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BFUHS student Lia Clark on Planning Commission Board

BY BETSY THURSTON
The Shopper

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Lia Clark, a junior at Bellows Falls Union High School, is the newest and youngest member of the Rockingham Planning Commission. This seven-member board is elected by the Rockingham Select Board to oversee revisions to the town plan, which looks at the community's needs for the next 20 years.



Lia Clark joins the Planning Commission Board.

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Clark is the daughter of Tim Clark and Kristen Swartwout. She is president of her class and was named Elks Student of the Month in December. She is a member of the cross-country team and on the Howler student news committee. Most recently, she played the dynamic Charlie Bucket in the spring musical, "Willy Wonka." However, it is her leadership in her school's chapter of Envirothon - a program that connects students to the natural resources of their communities - that led to her position on the planning commission.

Town Planner, Chuck Wise, first met Clark in the fall when he was invited to speak on public land policy to the Envirothon team. Wise was caught off guard by the level of competency shown by the team of students. Much of the knowledge they shared was similar to conver-

sations he had with colleagues twice their age.

Clark especially contacted Wise with both professional and thoughtful leadership. It was then that the idea for a student to join the planning commission emerged. Wise believes it's thrilling to have a high school student's perspective in this process.

Currently, the planning commission is in the process of selecting a consultant. Wise stated that Clark would be a key vote, as both candidates come with two very differ-

ent strategies and perspectives. Clark will represent the youth. She is able to voice her perspective on how the land is used for recreation or commercial redevelopment in her town of Saxtons River.

Her assignment on the planning commission will continue through June 2018.

The next planning commission meeting is on Thursday, April 26, at 6:30 p.m. at the Waypoint Center. All meetings are open to the public.

Nine River Valley Technical Center students earn certification

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Students in Ms. Wilson's Technology Essentials and Hands On Computers classes traveled to Colby Sawyer College to take the CompTIA IT Fundamentals exam on Tuesday, April 3. The students walked away with a 100 percent pass rate as all nine students passed and earned this industry-recognized credential.

"The students were nervous going into the test, but they all worked diligently beforehand. They studied and practiced and it all paid off in the end," said Ms. Wilson, the Technology Essentials and Hands On Computers instructor at the River Valley Technical Center in Springfield, Vt.

The Comp TIA IT Fundamentals is an introduction to basic IT literacy in five categories: software, hardware, security, networking, and basic IT literacy. The exam consists of 75 multiple-choice questions and students have a limited time of 60 minutes. This is the first level of CompTIA certifications. The next exam is CompTIA A+; Ms. Wilson has three students working towards passing this challenging level.

The River Valley Technical Center offers the opportunity to earn



RVTC students from left to right: MacKenzie Hoag, Tucker Watson, Benjamin Bileau, Zachery Barker, Marley Greenslet, Jayden Rogstad, Owen Massey, Nicholas Lescord, and Ms. Wilson.

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Industry Recognized Credentials (IRCs) in all of their programs. The benefits of industry-recognized credentials are many; high school and postsecondary career and technical education programs can lead to associate degrees, certificates, and IRCs can help young people find skilled employment and give them the op-

portunity of later returning to school for a higher degree. Employers also benefit from a more highly skilled workforce with certifiable skills. To learn more about the River Valley Technical Center or our Technology Essentials and Hands On Computer programs, please visit www.rvtc.org or call us at 802-885-8300.

Celebrate young children at the 25th annual Family Festival

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Bring the whole family to the Riverside Middle School Gym on April 28 from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. for a ton of free fun at this year's family festival. Springfield Area Parent Child Center in partnership with Building Bright Futures, Cota and Cota, and Springfield Medical Care Systems, will sponsor this annual com-

munity event that brings families with young children together to have fun and to recognize the early childhood programs, teachers, and community services that help create a positive learning environment. Games, entertainment, and activities will be presented by ten area childcare and after school programs, the Springfield Library, the

Department of Health and WIC, Springfield Police and Fire Departments. Lindsay the Puppet Lady will perform at 10 and 11 a.m. VT & NH Photo Booths will provide free Magic Mirror photos. There will be a buy-one-get-one free Scholastic Book Fair, featuring books for children to age 7.



Bring the whole family to join the fun at the 25th annual Family Festival.

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Registration for public pre-k open

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Springfield School District is now registering children for its publicly funded pre-k program provided by community partners throughout the district for the 2018-19 school year. Children between the ages of 3-5 and not eligible for kindergarten are eligible for the pre-k program. A child must be 3 by Sept. 1, 2018.

Springfield School District, through its community pre-k partners, provides ten free hours a week of developmentally appropriate early learning experiences for 3-5 year old children during 35 weeks of the academic year. The district offers a variety of settings: center based programs, home based programs, and Head Start. Families of preschool age children who turn 3 by Sept. 1 will need to complete a publicly funded pre-k

registration form and submit it to the school district along with the child's birth certificate and proof of residency in order for their child to

participate in the program. Families will also need to enroll their child in

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Preschool is a great place for youngsters to engage with one another, while exploring with artwork, learning shapes, colors, and more.

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Springfield Town Library first Pre-K art show

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Art from the Springfield area's preschools and child care centers will be on display during the Week of the Young Child, April 16 to 20, 2018. The "Week of the Young Child" is an annual celebration hosted by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) celebrating early learn-

ing, young children, their teachers, and families.

We know that children develop creativity, social skills, and fine motor skills with open-ended art projects where they can make choices, use their imaginations, and create with their hands. They think, problem solve, and create! Let's celebrate the joy and learning children experience when engaged in creative art making.

We will display the art throughout the library! Please visit! Springfield Town Library is located at 43 Main Street, Springfield, Vt. Open hours are Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. - 7 p.m., Friday from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., and Saturday from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

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Farmers' market customers eagerly return for high quality local ingredients

BY KAREN ENGDAHL

The Shopper

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - As happily as the robins chirping in the branches outside, loyal Springfield Farmers' Market customers migrated back to their favorite vendors for the first indoor Spring Farmers' Market of the year at the United Methodist Church on April 7.

"People come back for high quality," said Sue Fog, one of the founding members of the Springfield Farmers' Market. "They know we use excellent local ingredients and produce the best local products, year after year."

Surveying her tableful of home-

made jams, preserves, and breads, Fog explained that the vendors enjoyed the indoor markets as a chance to reconnect with their customers as the traditional summer market time draws nearer.

"This will be the ninth year our family has participated in the farmers' market," she said. "We're glad to work with the church to have an indoor venue four times a year - Thanksgiving, Christmas, and the two spring markets - and we really love our new outdoor location for the market in the summertime."

Once held in the parking lot across the street from the United Methodist Church, the outdoor summer-

time market moved last year to a grassy field next to the Toonerville Trail trailhead on Clinton Street. "It's much more open - and feels a lot safer than dodging cars in the parking lot!" said Fog.

In their new location, vendors have moved to a system of self-governance. Once organized under the aegis of Springfield on the Move, the market is now totally vendor-operated.

Other area producers offering locally-sourced goods such as jams, jellies, preserves, honey, maple syrup, eggs, baked goods, roasting chickens, and grass-fed beef include Hawks Meadow Farm, Winter View

Farm, Aroma Catering, and Critter Crossing Acres. Seasonal vendors also participated in the indoor market, including Audrey Tarbell who sells handmade kitchen accessories and doll clothes.

"I just love setting up next to all the colorful foods!" she said. "It's great to see all the people who come out for the indoor market. They're all eager for spring!"

The next Spring Farmers' Market will be held at the United Methodist Church on Saturday, May 5. For more information on the market and local vendors, visit their webpage at www.springfieldvtfarmersmarket.com.



A rainbow of homemade goodies for sale.

PHOTO PHOTO BY KAREN ENGDAHL

Read with the book clubs

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Village Square Booksellers in Bellows Falls, Vt. has several book clubs led by Myles and Pat. With different topics and meeting at different times of the day, this enables customers to pick and choose which discussion group to attend.

Myles has chosen another non-fiction book, "All The President's Men." Woodward and Bernstein, two Washington Post reporters, whose Pulitzer Prize-winning investigation

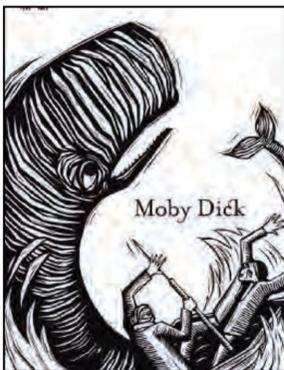
smashed the Watergate scandal wide open, tell the behind-the-scenes drama the way it really happened. The discussion will be held on Friday April 13, 10 a.m. - noon.

Pat has chosen "Small Great Things" by Jodi Picoult. Picoult is known for presenting a moral dilemma in each of her books. Ruth Jefferson is a labor and delivery nurse at a Connecticut hospital with more than 20 years' experience. During her shift, Ruth begins a routine checkup on a newborn, only to be told a few

minutes later that she's been re-assigned to another patient. The parents are white supremacists and don't want Ruth, who is African American, to touch their child. The hospital complies with their request, but the next day, the baby goes into cardiac distress while Ruth is alone in the nursery. Does she obey orders or does she intervene? Ruth hesitates before performing CPR and, as a result, is charged with a serious crime. The Evening Book Club will meet on Thursday, April 19 from 6-8 p.m.

Classics Quarterly will meet on Wednesday, April 25 from 4-6 p.m. to discuss "Moby Dick" by Herman Melville, led by Myles. Melville's "Moby Dick" is a tale of obsession and vengeance, but also contains surprising commentary on storytelling, race, sexuality, philosophy, industry, and so much more.

Books are available at the store and receive a 20 percent discount for our in-house book clubs. Pick up your copies of books at the bookstore and sign up to attend at the store or by calling 802-463-9404. Light refreshments will be served at all sessions.



"Moby Dick."

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"Small Great Things."

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Bag sale at Worn Again Thrift Shop

SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. - The Worn Again Thrift Shop at St. Edmunds Catholic Church on Main Street in Saxton River is having a Bag Sale on Wednesday April 11, Friday April 13, and Saturday April 14. The shop has a variety of women's, men's and children's clothing and footwear. Jewelry is not included in the bag sale.

Our hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Fridays, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays.

The shop has an excellent se-

lection of clothing, shoes, boots and sneakers, caps, socks, and other wearing apparel for all ages. In addition, there are sheets and pillowcases, blankets, bedspreads, pillows, and fabrics, many books, coffee mugs, and knickknacks.

The shop is accepting donations of clothing in good condition. The shop is always in need of donations of clothing plus household and gift items. Donations may be dropped off during regular business hours.

There is also an excellent selection on our gift table for some non-cloth-

ing items. There is an assortment of wearing apparel and things on our free shelf.

The thrift shop is accepting cans and non-perishable packages of food to be donated to area food shelves. Please be generous.

A ramp has been built for those patrons who are handicapped and find the steps difficult to use.

The Worn Again Thrift Shop is run by volunteers from the West River Mission of Putney with churches in Putney, Townshend, Stratton Mountain, and Saxtons River.

Celebrate young children with storytelling and book giveaway

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - The Springfield Learning Garden invites Springfield families of young children to an evening full of books, compliments of Children's Literacy Foundation! Join us at the Springfield Town Library on Tuesday, April 17 from 5-6 p.m. for a presentation from CLIF on "Storytelling, Why Read?"

All Springfield children that attend will have a choice of free books to take home for their home library. The Springfield Learning Garden received a grant from the Children's Literacy Foundation to bring this program to the Springfield community.

While attending, be sure to see the first Springfield Pre-K Art Show on display at the library during the Week of the Young Child, April 16 to 21. This event is



Celebrate young children with free books at Springfield Library.

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free and open to the public!

PRE-K

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one of the district's partner programs.

Registration forms are now available at each of the pre-k partner programs, which are as follows: Dandelion Wishes, Little Daisies, Little Stars, Perkinsville Preschool, PlayWorks Child Center of Springfield Area Parent Child Center, Safe N' Sound, Saxtons River Montessori School, SEVCA Windsor County Head Start at Pine Street Preschool, Springfield Learning Garden, Squeaky Sneakers Springfield, Suzy's Little Peanuts Day School, World of Discovery I, and World of Discovery III.

In addition, pre-k registration forms for the district will be available at: Elm Hill School, www.ssdvt.org, Springfield Health Center - pediatrics office, Springfield Public Library-Children's Library, Vermont Department of Health, and Family Services.

For questions regarding universal pre-k in Springfield School District, contact Gladys Collins at 802-885-1150. For questions regarding child care tuition assistance, please contact Springfield Area Parent Child Center at 802-886-5242.



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Great River Co-Op screening "Food For Change"

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - The Great River Co-op, a startup cooperative grocery store coming to Walpole, will screen "Food For Change" on Wednesday, April 18 at 6 p.m. during its 2018 Annual Meeting. The event will take place at the Bellows Falls Opera House with regular concessions. Tickets will be by donation.

"Food for Change" tells the story of the cooperative movement in the United States in a way that is both entertaining and informative. It includes interviews with co-op workers, rare archival footage, and narration by the film's director, Steve Alves. Alves will be available at the meeting for a question and answer period around the film.

Next steps for the Great River Co-op include hiring a project manager and continuing to grow the membership. The current member/owner count is 768, and growing every month.

Co-operatives are businesses that are owned and governed by their members, the people who use the products and services they provide. From food co-ops to farmer co-ops,



Left to Right: Steve Fortier, Board President Kim Mastrianni, Tedd Benson, Christine Benson, Co-op Volunteer Gretchen Markiewicz, Board Member Bruce Bickford, Board Member Ali Trow, Volunteer Judy Trow, and Sean Fortier. PHOTO PROVIDED

worker co-ops to credit unions, and housing co-ops to energy co-ops, co-operatives make a difference in people's lives every day. Co-ops are also more common than you might think. Here in the United States, 1 in 3 people are members of at least one co-op or credit union. Nationwide,

co-operatives create 2.1 million jobs and generate more than \$650 billion in sales and other revenue annually.

For more examples of how food co-ops empower people to build their communities, please visit www.nfca.coop.

Shopping local is good for you, and good for Springfield

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - The Chamber and the Springfield Food Co-op are partnering with other area businesses in a new initiative to highlight the many benefits of shopping locally in our region. This cooperative effort is in its development phase, refining as it grows, and will be providing many opportunities throughout the year to celebrate our small business community! We encourage all area businesses that are interested to get involved to contact us for additional information - the more the merrier, because a rising tide floats all boats!

Our First Collective Event will be held on April 13. Take a tour to several area stores for a community-wide Open House Day!

Springfield Food Co-op will be giving gift bags to the first 25 people who visit the store on April 13, as well as a 5 percent discount to all shoppers! Sample some delicious local products and visit with vendors!

Visit Willow Farm Pet Services

for 10 percent on pet toys, a raffle, and spring refreshments!

At Woodbury Florist, you'll save 20 percent in their gift shop on April 13 and 14, and a visit to their beautiful greenhouse will offer rejuvenation along with extra savings on plants!

Tina's Hallmark is celebrating 10 years of business with 10 days of events! Stop in each day for the surprises they have in store. Make sure to visit on April 13 for the big celebration!

Free one-week's worth of fresh, nutritious meals when you book your first cookdate with Aroma Catering Vt.: a Taste of Europe and the Mediterranean Personal Chef services. Cost of groceries not included.

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Enjoy free fresh baked artisan European bread and dessert when you

book four or more cookdates. Call or email to claim your free meals, 802-376-9552 or aroma@aromacateringvt.com.

Everyone's favorite Vermont State Craft Center, the Gallery at the VAULT, will be featuring a sale table, and offering refreshments.

Check out the Facebook event to keep up to date about happenings with Springfield Open House Day. We hope you enjoy this first of many upcoming events focused on the value of shopping local. Look for more details at these stores and throughout Springfield! If your small business is interested in joining the collaborative, please call Julie at Springfield Food Co-op at 802-885-3363 or contact the Chamber at 802-885-2779 or email caitlin@springfieldvt.com.

Written by Caitlin Christiana, Springfield Regional Chamber of Commerce.

HCRS receives Governor's Worksite Wellness award

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Health Care and Rehabilitation Services, southeastern Vermont's non-profit community mental-health agency, announced on April 2, 2018 that it received the Governor's 2018 Excel-

lence in Worksite Wellness award for the fourth year in a row. The agency focuses significant resources each year on the health and wellness of its more than 550 employees.

HCRS was recognized for this year's award based on the work of its Wellness Committee. In addition to the agency's 5K Run/Walk event held in 2017, the Wellness Committee sought to improve employee wellness through health risk assessments, health fairs, subsidized FitBits for staff and their dependents, and through movement and fruit and vegetable challenges. Members of HCRS' Wellness Committee include: Megan Chapman, Katy Duncan, Pam Young, Juli-

anne Vance, and Michelle Campbell.

The Governor's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports recognized the award winners at the 2018 Worksite Wellness Conference in Burling-

ton on March 21. The awards are meant to distinguish employers from around Vermont who are creating and recognizing a culture of health and wellbeing for their employees.



From left, Governor Phil Scott; Megan Chapman, HCRS Adult Area Manager; Michelle Campbell, HCRS Benefits & Wellness Coordinator; George Karabakakis, Ph.D., HCRS CEO, and Mark Levine, Commissioner of the Vermont Department of Health. PHOTO PROVIDED

Rockingham book sale

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - The Rockingham Free Public Library will be hosting their annual book sale on Saturday, April 14 through Saturday, May 12 and donations are welcome now. Relieve those overflowing shelves, free up some space, and support your local library. The Friends of the Library will be hosting a special book sale on Friday, April 13 from 5 - 8 p.m. just for Friends' members. Join the Friends to get early access to the library book sale.

For more information, call the library at 802-463-4270, visit www.rockinghamlibrary.org, email programming@rockinghamlibrary.org, or stop by the library at 65 Westminster St. in Bellows Falls.



Nutrition Services Dept.

WINDSOR, Vt. - Mt. Acute Hospital announced that the entire Nutrition Services Department has earned the honor of Team of the Month for March 2018. The Nutrition Services Department provides healthy meals to patients, employees, and visitors 365 days a year.

The dietitians, servers, cooks, dishwashers, and others of the Nutrition Services Department are responsible for designing, creating, and delivering meals to patients based on individualized meal plans, as well as keeping the hospital cafeteria service available to employees and visitors every day.

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Blues benefit, Bob Stannard in concert

WESTON, Vt. – Break out your dancing shoes for Vermont's premier blues band. "Downtown" Bob Stannard and Those Dangerous Bluesmen take the stage at Weston Playhouse at Walker Farm on Saturday, April 21 for a special concert celebration! The event is BYOB for patrons ages 21 and up, and doors open at 6 p.m.

Stannard is an eighth generational Vermonter who's been playing and singing the blues since 1969. A self-taught blues harmonica player and singer endorsed by Seydel Harmonicas of Germany, Stannard is known for his quick licks and intense, high-energy performances. He's played with blues legends like BB King, Charlie Musselwhite, and John Hammond. He's shared the stage with Buddy Guy, Lynyrd Skynyrd, and the late, great James Cotton. Bob's band, Those Dangerous Bluesmen, are the very best blues musicians playing in the state of Vermont and you can catch them this month in Weston -



Bob Stannard live.

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Weston Playhouse Theatre Company is committed to enriching the community through cultural events and engagement opportunities. To

purchase tickets for Bob Stannard and Those Dangerous Bluesmen live at Walker Farm visit www.westonplayhouse.org or call 802-824-5288.

A screening of "An Inconvenient Sequel: Truth to Power" at the Meeting Place

LONDONDERRY, Vt. - Former Vice President Al Gore continues his tireless fight, traveling around the world to train an army of activists and influence international climate policy in this sequel to 2006's "An Inconvenient Truth." Cameras follow him behind the scenes - in mo-

ments both private and public, funny and poignant - as he pursues the inspirational idea that while the stakes have never been higher, the perils of climate change can be overcome with human ingenuity and passion.

Doreen Fabiano and Carlene Lindgren, local environmental activists, will screen this one-hour and 40-minute documentary on Friday, April 20 at 6:30 p.m. at the Meeting Place at Neighborhood Connections. Lively discussion will follow. There is no charge to attend, but register by calling 802-824-4343.

The Meeting Place at Neighborhood Connections is located in Londonderry's



An Inconvenient Sequel movie poster. PHOTO PROVIDED

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New children's book explores animal rights

WESTMINSTER, Vt. - "Animal rescue is a passion for many kids today," says Westminister, Vt. author Jessie Haas. "Unfortunately, many of the kids (and adults) who care the most have the least day-to-day contact with animals, especially farm and working animals. This can lead to misunderstanding, and even tragedy."

Haas's new novel, "Rescue," explores the issue through the friendship of two sixth-grade girls. Joni loves her father's sheep farm, and riding her opinionated horse Archie. Still, summer on the farm can be isolating, so when a new girl, Chess, moves into the neighborhood, Joni is excited to make a friend. But Chess is an animal rights activist, who asks whether sheep like being milked, and doesn't believe in keeping captive animals. Suddenly, Joni is questioning things she's always taken for granted. When Chess insists that a neighbor's miniature horses need to be rescued, Joni is alarmed. How far will Chess go? And what will Joni have to do about it?

Kirkus Reviews said, "Joni's first-person voice is fresh and true. As always, Haas knows her horses, and she explores the issue of animal rights with sensitivity to both sides. A satisfying read."

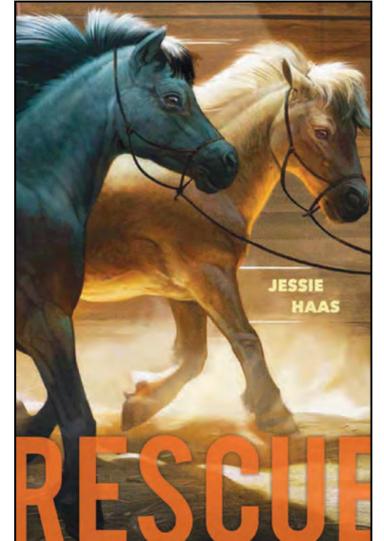
"The physical setting for the story," Haas notes, "is my own

neighborhood in Westminister West. Local people will recognize Patch Farm and the award-winning cheese made there, as well as the basic terrain, lightly fictionalized (South Valley Road becomes North Valley Road.) The woman who owns the miniature horses is drawn from the many older women I know who drive horses competitively into their 60s and 70s. But the impetus for the story is the controversy over the New York City carriage horses. So many people are concerned for their welfare without having the least idea what horse wellbeing looks like. I brought that dispute to a place I know, and made it more rural and kid-centered."

The publisher is Boyds Mills Press of Honesdale, Pa., and the editor is Rebecca M. Davis, who "unknownst to me is a long-time miniature horse enthusiast," says Haas. "I worked with Rebecca over ten years ago when she was at Greenwillow Books, and I'm thrilled to be working with her again."

"Rescue" is for readers age 8-12, and is a Junior Library Guild Selection.

Haas will be signing "Rescue" at



"Rescue" book cover.

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Village Square Books in Bellows Falls on April 28, and at Toadstool Bookshop in Keene on May 6.

Jessie Haas is the author of 37 children's books, including the "Bramble and Maggie" series, and three books for adults, most recently, "The Horse Lover's Encyclopedia, 2nd edition." She lives in an off-grid cabin in Westminister West, Vt.

Woodchuck's Revenge performs at Springfield UU Coffeehouse

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Woodchuck's Revenge with Kristina Cady will perform at the Springfield UU Coffeehouse on Saturday, April 21, at 7 p.m. Formed in front of the fire on a winter's night in 1990, Woodchuck's Revenge brings together as a performing group three friends who have combined their lifelong love of music to offer their audiences an eclectic and refreshing mix of traditional and contemporary folk-songs played with spirit and an old time country sensibility.

The Woodchucks' repertoire, which has been described as encyclopedic, ranges from New England fiddle tunes to modern cowboy songs, from Irish ballads to 60s folk, blues, and bluegrass. Songs about Vermont, mountains, and life in New England are staple of the group's performances, along



Woodchuck's Revenge quartet.

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with a healthy dose of humor and a small but growing number of origi-

nals.

The Woodchucks have performed throughout Vermont and the adjoining states and in Wyoming and Montana at colleges, community events, and festivals; in coffeehouses and summer concert series; country fairs and bluegrass festivals as well as the New England Folk Festival, and the Northeast Music, Arts and Dance Festival. They have performed on public radio in Vermont and New York, as well as local access television. Their audiences have included students, seniors, visitors to Vermont, historical reenactors, and folk music fans of all ages.

Everyone is welcome to this event held at 21 Fairground Rd., Springfield, Vt. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and music starts at 7 p.m. This is a family-friendly evening of music and fun. There is no cost to enjoy the music, but there is a "free-will" offering and any money collected goes directly to support the featured performers. Delicious snacks and beverages will be available for purchase.

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Let's go fishing



A 14-inch perch caught at the Springfield boat landing.

PHOTO BY RON PATCH

It was this time, last April, when Danny Clemons and I went down to the boat landing on the Connecticut River in Springfield to do a little fishing. The water was high and murky but we did catch quite a few sizable bullheads.

About the third week of April the yellow perch began their annual spawn. Now this was fun. While we didn't fill a five-gallon pail we did catch a few monsters.

Danny and I are waiting for it to get a little warmer before we go this year. We take a lawn chair and make ourselves comfortable. This year Lee Decatur is joining us.

Where to go:

As I already said I like fishing down by the boat landing. Another excellent place is Herrick's Cove off Route 5 just north of Bellows Falls. Out here is plenty of room and easy access for families with kids. To get there from Bellows Falls turn onto Route 5 North just before Interstate 91. How many readers remember when the State Police barracks were the first little place on the right? I think it's a beauty salon today. Anyway continue on Route 5 a short distance and you will go over a bridge.

When you look over the bridge you will see the Williams River and the railroad tracks. When I was a kid my father took me perch fishing there. I haven't fished there in 50 years but it used to be a spot where you could fill

a five-gallon pail in a couple hours. I imagine it still is. We parked the car in a pull-off and walked down a path down to the river.

A little further on the right is a trailer park. Do you remember the "Tank & Tummy?" Go by the trailer park a short distance and turn right out to Herrick's Cove.

When you get way out the Herrick's road you can fish the river on your left or the cove on your right. Again if you hit a day when the perch are spawning you'll catch many. Take your kids, they'll have a blast.

How to fish for perch:

The best bait is large night crawlers. Use a number 6 hook or maybe a number 8 hook. Hook the crawler in front of the collar near the head and then pass the hook through behind the collar and let the tail hang down so it can wiggle in the water. Toss your line out and prop up your pole. I like the tip of my pole high up in the air. This way I can see the slightest movement from a fish biting.

The walleyes will be spawning soon as well so having some live bait is a good idea. If the perch aren't biting maybe a walleye will. Perch and walleye are some of the best eating fish we have.

How to dress:

Both perch and walleye are best fileted. Fileting is easy once you learn how. I checked YouTube to see if they had any videos on fileting and they did. If you're new to fileting watch their videos. It's not difficult.

How to cook:

Everyone has their favorite method. I use a hot cast iron skillet with butter. Some like to role the filets in breadcrumbs or corn meal. Others make an egg batter and dip the filets in the batter and then add the breadcrumbs. Don't overcook fish. Three or four minutes per side should do the trick.

One good size walleye would easily feed two people. You might need six or eight perch depending on their size. The photo with this article is a perch I caught last April down at the toll bridge. You can see she is full of roe and just a whisker over 14 inches long. This is a large perch. One of these fileted would feed one. Danny Clemons caught one about the same size. I checked Vermont State records for fish. The state record for yellow perch is 16 inches.

I'm willing to bet there's a perch in the Connecticut River that would establish a new record. Give it a try, who knows, you might catch it.

When I was a kid, our neighbor, Les Cassista liked perch roe. She said it was a delicacy. We didn't eat it so we always gave it to her. When I dressed the perch pictured with this article I removed a huge sack of roe. I looked online for a recipe and cooked it for dinner. Well I didn't care for it much. I'm sure it's the way I cooked it.

This week's old saying. "The older you get the faster you get old."

Village Square Booksellers schedules reading of Bill Lockwood's new novel

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Local author Bill Lockwood's third historical fiction novel, "Ms. Anna," will have its local premier reading and book signing event at Village Square Booksellers, 34 The Square, in Bellows Falls at 7 p.m. on Friday, April 20. A resident of southeastern Vermont and Bellows Falls since 1992 he has recently moved to North Walpole. His first two novels, "Buried Gold" and "Megan of the Mists," were sold out events when they were also premiered at Village Square Booksellers.

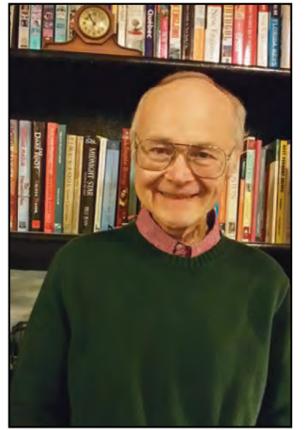
His first novel was set in rural Long Island, N.Y. in the 1980s when a granddaughter tracks down a fortune in gold coins buried in a raid during Prohibition times of the 1920s. His second is set first in the completely different world of Northern Ireland during "the troubles" of the 1970s and later in a Long Island Irish bar. The new book is set mostly in early 1990s Puerto Rico.

Anna, a twenty-something college graduate, is without a job comparable to her education. She works as a part-time bartender and also as pilot of her father's fishing boat in Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, a city proclaiming itself "the tuna canning capital of the world" in the 1990s. Max is an academic who was maybe once in the CIA. He is a member of a staid, wealthy New England lobstering family that has branched out to buy



"Ms. Anna" by Bill Lockwood.

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Bill Lockwood.

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one of the Mayaguez tuna plants. When word reaches them (thanks to Anna) of some "fishy" activities regarding their latest acquisition, they send Max to investigate. Anna and Max would rather find out more about each other, but in no time they are embroiled in a high-seas smuggling run, tracked by the U.S. Coast Guard. The bad guy has an assault rifle in his trombone case, so it's not your parents' Caribbean cruise - romance will have to wait.

Lockwood is also a freelance writer. Having visited Puerto Rico in

the 1990s, he is concerned about the continuing situation there. A dollar from each book sold at the reading will be donated to Puerto Rico hurricane relief.

Paperback copies of all his books will be available at Village Square Booksellers during the event. Patrons are encouraged to call ahead and reserve copies 802-463-9404. Paperback and electronic reader copies can be ordered through the publisher, the Wild Rose Press, www.thewildrosepress.com or through Amazon.

FOLA double feature, "A Fistful of Dollars" and "Yojimbo"

LUDLOW, Vt. - FOLA (Friends of Ludlow Auditorium) continues its showcase of cinema classics of the 1960s by presenting a double feature of Clint Eastwood in Sergio Leone's "A Fistful of Dollars" and Toshiro Mifune in Akira Kurosawa's "Yojimbo" on Saturday, April 14 at 7 p.m. at the Ludlow Town Hall Auditorium.

FOLA's first movie on April 14 will be "A Fistful of Dollars," the movie that launched Clint Eastwood's successful film acting career. Shot on a shoestring in Spain, it tells the tale of a stranger (played by Clint Eastwood) who comes to a small town that is being fought over by rival families. The stranger then plays the two families against each other in an attempt to rid the town of both of them.

FOLA's second movie will be a unique western-style movie from Japan. "Yojimbo" is a 1961 samurai film that tells the story of a ronin, a masterless Samurai warrior, who arrives in a small town where competing crime lords vie for supremacy. The two bosses each try to hire the newcomer as a bodyguard. We expect the start time for the second movie to be around 9 p.m.

After sizing up the situation, the stranger says he intends to stay as he feels the town would be better off with both warring factions in the town dead. Being an excellent swordsman,

one of his opponents turns out to be a young man who uses a pistol rather than the traditional sword. What follows is a series of battles between the two warring sides and the samurai. It's a surprisingly familiar tale of the Wild West as seen in a Japanese setting.

Although not directly referenced in the film credits, "A Fistful of Dollars" was inspired and based on "Yojimbo." Oddly enough, "Yojimbo" is based on the mystery writing of American Dashiell Hammett and the movies his writing inspired, like "The Glass Key" and "Red Harvest."

Although this a double feature, patrons do not have to watch both movies. Please feel free to show up for only one of the movies, but as they are both excellent, we hope you show up for both. Given running times, "A Fistful of Dollars" will start at 7 p.m. and "Yojimbo" at 9 p.m.

As with all FOLA movies, the film is open to everyone and is free; dona-



"A Fistful of Dollars."

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"Yojimbo."

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tions are appreciated. Popcorn will be provided by Berkshire Bank with water offered by FOLA. For more information, call 802-228-7239 or visit the FOLA website at www.fola.us.

Boothby to discuss American Exceptionalism

LONDONDERRY, Vt. - American Exceptionalism is an ideology holding the United States as unique among nations with respect to its ideals of democracy and personal freedom. From the determination of the original settlers to create a society different from the 18th century European model, how has it fared? Is modern America all that different from everywhere else? On Thursday, April 19 at 5:30 p.m. at Neighborhood Connections, Derek Boothby will offer an assessment from the viewpoint of a naturalized American.

Boothby graduated from the Britannia Royal Naval College and was a professional naval officer until 1978. Leaving the Royal Navy as a Commander, he joined the United Nations in New York as the Liaison Officer to the Military Staff Committee. In July 1992, he led a chemical weapon investigation in Azerbaijan. From September 1992 until March 1993, he was on the personal staff of Cyrus Vance and Lord Owen in an effort to halt the widening conflicts in former Yugoslavia. Following his 1998 retirement, he led a U.N. team for two years developing the con-

cepts of early warning and conflict prevention while he continued to work and lecture independently on international political and security affairs. In June 1998, he was awarded by the Queen, the honor of Companion of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George. He and his wife moved to Manchester in 2002 and became U.S. citizens in 2009.

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Op-Ed: Local control is key to public education success

Twenty years ago, Vermont made a firm commitment to retain local control of decisions about school spending. This carefully considered choice came in the wake of the Brigham decision in 1997, when the Vermont Supreme Court ruled the state's education funding system was unconstitutional. The decision made it clear the state had the ultimate responsibility to ensure the Vermont's schoolchildren had equal educational opportunities.

To satisfy the court, the Legislature crafted a funding system that recognizes that we are all responsible for educating all of the children in the state. At the same time, the system affirms that spending decisions should be made locally by those closest to and with the best understanding of the needs of the children in the community.

Lately, though, Montpelier appears to be backing away from this impor-

tant commitment to local decision-making.

In December, the governor asked local school boards to match him in holding spending growth for next year to 2.4 percent or less. School boards responded; and at Town Meeting votes across the state, 95 percent of our local communities passed budgets that held that spending growth to 1.5 percent, far below what the governor had requested.

Now the governor is asking that another \$40 million be cut from these approved budgets.

His request shows a puzzling disregard and lack of respect for the work done by local school boards and communities. The governor would never question the decisions local voters make when they go to the polls to elect state officials and legislators. Why is their judgement in passing local school budgets not sound?

Act 46 initially dictated school-

spending levels by imposing tax penalties on communities that exceeded prescribed growth limits. The result was a breach of one of the fundamental principles of the current funding system: districts with the same spending per pupil have the same tax rates. Fortunately, the penalties were repealed.

School consolidation exercises require large amounts of time for hundreds of volunteer school board and community members. This work is on top of the task boards have guiding the annual operation of our public school systems.

Constant change is making this task ever more difficult as boards have been working to respond to requirements regarding consolidation discussions, proficiency-based learning, and personalized learning plans. These requirements are important yet time consuming. To add to the challenge this year, the governor is ask-

ing for money to be cut from already passed school budgets and the legislature is contemplating a change in the school funding system that would impact budgets already passed. Isn't it disrespectful of local voters to change the rules of the game after budgets are finalized?

School boards, school board members, and local voters are a critical part of our successful public education system in Vermont - one of the best in the county. To continue to make it better, it is important that state policy makers respect the work that is done at the local level and work with school boards instead of making their jobs more challenging. Our children's future depends on it.

Written by Martha Heath. Martha Heath lives in Westford. She is a long time school board member and is a former member of the Vermont House.

GRIN THE BEARD LT. Wayne



"Sorry ... a little decimal-point humor."

Op-Ed: A better model for primary care

The legislature is debating how fast to propel the state into the new adventure of universal coverage for primary health care services, "whether the services are publicly financed or covered by health insurance or other means ... [made] affordable for all Vermonters, such as through income-sensitized, State-funded cost-sharing assistance."

The current proposal (S.53) directs the Green Mountain Care Board and the usual "stakeholders" to deliver a report by January 2019, followed by a "draft operational plan" a year thereafter. The single payer advocates are furious that the bill doesn't decree single payer primary care right now.

Let's make this easy to understand: the Green Mountain Care Board plus numerous "stakeholders" (all of whom will be advocates and most of whom will be protecting their livelihoods) will produce a report recommending which primary health care services and benefits, produced by which providers, will be distributed to which people, and at whose expense.

The Board and its stakeholders are, however, unlikely to examine how the cost of primary care can be brought

down, while at the same time better serving patients, improving health, reducing reliance on expensive medical interventions, and making the practice of medicine more rewarding.

The most rapidly proliferating model for doing this is Direct Primary Care. DPC is built upon the direct relationship between primary care doctor and patient. DPC clinics are "cash only" - no third party payer like Blue Cross or Medicare. This eliminates the maddening complying, negotiating, and pleading with third party payers that typically consumes as much as 40 percent of primary care practice revenue.

DPC patients pay a monthly membership fee. Practices of course vary, but usually the fee covers almost unlimited access to your doctor, extended, relaxed visits, an annual physical exam, diagnostic and procedure benefits at no extra cost, and slightly above wholesale prices for laboratory testing and pharmaceuticals. DPCs typically arrange for discounted prices at rehab services and independent imaging centers for X-Rays, CT scans, and MRIs. Some even make house calls.

One of the leading DPCs, Atlas M.D. of Wichita, Kan., sets its fees at \$50/month for adults 20-44, \$75/month for adults 45-64, and \$100/month for adults over 65. Each child is an extra \$10/month. Employers, especially if self-insured, may pay the membership fees as an employee benefit.

A typical DPC patient would also buy a wraparound high deductible insurance plan coupled with a Health Savings Account, into which the patient, the employer, or both can make tax-free contributions up to \$1,350/year (\$2,700 family). For lower income families, states could design Medicaid waivers to allow payment of the membership fees.

If a DPC patient develops a major health problem requiring surgery or hospitalization, the DPC will usually suggest a cost-effective provider. The Surgery Center of Oklahoma and Ocean Surgery Center (Torrance, Calif.) have gained national attention for posting their all-inclusive prices for a wide range of surgical procedures including recovery and medications.

According to a survey by the Physician's Foundation, many doctors

are dissatisfied with the burden of dealing with third party payers, including the government. The survey found that doctors complained of "too much regulation and paperwork" (79 percent), "loss of clinical autonomy" (64 percent), and "erosion of the physician-patient relationship" (54 percent). The DPC model relieves doctors of these annoyances.

An important benefit of the DPC model is better patient health, measured by fewer hospitalizations, fewer ER visits, fewer specialist visits, and fewer surgeries compared to traditional patient populations.

So why aren't we moving rapidly

toward Direct Primary Care coupled with independent specialist centers, paid for by HSAs, and backed up by high deductible health plans? Partly because there's a learning curve, but also because large medical centers see their profits threatened by low-overhead cash-based clinics and specialist practices focusing on patient satisfaction and wellness.

In addition, opponents have argued in some states that DPCs are insurance plans, bringing them under insurance regulation and preventing patients from paying membership fees from their HSAs (whose funds may not be used to pay premiums).

Another roadblock is Certificate of Need (CON) regulation, the great shield of every dinosaur health care monopoly.

To date, there are two DPCs in Vermont: in South Burlington (Frank Landry, M.D.) and Manchester Center (Keith Michl, M.D.). There will be more - unless primary care is swept into yet another government program designed and dominated by threatened "stakeholders."

Written by John McClaughray. McClaughray is vice president of the Ethan Allen Institute (www.ethanallen.org).

Amber Waves



by Dave T. Phipps

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

The legislature meets from Tuesday to Friday, so Mondays are often the one day of the week when legislators have the opportunity to spend time back in their home districts. Last Monday, in the midst of my brain being consumed by the battle over gun control and school safety, I literally went out to lunch.

Except this was not your typical lunch date, nor was it a break from having my mind filled by the needs of our community. I was invited by Andrea Seaton, executive director of the Grace Cottage Foundation to visit Grace Cottage Family Health and Hospital in Townshend for lunch. While I have known many people who have received excellent care there, this was my first visit to Grace Cottage.

After having a tasty meal in the cafeteria, Andrea took me on a

tour of this amazing Critical Access Hospital and Family Health facility, which happens to be one of the largest employers in our region. As Andrea explained to me, the Critical Access designation is not about providing care to patients in critical need (although they do that), but rather that access to this hospital is critical to the community it serves. After seeing all the types of care that are provided on this one campus and meeting many of their excellent staff members, I could see why Grace Cottage is such a gem in our community.

Remember how I said this lunch was not a break. I was there to learn about this resource in our community and the challenges it faces while serving our rural population. During the course of my visit, many concerns came up in conversation with

the people I met. The highlighted topics were funding challenges, substance use treatment and recovery, tax reform, gun safety, and finally the loss of cell coverage in Townshend, Newfane, and Jamaica and the subsequent disruption to 911 services in the area.

The buzz of activity at Grace Cottage encompasses all of the challenges that are pulling at our social fabric and yet there is a vibrant, welcoming, steadfast optimism permeating through the whole facility.

My visit put into focus the enormous effort that is required to support our rural health care facilities, which are anchor institutions in our communities. It gave me a renewed sense of purpose as I prepared to head back to Montpelier. There are so many pieces to the puzzle to work on and I am already involved with some

of them through the work being done by the House Human Services Committee and the Rural Economic Development Working Group.

I encourage anyone in our community to visit Grace Cottage, not only for emergency or family health care needs but for wellness activities. Take a yoga class, or a dance class. Sign up to train for a 5k run. Please utilize their facilities to enhance your family's health and well being and support this valuable resource in any way you can.

If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out anytime. Call 802-770-4987 or email kellympajala@gmail.com.

Sincerely,
Kelly Pajala
State Rep. for Jamaica, Londonderry, Stratton, Weston, and Winhall

Dear Editor,

The second grade teachers and students at Central Elementary School would like to thank Jana Bryan, owner of the Flat Iron Exchange in downtown Bellows Falls for generously opening her heart and her stage to us on Feb. 15, 2018. The second graders took a walking field trip to the Flat

Iron as a culmination of their poetry writing unit. Each student stood on stage and bravely shared his or her best work with fellow students and patrons at the coffee house. Students listened politely to each classmate's poem and snapped to show their appreciation. Having such a special

venue makes this writers' celebration so meaningful and memorable for the young poets.

Heartfelt thanks to Jana for her community-minded support of our school and our students!

To see pictures of this event and read student blog posts, we invite

you to view the second grade classroom pages at www.ceshome.org.

Sincerely,
Judy Verespy, Terry Obuchowski, and Laurie Bolotin
Second Grade Teachers, CES
Bellows Falls, Vt.

Dear Editor,

I just filled my taxes. I've been hearing about lots of politicians slapping themselves on the back over the new "tax cut." I've also noticed the news media referring to the "tax cut." It's not a "tax cut" unless it's for everyone. It may be "tax reform," "tax restructuring," "tax change," but not "tax cut."

I have a fixed income so my income was the same this year as last. My taxes were higher. The standard deduction is higher but the rate on

the remaining amount is greater thus raising what you owe. If you were lucky enough to actually have reduced taxes, remember this came at a cost to low income people.

The new tax system was not done for the American people; it was done for the American people.

Sincerely,
Al Stedman
Walpole, N.H.

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ASCUTNEY, VT.

Bow Baptist Church, 1102 Rte 5.

Sunday school at 10 a.m. Morning service at 11 a.m. Evening service at 6 p.m. Prayer meeting on Wednesday at 7 p.m. Call 802-546-4902 or www.bowbaptist.com.

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

Sunday worship 9:30 a.m. followed by fellowship and refreshments. Nursery care provided during church service for children 5 years and younger. ADA accessible. Call 802-484-5944, email bcchurchvt@gmail.com, or go to www.brownsvilleumc-vt.org.

BELLOWS FALLS, VT.

Faith Christian Church, 582 Rockingham Rd.

Pastor Matt and Brenda Farkas welcome all to come and enjoy their services. Sunday worship and praise starts at 10 a.m. with the Message at 10:30 a.m. Children's Church (3-7 years) at 10:30 a.m. For more information, call 802-591-1350. See us on TV: www.Sapatv.org - "Doing Life." www.fact8.com - "Say What!"

Christ's Church, 24 Main Street, Saxtons River

On the first Sunday of every month, service begins at 10 a.m. and is followed by a potluck luncheon. For more information, call 802-376-6178. All welcome.

CHARLESTOWN, N.H.

North Charlestown United Methodist Church, Route 12A River Rd.

Sunday worship begins at 9 a.m. Church is handicap accessible. Contact 603-826-0381.

Holy Resurrection Orthodox Church, 99 Sullivan St., Claremont, N.H.

Saturdays at 6 p.m. and Sunday at 9:30 a.m. 603-542-6273; frandrew@regubovstudios.com; hroc.org.

CHESTER, VT.

Chester Congregational Church, 469 Main Street, Route 11 West

Sunday Service at 10 a.m. All are welcome. For more information, call 802-875-3382 or go to www.chestercongregational.org.

Alice Tier Emerson, 1923 - 2018

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Alice Tier Emerson, 94, passed away on Tuesday evening April 3, 2018 at Mt. Ascutney Hospital in Windsor, Vt. She was born Oct. 3, 1923 in Worcester, Mass., the daughter of Peter and Gabrielle (David) Marchand.

She was married to Frederik Tier. He predeceased her. She was later married to Waldo Emerson; he also predeceased her.

She was employed as an administrative assistant at the Fellows Gear Shaper for several years and also worked as switchboard operator at

the Springfield Hospital.

She is survived by one son Thomas Tier of Indiana, one daughter Allison Tier Kallsen of England, one sister Eileen Powell of New Hampshire, two grandchildren, and two great grandchildren. Also by nieces, nephews, and great nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by one brother Robert Marchand.

A graveside service will be held at a later date in the St. Mary's Cemetery in Springfield, Vt. Arrangements are under the direction of the Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield.

Albert C. Williams

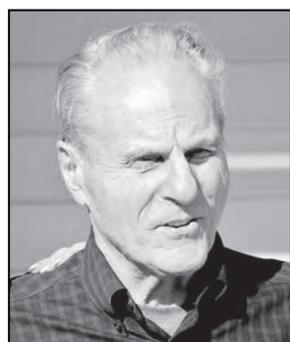
ANDOVER, Vt. - Albert Cressy Williams, 85, of Andover, Vt. passed away peacefully at his home on April 5, 2018, surrounded by his loving family.

He graduated from Chester High School in 1951. He was a foreman at Bryant Grinder Corporation for 39 years. His greatest passion was his family. His woodworking ability included design and construction of multiple homes as well as beautiful creations of furniture that will be passed down for many generations.

His hobbies included 24 years of Western square dancing, card and board games, jigsaw puzzles, and outdoor activities at family gatherings. He got pleasure out of attending his family's extra curricular activities and received great joy in helping others.

He is predeceased by his parents Cressy and Jessie Williams, brothers Ralph, Charles, David, Roger, sister Elise, and grandson Joshua Cole.

He is survived by his loving wife, Mary of 66 years; his children Gary and wife Marion from Port Richey, Fla.; Teri and Frank from Greenfield, N.H.; Sherry from Hancock, N.H.; Barry and wife Gerry from Andover, Vt.; seven grandchildren; 16 great grand children; and one great grandchild. One brother Arnold Williams of Rutland, Vt.; two sisters Arlene Shattuck of Granville, N.Y.



Albert C. Williams.

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and Marie Hart and her husband Donald of Weston, Vt. Sisters-in-law Millie Williams of Saxtons River, Vt., Jane Williams of Londonderry, Vt., and Sherry Williams of Dover, Del., and brother-in-law Keith Harrington of Ticonderoga, N.Y.

A celebration of life will be held on Saturday, April 14 at 2 p.m. at the Andover Community Church followed by a potluck reception. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Joshua Cole Memorial Fund, Town Clerks Office, Mount Holly, VT 05758.

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

Andover Community Church, 928 Weston-Andover Rd., Andover

Sunday school at 9:30 a.m. and worship service 10:45 a.m. For more information, go to www.andovercommunitychurch.org.

GRAFTON, VT.

The Grafton Church (UCC and ABC), 55 Main St.

Worship begins at 10 a.m. All are welcome!

LUDLOW, VT.

Annunciation Catholic Church, Corner of Depot and High St.

Mass on Saturday at 4:30 p.m. Sundays at 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. Call 802-228-3451

Tyson Congregational Church, Corner of Rt. 100 and Dublin Rd.

Regular worship begins at 10:30 on Sundays. 802-228-5114. All are welcome!

SPRINGFIELD, VT.

Holy Trinity Orthodox Church, 90 Park St.

Vespers on Saturdays at 5 p.m. and Liturgy on Sunday at 9:30 a.m. For more information, call 802-885-2615 or go to www.htocvt.org.

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

Sunday Masses at 9 a.m. and 6 p.m., Tuesday at 7 p.m. followed by Eucharistic Adoration. Thursday and Friday at 9 a.m. Confession on Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Contact the rectory at 802-885-3400.

Unitarian Universalist Church, 21 Fairground Rd.

Sunday, April 15 service will be "The Hidden Life of Trees," at 10 a.m., with JoAnn Gaffron-Hargrove. Trees, trees, trees! They are everywhere! We admire their beauty and majesty. They give us shelter, shade from the hot sun, and help clean the air we breathe. But there is something mysterious about trees: do they have feelings? Do they communicate? Do they have a life we know nothing about? Let us explore the hidden life of trees. All are welcome. www.uspringfieldvt.org or call 802-885-3327.

WALPOLE, N.H.

St. John's Church, corner of Westminster and Elm St.

Sunday school at 9:45 a.m. Services begin at 10 a.m., followed by coffee hour. For more information about Art After School program, our outreach efforts, call 603-756-4533.

ALL CHURCH SERVICES LISTED ONLINE AT WWW.VERMONTJOURNAL.COM. Click on "News" in the green menu, then "Obituaries & Services."

Sandra McAuliffe, 1944 - 2018

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Sandra Smith McAuliffe, 74, passed away peacefully on March 25, 2018 after a long battle with Parkinson's disease.

She was born in Bellows Falls, Vt. on March 2, 1944, the daughter of Arnold and Lena (Settanni) Smith. Sandi graduated from Bellows Falls High School in the class of 1962. She graduated from St. Luke's Hospital School of Nursing in New York City in 1965 and received her Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree from the University of Colorado (Boulder) in 1969.

Survivors include daughter Amy (Gregg) Cooper, three granddaughters Morgan, Shannan, and Danica Cooper; son Matthew McAuliffe; siblings Donna Rollins and William Smith; and many loving nieces and nephews. Her parents and brother, Michael Settanni, preceded her in death.

Per her request, there were no services. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, please donate to Heartland Hospice or to the local Parkinson's Foundation.

Virginia Y. Pailley, 1957-2018

CAVENDISH, Vt. - Virginia Y. Pailley passed away on Friday morning March 23, 2018 at the home of her mother in Springfield, Vt., surrounded by her loving family. She was born May 16, 1957 in New Haven, Conn., the daughter of Nicholas and Frances (Bethke) Busick. She received her education in Connecticut.

She was employed as an LPN in nursing homes and was a certified phlebotomist. She also worked at Mack Molding in Cavendish, Vt. and was a Reiki practitioner.

She loved spending time with her family and her dogs; she also enjoyed going to concerts, bingo, and bowling.

"Ginger was one of our strongest prayer warriors in our group who would pray over every prayer request posted on the group. She also would post a daily prayer for Wednesdays which she faithfully did until she fell sick. We will all miss Ginger's commitment to praying for other. She did that selflessly and with her whole heart in it. May her soul Rest In Peace."

She is survived by her mother Frances of Springfield, one son Scott Pailley and his wife Shawna of Chester; two daughters Tracy Johnson and



Virginia Y. Pailley, 1957-2018.

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her husband Dale of Cavendish and Christina Johnson of Keene, N.H.; four grandchildren Bruce Johnson III, Kyle Johnson, Jacob Pailley, and Emma Albert; and her longtime companion James Strong of Cavendish.

Contributions may be made in her memory to Greyhound Rescue & Adoption, 39 Rocky Ridge Rd, Fairfax, VT 05454.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at a later date. Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield, Vt. is assisting the family with arrangements.

Richard F. Svec, 1948-2018

CAVENDISH, Vt. - Richard F. Svec, 69, died suddenly at home on March 5, 2018. Rich was born June 21, 1948 in New York City to Victoria (Galbavy) Svec and Frank Svec. He grew up and attended schools in Ridgewood, N.J. In 1970, he married his high school sweetheart, Peggy (Parke) Svec.

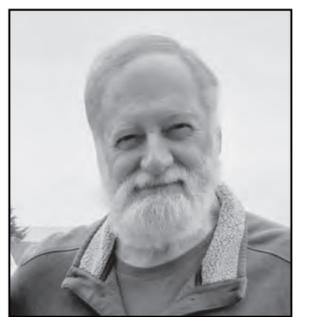
Rich earned a Bachelor of Science degree in psychology from Rider University in 1970. That degree led him to his first career as an administrator in the New Jersey Correctional System. He worked at the Trenton Maximum Security Prison and the Clinton Correctional Institution for Women.

After 11 years of prison administration, Rich and Peggy headed to Vermont where they owned land and had spent many years hiking, camping, and skiing. In Vermont, Rich started his second career as town manager in Cavendish. With total dedication and professionalism, he remained in that position until February of 2017, when he retired after 29 years of devoted service to his beloved community.

Rich continued his education throughout his lifetime, driven by an insatiable curiosity, keen interests, and his love of learning. He learned to fly single engine planes in the 1970s and earned his private pilot's license. In the 1980s, he armed himself with computer science and technology experience and taught college computer courses.

Having learned to sail as a teenager, from his friend and mentor Ned Parke, he spent three summers sailing the west coast of Scotland. Then in 1983, he and two other crewmembers sailed a 55-foot sailboat across the Atlantic.

His love for woodworking led him to build his own home. After taking a timber-framing course in 1982, Rich felled the necessary trees on their property and dedicated himself to building his oak post and beam house by hand. Their home reflects his attention to detail, knowledge, and skillful craftsmanship.



Richard Svec, 1948 - 2018.

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In 2010, Rich developed an interest in the sport of curling. As with his other interests, he educated himself on the history, rules, and strategies of the game and became an avid curler. He didn't settle for being just a participant of the sport, but enjoyed luring others to the ice and helping teach them the game he loved. His other interests and hobbies included: his adoring family; photography; Scrabble; nature; visiting our National Parks; fishing and stewardship of the land.

Rich is survived by his wife Peggy; son Max and fiancée Julie Markarian; daughter Kathryn and fiancé Wyl Everett; brothers Robert and Ronald; nephew Jeffrey and numerous other caring family members.

Advice from Rich: "Look up; live life to the fullest; hug your loved ones and tell them you love them often; be kind to others; always leave a place better than you found it and 'Good Curling!'"

Donations can be made in Rich's name to the Upper Valley Curling Club, 69 Kings Highway, West Windsor, VT 05089 and/or the Cavendish Family Fund, Cavendish Town Office, PO Box 126, Cavendish, VT 05142.

There will be a Celebration of Life and memorial dedication for Rich on the Green in Proctorsville, Vt. on June 16, 2018 from 2 to 4 p.m.

Sandra W. Moore, 1939 - 2018

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Sandra W. Moore, 78, passed away on Thursday evening April 5, 2018 at her home in Springfield, surrounded by her loving family. She was born Oct. 21, 1939 in Springfield, Vt., the daughter of Arnold D. and Viola (Taft) Whitcomb. She attended Springfield schools, graduating from Springfield High School class of 1958. She served in the United States Army in 1959.

She worked at Fair-Rite in Springfield, Vt., for the Springfield School District, and in early education. She later worked as a cashier at the Springfield Mobil.

She loved spending time with her family and loved her grandchildren and great grandchildren. She also loved animals.

She is survived by one son Jeffrey Moore of Bonners Ferry, Idaho; three daughters Diane Daniels of Springfield, Vt., Pamela Murray of Middlebury, Vt., and Julie Bartlett of Springfield, Vt.; one brother Roger Whitcomb of West Burke, Vt.; two sisters Nanci Hodgkins of Madison, Wis. and Joan Kendall of Pinehurst, N.C.; and by 12 grandchildren, 11 great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

A celebration of life service will be held at the convenience of the family. Contributions may be made in her memory to the Springfield Humane Society, 401 Skitchewaug Trail, Springfield, VT 05156.

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

Robert M. Siddall, 1934 - 2018

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Robert M. Siddall passed away at his home on Friday evening March 30, 2018 surrounded by his loving family. He was born Jan. 20, 1934 in Bantam, Conn., the son of Russell and Edith L. (Snyder) Siddall. He attended and graduated high school and tech school in Connecticut.

On May 14, 1966, he married Claudia Jane Rice in Trumbull, Conn. He was employed as tool and die maker with AFCO in Stratford, Conn. and later with Peoples Bank as a computer programmer.

He enjoyed working with computers, woodworking, and camping. He loved spending time with his family. He was an avid New York

Yankee's fan and an avid New York Giants fan.

He is survived his wife Jane; one son Robert and his children Victoria and Ryan; three daughters Becky and her daughter Melanie, Kathy and her children Kayleigh, Emily, and Lacey; and Christie and her children Brianna, Liam, and Craig; one sister Carol; one brother Leslie; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins. Also by best friends Bob and Bev Sobin, and Martin Bursque.

He was predeceased by two brothers, Tom and Jim.

A memorial gathering will be held at the convenience of the family. Davis Memorial Chapel is assisting with arrangements.

*Thank you
from the family of Hazel Beaulieu*

The family of Hazel Beaulieu would like to express their sincere appreciation to the Gill Home and staff for the excellent care and support of Hazel over the past seven plus years.

To the ladies and friends of the Ludlow Baptist Church, thank you so very much for all the delicious food provided for her Celebration of Life reception.

A very special thank you to Evelyn Turco on piano, Linda Clenworth and Dr. Joe Williams for the beautiful hymns, and Pastor Jerry for his wonderful service.

Special thanks also to my husband Mel and Jean Carr for your never-ending support during this very difficult time, it is so greatly appreciated. Thank you to all for the cards, phone calls, prayers, and food. You are all so very special to our families.

Finally, to all who donated in her memory to the Gill Home Activities Fund, we thank you so very much.

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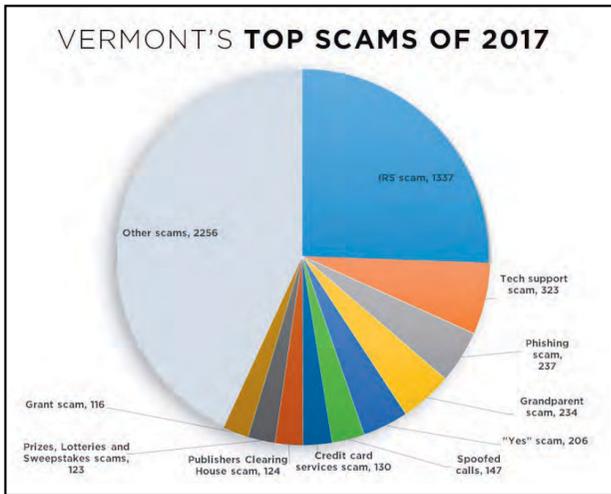
Attorney General, Tax Commissioner offer helpful tips as filing deadline nears

MONTPELIER, Vt. - Vermont's Attorney General and Tax Commissioner are urging Vermonters to avoid scams that could lure them into losing hundreds or thousands of dollars. State officials met at the Tax Department two weeks before the April 17 tax-filing deadline to warn Vermonters about the "IRS scam," identity theft, and what they can do to protect themselves.

"Don't be fooled," said Attorney General T.J. Donovan. "With tax season just around the corner we want Vermonters to be alert and avoid problems that could cost them money."

Donovan said that his office received over 5,000 calls reporting scam activity in the last year. More than 45 percent of those were related to the IRS scam. "The IRS will not call you if you owe them money; they send a letter," said Donovan. "If you aren't sure, hang up, and call the IRS directly."

Suzanne Marshall of Proctor, Vt. was recently called five times in one day by a scammer pretending to be an IRS agent. "I suspected that it was not actually the IRS," she said. "But, the calls really were harassing and they did try to trick me into believing it was the IRS. They were brazen enough to leave me voice-mail messages," she said. "I can see



Top scams in Vermont in 2017.

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how some people could fall into this trap."

Marshall said that in her case she didn't fall for the scam and instead called the Attorney General's office to report it.

The Attorney General's office and the Department of Taxes provide Vermonters with helpful tips to avoid scammers:

- Beware of unsolicited calls or emails
- Don't give out personal information

- Be alert to scare tactics - scammers demand immediate action or threaten arrest or court action
- Don't talk to them: hang up!
- Don't open attachments: hit delete!

Vermonters who want to report scam activity or sign up for Scam Alerts can contact the Attorney General's Consumer Assistance Program at www.uvm.edu/cap; or call 800-649-2424.

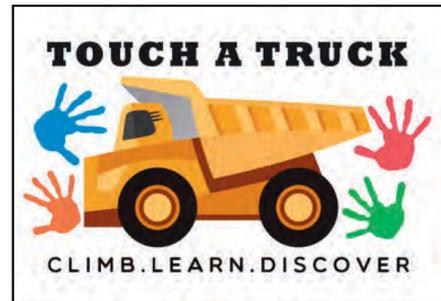
Touch-a-Truck returns for kids and adults to learn and explore

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - The Edgar May Health and Recreation Center is pleased to announce that a Touch-a-Truck event is coming to Springfield on April 28 from noon - 2 p.m. This is the same date as the 25th annual SAPCC Family Festival and effectively extends the fun that takes place inside the Riverside Middle School gymnasium from 9 a.m. to noon another two hours by moving the family outside into the parking lot for continued hands-on excitement, making this 25th year of celebrating the importance of quality experiences for young children bigger and better.

Touch-a-truck is not your typical car show. This event gives children and adults a chance to interact with not only the vehicles, but with the "heroes" that drive, operate, and maintain them. Young

children can watch the tractor bucket move, see the sirens flash, hear the horns and sirens blow, and learn about safety through fun, interactive games or simple conversation. Young and old can fulfill curiosities while learning and interacting with businesses and organizations from the community.

Food vendors will be onsite to offer lunch fare, and all manner of trucks, emergency vehicles, construction equipment, farming, rac-



Learn about trucks, how they operate, and the duties of the heroes running them.

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ing, and more are participating.

The event is still welcoming exhibitors, food vendors, safety volunteers, and in-kind sponsors and donations. If you are unable to show off a vehicle but want to contribute to the success of this free event, join the fun as a sponsor or supporter by providing food, a game, activity, or prizes! If you haven't been contacted by the Edgar May Health and Recreation Center and would like to participate, visit our website, or call 802-885-5046 to learn more.

Touch-a-Truck is made possible through the innovative S.T.E.P. partnership between the Edgar May Health and Recreation Center and the Springfield Area Parent Child Center.



From the garbage truck to the school bus, a police car to a fire engine, explore in and learn about them all.

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Schools seek connection with local dairy farms

MONTPELIER, Vt. - In a new report released by the Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food & Markets (VAAFM), Vermont schools called for an increased sourcing of Vermont-branded milk. While Vermont dairy farmers supply most of the milk served in Vermont schools, respondents reported difficulty finding milk from local distributors that also meet federal nutrition standards. The statewide survey, designed to inform the dairy industry about how Vermont

schools engage with fluid milk, provides valuable information to help milk processors, bottlers, and distributors connect directly with schools. Serving more than 13 million meals a year, Vermont schools demonstrate potential for market growth. The report includes recommendations and proposed projects schools and milk suppliers can use to build stronger relationships.

"Dairy farming is important to our economy, bringing in \$2.2 billion in

economic activity to Vermont each year," said Agriculture Secretary Anson Tebbets. "Vermont's schools are important to our dairy farmers. This report highlights an important partnership between farmers and schools that could lead to healthier students and a healthier rural economy."

The survey, open to all schools in Vermont, had 101 respondents, most of whom were food service managers serving 65 percent of Vermont K-12 students. The report details the challenges in milk service, and the interest among schools in changing how they serve milk. The survey indicated

that almost all schools responding participate in the National School Lunch Program and the School Breakfast program, which restricts the variety and amount of milk that schools can serve. Most schools - 76 percent - serve milk in cartons, while other schools utilize bulk coolers, gallon jugs, individual bottles, and various combinations of the aforementioned serving methods. While most schools aren't interested in changing their service methods, the report explores specific market opportunities for milk suppliers and distributors.

This report is a follow-up to the

2016 report, Milk Service in Vermont Schools: Decision Making Criteria, Best Practices and Case Studies, which aims to support schools in making informed decisions about milk service methods. This report was developed under the Vermont Farm to School Program, which helps schools develop and sustain relation-

ships with local producers, enrich the educational experience of children, improve the health of Vermont children, and enhance Vermont's agricultural economy.

To read the full report visit, www.agriculture.vermont.gov/producer_partner_resources/market_access_development/farm_school.

How can I gauge my risk tolerance?

REGION - Risk tolerance is an investment term that refers to your ability to endure market volatility. All investments come with some level of risk, and if you're planning to invest your money, it's important to be aware of how much volatility you can endure. Your tolerance for risk affects your choice of investments and the overall makeup of your portfolio.

If you are attempting to gauge your own tolerance for risk, consider the following factors:

Personality
Are you able to sleep at night knowing that you've put a portion of your hard-earned dollars at risk in a particular investment? Remember, it might be easy to tolerate a high-risk investment while it is generating double-digit returns, but consider whether you'll feel the same way if the market takes a downward turn with your investment leading the way. It's best to invest at a level of volatility that you are comfortable with.

Time horizon
The sooner you may need to use your investment dollars, the lower your risk tolerance. For example, for money you plan to use to make a down payment on a house in two years, your risk tolerance is lower

than if you're investing for retirement in 20 years. If you can keep your money invested for a long period of time, you may be able to ride out any downturns in the market - though time alone is no guarantee of higher returns.

Capacity for risk
How much can you afford to lose? Your capacity for risk depends on your financial position - i.e., your assets, income, and expenses. In general, the more resources or assets you have to fall back on, the higher your risk tolerance.

Many risk tolerance tests are widely available on the Internet and in books about investing. Most require that you answer a series of questions, and generate a score based on your answers. The score translates into a measure of your risk tolerance and may be matched with the types of investments that the author deems appropriate for someone with your risk profile. Although these tests may be helpful as a reference, your financial plan should be tailored to your unique circumstances. Don't hesitate to get expert help if you need it.

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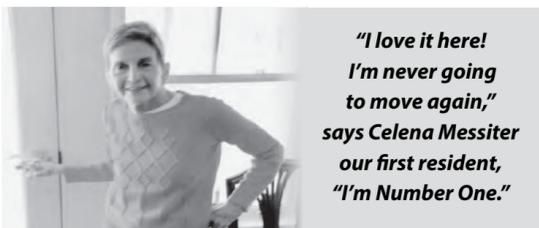
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THIS AND THAT

BY BILL MURPHY

The Vermont Journal & The Shopper

I am a newspaper man through and through. I have been one since I can remember. There are many parts to a newspaper. There are also a number of different kinds of newspapers. There are broadsheets of different sizes, and there are tabloids of different sizes. I prefer the broadsheet, but I am not picky.

When I was young, the first paper I remember is the Sunday Boston Globe. I went to my aunt and uncle's house, and my uncle was a newspaper addict.

He bought more than a half dozen a day. His favorites were all city papers. Now that I look closely back, he bought all tabloids. The Globe was never a tabloid, and we had that at home, but only on Sundays.

While others my age wanted the funnies, I settled for the sports page. It is not surprising that eventually I would end up writing for several. By the time I was 10, I would stop by my uncle's house almost every day. This is no fooling, I would read the sports pages of the Boston Herald, the Boston Record, the Boston Post, the New York Mirror, and the New York Daily News every day I could. In that day and age, they were all tabloids.

Some of those papers died, others merged, some even went to broadsheets. When I attended Vermont Academy, they sold the Boston Herald and the New York Times. I opted for the Herald, which by then had come full circle from a tabloid to a broadsheet. When I was in college, I settled on the Boston Globe and have stayed with that publication since. I have seen the local price go from a quarter to today's \$2.50 or \$2.75, depending where you buy your paper.

Sports is what brought me to my daily reading habit, and is what has allowed me to expand to write about the same area of the world's landscape.

If you are a regular reader of this column, you may be reading the weekly printed edition, or you could be reading it online. Of course, many people have moved to purely a digital world; we conveniently offer both. Hopefully, the majority of our readers still love the feel of the newspaper in their grasp as they read the section that interests them most.

While I build the printed newspaper up, the Vermont Journal and the Shop-

per is a special paper, sent to you free of charge, so you don't have to concern yourself with the rising prices.

Before going much further, I need to make a confession. I now subscribe to the Boston Globe online. Price and convenience drove me to this decision, but it was with a great deal of reluctance. I travel a lot and it was often difficult finding a paper on the road. But sitting down to read this at the computer just doesn't provide me with the relaxing feeling I have always found to come my way with print.

Yes, I know there are tablets and phones and a myriad of ways to enjoy the product, but my newspaper has been my pal since I was a young boy. It brings an enjoyable part to each day that will be gone before you know it.

By the way, I have one more confession before I close. I still sometimes pay cash for the paper edition of the Boston Globe. There are some days I just want to go back to the way it use to be. Call this throwing money away or whatever you want to call it. Newspapers are newspapers to me, and they always will be.

Those again who are regular readers and are reading this in your comfort zone, enjoy your day. We expect to be around for a while in this form, so sit back, relax, and enjoy. You might have quite a story to tell one day in the future about how things use to be back in the good old days.

If you would like to comment on this story or anything on the sports pages of this paper you can reach us at bmurphy@vermontjournal.com.

The McCarthy brothers, a preview of things to come?

BY BILL MURPHY

The Vermont Journal & The Shopper

CHESTER, Vt. - One evening this winter, after a basketball game at Green Mountain's Nason Gym, I stayed around and chatted with a number of people, as I often do after games. I noticed there were two young men, really intensely going at each other in some type of basketball competition between the two of them.

By the time I left Nason Gym, I learned the court competitors were the McCarthy brothers and remembered I had something about one of them in my "I hope I can find the time and space to write about this some time folder" back home. Upon checking, Green Mountain baseball coach Matt McCarthy had sent me something about his son, Dylan, competing in a Cooperstown Baseball Tournament the end of last summer.

I checked it out, and Dylan McCarthy competed in a Cooperstown Field of Dreams Tourney and his regional team - the Green Mountain Lightning - did well, breaking about even. They beat a good team from Orlando, Fla. along the way. There were a whopping 104 teams in the tournament.

McCarthy played pitcher, catcher, and shortstop on the Lightning team. Teams have to apply to participate in the event, and the structure of the event has 104 teams accepted each week for one of these tourneys. For anyone who has visited Cooperstown, N.Y., you have possibly seen the large number of fields a few miles out of town that can be seen from the road. What a complex!

I found out by placing a call to their father Matt McCarthy, that both McCarthy brothers - Dylan in 8th grade and Kaiden in 3rd grade -



Dylan McCarthy.

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play plenty of extra baseball, in addition to competing on their teams in Chester. Trips to play in the Albany, N.Y. area have become a staple over the years to participate in the Empire State Baseball League. Dylan will be headed back to Cooperstown again in 2018 to take part in a Wooden Bat Tournament. He will be competing on the Green Mountain Varsity baseball team this spring as an eighth grader, which is allowed in Division III. Both brothers play soccer and basketball as well.

When I spoke to Green Mountain basketball coach Brian Rapanotti about watching the fierce competition between the two brothers I

witnessed on the court that night and how competitive it was, despite the two boys age difference, Rapanotti said, "That doesn't surprise me one bit. Kaiden will die trying to keep up with his brother."

Matt and Dylan McCarthy wanted to extend gratitude to several entities that made donations, which made it possible for Dylan to have his Cooperstown experience. Big thanks go out to the Springfield Elks, BPOE #1560, Mike McCarthy's Painting, Stone Hearth Inn and Tavern, BWM Painting, Brad Pearson, and Terry Emerson.

Former Vermont Academy standout Brown declares for NBA Draft

BY BILL MURPHY

The Vermont Journal & The Shopper

SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. - Many of our readers have packed the Vermont Academy gym in recent seasons to watch quality prep basketball. You have seen many a star who went on to perform at the next level, both in a Vermont Academy uniform, as well as in the opponents' garb.

Now, there is a former star who made Williams Gym in Saxtons River his home court during his high school years and is likely moving on to the NBA.

"He put our program on the map, that's for sure," said coach Alex Popp in ringing words of endorsement Tuesday morning. Popp cherishes the contributions Bruce Brown made to the Vermont Academy program as a Wildcat.

Brown, who spent a couple of years in a Miami Hurricane uniform, recently declared for the NBA draft. Unfortunately, Brown missed the end of his sophomore season at Miami due to injury, but he proved to be a solid player in the Atlantic Coast Conference.

He was an academic all-league performer at Miami during his freshman season and averaged just short of 12 points a game for his career at the university. However, Brown was never about the numbers on the court despite the fact he put up some good ones.

When asked about whether Brown would end up a first round choice, Popp responded, "The consistent message that we are hearing is that he could go mid-to-late first round. Most franchises that might be interested already have their established stars and are



Former Vermont Academy star, Bruce Brown, has declared for the NBA Draft.

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looking for a fit for their system who can rebound. And the toughness Bruce brings is off the charts."

This past winter among my beats were the Dartmouth College men's basketball team, and two Bostonians were among the players in the team's starting five.

Guillien Smith didn't know Brown too well but had spoken to him a couple of times. However, he had an opinion of something he had seen. "I know he is tough and has a great

work ethic." Big Green Captain Miles Wright has known Brown a long time. "I grew up with Bruce and played in the same league since we were six or seven. I have seen him grow up as a ballplayer and a man. He is a terrific player, an incredible athlete, and he worked hard as a player to earn the distinction of being one of the top players in the country. Everyone knew when he put up 30 on North Carolina, he was a special player."

Gurney Field Day, a celebration of Springfield athletics

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - "Play ball!" Those are the words you'll hear on Saturday, May 12, 2018 for the 3rd annual Donald I. Gurney Sr. Field Day, a celebration of Springfield athletics.

The idea for this event came to fruition in 2016 when the booster club wanted to recognize Mr. Gurney not only as the founder of the Springfield Booster Club but also as a major contributor and supporter of Springfield and its youth. In continued collaboration with Springfield Parks & Rec Dept. and the Springfield School District, we are again ecstatic to present this year's event, which is bigger and better. We will be celebrating more than 300 athletes, grades K-12.

The day kicks off at 10 a.m. with a Parade of Athletes leaving from Veteran's Memorial Park on Route 106 and traveling to Riverside School. Besides our celebrated athletes, the parade will also include local Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops and Mr. Gurney's beloved Calliope. Once the athletes arrive at Riverside, they will be escorted onto Robinson Field for the opening ceremony with guest speaker Christian Craig acting as the day's MC. The opening ceremony

boasts live music, special guests, and a few surprises as always.

Baseball and softball games are scheduled to begin following the opening ceremony at 11:30 a.m. With at least 15 games planned, all five fields will be in use for continuous play. The basketball courts will have pickup games and the tennis courts will be in full swing as well. Off-season athletes have been invited along with their coaches to showcase their sports and put on fun clinics.

There will also be numerous activities including a dunk tank, bounce house, foot race, corn hole, and tents set up for face painting and a place to pick up official Gurney Field Day t-shirts and merchandise.

If you get hungry - which we're sure you will - we have three concession areas planned: at Robinson Field in the red building behind the back stop, at a pop up tent in the middle of the park, and at the pool house where you'll find a large tent with seating for family dining. The menus will include natural casing hot dogs; local grass fed beef burgers, pasta and potato salads, baked goods, chips, and all the sweets and drinks you can imagine. Oh, and let's not forget the popcorn.

Youth games will include opponents from our own Springfield teams and surrounding towns - Chester, Charlestown, and Ludlow. JV Baseball will play Burr & Burton, and JV Softball will face off against St. Johnsbury. At 4:30 p.m., varsity baseball takes on Green Mountain and at 7 p.m. under the lights varsity softball squares off against Green Mountain.

The Springfield Booster Club, Springfield Parks & Recreation Department, and Springfield School District would like to invite you to be part of this event - to celebrate our community, our athletes, and our youth.

Donations to make this year's event even more incredible and sustainable for future years are greatly appreciated and can be sent to the Springfield Booster Club, P.O. Box 666, Springfield, VT 05156. We also welcome donations of goods and services. For more information, call 802-886-1070 or hunner1@gmail.com with questions. Be sure to like us on Facebook for all updates at Springfield, VT Booster Club. See you at the field.

Unified Springfield defeats Leland & Gray, 34-22

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Springfield brings in their third win against Leland & Gray on April 9 making their winning record to 3-1. Leland & Gray's pep band kept both teams running up and down the court to bring the final score to 34-22. Springfield's Jayden Thurber scored his first two points of the season with an offensive rebound and a shot back up to the basket to bring home 34 points home with the Cosmos.

The evening's victory was a contribution of many. Lance Robinson scored 8 points and had 9 rebounds. Evan Hall scored 8 points and had 5 rebounds. Freshman, Jason Supry scored his first 2 points of the season with a pass from partner Paul Dana with Jason dribbling and

shooting from down low along with two rebounds. Gavin Glidden and Falisha Maly each contributed with three rebounds.

Leland & Gray's Mckade Beattie came out strong to score a total of 8 points and Teresa Derosia scored 6 points. Ben Stone scored 4 points with a 3-pointer and a free throw shot. Sammie Pelton and Michael Derosia each chipped in 2 points.

This year's Springfield team is young with many new players. The

excitement for the coaches is when the young players are learning the new skills and scoring points for the first time. To see the smile on their face after they have scored is worth millions.

Their goal as a team is always to have fun; but when you win and have fun, it is even better.

A huge "thank you" to our traveling fans. Springfield returned to Dressler Gym to play Brattleboro at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, April 10.



Springfield's Unified Basketball team.

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Spring
is quickly approaching

Homes
improvements are upon us

Springfield Curb Appeal Challenge opens April 14

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Have you been thinking about upgrading your home or yard to make it more attractive? Now is the time to act! The second annual Springfield Curb Appeal Challenge opens on Saturday, April 14.

The Curb Appeal Challenge contest offers homeowners or tenants the chance to enter their home or garden improvement to win a Grand Prize of \$500, a second prize of \$200, or a Biggest Bang for the Buck prize of \$150.

Bibens Home Center, Woodbury's Landscaping, and Sherwin-Williams Paints are offering contest entrants discounts on materials to improve the landscaping of their yard or the exterior of their home.

And that's not all. If you want to make an improvement but aren't sure where to begin, the Curb Appeal Challenge organizers will arrange for a free one-time consultation from the Springfield Garden Club or real estate

professional Lori Muse.

So get in on the fun! Take advantage of the discounts, and maybe even win a prize.

When you consider your home or yard improvements, don't forget that contest entries must be visible from the street, started this spring, and completed by Aug. 30, 2018. All homeowners from Springfield and North Springfield are invited to enter. Tenants are also invited to enter if their entry includes a note from the homeowner approving the project.

The Curb Appeal Challenge is sponsored by organizations supporting the Springfield community spirit, including Mascoma Bank, Bibens Ace Home Center, Woodbury's Landscaping, Sherwin-Williams paints, the Springfield Reporter, Muse & Associates, and Union/Park Neighborhood Association.

If you'd like more information about the contest, call 802-885-6388 or re-



Improve your curb appeal for a chance to win a prize!

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quest information from upnainc@gmail.com. If you already know you want to enter the contest, go to www.

upna.wufoo.com/forms/2018-springfield-vermont-curb-appeal-challenge.

Henry Homeyer to speak on invasive plants at 8th annual Garden Event

WALPOLE, N.H. - Helping people grow is at the heart of what we do at Parks Place Community Resource Center. In 2011, we began hosting an annual gardening event reflective of this theme and we are pleased to welcome back Henry Homeyer as guest speaker of our 8th annual Garden Event.

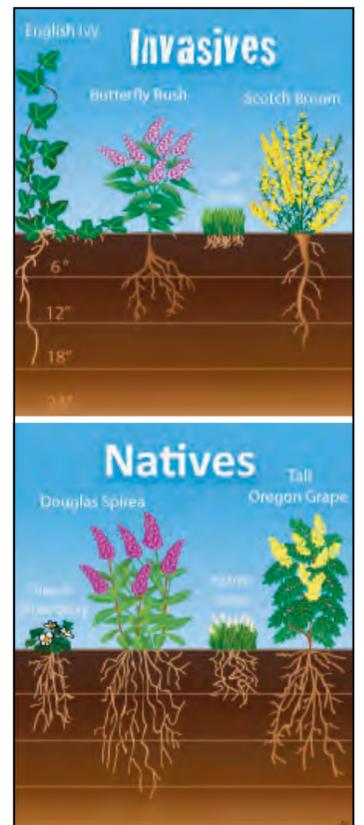
Homeyer is a life-long organic gardener who writes a weekly gardening column that appears in 12 newspapers around New England and will be discussing invasive plants: what are they, how to get rid of them, and what to replace them with.

Our 2018 event will take place on April 22, at the picturesque Alyson's Orchard in Walpole, N.H. from 2-5 p.m. and will include a silent auction, a presentation on "trending houseplants" by Halladay's Flowers and Harvest Barn, a variety of gifts by Grafton Grown Lavender Products, shrubs and plants for sale from Morning Star Perennials & Nursery, and a Master Gardener's exhibit. Admission is by donation and all proceeds benefit Parks Place.

Sponsors of this year's event include: Burtco, Cota & Cota, Mascoma Savings Bank, MJS Lawncare, Savings Bank of Walpole, Silver Forest of Vermont, Vermont Country Store, and Whitney Blake Company.

Parks Place brings health and human services directly to residents of the Greater Falls Community, services that would otherwise be inaccessible. We are home to over 40 agen-

cies, which provide individuals and families the opportunity to make lasting, positive change in their lives. Thank you for support of this event. For Garden Event updates, check us out at www.parksplacevt.org or Facebook.com/ParksPlaceVT/ or you can call Parks Place Community Resource Center at 802-463-9927.



Invasives and Natives. Learn about invasive plants, and what you can replace them with.

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Join the all-organic community garden this spring

LUDLOW, Vt. - The Ludlow Area Community Garden is open to all residents of Ludlow and neighboring towns. The fenced garden is located in the Fletcher Farm on Route 103, at the border between Ludlow and Proctorsville. UVM Extension Master Gardeners are available to assist gardeners. To sign up and reserve a plot, come to one of our next two meetings on Wednesday, April 18 at noon and at 7 p.m. at United Church of Ludlow. Please use entrance on back by Elm St. parking area.



Join the Ludlow Community Garden and grow your own vegetables and flowers. PHOTO PROVIDED

Individual 10-foot by 10-foot plots are used to grow vegetables, flowers, and herbs. Shared plots are used for growing asparagus, rhubarb, and a mini-orchard. The shared plots require less labor per person and are open to all gardeners. Waist-high

raised beds are available.

There is a separate enclosed area dedicated to food scrap composting. This is an educational project made possible through a Grow Grant from the New England Grassroots Environmental Fund and the support from the Composting Association of Vermont, the Vermont Community Garden Network, and UVM Extension Master Gardener Program.

The annual plot fee includes the use of many garden tools, hoses, tiller, carts, water for irrigation, compost, and other materials. Scholarship plots are available upon request. For more information or to sign up, call Fran Webb at 802-875-2064, Bob Kottkamp at 802-228-6282, Gary MacIntyre at 802-228-7178, or Rosa Donohue at 802-228-7496.



Learn about hydroponics

CHARLESTOWN, N.H. - Lifestyle Matters of Charlestown, N.H. will sponsor a hydroponics workshop given by Casey Hodge, owner of Southern Vermont Hydroponics in Mount Holly, Vt. Hodge will discuss how to grow your own nutritious food indoors year round. His presentation will introduce you to the exciting world of hydroponics and will include a general overview of the different types of systems with an emphasis on the method which is most used for the home.

Come and learn why hydroponic growing is an excellent option in many different situations. This workshop will take place on April 22, at 5 p.m., in St. Luke's Parish Hall, located at 188 Main Street in Charlestown, N.H.

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Why solar hot water?

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Scott Hitchcock of Abundant Solar Resources wonders why more people aren't trying to save money by installing solar hot water. Everyone enjoys a hot shower. Everyone has dishes to do and clothes to wash. Everyone has to make hot water to accomplish these regular tasks, so why not save fuel or electricity by making hot water from the sun.

water system looks like," Hitchcock answers. "To supplement an electric water heater it could be as low as \$3,500. I have installed systems that make hot water and help with heat too. Those can be much more expensive, with one example selling for \$27,000 to a customer building a new, highly efficient home. I guess the average is around \$11,000, but there's also a 30 percent federal tax credit, so the final investment would be around \$7,700." Hitchcock adds that a typical system can pay for itself in 5-7 years.

"It's not difficult," says Hitchcock. "If you have a sunny spot near your house, a collector or panels can be installed, and energy from the sun can be moved and stored in the form of hot water. I think people just don't know it's here. I've been doing it for 11 years in Vermont and New Hampshire." Hitchcock has worked in many aspects of the solar industry, installation, retail and wholesale sales, and distribution. He restarted his business in December of 2016, and has moved with the demand for maintenance on older systems over the past year.

What does it cost? "It really depends on what your existing hot

Why aren't more people installing solar thermal systems? "There aren't many people talking about it. There are a lot of companies selling PV systems (solar electric). You don't need a lot of experience to install a grid-tie PV system, and



Scott Hitchcock, owner of Abundant Solar Resources, giving a presentation on the return on your investments on solar hot water. PHOTO PROVIDED



Collector. PHOTO PROVIDED

that solar hot water is more efficient than making electricity from solar panels. Solar thermal collectors are around 40 percent efficient, while solar electric panels top efficiencies are at 20-25 percent. Interested in a solar hot water system? Abundant Solar Resources is offering 10 percent off through June 1. Call Scott Hitchcock at 802-886-6474 or email realdealsh@gmail.com.

the payback is easier to demonstrate clearly," His observation is that people just aren't being told that it's available. "It's become my mission to talk about it," he says. "I just think that anyone who can take advantage of a free energy source should know the best ways to do that."

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outdoor news

Okemo skiers and riders return from NASTAR nationals with medals

LUDLOW, Vt. - With 28 racers, Okemo Mountain Resort was the second-best represented resort at the 2018 NASTAR Nationals at Squaw Valley, Calif., and placed fourth overall out of 63 resorts. Team Okemo won the Silver Division of the team race. The Blount Family had a very strong showing taking second place in the family race.

Twenty-one of the racers made the podium in their respective age groups.

Bronze Division -
Mary McDonald - 2nd place
Silver Division -
Joanne Brissette - 1st place
Barb Brumbaugh - 1st place
Archie Cameron - 1st place
Luke Cronin - 1st place
Stephen Ludwig Sr. - 2nd place

Ryan Cameron - 3rd place
Kyra Dwyer - 3rd place
Gold Division -
Lauchie Cameron - 1st place
Herb Maierle - 1st place
Bob Morell - 1st place
Jen Blount - 2nd place
Cami Blount - 3rd place
Jim Blount - 3rd place

Platinum -
Christine Jenne - 2nd place
Pat Moore - 2nd place
Chloe Blount - 3rd place
Dylan Edwards - 3rd place
Snowboard -
Lauchie Cameron - 1st place
Pat Moore - 1st place

NASTAR stands for National Standard Race and is the largest public grassroots ski-racing program in the world. Founded in 1968, NASTAR

gives recreational racers an opportunity to compete and compare their scores to friends and family regardless of when and where they race using the NASTAR handicap system. NASTAR was developed by SKI Magazine in 1968 and now boasts more than 100,000 races at more than 100 resorts around the country. Racers are scored with a handicap system that provides participants with a tangible number, or handicap, that represents their ability against U.S. Ski Team athletes and pacesetters. Today, NASTAR is operated by the U.S. Ski and Snowboard Association.

For information about Okemo Mountain Resort, please call 802-228-1600 or visit www.okemo.com.

A week of special nature programs for Earth Day

GRAFTON, Vt. - In celebration of Earth Day and of local schools' vacations, the Nature Museum, located at 186 Townshend Road in Grafton, Vt., is offering five days of interactive environmental programs for the whole family over spring break! In addition to the museum's regular visiting hours, we invite you to join our environmental educators every day from Tuesday, April 17 to Saturday, April 21 for special nature programs that will be fun for all ages. Visiting hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day and guided nature programs begin at 11 a.m. Saturday will include a special Abenaki and Nature program and Earth Day Cake.

Each day, experienced educators will lead guests through a new nature adventure. Guided programs include "Eagles, Hawks, & Owls: Predators of the Sky," "Amphibians on the Move," and "Boom! Flash! Recipes for Thunderstorms." These programs use indoor and outdoor time, hands-on items, scavenger hunts, games, and more to bring the whole family in on the fun. After the programs, we invite you to explore the museum: crawl



Earth Day with the Nature Museum.

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through an underground bear den, dig for fossils, and dress up as your favorite wild creature. Get outside with a trail map, try out a nature exploration kit on our trails, or enjoy a picnic with your family.

At the Nature Museum, we believe

that everybody deserves the opportunity to learn, enjoy, and explore their wild side. Therefore, we strive to keep our costs low. Admission to our spring break programs, and to the museum itself, is by donation. Guided nature programs begin at 11 a.m., and the Earth Day Party will be at 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 21. The museum will also extend open hours to include Thursday and Friday for the entire month of April.

Visit www.nature-museum.org for details on each day's scheduled nature program and the adventures that await you! Take this muddy, messy, beautiful season as an opportunity to go outdoors with your family and make memories which you will treasure for years to come.

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Vernal pool walk on Earth Day

WESTMINSTER, Vt. - Saturday, April 21 is Earth Day. What better way to celebrate the bounty, fragility, complexity, and interconnectedness in the natural world than by taking a guided walk to examine some vernal pools and the fascinating creatures that depend upon them for survival and reproduction! Becky Chalmers, wetland ecologist for the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources, will lead this family-oriented program from 10 a.m. to noon. She'll discuss the different animals found in vernal pools and Vermont's rules to protect those special places and their inhabitants. Last year's discoveries included fingernail clams, fairy shrimp, spotted salamanders, and wood frogs.

All ages are welcome and should wear waterproof boots. Meet at Westminster West Church at 44 Church Street in Westminster to carpool to the mystery site. No bug repellent is allowed on your



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sure there is no change in the meeting location or to learn about other free programs offered by the Windmill Hill Pinnacle Association. Look on the website under resources for directions to the church.

Forest Service to use prescribed fire to improve wildlife habitat

RUTLAND, Vt. - Green Mountain National Forest (GMNF) officials announced on April 6, 2018 that they, in partnership with local fire departments and land management agencies are planning to use prescribed fire to treat approximately 200 to 600 acres of the more than 400,000-acre national forest. The Forest Service says that it will use prescribed fire as a management tool to reduce heavy accumulations of grass and brush to reduce the potential for large uncontrollable wildfires, to restore critical wildlife habitat, regenerate early successional growth, and improve overall watershed conditions on the national forest in Vermont.

In the coming weeks, GMNF fire personnel will use prescribed fire in certain areas on the forest. The prescribed fires are not likely to impact local residents, although smoke will be visible from the surrounding area. Nearby residents may smell smoke. The timing of the prescribed burns depends on weather and vegetation conditions that meet very specifically defined limits - called the "prescription" - so the ignition dates are subject to some adjustment, though the "burn window" is not likely to ex-

ceed more than six weeks. The Forest Service will announce additional details on burn locations closer to the date of planned ignition. If a burn cannot be completed during the designated burn window, or soon after, it will likely be postponed until the fall of 2018.

Prior to each prescribed fire, crews will have already prepared the burn area by constructing control lines on the ground. On the first day of ignition, crews will further secure the burn perimeter by "blacklining," a method of applying fire to a strip of vegetation immediately inside the control lines, to create a wide barrier that contains the fire within the designated area. Once the blacklining area is secure, firefighters will use ignition devices to light vegetation in the interior of the burn area.

Prescribed fire restores declining wildlife habitat and improves watershed conditions. The areas planned for burning are now overgrown with thick brush and have been identified by the Forest Service as being critical wildlife habitat. Plants in the area used as forage by wildlife have become coarse, dense, and overcrowded. The post-fire landscape will support a more diverse variety of grasses and forbs, which will be more palatable and nutritious for

wildlife species. Each burn site will be closed to the public, and access will be limited for the duration of prescribed fire activities. If it is necessary to temporarily close forest roads and trails, the Forest Service will notify the public of these closures by posting signs. Such closures will be subject to modification based on the actual date of ignition during the burn window. Firefighter and public safety will be the highest priority for each prescribed fire.

The U.S. Forest Service is an agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, with a mission of sustaining the health, diversity, and productivity of the nation's forests and grasslands to meet the needs of present and future generations. Recreational activities on the country's national forests contribute \$14.5 billion annually to the U.S. economy. The agency manages 193 million acres of public land, provides assistance to state and private landowners, and maintains the largest forestry research organization in the world. The Forest Service's eastern region includes 20 states in the Midwest and East, stretching from Maine, to Maryland, to Missouri, to Minnesota. There are 17 national forests and one national tallgrass prairie in the eastern region.

Deer ages available on Fish and Wildlife's website

REGION - Hunters who provided the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department with a tooth from their deer last year can now

find out how old their deer was by visiting the department's website, www.vtfishandwildlife.com.

Hunters submitted 2,808 teeth

from the bucks they took during the November rifle deer season. Combined with the 1,207 deer examined by biologists at reporting stations during the youth and rifle seasons, biologists were able to get accurate ages for 4,015 deer.

"We are thankful to the thousands of hunters who were willing to support our deer management efforts by bringing their deer to a biological reporting station or providing us with a tooth from their deer," said Deer Project Leader Nick Fortin. "We are also grateful to the reporting stations that helped collect teeth from the deer they reported. This effort would not have been as successful without their assistance."

If a hunter's deer was three years old or older and it wasn't examined by a biologist at a reporting station, Fish & Wildlife would like a picture of its antlers. To help, hunters can send a picture (or two) to Antler-Pics@vermont.gov. Pictures should clearly show all antler points. Please include your name and Conservation ID, or other identifying information in the email.

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Dan Scott Designs is an architectural design service in Westminster, Vt. for drafting of architectural plans, renderings, and site simulations. Owner Dan Scott specializes in residential home designs, but he also drafts commercial plans. Past projects include the River Garden in Brattleboro, historic restorations for Windham Housing Trust in Brattleboro, and Windsor High School in Windsor.

"My interest in architecture started early, as in building forts in the back woods, but it took hold at age twelve when my father decided to build a summer home on a lake in Maine," Scott recalled. His father drew up the construction plans himself and recruited his three sons as builders. The whole project was "trial and error," but the end result was a three-bedroom chalet with a wrap around porch and a passion for architecture.

The family project sparked a lifelong admiration for design and construction. Scott went to the Massachusetts College of Art to study architectural design, but was discouraged when most of the work revolved around urban design. He graduated with a bachelor's degree in sculpture instead. He has created and sold many sculptures and still enjoys sculpting when he has the time. But he really "likes building big things." Between that and a desire to raise his family in the country, Scott turned back to architecture.



In 1985, Scott started working with Winter Panel, building timber frame homes and cultivating more knowledge from the builders. He has worked on many historical restoration projects to bring buildings up to code while preserving the antiquity of the structures. These projects include the Brick House Hotel in Brattleboro and the Howard and Exner Block buildings in Bellows Falls.

Scott started his own business in 1994 and does any projects from plans for decks to dorm rooms, to plans for houses and factories. His primary passion is residential design and his niche is renderings - showing homeowners what they're getting before it is built.

Dan Scott Designs works on projects throughout southern Vermont. To contact Scott, call 802-463-1961, email dscott@comcast.net, or check out his website.



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ANDOVER, Vt. - The Countryside Caretaker is now taking applications for full- and part-time help. Duties include lawn care, landscaping, and property maintenance. Must be 18. 802-875-2706 or bgwill@vermontel.net (05/08)



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GRAFTON, Vt. - Wilson and Lawrence Inc. is now hiring help for the summer tennis court reconditioning season. Please call 802-843-2436 for job applications, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. (04/17)

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Springfield. Bring spring into your yard or home and paint your own rustic daffodils on half a wood pallet. Brighten up your porch, shed, or home and join Mona for our first painted pallet class! There is a fee. Register online at www.artgymvt.com. If you would love to take this class and are concerned about cost please contact us by emailing springfieldartgym@gmail.com

WINDSOR, Vt. – Blake Hill Preserves is holding a Rhubarb and Ginger Chutney Class on Saturday, April 14 from 9:30 a.m. to noon at their shop in Artisans Park in Windsor. Blake Hill Preserves Master Class series offers hands on classes in the art of fine preserve making by one of the nation's leading experts. Learn the basics of fruit preparation, cooking, setting and safe canning practices. Take home a complimentary jar of the variety we make together in

class, a detailed recipe card, and enjoy a discount off all jar purchases in our unique Specialty Preserves Shop.

TUESDAY, APRIL 17, WEDNESDAY APRIL 18 & THURSDAY APRIL 19 - SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Students age 8 and up are invited to a papermaking workshop for kids on April 17, 18, and 19 from 1 to 3:30 p.m. at the Springfield Parks & Rec building at 139 Main St. in Springfield. Diane Kemble from Gallery at the VAULT is leading this fun vacation workshop. We'll start with torn up paper and water and churn it up in a special blender. Then we'll add dried flowers, colored threads, and other surprises, press through a screen, dry and iron. This unique paper can be used to make cards, books, nightlights, collages, and other creations. There is a suggested donation. Register at VAULT on 68 Main St. (802-885-7111) or at Parks & Rec, or email dkemble@vermontel.net. Adults, if interested, we'll schedule additional sessions for you.

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

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

FRIDAY, APRIL 13 - ROCKINGHAM, Vt. - Bartonsville Grange is holding their Monthly Dinner on Friday, April 13 from 5 – 7 p.m. at 116 Upper Bartonsville Road, in Rockingham. Menu includes Shake n' Bake Chicken with all the fixings and a variety of desserts. Children under the age of 5 are free. If you have any questions, please call 802-376-5504.

MONDAY, APRIL 16 - CHESTER, Vt. – Please join the Chester Senior Citizens Club for their monthly luncheon meeting at 11:30 a.m. on Monday, April 16, at the Chester Congregational Church on Main Street. Our speaker will be Chester Police Detective Andy Brothers who will provide safety tips for seniors who live alone. Don't miss this informative presentation! If you need a ride, just call Georgia at 802-875-6242. Hope to see you there.

TUESDAY, APRIL 17 - WEATHERSFIELD, Vt. – The Weathersfield Monthly Potluck is happening on Tuesday, April 17, at noon at the Perkinsville Community Church Vestry. All are welcome. Bring a hot dish, salad or dessert. Paper goods, beverages and utensils will be provided. For more information contact Lorraine Zigman 802-263-5245 or email lzigman@comcast.net.

EVENTS

FRIDAY, APRIL 13 - WALPOLE, N.H. - On Friday, April 13, 7 p.m. at the Walpole Town Hall, there will be a talk about bobcats in New Hampshire. Please join Patrick Tate, N.H. Fish & Game furbearer biologist, for a discussion of the natural history, habits, past research efforts, and continued monitoring projects of this fascinating mammal. The program is free of charge but donations are welcomed. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. for a fundraising event for the Hooper Institute Summer High School Work Program. For two decades, Walpole teens have been placed at local farms and agricultural operations in town. While learning about our local working landscape, students also develop work skills that will benefit them for life.

ANDOVER, Vt. – Andover Community Church is hosting a Friday evening choir concert on April 13 at 7 p.m. Presented by the Ministry Arts Team of Ephrata Mennonite School, Ephrata, Pa., the choir includes 35 high school students, and their 2018 tour program centers on the "Believer's call to faith." Their repertoire includes four-part singing, with many of their selections sung a cappella. A free-will offering will be taken. For more information, contact co-pastors Steve Knisely at 802-875-1670 or Daryl Martens at 802-875-3958.

FRIDAY, APRIL 13 & SATURDAY, APRIL 14 - BROWNSVILLE, Vt. – Please come to the Nearly New Rummage & Bake Sale at the Brownsville Town Hall on Friday, April 13 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. There will also be a half price sale on Saturday, April 14 from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Proceeds to support the W. Windsor Historical Society.

ACWORTH, N.H. – The Females Charitable Society of the United Church of Acworth, N.H. will hold their Spring Rummage Sale on Friday, April

TOWN OF LONDONDERRY NOTICE OF TAX SALE

The resident and non-resident owners, lien holders and mortgagees of property in the Town of Londonderry, in the County of Windham and State of Vermont, are hereby notified that the taxes assessed by such Town for the 2015, 2016 and 2017 tax years remain, either in whole or in part, unpaid on the following described property in such Town, to wit:

It being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Barton Coburn by Warranty Deed of Milton Thomas Coburn, dated May 30, 2017 and recorded on June 2, 2017 in Book 79 at Pages 766-767 of the Londonderry Land Records.

(Parcel #019009-502; E911 address: 61 Coburn's Way.) And pursuant to 32 V.S.A. Section 5254, so much of such property will be sold at public auction at the Town of Londonderry Office, a public place located at 100 Old School Street, S. Londonderry, Vermont, on the 11th day of May 2018, at 10:00 a.m., as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid.

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(Parcel #110030; E911 address: 125 Rest Haven Lane.) And pursuant to 32 V.S.A. Section 5254, so much of such property will be sold at public auction at the Town of Londonderry Office, a public place located at 100 Old School Street, S. Londonderry, Vermont, on the 11th day of May 2018, at 10:00 a.m., as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid.

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(Parcel #104011; E911 address: 3590 Route 100.) And pursuant to 32 V.S.A. Section 5254, so much of such property will be sold at public auction at the Town of Londonderry Office, a public place located at 100 Old School Street, S. Londonderry, Vermont, on the 11th day of May 2018, at 10:00 a.m., as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid.

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It being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Ronald Underwood and Emily Underwood by Executors Deed of Hope M. Gardiner and Harlan Gardiner, Co-Executors of the Estate of Trudi S. Gardiner, dated January 25, 2013 and recorded on February 13, 2013 in Book 68 at Page 655 of the Londonderry Land Records.

(Parcel #112024; E911 address: 3.32 +/- acres of land N/S Route 11 W at Langrove Road) And pursuant to 32 V.S.A. Section 5254, so much of such property will be sold at public auction at the Town of Londonderry Office, a public place located at 100 Old School Street, S. Londonderry, Vermont, on the 11th day of May 2018, at 10:00 a.m., as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid.

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It being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Scott Repinski and Jennifer Repinski by Warranty Deed of Hearthstone Village, Ltd, dated October 20, 2001 and recorded on November 1, 2001 in Book 58 at Pages 348-350 of the Londonderry Land Records.

(Parcel #104020-500; E911 address: +/-10.04 acres of land E/S Route 100) And pursuant to 32 V.S.A. Section 5254, so much of such property will be sold at public auction at the Town of Londonderry Office, a public place located at 100 Old School Street, S. Londonderry, Vermont, on the 11th day of May 2018, at 10:00 a.m., as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid.

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It being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Ronald Underwood, Jr by Warranty Deed of Hearthstone Village, Ltd dated January 29, 2008 and recorded January 31, 2008 in Book 64 at Page 108 of the Londonderry Land Records; and a 2007, 64' X 28' Titan mobile home thereon, conveyed by Vermont Mobile Home Uniform Bill of Sale of Moores Auto, dated January 29, 2008 and recorded on July 31, 2008 in Book 60 at Pages 109-110 of the Londonderry Land Records.

(Parcel #104020-600; E911 address: 100 Old Farm Road) And pursuant to 32 V.S.A. Section 5254, so much of such property will be sold at public auction at the Town of Londonderry Office, a public place located at 100 Old School Street, S. Londonderry, Vermont, on the 11th day of May 2018, at 10:00 a.m., as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid.

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TOWN OF LONDONDERRY NOTICE OF TAX SALE

The resident and non-resident owners, lien holders and mortgagees of property in the Town of Londonderry, in the County of Windham and State of Vermont, are hereby notified that the taxes assessed by such Town for the 2015, 2016 and 2017 tax years remain, either in whole or in part, unpaid on the following described property in such Town, to wit:

It being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Richard C. Jung and Linda F. Jung, Trustees for The Jung 1995 Trust dated July 21, 1995, by Quitclaim Deed of Linda Fay Jung and Richard C. Jung, dated July 21, 1995 and recorded on September 25, 1995 in Book 52 at Pages 509-510 of the Londonderry Land Records.

(Parcel #110001; E911 address: 0.68 +/- acres of land - N/S Route 11 E.) And pursuant to 32 V.S.A. Section 5254, so much of such property will be sold at public auction at the Town of Londonderry Office, a public place located at 100 Old School Street, S. Londonderry, Vermont, on the 11th day of May 2018, at 10:00 a.m., as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid.

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It being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Ridge Resort Holdings, LLC by Warranty Deed of Magic Carpet Properties, Inc. dated August 17, 2005 and recorded on September 13, 2005 in Book 62 at Pages 356-358 of the Londonderry Land Records.

(Parcel #070004-200; E911 address: 20.12 +/- acres of land at Magic Mountain) And pursuant to 32 V.S.A. Section 5254, so much of such property will be sold at public auction at the Town of Londonderry Office, a public place located at 100 Old School Street, S. Londonderry, Vermont, on the 11th day of May 2018, at 10:00 a.m., as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid.

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It being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Emanuel Contos by Warranty Deed of Judith B. Suski, dated October 13, 1993 and recorded on October 22, 1993 in Book 51 at Pages 31-32 of the Londonderry Land Records.

(Parcel #066072; E911 address: 104 Tallwood Circle.) And pursuant to 32 V.S.A. Section 5254, so much of such property will be sold at public auction at the Town of Londonderry Office, a public place located at 100 Old School Street, S. Londonderry, Vermont, on the 11th day of May 2018, at 10:00 a.m., as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid.

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It being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Roman Kozak by Warranty Deed of Trustco Bank, New York, dated October 30, 1992 and recorded on November 21, 1992 in Book 50 at Page 46 of the Londonderry Land Records.

(Parcel #070200-043; E911 address: 113 Trailside Condos Unit 2-7, Magic Mountain.) And pursuant to 32 V.S.A. Section 5254, so much of such property will be sold at public auction at the Town of Londonderry Office, a public place located at 100 Old School Street, S. Londonderry, Vermont, on the 11th day of May 2018, at 10:00 a.m., as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid.

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LEGAL NOTICES/HELP WANTED

calendar

EVENTS CONT.

FRIDAY, APRIL 13 & SATURDAY, APRIL 14 CONT.

13 from 4 to 7 p.m. and Saturday, April 14 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. They will be selling clothing, household goods and white elephants.

SATURDAY, APRIL 14 - BELLOWS FALLS, Vt.

- Village Square Booksellers in Bellows Falls - assisted by New Hampshire author and poet Jim Fowler - will host 2nd Saturday Open Mic on Saturday April 14 at 1 p.m. The Open Mic is held by having poets take turns reading from their works or a favorite book. The poets sit around a circle, so there is no need to be nervous about standing in front of a room for newbie poetry readers. Call 802-463-9404 for event reservations.

SUNDAY, APRIL 15 - CHESTER, Vt.

- Gassetts Grange in Chester will be having our monthly Jamboree on Sunday, April 15, from 1 - 4 p.m. We will have Raffle and 50/50 tickets on sale, and refreshments will be on sale in our kitchen. A small donation is requested at the door. Our House band, Green Mountain Express will be starting us out and will share the time with you if you want to entertain us. Any inquiries please call Dave at 802-875-2637 or Donna at 802-591-4290.

TUESDAY, APRIL 17 - GRAFTON, Vt.

- The Nature Museum's week long Earth Day celebration features a special program on Raptors on Tuesday, April 17 from 11 a.m. to noon. Raptors rule the sky and are a special group of birds that include eagles, falcons, hawks and owls. Examine feathers, feet, bones and other artifacts. Great hands-on items, bird facts, and crafts. Museum is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission by donation. For more information, visit www.nature-museum.org, or call 802-843-2111.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18 - GRAFTON, Vt.

- The Nature Museum's week long Earth Day celebration features a special program on "Magnificent Migrations" on Wednesday, April 18 from 11 a.m. to noon. During this program, learn about migrating Vermont wildlife and their journeys during the year. Fun facts and a cool craft-making

activity are included! Museum open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission by donation. For more information, visit www.nature-museum.org, or call 802-843-2111.

THURSDAY, APRIL 19 - GRAFTON, Vt.

- The Nature Museum's week long Earth Day celebration features a special program "Amazing Adaptations" on Thursday, April 19 from 11 a.m. to noon. River otters can slide on their bellies, woodpeckers have extra hard beaks for pecking, and white-tailed deer can use their tail to "talk" when there's danger. Adaptations are special body parts, body features, and behaviors that help animals survive where they live. Bring your young naturalist(s) and investigate real animal pelts, skins, and other artifacts. Museum open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission by donation. For more information, visit www.nature-museum.org, or call 802-843-2111.

FRIDAY, APRIL 20 - GRAFTON, Vt.

- The Nature Museum's week long Earth Day celebration features a special program on "Amphibians on the Move" on Friday, April 20 from 11 a.m. to noon. As frogs, toads, and salamanders wake up from their long winter rest, many begin their journeys to special pools in hopes of starting a family. Learn about "big nights," vernal pools, and the awesome amphibians that make a special spring journey. Museum is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission by donation. For more information, visit www.nature-museum.org, or call 802-843-2111.

SATURDAY, APRIL 21 - GRAFTON, Vt.

- The Nature Museum's week long Earth Day celebration features a special program on "Abenaki & Nature" on Saturday, April 21 from 11 a.m. to noon. Long ago, the Abenaki people relied on nature's many resources to survive. This included making clothing and building shelters from natural materials. Their food came from hunting, gathering, farming, and fishing. Knowing all about the natural world, and being connected to it, was very important. Come experience native artifacts, listen to Native American stories, play traditional games, and make a craft. We'll enjoy Earth Day Cake in honor of Earth Day! Museum is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission by donation. For more information, visit www.nature-museum.org, or call 802-843-2111.

WINDSOR, Vt.

- Come to sing, play, read, or just listen at our Open Mic Coffeehouse at Old South Church in Windsor on Saturday, April 21 at 7 p.m. Donations and offerings of baked goods are gratefully accepted. This is a family-friendly event, and all are welcome! View the event on our Facebook page, www.facebook.com/OldSouthChurchWindsor, and let us know if we'll be seeing you! For more information call 802-674-5087.

FARMER'S MARKETS

SATURDAY, MAY 5 - SPRINGFIELD, Vt.

- The Springfield Farmer's Market will

be holding their second of two spring markets at The United Methodist Church, 10 Valley St in Springfield on Saturday, May 5 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Vendors will be offering maple syrup, honey, eggs, grass fed beef, specialty pickles, preserves, catered foods and baked goods including artisan breads, an assortment of pies, maple scones, cookies and more. Other items include juvenile Christian books and handcrafted items. Check the website at www.springfieldfarmersmarket.com or email springfieldfarmersmarketinc@gmail.com or call 802-885-4096 for more information, check us out on Facebook. The Springfield Farmer's Market Inc. is a vendor run non-profit organization. Vendor inquiries welcome.

LIBRARIES

THURSDAY, APRIL 12 - BELLOWS FALLS, Vt.

- Learn all about the emerald ash borer on Thursday, April 12 at 4 p.m. at the Rockingham Library. Jim Esden, a forester from the State of Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation, and Alma Beals, from the Rockingham Tree Committee, will guide participants in finding ash trees in Bellows Falls and looking for signs of the emerald ash borer's presence. This free and open to the public event is sponsored by Vermont State Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation, UVM Extension

Master Gardener Program, Rockingham Tree Committee and the Rockingham Conservation Committee. For more information, go to www.rockinghamlibrary.org, call 802 463-4270, or email programming@rockinghamlibrary.org or stop by the Library at 65 Westminster St., Bellows Falls.

TUESDAY, APRIL 17 - SPRINGFIELD, Vt.

- The Springfield Learning Garden invites Springfield families of young children to an evening full of books,

compliments of Children's Literacy Foundation! Join us at the Springfield Town Library on Tuesday, April 17 from 5 - 6 p.m. for a presentation from CLIF on "Storytelling, Why Read?" All Springfield children that attend will receive free books to take home. The Springfield Learning Garden received a grant from the Children's Literacy Foundation to bring this program to the Springfield community. While attending, see the 1st Annual Springfield Pre-K Art Show on display at the library.

Kitchen/Dishwasher/Food Prep/Server

Green Mountain at Fox Run is hiring for year-round, Part-time kitchen help. Duties include dishwashing, bussing, serving, clean-up, and food prep. Must be responsible, reliable, compassionate, and respectful. We offer a competitive hourly rate of \$12.00-\$13.00 per hour and a pleasant work environment. Kitchen experience preferred but we will train the right individuals. Shifts are during the day from 6:30 am -2:30 pm and at night from 4:30-8:30 pm.

Please contact Jennifer Baxter at 802-228-8885 to schedule an interview OR drop in at Green Mountain at Fox Run and complete an employment application.

262 Fox Lane in Ludlow VT. www.fitwoman.com

INVITATION to BID THE LUDLOW-MT HOLLY UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

Ludlow Elementary School Gym Floor Replacement & Disposal
The Ludlow-Mt Holly Unified Union School District is entertaining bids for the replacement & disposal of the Ludlow Elementary School gym floor.

Bid Specifications: Bid Specifications can be picked up at Two Rivers Supervisory Union office between the hours of 8 AM and 4 PM, Monday through Friday. Bid Specifications may also be requested through email, at cheryl.hammond@trsu.org. The ensuing work would begin June 18th, 2018. Work should be completed as near as possible to the school opening for students, August 24th, 2018.

Bid Due Date: All bid submissions must be delivered no later than 3 PM on May 4th, 2018. All bids are to be submitted to the following address in a sealed envelope marked "Gym Floor Bid." Bids will be opened for public review and acceptance at their next regular scheduled board meeting to be held on May 9th, 2018 at 6 pm, location: Mt Holly School. Site review can be scheduled as well as questions may be answered by calling the Ludlow Elementary School at (802) 875-5151.

Send Bids to:
Cheryl Hammond, Head Accountant
TRSU, 609 VT Rte 103 South, Ludlow, VT 05149
(802) 875-6433

Terms:
1. Each bidder shall clearly specify payment terms for their proposal.
2. All bids will be considered. Make clear any options or variances.

CONTRACT AWARD:
The Ludlow-Mt Holly Unified Union School District reserves the right to reject any or all bids which may be submitted. It also reserves the right to award a contract to the bidder who, in the opinion of the School Board, will best meet the needs of the school regardless of price.

ROCKINGHAM MUNICIPAL MANAGER

The Town of Rockingham (pop. 5,282) and the Village of Bellows Falls (pop. 3,016), Vermont, seek a municipal manager.

The manager reports to two five-member elected boards and is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the town and village. Full job description and advertisement are available here: www.rockbf.org/index.asp?SEC=D7ECA2C1-DFDE-4B61-8AB6-123B7A69B73B&Type=B_BASIC

Bachelor's required (master's preferred). Five years' related experience preferred; experience as municipal manager, a plus. Salary, \$80,000 to \$90,000, with excellent benefits.

Email confidential cover letter, resume, and references (3) to municipal.recruitment@vlct.org or send to: Rockingham Search, c/o VLCT, 89 Main Street, Montpelier, VT 05602. **Application deadline: April 16, 2018.**

EOE

TOWN OF ANDOVER NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

The Andover Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, May 1, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. at the Andover Town Office to consider the following applications for subdivision:

Application #: 11/46.4/18/2/3
Property Owners: Robert & Susan Turco
Applicant: Robert & Susan Turco
Location: Gates Lane
Application for: An application for a Minor Subdivision has been submitted proposing to divide a 24.05 acre parcel into two lots.

Application #: 51/10/18/2/6
Property Owners: Wendell L. Perkins & Mark T. O'Meara
Applicant: John M. Kimball
Location: Newton Road
Application for: An application for a Major Subdivision has been submitted proposing to divide 385± acres into four lots.

Dated at Andover, Vermont this 6th day of April 2018.

Jeanette H. Haight
Andover Town Clerk

TOWN OF ROCKINGHAM LEAF & YARD DEBRIS PICKUP

The Town of Rockingham Highway Department will pick up leaves and other natural yard debris placed at the street curb-side from April 1, 2018 until May 31, 2018, weather permitting, on Mondays & Fridays ONLY. All yard debris must be placed in CLEAR PASTIC BAGS ONLY, which can easily be handled by one person. All brush, twigs, limbs must be bundled with a natural fiber string, can be easily handled by one person and must be able to run through a wood chipper easily.

Clear bags are available at the Town Clerk's Office and Recycling Center at cost (4 bags for \$1.00).

ONLY CLEAR BAGS containing the following will be picked up: LEAVES, PINE NEEDLES, LAWN TRIMMINGS & GARDEN WASTE. Bags contaminated with trash or other debris will NOT be picked up.

The Recycling Center is also accepting leaves and yard debris. All bags must be dumped and all trucks emptied. There is no charge for this service.

TAKE A BREAK!

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆

◆ Moderate ◆ Challenging
◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Old
- 5 Always
- 9 "See ya"
- 12 Took the bus
- 13 Anger
- 14 Legislation
- 15 Pyrite
- 17 Anger
- 18 Implement
- 19 Makes one's way
- 21 English composition
- 24 Behave
- 25 Cookware
- 26 Both ways
- 30 Equal (Pref.)
- 31 Bichon - (dog breed)
- 32 " - the fields we go"
- 33 Reins
- 35 Metal refuse
- 36 Actor McGregor
- 37 How one says "alas"
- 38 Georgia city
- 40 Leaves
- 42 Past
- 43 Absolute dominance
- 48 Web address
- 49 Teeny bit
- 50 Soon, in verse
- 51 Pop
- 52 Vacillate

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- 23 Absolutely
- 24 Church service
- 26 1982 movie with a 2010 sequel
- 27 Lubricant
- 28 Authentic
- 29 Wild party
- 31 Hollywood's "Talking Mule"
- 34 Pair
- 35 Strut about
- 37 Witness
- 38 Tennyson poem
- 39 City of India
- 40 " - match?"
- 41 Fine
- 44 Explanation
- 45 Yoko of music
- 46 Journal
- 47 "CSI" evidence

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You easily handle your tasks this week, thanks to those high energy levels that never seem to run down. But pace yourself, Lamb, for the demanding week ahead.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) With the arts dominant this week, you might want to pick up any of those creative projects you've neglected. A workplace situation benefits from some fresh insight.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Music helps replenish your energy levels. Stream your playlist if you must. But a live concert could prove more rewarding, especially if you go with that very special someone.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Close friends reach out to help perk up your lagging social life. That workplace situation also eases, leaving you time to do more fun things by week's end.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) A revelation clears up that perplexing job-related problem. Some changes will have to be made, which, no doubt, will meet with the Big Cat's roaring approval. Good luck.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Reaching out to someone in need is the noble thing to do. But try to restrain the temptation to add a lecture — no matter how well-intended — to your good deed.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) There could be another tough challenge to face before the month is over. But all that hard work is winning you lots of important recognition from your peers.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Keeping to your work schedule could prove difficult with all those personal distractions. Best advice: Stay with it. There'll be time later for socializing.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Jumping hurdles this week might be vexing for most, but not for the sage Sagittarian, who recognizes that meeting a challenge can open up opportunities.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) More obstacles might be thrown in your path as you try to finalize a new agreement. But the sure-footed Goat ignores the stumbling blocks and stays the course.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) We know the Water Bearer takes pleasure in giving to others. But why not let someone else enjoy the experience too by accepting that offer of help?

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You might find that you need to ease up on your hectic schedule this week. Don't fret about it. It could be helpful to take a break and replenish your energy supply.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a way of finding practical solutions to complex problems, and you do it with grace.

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calendar

AUTOMOTIVE

MEETINGS

MONDAYS – ANDOVER, Vt. – Select Board meetings are every second and fourth Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Town Office. For more information, call 802-875-2765.

CAVENDISH, Vt. – Select Board meetings are on the second Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Office. For more information go to www.cavendishvt.com.

875-2765. com or call 802-226-7291. Recordings of the meetings can be found at www.okemovalee.com.

GRAFTON, Vt. – Select Board meetings are the first and third Monday at the Grafton Elementary School or the Town Garage at 6 p.m. For more information, call 802-824-2552 or go to www.graftonvt.org. Recordings are found at www.fact8.com.

LONDONDERRY, Vt. – Select Board meetings are the first and third Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Town Office. For more information, call 802-824-3356 or go to www.londonderryvt.org. Recordings are found at www.gnat-tv.org.

LUDLOW, Vt. – Select Board meetings are the first Monday of every month at the Town Hall. For more information, call 802-228-2841 or go to www.ludlow.vt.us. Recordings found at www.okemovalee.com.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Select Board meetings are on the

second and fourth Monday of the month starting at 7 p.m. in the Selectman's Hall on 96 Main Street. For more information, go to www.springfieldvt.gov/office2.com.

TUESDAYS – BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Rockingham Select Board meetings are on the first and third Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. Bellows Falls Village Trustee meetings are the second and fourth Tuesday. Both meetings take place in the Lower Theater of the Bellows Falls Opera House. Call 802-463-4336 for more information or go to www.rockbf.org. Recordings can be found at www.fact8.com.

MOUNT HOLLY, Vt. – Select Board meetings are on the second Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. of each month at the Town Office. For more information, call 802-259-2391.

WESTON, Vt. – Select Board meetings are on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Office. Call 802-824-6988 or go to www.westonvt.org for more information. Recordings can be found at www.gnat-tv.org.

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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 – CHESTER, Vt. – Chester Select Board meetings are on the first and third Wednesday of every month. For more information, call 802-875-2173 or go to www.chestervt.org. Recordings can be found at www.sapatv.org.

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

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

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 diagnosis. HCRS, CRT Room, 390 River St. Meets every Monday from 1-2 p.m. Info: call 800-639-6480 or visit www.namivt.org. TFN

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

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

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

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

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

LUDLOW, Vt. – Eating behavior support group meets every other Wednesday at 6 p.m. at the Green Mountain at Fox Run at 262 Fox Lane. 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 802-228-8885 or email shiri@fitwoman.com. TFN

ASCUTNEY, Vt. - Twin State Depression Support Group meets on the third Wednesday at Martin Memorial Hall, Lower Level (Handicapped-accessible), 5259 Route 5, Ascutney, (near Exit 8 off I-91) at 6:30 p.m. 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

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Twin State Depression Support Group meets on the fourth Wednesday at Turning Point Recovery Center (Handicapped-accessible), 7 Morgan Street, Springfield at 6:30 p.m. Do you know or think you may be depressed? Have a friend or family member who has depression? Then this group is for you! Support, empathy, sharing, education, confidentiality, peer-led. Contact TwinStateDSG@gmail.com or 641-715-3900 (ext. 650055#). TFN

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

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

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: May 17, July 19, Sept. 20 - the one exception will be in November - that date to be announced.

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