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The Grammar school celebrates theatrical lighting with "The Lion King Jr."

PUTNEY, Vt. - The Grammar School, a PreK-8 independent school in Putney, is the recipient of an equipment grant from ETC, manufacturers of lighting and control systems for theatrical and architectural applications worldwide. The Grammar School was a recipient of ETC's gift to support performing arts education. The gift includes all equipment needed to update the 12 overhead theatrical light fixtures in the school meeting room from incandescent to LED and replace the lighting console.

How did a small school in Putney, Vt. get the attention of this worldwide company? Last March, Jeanne Koenig, a professional lighting designer who has worked for 20 years on "The Lion King" installations all over the world, attended a rehearsal of "You're a Good Man Charlie Brown." She was impressed by the quality of the middle school production - a small school that pulls off excellent musicals - and thought that this effort deserved a better lighting system. She worked with TGS's Backstage Man-



Jeanne Koenig, Broadway lighting designer, supervises the installation of the new theatrical lighting at The Grammar School.

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cal, "The Lion King Jr.," a production Koenig knows well.

The Grammar School has many students interested in the technical side of theater and after seeing the talent and heart of the school's production of "You're a Good Man Charlie Brown," Koenig believed the lighting system needed this significant upgrade to enhance the opportunity for students to develop their lighting design skills and to contribute to a significant quality boost to the entire Grammar School theater program.

The Grammar School will celebrate this new addition to their theater when they produce "The Lion King Jr." this May 16-19, Wednesday through Saturday, at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 17, is Putney Family Services night, with all box office proceeds donated to PFS. For more information or to reserve seats, which is highly recommended, email ailyn@the-grammarschool.org or you can purchase tickets at the door.

ager, Sally Seymour, to apply for the ETC grant.

Koenig advised and assisted with the installation and is conducting lighting workshops to support the students in their spring musi-

Destiny Burke is Elks March Student of the Month for BFUHS

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - It is a pleasure to announce that Destiny Burke has been named the March Elks Student of the Month for Bellows Falls Union High School. Destiny, a sophomore, is the daughter of Cynthia Burke of Bellows Falls.

Destiny is a dedicated student who works hard in her classes. She comes to school every day with an interest in learning and an eagerness to broaden her horizons. She puts forth 100 percent effort and holds herself accountable to expectations, even when the work is challenging and the essential understandings are difficult to grasp. She works hard to improve her skills and puts in the time and effort needed to do well.

With a great attitude and a righteous demeanor, she is a pleasure to have in class. She looks out for her peers, is respectful in class, and puts a smile on her face even when her day is not going as planned. Always willing to help, Destiny offers assistance to anyone in any way.

Destiny is a proud, active member of the chorus who not only works hard to improve her skills but also is often the first one to encourage her peers and boost their self-esteem. She is in her second year of chorus, where

she sings alto. Burke is willing to take solos and puts in the time and effort needed to perfect her vocal skills. Along with other members of the ensemble, she is working hard to polish several songs for the upcoming spring concert and the Music in the Parks Festival at Six Flags New England in June. Destiny's spirit of hard work, dedication, and her love of music make her a definite MVP in the chorus.

Destiny enriches our community with her positive presence and sense of inclusion for all. She contributes to our local community by working at Shaw's where she is very friendly and helpful to the customers. She always has a smile on her face as she goes out of her way to help others. She openly voices that she is grateful for the opportunity to work there and appreciates all her co-workers have done to



Destiny Burke.

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help her learn her job.

Congratulations, Destiny, BFUHS and the Elks are honored to have her represent us this month with the award.

Spend a day in the dirt to increase food for those in need!

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Volunteer registration is open for the 6th annual Day in the Dirt on Saturday, April 28 at sites around the state, including Bellows Falls Middle School in Bellows Falls, Vt.

Day in the Dirt is a community and school garden work day to kick off the growing season. For the past five years, the Vermont Community Garden Network (VCGN) has brought hundreds of volunteers together to prepare gardens for planting, introduce more people to the joys of community gardening, and celebrate how these sites nourish and connect so many people. This year VCGN will support 30 gardens across the state - see the entire site map at www.vcgn.org.

"Day in the Dirt, held the last Saturday in April, has become an annual tradition for community and school gardens to kick off the growing season," said Michelle Gates, VCGN's executive direc-



Volunteer your time gardening at Day in the Dirt.

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tor. "Vermont has more than 500 community-based gardens which provide food and social connections for thousands of people, including many children and families at risk

for food insecurity without access to them."

For more information about Day in the Dirt and volunteer registration, go to www.vcgn.org/dirt.

Daniel M. Metcalf scholarship for Vilas Middle School alumni

ALSTEAD, N.H. - The Daniel M. Metcalf Scholarship Program was established by the Vilas Alumni Association in 1958. Many fundraising events took place over the years to establish future financial stability.

Daniel M. Metcalf was principal of the Vilas High School for over 20 years. After Mr. Metcalf's death in 1992, the scholarship became the Daniel M. Metcalf Scholarship Fund in his honor. As a former teacher commented, "Daniel M. Metcalf's only ambition was to serve the community, preparing each student to attain their highest potential."

The Daniel M. Metcalf Scholarship Committee will select two scholarship recipients to students who have completed one or more years of continuing higher education beyond high school and are currently enrolled in an accredited vocational/technical trade school, junior college, college or university, or a graduate program. Award recipients must also be a graduate of Vilas Middle School and have completed a full year of the 8th grade at Vilas.

The scholarship is supported through the "Vilas Alumni Trust Fund."

Applications for the Daniel M. Metcalf Scholarship will be judged on the following criteria: highest scores on overall scholastic achievement, personal essay on educational and career objectives, extra-curricular/leadership activities, and any work experience.

The Vilas Middle School Scholarship Committee is comprised of at least five members and will be made up of the principal of the Vilas Middle School and/or a mem-

ber of the Fall Mountain Regional High School guidance department. Selection committee members may include professional staff of Vilas Middle School and/or Fall Mountain Regional High School, the Vilas High School Alumni Association, Selectmen and/or School Board Members from Acworth, Alstead, or Langdon, and interested area residents.

All application materials are considered confidential and will be limited to examination for the intended purpose only. Those not receiving a scholarship, who meet all qualifica-

tions for consideration in the next school year, are encouraged to reapply.

Award recipients are eligible to apply only one additional time.

Applications may be obtained from Fall Mountain Regional High School, the www.SAU60.org website, or contact the principal at Vilas Middle School at 603-835-6351.

Return applications returned to Principal, Vilas Middle School, P.O. Box 670, Alstead, NH 03602. Applications must be postmarked no later than June 1, 2018.



Graduation yard sale

CHARLESTOWN, N.H. - On April 21, Fall Mountain High School's project graduation will be hosting their yard sale from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Charlestown Middle School. The proceeds go back to Project Graduation. Thank you for your support.

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Vermont Vines prepares for second bottling of local wine

BY BETSY THURSTON
The Shopper

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Chuck and Stacy Harriman are the owners and producers of Vermont Vines, a local winery located on Brockway Mills Road in Springfield. The couple purchased land along the Williams River and planted two acres of cold hardy grape varieties in 2010, a year before Hurricane Irene brought destruction to Vermont.

Luckily, with extensive trellis systems, the Harrimans were able to save most of the vines and started making wine three years later. In July 2016, the Harrimans, with friends and family, bottled their first batch. Now, the second bottling is slated for this summer. It is currently only pruning season, which typically occurs in the spring through mid-May.

In the late summer, the grapes will be tested for their Brix level or sugar content by the use of a refractometer. A refractometer works similarly to a light prism. A drop of the grape juice will react differently to the light,

which depending on sugar level translates to the percentage of Brix. When the grape is at the desired level, the harvest season begins. Grape clusters are snipped and sent through the crusher where the grapes are crushed and de-stemmed. White grape juice is placed in stainless tanks, while the red remains on skin in a 300-gallon lug for about one week.

After an optimal Brix level is tested, the red juice is transferred to the stainless tanks to continue its fermenting process. Once all of the right levels are achieved, the wines are then oaked. Oak staves are hung for three to six months inside the tanks. The staves are made of light to medium American oak fashioned by Peter DeVivi at Wine Stix in Waterloo, N.Y. When the wine is



Vermont Vines prepares to bottle their second bath of locally produced wine. PHOTO BY BETSY THURSTON

ready, it will rest for two years before bottling.

Vermont Vines have 12 grape varieties. The reds consist of Frontenac, Marquette, Sabrevois, St. Croix, Petite Pearl, and Bluebell. The whites include Lacrosse, Frontenac Gris, St. Pepin, Prairie Star, Edelweiss, and La Crescent. These grapes are known to grow well in Vermont's colder climate.

The Harrimans, along with their sons, Reece and Cameron, hope to make the winery their full time job in the future, but for now their goal is to make a quality Vermont product.

Vermont Vines will appear this summer at the Ludlow, Brattleboro, Woodstock, and Londonderry farmers' markets as well as the Quechee Balloon Festival.

In addition to the new wine that will be released this year, construction has begun on a tasting room at the vineyard in Rockingham.

The Harrimans are always looking for volunteers at the vineyard! For more information, contact them at info@vermontvines.com.



Congratulations to Melissa and Dakota

N. SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Martha and Troy Tarbell of North Springfield, Vt. are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Melissa R. Tarbell to Dakota Laskos of Missoula, Mont., son of Marti Laskos and Frank Laskos. Melissa graduated Springfield High School in 2010 and received her bachelor's degree in forestry from the University of Massachusetts Amherst in May 2014. She currently works for the Montana DNRC. Dakota graduated from Frenchtown High School in 2009. He has been logging for seven years and currently works as a line logger for Intermountain Forestry, Inc. in Missoula. They will be married Sept. 29, 2018 in Vermont.

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Active teen parenting workshop

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Active Parenting of Teens is an engaging skills-based workshop that empowers parents and caregivers to face the changes, choices, and challenges that arise throughout the teen years. The workshop offers the opportunity to increase understanding of how to stay connected and how to communicate respectfully dur-

ing conflict. Learn how to support your child in balancing stress and responsibilities. Become prepared to talk to your tween or teen about sensitive issues such as drugs, sexuality, and violence, and set clear expectations. The workshop will meet each Thursday 6-8 p.m. from April 26 through May 31. Facilitators Don Tretler and Nan-

cy Pannelle will lead the workshop. Both are experienced parents and well-seasoned professionals, who enjoy serving and empowering parents and caregivers of tweens and teens parents. Quality childcare and dinner will be provided for each session. To sign up, call Deb Witkus at 802-463-9927 x212, email at deb@greaterfallsconnections.org, or go to www.facebook.com/greaterfallsconnections. Registration can also be done in person at Parks Place, 44 School Street, Bellows Falls. Prevention through inspiration!

Registration for the 2018 Dam Run

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - For the 13th year in a row, the Springfield Dam Run will provide area residents with a great day of running, walking, and inspiration! This year's race is on Sunday, May 6.

The Dam Run was founded by Joseph Cerniglia, Jr. of Springfield, Vt. After going through his own journey from being inactive to active, Cerniglia wanted others to begin the same journey and created an event that gets people moving. Cerniglia has gone on to complete significant athletic achievements including,

a seven-time Ironman finisher, Ironman World Championship in Kailua Kona, Hawaii, and qualified for the Boston Marathon multiple times proving it is not where you start your journey, but where you finish. Currently a USAT certified coach, Cerniglia continues to give back to his community through events like the Dam Run.

The purpose of the annual Springfield Dam Run and Fun Run is to promote an active, healthy lifestyle, as well as provide an opportunity for family and friends to get together and be a part of their local community. The Dam Run attracts hundreds of runners and walkers from all over Vermont and New Hampshire.

Each year the highlight of the day is the annual Community Inspiration award. This award recognizes a local resident for their efforts in leading, promoting, or supporting their community. Past award winners include: Maureen Fanning-Duquette, Springfield Police Officer Walter Morancy, Chip Howard, and Riverside Middle School Principal Nathan McNaughton. If you know someone who goes above and beyond to promote health and wellness in our community or has overcome a challenge, consider nominating them for this year's Community Inspiration award. Nominations can be sent to 335 River Street, Springfield,

VT 05156.

In addition to a great race/walk and awards, there will also be some great prizes available at the ceremony immediately after the finish. Two youth bicycles, gift certificates, and other great prizes will be available to those who participate. New this year will be a smoothie bar sponsored by the Edgar May Health and Recreation Center. Taste some great, healthy concoctions to help refuel your body.

This event would not be possible without the great support it receives from local businesses and sponsors. A special thank you to this year's sponsors: Springfield Medical Care Systems, Wellwood Orchards, Vinamor Tire, the Springfield Teachers Association, Mascoma Bank, Cota and Cota, Von Bargen's Jewelry, Springfield Housing Authority, IPG Benefits, Boccacio's, Briar Patch Farms, Parker and Ankuda, Muse and Associates, Bibens Ace Hardware, Macloamainn's, Green Mountain Classics, and Carla Kelley.

All proceeds from the Springfield Dam Run are donated to local charities. If you would like to register for this year's event, you can register at Joe's Discount Beverage, Springfield Parks and Recreation, or the Edgar May Health and Recreation Center, and always online at www.springfielddamrun.com. For more information, contact 802-885-2568.

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Steampunk Society offers scholarship to Springfield STEAM students

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - The Steampunk Society of Vermont, a Springfield, Vt. based nonprofit organization, is offering a \$1,000 scholarship to a Springfield graduate who will be studying one of the STEAM subjects after high school graduation.

The Steampunk Society of Vermont serves the local community via organization of Steampunk-themed events in order to increase tourism and encourage economic development in Springfield and the surrounding area. These events draw attention to the rich history of Springfield, Vt. with an ultimate goal of making Springfield recognized as the VT Steampunk Capital. The nonprofit strives to unite the local community in this effort to revitalize Springfield via encouraging the melding of the town's historical infrastructure with new businesses and developments with modern purpose and function.

After a successful 2017 Springfield Steampunk Festival, the nonprofit is able to provide a scholarship to a local student.



Steampunk Society of Vermont Board of Directors Robyn Priebe, Daniel Moran, and Kimberley Plourde.

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Scholarship applicants must be Springfield, Vt. students, graduat-

ing in the spring of 2018, with plans to study one or more of the STEAM subjects - science, technology, engineering, arts, or mathematics - post graduation.

To receive scholarship funds, applicants must be accepted into an institute of higher education - college, trade school, technical school, or STEAM related training program offering college credits - for the fall of 2018. Scholarship applications may be submitted prior to acceptance into a STEAM program, however acceptance into said program is required to receive funds. Applicants must submit a completed application on or before May 30.

Applications can be accessed at the Steampunk Society of Vermont's website www.steampunk-societyvt.org.

Bellows Falls Third Friday art, music, literary events, food, and shopping

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Bellows Falls invites the public to Third Friday on April 20 from 4-8 p.m. This is an opportunity to stroll through various venues of Bellows Falls and the vicinity for art, music, literary events, food and late-night shopping.

The following venues will host BF3F events:

- Windham Antiques stays open until 7 p.m.
- Village Square Booksellers hosts author Bill Lockwood at 7 p.m. Lockwood will introduce his new newest book, "Ms. Anna."
- River Artisans crafts cooperative will be open from 10 a.m.- 8 p.m.
- The Rock and Hammer Jewelry will be open until 6 p.m.,
- Sherwin Art Glass will be open at 33 Bridge St with demonstrations and refreshments from 5:30-8 p.m.
- Popolo will be open until 9:30 p.m. with casual to fine dining.
- Halladays Florist will be open until 5:30 p.m. with dip tasting
- Flat Iron Exchange will be open until 8 p.m. with the Cindy Bowler Memorial Art Show and live acoustic jam from 3 to 6 p.m.
- Canal Street Art Gallery featur-



Bellows Falls Third Friday.

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ing new works of Sloane Dawson, Nancy Fitz-Rapalje, and Abby Miner from 5-8 p.m.

- Cafe 7 hosts a new art exhibit with the work of Garrison Buxton, Emmett S. Dunbar, and Michael C. Noyes plus light dinner fare until 7 p.m.
- Anastasia's Closet will be staying open until 7 p.m.

Other venues might also be open for dining and shopping. Bellows Falls Opera House will have a movie at 7 p.m. Check out our Facebook page www.facebook.com/BellowsFalls.3rdFriday for additional information and future events.

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Eileen Austin Neal Nursing Scholarship

REGION - Applications are being accepted for the 13th annual Eileen Austin Neal Nursing Scholarship of \$1,000. This scholarship is open to any student who has been accepted into a nursing program of study. Applicants will be judged on interest in, and commitment to, the field of nursing. Determination will be based on merit and need.

Application forms are available in high school guidance offices and from the Development Office of Springfield Hospital. Deadline is May 25. For information, contact Larry Kraft at 802-885-7644 or lkrft@springfieldmed.org.

Eileen Austin Neal was a registered nurse at Springfield Hospital for 64 years, retiring in 2005. She was the first recipient of the hospital's Community Health award in 2003. In 2004, the hospital established the Spirit of Nursing Award in recognition of her many years of dedicated service.

Upon her death in February 2006, at the request of Eileen's family, Springfield Hospital established a nursing scholarship fund in her name

with the gifts received in her memory. "Springfield Hospital is a better place for Eileen having worked here," says Kraft. "This scholarship continues her positive influence on both nursing and the community."

Henry Rounds, Sr. is 80!

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Tina's Hallmark celebrates 10 years

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Tina's Hallmark turned 10 on April 1, 2018. In celebration of their 10th anniversary, Tina's had an open house on Friday and Saturday, April 13 and 14. During the open house, Tina's offered 10 percent off entire purchases, including already discounted and sale items. They also had door prizes and refreshments, and gave out 10 reusable bags for their 10 years in business.

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Poetry with Patricia Fagnoli and Daniel Lusk

CHESTER, Vt. - On Sunday, April 29 at 3 p.m., Phoenix Books Misty Valley will host an afternoon of poetry with Daniel Lusk and Patricia Fagnoli. Fagnoli will read from her book "Hallowed," and Lusk from his collection, "The Shower Scene from Hamlet."



Patricia Fagnoli. PHOTO PROVIDED

Patricia Fagnoli, from Walpole, N.H., was the New Hampshire Poet Laureate from 2006-2009. She's published five books and three chapbooks of poetry and has won the May Swenson Book Award, the Foreword Magazine Silver Book of the Year Award, the N.H. Literary Award for Poetry, and the Sheila Mooton Book Award. Her latest book is "Hallowed," Tupelo Press, 2017. She's published over 300 poems in literary journals such as Poetry, Ploughshares, Massachusetts Review, Harvard Review et. al. A Macdowell Fellow and retired social worker she now teaches poetry privately. Featuring selections from Patricia Fagnoli's four previous books along with 24 new poems, "Hallowed" is a celebration of poetic endurance, filled with quietly distinctive cadences and images closely seen, now freshly understood.

"The Shower Scene from Hamlet"



Daniel Lusk. PHOTO PROVIDED

is Daniel Lusk's sixth full-length poetry collection. Other books include "The Vermeer Suite" (art and poetry), "Lake Studies: Meditation on Lake Champlain" with a companion audiobook, "The Inland Sea," a memoir, "Girls I Never Married," three poetry chapbooks, a novel, and books and three chapbooks of poetry and has won the May Swenson Book Award, the Foreword Magazine Silver Book of the Year Award, the N.H. Literary Award for Poetry, and the Sheila Mooton Book Award. Her latest book is "Hallowed," Tupelo Press, 2017. She's published over 300 poems in literary journals such as Poetry, Ploughshares, Massachusetts Review, Harvard Review et. al. A Macdowell Fellow and retired social worker she now teaches poetry privately. Featuring selections from Patricia Fagnoli's four previous books along with 24 new poems, "Hallowed" is a celebration of poetic endurance, filled with quietly distinctive cadences and images closely seen, now freshly understood.

"Homemade Poems: A Handbook for Teaching Poetry Writing." A former syndicated commentator on books for NPR and well-known for his teaching, Daniel Lusk has been a Visiting Poet at the Frost Place in Franconia, N.H.; Stranmillis University College-Queens, Belfast, N.I.; Juniata College, Huntingdon, Pa.; Eglise Carlow Arts Festival, County Cork, Ireland; and Haystack School for Crafts, Deer Isle, Maine. As a Poet-in-the-Schools, he taught children and teachers in more than 100 schools across the U.S. He has been a Resident Fellow at Yaddo and the MacDowell Colony and his poetry has been published widely in literary journals and anthologies, among them Poetry, Massachusetts Review, New Letters, Poetry Ireland, Prairie Schooner, The Iowa Review, The Chariton Review, North American Review, Markings (Scotland), Nimrod International Journal, The Café Review, Off the Coast, and 180 More: Extraordinary Poems for Every Day (Billy Collins, Ed.).

This event is free and open to all. Phoenix Books Misty Valley is located at 58 Common Street in Chester. Copies of the featured books will be available for attendees to purchase and have signed. For more information, please call 802-875-3400 or visit www.phoenixbooks.biz.

Community Chorus spring concerts



Springfield Community Chorus. PHOTO PROVIDED

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Enjoy some of your favorite toe-tapping pop tunes from the 20th century sung by the Springfield Community Chorus during their spring concerts. The chorus will perform the first concert on Friday, April 27 at 7 p.m. at Unity Elementary School, 864 2ND Tpk, Unity, N.H.. The second concert is on Saturday, April 28 at 7 p.m. at the Grafton Community Church at 55 Main St. Grafton, Vt. The third concert is in Springfield, Vt., on Sunday, April 29 at 3 p.m. in the First Congregational Church at 77 Main St.

The program of 20th century pop songs will have you humming right along to many favorite tunes. The upbeat, lively tunes include arrangements of "You are the Sunshine of My Life," "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy" for the women's voices, three Beatles hit tunes - "Here Comes the Sun," "In My Life," and "Can't Buy Me Love," - "I Got Rhythm," "Mack the Knife," "Alexander's Ragtime Band," and many more.

Admission is by free will donation. For more information about the chorus and the upcoming concerts, visit the website, www.springfieldcommunitychorus.org.

Poetry slams and readings at Springfield Town Library

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - The Springfield Town Library and the Springfield Co-op invite you to a fun and inspiring evening celebrating poetry on Saturday, April 28 at 7 p.m. Unlike other "poetry slams," ours is non-competitive. Bring up to five of your own poems or five favorite poems written by someone else. Everyone will read at least one poem and more as time permits.

Stacy Garciaalba will be our Master of Ceremonies, and refreshments will be provided by the Springfield Food Co-op. All ages are encouraged to participate. If you aren't ready to read, please come to listen, and as with all library events, this

is free, accessible to people with disabilities, and open to the public. For more information, please contact the library at 802-885-3102 or stlas@vermontel.net. See you Saturday, April 28 at 7 p.m. at the Springfield Town Library, 43 Main Street, Springfield, Vt.



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New glass studio

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Nick Kekic will be opening his studio at 33 Bridge Street for the first time to the public. The opening is from 5-8 p.m., Friday April 20. It will include light refreshments, a raffle, and an opportunity to meet the artist. All sales and raffle proceeds during the event will go towards the Kickstarter fundraising goal. For those not able to attend the opening, the Kickstarter project will be live until April 26, 2018. To support this project please visit www.kickstarter.com/projects/485614247/nicholas-kekic-tsuga-studios-new-hydroelectric-gla.

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FOLA film series concludes with "The Graduate"

LUDLOW, Vt. - Friends of Ludlow Auditorium (FOLA) will present the 1967 classic "The Graduate" as the final film in their Classics of the 60s film series on Saturday, April 21 at 7 p.m. at the Ludlow Town Hall Auditorium.



"The Graduate." PHOTO PROVIDED

The film, "The Graduate," is a 1967 American romantic comedy-drama film directed by Mike Nichols and written by Buck Henry and Calder Willingham, based on the 1963 novel of the same name by Charles Webb, who wrote it shortly after graduating from Williams College.

A plot of this classic film follows its protagonist's transition into adulthood. The film tells the story of 21-year-old Benjamin Braddock (Dustin Hoffman), a recent college graduate with no well-defined aim in life, who is seduced by an older woman, Mrs. Robinson (Anne Bancroft), and then falls in love with her daughter Elaine (Katharine Ross).

The storyline follows Benjamin as he spends his summer swimming in the pool during the day and liaising with Mrs. Robinson at night. Then, at the insistence of his family and Mr. Robinson, he dates Elaine, Mrs. Robinson's daughter. He does everything he can to make Elaine unhappy during the date but eventually realizes that he and Elaine share much more in common than he initially realized.

This develops a problem with Mrs. Robinson who insists that

Elaine marry a former boyfriend. Benjamin tries to convince Elaine that they should be together. The rest of the film is about the resolution of this problem, ending up with Benjamin interrupting the wedding of Elaine and her ex-boyfriend.

The movie was a critical success as well as a financial one. It also introduced the Simon and Garfunkel song, "Mrs. Robinson."

As with all FOLA movies, the film is open to everyone and is free; donations 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.

Castleton Video Festival to feature high school talent

CASTLETON, Vt. - Castleton University invites Vermont high school students to participate in the 23rd annual Castleton VideoFest.

High School students throughout Vermont and the surrounding area are encouraged to enter submissions in any of four categories: documentary, experimental/animation, narrative fiction, and public service announcements/advertisements.

Scholarships of \$1,000 will be awarded for first place in each category. Video professionals will judge the entries on creativity, content, and execution.

Submissions must be digitally submitted or postmarked by Tuesday, May 1. A public screening of the winning videos and an award ceremony will be held at Castleton University in the Casella Theater on Thursday, May 10.

For more information and contest rules, contact Video Broadcast Technician Samantha Green at samantha.green@castleon.edu or visit www.castleton.edu/videofest.

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LOCAL HISTORY

BY RON PATCH

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

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

Sal Monella

Below is a short story I wrote for a book I'm writing titled, "1957 Chester." Sal is a character I created as the handy-man. He represents real and fictional events.

Sal Monella was a disaster waiting to happen. He did odd jobs around town that quite often turned into hilarious disasters.

One Saturday Sal decided to go fishing at Herick's Cove on the Connecticut River. Sal loaded his aluminum boat in the back of his pickup truck. The bow of the boat rode on the top of the truck cab. The back of the boat rested up against the closed tailgate. He tied a rope through the handle of the bow. Each end of the rope was tied off to the front bumper. Everything seemed secure so he headed down Rt-103 to Bellows Falls.

As he left Chester he picked up speed to 50 mph. He didn't get very far before he heard a loud swooshing sound. When he looked in his rearview mirror he saw his aluminum boat tumbling through the air and landing in the road. A trailer truck tried to avoid the boat but couldn't. *Ka-thump, ka-thump* and his boat was as flat as a pancake.

Another time he had a job building a small addition on Thelma Whitcomb's place. He had bought all the materials to frame the floor, walls and roof. Concrete blocks for a footing, 2"x6"s for framing and nails. This all went very well and rather quickly. Then he framed the sidewalls and the roof. Again it went very well. Sal was on a roll.

Well he went to Wiggins in Springfield and bought 18 sheets of sheetrock. Sal loaded the sheetrock in the back of his truck and headed back to Chester. Now there was a 3-way blinking amber caution light at the intersection of Routes 11 & 103 by the Catholic Church that hung over the intersection.

Sal was coming up to the intersection from the south. The car ahead of him stopped to allow a



Sal losing his aluminum boat.

ILLUSTRATION BY BRANDY PATTERSON

tractor trailer coming south on Rt-103 safe passage through the intersection.

Sal was in a hurry so after the trailer truck passed Sal blew his horn at the car in front of him. Well the driver of that car gave Sal the single finger salute and refused to move. Sal backed up so he could go around the idiot.

As Sal pulled out to pass he saw an ambulance approaching the intersection with its red lights on. Sal floored it in an attempt to get through the intersection before the ambulance.

Whoops! All of the sheetrock slid out of the back of the truck onto the pavement. Of course the sheetrock broke up into small pieces with white dust all over the road. Now Sal had a real problem.

The ambulance couldn't get through and Chester Police Chief Bill Clemons showed up on the scene. Not only did he lose his sheetrock but he lost his license for 30 days.

Another job he took was moving the contents of a house in Gassetts to Bartonville. He used his pickup and a trailer and made several trips. On the last trip he had tied a piano along the side of his truck bed. Now that piano was much taller than the side

of his pickup and top heavy. As usual Sal was in a hurry.

Coming down North Street at 40 mph he rounded the curve onto the gristmill bridge. He had tied the piano on the driver's side of the truck. The centrifugal force caused by the extra speed and the sharp turn broke the ropes and the piano fell out of the truck and into the road smashing into hundreds of pieces.

Police Chief Bill Clemons showed up soon after. Chief Clemons told Sal to hurry up and clean up the street. Clemons then wrote Sal a ticket for "Driving to endanger."

Sal went to court with attorney Mordecai Mason. He was found guilty and fined \$25.

Another time he agreed to take down a massive dying Maple tree on Grafton Street. Sal had some experience at cutting trees. He walked around the tree several times to determine which direction to best drop the tree without

any property damage. He was now ready to cut the tree down.

Well he cut the directional notch about a third of the way through the trunk. This notch would direct the tree where he wanted it to fall. Then he came around the other side and cut through to the notch.

The tree started to fall in the prescribed direction when it suddenly turned on the stump, changed direction and fell on Erline's house crushing her slate roof and caving it in.

Erline came out the house boiling mad and was screaming at Sal. He told her not to worry he had insurance. "You better have," Erline said. "When my husband gets home and sees what you've done, you're gonna need it!"

The next meeting of the Chester Historical Society is Thursday, April 26, 7 p.m., upstairs at Chester Town Hall. The monthly slide-show will be Chester photos to be included in our new book to be published this summer.

This week's old saying is from my mother. "The bigger your kids get, the bigger your problems get."

AHS presents Covered Bridges of New Hampshire

ALSTEAD, N.H. – On Wednesday, April 25 at 7 p.m., Glenn Knoblock will discuss covered bridge design and technology, and their designers, builders, and associated folklore. Covered wooden bridges have been a vital part of the New Hampshire transportation network, dating back to the early 1800s. Given New Hampshire's myriad streams, brooks, and rivers, it's unsurprising that 400 covered bridges have been documented. Often viewed as quaint relics of a simpler past, they were technological marvels of their day. It may be native ingenuity and New Hampshire's woodworking tradition that account for the fact that a number of nationally noted covered bridge truss designers were New Hampshire natives.

Glenn Knoblock is an independent scholar and author of 15 books and over 100 articles. He holds a bachelor's degree in history from Bowling Green State University.



Swift River covered bridge, built in 1869, in a beautiful autumn scenery in N.H. PHOTO PROVIDED

This program is supported through the generosity of a grant from the New Hampshire Humanities Council – Humanities To Go Program. It takes place at the Third Congrega-

tional Church on 14 River Street in Alstead, N.H. The presentation is free and open to the public. Light refreshments follow the presentation. Donations gratefully accepted.

"A History of Vermont's 200-Year-Old Granite Industry"

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Scott McLaughlin will present the OLLI-Osher Lifelong Learning Institute program on Tuesday, April 24. "The Granite Cutters' Story: A History of Vermont's 200-Year-Old Granite Industry" will be presented at 2 p.m. at the Nolin Murray Center next to St. Mary's Catholic Church on Pleasant St. in Springfield, Vt.

McLaughlin is the director of the Granite Museum in Barre, Vt. He will relate the cultural and anthropological perspective of Vermont's granite industry as a tale of hope and loss, and of the eager immigrants chasing a

dream who shaped our nation's cemeteries, parks, and public architecture.

McLaughlin has been working in Vermont as an archaeologist, historian, and museum professional for 32 years. Since 2015, he has served as the executive director of the Vermont Granite Museum in Barre. He also teaches in the history department at the University of Vermont.

The following OLLI program will be just one week later on May 1, and will be "The Life of a Foot Soldier during the Revolutionary War" presented by independent historian, Damien Cregeau, who will be dressed in Rev-

olutionary War military uniform and carrying the equipment of that era.

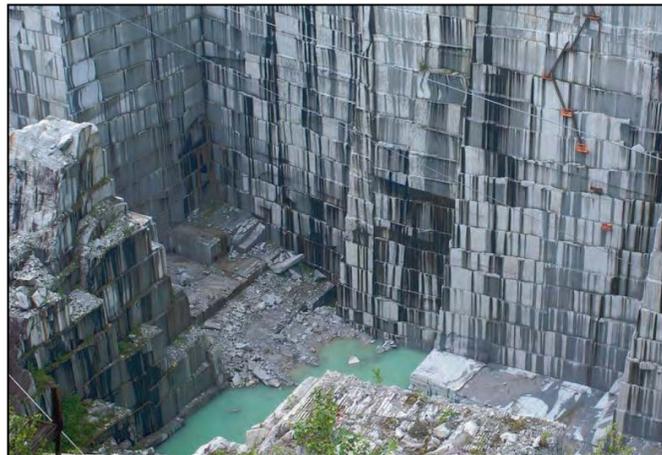
OLLI-Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, affiliated with the University of Vermont, is a local membership program geared towards seniors 50 years and older who want to engage in meaningful learning, "just for the fun of it!" People of all ages are welcome to attend.

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

Programs are held at 2 p.m. on Tuesday afternoons and last about an hour and a half.

Membership per semester includes 9 programs. Non-members are encouraged and welcome to attend individual lectures for a single program fee. Memberships, as well as single program fees, may be paid at the program.

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



Rock of Ages granite quarry in Barre, Vt.

PHOTO BY BEN MILLER

Stamp collection exhibit

S. LONDONDERRY, Vt. – If you think that stamp collecting is a lost art, think again. Come to the South Londonderry Free Library during library hours to view an interesting, eclectic collection. On display are Commemorative Stamps from 1948, 1958, 1968 and 1969; postage stamps of Pakistan, and Cats on Stamps from the U. S., Albania, Po-

land, Romania, and Bulgaria.

Thanks to Bill Barclay of the Upper Valley Stamp Club and a member of the Vermont Philatelic Society for hosting this event. If you are interested in joining a stamp club, you can call Bill at 802-824-9586 or contact info@uvstampclub.com.

This exhibit will be on display through May with varying themes.

If you would be interested in hearing a talk presented by Barclay, please call the library at 802-824-3371.

Library hours are Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m. We are open additional hours on Wednesday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

American Pickers to film in Vermont

REGION – Mike Wolfe, Frank Fritz, and their team are excited to return to Vermont! They plan to film episodes of the hit series American Pickers throughout your area. American Pickers is a documentary series that explores the fascinating world of antique "picking" on History. The hit show follows Mike and Frank, two of the most skilled pickers in the business, as they hunt for America's most valuable antiques. They are always excited to find sizeable, unique collections and learn the interesting stories behind them.

As they hit the back roads from

coast to coast, Mike and Frank are on a mission to recycle and rescue forgotten relics. Along the way, the Pickers want to meet characters with remarkable and exceptional items. The pair hopes to give historically significant objects a new lease on life, while learning a thing or two about America's past along the way.

Mike and Frank have seen a lot of rusty gold over the years and are always looking to discover something they've never seen before. They are ready to find extraordinary items and hear fascinating tales about them.

American Pickers is looking for leads and would love to explore your hidden treasure. If you or someone you know has a large, private collection or accumulation of antiques that the Pickers can spend the better part of the day looking through, send us your name, phone number, location, and description of the collection with photos to americanpickers@cinelife.com or call 855-OLD-RUST.

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opinion

Gov. Phil Scott signs violence reduction, gun safety legislation

On April 11, 2018, Gov. Phil Scott signed bills S.221, H.422 and S.55, relating to violence reduction and gun safety. Below is an excerpt of his address:

I support the Second Amendment, but I had to ask myself, "Are we truly doing everything we can to make our kids and communities safer?" Because if we're at a point where our kids are afraid to go to school, and parents are afraid to put them on a bus; or police don't have the tools they need to protect victims of violence; or families can't step in to prevent a loved one from taking their own life; then who are we?

The answers to those crucial questions forced me to reconsider, and after deep reflection, change some of my own views.

And so, I encouraged a conversation about how to better identify and treat mental health needs and root causes of violence, determine why

so many kids slip through the cracks, and have an open dialogue about gun safety, including access to guns by those who shouldn't have them.

One week after the young man's arrest in Fair Haven – eight days after the shooting in Parkland – I presented an action plan, outlining steps to enhance school and community safety. At my direction, state police and local law enforcement completed a safety assessment of all schools and will report their findings within the week.

I want to thank the Legislature for working with me to allocate \$5 million for school security grants, so we can immediately invest in the safety of our kids.

My action plan also called for the Legislature to follow through on my request to upgrade our mental health system and expand our outreach program. I asked for the media's support in facilitating a "see something, say something" campaign, and for

legislation to protect those who do speak up.

And, I'll sign an Executive Order to create a Violence Prevention Task Force. This group will include a range of perspectives and experts in the areas of public safety, education, security, gun rights, health and mental health, and more. And, its charge will be to identify strategies to help prevent violence in communities and schools.

This is not the time to hit the brakes because this critical work must continue!

I also called for legislative action on gun safety reforms that, from my standpoint, are reasonable and do not infringe upon Second Amendment rights. And that brings me to why we're here today.

I know these discussions have been difficult, emotional and complex – barriers that frequently lead to inaction. But this is not the time to do what's easy, it's the time to do what's

right.

I want every student in every school, every mom and dad, every victim of violence – in any form – to know today, we stand together as we take a step towards making our communities safer, for all of us.

With S.221, we'll provide Vermonters with a lifesaving tool to help reduce gun tragedies, such as suicides or murders.

With H.422, we'll give victims of domestic violence – who've endured unthinkable abuses – added protections, and a greater sense of security.

Both of these new laws had unanimous support from both sides of the aisle, as well as consensus among sportsmen and victims' rights groups. They will help keep guns out of the hands of those who should not have them, which is why I thought it was so important for the Legislature to move forward on these issues, and I thank everyone for their work.

Additionally, we are also here to

day to sign S.55. With this bill, we'll adopt gun safety reforms that will help protect and strengthen our communities.

While I know many celebrate the passage of each of these bills, I also acknowledge some do not, and I understand your frustration. So, I want to take a moment to ensure the facts are clear:

S. 55 includes gun safety provisions relating to background checks, bump stocks, magazine capacity and safety training requirements for those purchasing guns under the age of 21.

This legislation extends our existing background check process to private sales, with an exception for sales between family members – a reasonable extension of existing law to close the so called "parking lot loophole."

What it does not do, is take away your guns, period. Nor does it take away magazines of any size. If you

purchased them in Vermont before Oct. 1, you can keep them.

S. 55 does not change possession laws. Our youth can still take part in hunting and recreational shooting, just like they do today.

While S.55 changes the age to purchase firearms from 18 to 21, 18-year-olds can still purchase a gun if they are a member of law enforcement or the military or have completed a firearm safety course as approved by the Commissioner of Fish and Wildlife.

I want to be absolutely clear: I believe these measures will make a difference. And I firmly believe each and every one of them is consistent with both the United States and Vermont Constitutions.

I took an oath to uphold those documents – an oath I take very seriously. If I thought anything in this legislation limited Vermonters' rights, I would not sign it.

Op-Ed: Investing in our future

Education of our young people is one of the most important obligations of our democracy. And a funding system that enables school district voters throughout the state to make thoughtful budget decisions is key to fulfilling that obligation in Vermont.

After the Vermont Supreme Court's Brigham decision in 1997, the Legislature made a structural school funding change. The result was the current system, which is not a "formula" that attempts to equalize a flawed and inherently unfair local school property tax as the various efforts in the 70s and 80s were.

Instead, it is a fundamentally fair, sustainable, and workable statewide system that supports local school districts to equitably invest in the education of our children. Vermont's school funding system is widely viewed as the most equitable in the nation.

But it's not without its problems. The biggest complaints about the current system are that it relies too much on property taxes and that it's too complex for voters to understand. These are fair criticisms, and it's worth the Legislature making an effort to

correct them.

While the House's recently passed "reform" bill (H.911) makes some progress on lowering property taxes, it unfortunately also takes a step backward by making the system more complex for school districts. We rely on school boards and school district voters to make spending decisions every year, so we should be making the system easier – not harder – for them to understand the tax consequences of their decisions.

The House bill lowers property taxes by establishing a progressive state income-tax surcharge that raises about \$60 million dedicated to the Education Fund. With this influx of funding, the state can lower school property taxes across the state.

Gov. Scott wants to lower education property taxes, too, but not by offsetting them with income taxes. He wants to push communities to cut school spending.

But this year, Vermont communities have already done everything we could want them to do to control costs. They passed budgets with a lower overall growth rate than the "target

rate" set by the governor. Yet he's putting even more pressure on school districts to push their spending down.

With a nod to the governor's idea that Vermont schools should spend less on our children's education, the House bill would make property taxes even more painful for districts that want to increase their spending per pupil. H.911 seems to be based on the assumption that the funding system doesn't have cost controls already in place.

The fact is that the existing system requires that residents in school districts with higher spending per pupil pay higher homestead tax rates. Currently, if a town spends more per pupil, its homestead tax rate increases proportionally. If a town increases its per-pupil spending 10 percent, residents of that town will pay 10 percent higher homestead taxes. Nevertheless, the House bill pushes up property taxes even more for districts that decide to spend more per pupil and removes the proportional relationship between spending and taxes. H.911 creates a big change in the wrong direction.

We should keep moving forward instead of stepping back. The Vermont Senate, where the bill is now, can correct the problems with H.911

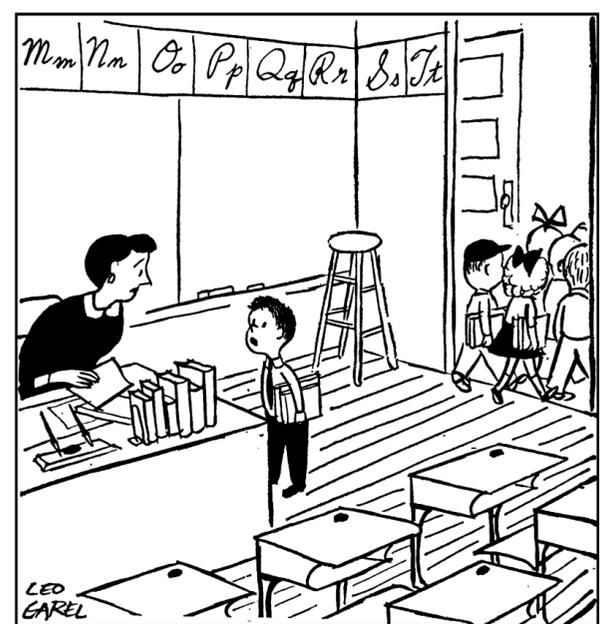
and solve some real problems with the funding system at the same time. We need to ensure that the school funding system is stable, fair, equitable, understandable, and supportive of local funding decisions so that a high quality education really can be made available to all young people.

I recall from my time in the legislature in the 1980s that when inequity increases, it undermines trust, educational quality, and basic fairness. We could make Vermont's school funding system simpler and even more equitable by phasing out the homestead property tax and moving to an income-based school tax for all Vermont residents while maintaining the current cost control by having increased per-pupil spending in a town result in higher income-based tax rates in that town.

Vermonters want to invest in our children's future and an equitable funding system is key to ensuring that investment benefits all of the state's children.

Written by Scudder Parker. Scudder Parker is a former Vermont State Senator and former chair of the Senate Finance Committee. He lives in Middlesex, Vt.

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"What did I learn today?
My parents always ask."

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

The Springfield Energy Committee recently collaborated with Vital Communities on a Weatherization Campaign to encourage Springfielders to insulate and seal their homes. As an incentive, people who participated received a free walk through, and those who sign a contract will be eligible to have their name entered in a raffle to win \$500 towards their energy project.

Dear Editor,

For several years, some members of the House of Representatives wanted to pass a law that would allow saliva testing for the presence of drugs that impaired persons while driving. There were skeptics that felt that it was not a reliable tool and there were concerns about DNA being taken from drivers. In November of 2016, the Legislative Oversight Committee received a requested report that reviewed enforcement challenges with regard to "Driving under the Influence/Drug Offenses."

The report indicated that saliva testing was almost identical to breath testing in that it only requires the insertion of a small plastic swab into the mouth to collect the sample and a breath test requires the driver to insert a plastic tube into the mouth to provide the breath sample. The Supreme Court in a 2000 decision indicated that oral tests were equivalent to breath tests. The committee concluded that, "Oral fluid testing is a scientifically reliable means of determining the presence of drugs in impaired drivers" and that the Legislature should wholeheartedly endorse its use. They did note that a limitation of saliva testing is that drug concentrations cannot be related to a specific degree of impairment, nor can they be used to predict blood drug concentrations. Officers who are certified as drug

recognition experts would still be needed in these cases, as the saliva tests are only one tool to be used.

With recreational marijuana use becoming legal on July 1, 2018 and the expectation that more people will be driving with marijuana in their systems, there has been an increased push for testing. There are already grave concerns about drivers with other drugs in their systems.

House bill 737 was introduced in 2017, passed the House this year, and is now in the Senate Judiciary Committee where it is being reviewed. It should be noted that should a driver be stopped, the roadside routine would be very similar to a DUI stop. Before a test would be given, there would need to be a suspicion of impairment. The swab that would be taken at the station is not the swab that would be used as evidence. A second swab that would be taken at the station if the first gave an indication of use of drugs would be the evidentiary one. The roadside testing device cost is about \$4,500 dollars and swabs are about \$20 dollars.

The second test would be sent to the forensic lab and uses a more sophisticated swab than the first ones. More extensive testing of the fluid would be done there. It was pointed out, the test may well protect some drivers who may be driving as if impaired but could be having a medical issue that needs addressing. The

partner with area businesses and residents to provide a personalized energy consultation that can include diagnosing your energy usage, expert tips on how to lower costs, and free energy walk throughs. Springfield Saves and Efficiency Vermont representatives will be in our community for the entire year of 2018. You can contact them at their toll free number, 888-921-5990 or visit their website for

more information at www.efficiencyvermont.com/springfield.

Check out the website, call their number. Find out how you can be warmer in the winter, cooler in the summer, save energy and save money.

Sincerely,
Char Osterlund
Co-coordinator,
Springfield Energy Committee

roadside test swab is thrown away or can be given back to the person tested so the person will know that their DNA is not being kept. The evidentiary swab would be kept. The drugs that can be tested using an oral fluid device are cannabis (specifically Delta -9-THC, the active ingredient in cannabis), cocaine, opioids (heroin, etc.), benzodiazepines, methamphetamine, and amphetamine. Oral swab testing per testimony from an Abbot Labs witness was that the testing devices do not return positive results from cannabis taken days or weeks prior to the test. A typical detection window for cannabis that is smoked, vaporized, or taken orally is less than nine hours from ingestion, it was also reported.

We also heard testimony from the Director of the Vermont Forensic

Lab, the Commissioner of the Dept. of Public Safety, a prosecutor, the Chief of the Newport Police Department, and a private defense attorney. The defense attorney objected to the devices being used, stating that they gave the police unreasonable and overbroad authority to process motorists on the basis of consumption only. He also had concerns about personal privacy.

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Sincerely,
Sen. Alice Nitka

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Heath Gordon Scholarship 5th fundraiser

CHESTER, Vt. - Looking for a great night out, and for a great cause? On May 5, join the Heath Gordon Scholarship Fund at the American Legion in Chester, Vt. for their 5th annual fundraiser. The evening consists of a silent and live auction, 50/50 raffle, and then a few hours of dancing to your favorite tunes from the 80s and 90s by the Roy Brown Band.

The auction features tons of great deals from local and state vendors including: gift certificates, jewelry, apparel, artwork, gift baskets, and much, much more. If the auctions, raffle, and awesome band weren't enough, May 5 is Cinco de Mayo, of course! So we'll be celebrating that too.

The Heath Gordon Scholarship Fund was established five years ago for Green Mountain Union High School seniors or alumni pursuing a college degree in art, theater, or music. The fund is recognized by

the state of Vermont as a nonprofit, and are also recognized as a federally 501(c)(3) tax-exempt public charity. In the past four years, the fund has assisted four extremely talented young artists and musicians in attending college with \$26,000 in scholarship awards.

With your help, we hope that is just the tip of the iceberg and plan to help many more students for years and years to come. This scholarship was started in honor of Heath Gordon. Heath was an eclectic artist and musician who passed away abruptly at the early age of 43. As an artist, he worked in many mediums - too many to list. As a musician, Heath played guitar, saxophone, harmonica, and he also sang.

We hope you will make it out and support our event and have a great night out for yourself. However, if you can't make the event, and would like to donate - any cash, check, or

credit card donation is fully tax-deductible.

Checks can be made out to "Heath Gordon Scholarship Fund" and sent to Heath Gordon Scholarship Fund, 7180 W. Porpoise Dr., Homosassa, FL 34446. This is the home of Heath's brother, Sam Gordon, who is president of the fund.

Credit card donations can be made online on the Heath Gordon Scholarship Fund Facebook page. If you would like to donate an auction item, contact Sam Gordon via phone call or text 352-228-3842 or email sgord20@hotmail.com.

Donated items also can be tax-deductible based on their fair value with the exception of services.



Heath Gordon and Friend.

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Animal communication fundraiser for SHS

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - The Springfield Humane Society will be hosting a fundraiser on Saturday, April 28 from 2-3:30 p.m. by donation.

Jeannie Lindheim, a professional animal communicator, will give a presentation on animal communication, techniques she uses, plus a wonderful technique that you can use with your own animals. She has communicated with dogs, cats, horses, ferrets, pigs, hedgehogs, llamas, alpacas, bearded dragon lizards, loons, mice, rats, parrots, and more. There will be also a question and answer session.

Jeannie studied with animal communication pioneer, Penelope Smith. Animal communication is focusing energy with the intention of communicating to an animal. The connection is telepathic. Tele-

pathy means, "feeling another soul and spirit over a distance." Jeannie consults with pet lovers from all over the U.S. who are trying to get vital information and understand how their animal feels.

Here are some topics Jeannie addresses in her consultations: Do you ever wonder what your animal companion is feeling and thinking? Are there behavior issues you are trying to solve? Does your animal have physical problems? Are you concerned about an animal joining your family? Are you struggling with end-of-life decisions? Do you have questions about rescued and adopted animals? Would you like a closer relationship with your pet?

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THIS AND THAT

BY BILL MURPHY

The Vermont Journal & The Shopper

"Joslyn, Parino, Howarth, Pierce, Goodell. Yonder lie the Presidents and we are doing well."

You have likely lived close to a full life if you quickly recognize the meaning of those words. The slogan was shouted with enthusiasm by Black River basketball fans who were cheering their team throughout the 1956 season on their way to an eventual state championship match-up with Essex in Middlebury when the Black River Presidents would capture the school's second Division II basketball state title.

The days were different back then. Earl Washburn told me, "Back then, every basketball game was an event in town. The games use to be played at the town hall, and everyone came. Ludlow was truly a basketball town."

From 1955 through 1962, Black River was in five Division II championship games in eight years. And if those numbers don't impress you, how about the news that the Presidents of that day were scrimmaging, beating, and holding their own, against the Rutland, Bennington, Bellows Falls, Springfield, Hartford, and Windsor schools of the time.

Officially, Black River has won four state titles. They have competed in 11 title games. Two of their titles are in Division II.

I feel lucky that I saw a number of outstanding Black River teams play during the years they advanced to the Final Four. The school captured state titles in 1938, 1956, 1974, and 1987. The town also claims a title in 1942. The official Vermont title records do not show that championship. The state did not hold an official tournament in either 1942 or 1943 because of the war.

The teams that stand out to me were the group that dazzled fans at the annual Southern Tournament held in Springfield each February from 1958 through 1962. There may have been no titles during that stretch, but there were five straight Final Four appearances - the longest streak in school history - and this was a special period in the history of the school program even without a crown. This is the group I remember the best. I can also say without reservation they were the best teams I was lucky enough to see in President history.

Those years also corresponded with the five-year coaching career of Glen Thurber who came by way of Bennington. These were his only five years at the helm.

My two favorite Black River players of all time were Bruce Stryhas and Ray Libuda. There were several others who played well for the Presidents, but these two came along when I was very young and impressionable. They shined time and time again. More than 50 years later, I'm still impressed.

Stryhas, who graduated in 1962, is listed first because he was part of four of those Final Four teams. I anoint him The President. Libuda is my Vice President because he was a standout on three of those teams.

Washburn has followed the sport in Ludlow as closely as anyone over the years. He has been a player, spectator, and coach all along the way. He graduated with Stryhas but was not a part of the team his senior year due



Black River Presidents 1959-60. From the left in the front: Assistant Manager John Surething, Coach Glen Thurber, Assistant Manager Art Ellison. Back row: Ken Laundry, Earl Washburn, Ray Libuda, Bruce Stryhas, Tony Perrino, John Butler, Bill Olney, Rick Myatt, Stan Searl, and Mike Foster.

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to an unfortunate injury away from the sport.

He told me he believed, "Stryhas was one of the premier basketball players in Vermont for three years." He also pointed out that this group of Presidents was a very athletically talented group. "Unfortunately we didn't win a basketball championship, but we won three baseball championships during those years," he said. Wow! Ludlow must have been a baseball town too.

Washburn went on, "During that period from '59 to '62, we didn't suffer a loss to a Division I team in Vermont. Some of the games were scrimmages, but we played a number of teams and none of them beat us." Many of the teams were local rivals but then there was also Spaulding of Barre, who won the Division I title one year, in which Black River defeated them in a regular season game. Spaulding also won a game in Boston Garden in the New England Tournament that year.

Washburn said, "That was a victory you remember. They had great players and Black River beat them." That was during a stretch in the early 60s, when both Bellows Falls and Springfield dominated Division I in southern Vermont. From 1961 through 1964, those two schools took turns advancing to meet Black River in the finals and falling short.

Black River may not have fallen to any Vermont Division I teams during that time, but those Presidents did get plenty of recognition in a tough one point loss to North Adams, Mass. It is very clear by the schedule Thurber set up, he wanted to challenge his players; it is also clear that they responded to the challenge.

Back quickly to the narrow defeat to North Adams. The Bay State team prevailed 53-52, but a newspaper clipping from that game will resonate throughout Ludlow for the rest of time. A writer reported, "We love our Mark and always will, but Stryhas was the best player on the floor in this game."

Just so you know, Mark Belanger was one heck of an athlete. He played shortstop for the Baltimore Orioles on some really good teams.

Back to the 1956 championship team. They controlled Essex 78-49 in the title game after tumbling Burr & Burton and Fair Haven along the way. Dick Joslyn, Tom Parino, Brad Howarth, Charlie Pierce, and Goody Goodell were the names from the cheer. They were the cornerstones that brought the last Division II title to Black River's case. Many of the same players had also been a part of the 1955 team, which was the third President team ever to reach the finals where they lost to Peoples Academy, 78-42.

I have no specific information about the Presidents' championship team in 1938 other than I know they won the Division II title over Waterbury,

26-19. The Presidents had advanced to the title game for the first time in school history in 1935 and fell to Orleans, 32-16.

In 1958, Black River fell in the Southern Vermont Championship game 52-40 to Burr & Burton. Libuda was a sophomore at the time.

My dynamic duo atop the President Rank chart, Libuda and Stryhas, became teammates in 1959, and that team reached the finals and suffered a stinging 44-38 loss to Bradford. George Huntington, who would later see many of his offspring see athletic success at Oxbow, totaled more than half his team's points in the contest for the winners.

The next year, Libuda's senior year, saw the height and the valley of the group. The Presidents controlled Bob Dailey's Woodstock Wasps for a half in the Southern Finals. They took a 20-point lead into the locker room at halftime, before falling short at the end, 49-47. Washburn recalled, "Most everyone has never gotten over that one." Washburn added, "That's why we play the games." He's right.

The remaining Presidents would get their Woodstock revenge the next year in the Southern Tourney, downing the Wasps, 54-51. My bet is they were the hungrier team in that one. They also disposed of Bradford in that year's southern get together, 66-44. Then 1960 would be the first of two years Black River would meet Winooski in the finals of the Division II Vermont State tourney.

Back to back close losses, 45-42 and 54-48, would prevent the Black River team from capturing that much anticipated day in the sun, but what a legacy they left anyway. In their final Southern Tournament championship, they captured two more games with meaning. First, they blasted Woodstock 53-31 in the southern semis before defeating rival Chester 73-40 in the Southern Title encounter.

Four more title games and two more titles would come Black River's way. The Presidents would fall to Blue Mountain 63-44 in the 1985 Division IV title contest and in 2001 Black River reached their most recent title appearance and dropped a 75-45 contest to Poultney.

Black River appeared on the big stage in 1974, and they ran away in a Division III title championship victory with a 58-34 conquest over Chelsea on the big floor of Patrick Gym at the University of Vermont. I saw that team in action a number of times, and I clearly remember the exploits of Eugene Hyjek, Paul Stuart, Chuck Clark, Richie Gainard, and Roger Danyew among others.

Then finally, in 1987, the Presidents were able to pay Blue Mountain back when they captured the championship with a 79-73 triumph over the Bucks. The names of Matt Warnecke, Greg Witalec, Peter Libuda, Sean Trainor, Wayne Call, and Howie Paul led the way that time around. Black River will soon close the record books for good. The man I anointed President of the Ages has my last words on the history of the game in Ludlow.

Bruce Stryhas told me, "I was lucky to be a part of a group of us who grew up in Ludlow and was part of a community who took us under their wings and dedicated their time to make sure we had the facilities of a gym or a ballfield to play on and taught us the skills and the way to play the games. The whole town was family back then. Our programs were always well funded and supported in every way."

Stryhas said many times during our conversation that, "Basketball is a team game and we were a team. We always went out as a team. Some guys scored baskets, some guys rebounded, gave out assists, or played defense, but we were a team."

When the interview was near complete, I asked Stryhas if there is anything else and he said, "Yes. I don't ever remember playing a game at home with an empty seat."

Hopefully, some of these teams can be recognized in Black River's final season of basketball. And that the community will fill many of the seats in the final go-round.

If you would like to comment on the sports in this paper, feel free to email me at bmurphy@vermontjournal.com.

Springfield Unified Basketball victorious against Brattleboro

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Springfield Unified Basketball brings their record to 4-1 with their fourth victory in a row against Brattleboro, 40-32. Springfield Cosmos came out strong in the first quarter with Jayen Thurber scoring six points. Jayden's strong drives to the basket kept the momentum going, giving the Cosmos a 14-8 lead in the first quarter. With two points each from Lance Robinson, Cameron Colon, Evan Hall, and Gavin Glidden, the Cosmos were up at the half by 4.

Coming into the third quarter, coaches switched up the squads with Jayden Thurber and Jason Supry starting. Their enthusiasm up and down the court resulted in several steals that helped the Cosmos earn 10 points in the third quarter.

Stats from the game were Lance Robinsons adding 10 points from his fast break layups, beneath the rim shots, and 7 rebounds. Cameron Colon hustled up and down the court to contribute 8 points, from finding the open lane and jumpers and 5 rebounds. This game allowed many team players to shine and show their skills. Evan Hall scored 6 points and had 3 rebounds. Gavin Glidden came back this game with 4 points and 3 rebounds. Falisha



Springfield Unified basketball team.

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Maly and Alex Damato each scored 2 points. New scorer senior Natalie Corliss added two points.

Brattleboro Zack Smith and Jacob Williams kept the game in the paint, each scoring 12 points. Their hustle and determination kept the Cosmos to working hard throughout the game. Kylie, number 31, was strong with three jumpers giving

her 6 points and Ashley, 14, added 2 points.

The Springfield Cosmos will return for two more home games on Tuesday, April 24 against Mill River and Thursday April 26 against Rutland. Both games will tip off at 4 p.m.

We all thank our devoted fans and referees.



The teammates are all staying open.

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A shot is made.

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FMRHS girls' softball celebrates first win

LANGDON, N.H. - The Wildcat "Kittens" opened their 2018 season with a win on Friday, April 13 at the Wildcat field. Coach Smokey Aumand was truly impressed with the skill level of play for the team's season start. "It was like coaching a team going into the playoffs! Everyone was on target and at their playing best. Their hitting, base running, and team enthusiasm was at an all-time high."

Picture celebrating are Lianne Thompson, Amanda Hodgkins, Grace Beliveau, Lindsay Yeatman, Sarah Schadler (who was also celebrating her birthday), Erin Brady, Kelly Ross, Courtney Bobee, Coach Smokey Aumand, Ashlyn Stevens, Kaylee Lintner, Kelsey Brewer, Stella Boucher and captains Sierra Fulcher, Taylor Hill, and Lindsey Vane. Not pictured is Alexis Clarke.

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Sadie Stetson is Gatorade Person of the Year for second time

ST. JOHNSBURY, Vt. - Sadie Stetson was named 2017-18 Vermont Girls Basketball Gatorade Player of the Year for the second year in a row, recognizing the St. Johnsbury Academy junior as the top player in the state. She helped lead her team to the top seed in Division I and defeated five-time Division I champion, Champlain Valley Union High School in the finals. Stetson was also named Metro Division POY by the Burlington Free Press, Miss Basketball

by the Vermont Basketball Coaches Assoc., and All-State 1st Team. These awards were also received the previous year.

With Division I colleges UVM, Robert Morris, and Northeastern and Division II St. Michael's showing a keen interest in Stetson, she will have a decision to make next year. In the meantime, she has another year of high school basketball to play. By her senior year, there could be more offers.

Stetson plays AAU basketball for

the Lone Wolf Athletics where every Vermont Girls' Basketball Gatorade POY recipient for the last 13 years has played. Lone Wolf Athletics is run by Wayne Lafley and consists of four or five girls' teams and three or four boys' teams of various ages. Players come from all over Vermont and some areas of New York. They are one of the best organizations in the New England area.

Written by Don Lloyd of Springfield, Vt.

SPRING HOME IMPROVEMENT



Learn more about growing food indoors with 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 on April 22, 2018 at 5 p.m. at St. Luke's Parish Hall, 188 Main Street, Charlestown, N.H.

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Cold climate heat pumps, do they make sense for you?

WEATHERSFIELD, Vt. - The Weathersfield, Vt. Energy Group is holding a free cold climate heat pump workshop on April 25, 2018 at 6 p.m. at the town library on Route 5 in Ascutney. Learn how heat pumps save money operating in winter and summer. Bring along your questions - remember that all renewable energy systems work far more efficiently when installed in weatherized buildings.

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gy Commissions and Energy Committees, but independent teams or groups also work with municipalities to advise on energy policy and efficiency, resulting in savings for taxpayers. Energy Coordinators serve as ex-officio members of Town Planning Commissions and liaisons with Regional Planning Commissions.

Some Energy Committees team up to work together on mutual programs to advise and help homeowners

with weatherization and renewable energy projects.

Energy Committees are invaluable resources for information on Federal rebates and Efficiency Vermont; they pass along contacts for energy audits and conduct energy walk-throughs looking for air leaks and escaping heat. They advise on energy-saving light bulbs and appliances, promote hybrid and electric vehicles, and hold workshops on renewable energy systems.

Weathersfield produced a flyer with a check list for homeowners to improve energy efficiency and energy-saving tips including renting a Green Mountain Power Heat Pump, riding a bike, and growing your own vegetables, etc. Conservation, weatherization, and using energy wisely are first steps to reducing costs.

For more information, call Weathersfield Energy Group at 802-674-5280.

Six home décor trends to make a statement

StatePoint - Is your home décor starting to feel a bit stale? Spruce up your interiors with some of the hottest home design trends for 2018 - from customized cozy to natural textures to retro touches.

Here are some stylish ways to incorporate new trends, from one of

the nation's most sought-after celebrity interior designers, Taniya Nayak.

1. **Create an oasis** Make your home a tropical escape all year long. Add floral or banana leaf accents to form a staycation-worthy "at-home paradise" no matter the temperature. Nayak suggests pairing pops of



Spruce up your home's interiors with some new decor and style. PHOTO PROVIDED

metallic gold with plush greens and crisp white to build a look that is sophisticated, yet fun and exotic.

2. **Keep it simple** In 2018, Nayak encourages DIYers to "go big or go home...in the simplest way imaginable." An easy way to accomplish this is to paint your baseboards, trim or window mullions a dramatic contrasting color, like black against a white wall, for an effortless, yet powerful effect. And when it comes to achieving clean, sharp paint lines, one of Nayak's vital, go-to tools is a premium painter's tape, like FrogTape brand painter's tape that delivers the sharpest paint lines possible. Treated with patented PaintBlock Technology, FrogTape is a foolproof way to get professional-looking results and eliminate the need for touch-ups.

3. **Incorporate natural touches** This trend is all about nature's textures - think wood grain, geodes, or ocean waves. One way to incorporate this look is to combine earthy tones like browns, beiges, and deep blues with vibrant neon colors to generate the effect of the northern lights around the home.

4. **Get back to the future** Give what's old a modern, futuristic update to achieve this trend. Try painting a vintage chair with a pop of color, like the Sherwin-Williams 2018 color of the year, Oceanside, a combination of rich blue with jewel-toned green. This creates an eye-catching masterpiece that seamlessly integrates into both retro and modern home décor. Introducing bright colors to antiques produces a beautiful new spin on a classic look.

5. **Design it with love** What's "in" in home design this year? Creating warm and cozy spaces that are customized just for you. This is the true essence of DIY. Painting an accent wall in a pastel color, like lavender, will set a relaxed and comforting tone in the room. From there, add personal pieces like a soft woven blanket, a macramé wall hanging, or ivory plates on a wall to transform any room to "your" room.

6. **Embrace New England prep** This style embraces the timeless combination of crisp white linens and navy blues, but what really gives a room an authentic New England vibe is the addition of camel-colored leather décor accents. Nayak recommends adding monogrammed pillows to a leather accent chair, or whitewashing your brick fireplace to create a look that never goes out of style.

Get started on your home projects now so you can enjoy your refreshed décor all year long. Visit www.FrogTape.com for more trend information and inspiration.

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Past prizewinner pushes Curb Appeal creativity

BY KAREN ENGDAHL
The Vermont Journal & The Shopper

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Three days into her Curb Appeal project of applying German "schmeer" mortar to the facade of her house, Janalene

Gould almost bailed. "It was the hardest job I've ever done!" said Gould, who eventually won the "Biggest Bang for the Buck" award in the 2017 Curb Appeal Challenge. "I really had to psych myself up to finish it." The German "schmeer," a cement-based mortar is quite heavy and Gould needed a lot of it to cover the brickwork on the front of her ranch-style home. "It looked a lot easier on the video I saw when I started learning about the process," she laughed.



An array of colorful flowers up the walk. PHOTO BY JANALENE GOULD

Eventually, Gould mastered the technique and finished the job. But her Curb Appeal efforts didn't stop there. With the help of family members, she jackhammered the original walkway and concrete steps in front of her house and



Janalene Gould's home before her curb appeal transformation. PHOTO BY JANALENE GOULD

rebuilt the steps using lumber and recycled railings. She then dug out original plantings from around the house, moved the plants, regraded the beds with three yards of topsoil, and replanted the flowerbeds. Throughout the project Gould added recycled objects, including a set of shutters found along a roadside and a baby crib up cycled as a trellis for roses.

"I won the 'Biggest Bang for the

Buck' award because I was able to make use of so many 'found objects,'" she said. "It's really dangerous for me to go to a recycling center! My mind just races to what I could do with all the materials."

Gould, who describes herself as an "Upcycling Artist," has made a specialty of creating fine art as well as practical pieces using materials others have cast aside. Her home is full of handcrafted ceramics and



Gould's home after all of her hard work. PHOTO BY LORI CLAFFEE

woodworking projects she made using skills that were mostly self-taught.

"I see objects - and then I see the possibilities," she said. "Really, everyone can be creative. I believe everybody has creative ideas - you just need to put them out there!"

What are her plans for the 2018 Curb Appeal Challenge? Gould isn't sure yet, but thinks she might tackle building a stone walkway. "There's a lot of prep work involved," she sighed, "but it could be beautiful."

The Curb Appeal Challenge, which kicked off on April 14, 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; entrants may also have a free one-time consultation from the Springfield Garden Club or real estate professional Lori Muse.

For more information about the contest, call 802-885-6388 or request information from upnainc@gmail.com. The Curb Appeal Challenge is sponsored by Mascoma Bank, Bibens Ace Home Center, Woodbury's Landscaping, Sherwin-Williams paints, the Springfield Reporter, Muse & Associates, and Union/Park Neighborhood Association.

Spring planting workshops and live caterpillar exploration

WALPOLE, N.H. - The Cheshire County Conservation District invites the public to celebrate the onset of spring at Alyson's Orchard in Walpole, N.H. on Saturday, April 28 from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. As part of their annual Plant Sale Pick-Up Day, this year the Conservation District is offering two informative planting workshops free to the public and will be hosting interactive exploration tables full of live caterpillars from the Caterpillar Lab of Marlborough, N.H.!

Join us at 9:30 a.m. for "Planting with Bareroot Stock," facilitated by Michael Nerrie of Distant Hill Gardens. Nerrie will guide attendees through the process of handling bareroot plants and share his methods of planting and holding for more growth. Those who purchased plants

from the CCCD Plant Sale or are unfamiliar with bareroot plants are encouraged to attend this workshop.

At 11 a.m., join us for "Getting Started with Fruit Trees & Shrubs," facilitated by Carl Majewski of UNH Cooperative Extension. Majewski will share information on the best ways to care for the fruit trees, shrubs, and bushes on your property - including but not limited to planting, pest management, and site considerations. Come ready with your questions for this informal, but informational workshop.

In between workshops, we invite you to explore "Live Caterpillars" and talk with the knowledgeable and passionate staff members of the Caterpillar Lab! Founder Sam Jaffe and Lab Manager Jesse Varga will be on

site all day from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. with exploration tables filled with their invertebrate friends! Come out and meet some live caterpillars and learn about the exciting things the Caterpillar Lab is bringing to the Monadnock Region! This kid-friendly event

is one you won't want to miss!

For questions regarding this event, please contact Lola Bobrowski, outreach coordinator with the Cheshire County Conservation District, by email at lola@cheshireconservation.org or call 603-756-2988 x115.

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“Cool the Planet: Food, Water, Soil, Climate, Hope”

SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. - The Windmill Hill Pinnacle Association invites the public to its annual meeting on Sunday April 29, 4-6 p.m., featuring a program entitled, “Cool the Planet: Food, Water, Soil, Climate, Hope.” In an engaging PowerPoint presentation, followed by a question-and-answer session, Henry Swayze and Cat Buxton will discuss

the natural systems that allow for planetary cooling and the factors that contribute to understanding healthy soil and watershed functions, as well as how the average person can effect positive change in the backyard and marketplace.

Swayze has worked in sustainable agriculture and sustainable living for 40-plus years. In the 1970-80s, he

and his wife, Cornelia, resurrected a nearly abandoned Tunbridge, Vt. dairy farm, tripling the land's productivity and enabling it to offset the carbon footprint of approximately ten Vermont households. He is now focused on actually cooling the planet before reducing fossil fuel inputs and sequestering carbon have time to work. He feels that knowledge about natural systems is improving rapidly and that those systems can have the power to redirect the upward warming curve to level or cooling mode before it is too late. Swayze co-hosts a weekly environmental program called Vermont GreenZine, which is available online at Royalton Community Radio.

Buxton works to connect communities to affect positive food system change from the ground up. She operates Grow More, Waste Less/Food Systems Consulting, LLC - offering all aspects of community organizing and consulting for soil health, gardening, composting, and farm-to-school. She is co-director of Soil4Climate-Vermont and founder of the Vermont Healthy Soils Coalition.

The program will take place at Main Street Arts, 35 Main Street in Saxtons River. Prior to the program, there will be a brief WHPA business meeting, which members and the public are encouraged to attend to learn about plans the Pinnacle Association has for the coming year. Come early to enjoy refreshments and view maps and other materials.

For more information about other free Pinnacle programs, please visit online at www.windmillhillpinnacle.org or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/windmillhillpinnacle/.



Earth Day celebration

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - The Unitarian Universalist Church will host an Earth Day celebration on Sunday, April 22, beginning at 10 a.m. with worship service, Souper Sunday lunch, and interactive displays. We'll also be launching our new pollinator garden. Open to the public. Bring friends!

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Mud season is here, protect fragile trail environments

MONTPELIER, Vt. - On April 10, the Green Mountain Club (GMC), maintainer and protector of Vermont's Long Trail and Vermont's hiking trails advocate, along with the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation (FPR), manager of Vermont State Forests and Parks, and the Green Mountain National Forest (GMNF), announced the return of mud season to the Green Mountains.

The wet soils on and around hiking trails are very susceptible to erosion at this critical time of year. To protect fragile

soil and surrounding vegetation, some trails may be closed by the land manager during this time. Please respect the signage you see. Hikers walking on saturated soils or on the sides of trails cause damage to surrounding vegetation, widen trails, and inhibit natural drainage of our beloved hiking trails.

"It can take hours for a volunteer or trail crew to fix what takes just moments to damage by hiking on muddy trails," says Jessica Savage, FPR's recreation program manager. "In between spring showers, we are all ready to hit the trails after a long, cold winter. But even as your yard is drying out, soils are still



Green Mountain Club Mud Season - protect the environment. ARTWORK BY EMILY BENNING

thawing at higher elevations. Saving your mountain hikes until the trails are dry will ensure a better, longer hiking season for all."

The period of snowmelt and muddy trails varies considerably throughout Vermont depending on elevation, solar orientation, depth of snowpack, and amount of spring rainfall. Even as it warms up in town, our mountains are hiding cold, wet, snowy, and icy conditions that may persist deep into spring. Hikers who find themselves at high elevations will need better traction and warmer clothes than the valley may hint at. The GMC encourages hikers to use their best judgment. If you encounter conditions you are not prepared

for, please turn around. The mountain will be there another day. If a trail is muddy, even if it is not officially closed, please find an alternative area to hike in.

"Dry trails at lower elevations, dirt roads, and recreation paths all provide excellent opportunities for spring activities," says Mike DeBonis, executive director of the Green Mountain Club. "Until the end of May, consider hiking on south-facing slopes and lower elevations where the sun can dry out the

trails sooner."

The Green Mountain Club, the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation, and the Green Mountain National Forest thank hikers for their cooperation in helping to maintain one of Vermont's finest recreational resources, our hiking trails.

For information on mud season and alternative hike suggestions, call the GMC's visitor center at 802-244-7037 or email gmc@greenmountainclub.org or the Vermont State Parks Call Center at 1-888-409-7579, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. In addition, a weekly trail update with the latest conditions and a list of alternative hikes will be posted on the Vermont State Parks website.

Spring turkey hunting starts soon

REGION - It's almost time for spring turkey hunting in Vermont. Youth spring turkey hunting weekend is April 28 and 29 this year, and the regular spring turkey season is May 1-31.

Vermont hunters set an all-time

record last year when they took 6,599 turkeys in the spring youth weekend and May seasons. The previous spring record occurred in 2013 when 6,365 birds were taken in the spring.

The April 28 and 29 youth turkey hunting weekend provides an excellent opportunity for experienced hunters to teach young hunters how to safely and successfully hunt wild turkeys.

"Beyond the simple joy of sharing an outdoor adventure of this sort with a young friend, experienced hunters can take satisfaction in knowing they've introduced these youths to some of the most exciting and rewarding hunting the state has to offer," said Chris Bernier, Vermont's wild turkey biologist. "Coupled with the thrill of 'talking' to a gobbler, the typically high success rates turkey hunters achieve and the often pleasant spring weather they experience, the youth turkey hunt is one of the best ways to introduce youths to the benefits of a life-long pursuit of hunting."

Landowner permission is required to hunt on private land during youth turkey hunting weekend. To participate, a youth must be age 15 or under and must have completed a hunter education course and possess a hunting license, a turkey hunting license, and

a free youth turkey hunting tag. All of these are available on Fish & Wildlife's website www.vtfishandwildlife.com or from any license agent.

The youth must be accompanied by an unarmed licensed adult over 18 years of age. Shooting hours for the youth weekend are one half hour before sunrise to 5 p.m. The youth may take one bearded turkey during youth weekend and two bearded turkeys in the regular May hunting season. Last year, young hunters took 745 turkeys during the two-day youth hunt with a success rate of 33 percent.

The regular spring turkey hunting season is May 1-31. Shooting hours are one half hour before sunrise to noon, and two bearded turkeys may be taken.

A shotgun or archery equipment may be used in the youth or regular spring turkey hunting seasons. Shot size must be no larger than number 2 and no smaller than number 8.

The success rate last year during the May season was 29 percent, and of those successful hunters, 38 percent harvested a second bird under the two-bird limit.

The 2017 Turkey Harvest Report, available on the website, has details to help plan a turkey hunt, including the number of turkeys taken in each town.

Cavendish presents tick talk

CAVENDISH, Vt. - As part of its continuing series of nature talks, the

Cavendish Community and Conservation Association will sponsor a talk at the town office on April 24 at 6:30 p.m. on the pervasive problem of ticks in Vermont.

Bradley J. Tompkins, epidemiologist and program chief of the Tick-borne & Enteric Diseases division at the Vermont Department of Health will share information about the changing landscape of tick borne diseases in Vermont. Come learn about the who, what, when, and where of tick borne disease risk in Vermont, how you can best prevent tick bites, and the best actions to take after a tick bite.

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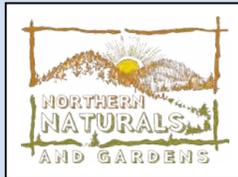
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CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

SATURDAY APRIL 21 - ALSTEAD, N.H. - Charles Andros, former New Hampshire and Vermont apriary inspector, will hold a beekeeping workshop from 1-4 p.m. on Saturday, April 21, at 18 MacLean Road, in Alstead, N.H. Look for the "bee" sign on the south side of Walpole Valley Road. Topics of discussion will be early spring management: locating aparies, equipment, handling bees, feeding syrup and supplements, making nuclei, reversing, and requeening. Bring a veil, if you have one, as we shall be opening some colonies. We'll be inside if it is a rainy day. Registration required. Email lindenap@gmail.com or call 603-756-9056.

MONDAY APRIL 23 - SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - The Union Street School in Springfield is offering a free 4-part series on Collaborating Problem Solving starting on Monday, April 23 from 5:30 - 7:30

p.m. in the Union Street School Library. Subsequent dates are April 25, April 30 and May 2. The classes are geared toward parents and caregivers struggling with their child's challenging behavior. We have the strategies to use to problem solve with your kids and make life calmer for everyone. This is a confidential, non-judgmental setting to share using the CPS approach. Snacks provided and free childcare provided by request. Let us know if you plan on attending so that we can prepare resources and childcare. Please email kgosselin@ssdvt.org or call Union Street School 802-885-5155.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25 - RUTLAND, Vt. - BROCC Community Action's Savvy Spending Solutions program is offering a free financial capability workshop on Wednesday, April 25 from 10 a.m. until noon. Join the thought provoking discussion at the 45 Union Street in Rutland with instructor Shelley Faris. Faris will share how to spring clean your filing system

and paper clutter, as well as offer financial housekeeping tips. Register by contacting Shelley at 802-665-1742 or email sfaris@brocc.org. For more information about BROCC Community Action, visit brocc.org.

MONDAY, APRIL 30 - PUTNEY, Vt. - Next Stage Arts Project is offering a cooking class featuring "Tapas From Around the World" on Monday, April 30, from 6 - 9 p.m. at Next Stage in Putney, taught by acclaimed chef, Linda Stavelly. In this class you will prepare these delicious appetizers from around the world including: Tapenade (Olive Paste with French Bread); Tortilla de Pimientos (Sweet Pepper and Potato Omelette); Kibbeh (Stuffed Crack Wheat Shells); Greek Spinach and Cheese Triangles; Lahmacun (Turkish Meat "Pizza"); Ameijoas na Cataplana (Steamed Clams with Sausage, Ham, Tomatoes and Spices); Gambas al Ajillo (Garlic Prawns) and Hoanh Thanh Chien (Fried Vietnamese Won Tons). Class size is limited so get your tickets early.

The classes are held at Next Stage's renovated state-of-the-art commercial kitchen. Let us know if you have any dietary restrictions or allergies. The classes will dine together and wine will be included. For more information go to www.nextstagearts.org, or contact kitchen@nextstagearts.org, or call 802-387-0102.

CLUBS

SUNDAY, APRIL 22 - MANCHESTER, Vt. - Join us for a hike to Hamilton Falls with the Manchester Section of the Green Mountain Club on Sunday, April 22 at 1 p.m. Meet at Jamaica State Park for a hike on the West River Trail

and the Hamilton Falls Trail to Hamilton Falls, one of the highest and most spectacular falls in Vermont. Hike a total of 5.8 miles round trip with 500 feet total elevation change. This is an easy hike except for the length and a great hike for mud season when the higher elevation trails still have frost in the ground and are easily damaged by hiking on them. Bring an extra layer, snack and fluids. RSVP required to leader Joe Ninesling at runraff@aol.com or 802-289-2801.

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, Suzanne Garvey at ludlowrotary@gmail.com

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

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@vcap.org. TFN

COMMUNITY MEALS

SATURDAY, APRIL 21 - SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - North Springfield Baptist Church in Springfield will hold a Ham supper on Saturday, April 21 from 4 to 7 p.m. Menu includes ham, raisin sauce, mashed potato, carrots, coleslaw, dessert and beverage. Handicapped accessible. Children five and under free. Call 802-886-8107 for more information.

SUNDAY, APRIL 22 - PLYMOUTH, Vt. - The Tyson

Ladies Aid is hosting a community spaghetti dinner on Sunday, April 22 from 5 - 7 p.m. at Plymouth Town Hall in Plymouth. Menu includes spaghetti, meatballs, salad, bread, dessert and beverages. Admission is free but donations are appreciated to benefit the Gill Home New Van Fund and the Plymouth Memory Tree. Seating is limited. Call Janine at 802-228-8764 or Narda at 802-484-7859 to make your reservation.

TUESDAY, APRIL 24 - PUTNEY, Vt. - Join Putney Cares at the Putney Cares Barn for our monthly community lunch on Tuesday, April 24, from noon - 1 p.m. Community lunch menu will include meatloaf, green bean casserole, sweet potatoes, and dessert, tea, and coffee. Suggested donation. Call 802-387-5593 or email putneycares@svcabl.net to reserve your seat. Reservations are required and will be accepted until Monday, April 23 until 2 p.m. This event is co-sponsored by Senior Solutions.

SATURDAY, APRIL 28 - CHARLESTOWN, N.H. - Join us for a Boy Scout Spaghetti Dinner in the VFW in Charlestown on Saturday, April 28 from 4:30 - 7:30 p.m. Enjoy all you can eat spaghetti with your choice of homemade meat or vegetarian sauce, salad bar with homemade buttermilk ranch dressing, homemade rolls and desserts and your choice of beverage. Proceeds are used to help offset the cost to the scout families of Troop 31 for summer camp. Take out available!

SATURDAYS - CHESTER, Vt. - Gassetts Grange holds a buffet breakfast every month on the first Saturday at 8-9:30 a.m. All are welcome! Admission at the door. We are located on Route 103N, just above junction of 103 and Route 10. Any questions, call Dave at 802-875-2637. TFN

WEEKDAYS - BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - The Bellows Falls Area Senior Center serves lunch 11:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Monday through Friday to area seniors. The Senior Meals menu for the week is available by calling 802-463-3907. The Bellows Falls Area Senior Center is located at 18 Tuttle St. We are wheelchair and walker accessible with plenty of parking. TFN

EVENTS

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.

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.

Dated at Port Richey, Florida this 28th day of March, 2018
JOAN DAYTON, Collector of Delinquent Taxes

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It being the remaining portion of lands and premises conveyed to Reginald Cyr by Quitclaim Deed of Jeannine Cyr, dated June 29, 1995 and recorded on July 22, 1995 in Book 52 at Pages 449-450 of the Londonderry Land Records.

(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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It being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Mountain Energy of Vermont, Inc. f/k/a Green Mountain Energy Systems, Inc. by Vermont Warranty Deed of Edward J. Duff and Barbara M. Duff, dated September 4, 2009 and recorded on September 4, 2009 in Book 65 at Pages 95-96 of the Londonderry Land Records.

(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 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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calendar

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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.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - The Springfield Art and Historical Society will present "My Favorite History Book" on Saturday, April 21 at 2 p.m. at the SAHS facility on 65 Route 106 in North Springfield. Hugh Putnam, John Swanson, and Rev. Malcolm Fowler will start off the program describing one of their favorite history books, and it will then be opened up to the audience. So come and bring your favorite book, either in hand or in thought. It can be any time period, any place. We will compile a list of the books discussed and post it on our website and Facebook page. This program is free and open to all. For more information call 802-886-7935.

SUNDAY, APRIL 22 - PUTNEY, Vt. - Join a cappella group Big Woods Voices at the Putney Friends Meeting House on Sunday, April 22 from 4 - 6 p.m. to benefit Putney Cares. Big Woods Voices unites four veteran area singers - Alan Blood, Will Danforth, Becky Graber, and Amanda Witman - in celebrating their common passion for a cappella. Read more at www.bigwoodsvoices.com. Refreshments will be available by donation. For tickets, call 802-387-5593 or email putneycares@svcabl.net. Tickets will also be available at the door. Volunteers are needed for the concert - contact us for more information.

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Celebrate Earth Day with live music by the Asante Duo at the Flat Iron Exchange in Bellows Falls on Sunday, April 22 from 2 - 5 p.m. The Asante Duo with Ken Rokicki guitar and Johnny Yuma drums will be performing World Music with an energetic mix of Latin, Reggae, Ska and Jazz Fusion.

MONDAY, APRIL 23 - KEENE, N.H. - On Monday,

April 23 from 7 - 9 p.m. at the Historical Society of Cheshire County in Keene, the public is invited to attend a presentation by special guest John A. Hodgson, Andover, N.H., author of the book "Richard Potter: America's First Black Celebrity." The son of a slave, Potter became a nationally recognized magician and ventriloquist in the first half of the 19th century. In his later years, he purchased a large farm in Andover, N.H. Hodgson will have copies of his book for sale at the event. This event follows a brief meeting of the Historical Society of Cheshire County membership.

FRIDAY, APRIL 27 & SATURDAY, APRIL 28 - CHARLESTOWN, N.H. - The Charlestown Senior Center is holding an indoor yard sales on Friday, April 27 & Saturday, April 28 from 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Charlestown Senior Center, 223 Old Springfield Road, in Charlestown. The sale items are priced to move and will feature a large assortment of items, including books, puzzles, dishes, household items, pictures and many,

many other items.
SATURDAY, APRIL 28 - CHESTER, Vt. - Visit Phoenix Books Misty Valley in Chester on Saturday, April 28 to celebrate Independent Bookstore Day 2018. Join us for merriment and giveaways throughout the day, as we celebrate with Independent Bookstores nationwide! Independent Bookstore Day is a celebration of books, readers and indie bookselling that started in California in 2014 and was first celebrated nationally in 2015. IBD has become a nationwide party as big and varied as the country itself. For more information visit www.phoenixbooks.biz.

SUNDAY, APRIL 29 - ASCUTNEY, Vt. - The Weathersfield Historical Society has invited award-winning author and Westminster resident, Jessie Haas, to give a talk about a 1775 incident known as the "Westminster Massacre," that happened in what is now eastern Vermont. The talk will take place on Sunday, April 29, 2018, at 2 p.m. at Martin Memorial Hall,

the Town Hall, on Route 5 in Ascutney, Vt. The program is free and open to the public. For more information call 802-885-9517.

TROY, N.H. - The Historical Society of Cheshire County and the Finnish Heritage Society-Sovittaja invite the general public to its 2nd annual Great Finnish Bread Bake-off on Sunday, April 29 at East Hill Farm, 460 Monadnock Road, Troy, N.H., from 3 - 5 p.m. Visitors will have the opportunity to taste-test varieties of nisu/pull bread. Admission comes with a voting ballot to choose the winner of a People's Choice award. The event will also include beverages provided by the Inn at East Hill Farm, bread making tips and demonstrations, music, and a tricky tray auction. Tickets for this event may be purchased in advance by visiting the Historical Society at 246 Main Street, Keene, NH, or visiting www.hscnh.org. Those interested in becoming a contestant are asked to visit the Historical Society for registration forms and bake-off

rules or visit online at www.hscnh.org. Deadline to enter as a contestant is April 23, 2018. For more information contact: Historical Society of Cheshire County at 603-352-1895 or hsc@hscnh.org.

CHESTER, Vt. - Join us for an afternoon of poetry with Patricia Fagnoli and Daniel Lusk at Phoenix Books Misty Valley in Chester on Sunday, April 29 at 3 p.m. Fagnoli

will read from her book "Hallowed," and Lusk from his collection "The Shower Scene from Hamlet." Patricia Fagnoli has published five books and three chapbooks of poetry, and has won The May Swenson Book Award among others. "The Shower Scene from Hamlet" is Daniel Lusk's sixth full-length poetry collection. A former syndicated commentator on books for NPR, Daniel Lusk

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

A Public Hearing before the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of the Town of Plymouth will be held on Tuesday, May 1, 2018, at 8:00 pm, at the Municipal Building, 68 Town Office Road, Plymouth, VT, to consider:

Applicant: Lloyd Braider
Proposal: enclose area under deck for living space
Location: 178 Scott Terrace, Plymouth
Application No. 2018- 6

Dated: April 12, 2018
Michael Coleman, Chair

**TOWN OF ROCKINGHAM
SELECTBOARD PUBLIC NOTICE
DISCONTINUANCE OF THE
TOWN HIGHWAY CALLED KEEFE ROAD**

The public highway called Keefe Road is the subject of a proposed public highway discontinuance. The Selectboard shall meet at the intersection of Oak Street and the south end of Keefe Road on May 15, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. to conduct a road inspection of the entire length of Keefe Road. At the conclusion of the road inspection, the Selectboard will meet at the Town Hall, Lower Theater, 7 Square, Bellows Falls for the purpose of hearing persons interested in the proposed discontinuance of Keefe Road. The site visit and public hearing are open to the public. If you plan to participate, contact Charles Wise (802.463.1229 / planning@rockbf.org) for more information.

**Green Mountain Union High School
Varsity Boys Soccer Coach**

GMUHS is looking for a qualified Varsity Boys Soccer Coach for the upcoming 2018/2019 Fall Season

Responsibilities include but are not limited to:
- Management and Coaching of the Varsity Soccer Team
- Program development at both Varsity and Middle School levels
- Experience at the Varsity Level is preferred but not required.
Background Checks Required.
Please forward a letter of interest and references to:

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

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**NOTICE OF APPLICATION
TO BROWNFIELDS REUSE AND
ENVIRONMENTAL LIABILITY LIMITATION
PROGRAM**

Please take notice that Outer Limits Brewing, LLC whose address is 60 Village Green, Proctorsville, VT is applying to the Vermont Brownfields Reuse and Environmental Liability Limitation Program (10 V.S.A. §6641 et seq.) in connection with the redevelopment of property known as Lot #6 in the Town of Cavendish. A copy of the application, which contains a preliminary environmental assessment and a description of the proposed redevelopment project is available for public review at the Town of Cavendish Clerk's Office and at the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation offices in Montpelier.

Comments concerning the above referenced documents, and the application generally, may be submitted to the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation, Waste Management Division, 1 National Life Drive - Davis, Montpelier, VT 05620; attention: Kimberly Caldwell. Telephone inquiries may be directed to Vermont DEC at 802-828-1138.

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TOWN OF WESTMINSTER
RUSSELL R. HODGKINS, TOWN MANAGER
P.O. BOX 147, WESTMINSTER, VT 05158
Tel. 802-722-4255 Fax 802-722-9816
Manager@westminstervt.org

The Town of Westminster is seeking a qualified building contractor for the installation of a man lift, exterior ramp, and installation of the front doors for the Historic Town Hall on Route 5 in Westminster, Vt. The work will include but is not limited to:

- Removal and salvage of the existing window on the south side of the building;
- Frame new door opening while protecting interior portion of building from outside air, dust, and moisture;
- Install new exterior commercial grade wood entry door with appropriate ADA hardware for all Fire & Safety regulations;
- Install a new pressure treated (PT) landing with foundation, ramp with foundation, decking, railings and new roof sheathing over the new landing.
- Installation of a Man-lift to supply the Town Hall with ADA access to the second floor.

The Man-lift will be placed within the existing building footprint so adjustments to the existing foundation and floor structure will need to be addressed.

- Installing new front doors supplied by the Town. Adjacent window panels will also be replaced and supplied by the Town.
- Work to start immediately and finish before November 1, 2018, if possible, because of a grant opportunity.

Proposals are due by noon on May 4, 2018 at the Town Hall or by mail (PO Box 147, Westminster, Vt. 05158). Proposals are to include a complete description of the work to be performed and the materials to be used at a firm price. The contractor is to be a State recognized business and will have to supply proof of insurance at the time of the bid. Any and all bids not supplying the proof of insurance will not be considered. Your proposal should be sealed and marked "Town Hall ADA Bid -2018-02". It is mandatory to call the Town Manager and set up an appointment at (802) 722-4255 for the additional information and/or a site visit. The Town reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals.

TAKE A BREAK!

Weekly SUDOKU
by Linda Thistle

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4 Equitable
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12 Hockey surface
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14 Circulate
15 Historic time
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21 Food
24 Poolroom supply
28 Bring together
32 Hammer or sickle
33 Inseparable
34 Casino machines
36 "Kitchy- -!"
37 Young female
39 Remorseful
41 Milkmaid's place
43 Analgesic target
44 - long way
46 Fortunetellers' reading matter?
50 Recite a verb's forms
55 Verily
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58 Uncooked
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1 Ukraine's capital
2 Farm measure
3 Once around the sun
4 Salon treatments
5 I love, to Livy
6 Charged bit
7 Answer an invite
8 Showing buoyancy
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10 Deteriorate
11 Have bills
17 Sphere
19 Dict. info
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25 Mischievous Norse god
26 Swag
27 - gin fizz
28 Gear teeth
29 Not procrastinating
30 Pianist Peter
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35 Grad student's income
38 Blockage of a sort
40 Genetic letters
42 "Skip to My -"
45 Quite some time
47 Muse's instrument
48 Intend
49 Cutting implements
50 "Ei -"
51 Praise in verse
52 Born
53 Exist
54 Can matter

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Salome's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Don't waste your time and energy fretting over remarks you consider unnecessary or unkind. Best advice: Ignore them, and just keep doing your usual good job.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Getting that new perspective on a workplace situation could lead to a solution everyone will accept. Meanwhile, make time to keep up with your creative pursuits.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Those changes you planned to implement in early summer might need to be reassessed. But don't make any moves until you've discussed this with someone you trust.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Your aspects favor harmony, making this a good time to work out problems in relationships - whether personal or professional, big or small. An old friend comes back.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) While you're still riding that high-powered beam, you might begin to lose focus by week's end. Could be that you'll need to do a little cat-napping to restore your spent energies.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) An unexpected development creates a lot of excitement. Where it takes you is your decision. Check out the possibilities, then decide if you want to go with it or not.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Although your supporters help you squash an unfair claim against you, don't let this go unchallenged. You need to learn more about the motives of those behind it.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) There still are some tasks to clear up by midweek. Then you can welcome the new month on a high note. A friend brings surprising but very welcome news.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) You might want to change your plans before they're set in cement. Consider advice from colleagues. But remember that, ultimately, it's your choice.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A difficult situation is working itself out. Lingering problems should be resolved by week's end, allowing the Goat to enjoy a calmer, less stressful period.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Be careful not to move so quickly that you miss possible warning signs that could upset your plans. Slow down. Your supporters will continue to stand by you.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Your generosity in sharing your time and wisdom with others leads to an intriguing development that could have you considering some interesting choices.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a way of influencing people to be and do their best. You would make an excellent teacher.

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calendar

AUTOMOTIVE

EVENTS CONT.

SUN., APRIL 29 CONT. - has been a Resident Fellow at Yaddo and the MacDowell Colony. Free and open to all. For more information visit www.phoenixbooks.biz or call 802-855-8078.

WEDNESDAYS - CHARLESTOWN, N.H. - Weekly bingo at the Charlestown Memorial VFW Post 8497, 365 Lovers Lane Rd. Early Birds at 5 p.m., Regular Games at 6:30 p.m.

THURSDAYS - LUDLOW, Vt. - Gypsy Reel plays regularly at The Killarney, in Ludlow. Music always begins at 6:30 p.m. and continues until 8:30 p.m. or later (depending upon football schedule). Fine ale, good pub

food, and great music in the traditional Irish style. TFN

GASSETTS, Vt. - Bingo will be held every Thursday night at the Gassetts Grange. Starts at 6:30 p.m., doors open at 5 p.m. Supper, raffle and 50/50 tickets are on sale. Come and join in. Call Donna at 802-591-4290 or you can call the hall at 802-875-1051. TFN

SATURDAYS - BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Internet and jazz jam Saturday at the Flat Iron Exchange, located in the square. No cover charge, just a tip jar to listen to some great jazz music. Enjoy a coffee and relax. 5-7 p.m. TFN

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

FARMERS' MARKETS

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, specially 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 suitable for Mother's Day gifts. Check the website at www.springfieldfarmersmarket.com or email springfieldfarmersmarket@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.

to prevent these diseases, as well as ways to diagnose and treat them. Dr. Chesney is a Naturopathic Physician and Acupuncturist specializing in Lyme disease. This event is free and open to the public. 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.

THURSDAY, APRIL 26 - LUDLOW, Vt. - The Fletcher Memorial Library Summer Book Series begins with a book discussion about "A Gentleman in Moscow" by Amor Towles, on Thursday, April 26 at 7 p.m. This 30-year saga of Count Alexander Rostov, who is placed under house arrest in the Metropol Hotel in Moscow by the Bolsheviks, probes the relationships he forms with the staff and guests, his moral compass, and his handling of all that fate throws his way make for a marvelous story, told beautifully by Towles. Copies are available at the library. For more information call 802-228-8921, or contact Fletcher Memorial Library, 88 Main St., Ludlow, VT 05149. You can also learn more at our website www.fmlnews.org.

DUPLIOs and you supply the imagination. The program is on Mondays from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Thanks to the Rotary Club of Chester for helping us with a generous donation for this program. For further information contact 802-875-2277, www.whitinglibrary.org, or on Facebook. TFN

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

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

ROCKINGHAM, Vt. - Crafts, Stories and Play Time toddlers and preschoolers. Enjoy stories, songs, crafts, and activities. Rockingham Free Public Library 10:30-11:30 a.m. Contact 463-4270. TFN

WESTON, Vt. - Come and enjoy a story hour with friends at the Wilder Memorial Library, Lawrence Hill Road in Weston! 11 a.m. - noon. Call ahead to check, 802-824-4307. TFN

LUDLOW, Vt. - Weekly toddler and pre-school story time with a weekly theme, music, and activity. 10:30-11:30 a.m. at the Fletcher Memorial Library. Best suited for ages 5 and younger. Call Sacha at 802-228-3517 or email skrawczykvt@gmail.com to register for programs. TFN

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

Library, 43 State Street. Each week features a theme, music stories and a craft. www.windsorlibrary.org. 802-674-2556. TFN

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

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

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

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

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Minecraft Club at the Rockingham Free Public Library every Friday from 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. A limited number of library computers

are available. Registration is recommended if you will need to use a library computer. If you are joining the club with your own laptop and Minecraft account, you do not need to sign up. TFN

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

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

MEETINGS

TUESDAY, APRIL 24 - SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Join us for a meeting of Union/Park Neighborhood Association on Tuesday, April 24 at 7 p.m. at Union Street School in Springfield. Meet your neighbors and help plan spring and summer projects. For more information contact Lori at 802-885-6388.

SUNDAY, APRIL 29 - SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. - The Annual Meeting of the Windmill Hill Pinnacle Association with Living Earth Action Group is scheduled for Sunday, April 29, 4-6 p.m. at Main Street Arts, in Saxtons River. Cat Buxton and Henry Swazy, founders of the Vermont Healthy Soils Coalition will give a presentation "Cool the Planet: Food, Water, Soil, Climate, Hope." For more information visit <http://www.windmillhillpinnacle.org/pages/events/2018/cool-planet.html>

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MEETINGS CONT.

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 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 or call 802-226-7291. Recordings of the meetings can be found at www.okemovalley.tv.

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 802-843-2552 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.okemovalley.tv.

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.

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.chestertv.org. Recordings can be found at

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

SUPPORT GROUPS

FRIDAY, MAY 11 – BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – The Connecticut Valley Ostomy Group (COG) is holding their next meeting on Friday, May 11 at 5 p.m. in the Fireplace Room of the Rockingham Medical Group in Bellows Falls. The Ostomy Group is affiliated with the United Ostomy Association of America (UOAA) but has no formal structure or cost. For more information contact mheale@healewoundcare.com or visit www.healewoundcare.com.

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

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – TOPS Chapter Vermont #12 meets every Tuesday at 6 p.m. at Sacred Heart Social Center, 39 Green Street in Bellows Falls. Come to TOPS (take off pounds sensibly) a non-profit, non-commercial, weight loss support group that really works. Every week there are interesting programs that touch on topics that help us in our quest for weight loss. We share healthy recipes for main meals and snacks. Your first meeting is free. Bring a friend; you won't be disappointed. Visit our website www.tops.org for more information. TFN

WEDNESDAYS – LONDONDERRY, Vt. – Weekly clean and sober 12-Step Meeting. Support Group meets at Neighborhood Connections next to the Londonderry Post Office at 5:30 p.m. every Wednesday. TFN

LUDLOW, Vt. – Eating behavior support group meets 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, Acutney, (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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