonfire after the show, and then enjoy an evening of music with Ben Fuller and Johnny O, Live with a Trout River "Tap Take-over." Music sponsored by Members Advantage Community Credit Union. Carpooling is encouraged, and parking is first-come first-serve.

Finally, on Sunday, Feb. 11, challenge last year's champions and get your game on in the ever-popular Broom Hockey tournament, this year being held at the North Springfield School Rink, starting at 1 p.m.

The Snowman competition is



Night skating and bonfire at Springfield Winter Carnival.

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back - in the week leading up to the Winter Carnival, build a snowman at your home or business and send a

picture to enter!

Questions and registration for the Snowman competition, Cardboard

Sled contest, Snow Kayak Races, or Broom Hockey can be directed to Andy Bladyka, 802-885-2727 or springfieldrec@hotmail.com.

The Springfield Winter Carnival is brought to you by Springfield Parks and Recreation, the Edgar-May Health and Recreation Center, Crown Point Country Club, and local volunteers. Special thanks to everyone who is helping to keep this fantastic annual community event going strong! More volunteers are always needed - especially parking attendants from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on Saturday.

For general information or to volunteer, please contact Christian Craig, 802-885-2568 or ccraig@myreccenter.org. To stay up to date, check out the Facebook Page www.facebook.com/SpringfieldWinterCarnival or www.SpringfieldVtParkSandRec.com

Don't miss the fun - we'll see you there.

2018 Winter Carnival Schedule

- Friday, Feb. 9**
- 5 p.m. Crown Point Pub open serving food and drink
 - 6 - 9 p.m. Bonfire, skating & sledding under the lights. Free hot chocolate all evening.
- Saturday, Feb. 10**
- 11 a.m. Restaurant opens, open skating & sledding all day/night
 - 12 - 4 p.m. Wunderle's Big Top Adventures, face painting, crafts & sno-cones
 - 1 p.m. Cardboard sled contest
 - 3 p.m. Downhill snow kayak races
 - 6:30 p.m. Fireworks sponsored by Atlas Fireworks and Kelley Sales & Service
 - 7 - 10 p.m. Ben Fuller & Johnny O. Live - with Trout River "Tap Take-over"
- Sunday, Feb. 11**
- 1 p.m. Broom Hockey tournament
- To enter any of the competitions, please show up at least 30 minutes in advance.

Thirteen Vermonters headed to the Winter 2018 Olympics

WARREN, Vt. - The Winter Olympics begin in South Korea on Thursday, Feb. 8. I absolutely love the Olympics - both winter and summer - though winter may be my favorite. I was on my honeymoon in Bora Bora during the past summer Olympics. Though my wife and I were in one of the most beautiful places in the world, we found ourselves, at the bar and in our hotel room, tuning in daily to watch the best athletes from each country perform sports such as swimming, running, or basketball.

It was pretty cool to see the valley's own Laura Graves win an Olympic bronze in the team dressage competition.

You can bet we'll be showing the winter Olympics at our bars and restaurants around the Sugarbush Resort. You'll find me there. This is a particularly big Olympics for our little state. This winter, we're lucky enough to see 13 Vermonters heading to Pyeongchang, and more again have ties to Vermont schools. That list includes U.S. Ski and Snowboard



The 2018 Winter Olympics, hosted in Pyeongchang, South Korea.

PHOTO BY THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA

team member Nolan Kasper, a Warren native and former Sugarbush-sponsored athlete.

Our local ski academy, Green Mountain Valley School, has long been known as an elite training ground for future Olympic skiers. Over 20 graduates of GMVS have gone on to ski at the Olympic level. GMVS sophomore Arabella Ng will be the lone representative in this winter games for Hong Kong - look for her carrying the flag during the Opening Ceremonies. Thomas Walsh, a GMVS alum, will be representing the U.S. at the Para Olympics. Recent GMVS grad and Sugarbush-sponsored athlete, Drew Duffy, continues to make strides on the U.S. Ski Team, and just competed in the World Cup Lauberhorn in Wengen, Switzerland. GMVS graduate AJ Ginnis is a current U.S. Ski and Snowboard team member. Graduate

Jimmy Krupka and current student Ben Ritchie are both competing on the U.S. Ski and Snowboard Association's National Training Group (NTG). And GMVS grad Doug Lewis, who competed in the 1984 and 1988 Olympics, will be announcing the Olympics for NBC Radio in South Korea next week.

Training for athletes at this high level requires dedication and funding. Here's a way to contribute to Jimmy and Ben's NTG success, or to support GMVS as they continue to foster world-class skiers. Go to www.uskiteamntg.com.

The valley churns out some pretty incredible skiers. Lucky for us, some of them will be on display during the biggest athletic event in the world. I look forward to cheering on our Vermonters in the upcoming weeks.

See you on the mountain.

Article written by John Bleh, the communications manager at Sugarbush Resort.

Come learn about Vermont's wildlife in a changing climate



Tom Rogers of the Vermont Fish & Wildlife will be presenting on the effects of climate change on Vermont's wildlife.

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DUMMERSTON, Vt. - Vermonters of all ages are invited to attend a presentation about Vermont's wildlife in a changing climate on Wednesday, Feb. 28, from 10 a.m. to noon at the Dummerston Grange Hall, 1008 East-West Rd., Dummerston Center, Vt.

Tom Rogers will be presenting at the event. Rogers is a biologist who has worked on a variety of conservation projects, researching zebras in Kenya, golden-winged warblers in New York, sage grouse and bald eagles in Wyoming, and grizzly bears in Montana. Rogers currently works in outreach for the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department, connecting the public with fish and wildlife through

writing, speaking, and photography. Through colorful photos and captivating stories, the audience will come away with a new understanding of how climate change is affecting wildlife. Rogers will talk about what people can do to help conserve biodiversity in Vermont in the face of these new threats.

"From warmer, wetter winters to increasingly severe storms, wildlife faces a variety of challenges from a changing climate," said Rogers. "We'll discuss how different species might continue to respond to many of these challenges and what conservationists are doing to address them."

The talk is free and open to the public. Donations are requested to support an environmental education program in the local school.

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Fall Mountain Small Engine is a full-service repair and sales shop owned and operated by Tom and Kathy Luck. They opened for business on July 10, 2007, offering competitive prices on outdoor power equipment in tax-free southwestern New Hampshire.

Tom has been around the engine repair industry since 1973. At a young age, he helped his father and grandfather repair power equipment at Lucky's repair shop in Newport, N.H., which is now owned by Tom's brother. "When I was five years old, my grandfather sat me down on a box in front of an engine and told me to take it apart," Tom recalled. "The next day he told me to put it back together." And that's how he learned to work on most power equipment.

At Lucky's Tom worked on everything from snowmobiles to string trimmers. After going to college for business management, he worked in the automobile parts industry for 20-plus years where he acquired many skills. Tom is not a stranger to business ownership either. When the Lucks lived in Goshen, N.H. he operated a successful property management company, and repaired and maintained all of his own equipment.

Tom and Kathy decided to start their own repair shop with quality repair services at a fair price. Tom is a "one-man operation," he explained. "I deal with every customer that comes through the door," while also working on all of the equipment. Tom's wife Kathy manages the website, office, and communications, as well as the computer and networking aspects of the business. She also works full-time at NewsBank in Chester.

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CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

THURSDAY, FEB. 8 - SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Springfield Town Library will host a 6-week program entitled “Move to Improve” on Thursdays, beginning Feb. 8, through March 14 from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Instructors from the Edgar May Health and Recreation Center will go through exercises that can easily be done at home to elevate the heart rate, increase range of motion and practice balance. Modifications are made throughout class

to increase or decrease difficulty making this class accessible to all body types and levels of fitness. There is no requirement to stand for any length of time, everything can be done while seated! If you have any questions, please contact the Edgar May Health and Recreation Center at 802-885-2568 or email kirish@myrecenter.org or the Springfield Town Library at 802-885-3108 or silas@vermontel.net

SATURDAY, FEB. 10 - CHESTER, Vt. – Learn to make a framed vintage jewelry valentine in this Costume

Jewelry Mosaic Class with Instructor, Laurie Marechoux on Saturday, Feb. 10 at 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. at Artisans Marketplace, Rt. 103 South, in Chester. Your imagination and a bunch of junk or costume jewelry, trinkets, buttons and more are all you need to create a very pretty, retro, jewelry mosaic! Sign up early, class is limited to 8 students. For more information contact 802-875-7400, www.103artisansmarketplace.com or lauriam@tds.net.

SUNDAY, FEB. 11 - SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Reiki I Basics Certification Class on Sunday, Feb. 11, 8:45 a.m. - 6 p.m., at Studio Time & Space, 59 Main St., in Springfield. Receive Reiki info and practice. Manual, book, & certificate included. There is a fee for the workshop. Open to the general public. For more information contact Lauren Potter, laurenpottervt@gmail.com, 802-591-0507, www.laurenpotterreikihealing.com

SUNDAY, FEB. 11 & TUESDAY, FEB. 13 - WALPOLE, N.H. – The First Congregational Church UCC, Walpole, invites you to join us for a 5-DVD series entitled “The Jesus Fatwah: Love your (Muslim) Neighbor as Yourself.” Discussion will follow each session. Learn about what Muslims believe, how they live out their faith, and how we can all build

relationships across lines of faith. Sundays or Tuesdays for five weeks beginning Sunday, Feb. 11, and Tuesday, Feb. 13. Sunday's sessions begin at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday's sessions begin at noon. For Tuesday's session, bring a bag lunch; beverages and desserts will be provided. Fellowship Hall, First Congregational Church on the Common, Walpole. For more information call Ellie Shaw at 603-756-4866.

MONDAY, FEB. 12 - PUTNEY, Vt. – Next Stage Arts Project continues its highly-popular cooking class series, just in time for Valentine's Day, with “Chocolate Celebration”, on Monday, Feb. 12, from 6 – 9 p.m., at Next Stage in Putney, taught by acclaimed chef, Linda Stavely. Registration is limited, tickets available at nextstagearts.org. Learn all about chocolate including how to melt chocolate, the different kinds of chocolate and when to use each as we make Chocolate Fallen Souffle Cake, Chocolate Espresso Pots de Cream, salted caramels dipped in dark chocolate, Chocolate Cups, Hot Fudge Sauce, fruit dipped in different chocolates, chocolate coated bacon, pretzels, and crackers. The class will dine together, and wine will be included. The classes are held at Next Stage's recently completely renovated state-of-the art commercial kitchen, 15 Kimball Hill, in Putney.

SATURDAY, FEB. 17 - CHESTER, Vt. – Join professional astrologer, Lisa Verschoor as she explores “Love in the Year of the Dog” at Dream Barn Hollow in Chester, on Saturday, Feb. 17 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Enjoy a lively and informed discussion of how recent planetary shifts will affect your love life this

year. The cost includes your astrology chart wheel and a light vegetarian lunch. Workshop space is limited and fills quickly so reserve early via phone at 802-875-1717 or email dreambarnhollow@gmail.com.

MONDAYS - BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - The Bellows Falls Area Senior Center Knit and Stitch group meets Mondays at 9 a.m. They can help you finish a project, repair an item and even take on special projects. The group is happy to donate “Knitted Knockers” to breast cancer survivors. Stop by and ask for Betty for more information. Call: 802-463-3907. TFN

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – 9-10:30 a.m. Playgroup at the Springfield Area Parent Child Center. Come to play and meet new friends. All parents with young children are welcomed. Contact Celeste at 802-886-5242 or email at celestem@vermontel.net. TFN

TUESDAYS - BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - River Voices Poetry meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Flat Iron Exchange building on the Square. All poets welcome. Discussion of all aspects of the poem. 802-463-2204. TFN

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

CHESTER, Vt. – Sign up by Feb. 13 for Kundalini 8-week Yoga Series entitled “Awakening to your 10 Bodies” begins Tuesday, Feb. 20 at Buddhaful Yoga, Fullerton Inn, 40 Common in Chester from 6 – 7:15 p.m. Liza Eaton, Certified KRI Kundalini Yoga Teacher

awakens and aligns our “10 bodies” consisting of the Soul Body, 3 mental bodies and 6 energetic bodies. Reduce stress, heal, awaken, strengthen, purify and spread mindfulness throughout your life as we practice ancient yoga. Sign up by Feb. 13 for either full 8-week or your choice 4-week course. To sign up contact eaton.liza@gmail.com or call/text 518-763-1490. Series ends on April 10.

WEDNESDAYS - BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - The Bellows Falls Area Senior Center Knit and Stitch group meets Wednesdays at 9 a.m. They can help you finish a project, repair an item and even take on special projects. The group is happy to donate “Knitted Knockers” to breast cancer survivors, stop by and ask for Betty for more information. Call: 802-463-3907. TFN

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

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

CHESTER, Vt. - Liza Eaton, founder of Buddhaful Yoga, will be offering a Gentle Flow Kundalini Yoga class for beginners every Wednesday

9:30-11 a.m. You will be encouraged to go at your own pace and listen to your body. Held at the Fullerton Inn, on the Chester Green. For more information visit www.buddhafulyoga.com or call 802-875-2868. TFN

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

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

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

WINDSOR, Vt. - Play Group 9:30 - 11 a.m. Come and enjoy an open gym, ball games and sometimes even a bounce house! Call Windsor Recreation Center 802-674-6783. TFN

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

FRIDAYS - CHESTER, Vt. - Liza Eaton, founder of Buddhaful Yoga, will be offering new Strength Building Vinyasa Yoga Class using optional weights on Fridays from 9:30 – 11 a.m. Build bone density, upper body strength as well as overall strength, endurance, resilience, flexibility & reduce stress. No experience necessary. At Buddhaful Yoga, Fullerton Inn, 40 The Common, Chester, VT For more information go to www.buddhafulyoga.com, email eaton.liza@gmail.com or call/text 518-763-1490. TFN

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

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

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TOWN OF ROCKINGHAM PLANNING COMMISSION AND DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD POSITIONS AVAILABLE

The Selectboard of the Town of Rockingham, Vermont, hereby gives notice that positions for the Planning Commission and Development Review Board are being solicited. The Planning Commission is rewriting the Town Plan and will update the town's land use regulations. The Development Review Board reviews and permits development and land subdivision proposals.

Any Rockingham resident interested in serving must forward a letter of interest to Charles Wise, Town Planner, P.O. Box 370, Bellows Falls, VT 05101, or planning@rockbf.org, no later than March 2, 2018.

Please indicate if you wish to serve on the Planning Commission or the Development Review Board. The Rockingham Planning Commission will consider applications and recommend new members for appointment by the Selectboard. We anticipate the new volunteers will start April 2018.

NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

Town of Rockingham
Shane O'Keefe

7 Village Square, P.O. Box 370, Bellows Falls, VT 05101
(802) 463-3964

Request for Release of Funds

On or about February 15, 2018 the Town of Rockingham will submit a request to the Vermont Agency of Commerce and Community Development (the Agency) to release the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (PL 93-383), the National Affordable Housing Act, as amended, to undertake a project known as Former Robertson Paper Mill Site for the purpose of demolishing the existing structure and remediating the hazardous building materials and subsurface contamination at the site. The project is located at 21 Island Street, Bellows Falls, Vermont. The total estimated cost of the project is approximately \$1.3 million and up to \$200,000 in CDBG funding.

The site is enrolled in the Brownfields Reuse and Environmental Liability Limitation Act (BRELLA) program, and will be receiving funds capitalized by a Brownfields Cleanup Grant from the USEPA, as well as through the Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund through the Agency. A Corrective Action Plan (CAP) and Corrective Action Feasibility Investigation (CAFI) are in place and include management of contaminated soils at the site, limited soil removal, and installation of engineered barriers. Additional measures, including management of soils during remedial activities and the implementation of land use restrictions, are proposed to properly manage soils within the site both during and following the construction process. A Brownfields Cleanup Alternatives (ABCA) plan also details planned asbestos abatement activities. The Town of Rockingham has entered into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the VT Division for Historic Preservation and concludes that the undertaking will have an adverse effect on the Robertson Paper Mill and establishes certain Stipulations to mitigate the adverse effect. Stipulations include preparation of a historic structure report, measured drawings, interpretive panels and wayfinding signage, and roadside historic marker.

The activities proposed are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents environmental determinations for this project is on file at the municipal office of the Town of Rockingham at 7 Village Square, Bellows Falls, VT and may be examined or copied Monday through Friday, 8am to 4:30pm.

Public Comments

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Town of Rockingham, Attn: Shane O'Keefe, Interim Municipal Manager, 7 Village Square, P.O. Box 370, Bellows Falls, VT. All comments received by February 14, 2018 will be considered by the Town of Rockingham prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

Environmental Certification

The Town of Rockingham is certifying to the Agency that Shane O'Keefe, in his official capacity as Interim Municipal Manager, consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The Agency's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the Town of Rockingham to use CDBG funds.

Objections to Release of Funds

The Agency will accept objections to its release of funds and the Town of Rockingham's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer, Shane O'Keefe; (b) the Town has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by the Agency; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality.

Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to the Attn: Environmental Officer, Agency of Commerce and Community Development, One National Life Drive, Davis Building, 6th Floor, Montpelier, Vermont 05620. Potential objectors should contact the Agency to verify the actual last date of the objection period.



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Shift Supervisors provide supervision and support to youth, as well as provide a sense of safety and security. Shift Supervisors are also responsible for: taking lead in managing the overall tone of the milieu, for attending to administrative aspects of the program including the staff schedule, and for coordinating training for respite staff. Job requirements: Superior interpersonal skills and ability to function well in a team atmosphere a must. Bachelor's degree in psychology or related field required. Experience working in residential treatment and/or with adolescents who have been impacted by trauma.

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

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CLUBS

MONDAYS - SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Springfield Community Chorus rehearsals are on Monday evenings at 7 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church on 21

Fairground Rd. Contact Terri at springfieldcommunitychorus@gmail.com or call Barbara at 802-886-1777. www.springfieldcommunitychorus.org. TFN

QUECHEE, Vt. - Valley Stamp Club meets second Mondays at the Quechee library located at 1957 Main St. For more information contact John Lutz at 802-728-6212. TFN

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

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

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

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

SATURDAYS - 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

TUESDAY, FEB. 13 - CHESTER, Vt. - The St. Luke's Shrove Tuesday (Mardi Gras) Pancake Supper is Tuesday, Feb. 13, beginning at 5:30 p.m. in Willard Hall at 313 Main Street in Chester. Mardi Gras is French for "Fat Tuesday," referring to the practice of the last night of eating richer, fatty foods before the ritual fasting of Lent begins. Enjoy pancakes, sausage patties and fruit salad. The event is free but there will be baskets on each table for a free will offering to benefit Episcopal Relief and Development. Come bring your friends.

FRIDAY, FEB. 16 - SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - St. Mary's Annual Fish Fry begins Friday, Feb. 16 and continues every Friday until March 30

at St Mary's Nolin- Murray Center on Pleasant St. in Springfield. Serving from 5 to 7 p.m. Menu includes fried or baked haddock, baked potato or french fries, coleslaw and dessert. Fee required. Fundraiser sponsored by St. Mary's Social Functions to Benefit St Mary's Parish. Take-outs are available. For more information call 802-885-4375 or email mikelenoras@vermontel.net

TUESDAY, FEB. 20 - PERKINSVILLE, Vt. - Join us for our monthly potluck and aging program on Tuesday, Feb. 20, at noon in the Perkinsville Community Church vestry on Rt. 106. A newly formed town committee will do a program on aging and staying in one's own home. They will ask those attending to fill out a brief questionnaire. Bring a hot dish, salad or dessert. Paper goods, utensils and beverages will be provided. Contact Lorraine Zigman 802-263-5245 or email lzigman@comcast.net.

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 accessible with plenty of parking. TFN

EVENTS

THURSDAY, FEB. 8 - WINDSOR, Vt. - Free tax preparation assistance through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program offered by SEVCA in collaboration with Granite United Way for area residents with household income up to \$54,000. Appointments are available every other Thursday from Feb. 8 through April 12 from 8:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Windsor Resource Connection Center at 1 Railroad Ave. in Windsor. Call 866-444-4211 to schedule.

FRIDAY, FEB. 9 - CAVENDISH, Vt. - The Cavendish Baptist Church is hosting a screening of the award-winning Sundance documentary "Look and See," a cinematic portrait of writer, farmer, and activist Wendell Berry, on Feb. 9 at 7 p.m. The film examines the challenges

communities face as our society moves away from local, sustainable farming. Discussion will follow to address local challenges. Free admission with donations accepted for the Cavendish Fire Dept. emergency shelter initiative. For more information and to view the trailer, visit: <http://www.lookandsee.com>

FRI - SUN, FEB. 9 - 11 - SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Enjoy the Springfield Winter Carnival happening at Crown Point Country Club from Friday,

Feb. 9 through Sunday, Feb. 11. This is a jam-packed weekend full of activities for the whole family. For more information visit www.springfieldvipparksandrec.com or Facebook at www.facebook.com/SpringfieldWinterCarnival/

SATURDAY, FEB. 10 - PUTNEY, Vt. - The New Next Stage Arts presents a Winter Dance Party on Saturday, Feb. 10 at 7:30 p.m. featuring the Beehive Queen, Christine Ohlman & Rebel Montez. Next

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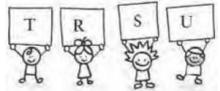
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by Linda Thistle

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Stop being the wool-gathering Lamb, and start turning that dream project into reality. You have the ideas, the drive and the charisma to persuade others to follow your lead. So do it.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You've scored some big successes. But remember that all hardworking Ferdinands and Ferdinandas need some time to restore their energies and refresh their spirits.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You're gaining a stronger mental image of what you're trying to achieve. Now look for the facts that will help get this to develop from a concept into a solid proposal.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Some of you eager-to-please Moon Children might want to delay some decisions until midweek, when you can again think more with your head than your heart.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) A new business venture seems to offer everything you've been looking for. But be careful that that rosy picture doesn't betray traces of red ink under the surface.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A volatile situation needs the kind of thoughtful and considerate care you can provide right now. There'll be plenty of time later to analyze what might have gone wrong.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Your loyalty to a friend in a tough situation earns you respect from people you care about. Those who criticize you don't understand what friendship is all about.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your strong work ethic is rewarded with the kind of challenging opportunity you love to tackle. Now, go ahead and celebrate with family and/or close friends.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A legal matter you thought had been finally resolved could require a second look. But don't make any moves without consulting your lawyer.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Taking charge is what you like to do, and since you do it so well, expect to be asked to lead a special group. This could open an exciting new vista for you.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) An important matter might wind up being entrusted to you for handling. The responsibility is heavy, but you'll have support from people able and eager to help.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A spouse or partner might make an important, even life-changing, suggestion. Consider it carefully. It could hold some of the answers you've both been looking for.

BORN THIS WEEK: You always try to do the right thing, and for the right reasons. No wonder people have come to depend on you.

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calendar

PET OF THE WEEK

EVENTS CONT.

SAT., FEB. 10 CONT. - Stage is situated right in Putney's village center at 15 Kimball Hill, Putney Vt. Come and see the great new space, and rock out to original music in a venue that was designed by artists for artists. For more information or to purchase advance tickets visit www.nextstagearts.org or call 802-387-0102. The snow date for this show is Feb. 11.

PERU, Vt. - Snowshoe with the Green Mountain Club Manchester Section on the Catamount Trail on Saturday Feb. 10, 2018. Meet at the Catamount Trail parking lot on South Rd. in Peru at 9:30 a.m. Carpool to park at the end of Upper French Hollow Rd. Snowshoe north on the CT 3.7 miles with several hundred feet of elevation change. Bring extra clothing, snacks, lunch, and fluids. RSVP required. Contact Marge Fish at 802-384-3654 or marge.fish@gmail.com

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Make your own Valentines Saturday Feb. 10 at the North Springfield Baptist Church, 69 Main St., N. Springfield from 1 to 3 p.m. A wide assortment of supplies is provided for free and all

ages are invited to participate. This is a great event for singles and families to create custom cards for your loved ones. Light refreshments will be available. For more info call 802-886-8107.

SUNDAY, FEB. 10 - PUTNEY, Vt. - Join us upstairs at the Putney General Store to read the NY Times and socialize on Sunday Feb. 11 from 10 a.m.- noon. Beverages and snacks can be purchased downstairs and brought up to enjoy while reading the Times with others. Putney Cares will provide copies of the NY Times to share. For more information contact Putney Cares at 802-387-5593 or email putneycares@svcable.net

MONDAY, FEB. 12 - WHITE RIVER JCT, Vt. - Free tax preparation assistance through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program offered by SEVCA in collaboration with Granite United Way for area residents with household income up to \$54,000. Appointments are available every Monday from Feb. 12 through April 9 from 10:45 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church at 749 Hartford Ave in White River Jct. Call 866-444-4211 to

schedule.
TUESDAY, FEB. 13- WESTMINSTER, Vt. - Free tax preparation assistance through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program offered by SEVCA in collaboration with Granite United Way for area residents with household income up to \$54,000. Appointments are available every Tuesday from now through April 10 from 8:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the SEVCA Office at 91 Buck Drive, in Westminster. Call 800-464-9951 to schedule.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 14 - SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - On Wednesday, Feb. 14 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., VINE Sanctuary staff, supporters, and volunteers will gather at the Springfield Unitarian Universalist Church, 21 Fairgrounds Rd. Springfield, to write cards and letters to imprisoned activists and to people who have become vegan while incarcerated. The public is warmly welcomed to join us for vegan treats as we send some sweetness to incarcerated people on Valentine's Day.

THURSDAY, FEB. 15 - TOWNSHEND, Vt. - On Thursday, Feb. 15, 5 - 7

p.m. at the Dutton Gym in Leland & Gray, there will be a "Community Dialogue on Police Coverage & Law Enforcement in Townshend". People who live and work in the Townshend community are encouraged to join your neighbors and colleagues for a moderated community conversation designed to discuss what needs may exist for ongoing law enforcement and policing support in this region. Law enforcement members will be on hand to answer questions. This event is co-sponsored by Community Hope & Action, Grace Cottage Hospital and West River Valley Thrives. Coffee and cookies will be served. For More information contact Steve Tavella at 802-365-4700.

PERU, Vt. - Snowshoe with the Green Mountain Club Manchester Section on the Catamount Trail on Thursday Feb. 15, 2018. Meet at 9:30 a.m. at FR 10, carpool to start snowshoeing from Hapgood Pond Rd north to FR 10 on the Catamount Trail. Snowshoe 3.1 miles with about 500 feet of elevation variation. Bring extra layers, snacks and fluids. RSVP requested. Contact Marge Fish at 802-384-3654 or marge.fish@gmail.com

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

FARMERS' MARKETS

FRIDAYS- WESTON, Vt. - Weston Winter Farmer's Market at the Walker Farm Playhouse. Friday hours are from 3 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Your favorite dairy, eggs, cheese, meat and bread vendors will be on hand as well as prepared foods, artisans and crafts people. Come and support by purchasing local and fresh! Lots of fun and real close to home. Shop and enjoy local!

LIBRARIES

THURSDAY, FEB. 8 - SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - The Springfield Town Library is starting a new book club, each month choosing a challenge from the library's free Take the Library Challenge in 2018 calendar. For the month of February, the challenge will be to read any romance book or any book with the color red in the title. Stop by the library to choose from our display or read one of your own. Join us for the discussion on Thursday, February 8, at 5:30 pm. This book group is free and open to the public. To sign up, or for more information, contact the library at 885-3108 or stlas@vermontel.net.

SATURDAY, FEB. 10 - LONDONDERRY, Vt. - The South Londonderry Free Library is celebrating the coming of Valentine's Day with a special workshop for children on Saturday, Feb. 10 at 10:30 a.m. There is nothing so special as a handmade valentine, and art teacher Casey Junker Bailey has collected lovely fabric, lace, calligraphy, and hand decorated papers for making beautiful gallery style cards.

Children (and their grown-ups too) are invited to join us at the Library for a morning of creativity. The program is free of charge and appropriate for children of all ages. For more information contact the Library at 802-824-3371.

TUESDAY, FEB. 13 - LUDLOW, Vt. - The Fletcher Memorial Library is hosting a book discussion and a movie screening of "One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich," on Tuesday, Feb. 13 at noon. This is the first published novel of controversial Nobel Prize winning Russian author and Cavendish, Vt. resident, Alexander Solzhenitsyn. Our special presenter will be Margo Caulfield, Cavendish resident, historian and local author of "Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn: The Writer Who Changed History." Snacks are provided.

MONDAYS - CHESTER, Vt. - Children of all ages are invited to join the LEGO Club at the Whiting Library in Chester. We will provide the LEGOs and DUPLOs and you supply the imagination. The program is on Mondays from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Thanks to the Rotary Club of Chester for helping us with a generous donation for this program. For further information contact 802-875-2277, www.whitinglibrary.org, or on Facebook. TFN

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

WESTON, Vt. - Join us at the library for an informal gathering to work on knitting projects or other handiwork. Share with others, give and receive encouragement, and help solve problems. Rumor has it, there may even be chocolate. This is an ongoing event until Feb. 27, on Tuesdays from 2 - 4 p.m. Wilder Memorial Library is

located in Weston, Vt. at 24 Lawrence Hill Rd. For more information, call 802-824-4307.

WEDNESDAYS - SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - What do you think about creating a machine -or contraption or invention or device or apparatus - that uses a chain reaction to accomplish a very simple task in a very complicated manner? Former Springfield High School physics teacher and energy educator Julian Leon will guide us in building this machine! This program runs from 4 to 6 p.m. at Springfield Town Library, 43 Main St., Springfield, Vt. through Feb. 14. Geared for youth grades 6 and up! Call Michelle at the library for more information and to sign up: 802-885-3108. It's Complicated (but Simple) is funded by Friends of the Springfield Town Library, and is free and open to the public!

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. These events are free and open to the public. For more information, go to rockinghamlibrary.org, call 802-463-4270 or stop by the library at 65 Westminster St., Bellows Falls, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday, 10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. on Thursday & Friday and 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. on Saturday.

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

LONDONDERRY, Vt. - Join world traveler Carol Barclay for "Sit and Knit" at the South Londonderry Free Public Library, 15 Old School Street in South Londonderry, on Wednesday evenings from 7 - 9 p.m. Carol is an extremely patient instructor and is always creating a beautiful, intricate something out of yarn. Come on over, all are welcome! 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

CAVENDISH, Vt. - Sit & Knit at Cavendish Fletcher Community Library on Thursday evenings from 5 - 7 p.m. Sit and Knit or Crochet, or do any fiber art of your choice. Light snacks will be provided. There is no charge. TFN

FRIDAYS- CHESTER, Vt. - Story time at Whiting Library from 10:30-

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LIBRARIES CONT.

FRIDAYS CONT. - 11:30 a.m. Come and listen to a story every Friday with your children. Call 802-875-2277.

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

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.

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

SUPPORT GROUPS

MONDAYS- SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - NAMI Vermont Connection Recovery Support Group is a mental illness support group. It provides a forum to share experiences and learn about

opportunities and challenges regardless of diagnostics. HCRS, CRT Room, 390 River St. Meets every Monday from 1-2 p.m. Info: call 800-639-6480 or visit www.namivt.org.

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

TUESDAYS- 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.

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.

ASCUTNEY, Vt. - Twin State Depression Support Group meets on the third Wednesday at Martin Memorial Hall, Lower Level (Handicapped-accessible), 5259 Route 5, Ascutney, (near Exit 8 off I-91) at 6:30 p.m. Do you know or think you may be depressed? Have a friend or family member who has depression? Then this group is for you!

Support, empathy, sharing, education, confidentiality, peer-led. Contact TwinStateDSG@gmail.com or 641-715-3900 (ext. 650055#). TFN

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

around mental health issues. The group is free and open to the public. Call Diana Slade at 802-289-1982. TFN

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

PERKINSVILLE, Vt. - Twin State Depression Support Group Board of Directors will now meet every other month in

2018 on the third Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at 2520 Route 106 in Perkinsville. Please come join us. New local phone number is 802-795-0098. This is a voice mail line. Updates regarding meetings will be posted during bad weather. Messages will be checked daily. Remaining Dates: March 22, May 17, July 19, Sept. 20 - the one exception will be in November - that date to be announced.



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The 2018 Sammy Pierce Memorial Scholarships now open for application

REGION - The Sammy Pierce Memorial Scholarships are awarded annually to deserving students in recognition of volunteered time and talent. These scholarships are open to students in communities served by the Crown Point Board of Realtors - Andover, Baltimore, Cavendish, Chester, Clarendon, Grafton, Ludlow, Mount Holly, Plymouth, Reading, Rockingham, Shrewsbury, Springfield, Wallingford, Weathersfield, Weston, and West Windsor.

The Crown Point Board of Realtors awards \$1,000 to two deserving students. The students may be 2018 high

school graduates, homeschoolers, returning college students, previous recipients returning to upper classes, or adult students continuing their education in a two or four-year college program.

The deadline to submit applications for these scholarships is Monday, May 7, 2018.

While the course of study is not restricted in any way, applicants must have a strong history of volunteer community service.

Applications and information for the Sammy Pierce Memorial Scholarships are available at your local high school or by contacting Helen Wachtel at 802-275-3902. The deadline to submit applications for these scholar-

ships is Monday, May 7, 2018. Selections will be announced in June.

The Sammy Pierce Memorial Scholarships are given in honor of Sammy Pierce, who is remembered as one of the most generous, thoughtful realtors in Windsor County. His generous character and the impact he made on his community is honored by this annual scholarship.

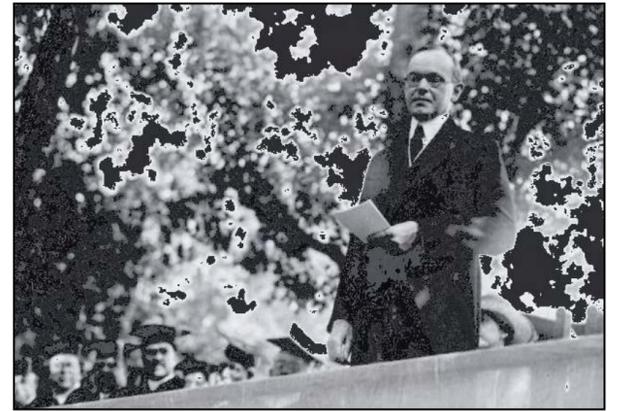
Those wishing to make a contribution to the Sammy Pierce Education Fund are encouraged. Donations may be sent to the Sammy Pierce Education Fund, Crown Point Board of REALTORS, c/o Julie Buffum, Treasurer, 121 Park Street, Springfield, VT 05156.

Write a presidential speech to advance Civil Rights

PLYMOUTH NOTCH, Vt. - The Calvin Prize essay contest invites Vermont students to write a speech they'd give as president to advance Civil Rights for a particular group or groups. While progress has been realized, Civil Rights for all American citizens continues to be an ongoing process, sometimes with setbacks.

These powerful ideas are to be explored in the Calvin Coolidge Presidential Foundation's 2018 Calvin essay contest. This is open to all Vermont students (or students who go to school in Vermont) age 13 through 19 and is due May 11, 2018. A first place prize of \$1,500 and second place prize of \$500 will be awarded.

During his political career, President Calvin Coolidge reached out publicly to many different groups that were experiencing prejudice. He gave the commencement speech at historically black Howard University, spoke at the dedication of the Jewish Community Center in Washington D.C., addressed the (Catholic) Holy Name Society, signed the Indian Citizenship



Coolidge speaking at Howard on June 6, 1924.

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Act, and supported a black candidate for political office by confronting those who would deny the candidate that right.

Students, let your voice be heard through the 2018 Calvin Writing Prize: What speech would you give as president to advance Civil Rights? For full information and resources,

see www.coolidgefoundation.org/the-calvin-writing-prize/. Contact education@calvin-coolidge.org or call 802-672-3389.

All are invited to Plymouth Notch on Feb. 19 for our Presidents' Day Open House from noon to 4 p.m., with a presentation on this essay's topic at 1 p.m.

Free tax assistance and preparation offered across the state

REGION - Tax season is underway. This year, AARP Foundation is again providing free tax assistance and preparation for taxpayers across Vermont with low to moderate income through the AARP Foundation Tax-Aide program. AARP Tax-Aide, in its 51st year, is the nation's largest

free tax assistance and preparation service, giving special attention to the older population. You do not need to be a member of AARP or a retiree to use this service.

Trained counselors are ready to help Vermonters file electronically and get the refunds they deserve where appropriate. To find a site near you and times simply go to www.aarp.org/findtaxhelp or call 888-227-7669. When you go, be sure to bring photo ID, a Social Security card or statement, health insurance information, and last year's tax return.

"This program helps thousands of Vermonters every year recover millions of dollars in refunds," said Greg Marchildon, AARP Vermont state director. "Our counselors work

throughout Vermont and the sites and clients have come to really rely on this help over the years."

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide volunteers are trained and IRS-certified each year to ensure their knowledge of revisions to the U.S. tax code. Some 200 Tax Aide Volunteers participated last year, helping more than 9,277 people file their federal and state tax returns. The program is offered at approximately 51 sites in Vermont including senior centers, libraries, and other convenient locations.

For more information or to locate an AARP Foundation Tax-Aide site, visit www.aarp.org/findtaxhelp or call 1-888-AARP NOW or 1-888-227-7669. AARP Foundation Tax-Aide is offered in conjunction with the IRS.



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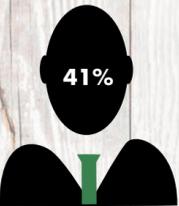
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