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**Show your love for mom**

BY AMANDA WEDEGIS  
*The Vermont Journal & The Shopper*

**REGION** - Spring has finally sprung. May is just around the corner. With May comes a very important holiday: Mother's Day. It's never too soon to finalize your Mother's Day plans. This year, join The Vermont Journal and The Shopper by showing your love and appreciation for Mom in the paper. Our May 9 edition of The Vermont Journal and The Shopper will have a special page dedicated to moms in our community. Maybe you have something special you'd like Mom to know; or maybe

you have a photo of you together. Purchase an ad space in our dedicated Mother's Day section and let Mom know you care. Each ad space will also enter Mom into a drawing for one Special Mother's Day package, which includes a flower arrangement from Chester Flowers, a free dinner for Mom at the Black Rock in Springfield, and a massage and full spa access at the Castle Resort in Proctorsville. This package is valued over \$200! A small ad space in the paper, 4.2 inches wide by 2 inches tall in full color, can include a short and sweet love note to mom for only \$25. It will include one entry into the raffle

drawing for the Special Mother's Day package. Or, triple your chance to win and get three entries in the raffle drawing with a larger ad space for only \$50, which can include a short note and a photo. The Mother's Day ads are due by Thursday, May 3. Contact Shawntae Stillwell at ads@vermontjournal.com or 802-228-3600, and she will help you create a wonderful display. Payments can be made with MasterCard or Visa cards, or checks made out to The Vermont Journal, P.O. Box 228, Ludlow, VT 05149. The winner of the Special Mother's Day package will be announced in the May 9 edition.



Amanda, editor, and mom Patti.

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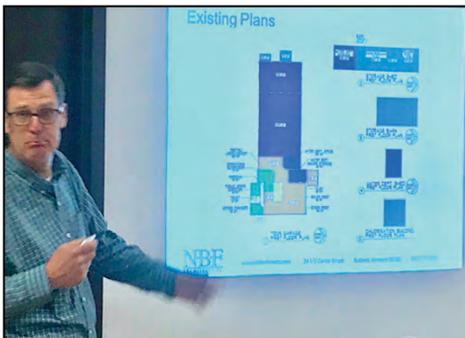
**NBF Architects presents public works building conceptual plan**

BY PATRICK ADRIAN  
*The Shopper*

**SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** - As a stop-gap solution for the public works department's immediate storage needs, the Springfield Select Board approved the town's acquisition of the armory building Monday, April 23. The action was part of a longer discussion by the Select Board about needed improvement to the public works facility, which could require an estimated cost of \$3.65 million to renovate, according to a facility study presentation by Edward Clark of NBF Architects. The town hired Clark's firm to study the feasibility of expanding the capacity of the public works facility, whose capacity is no longer adequate to store the department's vehicles and equipment. The building was constructed in 1953 and is approaching 70 years in age, Clark told the board. Though

the building has been well maintained and remains in good structural condition, its design is out of date for today's needs. "The truck bays are much too small for the plows they house now," Clark said. "Plows are much bigger today than they were in 1953." The service area bays are also too small to accommodate many vehicles needing maintenance. Vehicles often need to be removed from the garage in order to having working space, and the lack of structural depth makes it difficult to raise some vehicles on the service lift. "When they bring a fire truck for service [we] can only lift the front of the truck," said Public Works Director Peter Strong. The facility also lacks an adequate centralized storage area for the department's other machines and equipment, Clark said. Valuable equipment is currently stored in separate standing sheds, some lo-

ated far from the main building and lacking preferred security. To complicate matters, the largest of these storage sheds is on the verge of collapse and requires immediate replacement. "When you look at the rear wall of the structure, you can see that the rear wall undulates up and down," Town Manager Tom Yennerrell told the board. "That's because the roof is collapsing." Clark's proposed renovation would triple the facility's current capacity from 11,000 to 34,000 square feet, providing ample garage space to hold and service 12 large vehicles, including the department's current fleet of 10 snow plows. Strong said that presently the department's oldest plow has to be



Edward Clark of NBF Architects discusses issues with the town public works facility at Monday's Select Board meeting.

PHOTO BY PATRICK ADRIAN

kept outside due to lack of space. The proposed plan would also renovate the building's interior, including replacing the old electrical wiring and bringing all systems up to code. Clark said the proposed

plan was targeted to serve the town's needs for the next 50 years. "I think this [plan] is economically satisfactory," Strong told the Select Board. "They moved up there in 1953. I give them a lot of credit for keeping the building in good shape. A lot of money has been invested over the years in the roof. But that comes at a price [with the building becoming outdated]." While Clark said the armory building would not be a practical long-term solution for the department, it can provide sufficient storage for the time being. "It is obvious that the expansion will not happen during the near future," Yennerrell told the board. "Funding will need bonding. [Pre-

**RVTC students take gold and bronze in SkillsUSA Vermont competition**

**SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** - On April 4 and 5, 18 students from the River Valley Technical Center in Springfield, Vt., traveled to Burlington to compete in the Vermont State Chapter SkillsUSA competition. Students from culinary arts, health careers, carpentry, and audio and video production participated in competitions

along with approximately 1,000 other students from across Vermont. "The atmosphere at the event was more collaborative than competitive," said Shamus Martin, the RVTC audio instructor. This was Martin's first time bringing students to compete in the event, and the team of Silas Holmes and Micah Cole brought back a gold

medal in radio production! In all, five RVTC students earned medals and scholarships at the competition and two teams qualified to compete in the SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference in Louisville, Ky. on June 25 - 29. Tanner Bischofberger and Kyle Monier from RVTC's video program also earned gold in televi-

sion production, and Henry Watson from the carpentry program earned a bronze medal at the event. SkillsUSA is about more than showcasing technical skills. Students gain and demonstrate leadership, problem solving, and critical

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**BF Legion Post 37 celebrates 99 years**

**BELLOWS FALLS, Vt.** - If you drove through Bellows Falls this past Saturday evening, you would have found it hard to find a parking spot! On Saturday, April 21, 2018, we had approximately 75 to 80 Legion family members honoring their fellow comrades in a fantastic array of festive activities. The American Legion Post 37 celebrated their 99th year of being a service organization for local area veterans. "Our cooks, Ali Bigwood and Dave Smith put on a delicious dinner, the wait staff was exceptional, and we had a wonderful group of representatives from the district to the state level, Legionaries and Auxiliary, that shared in our 99th year event for veterans," said Commander Smokey Aumand. He also said, "Our officers and I are continually looking forward to

making the Legion a fantastic and fun place for our family members, especially with the 100th year celebration just around the corner." The 99th celebration was a huge success for the Veterans and the American Legion.



Commander Smokey Aumand congratulating Comrade Doug Macphee on his years of continuous service

PHOTO BY DIANE BEERS



Silas Holmes, audio instructor Shamus Martin, and Micah Cole.

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Carpentry instructor Erin Hunter and Henry Watson.

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Tanner Bischofberger, video instructor Zachary McNaughton, and Kyle Monier.

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## Attention all Bellows Falls American Legion Unit #37 members

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Members of the American Legion Auxiliary of Pierce Lawton Unit 37, your membership payments are due. As of June 1, 2018, the membership dues for the 2019-2020 year will increase in price for both senior and junior members. As of this notice, if you are delinquent for the 2018 dues, please pay no later than May 18, 2018 to make sure that you are current and the membership chair has time to process your payment. The 2019-2020 dues increase will be reflected in your renewal letter. If you have any questions, contact Marcy Smith, Unit #37 President at [marcysmith802@gmail.com](mailto:marcysmith802@gmail.com).

## Tina's Hallmark 10th year



SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Kim Rheame, left, and owner Tina Vitum, right, at their 10th anniversary celebration on April 13 and 14.

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## HCRS new staff

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – HCRS, southeastern Vermont's community mental health agency, is pleased to announce the appointment of eight new professionals whose talents will augment HCRS's services in the Brattleboro and Springfield regions.

The following new employees from left: Jordan Allen, residential specialist in Brattleboro; Kerry Skiffington, clinician in Springfield; Paula Tracy, respite provider in Springfield; Patrick "Liam" Ryan, shift supervisor in Brattleboro; Gretchen Voight, community outreach specialist in Springfield; Sandra Thompson, community outreach specialist in Springfield; Dolores Clark, respite provider in Brattleboro, and Jessica Magnuson, residential specialist in Brattleboro.

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## Children's Book Week celebration at Village Square Booksellers

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - As part of the longest running national celebration of books for young people and the joy of reading, Village Square Booksellers in Bellows Falls, Vt., along with over 750 schools, libraries, and bookstores, celebrates Children's Book Week from April 30 to May 6.

This May marks the 99th anniversary of Children's Book Week; the theme for this year's celebration is "One World, Many Stories." Voting for the 11th annual Children's and Teen Choice Book Awards, the only national book award voted on solely by kids and teens, has been in progress

since March 1, Village Square Booksellers will hold group voting in the store until May 6, when voting ends. Ballots will be available in the store.

During the week, but especially Saturday, May 5, Village Square Booksellers is proud to be hosting several events in celebration of Children's

Book Week, including reading aloud by Pat and Myles, children's activities, mini block building sessions, and a sale on children's hardcover books. On May 6, Village Square Booksellers will have a booth at the Herrick's Cove Wildlife Festival, and they will have many children's items on display.

## Tech time at the Springfield Library

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - The Springfield Town Library has a new tech help desk. Drop by Thursdays from 3 to 6 p.m. or Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and ask your tech questions. Having trouble with your first smart-

phone? Want to reset your Facebook privacy? Need to take a course in Word or Excel? Tech Time can help! Call 802-885-3108 to make an appointment with Dylan and June, our high school volunteer and his colleague.

Library staff help with technical issues is offered daily as well. The staff can show members how to log into the library network, place holds on new DVDs, or renew items. They can also help with printing from the Internet, downloading files, or signing

up for email. Tech Time focuses more on the user, with the luxury of one-on-one focused help and a laptop in the library.

Thanks to everyone who made National Library Week a success - particularly the Springfield Food Co-op who brought coffee and chocolate chip cookies. Thanks to the borrowers who brought in long overdue books and DVDs and contributed pasta, sauces, and tuna to the Springfield Family Center. We love your generosity - and we're thrilled to have our books back!

Visitors this week, enjoy the Week of the Young Child, and the preschool - kindergarten art exhibit. Bright colors, joyful shapes - almost like spring! The Springfield Town Library is located at 43 Main Street, Springfield, Vt. For more information, call the library at 802-885-3108 or go to [www.springfieldtownlibrary.org](http://www.springfieldtownlibrary.org).

## RVTC

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thinking skills during their competitions. Students also have the opportunity to meet students from different schools and programs, network with employers, and as the keynote presenter spoke about "work on their personal brand."

Wendy Reeves brought seven of her health careers students to the conference to compete in the CPR and medical math competitions. Students that compete build confidence in their abilities and have an experience that just cannot be replicated in a classroom. Preparing for the conference takes a great deal of determination and hard work.

Carpentry student, Henry Watson said, "The competition was draining, but the whole conference was a ton of fun." Henry earned a \$1,000 scholarship to Vermont Tech and a Dewalt drill set.

"I was so proud that he didn't quit. He just kept giving it his best," said his carpentry instructor, Erin Hunter.

"I would encourage anybody who is even slightly thinking about it, to try it," said Henry about the SkillsUSA conference.

Students who earned a gold medal will now need to raise about \$4,000 to fund their trip to the SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills conference. You can help students reach this goal by voting for their Career Safe Student Safety video "Let's Work Distraction Free," which can be found on the RVTC Studios/AVP Facebook page. The top three entries receive a \$1,000 travel scholarship. You can also see and hear the winning radio and TV spots and contribute to the campaign by visiting the students' Go Fund Me campaigns at [www.gofundme.com/AVPSKILLS2018](http://www.gofundme.com/AVPSKILLS2018) or [www.gofundme.com/SKILLSRADIO2018](http://www.gofundme.com/SKILLSRADIO2018).

To learn more about the River Valley Technical Center and our 13 programs, please visit [www.rvtc.org](http://www.rvtc.org) or call us at 802-885-8300.



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# Community Bike Project 3rd annual silent auction

**BELLOWS FALLS, Vt.** - BF Community Bike Project hosts its 3rd annual silent auction fundraiser Saturday, May 5, from 6-10 p.m. at 33 Bridge St., Bellows Falls, Vt., also known as the WOOL FM building. There will be many unique auction items including fun gift baskets, local artisan wares, gift certificates, bikes, and lots more! Bidding ends at 9 p.m.

There will be live music by Jesse Peters, Don Dawson, Java Jazz, and The Milkhouse Heaters! The evening will also have food, a cash bar, a bike raffle, and a 50/50 raffle. Jamie Townsend will paint an Art Bike during the event, which will also be an auction item



Join the Community Bike Project.

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during the evening. Bring your friends and family,

and help support your local non-profit bike shop!

# FM District Dash 5K fun run

**LANGDON, N.H.** - The second annual District Dash 5K Fun Run and Walk will be taking place Sunday, April 29, 2018, at the Fall Mountain Regional High School in Langdon, N.H. Online registration is available until Thursday, April 26 at [www.FMEEA.com](http://www.FMEEA.com). Children 10 and under are free. Registration the day

of the race begins at 8 a.m., and the race will start at 10 a.m. The course uses some of the trails around Fall Mountain, so please dress accordingly.

Before the run begins, there will be a kids' walk around the track for the 10 and under crowd. At 9:30 a.m., Westminster Fit Body Boot

Camp will be offering a pre-race warm up. Prizes will be awarded to the top male and female finisher overall, as well as the top male and female in high school, middle school, and elementary school. For more information, please contact Emily St. Pierre at 603-558-0340 or [emilyboynt@gmail.com](mailto:emilyboynt@gmail.com).

# BFUHS students attending Green Mountain Girls State

**BELLOWS FALLS, Vt.** - American Legion Auxiliary Pierce Lawton Unit 37 will be sponsoring two Bellows Falls Union High School junior girls who are attending the 75th Green Mountain Girls State to be held in June at Vermont Technical College in Randolph, Vt. Girls State is not only a state recognized program, it is a nationally recognized program sponsored by Auxiliary Units. This session could have 150 attendees from across the state of Vermont. Brooke Bennett and Madison Joy will be representing BFUHS. Congratulations, Brooke and Madison!

The mission of American Legion Auxiliary Green Mountain Girls State is to provide an outstanding, unique, and coveted educational opportunity for the young women of our nation that instills the basic ideals and principles of American government through the American Legion citizenship training programs.



Left to right, Brooke Bennett, Unit 37 President Marcy Smith, and Madison Joy.

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ALA Girls State is a national program that occurs across the United

States. Girls who attend are actively engaged for a week in their local and state legislative and political infrastructures. Attendees have the opportunity to campaign for office, act as an attorney in the judicial branch of "Girls State" government, have access to their legislators, and most importantly learn valuable leadership skills, which will follow them into adult life. ALA Girls State carries a proud and strong alumni network and attendees will have the privilege and honor of joining this select group. The girls who attend interact with the most accomplished girls in the state - athletes, scholars, philanthropists, etc. Through the course of the week, they make friends that last a lifetime.

# Vermont Adult Learning with ribbon cutting

**SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** - On Friday, March 30, Vermont Adult Learning held a grand Open House to officially announce the relocation of their Windsor County offices to a beautifully renovated new space at 100 River Street in Springfield. The Springfield Regional Chamber of Commerce was thrilled to celebrate the event with a ribbon cutting. VAL offers free services to Vermont residents who want to improve their reading, writing, math, and English language skills, prepare for the GED, or receive a high school diploma through the High School Completion Program.

Their learning centers are friendly, welcoming places where you can stop in for a cup of coffee, work one-to-one

with a teacher, or work independently in a computer lab. Students learn

at their own pace, taking courses or working on educational projects in

subjects that interest them. For information about Vermont Adult Learning services, please contact Sue Barnett, office manager for all Windsor County locations, at 802-546-0880.

Written by Caitlin Christiana, Springfield Regional Chamber of Commerce.



Chamber of Commerce hold ribbon cutting for Vermont Adult Learning.

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# GFC Coalition to discuss opioid summit

**BELLOWS FALLS, Vt.** - Greater Falls Connections will be hosting their monthly coalition meeting from 12-1 p.m. on Friday, April 27 at Rockingham Medical Group at 1 Hospital Ct. in Bellows Falls. The meeting will be located in the fireplace conference room, downstairs at the medical center. A group of southern Vermonters attended the National Rx Abuse and Heroin Summit in Atlanta earlier this month, and they will present takeaways and actions we can take as a community to address the opioid crisis. Turning Point Recovery Center of Springfield, HCRS, and Springfield Medical Care Systems will join Greater Falls Connections in presenting key ideas and inspirations from the summit.

Come and learn about incorporating recovery into treatment programs, reducing stigma, the latest data trends, peer-based programs, and creating community wide involvement. The monthly coalition meetings for Greater Falls Connections

provide informative presentations on issues related to substance abuse prevention and updates on our work. Meetings are free, and open to everyone. Lunch will be provided. Prevention through inspiration!

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## Sip and swirl for Fire Rescue scholarships

GRAFTON, Vt. - Treat yourself to something different for an evening out to relax, have fun, and support a new scholarship. The Grafton Fire and Rescue Auxiliary is hosting a Sip and Swirl painting party on May 4 at the Grafton Inn to raise funds for a new scholarship to help a local young person train to be a firefighter or EMS responder.

Every Sip and Swirl participant will receive a complimentary glass of wine - with more available by donation - and have the chance to complete their own acrylic painting under the guidance of an instructor from Endless Creations in Chester. All painting materials are included. An auction of homemade dessert treats will also be featured.

Plan now to be a part of this fun Sip and Swirl happening on Friday,



Sip and swirl.

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May 4, 6 p.m., at the Grafton Inn's Homestead Room. Advance tickets are available until May 1 at the MKT Store and the Grafton Garage,

both located in Grafton Village. Tickets will also be available at the door beginning at 5 p.m. that evening.

## Grafton residents' trip to Antarctica

GRAFTON, Vt. - Join your neighbors for an adventure to the bottom of the Earth! On Thursday, May 3, Will and Laurie Danforth, board members of the Nature Museum, will share their recent month-long expedition to Antarctica and the southern ocean at 7 p.m. at the Homestead Room of the Grafton Inn in Grafton, Vt. Immerse yourself in the over-

whelming beauty and power of Earth's coldest, driest, and windiest continent as the Danforths share this bucket-list experience.

Laurie explains, "It's hard to imagine a trip to a more dramatic area on Earth. The wind and waves were crazy; there are teeming colonies of birds, marine mammals everywhere, and landscapes that seem otherworldly. Plus we had fantastic expedition leaders - it'll be impossible to pack all that we learned into an hour, and show all the great photos...but we'll give it a shot."

Antarctica holds a special place in the imagination of travelers worldwide. As mountaineer Jon Krakauer, author of "Into the Wild," wrote, "Antarctica has this mythic weight. It resides in the collective unconscious of so many people, and it makes this huge impact, just like outer space. It's like going to the moon."

The Danforths' travelogue will bring guests into the cold beauty of this otherworldly landscape. While often described as desolate and bleak, the Antarctic and the southern ocean regions are, in fact, abundant with wildlife and activity. Ear-



The Danforths in Antarctica.

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lier in 2018, a team of ecologists revealed the discovery of a previously unknown supercolony of over 1.5 million Adélie penguins on the Danger Islands near where the Danforths were traveling. The Antarctic continues to surprise researchers and inspire wonder across the globe.

The Danforths' presentation will include their photography, personal stories, and a question and answer session. This event will be held at 7 p.m. on May 3 at the Homestead Room of the Grafton Inn in Grafton, Vt. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., and refreshments from the Grafton Village Bakery will be served. Seating is limited. To avoid disappointment, please purchase your tickets early. Purchase your tickets at [www.nature-museum.org](http://www.nature-museum.org) or at the door. All proceeds go to support the Nature Museum's work to connect our communities more deeply to the natural world.

## Independent Bookstore Day at Village Square Booksellers

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Village Square Booksellers celebrates Independent Bookstore Day, a one-day national party that takes place at indie bookstores across the country, on Saturday, April 28 from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Every store is unique and independent, and every party is different. Independent bookstores are not just stores, they're community centers and local anchors run by passionate readers. They are entire universes of ideas that contain the possibility of real serendipity. They are lively performance spaces and quiet places where aimless perusal is a day well spent. In a world of Tweets and algorithms and pageless digital downloads, bookstores are not a dying anachronism. They are living, breathing organisms that continue to grow and expand.

In fact, there are more of them this year than there were last year. And they are at your service.

Please visit Village Square Booksellers for an Independent Bookstore Day sale plus activities throughout the day. Enjoy a blind date with a book. At 11 a.m. and 3 p.m., Pat will be reading from a selection of titles including "The Lorax."

At 1 p.m., Westminster West author, Jessie Haas, will read from and discuss her newest book, "Rescue," at Village Square Booksellers in Bellows Falls. "Rescue" is a coming-of-age story perfect for horse fans, 12-year-old animal lover Joni clashes with her new neighbor and animal rights activist Chess. Their bumpy friendship reaches a crisis when Chess stages an impulsive animal rescue, and Joni must act fast to save the animals' lives.

Jessie Haas has written more than 35 books, most of them about horses. Her novels include "Sharper," which won a Golden Kite Honor award, and "Unbroken," which was a Publishers Weekly Best Book, a School Library Journal Best Book, and a CCBC Choice, among other honors. She lives in Vermont with her husband, a horse, two cats, a dog, and a hen. Pre-order your books at [www.villagesquarebooks.com/book/9781629798806](http://www.villagesquarebooks.com/book/9781629798806). Order online, pick up and pay at the store, and reserve a place by calling 802-463-9404.

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## An afternoon of poetry

CHESTER, Vt. - Phoenix Books Misty Valley, located at 58 Common Street in Chester will be hosting a week of events starting with Independent Bookstore Day on Saturday, April 28. On Sunday, April 29, they will host an afternoon of poetry with Patricia Fargnoli and Daniel Lusk at 3 p.m. All the events are free and open to all. For more information, call 802-875-3400.



Daniel Lusk.

PHOTO BY ALLISON REDLICH



Patricia Fargnoli.

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## Walpole Players presents "The Real Inspector Hound"

WALPOLE, N.H. - The Walpole Players company inaugurates its fourth decade with an early May

production of Tom Stoppard's mad-cap, murder-mystery/farce-parody, "The Real Inspector Hound."

The production boasts a nimble and lively cast of actors and will be performed each evening at 7:30 p.m. at the Walpole Town Hall's Helen Miller Theater on Friday and Saturday, May 4 and 5; and Friday and Saturday, May 11 and 12.

The play, set in isolated Muldoon Manor, in a swamp on the coast of Essex, involves several corpses; uncounted mistaken identities; jealousy; revenge; swinish behavior; overheard confidences; settled scores; returns from the dead; torches carried; resentments aired; true love and the other kind; critics thinking - both out loud and to themselves; and general mayhem. Laughter abounds. Do

come and join the fun!

Tickets may be purchased at Gal-loway Real Estate and Joanie Joan's Baked Goods in Walpole, N.H. and at Village Square Booksellers in Bellows Falls, Vt. The production is presented under special arrangement with Samuel French, Inc. Anyone seeking additional information can call 603-756-4207.



Jan Kobeski and Tara Sad rehearsing.

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## Invitation to crafters and artisan vendors

ANDOVER, Vt. - The Andover Project Committee is organizing the 5th annual Andover Day Fair, which will be held at the Andover Town Hall grounds on Saturday, Aug. 25 from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The event will include arts, crafts, and homemade items. There were will also be music, fly-fishing demonstrations, food, a raffle, children's wood workshop, and other activities.

Crafter and artisan vendors are welcome to reserve a space to display and sell their wares at the event. The space is free to Andover residents and a small fee to all others. Please contact Deb Moser at 802-875-5454 or [dmoser6468@gmail.com](mailto:dmoser6468@gmail.com) to reserve booth space.

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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

### A mystery photo

At the Chester Historical Society, we have many unknown photos. The photo with this article is one of those unknown photos.

I had seen an old newspaper clipping years ago regarding this mystery photo. All I could remember was mention of Brattleboro. In the past year, Ted Spaulding has donated many old Chester photos to the historical society. This photo is one Ted donated. I asked Ted what he knew about it. Ted didn't know anything about it.

One question that needed to be answered was what was the huge tank on the wagon? Where was it coming from and where was it going? And what purpose did it serve? I can now answer some of these questions. The only information we had was a note on the reverse of the photo: "Arthur Chamberlain, Driver about 1900."

I contacted the Brattleboro Historical Society to see what they might know. Lee Ha soon replied with information she found in old newspapers. Below I copy those newspaper articles from 1900.

"Moving a 15 ton boiler was quite a feat in the early days as this picture of the late Arthur Chamberlain driving a team of 10 horses in Chester about 1900 shows. Mr. Chamberlain, foreman for Gilman's Livery Stable in Brattleboro, seated atop the boiler, drove the team to Chester, where the boiler was loaded and carted to a soapstone mill above the village. The photo was submitted to the Sunday Phoenix contest by Mrs. Arthur Chamberlain of 46 Westminster Avenue, Brattleboro."

In another newspaper article Lee sent:

"G.E. Gilman recently sent a force of men and horses to Chester to draw a 12 ton boiler from the railroad station at that place to the mine of Vermont Talc & Soapstone Company at Maple Orchard in Windham. The work was successfully accomplished in a single day, although it was necessary to place extra supports under sev-



Arthur Chamberlain sitting on a 15 ton boiler with his 10 horse team. PHOTO PROVIDED BY RON PATCH

eral bridges which were crossed.

"The main building at the mine is up and closed, No. 1 brick building is completed and No. 2 brick building is nearly finished. All of the machinery and equipment is on the ground. The engine and boiler are each of 200 horsepower. The smokestack, which is four feet in diameter and 100 feet high, is on the ground in four sections of 25 feet each, but has not been raised.

"Twenty men are now employed in finishing the building operations at the plant. A representative of Raymond Brothers of Chicago will come to superintend the erection of the machinery for crushing and pulverizing the talc and putting it in marketable condition. Raymond Brothers are under contract to install the machinery so that 99 percent of the talc will pass through a 200 mesh screen to the amount of 50 tons daily. The talc in this powdered form will be shipped in 200 pound bags.

"It is expected now that the work of marketing will begin early in the new year. During the winter and spring months the product will be drawn to Chester for shipment. A.L. Stone, president of the company, was in Brattleboro Monday on his way for a week's business trip to Springfield, Hartford and New York, accompanied by Mrs. Stone."

While this information answers some of my questions I still have a couple. I wonder if the boiler came

into South Londonderry on the West River Railroad rather than the Rutland Railroad in Chester. In Bellows Falls there is a tunnel through which the trains travel. I question if this boiler on a flatcar could have made it through the tunnel as it is so high.

Coming up Huntley Mountain would have required 10 horses. To that theory, add the fact that the boiler is coming down Main Street in front of the Baptist Church. Had the boiler come into the Chester Railroad station why would it be on Main Street in Chester? It's headed the wrong way.

*Instead of an old saying I offer a humorous story. A few years ago Tom Hildreth and I decided to climb Shrewsbury Peak. I have climbed it many times, beginning when I was 10 years old with my father. Shrewsbury Peak is just over 3,700 feet and in places quite steep. I had told Tom about the climb and he wanted to try it. So off we went.*

*We were over half way up the mountain when we met a couple descending the mountain. We stopped briefly to exchange hellos. The woman then asked us, "Did you start from the bottom? My reply, "No, a helicopter dropped us off half way up the mountain." Tom and I still chuckle when we think of that day.*

## OLLI presents Life of a Revolutionary War foot soldier

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Damien Cregeau will present the OLLI-Osher Lifelong Learning Institute program on Tuesday, May 1. "Life of a Foot Soldier During the Revolutionary War" 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.

Cregeau, an independent Revolutionary War military historian, will appear in a uniform and carry his "kit" of equipment of the era. He'll reflect on the daily life story of an ordinary soldier, told in a very personal way.

Our speaker is involved in living history by participating in re-enactments of Revolutionary War era events. He has a bachelor's and master's degree in history. He has been a history teacher and has spoken throughout the northeast on colonial America, military, and architectural history. Last year he presented the program, "Spies, Lies and Alibis during the Revolutionary Era."



"The March to Valley Forge" by William B. T. Trego (1883). PUBLIC DOMAIN PHOTO

years and older who want to engage in meaningful learning, "just for the fun of it!" People of all ages are welcome to attend.

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

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

Membership for the semester includes 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.

The complete Springfield and statewide program list is available online at [www.learn.uvm.edu/olli](http://www.learn.uvm.edu/olli). Choose statewide programs from the menu, and then scroll to Springfield.

The following OLLI program will be just one week later on May 8, and will be "Political Polarization in the United States: Causes and Consequences" presented by Eric Davis, Professor Emeritus of political science at Middlebury College.

The May 8 program will be the final program of the spring semester. The fall semester will begin on Sept. 4.

OLLI-Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, affiliated with the University of Vermont, is a local membership program geared towards seniors 50

### Agent Orange documentary

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Join artist Keisha Luce on Tuesday, May 1 at 6 p.m. at the Rockingham Library as she discusses her journey to meet and work with Vietnamese people who suffer from birth defects believed to be caused by their parents' and grandparents' exposure to Agent Orange during the Vietnam War. To complement this presentation, poet and Vietnam veteran Joseph Hammond will read from his work.

"Using life-molding techniques," Luce says, "I created sculptures during a three-month trip to Vietnam to

document visually and physically the long-term consequences of chemical warfare. My activity as a documentary sculptor emerged from my own narrative as the daughter of a disabled Vietnam veteran, who died at the age of 38 of an Agent Orange related cancer. I see this work as a call to action and believe that art can effectively contribute to the discourse on war and conflict."

An exhibit of her work "Sum & Parts" will be on display. Luce's work has been included in exhibitions nationally and internationally in-

cluding the Joiner Center at UMass Boston, Attleboro Art Museum, Hopkins Center at Dartmouth College, Ana Tzarev Galley in New York City, Cairo Opera House, Egypt, National Gallery of Bosnia and Herzegovina and SALT in Portland, Maine.

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

### Bicycle Pete information

TOWNSHEND, Vt. - Bicycle Pete was a character who earned his keep by painting shop signs, plus murals that included stars, eagles and deer on barns (we seem to remember some stars and eagles on barns along Route 7 between Manchester and Bennington around the 1960s) with accompanying advertisements. Pete had a box of paints and brushes strapped to the back of his bike and traveled up and down Route 30 and other Vermont roads painting signs. The storeowner would furnish the signboard and provide some type of overnight accommodations. Pete was once seen in Bondville during the 1960s where he and his dog were looking to camp out for the night in a local barn. The husky-type dog earned his keep by pulling the bike along according to Pete; and they both spent that particular night out behind Doug Bouten's Bear Cub Restaurant in Winhall.

Norris Mandingo Barton, a.k.a. Bicycle Pete, was born in 1902 in Rutland where his father was a clerk. He died when Pete was 3 years old. We knew nothing further until the 1930 and 1940 census revealed that Pete was at the Brattleboro Retreat. The good news is that he was rehabilitated

enough to become a self-employed, itinerant artist until the final two years of his life when he settled in Bennington.

As the Bennington Banner reported on Aug. 25, 1966, "Bicycle Pete always has a captive audience wherever he goes when he demonstrates his artistic ability with paper, scissors, and pencil. An interesting and unusual character, he has traveled extensively

in the US and throughout the world. He is currently pre-occupied with the ambition of hunting and downing the infamous Vermont panther."

Anyone with more information or a photo of Bicycle Pete is invited to contact Heidi at [heidbackdoor2@gmail.com](mailto:heidbackdoor2@gmail.com). We're told that a photo may have appeared in a local paper such as the Manchester Journal or Manchester Guide.

## Docents needed for Rockingham Meetinghouse tours

ROCKINGHAM, Vt. - As the Rockingham Meetinghouse prepares to open for the 2018 season, the town is looking for one or more persons willing to work as docents at this National Historic Landmark.

The meetinghouse, constructed between 1787 and 1801, is the oldest public building in Vermont that still exists in a condition close to its original state. It served as both a

place of worship and the town hall until 1869. It was then abandoned for several decades before its restoration in 1906.

The meetinghouse today is owned by the Town of Rockingham and is open to the public daily from Memorial Day through Columbus Day. The role of the docent is to guide visitors and offer additional information about the architecture and history of

the building.

Those applying must be available to work one or two days per week, including Saturdays, throughout the season. An interest in local history and the ability to interact with visitors is required. Training will be offered. Those interested should contact Gary Fox, Rockingham Development Director, at 802-376-5425 or [development@rockbf.org](mailto:development@rockbf.org).



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## Op-Ed: The annual education finance end game

The Vermont General Assembly is in its final weeks of trying to assemble a school finance "reform" bill. Their product so far has become an ever-shifting grab bag of proposals that even veteran legislators must be struggling to follow from day to day.

The longer this goes on, the more it reminds us of the memorable closing words of Gov. Scott's explanation of why he signed the gun control bill on April 10: "We choose action, over inaction. Doing something, over doing nothing."

Admittedly, "doing nothing" about school finances for 2019 will lead to some unwelcome consequences, mainly thanks to unwise actions of the 2017 session. But "doing something" doesn't assure any better outcome, unless the doers start thinking creatively about the problem.

Everyone agrees that the problem is steadily rising public school spending, paid for by a mechanism that jacks up school property tax rates on the third of the residential taxpayers who don't qualify for income sensitivity.

Finding a solution is necessitated by the fact that our K-12 school population has dropped by a thousand a year for 20 years, our pupil to staff ratio, 4 to 8, is the lowest in the nation, and our per pupil spending, \$18,066, is the fourth highest in the nation. And to top it off, dealing with these problems is made much more difficult because of the ongoing state-forced consolidation of schools under Act 46, which, alas, is not likely to produce any lasting cost savings.

The various actors in Montpelier have vastly different views of what do about the problem.

Since at least 2014 (actually, since 1997) the Democrats have vowed to shift education costs to the income tax. This year they're offering a \$59 million opening wedge, in addition to protecting the current income sensitivity option that very generously lets two-thirds of residential property taxpayers pay school taxes based on their household incomes - of up to \$147,500.

The Democrats are also committed to defending the interests of the Vermont-NEA teachers union, whose unspoken watchword is "public monopoly, more spending, and more people paying union dues."

The Republicans are commendably resistant to high taxes, runaway spending, and keeping the union-influenced Democrats and Progressives from snuffing out Vermont's independent school choices. But they don't exist in numbers sufficient to advance

their goals.

Thanks mainly to Rep. Scott Beck, they have pushed for a built-in tax disincentive to spending above a proposed base spending amount of \$11,916 per pupil, which is well below every district's spending. But they have never, in the past decade, attempted a serious reconsideration of how children are educated - where, by whom, at whose expense.

Then there's Republican Gov. Phil Scott. In January, he sent the Legislature a lengthy list of suggestions for containing education spending, in the nature of "something for you folks to think about." He left it to the Legislative leadership to assemble a compatible "no new taxes" package, which they have been largely unable to do.

The governor wants to see residential school property taxes reduced by \$40 million, but he will assuredly veto the \$59 million - or any - income tax "surcharge" on "the rich" that the Democrats have seized upon in an attempt to reduce school property taxes, but he has no plan of his own.

A Scott veto will require an override vote. If the Democrats find the votes to override the veto, the income tax surcharge will become law. If they fail to override, there is no education finance bill at all. Unless the legislators can find \$40 million in one-time funding to avoid a veto and kick the can down the road for yet another year, school residential property tax rates will increase to cover a \$40 million shortfall in the Education Fund.

During this crucial period, Scott has been hampered by not having an experienced and respected secretary of education like Rebecca Holcombe, who resigned on March 27.

There are plenty of good ideas for improving education and containing its cost. However the governor and the legislators aren't willing or able to broaden their thinking beyond shifting the tax incidence around and - the governor's favorite - imposing more centralized spending controls on the existing public school system. That's regrettable, because our unthinking focus on feeding the increasingly expensive public school system is itself the problem.

*Written by John McClaughry. McClaughry is vice president of the Ethan Allen Institute, [www.ethanallen.org](http://www.ethanallen.org).*

## Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

We'd like all local area pet owners to take a moment and look at the world through their dog's eyes. Eating, sleeping, and playing take up most of their day. The one job they do have, at least in their minds, is

protecting their turf and their family. "It's OK, he won't bite you" is a phrase heard often by letter carriers. But the truth is that ALL dogs will bite if they feel their territory or family is being threatened.

To protect your letter carrier, or anyone who may visit your home make sure that your dog is inside or restrained out of reach of your door when you're expecting a delivery. Before opening your door to accept or

Centers for Disease Control, more than 4.5 million people are bitten by dogs each year. Dog bites account for more than one-third of all liability claims against homeowners insurance.

With your help, we can keep our carriers, your neighbors and your dog safe. Thank you for being a responsible pet owner and for protecting your pet, and our letter carrier as we continue to bring packages and other important correspondence to your door each day.

Signed,  
Dawn Howlett  
Your Local Postmaster  
Ludlow, Vt.

### Amber Waves



Dear Editor,

The gun bills I supported tried to balance a law-abiding citizen's rights with an attempt to improve public safety. These changes to our gun laws are just one part of the solution to address the mass shootings. We all understand that these laws will not be enough, but could help if we increase access to treatments for drug addiction and mental health issues. We know that bullying, violent video games, and even the lack of parenting skills can contribute to an increase in violence.

My focus was to see S.221 and H.422 pass, and that happened with the total support of the Legislature. S.221 denies firearms to anyone at an extreme risk of hurting themselves or others. H.422 removes a firearm in the possession of a person accused

of domestic assault when a police officer arrests them, or obtains an arrest warrant. The firearm shall be made available to the owner within three business days after receipt of a written order from the court.

There is much concern around S.55 that does not interfere with a person's ability to keep their firearms. The only thing going away are bump stocks that are due to be banned on the federal level. There will likely be a court challenge to the elimination of the purchase of large magazines and to any expansion of background checks. Personally, I would not sell a gun to any person I do not know without going through a dealer. The change to age 21 to purchase a shotgun or rifle just agrees with the age to purchase a handgun. All anyone has

to do to buy a shotgun or rifle at age 18 is complete a hunter safety course. Those in the military or law enforcement are exempt from the new age 21 limit. And the background check would not apply when gifting or selling a gun to a family member. No guns of any kind are banned, and the current ownership is not affected.

It was not helpful when the governor stated several weeks before our debate that he would sign any gun bill that reached his desk. This provided the majority party with the opportunity to advance many changes with little incentive to compromise. Prior to S.55 reaching the House floor for debate, the Judiciary Committee removed a mandate for safe storage and a 10-day waiting period. There were also many amendments

accepted to improve the bill. I hope that this does not lead to more restrictive gun laws, and that is the major issue with the gun rights advocates.

I listened to the debate about this important issue and do not know if these changes will help. I wanted to do the right thing and show support for the young people that are saying that we are not doing enough. Please understand that I think we must start somewhere to reduce the mass school shootings. We are requiring the evaluation of the safety in all schools, and are providing funding to improve safety.

Sincerely  
Rep. Dennis Devereux  
Mount Holly, Vt.

Dear Editor,

My name is Patricia Torrey, I am 65 years old, and I've been a resident of New Hampshire for 58 years. I've worked as a nurse for 45 years. Raised a family, mostly as a single mom, without using social services (welfare).

I am now 65 years old and disabled and finding it very hard to live on \$1,556 per month gross (\$1,456 per month net) SSI when my rent is \$1,375 per month. I haven't been able to go grocery shopping for months, I can't afford most of my medications, I can't afford a car or the gas to keep it going. I have no cable TV or Internet. I live in an area without any public transportation. I have no transportation at my disposal and it is very inconvenient and difficult to rely on others for transportation in

this very rural area.

This has severely impacted my independence and affected my well-being. I'm usually the one people go to for help because they know I will help them or be there for them in their time of need.

Now after 45 years of putting into the financial and tax systems, when I need assistance in my waning years, the state of New Hampshire is not there to support or help me in my time of need. I have applied for Medicaid and food stamps four times and been denied three times for various reasons. Finally going through a resource/advocacy agency that made out the paperwork for me, I got a very unsatisfactory response.

The state of New Hampshire will

give me \$15 each month in food stamps and Medicaid assistance after I spend \$938 for health care needs every month. I do have some health issues, but I don't spend that in a year. Who makes up these formulas? They are certainly not realistic. Why offer these miniscule and/or unrealistic costs?

I'm deeply offended and insulted that I have chosen to live in a state that treats its disabled seniors or otherwise needy citizens so shabbily. Especially ones that have not used/abused the DHHS services before.

Please tell me who can live on \$15 per month in food stamps with no car to go to the food shelf? Who spends \$938 each month on medical needs? Someone on life support? The quality of my life is greatly di-

minished by these severe and unrealistic limitations, and I am sure I'm not alone.

My plan is to publicize these issues anywhere/any place I can hopefully make the powers that be aware of the trauma they inflict or the power they wield over people's lives.

The medical system in this state (and country) needs an overhaul. Socialism is looking better and better when it is done right and equitably.

I'm sick of the 1 percent getting richer and better services, and the little person who makes the society machine work get less and less.

Respectfully hoping for change,  
Patricia Torrey  
N. Walpole, N.H.

Dear Editor,

This is in response to Dick McCormack's editorial, "Something to write home about for April." Much has been written about responsible gun laws and gun safety. I want to address something that most have missed, and that is background checks for private sales.

McCormack states, "I'm saddened by the view of some opponents that the gun safety effort is a kind of culture war against Vermont traditions and values, an effort to change Vermont, and make it more like New York."

For as long as I can remember, Vermonters have had the freedom - a tradition - to buy, sell, or trade firearms with each other. These

would be shotguns, rifles, and pistols used for hunting or target practice.

The new gun law makes it illegal for Vermonters to buy, sell, or trade amongst themselves any of these guns without a background check. How do you get a background check? I'll use myself as an example.

I live in Chester. Let's say you live in Ludlow, and you want to sell me a couple guns - a double barrel shotgun and your father's 30-30 Winchester. We have to take the guns to a licensed gun dealer with a Federal Firearms License. The nearest FFL dealer I know of is in Windsor, so we have to go to

Windsor - there might be others closer that I am unaware of.

The FFL dealer transfers the guns from you to me at an average cost of \$30. Okay, now I own them; but should I choose to sell or trade one, the FFL process has to be repeated and another \$30. What irks me the most is these are sporting and recreational firearms.

Ninety-nine percent of the guns Vermonters own would be either sporting or target firearms. Those that didn't grow up in this culture will never understand how much fun target shooting is. Like playing pool, it requires hand and eye coordination and years of practice.

Requiring background checks on

these firearms is one more freedom Vermonters have lost, and one step closer to New York. A year or two down the road when the legislators realize the new gun laws did nothing to make schools safe, they will pass more gun laws, which will mean a loss of more freedoms.

You too are now affected by these new gun laws. Do not buy, sell, or trade any guns with anyone you know, including friends. The fine is \$500, a year in jail, or both. For me, this is a loss of a tradition and an "assault on our culture."

Sincerely,  
Ron Patch  
Chester, Vt.

Dear Editor,

The Springfield Easter Fest was a great success due to the efforts of many area churches and businesses. We have one remaining prize to be claimed and cannot decipher the phone number of the winner. If you won a backpack and did not receive it, please call the North Springfield Baptist Church at 802-886-8107 and leave your name and phone number so we can arrange a time for you to pick up your prize.

Thanks to all the prize contributors including movie passes from the Springfield Reporter and Springfield Cinema 3; gift certificates from Boccaccios, Hanafords, Springfield Co-Op, Tina's Hallmark, and the Oriental Palace; various prizes from Stern's Produce, McDonalds, and the Springfield Family Center; donations from C&C Blish Flooring, HB Energy, Bibens ACE Hardware, Spurr's Repair Service, Up Your Al-

ley, Holiday Inn Express, the Community Savings Bank, BJ's, SAPA TV, Shaw's, Final Electric, Muse and Associates, Lisa's Market, Kelley's Auto Sales and Service, Springfield GMC, Willow Farm, Lawrence and Wheeler Insurance, the United Methodist Church, Precision Valley Baptist Church, Calvary Baptist Church, North Springfield Baptist Church, First Congregational Church, Springfield Church of Christ, St. Mary's Catholic Church, and St. Joseph's Catholic Church, the Springfield School District, and the Springfield Parks and Recreation Department. Apologies if we missed anyone. Everyone's support was appreciated. We look forward to having another wonderful Easter Fest next year!

Sincerely,  
George Keeler, Pastor  
North Springfield Baptist Church

Dear Editor,

The Bellows Falls Area Senior Center would like to thank our incredible volunteers from the AARP Tax Preparation division. Vicki Lucius, Paul Sackevich, Andrew Thompson, and Linda Lennox collectively donated over 215 hours of their time, while processing over 150 various types of tax returns for our local

residents. This is such an appreciated and generous service.

Many thanks to Vicki, Paul, Andrew, Linda, and the good people at AARP.

Sincerely,  
Teagen Kosut  
Executive Director  
Bellows Falls Area Senior Center

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### Open Bible Baptist Church, 168 Cemetery Rd.

Sunday school at 9:45 a.m. Morning service at 11 a.m. Afternoon service at 2 p.m. Wednesday at 7 p.m. Sanctuary handicap accessible. Visit: obbcvt.org.

## BELLOWS FALLS, VT.

### Immanuel Retreat Center, Currier Hall, 12 Church St.

Celtic worship service at 7:30 p.m. on Thursdays.

### Faith Christian Church, 582 Rockingham Rd.

Pastor Matt and Brenda Farkas welcome all to come and enjoy their services. Sunday worship and praise starts at 10 a.m. with the Message at 10:30 a.m. Children's Church (3-7 years) at 10:30 a.m. Holy Spirit service is on the first and third Sundays of the month at 6:30 p.m. Bible Study takes place on Wednesday evenings at 6 p.m. at the Flat Iron Exchange in Bellows Falls. For more information, call 802-591-1350. See us on TV: www.Sapatv.org - "Doing Life." www.fact8.com - "Say What!"

## Cynthia Bevacqua, 1953 - 2018

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Cynthia Bevacqua, 64, passed away on Tuesday evening April 17, 2018 at the Jack Byrne Center for Palliative & Hospice Care in Lebanon, N.H. She was born June 27, 1953 in Little Falls, N.H., the daughter of Daniel and Madelyn (Steel) Brodhead. She graduated from East Brunswick High School in East Brunswick, N.J. and later received her bachelor's degree from Rowan University in Glassboro, N.J.

On June 17, 1978, she married Mario W. Bevacqua in Spotswood, N.J. He predeceased her on June 5, 2010.

Cynthia was employed as an interview selection coordinator with the Student Conservation Association in Charlestown, N.H. She gained great purpose in her work and enjoyed it very much.

She was a film enthusiast and a Bruce Springsteen fan. She enjoyed visiting Cape May, N.J., loved her sons very much, and enjoyed visit-

ing them in Massachusetts and New York.

She is survived by her sons Daniel M. Bevacqua of North Hampton, Mass. and Keith S. Bevacqua of Queens, N.Y.; four sisters Margaret Brodhead, Katharine Brodhead, Ruth King, and Janet Brodhead; and also by many nieces and nephews that she loved very much.

She was predeceased by her parents Daniel and Madelyn and her husband Mario.

Contributions may be made in her memory to the Student Conservation Association National Conservation Center, 689 River Road, Charlestown, NH 03603. Or to the Mario Bevacqua Memorial Scholarship Fund, c/o Weathersfield School, PO Box 279, Weathersfield, Vt. 05030.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield, Vt.

## Emily M. Janowski, 1923 - 2018

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Emily M. Janowski, 94, passed away at her home on Friday, April 20, 2018 with her loving family by her side. She was born June 18, 1923 in West Rutland, Vt., the daughter of Frank and Michelina (Sobol) Wilk. On Sept. 28, 1946, she married Antoni J. Janowski at St. Stanislaus Church in West Rutland, Vt. Together they owned Tony's Market in Cavendish for 35 years before retiring in 1981 to Springfield, Vt.

Emily was devoted to her family and especially loved phone calls and visits from her grandchildren. She was always interested in knowing what was happening in their lives. Emily's faith was extremely important to her. She was a member of St. Mary's Church. Since her mother's death 63 years ago, she said the rosary daily. She was an avid Boston Celtics fan, and days before her passing she was still asking, "What's the score?"

She is survived by her daughter Pat Coughlin and husband Tim of Burlington, Vt.; her son Bob Janowski and wife Sandy of Epping, N.H.; her five treasured grandchildren Tim, Eric, and Amanda Coughlin, Kristin Baetz, and Michaela Janowski; three great-grandchildren; her brother John Wilk of Danbury, Conn.; and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her beloved daugh-



Emily M. Janowski, 1923 - 2018. PHOTO PROVIDED

ter Karen in 1982, brothers Ted and Ray, and her sister Mary. Emily was blessed to have neighbors Mary Ellen's and John Ketz's caring support during her later years.

A funeral mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. on Friday, April 27, 2018 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Springfield, Vt. Burial will follow in the Cavendish Village Cemetery in Cavendish, Vt. Friends and family may call at the Davis Memorial Chapel on Friday morning prior to the Mass from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Mary's Catholic Church, 10 Pleasant St., Springfield, VT 05156.

## Venise M. Sherette, 1936 - 2018

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Venise M. Sherette, 81, of Wells Street died Tuesday, April 17, 2018. Venise was born in St. Guillaume, Canada, on June 21, 1936, the daughter of William and Germaine (Theroux) Melancon. She worked as a store clerk for Woolworth's in Claremont, N.H., and JJ Newberry's in Bellows Falls. Venise was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary for many years, and she enjoyed knitting and doing arts and crafts.

Surviving are her sons Roger Sherette of Bellows Falls and Michael Sherette of Chester, Vt.; her daughters Joyce Ayer of Charlestown, N.H., and Shelly Kmiec and husband John of Langdon, N.H.; her brothers Jim Melancon and wife Terry of Lebanon, N.H., and Laurier Melancon of St. Guillaume, Canada; her granddaughter Michele Gosselin and husband Mark; and great-grandchildren Kristopher, Jonathan, and Summer Sherette, and Keegan and Owen Gosselin. She is predeceased by her husband John "Hooker" Sherette in 2013 and



Venise M. Sherette, 1936 - 2018. PHOTO PROVIDED

her brother Roger Melancon in 2010. There will be a graveside service 11:30 a.m. Saturday, May 5 in St. Charles Cemetery, Westminster, Vt. Following the service, friends and family are invited to a gathering at the American Legion, Post #37. Arrangements are in the care of Fenton & Hennessey Funeral Home.

## CHESTER, VT.

### St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 313 Main Street.

Sunday service is at 8 a.m. Service with music, Sunday School, and nursery care available at 10 a.m. Wednesday morning prayer at 9:40 a.m. Website www.stlukesepiscopalvt.org or call 802-875-6000.

## SPRINGFIELD, VT.

### Unitarian Universalist Church, 21 Fairground Rd.

Sunday, April 29 service at 10 a.m. is "Finding Common Ground" led by Rev. Telos Whiffield. We look to leaders in our history, poets, and activists for inspiration and guidance, and explore the guiding principles they lived by that gave them courage and inspiration. Looking to the common ground we share, what do we want to know about each other that will move us to care, and act as agents of change in the world? All welcome. Call 802-885-3327.

All Church Services are listed online at [www.vermontjournal.com](http://www.vermontjournal.com). Click "News" in the green menu, and then "Church Services and Obituaries."

## Marjorie R. Fry, 1923 - 2018

WALPOLE, N.H. - Marjorie Ruth (Graves) Fry, 94, of County Road passed away Wednesday, April 11, 2018. Marjorie was born in Walpole, N.H. on Oct. 22, 1923, the daughter of Tom and Helen (Willson) Graves. She grew up on the farm in Walpole and was a graduate of Walpole Academy. She was a nurse cadet during World War II, training at Elliot Community Hospital in Keene. She worked as a registered nurse at the Rockingham Memorial Hospital where she helped deliver many local babies. Marjorie was also a school nurse for many years at all three schools in Westminster, Vt. She was a Cub Scout leader and helped coach sports at Westminster Center School.

She lived in Westminster Station, Vt. for 28 years, and then she built a house on the farm where she grew up in Walpole and resided there for the rest of her life. She enjoyed watching the birds and squirrels that she fed on the deck overlooking the pond. And on more than one occasion, she photographed the black bear that visited to feed on the birdseed - once when the sliding door to the deck was open!

She loved spending time with her grandchildren, great grandchildren, and was extremely proud of them. Marjorie also enjoyed traveling to St. John's Newfoundland to visit Harvey's family there. She made her last trip in 2006 with her family. In retirement, she enjoyed many card games of pitch and bridge with friends and family. She also enjoyed a fierce rivalry of "Screw Your Neighbor" (card game) with her baby sister Becky. In later years she kept informed of family and friends by way of Facebook. She also played "Words with Friends" on the internet.

She is survived by her son Charles Thomas Fry and partner Laurie Capella of Winchester, N.H.; her granddaughter Alison Emily Cameron and husband Paul Cameron; her great granddaughters Natalie Ruth Cameron, Lucy Fry Cameron, Maeve Lily Cameron all of Portland, Maine; granddaughter Stephanie Fry and great grandson Kaysen Christian Fry Pitula of Portland, Maine; her granddaughter Caroline Elizabeth Fry and partner Brad Olson, great grand-



Marjorie R. Fry, 1923 - 2018. PHOTO PROVIDED

daughter Elizabeth Emily Olson, great grandson Leland Duane Olson of Dexter, Maine; her daughter in-law Sylvia Child Fry of Walpole, N.H.; her son Douglas John Fry of Ware, Mass; her son Barry Curtis Fry of Alstead, N.H. and wife Leslie Ann Fry of Springfield, Vt., granddaughter Andrea Ruth Bernard, great grandson Alexander Ryan Bernard of North Walpole, grandson Anthony Michael Fry and wife Sara Fry, great grandson Wyatt Anthony Fry of Walpole; her son Peter Moss Fry of Westminster, Vt., grandson Joshua Thomas Fry of Westminster, Vt. and partner Megan Cormier, granddaughter Britanya Anna Bailly and husband Henry Bailly, great granddaughter Lyla Anna Bailly of Bellows Falls, Vt., grandson Cameron James Shaughnessy Fry of North Walpole; her sister Becky (Graves) Hubbard of Walpole; and many cousins, nieces, and nephews. She is predeceased by her husband Harvey Douglas Fry, her parents, and her brothers William, John, and Edward Graves.

There will be a graveside service at a later date, to be announced. Arrangements are in the care of Fenton & Hennessey Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Walpole Rescue, PO Box 162, Walpole, NH 03608, or Fall Mountain Meals on Wheels, PO Box 191, Alstead, NH 03602, or Maplewood Campus Employee Emergency fund, 201 River Road, Westmoreland, NH 03467.

## Esther L. Strong, 1922 - 2018

LUDLOW, Vt. - Esther L. Strong, 95, of Ludlow, Vt. passed away on April 4, 2018 at the Gill Odd Fellows Home. She was born June 29, 1922 to Charles and Edith (Woods) Strong, in Winchester, N.H.

After her high school years, she moved to Massachusetts, where she went to work as a nanny to the Clarke family. She was so well loved by them that she became a part of their lives until their death, many years later. She worked as a companion nurse around the Boston area until 1977 when she moved to Vermont to be with family members. This is where she stayed for the last 41 years of her life.

She loved the ocean, all animals and birds, and visiting with friends

and relatives.

She is survived by her sister in-law, Doris Strong of Springfield, Vt. and nephew Robert Davis and wife Laurie of Cavendish, Vt. who tended to all of her affairs until her death. Also by many nieces and nephews.

She is predeceased by her sisters Ruth Davis of San Antonio, Texas; Gertrude Davis of Cavendish, Vt.; and Dottie Smith of Massachusetts. Brothers Rodney Strong of Springfield, Vt.; Bud Strong, who was killed in World War II; Raymond Castine of Massachusetts; Eugene Castine; and Richard Castine of Keene, N.H.

At her request, there will be no funeral service. Burial will be a private affair at a later date.

## Danuta Antosiewicz, 1957 - 2018

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Danuta Antosiewicz, 61, passed away on Thursday morning April 19, 2018 at the Valley Regional Hospital in Claremont, N.H., from injuries sustained in an automobile accident. She was born Feb. 11, 1957 in Pajeczno, Poland, the daughter of Czeslaw and Helana (Wlodarczyk) Peciak. She received her education in Poland.

In 1995, she moved with her family from Poland to Vermont, living in North Springfield, Chester, and Springfield.

She was employed in housekeeping at the Sullivan County Health Center in Unity, N.H., a job that she loved. She loved gardening, loved to travel and visit the ocean, and loved spending time with her family. She loved crystals and her plants and took great pride in her home.

She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Springfield.

She is survived by her husband Kazimierz Antosiewicz, two sons Marek and his wife Anna and Aleksander; two daughters Katarzyna Garrett and her husband Wade, and Alicja; three granddaughters and one grandson; two sisters Mirka Rutkowska and Theresa Zmarzly; one brother Marek Peciak; sister-in-law Jadwiga Trojanowski; and many nieces and nephews.

A funeral mass was celebrated on April 23, 2018 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Springfield, Vt. Burial followed in the St. Mary's Cemetery in Springfield.

Contributions may be made in her memory to the Activities Fund at Sullivan County Health Care Center, 5 Nursing Home Drive, Claremont, NH 03743.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield, Vt.

## Michael S. Cass, 1951 - 2018

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Michael Sargent Cass, 66, passed away peacefully at home on Saturday April 14, 2018, surrounded by his family after a short hard battle with lung cancer.

He was born in Springfield, Vt. on Dec. 11, 1951, son of Gloria (Jones) and the late Howard Cass.

Michael graduated from Chester High School in 1969. After graduating high school, he worked for Richard Baker in Andover until he left for Texas for basic training in 1970. When Michael graduated from basic training, he went on to California where he went to learn Chinese-Mandarin. From 1971-1972, Michael spent time in Thailand as a Chinese interpreter. Upon returning stateside in 1972, he returned to work for Richard Baker in Andover. Michael worked at Durand Toyota Ford for the last 15 years. Prior to Durand, Michael was an electrician, and worked at the Bowling Alley for many years.

Michael was an avid golfer since the age of 10 and a member at Bellows Falls Country Club for 13 years. Michael enjoyed playing golf with his family and teaching his grandchildren the game he loved. He enjoyed playing softball in his younger years, bowling and coaching his kids' little league and softball.

In 1979, Michael met his love Karleen, and they were married on May 31, 1980 at St. Mary's Church in Springfield. Michael and Karleen had two children, Bethany and Justin.

Michael was predeceased by his father Howard, his father-in-law Glendon Sheehan, his mother-in-law



Michael S. Cass, 1951 - 2018. PHOTO PROVIDED

Shirley Sheehan, his nephew John Sheehan, and his brother-in-law Kevin Sheehan.

Michael is survived by his loving wife of 37 years Karleen (Sheehan) Cass; a daughter Bethany Keefe, her husband Ryan and their children Lilly and Evan; a son Justin Cass, his wife Cynthia, and their children Elijah and Gage; his mother Gloria (Jones) Cass and his sister Donna Knight; two sister-in-laws Kathi Stern and her husband Neil and Karen Sheehan; a brother-in-law Keith Sheehan and his wife Vicki, and several nieces and nephews.

For those who wish, memorial donations in Michael's memory can be made to the American Cancer Society at [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org). To leave an online condolence for the family, please visit [www.davismemorialchapel.net](http://www.davismemorialchapel.net).

Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield is assisting with arrangements.

## Bonnie G. Patnode, 1945 - 2018

CHARLESTOWN, N.H. - Bonnie G. Patnode, 72, of Charlestown, died unexpectedly on April 13, 2018 while in the loving care of Peaceful Harvest Homes in Charlestown. She was born in Vergennes, Vt. on July 1, 1945, the daughter of Robert and Marion (Shortsleeves) Forrest. She attended school in Bellows Falls and was a 1963 graduate of Bellows Falls High School. She worked at Major Leonard Keep Restaurant, a local bank, and retired from Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center in 2011.

Bonnie loved her family and her cats. She enjoyed gardening, knitting, baking, feeding and watching the birds. Most of all, she loved spending

time with her grandchildren.

Survivors include her children, Geoff McCaffrey and wife Kim of Charlestown, and Patrick McCaffrey of Athens, Vt. She is also survived by her grandchildren Crystal Hasty, Julia Labbe, and Hannah McCaffrey; two great grandchildren; and former husband James McCaffrey. She was predeceased by her parents, her daughter Karen McCaffrey Labbe, and her husband Linwood Patnode.

At Bonnie's request there will be no services. Burial will be in St. Charles Cemetery in Bellows Falls. Memorial donations may be made to the Monadnock Humane Society, 101 W Swanzy Road, Swanzy, NH 03446.

**ANSWERS TO TAKE A BREAK!**

**Weekly SUDOKU**

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# The 62nd Apple Blossom Cotillion

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - The 62nd Apple Blossom Queen will be crowned on Saturday, May 5 at Riverside Gymnasium in Springfield. "The Apple Blossom Cotillion is both a community tradition and a fundraising event," says Larry Kraft, director of Development for Springfield Hospital. Proceeds are used for the Dr. E. Sherburne Lovell Health Career award and to support local health care services.

Tickets are on sale for the Friday, May 4 Opening Night performance and the Saturday, May 5 Grand Performance. Both shows start at 7:30 p.m. and doors open at 6 p.m. Tickets may be purchased at Tina's Hallmark in Springfield Plaza and at



Gowns from past Apple Blossom Cotillions.

PHOTO PROVIDED

Boccaccio's salons in Springfield and Bellows Falls.

Apple Blossom welcomes its new director, Madison Moreau, to continue the tradition started by the Springfield Hospital Auxiliary, continued by Bob Spindler, and now presented by the Hospital's Development Office. This year, 13 high school contestants and their escorts will be joined by a record-setting 25 elementary school couples. At the Friday evening performance, there will be a special presentation of the George F. Leland Community Health award to Dr. Delores Barbeau.

Portraits of past Apple Blossom Queens, along with a collection of

gowns worn in past cotillions, are on display at Springfield Health Center. The portraits include the formal portraits of Apple Blossom queens since 1977 and several private portraits donated by queens from 1957 to 1976. The portrait of the 2017 Apple Blossom queen, Katherine Moulton, is on display in the lobby of Springfield Hospital and will be at this year's Cotillion.

The exhibit is located on the third floor of Springfield Health Center and will run until the week after this year's Cotillion.

For more information, call 802-885-7644 or email lkraft@springfieldmed.org.

# Keep your investment "ecosystem" healthy and avoid "toxic" investments in honor of Earth Day

REGION - April 22 was Earth Day. First observed in 1970, Earth Day has evolved into an international celebration, with nearly 200 countries holding events to support clean air, clean water, and other measures to protect our planet. As an investor, what lessons can you learn from this special day?

Consider the following:  
**Avoid "toxic" investment moves.**

Earth Day events show us how we can help keep toxins out of our land, air, and water. And if you want to keep your investment ecosystem healthy, you need to avoid making some toxic moves. For example, don't chase after hot stocks based on tips you may have heard or read. By the time you learn about these stocks, they may already have cooled off - and they may not even be appropriate for your goals or risk tolerance. Another toxic investment move involves trying to "time" the market - that is, buying investments when they reach low points and selling them at their peaks. It's a great theory, but almost impossible to turn into reality, because no one can really predict market highs and lows - and your tim-

ing efforts, which may involve selling investments that could still help you - may disrupt your long-term strategy.

**Reduce, reuse, recycle.**  
"Reduce, reuse, recycle" is a motto of the environmental movement. Essentially, it's encouraging people to add less stuff to their lives and use the things they already have. As an investor, you can benefit from the same advice. Rather than constantly buying and selling investments in hopes of boosting your returns, try to build a portfolio that makes sense for your situation, and stick with your holdings until your needs change. If you're always trading, you'll probably rack up fees and taxes, and you may well end up not even boosting your performance. It might not seem exciting to purchase investments and hang on to them for decades, but that's the formula many successful investors follow, and have followed.

**Plant "seeds" of opportunity.**  
Another Earth Day lesson deals with the value of planting gardens and trees. When you invest, you also need to look for ways to plant seeds of opportunity. Seek out investments that, like trees, can grow and prosper over time. All investments do carry risk, including the

potential loss of principal, but you can help reduce your risk by owning a mix of other, relatively less volatile vehicles, such as corporate bonds and U.S. Treasury securities. Keep in mind, though, that fixed-rate vehicles are subject to interest-rate risk, which means that if interest rates rise, the value of bonds issued at a lower rate may fall.

**Match your money with your values.**

Earth Day also encourages us to be conscientious consumers. So, when you support local food growers, you are helping, in your own way, to reduce the carbon footprint caused in part by trucks delivering fruits and vegetables over long distances. Similarly, you might choose to include socially responsible investing in your overall strategy by avoiding investments in certain industries you find objectionable, or by seeking out companies that behave in a manner you believe benefits society.

Earth Day is here, and then it's gone - but by applying some of its key teachings to your investment activities, you may improve your own financial environment.

*Written by Edward Jones for use by your local Edward Jones Financial Advisor.*

## Henry Rounds, Sr. is 80!

Help us celebrate on Saturday, April 28 at the Bellows Falls American Legion from 1 - 5 p.m.

# Mud season makeover At VINE Sanctuary

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - VINE Sanctuary invites the public to attend our first volunteer day of the year on Saturday, April 28, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 201 Massey Road in Springfield, Vt. It's that time of the year again, when snow melts to mud and all of the coops, barns, pastures, and yards at the sanctuary need a good spring cleaning. But many hands make light work, and that work becomes fun when done in the com-

pany of feathered, wooly, and fuzzy friends. From shifting compost piles to picking up sticks from back pasture pathways, we have a long list of coop, pasture, barn, and foraging yard projects that we cannot possibly get done without help. Which things we will do on that day will depend on the weather and on the number of people who come to help.

Attend our annual spring spruce-up party for a day at the sanctuary

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# Vendor registration open for 8th annual May Festival

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - We still have a few vendor spots left! The 8th annual May Festival will be held on Saturday, May 19 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. at 21 Fairground Rd., Springfield. Admission is free to the public.

Vendor booths include food crafts, woodworking, jewelry, fabric crafts, flea market items, and more. Space is still available for those wishing to participate. The booths are 10 feet by 10 feet. Tables can be

rented. The festival is a rain or shine event. Vendors must provide their own canopies and plan accordingly for the weather. Set up time on May 19 is 7:30 to 8:45 a.m. Vendors may drive up to their booth space for unloading. Please call JoAnn at 802-885-1699 or email [springfieldfair@gmail.com](mailto:springfieldfair@gmail.com) to reserve a space.

See more and print an application at [www.uspringfieldvt.org/community/news-and-events/may-festival/](http://www.uspringfieldvt.org/community/news-and-events/may-festival/).



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## THIS AND THAT

BY BILL MURPHY

The Vermont Journal & The Shopper

When I was young, I was taught that April showers will bring May flowers. I'm not sure about those May flowers, but I do know that in 2018 everyone received way more than their share of April showers this month. Even some inches of snow have been known to fall here and there over the years. But the inch or two or three of ice that was dropped here this month resulted in longtime baseball coaches saying they had never seen anything like it.

By count, the lowest number of baseball and softball games ever have been played throughout both New Hampshire and Vermont this spring to date. Some schools were lucky enough to get a game or two in before the ice came, but there was a ten-day period where there were no games played. Somehow the two Springfield teams were able to sneak in a game at Windsor.

I was quite sure there has never been anything like this before, but just to be sure I turned to three old-timers - young old-timers - to fill me in and to tell a few tales along the way.

The number of games played by Tuesday, April 24 morning as I sat down to write, ranged from the five games played by the Springfield softball team to one single game in the books for both the Green Mountain baseball team and the Black River softball team.

Spring has notoriously been known as every athletic director's nightmare, but it is much worse this time around.

The three veteran baseball coaches I visited were, in order of years of service on the diamond, Hank Beecher of Fall Mountain with 37 years, Bis Bisbee of Bellows Falls with 32 years, and Richie Wyman of Springfield with 22 years. If you counted, you know that adds up to 91 years of experience, and that means 91 times to live through preparing for a season of baseball in the spring in New England.

### Hank Beecher

Hank Beecher, who lived in Surry, N.H. for many years, has moved closer to Fall Mountain in retirement and now lives in Walpole and keeps track of what is going on locally. He told me, "Fall Mountain is lucky to have a second field choice, so they could have a home game. Frank [Brown] does such a good job with taking care of the field [at the Hubbard Complex in Walpole] they are ready to go."

Beecher remembers how difficult the decisions can be to play or not to play in April. "I remember disagreeing with our AD one year about playing a game in April against Springfield. They came, and it was so cold. By the time it was the second inning, the umpires said we can't keep playing. I felt bad they had to make the trip at all."

Beecher went on, "We had some cold springs over my years, but we never had anything like this," in reference to the frigid temperatures the area saw the first couple weeks of April.

"Baseball coaches become sort of programmed," he continued. "There are very few days outside early, but by the time of April vacation, you usually had a place to practice and play, but there were certainly times when we went back to the gym."



No one wants to play baseball in the mud.

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Beecher remembers one very difficult springtime trip to Newport. He related, "I think it was opening day, and the bus dropped us off at the field down by the river and brought the softball team to their field and stayed there. This is before they had any dugouts at the baseball field. Early in the game, it started sleeting and the umpires called the game. A little while later, when the last parents were leaving, I asked them to please go to the softball field, and tell the driver to come pick us up. About 45 minutes later, our bus arrived. It was so cold, and everyone was really soaked." Beecher estimated that the fields were about 4 miles apart.

The former Wildcat coach sat idle for a summer or two after stepping down at Fall Mountain. Eventually someone came knocking on his door, and the veteran coach can now be found each summer coaching the New England Elite 14 year olds, which has allowed him to more than keep his foot in the door.

### Bis Bisbee

Bis Bisbee was present at Hadley Field for one of the most bizarre baseball events to ever take place in these parts. The Terriers were hosting Brattleboro on an extremely cold April day. It was of those numbing low scoring April days where players, coaches, and fans alike were doing every thing they could possibly do to keep warm. All of a sudden, a fire emerged in the Brattleboro dugout.

You couldn't say one broke out; it was actually set. Famed Brattleboro coach Andy Natowich was not at all pleased with the playing conditions and to gain any advantage that he thought he could, he gathered up branches and anything else he could find and started a fire in the dugout trash can. I remember seeing the picture, which ran in The Brattleboro Reformer, with the flames extending out of your typical green public trashcan.

No one enjoys inside baseball or softball, which is the norm before spring teams can move outside, and all gyms are not created equal for practices at this time of year. Just ask Bisbee.

When he arrived in Vermont, as a fresh face out of Appalachian State, Bellows Falls High School had not acquired the 'Union' tag yet. The school was housed on School Street in Bellows Falls - the present Bellows Falls Middle School building.

Bisbee came to town as a gym teacher and the varsity baseball coach. His indoor practices were held in the smallest setting in the area during his inaugural season. One season later, Bellows Falls Union High School offered the best indoor facilities for practice. Bisbee is the per-

fect living example living through the best and the worst. It was his luck the worst was for only one season.

"Talk about small gyms," he said, "that was really small. It's a good thing we had some pitchers that year. [David] Naski and [Moe] Haskell were pretty good. We didn't have a batting cage, and we used whiffle and tennis balls to practice with. Who wouldn't remember that?" He went on to say, "Gym baseball was a drag, but it is something everyone has to live through."

Although Holland Gym was a welcome sight, it also had some baseball drawbacks, especially the glass windows at the outside end of the gymnasium. "We tried to cover them the best we could, but the baseball would still sometimes find the windows."

Three other things that stood out to Bisbee and his baseball coaching days were:

1. The right field sun. "The first thing you thought about wasn't whether it would be cold or how well the field had dried out. You would see if the sun was out. Right field could be awful."

2. The coach uniforms. "I didn't wear a uniform. You had to wear one to coach third base, but I didn't believe in adults coaching third base. That was part of learning to be a baseball player."

3. The players' uniforms. "I remember the uniforms we had when I first came to town. They were purple and gold. Gerry Curcuro used to call them Manchester purple. They really stood out."

### Richie Wyman

I usually refer to Richie Wyman every year because in the near decade I have sat in this chair, he has had the final word on when the spring season will begin. Other coaches hem and haw about when they will get out. Wyman was always blunt and to the point: the date would April 8. "They were on the field on that date this year, but then more came. We have never had a year like this," Wyman said.

The former Cosmo leader told me that there was a jamboree at Stevens one year that stood out him. Stevens coach Ralph Silva would always hold this event each spring at Barnes Park and invite numerous teams. Once it started, Silva never wanted it to stop. He had "the show must go on" kind of mentality.

Wyman said, "I remember the year it snowed during the jamboree and Ralph wouldn't stop. We were playing baseball, and there was over an inch of snow on the ground. We just kept playing. After the game, I thought it was going to stop, and the family and I went over to a restaurant near Green Mountain High School. When we got there, the snow started getting heavier. We had thought there wasn't going to be a problem traveling, but by the time we got home, there were eight inches of snow on the ground. And we almost didn't get home."

Baseball season, huh?

The former Cosmo coach also remembered one other early season weather situation when Springfield was scheduled to host Mount Saint Joseph one early season Saturday morning. "I thought we would play that day, but when I woke up on Saturday and went down to the field, the ground was frozen solid. I had the Kangas boys on the team that year, and I can remember Tim was furious we couldn't play that day. I took a baseball out and threw it onto the ground and it actually bounced."

Monday and Tuesday this week saw baseball and softball games galore. That is good news. However, looking at the advanced weather forecast, the next good weather day is Friday. If fields can dry out by then, following a two-day soaking, possibly more games can be played.

If you see your town's athletic director acting strange and moving around, you may not be able to figure out what he is doing. But, you know one thing for sure; he is not doing a rain dance.



Coach Floyd Buck Jr. left, Coach Don Beebe right, and wrestler Noah Markwell battling an opponent from Fair Haven.

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Dillan Lacasse.

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## Springfield Wrestlers wrap up season with wins

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - The young grapplers in grades 3-6 showed their stuff on Saturday, April 14 in Essex, Vt.

While Noah Markwell brought home a second place trophy, his younger brother Seth battled through six matches for a hard won fourth place award. Third-place winners include Dillan Lac-

asse and Dmitri Jasinski; taking the fifth place spot on the podium were Kaleb Little and Armando Stettner. Garrett Brickey fought hard for a sixth place medal. Adding their best efforts to the day were Zandria Colburn, Mitchell Shaw, Austin Tewksbury, and John Jasinski.

Coaches Don Beebe and Floyd Buck Jr. are very excited by the work

of each and every wrestler. There has been much improvement over the season, and the potential of the team is great.

The K-2 wrestlers wrapped up their season on April 21 at their own State Championship in St. Johnsbury, Vt.



Garrett Brickey.

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Kaleb Little.

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## CORRECTION

In the "FMRHS 2018 girls' softball celebrates first win" press release published in the April 18, 2018 edition of The Vermont Journal and The Shopper, Molly McManus was left out of the photo caption. Molly McManus is the Fall Mountain Regional High School head coach of the Wildcats softball program.



# Rockingham Old House restoration awards

**BELLOWS FALLS, Vt.** – The Rockingham Historic Preservation Commission will open nominations for its 2018 Old House awards at a reception Friday, April 27, to honor the 2017 winners.



The awards are designed to celebrate property owners in town who are maintaining and restoring their historic homes and commercial buildings.

The gathering will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Windham Antique Center, 5 Square, Bellows Falls, and is open to the public. The reception will recognize 2017 winners as well as provide an opportunity for potential 2018 nominees to learn

more about the contest criteria and what this past year's winners did to earn their brass plaques.

There will be awards in multiple categories in 2018, with multiple winners. Awards for 2017 went to a variety of buildings, including residential, commercial, mixed use, and industrial properties.

Eligible properties are older homes and businesses that have been renovated, painted, or otherwise enhanced on the exterior in the past five years. Properties must be located within the town of Rocking-

ham, including the incorporated villages of Bellows Falls and Saxtons River as well as the hamlets of Bartonsville, Cambridgeport, and Rockingham Village, and the town's rural areas. To qualify, properties must be at least 50 years old and can be residential, commercial, or industrial in use.

Residents may enter their own properties or nominate someone else who has recently improved the appearance of a historic house or building in their neighborhood or the town.

To nominate a property for the 2018 Old House Awards, please email [clg@rockbf.org](mailto:clg@rockbf.org), or write to Rockingham Historic Preservation Coordinator, P.O. Box 370, Bellows Falls, VT 05101. All nominations should include the property's address and the owner's name. Photographs will be greatly appreciated.

The deadline for nominations is Friday, June 22. The Rockingham Historic Preservation Commission will select 2018 winners at its meeting in August. There will be a reception in the fall to celebrate the winning property owners and to distribute the Old House Awards plaques. This program is supported by a grant from the Vermont Division for Historic Preservation.

For more information about the Old House Awards, contact Susan Reing, town historic preservation coordinator, at [clg@rockbf.org](mailto:clg@rockbf.org).

# Three major home renovations that are worth the effort

**StatePoint** - Building a new home? Overhauling an existing one? Here are three renovation ideas that will add beauty and value.

### Expand your living space

Don't let that basement sit unfinished and unused. Substantially expand your home's livable areas by turning your attention to the bottom floor. Finishing a basement is an involved project, potentially requiring electrical and plumbing work, insulation, drywall and more - but the end result is worth the effort and expense. What's more, some of the less technical aspects of this renovation could even be DIY-ed.

Before getting started, consider what type of space would most benefit your household long-term. You may even be able to recoup some cost of the investment. For example, turning your basement into an at-home fitness center means ditching the costly gym membership. Want to reduce time and money on your commute? Your basement may just make an ideal home office.

### Add a focal point

Is your interior design in need of a little something? The right eye-



Add a focal point to your living space to make it a cozy gathering place with a purpose.

PHOTO BY JIM KRUGER AND STEVE HERDER

catching elements can make a room pop while adding vitality to your living spaces. A fireplace, for example, adds ambiance and comfort while also creating a natural gathering space.

What's more, new models pair the charm of a traditional open-front fireplace with the design flexibility of gas models. The Phoenix TrueView from Heat & Glo offers the convenience

also how to make this space usable for a larger portion of the year, such as adding a fire pit or an enclosed, heated patio. Lastly, consider aesthetics. A bit of landscaping can make your backyard as visually appealing as your home's interiors.

This season, consider the renovations that will go furthest to boost your home's livability, beauty, and value.

# Four rules for a more organized home



Use spring cleaning time to get organized.

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**StatePoint** - There are plenty of reasons why people obsess over organization and resolve to master it at home. Household items become easier to find. Rooms all of a sudden

seem bigger and more welcoming. Each walk past a tidy linen closet - where there was once an avalanche waiting to spill forward - comes with a small sense of accomplishment.

Whether you're after smarter storage or looking to cut clutter, success begins with a thoughtful approach.

### Think small

While it's fun to dream about a large-scale routine reset, smaller sustainable actions are key to lasting change. Take it one room or even one drawer at a time to keep momentum positive and to avoid feeling overwhelmed. Doing so also allows you to focus, leading to more creative solutions for taking advantage of under-utilized areas. For example, you may find using over the door organizers to be a great way to free up space in home offices and craft rooms.

### Say "no" to clutter

Everyone has items they keep around for no real reason that aren't particularly meaningful and don't serve a purpose. Being able to objectively identify these items makes everything easier.

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# Spring Home Improvement

## Curb appeal transformations from last year

Submissions for this year's challenge are due by Aug. 30.



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### FOUR RULES FOR A MORE ORGANIZED HOME

From Page 2B

Paring down possessions doesn't have to be painful. That cardinal shaped cookie jar that you've always been on the fence about? It would make an incredibly thoughtful "just because" gift for an ornithology-obsessed aunt. Often, less can literally be more. Consignment shops and eBay make it easy to turn four or five pieces of furniture you "kind of like" into one piece you absolutely love.

**Keep a place for everything**  
Nobody likes wasting time gathering or searching. Make storage more convenient and efficient by streamlining. Items frequently used together should be kept together, from coffee supplies to vehicle maintenance tools.

**Make a plan**  
Create a schedule so nothing is overlooked. Knowing which project is next gives you time to prepare and purchase any storage items you might need. When scheduling, designate specific rooms and spaces for certain seasons. For example, the first warm days of spring are made for cleaning out the shed or garage.

More organizational inspiration can be found by visiting [www.improvementcatalog.com](http://www.improvementcatalog.com).

Successful new habits can become part of your lifestyle. Deliberately choosing to incorporate small acts of organization on a daily basis will pay off tremendously over time.



Organization is key to every room in the house.

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### Five ways to create ambiance at home

**StatePoint** - If your home interiors lack charm, don't worry. These five simple additions and updates can add ambiance and character to your home.

- 1. Use bold colors.**  
Colors have the power to create specific moods. To ensure a welcoming atmosphere, make sure you select shades wisely. The science behind color psychology can help you choose paint, upholstery, and more. Warm colors like red, orange, and yellow make people feel more cozy and intimate. Cooler colors like grey and green are better for invoking calm, and are used to make a room feel more spacious.



Choose bold colors to set the mood and tone of your rooms. PHOTO BY BUKHTA79. STOCK.ADOBE

- 2. Add a touch of softness.**  
Use plush, cozy materials, such as decorative pillows and throws to create inviting places to sit. Soften hard surfaces like wooden or tile floors with area rugs. Add some warmth to hallways and narrow foyers with runners.
- 3. Breathe new life into spaces.**  
Indoor plants can give life to an otherwise stagnant living area. For those not blessed with a green thumb, consider artificial plants. High-quality options can

look very realistic and will save you time on care and maintenance. Or, for variety, add a simple vase to the kitchen table and brighten up the room with a new bouquet of fresh cut flowers each week.

- 4. Make music.**  
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- 5. Mood lighting.**  
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# outdoor news

## Celebrate Green Up Day throughout our communities

**REGION** - Green Up Day is on its way! Always the first Saturday in May, Green Up Day this year is Saturday, May 5. A Vermont tradition since 1970, Green Up Day is a statewide event where over 22,000 volunteers come together to remove litter from roadsides and public spaces.

Gov. Deane Davis launched the first Green Up Day in 1970. Since 1979, the nonprofit organization, Green Up Vermont, has been responsible for carrying on the tradition of Green Up Day. Over 55,000 Green Up trash bags are distributed. Green Up Vermont works with volunteer town coordinators statewide, and provides widespread promotional messaging for participation. Funding support for this undertaking comes from businesses and individuals. Individuals can donate on their Vermont Income Tax Return form during tax filing season or anytime online at [www.greenupvermont.org](http://www.greenupvermont.org).

Gov. Scott will be kicking off Green Up Day at the Vermont State House on Tuesday, May 1, at 10 a.m. Green Up's poster and writing contest student winners will be recognized.

How can you take part in Green Up Day? If you've never participated before, it is easy! Every town's coordinator is listed on the "Get Involved" page at [www.greenupvermont.org](http://www.greenupvermont.org), as well as how to get Green Up bags, what to do with filled bags after, and any special offerings - breakfast, lunch, refreshments.

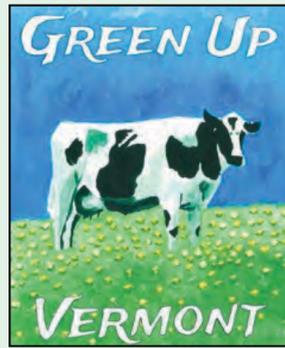
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**ANDOVER, Vt.** - Andover Green-Up will be held 9 a.m. to noon. Please meet at the Andover Town Hall to choose your work assignment. Coffee will be provided. Participants are encouraged to bring gardening gloves and tools including wheelbarrows, rakes, clippers, loppers, and leaf blowers. After the work is over, participants are invited to stay to celebrate and

share lunch. Bring a potluck salad or dessert to accompany the hot dogs and soft drinks that will be provided. For information or questions, contact Deb Moser at 802-875-5454 or [dmoser6468@gmail.com](mailto:dmoser6468@gmail.com).

**CAVENDISH, Vt.** - Come to the Proctorsville Green with friends and family on May 5 to pick up special green trash bags, protective gloves, and your road assignment. The big sweep begins at 9 a.m. and ends at noon with a free town-sponsored barbecue on the Proctorsville Green, where hot dogs and hamburgers will be on the grill. In case of a downpour, Green Up Day will be on Sunday, May 6, same time, same place. For more information, call Diane McNamara at the town office at 802-226-7292.

**CHESTER, Vt.** - The Town of Chester and the Chester Conservation Committee support Green Up Day



Green Up Day is Saturday, May 5. PHOTO PROVIDED

by coordinating the Green Up efforts, distributing Green Up bags, picking up large loads of trash, and by putting a dumpster at the Town Garage. Green Up bags will be available by the end of April at the Chester Town Hall, Chester-Andover

Elementary School, Erskines, and Chester Hardware. The dumpster will be at the Town Garage on May 3, 2018. More information is available by emailing Frank Kelley at [fjmkelley@gmail.com](mailto:fjmkelley@gmail.com).

**SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** - Our Green Up event will begin at 8 a.m. on Saturday morning; families, friends and community members will meet downtown at the parking lot in front of People's United Bank to sign-in and pick up their trash bags. Bags will also be available for pick-up at the Chamber office (56 Main Street, Suite 2, Springfield, Vt.) during the week leading up to the event. At the end of the morning, rejoin fellow volunteers at the People's United Bank parking lot at noon for a Thank You Cook Out, courtesy of the Springfield Regional Chamber of Commerce. For more information please contact Caitlin at the Springfield Regional Chamber of

Commerce at 802-885-2779 or [caitlin@springfieldvt.com](mailto:caitlin@springfieldvt.com).

**TOWNSHEND, Vt.** - After a busy morning of clean up of our roadsides in Newfane, Brookline, Townshend, Jamaica, Windham, and Wardsboro, the Valley Lions, West River Valley Thrive, and Community Hope & Action will host a community celebration on the Townshend Common. We are planning for a local pig roast (a vegetarian option will also be provided), potluck salads and desserts from the community, along with live music! Please bring a chair and let us know you will be attending by this form, [www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0844AE92CABFE3-2018/65926793](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0844AE92CABFE3-2018/65926793). For additional information regarding the event, please contact valleylions1969@gmail.com or call 802-221-0536 for further information.



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## N. Walpole volunteers announce Village Clean Up Day

**N. WALPOLE, N.H.** - The North Walpole Village Volunteers, an unofficial group of local residents, have organized a Village Clean Up Day for the morning of Saturday, April 28. Interested participants are invited to gather in the parking lot in front of the North Walpole Village Library where they will be organized into

teams. Refreshments will be available until noon along with official New Hampshire blue trash bags, enthusiasm, and encouragement from the Village Volunteers.

Two years ago, the organization began with a spring project to beautify the North Walpole Village Park at the foot of School Hill. Last year

a day was scheduled with refreshments and park fix up again in the spring. This year it is all scheduled together with an entire Village spring clean up. Volunteers of all ages are welcome.

Anyone having questions about the event can call Bill Gallager at 603-445-5238.

## Saxtons River Rec Fishing Derby

**SAXTONS RIVER, Vt.** - The Saxtons River Recreation Area will hold its annual fishing derby Saturday, May 5 at the derby pond 1.3 miles north of the rec area on Pleasant Valley Road.

Registration begins at 8 a.m., with fishhooks in the water at 8:30 a.m.

The derby is open to youth 4 to 14 years old, with prizes donated

by J&H Hardware in different age categories. Registration is free, but donations are appreciated.

A 50/50 raffle and bake sale will be held to raise funds for the Rec Area. Anyone who can volunteer or donate baked goods is asked to contact Samantha Fletcher at 802-869-1407 or [samanthamperry@hotmail.com](mailto:samanthamperry@hotmail.com).



The thrill of the catch. Past participant. PHOTO PROVIDED

## Herrick's Cove Wildlife Festival

**ROCKINGHAM, Vt.** - If you're a wildlife enthusiast itching for spring then be sure to check out the 19th annual Herrick's Cove Wildlife Festival on Sunday, May 6, in Rockingham, Vt.

Herrick's Cove, on the Connecticut River, hosts one of the most popular festivals in the area, with organizers reporting close to 2,000 people attending last year's event. The festival includes nature walks and live ani-

mals such as hawks, owls, mammals, and reptiles.

"Vermonters really enjoy the wild animals and wild places that make the state so special," said Forrest Hammond, bear project leader with Vermont Fish & Wildlife. "This festival gives participants a chance to experience some of these animals firsthand and learn about the importance of conserving their habitats so future generations can appreciate them as well."

The Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department will host several exhibits at the event, including animal mounts, skins, and furs as well as interactive demonstrations, hands-on fishing activities with the department's Let's Go Fishing program, information on bears and bats, a 4-H shooting event as well as fun games for kids. Other programs include nature walks with Jim Andrews and the Ascutey Mountain Audubon Society, and wildlife exhibits by the Nature Museum in Grafton, Trout Unlimited, and the National Wild Turkey Federation.

An early morning bird walk led by expert birder, Don Clark, kicks off the festival at 7 a.m. and bird banding by the Vermont Center for Ecostudies starts at 7:30

a.m. Wildlife presentations, events, and booths are open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. There is a suggested donation. Pets are not allowed.

Herrick's Cove is located just off Route 5, less than three miles north of Bellows Falls.

For more information, visit the Herrick's Cove Wildlife Festival's Facebook page, [www.nature-museum.org/herrickscove-wildlife-festival](http://www.nature-museum.org/herrickscove-wildlife-festival), or <https://www.amasvt.org/herrickscove-wildlife-festival/>.



A snapping turtle found at Herrick's Cove Wildlife Festival Turtle Walk. PHOTO PROVIDED

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Owner Matt Blanc was passionate about construction at an early age. "I had an interest in it when I was young," Blanc explained, "I worked in building and construction during the summer growing up." Later he attended Plymouth State University for business, and returned to the area working for a local contractor. Around 1988 the economy took a fall, which is when Blanc partnered with Rod Bailey. Their first year in business, Blanc and Bailey "did around \$65,000 in sales," Blanc stated, "and now they gross nearly \$6 million." Though Bailey left the company in 1995, Blanc continued running the company on his own.

Blanc and Bailey Construction now reaches a 60-mile radius in southern New Hampshire and Vermont. They cover east to the Lake Sunapee region; west to Ludlow, Londonderry, and Rutland; north to Hanover and Lebanon; and south to Keene. Primarily in Vermont, the company also serves many tourist areas such as Mount Snow, Stratton and Okemo, including second homeowners and residents. Blanc will open a new office in Manchester, Vt. on May 1, which will include a kitchen and bath showroom by winter.

Their employees are fully trained and qualified in the latest systems, equipment, materials, and installation techniques, to bring you the finest products and services. They "manage projects very well," Blanc said. All resources are in house, and we use a lot of local people wherever we go." Subcontracting for local projects, while sending in a project manager, superintendent, and foreman to manage the overall flow on the site," and see it to completion.



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### HELP WANTED

GRAFTON, Vt. - Wilson and Lawrence Inc. is now hiring help for the summer tennis court reconditioning season. Please call 802-843-2436 for job applications, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. (05/08)

LUDLOW, Vt. - Volunteer drivers to deliver food for the Meals on Wheels program, about an hour per week. Contact Alma Goodman at 802-228-7421. (05/22)

LUDLOW, Vt. - Full time skilled carpenter/general maintenance position at Condo Association on Okemo Mountain. Weekends required November - April. Full time Monday-

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

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### CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

**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 Stavely. 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 recently completely 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](http://www.nextstagearts.org), or contact [kitchen@nextstagearts.org](mailto:kitchen@nextstagearts.org), or call 802-387-0102.

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

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

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

**SAXTONS RIVER, Vt.** - 9:30-11 a.m. Play Group at Saxtons River Elementary School. Come

on over for crafts, activities and to play! Call Molly 802-376-6204. TFN

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

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

**CHESTER, Vt.** - Liza Eaton, founder of Buddhaful Yoga, will be offering a Gentle Flow Kundalini Yoga class for beginners every Wednesday 9:30-11 a.m. You will be encouraged to go at your own pace and listen to your body. Held at the Fullerton

Inn, on the Chester Green. For more information visit [www.buddhafulyoga.com](http://www.buddhafulyoga.com) or call 802-875-2868. TFN

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

**CHESTER, Vt.** – Strength-building chair yoga class with Liz Eaton, 9:30-10:30 a.m., Fullerton Inn, Main Street, Chester. This is a strength building yoga class in the hatha tradition for anyone looking to build bone density, physical strength, flexibility and endurance. Come as you are and do what you can. Use a chair, yoga mat, or both! Drop in anytime or purchase a few classes at once. No

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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**SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** – Springfield Adult Learning offers ongoing classes to earn your high school diploma. Anyone interested contact 802-546-0879 or visit Vermont Adult Learning at 363 River St. in North Springfield. TFN

#### Town of Chester DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD (DRB) AGENDA April 23, 2018 - 6:00pm Public meeting

- 1) Review draft minutes from the March 26th meeting
- 2) Citizens comments
- 3) Reconvene Sandri Realty Inc. Flood Hazard Review and Conditional Use applications (#518 & 519)
- 4) Deliberative session to review previous matters.

#### 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 2017 tax year remains, either in whole or in part, unpaid on the following described property in such Town, to wit:

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.

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

#### TOWN OF LONDONDERRY NOTICE OF TAX SALE

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

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

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#### TOWN OF CHARLESTOWN BOARD OF SELECTMEN OFFICE MANAGER

The Town of Charlestown, Board of Selectmen's office is currently accepting applications for the role of Office Manager. Our ideal candidate is experienced in handling a wide range of administrative and support related tasks, well organized, flexible, and enjoys the challenges of supporting an office of diverse people. A thorough knowledge of New Hampshire local government is beneficial but not required. Municipal management experience is highly desirable. Position open until filled.

Applications may be found at [www.charlestown-nh.gov](http://www.charlestown-nh.gov) or at the Town Office 233 Main St. Charlestown

Interested candidates should submit a cover letter, resume & completed application to:  
**Charlestown Town Office  
Human Resources Department  
PO Box 385  
Charlestown NH 03603**

An application may be found at [www.charlestown-nh.gov](http://www.charlestown-nh.gov) or at the Town Office 233 Main St.

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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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# LEGAL NOTICES/HELP WANTED

# calendar

## CLUBS

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

**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 TFN

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

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

**SATURDAYS -**  
**MOUNT HOLLY, Vt.** - Still life drawing. The Mount Holly

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

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

## COMMUNITY MEALS

**SATURDAY, APRIL 28 - CHARLESTOWN, N.H.** - Join us for a Boy Scout Spaghetti Dinner at 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!

**WESTMINSTER, Vt.** - The First Congregational Church

of Westminster will hold its annual Roast Pork Supper on Saturday, April 28. There will be two seatings, one at 5 p.m. and one at 6:15 p.m. This family style dinner includes roast pork, stuffing, mashed potatoes, maple carrots, gravy, applesauce, coffee, tea, milk, and dessert. Children under 5 eat free. Take out will be available. Come, bring the family, relax and enjoy.

**SATURDAY, MAY 5 - SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** - Springfield Moose Lodge 679 is hosting the 11th annual free Roast Pork Dinner for area seniors on Saturday, May 5 from 4 - 6 p.m. at their 39 South Street location. Join us for a great meal with brownie and ice cream for dessert. Call 802-885-5370 to sign up.

**MOUNT HOLLY, Vt.** - The Mount Holly Women's Auxiliary is hosting a roast turkey supper on Saturday, May 5 from 5 - 7 p.m. at the Odd Fellows Hall in Belmont. Proceeds will benefit the Mount Holly Fire Department. Menu includes roast turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, cranberry sauce and homemade pies for dessert. For more information call 802-259-2460.

**CHARLESTOWN, N.H.** - Charlestown Senior Center is hosting a turkey supper on Saturday, May 5 at 5 p.m. Menu includes roast turkey,

potatoes, carrots, stuffing, green beans, gravy, cranberry sauce, rolls and butter, and homemade pies for dessert.

Tickets go on sale at 4 p.m. until we sell out. We will start serving at 5 p.m. Take outs please call 603-826-5987

between noon and 3 p.m. the day of the supper, to be picked up between 4 - 4:30 p.m. Please come and enjoy our food and our company.



### TOWN OF LUDLOW NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing before the Development Review Board for the Village of Ludlow, Vermont, will be held on May 14, 2018 at 6:00 P.M., in the Ludlow Town Hall conference room, to consider an amendment to a Conditional Use Permit located in the Village Residential Commercial District:

APPLICANT: Homestyle Hotel, LLC  
 Justin Hyjeck  
 119 Main Street  
 Ludlow, Vermont 05149  
 PROPERTY LOCATION: 112 Main Street  
 Ludlow, Vermont 05149

Parcel No. 230433.000

REASON FOR HEARING: Application to amend a Conditional Use Permit to increase the seating at the bar from 8 to 22 in the existing motel. The project is in the Village Residential Commercial District.

APPLICATION NUMBER: 457-17-CU; Amendment No. 2

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

Rosemary Goings  
 Board Clerk

### TOWN OF LUDLOW NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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APPLICANT: Imerys Talc Vermont, Inc  
 73 East Hill Road  
 Ludlow, Vermont 05149  
 PROPERTY LOCATION: 73 East Hill Road  
 Ludlow, Vermont 05149

Parcel No. 070213.000

REASON FOR HEARING: Application to amend a previously approved Conditional Use Permit to add the construction of a canopy over the railroad on the South side of the shipping center. The project is located in the Industrial District.

APPLICATION NUMBER: 88-207-CU; Amendment No. 9

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

Rosemary Goings  
 Board Clerk

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APPLICANT: Brandon Durham  
 2779 West Main Street  
 Wapp Falls, New York 12590

PROPERTY LOCATION: 65 Andover Street  
 Ludlow, Vermont 05149

Parcel No. 220550.000

REASON FOR HEARING: Application for a Conditional Use Permit to convert a garage into a third unit to an existing multi-family home. The project is in the Village Residential Commercial District.

APPLICATION NUMBER: 465-18-CU

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

Rosemary Goings  
 Board Clerk

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APPLICANT: Josh Rourke  
 PO Box 13  
 Ludlow, Vermont 05149  
 PROPERTY OWNER: Levey House, LLC  
 1502 Popple Dungeon Road  
 Chester, Vermont 05143

PROPERTY LOCATION: 70 Main Street  
 Ludlow, Vermont 05149

Parcel No. 230521.000

REASON FOR HEARING: Application to amend a Conditional Use Permit in the Ludlow Preservation District to allow a portion of the first-floor office space to be converted into an apartment with the rest remaining office space.

APPLICATION NUMBER: 179-01-CU; Amendment No. 3

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

Rosemary Goings, Board Clerk

### NOTICE OF TAX SALE

The resident and nonresident owners, lien holders and mortgagees of lands in the Town of Andover, in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont are hereby notified that the taxes assessed by the Town of Andover for the 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 (except where otherwise noted) fiscal years remain, either in whole or in part, unpaid on the following described land in such Town, to wit:

- Parcel No. 011000046.100. Being all those same lands and premises described in a Warranty Deed from John M. Houlihan & Joyce M. Houlihan to Amy Altobelli dated December 12, 2003 and recorded in the Town of Andover Records on December 29, 2003 in Book 45, pages 163-165. The property contains approximately 11.13 acres and is located at 627 Little Pond Road.
- Parcel No. 011000067.510. Being those same lands and premises that are described in a deed to Harvey G. Parker and Tammy A. Riley from Kitredge Mortgage Corporation dated February 6, 2017 and recorded in the Town of Andover Land Records on February 13, 2017 at Book 63, Pages 390-391. The property contains approximately 10.50 acres and is located at 48 Lee Way.

So much of said lands will be sold at public auction at the Town Office in Andover, Vermont, a public place in said Town on the 29th day of May, 2018, at 2:00 o'clock p.m., as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs and fees, unless previously paid.

Dated at Andover, in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont this 19th day of April 2018.

Attest: *Jeanette Haight*  
 Jeanette Haight  
 Collector of Delinquent Taxes  
 Town of Andover

TAKE A BREAK!

## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆

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## King Crossword

### ACROSS

- Restroom, for short
- Back talk
- Blunders
- Yale student
- Friends, old style
- Manner of walking
- Gut level
- Sans siblings
- Feline
- Snake or lizard
- Untamed horse
- Apiece
- Second person
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- Basic assumption
- Piquancy
- Afternoon beverage
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- Streamlet
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- Has the skill set
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- Memory measure
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- No longer stylish
- Spelldown
- Guests
- Duel tool
- Nightly telecast
- Earth science
- Every last crumb
- Carnival city
- 18-Across' ennead
- Follow relentlessly
- Slope transport
- Jason's ship
- Life stories, briefly
- Exemplar of thinness
- Round Table title
- Upper surface
- "Yoo-hoo!"

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**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) You've set a fast pace for yourself. But as you approach your goal, you might want to slow down a bit in order to take time to reassess your situation and make changes while you can.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) Patience continues to be a virtue for the Divine Bovine. So as eager as you might be to get things moving, remember that time is on your side. Make good use of it.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) There's a wee bit of uncertainty in the early part of the week. But things clear up as more facts come to light. Spend quality time this weekend with family and friends.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) An old friend's return could open new possibilities for both of you. But don't let yourself be rushed into anything. There could be some factors you haven't yet explored.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) This week offers a challenge you're raring to take on. And while eager to get started, do so slowly so that you can focus those sharp Cat's Eyes on every detail.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) Put your skepticism aside and listen to advice from colleagues who've been where you are now. What they say could be helpful as you get closer to a decision.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) A family matter might again require your reassuring touch. Handle it, as always, with kindness and fairness, even if some of your kin prove to be especially difficult.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Your ability to tackle even the most intricate details of a project is likely to impress some very important people. A relative shares news later this week.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) The Archer's aim might be focused on the big picture this week, but don't overlook checking for those details you might have missed.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) You might feel awkward asking for assistance, but who would refuse the charming Goat's request? Do it, then go ahead and enjoy a musical weekend.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) Pour some cold water on that simmering misunderstanding before it boils over. The sooner things settle, the sooner you can move ahead with your plans.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) You're in a highly productive period, which you feel can go on forever. But you could be courting exhaustion. Take time out to relax and restore your energies.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You can combine a sense of adventure with a penchant for practicality. Have you considered a travel-related field?

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# calendar

## LEGAL NOTICES/HELP WANTED

### COMMUNITY MEALS CONT.

**SATURDAYS - CHESTER, Vt.** - Gassetts Grange holds a buffet breakfast every month on the first Saturday at 8-9:30 a.m. It consists of eggs, bacon, sausage, home fries, toast, pancakes (blueberry and plain), real maple syrup, juice, coffee, tea, and hot cocoa. All are welcome! Admission at the door. Hope to see you

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

**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

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**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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### EVENTS

**FRIDAY, APRIL 27 - MONTPELIER, Vt.** - Rural Vermont hosts "Roadmap to the Statehouse" on Friday, April 27 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Vermont Statehouse in Montpelier. Event to feature Statehouse orientation, citizen advocacy training, farm and food legislative briefing, meet and greet with constituents and lawmakers, and more. Free and open to everyone, with stipends available for farmers. Information, RSVP, and stipend applications available at [www.ruralvermont.org](http://www.ruralvermont.org) or call 802-223-7222.

**FRIDAY, APRIL 27 & SATURDAY, APRIL 28 - CHARLESTOWN, N.H.** - The Charlestown Senior Center is holding an indoor yard sale 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](http://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](http://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](http://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 [hscnh@hscnh.org](mailto:hscnh@hscnh.org).

**CHESTER, Vt.** - Join us for an afternoon of poetry with Patricia Fargnoli and Daniel Lusk at Phoenix Books Misty Valley in Chester on Sunday, April 29 at 3 p.m. Fargnoli will read from her book "Hallowed," and Lusk from his collection "The Shower Scene from Hamlet." Patricia Fargnoli 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 has been a Resident Fellow at Yaddo and the MacDowell Colony. Free and open to all. For more information visit [www.phoenixbooks.biz](http://www.phoenixbooks.biz) or call 802-855-8078.

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 2 - CHESTER, Vt.** - Join us for a story time in celebration of Children's Book Week on Wednesday, May 2 at 4 p.m. at Phoenix Books Misty Valley, 58 Common Street in Chester. We'll read "Islandborn," by Junot Diaz. Gloriously illustrated and lyrically written,

"Islandborn" is a celebration of creativity, diversity, and our imagination's boundless ability to connect us—to our families, to our past and to ourselves. Established in 1919, Children's Book Week - annual celebration of books for young people and the joy of reading - is the longest-running national literacy initiative in the country. For more information visit [www.phoenixbooks.biz](http://www.phoenixbooks.biz) or call 802-875-3400.

**FRIDAY, MAY 4 - CHESTER, Vt.** - Come to Phoenix Books Misty Valley in Chester for an open mic on Friday, May 4 from 5:30 - 7 p.m. Readers can choose any sort of piece - non-fiction, poetry, fiction, or experimental - to showcase their talents. Writers of any age are welcome to come and read. Come to shop a little late, hear some local talent, or share your work yourself. Light refreshments will be provided. If you would like to reserve a spot ahead of time to read, please email Anna at [annab@phoenixbooks.biz](mailto:annab@phoenixbooks.biz). For more information visit [www.phoenixbooks.biz](http://www.phoenixbooks.biz) or call 802.875.3400.

**THURSDAY, MAY 3 - SATURDAY, MAY 5 - WINDSOR, Vt.** - Old South Church, Main St., Windsor, Vermont will hold its Spring Rummage Sale from May 3 - 5, 2018. Items include clothing, white elephants, jewelry, glassware, books, toys, games, puzzles, furniture, linens, household items and other treasures. Thursday, May 3, from 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m., Friday, May 4, from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. is a half price and bag sale, and Saturday, May 5, from 9 - 11 a.m., everything left over is free.

**SATURDAY, MAY 5 - CHESTER, Vt.** - Join us for a story time in celebration of Children's Book Week on Saturday, May 5 at 2 p.m. at Phoenix Books Misty Valley, 58 Common Street in Chester. We'll read "The Rabbit Listened," by Cori Doerrfeld. According to a Publishers Weekly review, "Each of Doerrfeld's highly distilled and elegantly concise vignettes brims with emotional honesty and profound empathy." Established in 1919, Children's Book Week - annual celebration of books for young people and the joy of reading - is the longest-running national literacy initiative in the country.

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**SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** - The North School Preservation Society will be holding a Book and General Tag Sale on Saturday, May 5 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at North School, 49 Main St, in North Springfield. Entrance to the school is off lower School St. A wide variety of vintage books, fiction, travel, cook books, gardening, craft, do-it-yourself and children's books will be offered, along with video tapes, CDs, DVDs, records, household items, sports equipment, furniture, holiday items and much more. For more information contact Linda Kingsbury at 802-885-9544 or Andrea Cook at 802-594-2673.

**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 - 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

### 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 May 5 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Vendors will be offering maple syrup, honey, eggs, grass fed beef, specialty pickles, preserves, catered foods and baked goods including breads, 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](http://www.springfieldfarmersmarket.com) or email [springfieldfarmersmarketinc@gmail.com](mailto:springfieldfarmersmarketinc@gmail.com) or call 802-885-4096 for more information, check us out on Facebook. The Springfield Farmer's Market Inc. is a vendor run non-profit organization. Vendor inquiries welcome.

### TOWN OF LUDLOW CEMETERY DEPARTMENT GROUNDS KEEPER POSITION AVAILABLE

The Town of Ludlow Cemetery Department invites applications for the position of Cemetery Grounds Keeper. This is a full-time limited term position with some benefits. Principal duties that include the custodial care and repair/maintenance of the Ludlow Cemeteries. Duties also include the mowing and trimming of grounds, the operation of machinery such as tractors, mowers, weed-wackers, pickup trucks and loaders. Grounds Keeper would be responsible for the coordination of interments with some weekends and holidays required.

Send resume with references to the Ludlow Cemetery Commission, Town of Ludlow, and P.O. Box 359, Ludlow, VT, 05149. Applications will be accepted until the positions are filled. The Town of Ludlow is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

### TOWN OF ROCKINGHAM NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

The Town of Rockingham currently owns the following property and intends to sell the same to Sharon F. Boccelli and Ingrid Marie Sell-Boccelli.

Address: 38 Green Street, Bellows Falls VT  
Parcel ID: # 234400038  
Owner: Town of Rockingham  
Map: #23

Being all and the same lands and premises which were conveyed to the TOWN OF ROCKINGHAM by Warranty Deed of Amy Robillard and Edward C. Quinby, deed dated July 7, 2016, and recorded July 7, 2016, in Book 363, Page 245 of the Rockingham Land Records. Said premises may be more particularly described as follows:

Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Amy Robillard and Edward C. Quinby by the Warranty Deed of Julie Safer dated April 6, 2015 and recorded in Book 363, Page 133 of the Rockingham Town Land Records, and which have been more particularly described as follows:

"Being No. 38 Green Street, so-called in the Village of Bellows Falls, and bounded on the north by land of Fred Saker and land formerly of Charles Blanchard, on the east by the west line of Green Street, on the south by land of one Foley, on the west by land formerly of Thomas McGreen.

"Except and subject to the following restrictions and exceptions: that said grantees, their heirs and assigns, shall not have the right to erect any building on such of said premises, nor to use any of said premises as are within 25 feet of the northerly line of said premises, nor to use any of said premises for a junk yard, so-called, while said premises to the north are owned by Fred Saker or his heirs."

A high bid of \$11,000.00 has been submitted for the property which will be transferred by Warranty Deed.

The bid has been accepted by the Rockingham Select-board and the Town of Rockingham will convey the parcel on May 29, 2018. If five percent of the legal voters of the town sign and file a petition objecting to the sale within 30 days of this Notice of Sale of Real Property, the town will hold a special town meeting to vote on the sale.

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The Springfield Area Parent Child Center (SAPCC), a member of the Vermont Parent Child Center Network, is seeking a new Executive Director to lead this well-known and highly respected non-profit located in North Springfield, Vermont. Founded in 1976, SAPCC's 35+ dedicated staff and volunteers offer multiple services to pregnant women and families with young children. The organization provides family support services and education for adults and children, and collaborates with numerous community groups to fulfill their mission - building strong communities, one family at a time.

This is a great opportunity for an energetic and engaged community leader who is passionate about making a difference in the community by leading an organization. The successful candidate will possess strong communication skills and a proven track record leading organizations, building and maintaining a committed team, and moving forward a wide variety of organizational priorities. Candidates must also demonstrate understanding of financial management of multiple funding streams, fund development, and best practices in working with families, young children, and youth. Preference will be given to candidates with a graduate degree (Bachelor's degree required) in human services, nonprofit management, education, or a related field.

If you are an experienced professional with proven leadership abilities, this might be the next step in your career pathway. For more information, including a full job description, please visit [www.indeed.com/cmp/Springfield-Area-Parent-Child-Center/jobs](http://www.indeed.com/cmp/Springfield-Area-Parent-Child-Center/jobs)

Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Please submit your letter of interest, resume, and contact information through the Indeed website; by regular mail to: SAPCC ED Search, 6 Main Street, N. Springfield, VT 05150; or by email to: [angelak@vermontel.net](mailto:angelak@vermontel.net).

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## LIBRARIES

**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](http://www.fmlnews.org).

**SATURDAY, APRIL 28 - LONDONDERRY, Vt.** – The South Londonderry Free Library is celebrating spring's late arrival with a workshop “Kids, Kites and Wind Toys” on Saturday, April 28 at 10:30 a.m. Art teacher Casey Junker Bailey will show children how to make their own miniature kites and wind toys for outdoor play. As always, the workshop is free of charge and appropriate for children of all ages. For more information, call the library at 802-824-3371.

**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

**FRIDAY, APRIL 27 - BELLOWS FALLS, Vt.** – Greater Falls Connections will be

hosting their monthly coalition meeting on Friday, April 27 from 12-1 p.m. at Rockingham Medical Group in Bellows Falls. This meeting will discuss the opioid crisis. Come and learn about incorporating recovery into treatment programs, reducing stigma, the latest data trends, peer-based programs, and creating communitywide involvement. Meetings are free and open to everyone. Lunch will be provided.

**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 Swayze, 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>

**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](http://www.cavendishvt.com) or call 802-226-7291. Recordings of the meetings can be found at [www.okemovaleley.tv](http://www.okemovaleley.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](http://www.graftonvt.org). Recordings are found at [www.fact8.com](http://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](http://www.londonderryvt.org). Recordings are found at [www.gnat-tv.org](http://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](http://www.ludlow.vt.us). Recordings found at [www.okemovaleley.tv](http://www.okemovaleley.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.govoffice2.com](http://www.springfieldvt.govoffice2.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](http://www.rockbf.org). Recordings can be found at [www.fact8.com](http://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](http://www.westonvt.org) for more information. Recordings can be found at [www.gnat-tv.org](http://www.gnat-tv.org).

**WESTMINSTER, Vt.** – Westminister 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](http://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](http://www.chestertv.org). Recordings can be found at [sapatv.org](http://sapatv.org).

## SUPPORT GROUPS

**MONDAYS - SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** - NAMI Vermont Connection Recovery Support Group is a mental illness support group. It provides a forum to share experiences and learn about opportunities and challenges regardless of diagnostics. HCRS, CRT Room, 390 River St. Meets every Monday from 1-2 p.m. Info: call 800-639-6480 or visit [www.namivt.org](http://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 - 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](http://coda.org). For more information regarding this meeting, contact Sarah E. at [sarahcoda2016@gmail.com](mailto: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

**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](http://www.tops.org) for more information. TFN

**WEDNESDAYS - 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](mailto:TwinStateDSG@gmail.com) or 641-715-3900 (ext. 650055#). 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](mailto:shiri@fitwoman.com). TFN

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

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

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

**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 date remaining in November to be announced.

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