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Condo Owners concerned over Cavendish structure

BY THOMAS FOSTER IV
The Vermont Journal

CAVENDISH, Vt. - The Cavendish Select Board met Monday, May 14 for their monthly meeting. While the agenda included many topics of discussion, such as updates on numerous town projects, there was a heated debate on a particular property in Cavendish that is speculated to be in violation of local ordinance laws.

The property in question is located on 53 Depot St. in Proctorsville and has been a topic of debate for several years. Originally brought up in 2003 by concerned Condo Owners, it has been discussed ever since. The issue was brought before the Select Board again by residents, Pat Moore and Aaron Silidker, who represented the North Country Condominium Association. "If you [Select Board] don't do something, you could be liable," Moore warned.

The building suffered fire damage in the 1980s and more damage during Hurricane Irene. Damage includes a collapsing foundation and other structural damage that Silidker believes will only get worse with time. "Deterioration will always accelerate as the structure degrades throughout the seasons. North Country Condo Owners are concerned for their safe-

ty. I have tried to contact the owner, but haven't received a response," Silidker remarked.

Larry Wilfong was unable to attend the meeting, but expressed his opposition towards the motion to condemn the building. As a long time resident, he and his family live near the building. "I am completely for the property owner to do as she wishes with her property. Clearly it has remained standing these two decades. It is posted clearly enough to warn of trespassing. And my children know not to enter the structure," he explained.

It appeared the Cavendish Select Board shared several different views on the matter. Board member Sandra Russo agreed that the building needs to be repaired, while Board Member Mike Ripley questioned the extent



Residents voice their concern about a structure that has extensive damage.

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the Select Board should intervene. It was decided that the owners would be contacted to gather more information, which will be made available at the next meeting. More information can be found by viewing the minutes at www.cavendishvt.com.

Following budget, LMHUUSD decides on next steps

BY SHARON HUNTLEY
The Vermont Journal

LUDLOW, Vt. - The Ludlow Mount Holly Unified Union School Board met Wednesday, May 9 following the successful Tuesday vote by the towns of Ludlow and Mount Holly to approve their first \$7.2 million budget and additional funds (\$133,000) to fix the gym floor at Ludlow Town Elementary.

The board nodded in agreement with Dan Buckley's statement commending passing of the budget. "I'm very happy to be able to say the budgets and the loan for the floor were both approved by both towns."

Board member Kelly Tarbell expressed her regret that voter turnout was so low, saying that intended social media awareness didn't really happen as intended. "It's our job next year to really promote that better...be aware of and really work harder at this next year." Only 4 percent of Ludlow voters, or 65 in total, turned out to vote. Ludlow approved the budget 37 to 27, and approved the gym floor funding 41 to 24. In Mount Holly, 10 percent, or 108 votes in total were cast, approving the budget 63 to 43. The gym floor spending was approved by a slim margin with 54 to 51.

Buckley mentioned that the sign in front of the Black River High School was empty on the day of the vote and although school administrators did get something up on one side later in the day, that might have impacted the turnout. "I'm wondering how many people didn't see anything on the sign so they didn't know there was a vote," he said.

Board member Mary Alberty from Mount Holly added, "In Mount Holly, they drove right by our sign and a lot of people didn't stop."

The board discussed that in addition to improving communication, the timing of the vote for the budget next year, happening just after the town meeting, should help improve voter turnout.

Discussion then turned to the gym floor renovation. One bid was received by the TRSU from Danaher Floor Restoration in Shrewsbury, Vt. with a proposal for \$140,600. The company came with a strong recommendation from locals who had worked with Danaher and were familiar with their work. After specs were confirmed by acting TRSU Finance Director Cheryl Hammond, the board later approved the proposal though contingent upon receiving a warrantee for a minimum of five years from Danaher, if not free, then at a reasonable cost.

As the floor nears completion, decisions about the logo that will go onto the floor will need to be made. Suggestions of using a generic Black River logo, Black River Academy logos, or a simple BR in the middle with Presidential Hall designated on either end were all mentioned. The board agreed to consider those and other options

further along in the process.

Talk turned to the possibility of selecting a new name and developing a logo for what is currently the LMHUUSD, since the current name was cumbersome. Superintendent Meg Powden suggested "Black River District" as an option. Mary Alberty said she would like to bring it up to students at Mount Holly and get their feedback before making a decision. Buckley suggested LMH School District might be another option. Karen Trimboli, principal of Ludlow Elementary suggested talking to the students and the teachers to get some suggestions. She also mentioned a logo contest directed by the art teachers once a name was selected. It was decided that the board would discuss guidelines and direction for a rename and logo project over the next few months and start the next school year involving students and teachers in the process.

The board voted to continue to participate in limited school choice with Mill River, which allows six students from kindergarten through sixth grade to attend Mill River Elementary or vice versa. They also approved a limited school transfer program through TRSU elementary and middle schools, which include Cavendish Town Elementary School, Chester Andover Elementary School, and Green Mountain Union Middle School. This current program allows up to six students from each of the LMHUUSD schools to transfer and vice versa.

Black River Building appraisal was brought up by Orzechowski to prepare for being able to lease the building once the school was closed. According to Powden, she checked with legal counsel and discovered that if

the school was not going to be used for educational purposes, the building can't be leased out. Based on agreements currently in place, they would need to offer the building to the town for the purchase price of one dollar. Orzechowski expressed his frustration, citing confusion about what Dan French had promised the board during merger talks. French was a consultant who came in to advise the boards during the ACT 46 merger process. According to Orzechowski, they were told they could make money by leasing the building. "It would be nice to lease that out and have money to use for more opportunities for our kids," he said.

If supervisory union offices were in the building, it would qualify as being used for educational purposes. Then other parts of building could be leased out. Orzechowski plans to attend the next Ludlow Town Meeting to discuss their understanding of the future of the building.

TRSU Curriculum Coordinator Mike Eppolito provided the board an extensive overview of last year's strides in proficiency-based education and plans for next year. He ended by requesting five half days throughout the school year to be approved for professional development for teachers to work together specifically on proficiency. The board approved the request.

The meeting wrapped up with the board approving the hire of Ted Panasci as the new physical education teacher to be shared equally by both Ludlow Elementary and Mount Holly Elementary. Panasci is currently the physical education teacher at Castleton Elementary School.

Next meeting of the LMHUUSD board is June 13 at 6 p.m. at LES.

Ludlow Little League Opening Day Parade

LUDLOW, Vt. - Ludlow Little League teams rode atop fire trucks and other emergency vehicles through downtown Ludlow during the Ludlow Opening Day Parade Saturday, May 12. The parade ended at the Ludlow Little League field on Pleasant Street Ext. in time for an opening ceremony and 10 a.m. first pitch.

PHOTOS BY OTIS NELSON



Ludlow American Legion Memorial Day Parade

LUDLOW, Vt. - The American Legion Post 36 Memorial Day parade will take place Monday, May 28. The parade starts at 9 a.m. at Benson's Chevrolet, 25 Pond St. The parade will proceed to Veteran's Memorial Park on 1 High St. for a ceremony at 10 a.m. It will then proceed to Pleasant View Cemetery, 37 N. Depot St. The parade will include the Color Guard and a wreath laying ceremony. A potluck will follow at the American Legion, 133 W. Main Street. For more information, contact Frank Fontaine at 802-688-4623.

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Annual Pig Roast and Square Dance returns May 26

WESTON, Vt. - The Weston Community Association, in association with the Farrar Park Association, Weston Women's Club, and the Inn at Weston, is pleased to host the 11th sort-of-annual (we missed one year) Memorial Weekend Pig Roast and Square Dance, to be held Saturday, May 26, from 5 to 7 p.m.

The event takes place at the Weston Green, with dancing on Park Street and the musicians performing under the portico of The Weston Playhouse. The Green is located on Route 100 in the center of Weston.

"Sugar Bob" Hausslein and crew, who joined the event in 2017 to rave reviews, will return to prepare the meal. Pulled pork barbecue plates, including sides, soft drinks, and dessert will be served beginning at 5 p.m. with discounts available for children. Hot dogs and other menu choices will also be available. Wine and beer will be available for purchase, courtesy of the Inn at Weston. Desserts are prepared and contributed by the Weston Women's Club. Our thanks to them.



Dancing in the streets at the Weston Community Pig Roast.

PHOTO PROVIDED

The popular Cold River Band will again supply the music, which will be performed from 5 to 6:45 p.m. Try your hand (or feet) at square dancing!

Everyone's invited. Mark the calendar. Bring the family! Bring your friends! Tens of thousands of people enjoy events each year at Weston Community Association properties,

including the Playhouse, museums (Farrar-Mansur House, Old Mill, and Craft Building), and Cold Spring Brook Park. In this, the association's 96th year of community service, we again invite everyone to join us and celebrate with friends, family, and neighbors on the Saturday of this Memorial Weekend.

Londonderry senior lunch schedule

LONDONDERRY, Vt. - Second Congregational Church, UCC, of Londonderry is thrilled to announce its 11th season of sponsoring luncheons for Londonderry area seniors, ages 60 and above. As it has in the past 10 summers, the church will hold six lunches in 2018 on the fourth Thursday of each month, May through October. The lunches, starting at noon, are held in the church's Friendship Room, except the July lunch is a picnic at Hapgood Pond. All Londonderry seniors are welcome. There will be a free will offering.

The schedule for the 2018 lunches is: May 24, June 28, July 26 Hapgood Pond picnic, Aug. 23, Sept. 27, and Oct. 25.

Seniors are encouraged to bring

friends - aged 60 and above. Neighbors and family members should pass this information along to those that might enjoy these lively, delicious gatherings.

Martha Dale, the church's senior lunch coordinator, said that in the program's second decade we are welcoming a new chef, Marie Porreca. Marie, a resident of Londonderry and a sought-after caterer, is excited to serve and connect with local seniors, and brings a considerable amount of experience to the kitchen. Seniors should look forward to her modern twists on old-fashioned favorites. "I am probably best described as a sentimental cook. I love preparing and sharing meals that invoke memories of times spent with loved ones.

Our area is home to the most incredible farms and ingredients, I'm thrilled to be able to showcase each month some of the best." Chef Porreca has cooked in kitchens big and small for nearly 20 years.

Other folks who make these lunches possible are Rev. Laurie Krooss, minister of Second Congregational; Bill Cooley, who greets attendees; Susie Cooley who organizes set up and service; Lynda Lyon, preparing floral arrangements; and Beda Lyon, who organizes a very dedicated cleanup crew.

As in recent summers, this year's July lunch will be a picnic at Hapgood Pond. Lunch will be served under the pavilion and will feature delicious picnic fare - hamburgers, hot dogs, all the fixings, salads, and dessert. Seniors should bring lawn chairs to the July picnic and plan on spending a summer afternoon enjoying the Vermont scenery, good food, and good company.

Second Congregational is located at 2051 North Main Street, Londonderry. Any questions, including directions to the church or to Hapgood Pond, please call the church at 802-824 6453.

Dean Braxton returns to Renewed Life in Jesus Church

CHESTER, Vt. - Renewed Life in Jesus Church invites you to come out and hear Dean Braxton, author of "In Heaven - Experiencing the Throne of God" and "Deep Worship in Heaven" Wednesday, May 23 at 7 p.m.

Dean and his wife, Marilyn, have been in ministry for over 17 years. Medical records show that Dean experienced cardiac arrest and died for one hour and 45 minutes. He was absolutely stone cold dead. When Braxton died, he says that he found himself transported to heaven. Braxton saw



Dean Braxton.

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family members, angels that are assigned to us, prayers in heaven, and much more. Not only that, but he claims that he actually saw Jesus Christ and was able to speak with Him. Today Braxton is called the "Miracle Man" after having been supernaturally healed of 29 serious medical conditions. Renewed Life in Jesus Church is located at 2103 Rockingham Rd., Chester, Vt. For more information on Dean Braxton, visit www.deanbraxton.com.

American Legion Auxiliary third annual bowling tournament

LUDLOW, Vt. - The American Legion Post 36 Auxiliary held their annual bowling tournament Saturday, April 28, 2018 at Up Your Alley in Springfield, Vt. A total of 11 teams of four participated. This tournament was for the benefit of the Bennington Veterans Home and our other veterans' programs.

We would like to thank the following businesses and individual

donors for their support: Benson's Chevrolet Inc., Dave Berry Woodworking, Mike and Maria Blais, Shatzi Brown, Cleveland Cedar Products, Countryside Alarms Inc., Donna Crossman, DJ's Restaurant, Gilcris Enterprises, Suzanne and Peter Girouard, Green Mountain Sugarhouse, The Honey Dew Man, Steve Kondraki Logging, LaValley Building Supply, Ballard Hobart American Legion, American Legion

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Terrigenous Landscape Architecture receives design award

CHESTER, Vt. - Terrigenous Landscape Architecture has recently been awarded a design award from the Vermont Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects as part of their annual award competition. Terrigenous received a merit award for the Alpaca Farm Residence project. The panel of jurors cited the award by saying, "Exquisite wall work with wonderful detailing. Whimsical in some ways." One juror said, "A place I would like to visit."

With the Alpaca Farm project, Terrigenous was presented with a difficult challenge - planning a landscape around a new house just feet from an existing house. The design allowed for an ener-

gy-efficient foundation, solar array, geothermal heating/cooling, as well as numerous amenities including gardens, a pool, an outdoor fireplace, terraces, paths, stairs, and more. Dry-laid stonework was inspired by knitting patterns to bind the residence with the surrounding alpaca farm, the source of knitting wool. A dry-laid retaining wall mimics the movement of water and creates the space for the pool. Inspired by nearby woodwork, a "Harlequin" wall takes on a playfulness and complementary geometry. A retaining wall comes to life with the addition of a recess allowing for firewood storage.

A five-person jury from Oregon granted only three awards in all. The winners were honored at a ceremo-

nial dinner and presentation Friday, April 6 at Burlington City Arts. The Vermont ASLA awards program is managed under the Vermont Chapter of the American Society for Landscape Architects, a nonprofit 501(c)(6) organization established in 2000. "The ASLA VT Chapter Awards highlight the impressive work by landscape architects across the state. The award presented to Terrigenous rewards the unique combination of design and craftsmanship that is evident in all of Scott's work; really amazing," says Adam Portz, ASLA VT chapter president.

Terrigenous develops sustainable, site-specific landscapes that are finely crafted to meet the needs of each client. The design/build firm has worked with over 200 clients on hundreds of projects over the last two decades, most of which are still in place and can be visited upon request. Scott Wunderle builds most of the work that he draws or oversees the construction. From time to time he also assists other design firms realize their efforts, when the projects are well conceived and require a heightened attention to detail. "Our mission is to bring utility to beauty, and beauty to utility," says Wunderle. The firm celebrates its 20th anniversary in Chester, and looks forward to another year of creative and rewarding work.



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Chuck Sweetman joins Diamond Realty

LUDLOW, Vt. - Chuck Sweetman has joined the professional staff here at Diamond Realty. He has significant experience in education as a teacher, coach, high school principal, and superintendent of schools in Connecticut and Vermont. Chuck and his wife moved to Landgrove on a permanent basis 17 years ago after having a second home for 20 years before that. His real estate experience will be enhanced as a result of his years of work on the planning and zoning committees



Chuck Sweetman.

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as head of the Town Planning Committee and as a town lister.

Chuck is an optimistic, enthusiastic, and hardworking individual, and we are pleased to welcome him to our Diamond Realty Team and expand our services to the Landgrove, Weston, and Londonderry areas. Please feel free to contact Chuck to congratulate him or to discuss any of your real estate needs at 802-345-9054.

Tour South Africa gardens with Lee Parker

LONDONDERRY, Vt. - Tour the lush gardens of South Africa on Monday, May 21 at 11:30 a.m. when Lee Parker will be at Neighborhood Connections. Last year Lee was part of a small group invited to tour private as well as public gardens. Lee will discuss the South African climate and native plants. Her photos vividly show the luscious landscape and creative garden structures of several amazing gardens.



Tour South Africa gardens.

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This presentation is offered at no charge, but please call 802-824-4343 to register. Neighborhood Connections is a nonprofit social services agency serving nine area mountain towns and is located in Londonderry's Mountain Marketplace, next to the post office.

The 6th annual West River Trail run

S. LONDONDERRY, Vt. - Help us celebrate National Trails Day June 2, 2018 by participating in the West River Trail Run. This run follows a breathtaking 11-mile course beginning in South Londonderry, continuing along the West River, and finishing in Jamaica State Park. Runners have the option of completing the 11-mile course as an individual runner or as part of a three-leg relay. The race will begin at 9 a.m. at the South Londonderry Depot. In addition to the 11-mile race, there is also a family friendly 5K run/walk beginning and ending in Jamaica State Park, which will begin at 10 a.m.

programs include but are not limited to: Refuse to Use, after school child care, youth mentoring, and weekend events for teens.

For more information or to register, please visit www.thecollaborative.us/westrivertrailrun or call 802-824-4200.



Participate in the West River Trail run.

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This race supports the Collaborative, a local nonprofit committed to creating a culture of substance-free youth. All proceeds from this race go towards supporting educational programming for area youth. These

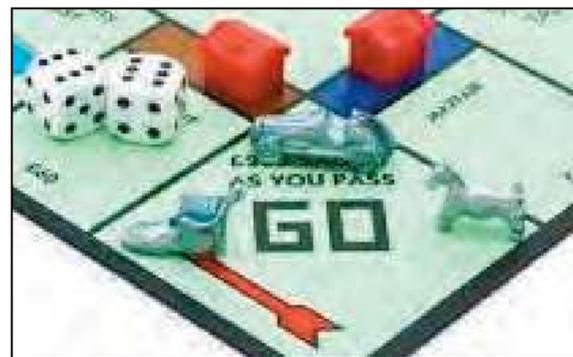


Chester Lisai's new mural

CHESTER, Vt. - Lonnie Lisai and artist Jamie Townsend stand in front of the new mural that was recently hung outside the building. The painting showcases Lisai's Market's very own Lonnie Lisai, their fabulous meat, and large wine selection. Remember to shop local!

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Free Financial Literacy Class at Chester-Andover Family Center



Financial literacy puts change in your pocket.

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Weston Playhouse announces new fund

WESTON, Vt. - The Board of Directors of the Weston Playhouse Theatre Co. announced the establishment of the Ewen-Fort-Stettler Fund, honoring founding producing directors Malcolm Ewen, Tim Fort, and Steve Stettler and their contributions to Weston, to Vermont, and to the American Theatre.

The three founders are retiring after 30 years of leading the Playhouse Theatre Company.

The Ewen-Fort-Stettler Fund will support their enduring legacy, the brand new Weston Playhouse at Walker Farm. The 140-seat studio theatre and arts center opened in September 2017 and is already getting rave reviews as a performance venue and community gathering place. The new second stage is in addition to the company's main stage at the Weston Playhouse in the center of Weston Village.

The fund is an important part of the Theatre Company's \$13.5 million capital campaign. With an initial goal of \$1.5 million, and designed to



Left to right: Tim Fort, Steve Stettler, Malcolm Ewen.

PHOTO BY HUBERT SCHRIEBL

be replenished by future donations, the fund will be a revolving source of annual support to help offset the expansion of the company's artistic and community programs at Walker Farm. Contributions to the fund are fully tax-deductible, and pledges to

the fund may be paid over up to five years.

Oliver Olsen, chair of the Weston Playhouse Theatre Company Board of Directors, said, "We have set an ambitious \$1.5 million goal for the Fund to honor a collective 90 years of service to the Weston Playhouse Theatre Company. Mal, Tim, and Steve have led the company from its days as a summer stock company to an award-winning regional theatre. Naming the Fund for the 'three guys,' as they've long been called, is a richly deserved recognition of their extraordinary leadership."

Wayne Granquist, Chair Emeritus of the Company Board of Directors and chair of the capital campaign, added, "The Fund will give our successful New Works program a substantial boost and deliver the support our new facility at Walker Farm needs to bring year-round excitement to Weston and Southern Vermont."

For more information or to play a part, visit www.weston-playhouse.org.



Ribbon cutting at Weston Playhouse at Walker Farm.

PHOTO BY HUBERT SCHRIEBL

The 8th annual Springfield May Festival Saturday, May 19

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - The 2018 May Festival at the Unitarian Universalist Church features a plant sale, food, crafts, flea market, art show, and entertainment! The festival is held rain or shine from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Saturday, May 19 at 21 Fairground Road, Springfield, Vt.

The festival will include our popular plant sale. There will be annuals, perennials, vegetables, and herbs for your garden. Our garden experts will be on hand for consultation and to answer questions.

Lunch will be available at our deli-style café. In addition, there will be musical entertainment, an indoor art exhibit, and sale. Vendor booths include food crafts, woodworking, jewelry, fabric crafts, flea market items, and more.

Admission to the festival and art show is free.



A young child is fascinated by a vendor at the 2017 May Festival.

PHOTO BY DIANE KEMBLE

OVRCC recognized Weston Playhouse as Members of the Year

LUDLOW, Vt. -

The Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce recognized the Weston Playhouse as our Members of the Year at our annual meeting held at the Weston Playhouse at Walker Farm Thursday, May 10. Donald Dill was also recognized as the Volunteer of the Year.

We welcomed new directors: Michael Bailey of Brewfest Beverage, Ludlow; Scott MacDonald of S.B. MacDonald Custom Instruments, Chester; and Em-



Donald Dill wins Volunteer of the Year.

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Weston Playhouse wins 2018 Member of the Year.

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BY RON PATCH

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

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Springtime edibles

After a long winter and a cold spring that seemed like it would never end we finally have some pleasant weather. During the winter most people dreamed of the warm spring days and what they would do when spring arrived. Danny Clemons and I looked forward to going fishing. I think most everyone would agree the main thing is to get outdoors.

I'm not a big fan of fish but I do like little brook trout less than six inches in length, but what do you have with them?

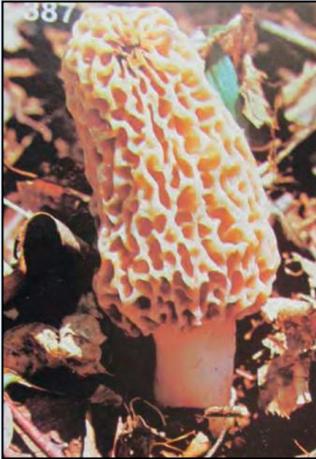
Dandelions are one of the best greens and are abundant everywhere. Growing up in my house we had dandelions steamed and sprinkled with a little vinegar. That's the way I still fix them. But a friend I know sautés dandelions in olive oil, garlic and mushrooms. I have to admit those are pretty good too.

Another edible springtime plant we often had on the table was cowslips. The leaves are excellent in salads or they can be steamed and topped with melted butter, salt and pepper. The blossoms are edible as well or make a pleasant tea. The roots are said to have a medicinal quality. As Shakespeare wrote, "Where the bee sucks, there suck I; In a cowslip's bell I lie."

You'll find them growing in well drained but moist soil in partial sun. We always picked them next to small brooks when trout fishing.

Most everyone will be aware of fiddleheads, another great springtime treat. They grow in very moist soil with little sun. As I've driven around recently I have seen signs where people have them for sale. Sometimes a local store will have them for sale.

Another delicious plant is milkweed. While you can eat milkweed all summer, the best time to pick them is this time of year. You need to pick them when about two inches protrudes above the soil.



A Morel mushroom.

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Cowslips.

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They'll look like asparagus before the leaves unfold. This is the time to pick them. The best place to pick them is in an old gravel pit. Here the root goes straight down searching for water. Take your thumb and fore finger, grasp at the base where it enters the gravel, pull up and you can remove root and all, usually about six inches in length.

Bring them home and wash them. Then par-boil for a few minutes, drain and refill with fresh water. Cook until tender and serve with a little butter, salt and pepper. Another recipe is after par-boiling to sauté them in olive oil or butter with seasoning of your choice. They are a great edible.

But my all-time favorite is mushrooms. While there are many varieties of shrooms, my favorite are morels. Morels are a real delicacy. Some restaurants will pay up to \$15 per pound for freshly picked morels. Unlike many mushrooms, morels are easily identified. Locating them can take some time but when you find a patch you can easily pick enough for several meals.

They tend to grow under old apple or ash trees. I use pruning shears and cut them off at ground level. I always leave some to seed for next year. Don't pick them all or you might not find any next year.

When you cut them you'll notice they have a hollow stem. When pre-

paring them cut the stem in half lengthwise to make sure there are no insects inside. Morels will be appearing any day now if we get some rain. I know of two varieties. The early morels show up about now but then there is another larger variety. The larger variety will show up in late May to early June. Both are the best mushrooms available. Sauté them as you would any store-bought mushroom.

Any of these spring edibles I like with small brook trout and brown rice. If you don't have brook trout substitute haddock or salmon. It's a very short season. Get outdoors and get your dinner. Now I've made myself hungry and need to go catch some trout for dinner.

The next meeting of the Chester Historical Society is Thursday, May 24, at the Academy Building on Main Street at 7 p.m. The monthly slideshow will be old Chester homes and businesses. All are welcome whether members or not.

This week's old saying I heard at the Chester Post Office years ago. A tourist asked an old-timer, "Do you know how to get to Grafton?" The old man replied, "Ayuh." Then the tourist asked, "How do you get there?" His reply, "Most folks drive" and he walked away.



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"Renoir: Revered and Reviled" at Bellows Falls Opera House

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - RAMParts Presents, in partnership with Exhibition on Screen, brings "Renoir: Revered and Reviled" to the Bellows Falls Opera House Thursday, May 17, at 7 p.m. The 90-minute biography examines what happened when Pierre-Auguste Renoir, one of the most loved impressionist painters, decided to change his style of painting.

Renoir is known and loved for his impressionist Parisian paintings. This film is based on the sensational collection of 181 Renoirs at the Barnes Foundation in Philadelphia. Curators discuss why he shifted focus and how it created both an enraged and excited public response. Two icons, Picasso and Matisse, were highly influenced by Renoir's new direction.

In the late 1800s, Renoir developed rheumatoid arthritis and in 1907 he moved to a farm close to the Mediterranean coast. Although his mobility became increasingly

limited, he continued to paint and this, in part, required him to change his painting technique. Today, Renoir's body of work recognizes the key link he played between the old and the new.

Tickets can be purchased online at www.rampartstickets.com or at the door. Seating is general admission. Contact Susan MacNeil at 603-313-0052 or email susan@svidol.com for more information.

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ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE
SUNDAY, MAY 27, 2018
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American Legion Post #37 will hold its annual Memorial Day Sunday service May 27, 2018 at 10:00 am at The Faith Christian Church in Bellows Falls. All Legion, Auxillary and Sons of the American Legion are invited to attend, as well as family, friends and guests. **The Legion Family will meet at 9:50 am at the church front steps or foyer.**

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The 11th annual Over the Hill Poker Run

REGION - The River Valley Ridge Riders Over the Hill Poker Run will meet at 9:30 a.m. May 19, 2018 at the Springfield Health & Rehabilitation center on Chester Rd. The ride will leave at 10 a.m. and travel to the Gill Odd Fellows Home in Ludlow then to Elm Wood Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Claremont, N.H. and end at Cedar Hill Health Care Center between Windsor and Ascutney on Route 5. There will be coffee and donuts at the start and food at each stop.

This event is put on by the River Valley Ridge Riders. There is no sign-up fee. For more information, contact Ed Foster 802-885-9607 or 802-738-2259.



Over the Hill Poker Run.

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Op-Ed: Proficiency based learning not proficient

Vermont's student test scores are falling. It's no longer a blip, but a trend. As State Board of Education member Bill Mathis said, "When you have two different tests showing much the same thing, you have to pay attention to them." Those two tests are the Smarter Balance Assessment Consortium and the National Assessment of Education Progress, which both register across the board drops in student outcomes.

NAEP tests 4th and 8th grade reading and math results. The latest results from 2017 indicate declines in all categories from 2015. Three of the four categories were noted as "significantly different," and not in a good way. The Smarter Balanced test is given to all kids in grades 3-8 plus 11, and, again, in all categories except one the latest scores (2015 to 2016) show a drop.

So, what is causing this decline in public school student outcomes?

Several policies can be considered suspects. Act 46 has been hugely disruptive and time intensive for school boards and administrators, taking focus away from students. The growth of publicly funded/administered Pre-K. Implemented in 2007,

the number of Vermont students matriculating through the 4th grade, and thus participating in the standardized testing, from these "high quality" Pre-K programs began in 2012-13 has been increasing every year, and test scores have been dropping ever since. But the leading candidate is the adoption of "proficiency based" graduations standards, which began in 2014 and is on track to be fully implemented by 2020.

Proficiency Based Learning operates on the idea that it is better to track and report educational progress based upon whether or not a student has actually become proficient in the subject for which he or she is being evaluated. If the student is not deemed proficient, theoretically he or she will receive additional support to get up to speed. While this makes sound sense on paper, the problem is it doesn't seem to be working in practice.

One reason may be that adopting PBL is extremely disruptive. As one person testifying before the House Education Committee put it, "When schools transition to a proficiency-based system, it entails significant changes to how a school operates

and how it teaches students, affecting everything from the school's educational philosophy and culture to its methods of instruction, testing, grading, honors, reporting, promotion, and graduation." As a result, "All Vermont school districts are being mandated to radically reinvent how they educate students..." It is arguably the most dramatic education reform attempted in last half century.

Vermont is not alone in its PBL troubles. Of the 15 states that use the SBAC test, four showed significant reductions in math and English scores. Three of them, Vermont, New Hampshire, and Oregon, are considered "advanced" PBL states.

Another PBL state, Maine, which began implementing the program in 2012, two years before Vermont, is rethinking the policy. According to an article in the Maine Press Herald, Rep. Heidi Sampson, a former member of the State Board of Education, commented, "After six years, since it passed in 2012, we still cannot prove that there's any benefit to this approach. There is no proof.... It has gotten to be such a complex monster. Our teachers are hogtied. Our

Amber Waves



by Dave T. Phipps

students are not learning."

We have no idea how much money Vermont is spending to implement PBL. The state has received significant funding from nonprofit groups like the Nellie Mae Foundation and the Great Schools Partnership, two advocates of this education policy - just one grant for Winooski and Burlington was \$3.7 million. The Vermont Agency of Education has never identified how much of its budget is allocated to implementing PBL, but noted in testimony during a House Education Committee hearing that virtually all of its educator-training budget is being allocated to this project. A recent editorial indicates that Maine has spent at least \$21 million implementing PBL so

far.

Apart from doing a disservice to our students in terms of outcomes, PBL also put our college-bound kids at a disadvantage. Because proficiency-based report cards and transcripts are neither standard between schools nor common nationally, college admissions offices, especially those out of state, don't know how to evaluate them and may not have the time to figure them out. Given how competitive college admissions has become, and how many applications colleges must consider, an unintelligible transcript from a Vermont high school could mean the application gets tossed aside. The odd grading systems could also disqualify high-achieving students from merit-

based scholarships.

Though it may be unfair to brand PBL as a failed concept that should be entirely scrapped, we have to ask why are we making our kids guinea pigs in a costly, radical experiment. Vermont has always been in the top in terms of national scores, with enviable high school graduations rates. While we always want to be improving the quality of our schools and providing our students with greater opportunity, PBL appears to be a case of over-eager reformers breaking things that didn't need to be fixed.

Written by Rob Roper. Roper is the president of the Ethan Allen Institute. He lives in Stowe, Vt.

Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Thank you to everyone who participated in the effort to refine the 2018-2019 Green Mountain Unified School District budget. The board voted almost unanimously to put forth this budget to the legal voters and feels that it is reflective of community goals for our students.

There will be a Public Informational Meeting Wednesday, May 16 at 7 p.m. at the Green Mountain Union High School Auditorium. We hope you will consider attending, as this presentation will describe the budget in more detail than we can do in writing.

In summary, this proposed budget totals \$12,532,143. This represents a net reduction of \$15,370 from the original budget presented in March. Of note, the proposed budget represents a decrease in overall spending of 3.13 percent from the 2017-2018 budgets of Andover Town, Baltimore Town, Chester-Andover Elementary School, Cavendish Town Elementary School, and Green Mountain Union High School. This year the statewide average is projected to be a 1.5 percent increase. In other terms, the new budget reflects a cost per pupil

of \$15,637.41. This is a slight increase for both Green Mountain and Chester-Andover students, but a decrease for Cavendish Town students.

The new proposed budget reflects considerable effort on the part of the Two Rivers Supervisory Union and GMUSD school administration; the TRSU board; the full GMUSD board, as well as the GMUSD subcommittees of finance and visioning; and the public. We greatly appreciate all participation.

Significant changes in this refined budget include the following below.

The initial budget presented to voters included a teaching dean for CAES. The revised budget instead includes a new third grade teacher for CAES, and a Positive Behavioral Intervention and Supports assistant. The goal from this change was to increase instructional capabilities at the school while also helping students who might struggle with behavioral issues. For CTES, the budget adds a math interventionist to help students who might need extra assistance in this subject.

Similarly, in the interest of adding more educational offerings to our

students, the budget now includes a 0.40 full-time equivalent (16 hours/week) science, technology, engineering, art and mathematics coordinator. STEAM is an educational approach to learning that uses science, technology, engineering, the arts, and mathematics as access points for guiding student inquiry, dialogue, and critical thinking. This addition to the curriculum will help our students become the innovators, educators, leaders, and learners of the 21st century. Similarly, the World Language Coordinator position in the original proposed budget, has now been increased to 0.20 FTE (8 hours/week) to determine how best to integrate world languages at a younger age to our students, as well as provide some direct instruction. These positions will equally serve both elementary schools in our district.

For the high school students, the new budget increases a Flexible Pathways/Capstone coordinator to a full FTE. The Flexible Pathways Initiative, created by Act 77 in 2013, encourages and supports the creativity of school districts as they develop and expand high-quality educational

experiences that are an integral part of secondary education in the evolving 21st century classroom.

The central office of the TRSU also reviewed their budget and was able to reduce the assessment paid by the GMUSD. Additionally, a line-by-line analysis resulted in reductions in the special education and technology assessments.

In summary, this proposed budget attempts to position the schools to move forward with increased educational opportunities for its students as part of a long-term plan, while remaining cognizant of statewide pressures to keep budgets level-funded and the cost per pupil at a manageable level.

Voting on the budget will take place Tuesday, May 22 in polling places in Andover, Baltimore, Cavendish, and Chester. We thank the community for its support of our schools and look forward to your support of this proposed budget on voting day.

Respectfully,
Board of Directors
GMUSD

Dear Editor,

I am a 48-year-old Springfield native making a second effort to gain one of the Windsor District's Vermont State Senate seats.

I am a Republican candidate and I identify as more of a right leaning centrist. I am a strong believer in the "original" Republican values: limited government intrusion, an individual's freedom is necessary, free enterprise, Constitutional compliance, and fiscal responsibility.

I will focus mainly on Vermont's economy and affordability, and the

opiate issue. My economic plan includes reducing the business tax to 7 percent across the board, offering a tax-free start-up period; and working on alternatives to the sales tax. I will make a serious effort to bring a secondary vocational school to Windsor County. Increasing tax revenue by growing the workforce will, in turn, lessen the burden on all taxpayers. This in turn will have an effect on all of the state's taxes and fees, making Vermont more affordable. Reducing the budget by charging the state govern-

ment to operate more efficiently will have a positive effect as well. I oppose any form of a carbon tax.

I also have a plan to work toward solving the crippling drug issue. A multipronged plan starting with better prevention programs to stricter penalties for dealers. The slap on the wrist policy for dealers has to end. I also feel addicts need more opportunities for rehabilitation as part of the incarceration process through the Department of Corrections.

I extend an invitation to teachers

who can offer me solutions to Vermont's high education costs. I feel Act 46 should be repealed, the law designed to consolidate school districts, remove school choice and local control on a false pretense of lowering costs.

I encourage you to contact me via email at randygray4senate@gmail.com or see my full platform on my website, www.randygray4senate.us.

Sincerely,
Randy Gray
N. Springfield, Vt.

Dear Editor,

There are so many bills passing these days as the session draws to a close that the daily Senate and House calendars are an inch or two thick. The calendars are available electronically as well, however in the Senate, we are unable to use electronics as they interfere with the live streaming that is taking place.

Reviewing the content can be quite a task particularly if the bill passed only one body last year and the other body this year and now is ready for a final vote. The reporter of the bill presents the information on the floor of the House or Senate depending upon the body in which they serve. They must be prepared to answer all the questions about the bill and amendments before the vote is taken and again the next day, as two votes are required.

This process can result in some very informative debates that may sway a member's vote if they aren't sure of how they are going to vote before the debate occurs. This week such a debate occurred. Although it was more an extensive history lesson about the electric grid than a debate, it was very persuasive and one side seemed

to be prevailing. However, when the vote was taken, the prevailing person voted against what everyone thought was his position and some supporting his position followed suit. His argument was defeated and the next day he admitted that he had become so engrossed in the debate that he voted wrong. There is actually a remedy for this under the rules if you realize it soon enough.

Municipalities will be interested a piece of H.922 numerous revenue changes as it adjusts the storm water runoff fees from a flat \$2,000 per municipality to a graduated schedule. The fees will range from zero to \$1,800 depending upon population size, miles of maintained roads, and other factors. Another section increases the tax credit for affordable housing for first time homebuyers. A further section replaces the lien requirement on property enrolled in the current use program to a contingent lien. Sections 28 and 29 of the same bill remove the requirement that appellants in tax appeals to the Superior Court provide security to guarantee the tax in dispute will be paid in case they lose. With regard to short-term

rental platform reporting, section 27 exempts them from reporting information they collect on operators of short-term rentals as long as the internet platform agrees to collect and remit the rooms and meals tax imposed on the operators. The most well known of these short-term rental platforms is already exempt as it complies in Vermont.

Bills are getting very hard to track if they have lost their original number by being amended onto another bill or have been hijacked to carry another bill. The good thing about it is they are likely moving on a path toward passage whereas before the bill might

not have made it. Good, that is, if you are a supporter.

Stop by if you are in the area as the session will be adjourning any day now. Even if adjourned, the building and cafeteria will be open for touring. The reconstruction of the dome is starting next week and should be interesting. Contact me at home at 802-228-8432 or anitka@leg.state.vt.us. I am able to read all of your emails and appreciate you sending them, however the volume received makes it impossible to respond to all of them.

Sincerely,
Sen. Alice Nitka

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CHURCH SERVICES

Faith Christian Church, 582 Rockingham Rd., Bellows Falls

Pastor Matt and Brenda Farkas welcome all to come and enjoy their services. Memorial Day Service will be held Sunday, May 27, hosted by the Bellows Falls American Legion.

Christ's Church, 24 Main Street, Saxtons River

On Sunday, May 20, Wanda Salter, Alice Salter-Roy, and Karen Wallace give special presentation regarding their recent trip to Western Kenya at the 10 a.m. service. Wanda, her daughter Alice, and Karen went to volunteer their services with Yellow House, located in the city of Kisumu. All are invited to this very special presentation and to stay afterwards for refreshments and an opportunity to visit with our guests.

Unitarian Universalist Church, 21 Fairground Rd., Springfield

"Initiate the Kids or They Burn Down the Village" will be the May 20 service at 10 a.m. with Rev. Dr. Mellen Kennedy. The church is launching our own Coming of Age opportunity for early teens, where one of our youth is matched with an adult member. A Friends on the Path small group discussion will follow the coffee hour, facilitated by Rev. Mellen. Call 802-885-3327 or go to www.uuspringfieldvt.org.

Raymond I. Jones, 1941 - 2018

ROCKINGHAM, Vt. - Raymond I. Jones, 76, of Rockingham Road died Wednesday, April 25, 2018. Raymond was born in Pittsfield, Mass. Aug. 9, 1941, the son of Irving and Louis (Vancelette) Jones. He worked for Bryant's Chuck & Grinder, Smith Medical, and drove school bus for the Northeast Supervisory Union.

In 1979 he married Linda Kingsbury who survives. Also surviving are his sons Raymond, Steven, Brian (Don); his daughters Tina, Kathy, Lisa, and Corinna; and his brothers Bill, Shawn, and Kelly; his sisters Evelyn, Bonnie, Karen, Sharon, and Jamie; his grandchildren Owen, Lucas, Kelsie, Jonathan, Brayden, Kai-

lyn, Colby, Kaitlynn Rose, Dakota, Michael, Jarred, Eric, Angel, Autumn, Little Don, Olivia, Corey, and Ashley; and several great-grandchildren, cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends.

There will be a celebration of life 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Saturday, May 26 at the Bartonville Grange, Rockingham, Vt. Follow the blue balloons. All are welcome. Please bring a dish or donations. If you have any questions, please call Lisa Moul at 802-376-7679. Thank you for all your love and support!

"In loving memory: Your presence we miss, your memory we treasure, loving you always, forgetting you never. You will be missed."

Thomas Merritt, 1927 - 2018

CHESTER, Vt. - Thomas Merritt, 91, passed away Tuesday, May 8, 2018 at the Springfield Health & Rehab. Center in Springfield, Vt. He was born May 6, 1927 in Springfield, Vt., the son of Charles and Thelma (Balch) Merritt. He attended Chester schools, and graduated from Chester High School.

He served in the United States Navy during World War II.

On Oct. 19, 1957, he married Elizabeth Pignato in Springfield, Vt. She predeceased him Feb. 8, 2016.

He worked for many years as a truck driver, first working for his grandfather with Balch Trucking and later for 30-plus years with St. Johnsbury Trucking. He also worked in the machine tool industry.

He was a member of the Chester Congregational Church, the Springfield V.F.W. Post 771, the American Legion Post 67 in Chester, the Mt. Moriah Masonic Lodge 96, F. & A.M. in East Wallingford, and a member of the Shriners. He had also been a member of the Windham Volunteer Fire Dept.

He is survived by three sons Robert Merritt of Springfield, Richard Merritt of Fayetteville, N.C., and James Merritt of Charlestown, N.H.; one daughter Carol Batchelder of Saxtons River; two brothers Cunred Merritt of Londonderry and Arthur Merritt of San Diego, Calif.; one sister Nancy Adams of N. Adams, Mass.; and seven grandchildren, sev-



Thomas Merritt, 1927 - 2018. PHOTO PROVIDED

eral great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by an infant son Alden, his wife Betty, and his parents.

Friends may call at the Davis Memorial Chapel Wednesday evening, May 16, 2018 from 6 to 8 p.m.

A graveside service with military honors will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, May 17, 2018 at the Simonsville Cemetery in Andover, Vt. Reverend Gail Kindberg will officiate.

Memorial contributions may be made to Bayada Hospice, 1222 Putney Road, Suite 203, Brattleboro, VT 05301.

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

Stephen R. Sanderson, 1948 - 2018

CHESTER, Vt. - Stephen R. Sanderson, 69, passed away at his home in Chester Friday morning, May 11, 2018, surrounded by his loving family. He was born Aug. 15, 1948 in Randolph, Vt., the son of Calvin Sanderson and Eleanor Wells. He raised by his mother Eleanor and stepfather Earl VanAlstyne.

He graduated from Springfield High School, class of 1966. On Aug. 31, 1969, he married Bonnie K. Hakey in Chester, Vt.

He was employed in assembly and as a machinist with Jones & Lamson Machine Tool Co. in Springfield for over 20 years. He was later employed as a custodian at the Chester - Andover Elementary School for 25 years, retiring in 2012.

He enjoyed hunting and fishing, cars, and watching stock car racing.

He also enjoyed tinkering and fixing things.

He is survived by his wife Bonnie of Chester; his mother Eleanor of Chester; his children Scott R. Sanderson of Essex Jct., Vt.; Kelly Sinclair and Stacey L. Sanderson both of Chester; seven grandchildren; three brothers Dennis VanAlstyne, David VanAlstyne, and Mark VanAlstyne; two sisters Melanie Robinson and Holly Farnsworth; and by many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was predeceased by a daughter Laurie Ann Sanderson and by his stepfather Earl VanAlstyne.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 55 Day Lane, Williston, VT 05495. There will be no services. Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield is assisting with arrangements.

Edward W. Fitzgibbons, 1920 - 2018

CAVENDISH, Vt. - Edward W. Fitzgibbons Jr., 97, passed away Monday afternoon, May 7, 2018 at the Gill Odd Fellows Home in Ludlow, Vt. He was born in Worcester City Hospital in Worcester, Mass., July 6, 1920, the son of Edward W. Sr. and Etta (Johnson) Fitzgibbons. When Eddie was a few months old, he and his parents moved to Cavendish, Vt. He attended school in Cavendish.

He worked for Don Belknap cutting wood and logs and driving the truck. He became a sawyer. Eddie worked for Kenwood Mills in Cavendish and later worked as a machinist at the Fellows Gear Shaper in Springfield, retiring after 25 years of service.

During World War II, Eddie volunteered with others at a look out tower to report plane sightings.

He married Mildred Gleason April 13, 1948. Eddie and his wife had a ministry of sending cards, visiting people, transporting people to doctor's appointments, giving food to those in need, and weekly shopping

for the elderly.

He belonged to the Cavendish Baptist Church where he was an usher, janitor, Sunday school teacher, and bell ringer for many years. He was also a member of the church prayer group.

With his brother Russell, he cut wood for their winter fuel. Eddie mowed the fields at the Sanders-Gleason Farm, which he and his wife later owned.

His sister Mary died in 2000, and his brother Russell in 2014. He is survived by his wife Mildred of 70 years, and nieces and nephews.

A graveside service was held Friday, May 11, 2018 at the Cavendish Village Cemetery in Cavendish, Vt. Reverend Abraham Gross officiated. Memorial contributions may be made to the Cavendish Baptist Church, P.O. Box 425, Cavendish, VT 05142.

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

Douglas O. Earle

Douglas O. Earle passed May 9, 2018. He was the son of Dorothy Clemons Earle and Raymond Earle. Doug left behind his wife Shirley McDermott Earle, one son Ken Smart, and two daughters Evrita Crosby and Isabel Smart. Doug was predeceased by three brothers Kenneth, Roger, and Frances.

Ida A. MacKenzie, 1920 - 2018

CHESTER, Vt. - Ida A. (Michniewich) MacKenzie died Thursday, May 10, 2018, in Springfield, Vt.

She was born Sept. 20, 1920, in Springfield, the daughter of Amelia (Jwaszkiewicz) and Stanislaw Michniewich.

She graduated from Springfield High School and as a registered nurse from the Fanny Allen School of Nursing. She worked as an industrial nurse at J&L in Springfield in the 1940s and later as a private duty nurse.

She married Neil F. MacKenzie in Springfield April 12, 1947. They worked, loved and laughed together for 63 years. Together they owned and operated MacKenzie Construction in Chester. He predeceased her in 2010.

She is survived by three daughters, Dawn-Marie MacKenzie of Myanmar; Pam (MacKenzie) and her husband Peter Durda of Hinesburg, Vt.; and Jo-Anne MacKenzie of Salisbury, Mass. She was an amazing role model and, with her husband, raised three strong women.

She is also survived by three grandchildren, Kate Durda and her

husband Shawn Sato of Iowa City, Iowa; Amelia Paini and her partner Joseph DeMarco of Salem, Mass.; and Neil Durda and his wife Shannon of Georgia, Vt. She was predeceased by her grandson Clay Paini in 2015.

Survivors also include three beloved great-grandchildren, Luca DeMarco, Hailey Durda and Josephine Sato.

She was predeceased by her brothers Anthony and John, and sisters Mary, Sophie, Victoria and Stella.

Her faith was very important to her; she was a longtime and active member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Chester.

She was an avid reader, gardener, volunteer, game player and practitioner of tai chi. She loved her family most of all. She leaves a big hole.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Monday, May 14, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Chester. Burial followed at Pleasant View Cemetery in Chester.

Memorial contributions may be made to Whiting Library, 117 Main St., Chester, Vt.

Davis Memorial Chapel of Springfield is handling the arrangements.

Kathleen M. Ovitt, 1963 - 2018

WEATHERSFIELD, Vt. - Kathleen "Kathy" M. Ovitt, 55, passed away Sunday morning May 6, 2018 at Mt. Ascutney Hospital in Windsor, Vt. She was born March 2, 1963 in Springfield, Vt., the daughter of Richard and Virginia A. (Flynn) Wright. She attended Claremont schools.

Kathy was employed for several years at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, N.H.

She married Kevin Ovitt Dec. 15, 1991 in Reading, Vt. They have been married 28 years.

Kathy loved her golden retriever dogs Buddy and Boomer. She liked to do crafts and read.

She is survived by her husband Kevin of Weathersfield; brothers Richard W. Wright of Newport, N.H., Frederick E. Wright of Windsor, and Michael D. Wright also of Windsor; sisters Patricia Borcuk of Cornish, N.H. and Barbara Vashaw of Weathersfield; and by many nieces, nephews, great nieces, nephews,



Kathleen Ovitt, 1963 - 2018. PHOTO PROVIDED

and cousins.

She was predeceased by her parents.

There will be no services. Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield is assisting with arrangements.

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Anthony Ciufu

LUDLOW, Vt. - A graveside service for Anthony "Tony" Ciufu, who died Jan. 22, 2018, will be held Saturday, June 2, 2018 at noon in the Pleasant View Cemetery in Ludlow, Vt.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Tony's name to the Heart Failure and Transplant program at Massachusetts General Hospital, Development Office, 125 Nashua Street, Suite 540, Boston, MA 02114 or online at www.giving.massgeneral.org/donate.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Cabot Funeral Home in Woodstock, Vt. An online guest book can be found at www.cabotfh.com.

Neil Rollo Fairbanks

LUDLOW, Vt. - Graveside services for Neil Rollo Fairbanks, 92, who died Dec. 22, 2017 at the Rutland Regional Hospital in Rutland, Vt., will be held Saturday, May 19 at 10 a.m. in the Pleasant View Cemetery in Ludlow, Vt.

Memorial donations may be made to the All Saints Anglican Church, 42 Woodstock Ave., Rutland, VT 05701 or the Gethsemane Episcopal Church, 89 Depot Street, Proctorsville, VT 05153.

The family is being assisted by the Cabot Funeral Home in Woodstock, Vt. An online guest book can be found at www.cabotfh.com.

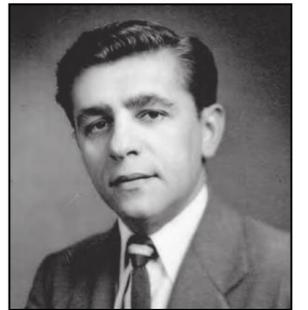
Bernard Kasparovich, 1923-2018

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Bernard "Peanut" Kasparovich passed away at 95 years old May 6, 2018. He was born Jan. 21, 1923 to Vincent and Helen (Bahdan) Kasparovich in Springfield, Vt. An older sister, Helen, and her husband Ray, were early influences on and supporters of young Bernard.

A graduate of Springfield High School, Peanut was a star athlete for legendary Cosmos coach, Curt Dresel, who was a mentor and father figure to young Peanut. After high school he joined the United States Navy, where he served on the U.S.S. Patrol Craft Escort 874 in the Pacific during World War II. Though he never saw the Pacific Ocean again after his service concluded, he retained a life-long love of the sea.

Peanut returned to Vermont after the war, and thanks to the G.I. Bill, pursued and received a bachelor's degree from St. Michael's College. Around the time of his graduation from college he also acquired his prized Studebaker convertible.

Living in Springfield and working at Bryant Grinder, where he would stay until his retirement, Peanut met and married the love of his life, Margaret Sharkey. "Peg" and Peanut raised four beautiful daughters at the home he built on Canary Court. Those daughters, in turn, gave "Papa" the eight grandchildren he and Peg spent considerable time doting upon. Peanut was fortunate enough to see the family tree expand even farther with those grandchildren providing an additional nine great-grandchildren. Margaret predeceased Peanut



Bernard Kasparovich, 1923-2018. PHOTO PROVIDED

in 2005; as she passed away he was by her side.

Peanut was the living embodiment of the words of his favorite author, Louis L'Amour: "A great book begins with an idea; a great life, with a determination." He lived a great life, he will always be loved, and he is dearly missed.

Peanut is survived by his daughter Michele "Micky" Blair and her husband Cliff, of Claremont, N.H.; Kathy Bolaski and her husband David, of Springfield, Vt.; Lynn Lashua and her husband Gary, of Springfield, Vt.; and Sherry Kasparowicz, of Springfield, Vt.

The family wishes to thank the staff at Springfield Health and Rehabilitation Center for their kindness, empathy, and patience. There will be a small graveside service for family at a later date, when Peanut and Peg will be laid to rest the same way they lived - together.

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Cavendish-William French DAR honors four local students

CHESTER, Vt. – The Cavendish-William French Daughters of the American Revolution chapter met Wednesday, May 2 at the Heritage Deli in Chester to honor four local students.

Grace Gruber-Cook was chosen as our chapter's American History Essay winner. Grace is the daughter of Aaron and Jessica Farrar. Her 6th grade teacher at Ludlow Elementary School, Heidi Baitz, has been very faithful in encouraging her students to enter the DAR history essay contest. Grace's topic was "World War I – The War to End All Wars." Her essay was sent on to Vermont State History Essay Committee for judging. After winning that section, the essay moved on to the Northeast Region for judging, which Grace also won. Needless to say, we are very proud of Grace's composition. Grace read her essay and



Josh Bodin.

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received her pin and DAR certificate.

Our Good Citizen students were also honored. These Good Citizens



Andrea Stevens.

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are chosen by their schools based on displays of honor, service, courage, leadership, and patriotism. The fol-



Hannah Harlow.

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lowing three students have displayed these attributes in their school and community life.



Grace Clark.

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Josh Bodin of Green Mountain Union High School lives in Andover. His parents are Mark and Madeleine

Bodin. Hannah Harlow of Bellows Falls Union High School lives in Westminster. Her parents are Paul and Elizabeth Harlow.

Andrea Stevens of Black River High School lives in Mount Holly. Her parents are Scott and Melissa Stevens.

Each student read the essay they wrote in a timed manner without any previous preparation. Their topic was "Our American Heritage and Our Responsibility to Preserve It." They received their pins and DAR certificates.

The afternoon ended by sharing and enjoying delicious cookies from the Heritage Deli.

The DAR, their schools, friends, and parents are very proud of these outstanding students. They are the standard bearers of the present and for the future.

Randolph Center farms host 4-H dairy judging tour

RANDOLPH CENTER, Vt. – Three Randolph Center dairy farms welcomed 4-H participants for the 2018 Central and Southeast Region Dairy Judging Tour, May 5.

Twenty-nine 4-H'ers from Orange and Windsor counties took part in the annual competition, which involved judging two classes of Jerseys at White Rock Farm, two classes of Ayrshires at the Conant farm, and two classes of Holsteins at the Williams farm. Officiating at the Uni-

versity of Vermont Extension 4-H-sponsored event was Mark Angell of Randolph Center.

In addition to providing rankings for each class, 4-H'ers competing in the senior division, ages 14-18, also were required to provide oral reasons without notes for two classes. Juniors, ages 11-13, were encouraged to give reasons using notes, though their answers were not factored into their overall score.

Placements were as follows:



The McNaughton family of Weathersfield and Zinny Harris, North Springfield (far right) visited the White Rock Farm in Randolph Center on May 5 for the 2018 Central and Southeast Region Dairy Judging Tour. They include (back row, left to right) Marina, Myra, Nathan, and Zed McNaughton. Front row: Ada McNaughton and Zinny Harris. Myra, Zed and Zinny are all members of the Windsor Wonders 4-H Club of Springfield.

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Novices (ages 8-10, first-time dairy judging participants): Shyanne Ensminger, Bethel (first); Joey Ferris, Braintree (second); Kalynn Messier, Randolph Center (third); Owen Bishop, Reading (fourth); Leah Rogers, Randolph (fifth); Joey Palazzo, Pomfret (sixth). Brooke Rowlee, Reading, also participated in this di-

vision and tied for first, but because she is a 4-H Cloverbud (ages 5-7), she was not officially eligible to compete.

Beginners (ages 8-10): Dominic Palazzo, Pomfret (first); Elizabeth Waterman, Thetford Center (second); Dani Flint, South Royalton (third); Hailey Dow, West Hartford (fourth).

Rookies (ages 11-13, first-time dairy judging participants): Amanda Ferris, Braintree (first); Zinny Harris, North Springfield (second); Annabelle Messier, Randolph Center (third); Aliyah Ensminger, Bethel (fourth).

Juniors (ages 11-13): Myra McNaughton, Weathersfield (first); Zed McNaughton, Weathersfield (second); Hayleigh Howe, South Royalton (third); Josie Cross, Reading (fourth); Dylan Slack, Bethel (fifth); Julia Howe, Tun-

bridge (sixth); Hayden Howe, South Royalton (seventh).

Seniors (ages 14-18): Caleb Palazzo, Pomfret (first); Katherine Howard, East Thetford (second); Tyler Slack, Bethel (third); Brennan Vaughan, East Thetford (fourth); Gabe Howe, Tunbridge (fifth).

Sylvia Johnson and Keenan Thygesen, both from Tunbridge, partici-

pated in four of the six classes but were not able to complete the judging tour due to other commitments.

For more information about the 4-H dairy program in Orange and Washington counties, contact Allison Smith at 802-476-2003, ext. 205. For Windham and Windsor counties, call Lisa Muzzey at 802-885-8386.

Springfield Hospital honors Dr. Barbeau



Left to right: Barbara Dalton, M.D.; Delores Barbeau, M.D., MPH; Timothy Ford, CEO, Springfield Medical Care Systems.

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SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - On May 4, at its 62nd Apple Blossom Cotillion and before almost 1,000 attendees, Springfield Hospital presented the George F. Leland Community Health award to Delores Barbeau, M.D., MPH.

This award is named in honor of the community leader who served as the first president of Springfield Hospital, under whose leadership the hospital opened in 1914. The award recognizes an individual who exemplifies the highest ideals of community health care. Past recipients are Eileen Austin Neal R.N., Dr. Sherb Lovell, Edgar May, Glenn Cordner, and Dr. Eugene Bont.

Dr. Delores Barbeau has participated in the SMCS Community Health Center network, working

to develop care management of patients living with serious health conditions, and in the Children's Dental Health Program, working to bring dental services to families in need. She has worked with Neighborhood Connections in Londonderry, Vt., with the Weston Priory, and was previously medical director for the Rutland Free Clinic. Her influence has also had an international focus through her work over the years in the Nicaraguan and the Bolivian Ministries of Health.

Barbeau was previously named Physician of the Year by the Vermont Chapter of the American Academy of Family Physicians. Since November 2017, Barbeau has served as medical staff quality officer for Springfield Medical Care Systems.

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THIS AND THAT

BY BILL MURPHY

The Vermont Journal & The Shopper

Fall Mountain

Imagine you have just played a big rivalry baseball or softball game on the road. It is a Friday night. Even though it is a Friday, you are just kinda sitting back on the bus ride home, readying yourself to hurry home and sleep because you have a long road trip for another game at Campbell on Saturday. And then!

Yes! And then... the bus driver pulls up suddenly to a stop on the driveway into the school. Many of you, have taken at least one drive to Fall Mountain and traveled down the long school drive with its well-placed speed bumps at one time or another.

You wonder, "Why are we stopped here?" It's dark and you think, "Is there an animal in the road?" Visibility isn't great, and it has been raining so although you try to look out the front of the bus, you wonder more and more. You have been here at this spot on a bus, many times, but this is very different. You have been stopped a while now.

"You couldn't even see the road," Fall Mountain Athletic Director, Gordon Danserau, said. "More than 50 trees and stuff were in the driveway."

I'm not making this story up. A couple of people told me last week that they had had a storm in Fall Mountain territory and many trees were down. When doing research on the Connecticut Valley Conference Track Meet, a coach told me, "Some type of microburst went through there, and they did a great job putting things back together so they could host the meet."

The complication of what a storm is and isn't takes some time to sort out. This Tuesday, Manchester's Channel 9 WMUR announced the storm was officially a tornado. The damage was something else.

Thus, the athletes on the bus never made it to the school that evening. They saw the devastation in front of them. The trees made a mess, but there were telephone poles down as well. They presented a danger of an even higher degree. Athletes made phone calls and eventually everyone

A tornado wreaks havoc at Fall Mountain



The winds took down the fencing.

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More of the damage done at Fall Mountain.

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There are four other schools in our reporting area and very few people in those communities even heard about this storm. Even newsgathering sources were left in the dark, just like Fall Mountain Regional High School, but in another context.

It is 2018, but in some places, for some reason, news does not travel well. In this case, even the story was in the dark.

Springfield

There is this guy who keeps showing up where I least expect him. And the stories he tells me are even less expected.

Regular readers will remember about a little trip I took to the dentist earlier this year. I was surprised to see Rich Saypack in the waiting room. Rich always has a story or two and this time, he had a whopper. It wasn't anything like his previous yarns. He was facing a battle with cancer.

The good news is, we spoke a week ago, and things are progressing. Obviously, he gave me a story. He said, "I feel pretty good. My energy is good, but my muscles are still regrouping. It's like when we were kids, and we had to do a lot of sit-ups. When you do a lot, it hurts. That's what it's like now."

Then, I called Springfield High School this week to track down a coach's number. The response on the end of the line was, "This is Rich."

Now I asked, "Why are you answering the phone?" Of course, he had a story.

"Right now, I am serving as interim AD," he explained. "The position was open, and I thought it was the time to give it a try."

After I questioned his sanity, I cautioned him about not overdoing it. He assured me, "Doing this is just about right for me right now. Sometimes I wonder what is missing for me in life, and I'm not going to find out unless I try something like this when I have the chance."

I wonder where and what Rich's next story will be. Stay tuned.

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

Area teams in Connecticut Valley Championships

BY BILL MURPHY

The Vermont Journal & The Shopper

LANGDON, N.H. - Hanover and Keene are the girls' and boys' champions respectively in the 2018 Connecticut Valley Track and Field Championships held at Fall Mountain Regional High School the weekend of May 5.

The Bellows Falls girls were the top area finishers with a third place finish behind Hanover 133 and Hartford 69. The Terriers gathered 62 points with Keene and Lebanon with 60 and 55.5 respectively. There were 14 girls' teams in all, and Fall Mountain placed 10th with 16 points. Springfield didn't score.

Bellows Falls also had the highest boys' score as their 50.5 points had them in the fifth spot behind champion Keene at 113, Brattleboro 53, and Hanover and Newport tied with 52 points. Lebanon and Hartford with 39 and 32 followed Bellows Falls. Fall Mountain was eighth with 39. Springfield collected 15 points to place 13th. There were 16 boys' teams that par-



Bellows Falls runner Lia Clark took a fifth place finish at the CVC Championships last weekend at Fall Mountain.

PHOTO BY DOUG MACPHEE

the area included Clark in the triple jump, Walker in the 110-meter hurdles, Bellows Falls' Reno Tuttle in the discus, Fall Mountain's Maddie Parrott in the pole vault - an event that saw Bellows Falls take third, fourth, and fifth with Jaden Lueberry, Hailey Covillion, and Brigid Hodsden respectively. This was the event one that this area seemingly owned. Tuttle also placed third in the shot and fourth in the javelin.

Bellows Falls girls had a second-third tandem in the 300-meter hurdles with Macie Streeter and Michelle Marchica - the latter also had a second place in the triple jump. The Bellows Falls girls had a second in the 4 x 400 relay with a team of Jasmine Boucher, Halle Dickerson, Abbe Cravinho, and Marchica.

icipated.

Area individual CVC champions included Bellows Falls's Shane Clark in the javelin, Springfield's Cadence Wheeler in the triple jump, and Fall Mountain's Steven Walker in the 300-meter hurdles.

Second place finishers from

Springfield Unified Basketball team closes season at the semi finals

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - The Springfield Unified basketball team ended their season in an upset against Mill River 40-30 in a semi final game to bring their overall record to 7-3.

Cosmos players came out with a strong defense to slow down Mill River's top shooter Ian Smith. In the first quarter, the Cosmos led 7-4 from Evan Hall's three-pointer at the 10-second mark. Springfield's Cameron Colon, Hall, and the team used their energy to tire out Smith. In the second quarter, Springfield was able to score 6 more points but could not catch up to the Minutemen, leaving the halftime score 17-13.

In the third quarter, Colon was on fire, earning nine of his 11 points and bringing the score to 29-24 with Mill River leading by four points.

During the fourth quarter, the Cosmos added six more points to the game from Jaydon Thurber, Luke Machado and Falisha Maly with an end game result of 40 - 30 Mill River. Smith earned 28 points, Kiele Miele four points, Cathy Braley two points, Addison Czar four points, and

Thomas Reynolds 2 points.

For the Cosmos, Falisha Maly was able to chip in four points with her dribble and drive moves through the open lane.

Springfield was hot on the boards, with Lance Robinson leading with 12 rebounds, one assist, and his six-point contribution. In the fourth quarter, Robinson was asked to step

out of his element and play defense up top. Without question, he performed to the T and then had his coaches questioning if he should have played that position all season.

Great job Lance, you will be missed next year, and we hope you can come back and visit us at a game

Gavin Glidden grabbed seven powerful offensive and defensive re-

bounds with one assist. Alex Sanborn contributed with three rebounds and two points. Paul Dana led the team with three assists as well as three rebounds. Evan Hall ended the night with three points.

The Springfield Cosmos Unified Basketball team brings to the sport every concept of the word "unified." Each player on the team contributes to the whole team. Springfield has a young well-rounded team with a lot of potential, but most of all good sportsmanship and spirit.

See you next year in the 2018-2019 season. Cameron Colon and Natalie Corliss are also seniors leaving the team behind as they enter the world of life after high school. Cameron Colon brings energy to his play and team. Natalie Corliss brings her maturity and spirit to her team and always has something positive to say about her teammates.

The Cosmos again would like to give a huge appreciation to our traveling parents and fans. Thank you so much for your continued support. Until next year.



Mill River and Springfield Unified Basketball teams met in semi finals and Mill River took home the win.

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FM Special Olympic team at Upper Valley Regional Games

LANGDON, N.H. - The Fall Mountain Special Olympic team participated in the Upper Valley Regional Games Saturday, May 5 in Hanover, N.H. The team had athletes in bocce, track and field, and swimming.

In track, FM SO had its star track athlete, Russell Putnam, sweep first place in the 100 and 200 meter run. Russell also competed in the shot put and the running long jump. Russell is the lone track athlete for FM SO, and he carries the team with pride.

The bocce team had Sean Anderson and Mark Pebbles roll into first place with their teammates Debra Hall, Sarah Johnson, and Bonnie Kyle all coming in third place respectively.

The swimmers had seven athletes partake in the multiple events. Jacob Barboza swam to first place, two second place finishes, and a fifth place. Dalton Hutchinson, in his first year competing in the pool, came in first and two second places. Caitlyn Masure washed away the competition with three first place finishes and a final third place. Mariah Pratt, one of the veteran swim-

mers, rocketed to two individual first place finishes. Olivia Rounds had a great day with a first place, second place, and third place in individual races. Kyle Simpson also took away two individual first place finishes. Eric Swain, one of the most consistent swimmers on the team, scored second, third and two fourth place finishes.

This year the FM SO swim team brought its first ever unified relay team and mixed relay team. The unified team, with the help of Christopher Masure and Amy Rounds as their unified teammates, were able to score first place with Mariah Pratt and Kyle Simpson rounding out the team. The mixed relay team struck home with Mariah Pratt leading off, Olivia Rounds taking the second leg, Dalton Hutchinson on the third leg, and Kyle Simpson using his impressive speed to bring home first place.

The regional games set the field



Russell Putnam took first place in the 100 and 200 meter runs.

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for the New Hampshire State Games that will be held May 31 to June 2 at UNH.



Fall Mountain JV softball is 5 - 1

LANGDON, N.H. - On Friday, May 4, 2018, at the Fall Mountain Wildcat Den, the Fall Mountain JV Softball team won their fourth game in a row, with a two hitter by pitcher Seirra Fulcher. Sierra now has a no-hitter and a two-hitter under her belt. Pitcher Ashlyn Stevens pitched the second game of the season away at Mascoma for a win with backup from the hard-hitting offensive attack from her teammates. Rounding out the trio was Erin Brady who pitched the opening game of the double-header Friday afternoon. Erin took the win behind some talented defensive fielding play. After their fourth consecutive win, the JV Wildcats had their first loss, but don't let that fool you. They're still going strong.

Front row: Captains Lindsey Vane, Sierra Fulcher, and Taylor Hill. Back row: Grace Beliveau, Kelsey Brewer, Stella Boucher, Ashlyn Stevens, Sarah Schadler, Lindsay Yeatman, Erin Brady, Amanda Hodgkins, Alexis Clarke, Courtney Bobee, Kaylee Lintner, and Coach Smokey Aumand.

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“You’re a Good Man Charlie Brown [Revised]” 98th season

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Join Charlie and his friends, the “Peanuts,” on another comedic adventure here at the Springfield Community Players as we present, “You’re A Good Man Charlie Brown [Revised],” book, music, and lyrics by Clark Gesner, additional dialogue by Michael Mayer, and additional music and lyrics by Andrew Lipka.

The musical will feature a series of vignettes based off the “Peanuts” comic strip. It is through the series of vignettes that the audience comes to learn more about Charlie and his friends. Each vignette showcases the personalities of all the characters – even quirks, weaknesses, and strengths. While the audience learns more about the “Peanuts” gang, Charlie experiences the most character growth, no longer being a young

boy full of self-doubt, fear, and hope. With help from his friends, Charlie learns to accept his shortcomings. “You’re A Good Man Charlie Brown [Revised]” is an age-old tale with relevant messaging for all audiences. It is certainly a timeless classic that won’t want to be missed.

As a first time director with the Springfield Community Players, Parker Eastman comes to the organization with a background of theatrical experience. While in school, Eastman served as the musical director for his theater productions, playing piano and staging sound effects. In his stint at the Springfield Community Players Studio, Eastman has rallied local talent to portray the “Peanuts” gang. He is not only serving as the director but also the musical director, drawing on his strengths

as musician. The cast for “You’re A Good Man Charlie Brown [Revised]” features amazing actors both locally and from the region: Dominic DiBenedetto as Charlie Brown, Laura Carbonneau as Sally Brown, John Savastinuk as Linus Van Pelt, Lindsey Orton as Lucy Van Pelt, Zac Binney as Schroeder, Allison McGahie as Snoopy, and Emily Wunderle as Woodstock to round out the cast that will be sure to please and thrill the audience with their amazing voices.

As the first show comes closer, Eastman has reflected on his time with the players and his talent. “This has been an extremely fun experience. I already have two or three ideas for next season. I have loved working with this cast and crew, and I look forward to many more years

with the Players. Everyone has been welcoming, very supportive, and I am looking forward to making many memories with everyone,” he said.

Eastman would also like for viewers to know, “The Players is an organization to join and be a part of. I want the viewers to know we all have fun and we can make great memories together.”

Show performances for “You’re A Good Man Charlie Brown [Revised]” are June 1, 2, 8, and 9 with shows starting at 7:30 p.m. and doors opening at 7 p.m. There will be a matinee June 3 with performance starting at 2 p.m. and doors opening at 1:30 p.m. To reserve tickets, please call 802-885-4098 or visit our website, www.springfieldcommunityplayers.org.

Written by Taryn Sidney.



“You’re a Good Man Charlie Brown [Revised].”

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Next FOLA film is “Singing in the Rain”

LUDLOW, Vt. - “Singing in the Rain” will be the next FOLA movie Saturday, May 19 at 7 p.m. at the Ludlow Town Hall Auditorium.

Gene Kelly, Debbie Reynolds, and Donald O’Connor star in “Singing in the Rain,” one of the greatest and most successful musicals ever filmed - filled with memorable songs, lavish routines, and Kelly’s fabulous song-and-dance number performed in the rain.

Set during the advent of “talkies,” Don Lockwood has risen to stardom during Hollywood’s silent-movie era - paired with the beautiful, jealous, and dumb Lina Lamont. And when Lockwood becomes attracted to young studio singer Kathy Selden, Lamont has her fired. But with the introduction of talking



“Singing in the Rain.”

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Picture Musical or Comedy, and Betty Comden and Adolph Green won the Writers Guild of America award for their screenplay, while Jean Hagen was nominated for the Academy award for Best Supporting Actress. However, it has since been accorded legendary status by contemporary critics, and is frequently regarded as the best film musical ever made. It topped the AFI’s Greatest Movie Musicals list and is ranked as the fifth-greatest American motion picture of all time in its updated list of the greatest American films in 2007.

As with all FOLA movies, the film is free and open to everyone; donations are appreciated. Popcorn will be supplied by Berkshire Bank with FOLA providing water. For information, call 802-228-7239 or visit the FOLA website at www.fola.us.

pictures, Lockwood finds his career in jeopardy after audiences laugh when they hear Lamont speak in her shrill voice for the first time... until the studio decides to use Selden to dub her voice.

The film was only a modest hit when first released. Donald O’Connor won the Golden Globe award for Best Actor in a Motion

Reeve Lindbergh discusses new book at BF3F

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - On Friday, May 18 from 6 - 8 p.m., Reeve Lindbergh will be appearing at Village Square Booksellers to read from and discuss her new book, “Two Lives,” as part of Bellows Falls 3rd Friday. Lindbergh, daughter of aviator-authors Charles A. and Anne Morrow Lindbergh, writes about the intersection of fame and privacy from her unique perspective - as the spokesperson for the arguably most famous family of the 20th century. In her new book, Lindbergh reflects on her own “Two Lives,” navigating her role as the public face of her family while, at the same time, leading a very quiet existence in rural Vermont.

After devoting years to keeping separate her “Lindbergh life” and her everyday life on her farm, she now finds herself able to make peace with her two lives. Lindbergh takes us into the National Air and Space Museum and her own kitchen drawers with equal ease, discovering that the history-making items on display are, for her, like the memorabilia that most families keep in

the attic. “Two Lives” reconciles the seemingly separate worlds of fame and privacy, even finding a “certain sweetness” when they intersect. To pre-order your book, go to www.villagesquarebooks.com/book/9781938406706. Call 802-463-9404 to reserve a book and seat for the event.

Bellows Falls invites the public to BF3F events Friday, May 18 from 4 - 8 p.m. Artwork by BFUHS art students will be on display in the various storefronts. The following venues will host BF3F events:

- Windham Antiques stays open until 7 p.m.
- Village Square Booksellers hosts author Reeve Lindbergh at 6 p.m.
- River Artisans crafts cooperative will be open from 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.
- The Rock and Hammer Jewelry will be open until 6 p.m.
- Sherwin Art Glass and Tsuga Studios will be open at 33 Bridge St with demonstrations and refresh-



Bellows Falls 3rd Friday.

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ments from 5:30 - 8 p.m.

- Popolo casual to fine dining until 9:30 p.m.
- Halladays Florist open until 5:30 p.m. with dip tasting
- Flat Iron Exchange will be open until 8 p.m. with the artwork of the Vermont Studio Tour local participants and live acoustic jam from 3-6 p.m.

- Canal Street Art Gallery from 5-8 p.m.
- Cafe 7 hosts a new art exhibit
- Anastasia’s Closet will be staying open to 7 p.m.
- Cold River Furniture will also be open.

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

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Two Eileens explore Irish American roots in their novels

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Faced with the challenges of An Gorta Mor, the Great Hunger in Ireland, millions of Irish refugees left their homeland with only their courage and sought new roots in America. They include ancestors of two Eileens (O’Finlan and Charbonneau), who will be speaking and reading at Village Square Booksellers in Bellows Falls May 19 at 1 p.m.

First time novelist Eileen O’Finlan weaves a tale of the lives of vibrant Meg O’Connor, her family, and friends as they struggle to survive the 1840s potato blight in “Kelegen.” When Meg learns of ships carrying Irish passengers to a new life in America, she is determined to go and bring her beloved Rory and their families after her. It will take all her strength and courage along with the help of her family priest and a kind English doctor to make the plan take root.

Eileen Charbonneau’s “Rachel Le Moyne” centers around the Choctaw nation’s contributions to Irish famine relief. Charbonneau’s story has the Choctaws vote to send some of their surplus corn crop to the starving Irish. Rachel LeMoyné, a respected teacher, sails to Ireland as a representative. There, Rachel is appalled by the suffering. Dare Ronan, a millworker with a price on his head, helps her feed the starving. Rachel and Dare have to leave Ireland to save his life, and they are mar-

ried on board ship. When they reach America, they join a wagon train to the Oregon territory. Over the trip their marriage, which has been one of convenience, blooms into a true bond of souls.

Eileen O’Finlan’s roots are in Vermont. Her historical fiction often comes with a dark edge, but forgiveness and redemption are always interwoven into her narratives. O’Finlan holds degrees in pastoral ministry. She works for the Diocese of Worcester’s Tribunal Office and also facilitates creative writing workshops. Books, cats, and classic rock are her greatest joys in life along with a little chocolate.

Eileen Charbonneau lives in Bellows Falls. Her work has received the Golden Medallion, Hearts of the West, Andre Norton, and Phyllis A. Whitney awards. Her recent novel “Watch Over Me” has been shortlisted for the 2018 Chanticleer Reviews International award.

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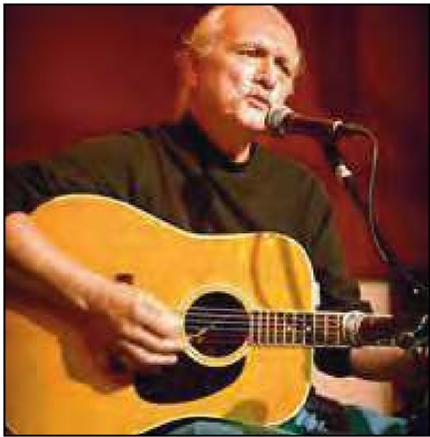
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UU Coffeehouse presents Tom Ghent

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Again this May, Tom Ghent will perform at the UU Coffeehouse Saturday, May 19. Ghent's songs have been recorded by Kris Kristofferson, Gene Watson, Bobby Bare, Mama Cass, Bobby Goldsboro, Michael Settle, Rita Coolidge, Charlie Louvin, and dozens of others. His classic, "Whiskey Whiskey" is considered a standard, and has been cut by a long list of performers in a variety of styles.

He's played lead guitar for Mickey Newbury, appeared as a background vocalist on Joan Baez's "The Night They Drove Old Dixie Down" and Steve Goodman's "City Of New Orleans." His expertise in the studio is well known and respected among his industry peers. His performances have taken him from the coffeehouses of the Greenwich Village folk scene,



Tom Ghent.

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to country honky tonks, the Philadelphia Folk Festival, Big Sur Folk

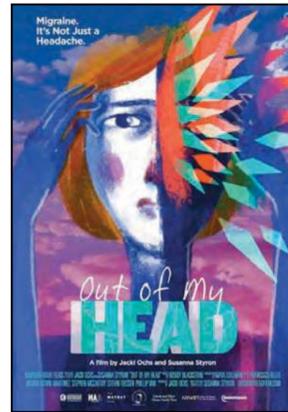
Festival, Monterey Pop Festival, the Willie Nelson Picnic, the Hollywood Bowl, and numerous radio and television appearances. Ghent also sang the title song on the soundtrack album for the Mick Jagger movie, "Ned Kelly," a soundtrack that also featured Kris Kristofferson, Waylon Jennings, and Jagger himself.

There is a suggested donation. The coffeehouse is held at 21 Fairground Rd, Springfield, Vt. All are welcome. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.; music starts at 7 p.m. This is a family-friendly evening of music and fun. Delicious snacks and beverages will be available for purchase.

Local woman brings migraine documentary to area

CLAREMONT, N.H. - June is Migraine and Headache Awareness month in the United States and to honor the occasion, a local Chester resident is hoping to bring a special documentary to the area for one night. Beth Morton has had migraine for over 20 years, but the last two-and-a-half have been especially debilitating. In an effort to raise awareness and reduce the stigma associated with migraine, she is hosting a showing of the new documentary, "Out of My Head." Screenings of this documentary are happening across the country, smashing stereotypes around this shockingly common and misunderstood condition.

"Out of My Head" sets out to investigate the devastating migraine attacks that have the filmmaker's daughter in their grip. As mother and daughter seek understanding and ever-elusive treatment, we follow them into a bizarre and fasci-



Migraine. It's not just a headache. PHOTO PROVIDED

mation, explores the history, impact, and raw emotion evoked by this and unpredictable and misunderstood condition.

"Out of My Head" will play at Claremont Cinema Center June 7, 2018, at 7:30 p.m., but only if enough tickets can be sold in advance. Special event screening tickets are available here at www.gathr.us/screening/23401. Tickets must be purchased in advance. They are not available at the event. The film is able to be screened in Claremont using a new crowd-sourcing platform called Theatrical On Demand. Theatrical-On-Demand allows movie-goers to bring the movies they want to watch to their nearby local theater with no rental cost and no risk.

Migraine impacts more than 37 million people in the United States and about 4 million of them have chronic migraine, like Morton and the filmmaker's daughter. People with chronic migraine experience attacks anywhere from half the month to daily. Learn more about migraine www.americannmigraine.org.

nating world populated by doctors, neuroscientists, other migraineurs, and such unexpected characters as Lewis Carroll, Sigmund Freud, and Joan Didion. We learn that, rather than a terrible headache, migraine is a complex, deeply stigmatized neurological disease afflicting nearly a billion people worldwide. This kaleidoscopic journey, told through interviews, cinema verité, art and ani-



Fletcher Farm School announces summer 2018 schedule of classes

LUDDLLOW, Vt. - Fletcher Farm School for the Arts and Crafts is pleased to announce the summer schedule for 2018, our 71st year of operation. In addition to many of our popular core classes, we are now offering classes in 3D printing, leatherwork (shoe making and purses), and digital photography. We

also offer a variety of young artist programs, including Using Technology to Make Art.

There are still openings in two of our final spring classes:

- Introduction to Fly Casting, May 19, taught by Susan Damone Balch
- Living Willow Trellises for the Gar-

den, May 26-27, taught by Bonnie Gale.

The school will also be participating in the Vermont Open Studio program May 26-27. Class instructors will be present demonstrating their work and answering questions. Information will be available detailing the benefits of

membership in the Society of Vermont Artists and Craftsmen, the parent organization of the Fletcher Farm School for the Arts and Crafts, and school staff will be available to take registrations.

Complete class and registration information is available on the school's website at www.fletcherfarm.org.

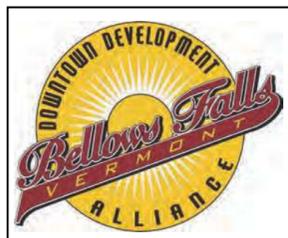
Bellows Falls in Bloom decorates the village with flowers



Storefronts will be decorated with flowers.

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BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - The Bellows Falls Downtown Development Alliance invites the public to a new event, "Bellows Falls in Bloom," where shop windows and storefronts will be decorated with flowers, all spruced up for spring. Artwork by BFUHS art students will be on display in the various storefronts. Flat Iron Exchange will have a coffee roaster demonstrating his brews on Saturday morning. Halladays will have a workshop for kids on making giant flowers Friday at 4 p.m. and all-day Saturday come in with the family and get a free surprise for the kids. Village Square Booksellers has an author event at 1 p.m., "Blooming where Planted," with the two Eileens (Charbonneau & O'Finlan). Visit all of downtown Bellows Falls and see what's new!



Downtown Development Alliance. PHOTO PROVIDED

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Springfield Town Library May challenge book group

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Join us at the Springfield Town Library Thursday, May 17 at 5:30 p.m. for the next meeting of the Library Challenge Book Group. Our challenge this month is to read a book that takes place in another country or one that you own but have never read.

We have many wonderful fiction and nonfiction books set in other countries. And don't forget to check out our new books sections. You might try "The First Tour De France" by Peter Cossins, "Berlin 1936" by Oliver Hilmes or "Himalaya Bound" by Michael Benanav from the new nonfiction books or new fiction by Alexander McCall Smith, Jacqueline Winspear, Luis Alberto Urrea, Moriel Rothman-

Zecher among others from our new fiction books.

Stop by the library to choose from our display or read one of your own. Pick up a library calendar or a list of the challenges, then join us for a lively discussion Thursday, May 17, at 5:30 p.m.

This lively book group is free and open to the public. To sign up, or for more information, please contact the library at 802-885-3108 or stlas@vermontel.net.

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Green Mountain Unified School District
Budget Re-Vote Informational Hearing
The towns of Andover, Baltimore, Cavendish and Chester will be holding a re-vote of the 2018 - 2019 school budget. An informational Hearing about the budget will take place at **7:00 PM on May 16th** in the auditorium at **Green Mountain Union High School**.
The new budget totals \$12,532,143. This is a net reduction of \$15,370 from the original budget presented in March. If the budget is approved, it will result in educational spending of \$15,637.41 per equalized pupil.
The proposed budget attempts to position the school district to move forward with increased educational opportunities for its students as part of a long-term plan, while remaining cognizant of state-wide pressures to keep budgets level-funded and the cost per pupil at a manageable level.
We thank the community for its support of our schools and look forward to your approval of this budget on voting day.
Voting will take place on Tuesday, May 22nd
at regular polling places in each community
from 10:00 AM—7:00 PM (Baltimore and Cavendish),
8:00 AM—7:00 PM in Andover, and 9:00 AM—7:00 PM in Chester.
The budget was revised based on community feedback. Here's what's different:
Full-Time Positions:
◆ Flexible Pathways/Capstone Coordinator for GMUHS
◆ 3rd Grade Teacher added at CAES
◆ PBIS Assistant added at CAES
Part-Time Positions:
◆ Math Interventionist added at CTES
◆ STEAM Coordinator for K-12
◆ World Language Coordinator for K-6
Other:
◆ Reduced TRSU Central Office & Special Education Assessments
View the budget at:
<https://gmusd.trsu.org/>
Contact TRSU for more information
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outdoor news

Meet Vermont's champion white ash tree

WESTMINSTER, Vt. - By popular request, there will be a spring-time hike to the largest white ash in Vermont Saturday, May 19 from 9:30 a.m. to noon. The rain date is Sunday, May 20. The tree is located on Windmill Hill Pinnacle Association property off Headwaters Trail in Westminster, so a guide to it is essential. This year the walk will be led by Vermont State Forester, Tim Morton. During the free program, Morton will discuss the characteristics of a Vermont forest and the factors that affect the health of this truly remarkable specimen, which should be leafing out after a very long winter.

Re-verified at the beginning of 2014 by Windham County Forester, Bill Guenther of the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks & Recreation, the tree grew in the 10 years since its last measurement and charted a circumference of 205.2 inches and a height of 113 feet, thereby beating out two other Westminster giants for the honor of being the largest white ash in Vermont.

Participants should wear hiking shoes, bring water, and meet at the



Pinnacle's gigantic champion ash was a measurement stretch for enthusiastic hikers.

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Westminster West Church to carpool to the trailhead. Visit www.windmillhillpinnacle.org for information about other upcoming Pinnacle programs and look under "resources" on the Windmill Hill Pinnacle Association website for directions to

the church. Please contact Elaine Gordon at esudgor@yahoo.com or 802-869-6103 for further details and required registration. Pinnacle is also on Facebook at www.facebook.com/windmillhillpinnacle.

Catch-and-release bass fishing

REGION - Vermont's catch-and-release bass fishing season is underway with some of the hottest bass fishing action in the region happening right now.

"The spring catch-and-release season is a really special time to be on the water in Vermont, and the fishing can be truly spectacular," said Bernie Pientka, state fisheries biologist with Vermont Fish & Wildlife. "Combine warming weather, minimal boat traffic and feeding largemouth and smallmouth bass, and spring bass fishing is hard to beat."

Vermont's catch-and-release bass season runs primarily from the second Saturday in April to the Friday before the second Saturday in June, when Vermont's traditional bass season opens.

A full listing of waters and applicable regulations can be found in the 2018 Vermont Fishing Guide & Regulations, or by using the online Fishing Regulations Tool found at



Vermont's spring catch-and-release bass season.

PHOTO BY BILL CRENSHAW

www.vtfishandwildlife.com.

During the catch-and-release season, all bass must be immediately released after being caught and only artificial lures may be used. The use of live bait is prohibited.

Vermont Fish & Wildlife has assembled a few basic tips for anglers heading out to fish for bass during the spring catch-and-release season.

Let water temperatures dictate your tactics and lure choices.

Often fishing slowly on the bottom with jig-style baits can be most effective shortly after ice-out. As water temperatures begin to rise into the 45 to 60-degree range and fish feeding activity increases, moving baits such as spinners, crankbaits, and stickbaits can be big producers.

Look for rocky shorelines and marshy back bays.

Shallow, gradual rocky shorelines consisting of ledge, chunk rock, gravel, or boulders will hold heat and warm up first, attracting baitfish and ultimately feeding smallmouth and largemouth bass. Marshy, weedy bays will also warm up quickly and will attract numbers of largemouth bass in various stages of their springtime movements.

Pay attention to the clues.

If you catch a fish, get a bite, or see a fish follow your lure, take another pass through the same area. Many fish will often stack up on the same structure during the spring as they transition from winter to spring and summer haunts.

To purchase a fishing license or learn more about fishing in Vermont, visit www.vtfishandwildlife.com.

Okemo Valley Golf Club Men's League results

LUDLOW, Vt. - The Okemo Valley Golf Club Men's League gathered for their first week of competition Tuesday, May 8. Clear skies kicked off the league season and the play format was a three-tee scramble.

"This season is set up to become a real dog fight," said OVGC Head Golf Professional, Michael Santa Maria. "Only two shots separated the lowest score from the highest score, and all 10 teams were under par for the evening."

Stryhas Builders took top hon-

ors, as Ted Stryhas, Zach Fortuna, Ed Whitman, and Jack Menzie won a three-way match of cards, shooting a 30. Finishing second was Diamond Realty. Roger Danyew, Mark Griffin, Bob Ahlers, and Tim Faulkner shot a 30. Third place went to Knight Tubs. Clemente Delarosa, Mark Montgela, John Boehrer, and Ken Guy also shot a 30. Closest to the pin winners were Ted Stryhas on the fourth hole and Ed Whitman on the eighth hole.

Results:

1st - Stryhas Builders 30-15

2nd - Diamond Realty 30-13
3rd - Knight Tubs 30-11
4th - Engel & Volkers 31-10
5th - Honey Dew Man 31-9
6th - Huntley Wealth Management 31-8
7th - Green Mountain Appraisals 32-7
8th - Bensons Chevrolet 32-6
9th - Skygate Financial 32-5
10th - Built Rite MFG. 32-4

For more information about Okemo Valley Golf Club, please call 802-228-1396 or visit www.okemo.com.

Stratton's Snow Bowl Poma quad lift heads to Magic Mountain

LONDONDERRY, Vt. - Magic Mountain is purchasing and installing Stratton's current "Snow Bowl" Poma fixed-grip quad chairlift as a new base-to-summit lift for the 2018/19 season. The Poma quad lift will replace Magic's current "Black Chair," which had been operating as a double passenger capacity lift. The new lift at Magic will follow a similar lift line up the Black Line trail to the summit with a slightly higher terminal station in order to access all trails at Magic.

Magic's new Poma quad lift, originally built in 1986 and installed at Stratton's Snow Bowl area, comes with 148 chairs, a 2,000-skier-per-hour capacity, and has an excellent performance and maintenance record at Stratton. It will service approximately 1,500 vertical feet with the lift line stretching about 5,000 feet long. The lift will add significant uphill capacity in combination with Magic's current "Red Chair" double summit lift and another new installation to be completed this off season of a base-to-mid mountain Borvig double passenger lift, the "Green Chair." The current Black Chair, which the Poma Quad will replace, only had 113 chairs. It was approved as a two-person carrier, and therefore had a maximum capacity of just 620 riders per hour. The Poma Quad therefore effectively triples Magic's uphill capacity over the current lift.

"When we heard Stratton was replacing their Snow Bowl lift with a new high-speed detachable,

four-passenger lift, our investor group jumped on the opportunity to try and purchase their Poma fixed-grip quad," said Geoff Hatheway, president of Ski Magic LLC. "For our ski community, this lift is a huge upgrade that meets and manages our current and future growth expectations, better fulfills customer desires for quality, reliable lift service at Magic, and sustains our reputation as an area with both minimal lift lines and low on-slope skier density."

Snow Bowl lift.

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Stratton is taking down the Snow Bowl lift this month and then Magic will have the lift transported across the valley - about 15 miles - to its Londonderry location.

"It's great to see this dependable lift live on in southern Vermont, and I want to acknowledge Bill Nupp, president and COO of Stratton, and all our neighbors there for making this purchase happen," continued Hatheway. "We occupy a very different and smaller place in the industry than Stratton, but Bill and his team really wanted to make this possible for us. It's a true example of the big guy on the block helping the little guy out and supporting the diversity of experiences uniquely available here in southern Vermont - all within just a



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few miles of each other."

Magic plans for its lift contractors to begin work this summer and fall on the new summit Black Line Poma Quad, after the installation is complete on the mid-mountain Green Lift. Magic will operate the new quad as the primary summit lift every weekend and holiday period, with the famed Red Chair continuing as an additional lift on busy weekends plus pulling main duty on lighter traffic weekdays.

In total, this will be a major \$1 million capital investment in the new lift by Ski Magic LLC., which will help attract more skiers and riders to the southern Vermont and Windham County region who are interested in a classic, old-school mountain vibe.

More information on the new, still retro, Magic Mountain can be found at www.magicmtn.com, or call 802-824-5645 to set up an interview with Geoff Hatheway.

Medicinal mushrooms and edibles walks and workshops

GRAFTON, Vt. - With the warm spring rains, an astounding va-

riety of wild edibles and medicinal mushrooms begin to bloom, breaking through layers of leaves and pine needles on the forest floor. On Saturday, May 19, the Nature Museum offers a walking workshop in Grafton. "Spring Wildcrafting: Medicinal Mushrooms and Edibles" will be offered twice: one workshop at 9:30 a.m. and a second at 1 p.m. Participants will be guided through the medicinal and edible treasures of springtime.

Your mycological guide, Ari Rockland-Miller, will begin with a colorful and informative presentation introducing foraging safety, strategy, and ethics. After this indoor talk, the group will head out on a guided foray into the nearby woods, conserved by the Windmill Hill Pinnacle Association. Our explorations will focus on the Northeast's wild greens, spring tonics, and medicinal fungi. Once you put on your forager's eyes, your hikes will never be the same again!

Ari Rockland-Miller is a writer, instructor, and lecturer on wild and cultivated mushrooms and edible

plants. He is co-founder of the popular blog, "The Mushroom Forager." Ari is an ardent mycophile who enjoys nothing more than the exhilarating feeling of the mushroom hunt. Over the years he has found hundreds of pounds of gourmet and medicinal wild mushrooms and facilitated over 150 presentations and hands-on workshops to over 3,000 mycophiles from around the world. The Mushroom Forager's work has been featured on CNN's Great Big Story, New England Public Radio, Vermont Public Radio, WCAX, and in magazines including Vermont Life and Northern Woodlands.

Participants should be prepared for a hike over uneven terrain and bring a water bottle. This is a popular event and quickly sells out every year. Reserve your space early by visiting www.nature-museum.org or calling 802-843-2111.

Find the Nature Museum on Facebook, Instagram, or at www.nature-museum.org. The Nature Museum is located at 186 Townshend Road in Grafton, Vt.

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Black Rock Steakhouse, located at 284 River St. in Springfield, is a traditional steakhouse with a sizzling twist. Their lunch and dinner menus feature many classic dishes that you can cook right at your table. The lunch menu has unique items including specialty burgers made with 8 ounces of fresh ground round. Specials include the Best Friend Burger, inspired by two of their chefs and topped with roasted peppers, portabella mushroom, and Swiss cheese, or the Surf-n-Turf burger topped with fresh made lobster salad, lettuce, tomato, onion, and mozzarella cheese.

While the dinner menu has some pub menu items, dinners feature more chicken, pasta, seafood, and the famous "From the Rock" menu.

Their unique "From the Rock" menu features your choice of seafood, chicken, or steak, which is then served on hot volcanic rocks, brought right to your table. This allows you to cook each bite to your own perfection. Though these menu items have the option to be prepared in the kitchen instead, the choice to be served from the rock is a unique cooking and dining experience that's entertaining, healthy, and delicious.

If you're looking for a brunch destination on a Sunday, Black Rock has you covered with their breakfast buffet, served from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. It includes scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, pancakes, french toast, home fries, fresh fruit, an omelet station, juice, and more. Kids under 12 eat for half the price.

If you prefer lunch, be sure to check out their Sunday lunch specials, served from noon to 4 p.m. or their Black Board lunch specials served 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. excluding holidays.

Black Rock Steakhouse also has its truck sales on Wednesdays usually from 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Truck sales include their own cuts of meat and seafood, as well as fresh produce. The truck is located outside the restaurant, and Black Rock hosts a weekly newsletter with their truck sale items and prices.

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LEGAL NOTICES/HELP WANTED

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

SATURDAY, MAY 19 - ALSTEAD, N.H. - Charles Andros, former New Hampshire and Vermont apiary inspector, will hold a beekeeping workshop from 1-4 p.m. on Saturday, May 19, at 18 MacLean Road in Alstead. Look for the "bee" sign on the south side of Walpole Valley Road. Topics of discussion: finding queens, requeening

and 2-queen colonies, pollen collection, swarm control, supering, and bee venom therapy. Bring a veil, if you have one, as we shall be opening some colonies. We'll be inside if it is a rainy day. Registration required. Email lindenap@gmail.com or call 603-756-9056.

GRAFTON, Vt. - Join the Nature Museum in Grafton for a walking tour with a mushroom forager on Saturday, May 19 from

9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. to learn about foraging safety for medicinal and edible mushrooms. Your mycological guide, Ari Rockland-Miller, will begin with a colorful and informative presentation introducing foraging safety, strategy, and ethics. After this indoor talk, the group will head out on a guided foray into the nearby woods, conserved by the Windmill Hill Pinnacle Association. Once you put on your forager's eyes, your hikes will never be the same again! Space is limited: register today! Morning hike is schedule at 9:30 a.m. and

afternoon hike at 1 p.m. For more information, visit www.nature-museum.org, or call 802-843-2111.

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

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

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

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

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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 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 or check for updates on Facebook: www.facebook.com/gemstaichi/. 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 experience necessary. For details, contact 802-875-2868, eaton.liza@gmail.com or www.buddhafulyoga.com. TFN

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

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

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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 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, email eaton.liza@gmail.com or call/text 518-763-1490. TFN

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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. TFN

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If you have any questions please call the Water Department at 228-8431 or the Municipal Office at 228-2841. Thank you

TOWN OF MOUNT HOLLY NOTICE OF SALE

The resident and non-resident owners, lienholders, and mortgagees of the lands in the Town of Mount Holly, County of Rutland, State of Vermont, are hereby notified that the taxes assessed by such Town for the year July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018 remain, either in whole or in part, unpaid on the following described lands in the Town, to wit:

Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Blue Spruce House, Inc. by Warranty Deed of New England Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America dated September 20, 2013 recorded in Book 84 Page 345 of the Mount Holly Land Records to which deed and the record thereof reference is made and had for a more particular description.

So much of the lands will be sold at a public auction at the Town Clerk's office on the 18th day of June, 2018 at 10:00 A.M., as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with cost, unless previously paid.

Dated at Mount Holly, Vermont this 8th day of May, 2018
Peter Perrino, Collector of Taxes
Town of Mount Holly, Vermont

TOWN OF MOUNT HOLLY NOTICE OF SALE

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Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Anthony J. Ciufio by Quitclaim Deed of Antonio L. Ciufio and Aili L. Ciufio dated October 17, 1989 and recorded in Book 43 Page 114 of the Mount Holly Land Records to which deed reference may be made for a more particular description.

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Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Anthony J. Messina by deed of A.M.A. Contracting Corporation dated February 13, 1987 and recorded in Book 40 Page 10 of the Mount Holly Land Records to which deed and the record thereof reference is made and had for a more particular description.

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TOWN OF LUDLOW, VERMONT POSITION AVAILABLE LUDLOW SUMMER CAMP DIRECTOR

The Town of Ludlow invites applications for the position of the Ludlow Summer Camp Director. This is an 8-week summer camp program for kids entering 1st grade through 7th grade and runs from June 18 to August 11, 2018. Our staff members are an integral part of making the summer a success and ensuring the campers' happiness. Responsibilities include, but are not limited to, overseeing daily activities, camp communication, supervising camp counselors, and scheduling events. Experience with youth recreational programs is a must. The successful candidate must be organized and able to communicate effectively in written and oral form, possess a valid driver's license and a CPR certification. Send resume with references to the Recreation Director, Town of Ludlow, PO Box 359, Ludlow, VT, 05149 by June 4, 2018. The Town of Ludlow is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

TOWN OF LUDLOW, VERMONT POSITION AVAILABLE LUDLOW SUMMER CAMP COUNSELORS & JUNIOR COUNSELORS

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Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Keith Flanders by Warranty Deed of Mary E. Filiault dated December 18, 1997 recorded in Book 52 Page 370 of the Mount Holly Land Records to which deed reference may be made for a more particular description.

So much of the lands will be sold at a public auction at the Town Clerk's office on the 18th day of June, 2018 at 10:00 A.M., as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with cost, unless previously paid.

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Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Lois Miller by Warranty Deed of Philip Conderino and Jeannette Conderino, Trustees of the Philip Conderino Trust and Jeannette Conderino Trust dated October 14, 2003 and recorded in Book 64 Page 396 of the Mount Holly Land Records to which deed and the record thereof reference is made and had for a more particular description.

So much of the lands will be sold at a public auction at the Town Clerk's office on the 18th day of June, 2018 at 10:00 A.M., as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with cost, unless previously paid.

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Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Darcia Cole Pierce by Quit Claim Deed of Jonathan Guy Pierce dated August 11, 2015 recorded in Book 87 Page 604 of the Mount Holly Land Records to which deed and the record thereof reference is made and had for a more particular description.

So much of the lands will be sold at a public auction at the Town Clerk's office on the 18th day of June, 2018 at 10:00 A.M., as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with cost, unless previously paid.

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LEGAL NOTICES/HELP WANTED

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CLUBS

MONDAY, MAY 21 – CHESTER, Vt. – Please join the Chester Senior Citizens Club for their monthly luncheon meeting at 11:30 a.m. on Monday, May 21 at the Chester Congregational Church on Main Street. Chester Police Chief Rick Cloud and Police Canine Dutch will demonstrate how Dutch performs his job with the department. Don't miss this informative presentation! If you need a ride, just call Georgia at 802-875-6242. Hope to see you there.

SATURDAY, MAY 26 – PERU, Vt. – Join the Green Mountain Club Manchester Section for a hike up Bromley Mountain on Saturday, May 26. Meet at 9 a.m. at the Vt. Route 11/30 Long Trail/Appalachian Trail parking. Hike to the summit of Bromley Mountain and back via the Long Trail. Total distance of 6 miles and 1,460 feet elevation gain, moderate hike. Bring extra layer, raincoat (just in case), fluids, snacks and lunch. RSVP required. Contact leader Katie Brooks at 516-978-4016 or kiktadams@comcast.net

MONDAY, MAY 28 – PERU, Vt. – Join the Green Mountain Club Manchester Section for a hike up Bromley Mountain on Monday, May 28. Meet at 9 a.m. at the Peru Town Office (Peru park and ride) in Peru village. Car pool to the parking lot on Mad Tom Notch. Hike up to the summit of Bromley Mountain and back, total distance of 5 miles and elevation gain of 814 feet to the north summit plus an additional elevation gain of 200 feet to the south summit. Bring extra layer, raincoat (just in case), fluids, snacks and lunch. RSVP required. Contact hike leader Katie Brooks at 516-978-4016 or kiktadams@comcast.net.

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

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

TUESDAYS - LUDLOW, Vt. – Ludlow Rotary Club meets every Tuesday and is hosted by DJ's Restaurant, 146 Main St. from 12:15 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Enter via side door opposite bank drive-through. Visit www.

ludlowrotary.com or contact club President, 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

COMMUNITY MEALS

SATURDAY, MAY 19 - SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – North Springfield Baptist Church, 69 Main Street will hold a Ham Supper on Saturday, May 19 from 4 to 7 p.m. Menu includes

ham, raisin sauce, mashed potatoes, carrots, coleslaw, dessert and beverage. Handicapped accessible. Children five and under are free. Call 802-886-8107 for more information. This will be our last ham supper until Sept. 15.

ALSTEAD, N.H. - Turkey Buffet at Third Congregational Church River St. in Alstead, N.H. on Saturday, May 19, from 4:30 - 6 p.m. or until sold out. Takeout available. Children under 6 free. Menu includes turkey, stuffing, gravy, cranberry, mashed potato, peas, carrots, rolls, beverages, and dessert. Call Joanne 603-835-6734. Volunteers are needed for food prep, peeling and cutting up vegetables, and setting tables at the church on Friday, the day prior to supper, at 9 a.m. downstairs in the dining hall.

SUNDAY, MAY 20 - SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Please join us for a Springfield Republican Turkey Luncheon Meet and Greet on Sunday, May 20 from 1 - 5 p.m. at North Springfield Baptist Church in Springfield. Full turkey menu with all the fixings. Come and meet the candidates. Sponsored by The Springfield Republicans. Kids under 5 are free. Raffle will

also be available. RSVP by May 10.

THURSDAY, MAY 24 - LONDONDERRY, Vt. – The Second Congregational Church of Londonderry, UCC, is having a Senior Lunch on Thursday, May 24 at noon will be held at the Church's Friendship room beginning at noon. All seniors are welcome and encouraged to bring friends. Families and neighbors can also encourage seniors to attend. There will be a free will offering.

FRIDAY, MAY 25 - ANDOVER, Vt. – Community Cares Network of Chester/Andover is holding a fundraiser Spaghetti Dinner on

Friday, May 25 from 5 - 6:30 p.m. at the Andover Town Hall. Donations will be taken at the door. Handicap accessible.

SATURDAY, MAY 26 - SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – 14th annual "Dinner to Honor Veterans" is happening at VFW Post 771, Springfield on Saturday, May 26. Social hour is from 3 - 4 p.m. with dinner at 4:15 p.m. The dinner is free to any veteran and guest. Space is limited so please call 802-885-6008 to confirm reservation by May 19. Dinner is hosted by Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 771 and Auxiliary, American Legion Post 36 and 67 and Sons of

the American Legion, Elks 1560, and Moose Lodge 579 including WOTM 1085.

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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TOWN OF LONDONDERRY
Request for Proposals

The Town of Londonderry is seeking bids for the paving of several town roads. The Request for Proposal document can be downloaded at the following link: <http://www.londonderryvt.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/Road-Paving-RFP-2018-2R.pdf> or by visiting the Town of Londonderry website: www.londonderryvt.org. Sealed bids are due no later than 4 PM EDT on June 1, 2018.

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email info@westonvillagestore.com

WINDHAM NORTHEAST SUPERVISORY UNION
25 CHERRY STREET
BELLOWS FALLS, VT 05101

2018-2019 Vacancies for Farm to School Cafe Supervisory Union Wide

Site Manager: To lead site food service operations and ensure the highest standards of meal quality and presentation as well as kitchen safety and sanitation.

Cook: To work under the direct supervision of the School Nutrition Manager to prepare and serve the school meals in an efficient and professional manner.

Cashier: To work under the direct supervision of the School Nutrition Manager to implement a district-wide customer care philosophy that focuses on nourishing and creating great food experiences for students and staff.

For a complete job description and job qualifications go to schoolspring.com to apply for any of these positions.

Christopher Kibbe, Superintendent
Windham Northeast Supervisory Union
25 Cherry Street
Bellows Falls, VT 05101

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TOWN OF CHESTER
INVITATION TO BID
WINTER SAND

The Chester Highway Department is seeking bids for winter sand for the town's stockpile. A bid form and additional information can be obtained at the Chester Town Office, 556 Elm Street, Chester, VT during normal business hours (8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.).

All bids must be received at the Chester Town Office no later than 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 31, 2018.

TOWN OF LONDONDERRY
Help Wanted

Town of Londonderry summer parks maintenance position – Part time, 10 hours a week, beginning mid-May ending in late October. The position will report to the Parks Board. The hourly rate is \$15.00.

Tasks to include the following, but is not limited to:

- General oversight of all park cleanliness and overall appearance
- Maintain flower beds
- Light carpentry repairs and projects
- Weekly water tests at Memorial Park
- Check weekly "to do" list in the Town Office
- Assist Parks Board with long-term planning projects

Please submit a letter of interest and completed Employment Application to:
Town of Londonderry, 100 Old School Street, South Londonderry, VT 05155, Attention: Town Clerk.

Employment Applications can be downloaded at: <http://londonderryvt.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/11/Employment-Application.pdf>.

For additional information call: 802-824-3356.

TOWN OF ANDOVER
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing before the Zoning Board of Adjustment for the Town of Andover, Vermont will be held on Tuesday, June 5, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the Andover Town Office to consider the following applications:

Application #: 8.2/63/17/11/21 - Variance application
Applicant: Gary Krivo
Property Location: 345 Hilltop Road, Andover, VT
Reason for hearing: Application to request a variance of the setback requirements to construct a garage.

Application #: 8.1/42.2/18/3/29 - Minor Subdivision
Applicant: Matthew & Catherine Marino-Newborn
Property Location: 1295 Middletown Road, Andover, VT
Reason for hearing: Application to subdivide existing parcel into two lots.

Dated at Andover, Vermont, this 9th day of May, 2018.
Jeanette Haight, Andover Town Clerk

POSITIONS AVAILABLE AT GREEN MOUNTAIN UNION HIGH SCHOOL

Bus Drivers Needed - STARTING PAY AT \$22.00/Hour
We have openings now for Bus Drivers! Call Todd Parah for information on Green Mountain Union High School work schedules.

Must have a CDL with school bus and passenger endorsements, as well as DOT Medical Card.

Varsity Boys Soccer Coach for upcoming 2018 Fall Season
Green Mountain Union High School is looking for a qualified Varsity Boys Soccer Coach.

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.

Also Need MS Boys and Girls Soccer Coaches for the upcoming Fall Season.

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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The Take a Break is slightly smaller this week due to space for our Legal Notices

We apologize for the inconvenience, and thank you for your understanding

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TAKE A BREAK!

Weekly SUDOKU
by Linda Thistle

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21 Clio or Erato
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Salome's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Lots of possibilities begin to open up by midweek. Some seem more appealing than others. But wait for more facts to emerge later on before you consider which to choose.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Bravo to the determined Bovine. While others might give up, you continue to search for answers. Expect your Tauran tenacity to begin paying off by week's end.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You might want to consider stepping back from the task at hand for a while. This could help you get a better perspective on what you've done and what still needs to be done.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Your keen Cancerian insight should help you determine whether a new offer is solid or just more fluff 'n' stuff. The clues are all there waiting for you to find them.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Being ignored is difficult for any proud Leo or Leona. But pushing yourself back into the spotlight might be unwise. Instead, let things work themselves out at their own pace.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Trying to uncover a colleague's secret under the pretext of showing concern is ill-advised. Control your curiosity to avoid raising resentment in the workplace.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Expect to hear good news about a loved one. Also, be prepared for some changes in several family relationships that could develop from this lucky turn of events.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Some surprises are expected to accompany a number of changes that will continue through part of next week. At least one could involve a romantic situation.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) You might be upset by some of your critics. But most of your associates continue to have faith in your ability to get the job done, and done well.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A workplace goal that suddenly seems out of reach is no problem for the sure-footed Goat, who moves steadily forward despite any obstacles placed in his or her way.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Uncertainty about who is right and who isn't might keep you from making a clear-cut decision. Wait until you know more about what you're being asked to decide.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Be careful to keep your emotions in check when dealing with a demanding personal situation. You need to set an example of strength for others to follow.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have an extraordinary ability to rally people to do their best. You would be a treasure as a teacher.

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EVENTS

FRIDAY, MAY 18 - SATURDAY, MAY 19 - CHARLESTOWN, N.H. - Charlestown Senior Center is holding a Rummage and Bake Sale on Friday, May 18 and Saturday, May 19 from 8 a.m. - noon at 223 Old Springfield Road. There will be a little something for everyone including clothes, coats, shoes,

misc. linens, towels, small rugs and blankets. This is a fundraiser for the Senior Center and all offers of a donation will be accepted.

FRIDAY, MAY 18 - SUNDAY, MAY 20 - LUDLOW, Vt. - Black River Good Neighbor Services will hold its annual Spring Rummage Sale at Fletcher Farm, 611 Route 103 South

in Ludlow on Friday and Saturday, May 18 and 19 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, May 20 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Proceeds from the rummage sale are used to purchase food for the community or for various financial assistance programs. The sale will feature clothing, housewares, books, linens, furniture, etc. Volunteers are needed to help set up and staff the sale or to donate baked goods for the bake sale. For more information or to volunteer, please call Audrey at 802-228-3663.

from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. This event will be held on the front lawn of the church, 3470 US Route 5, in Westminster. This year we will have a nice selection of perennials, annuals and vegetables as well as garden gadgets for sale. In addition to the plant sale there will be a bake sale and white elephant table. The cookout will include hot dogs, hamburgers, sausage and peppers, as well as other surprises to eat. Come and browse the tables and enjoy lunch. Sit and visit in the outdoor cafe or take home something hot for lunch or dinner.

are coming to Springfield UU Church on Sunday, May 20 from 2 - 4 p.m. DUP are simple, joyous, meditative, multicultural, circle dances that use sacred phrases, chants, music and movements to touch the spiritual essence within ourselves, and recognize it in others. No musical or dance experience of any kind is required, and everyone is welcomed to join in. Donations accepted. For more information contact swguillow@atlanticbb.net, 860-303-3717 or visit www.dancesofuniversalspeace.org/contact-north-america. or www.facebook.com/CTDUP/

potted perennials, baked goods and a wide array of items from frames to furnishings inside and outside under the tents. Hot dogs and sodas will also be for sale. Make it an outing, there's something for everyone. All proceeds help us to be the caretakers of our wonderful historical stone church, and the good work of the parish. Contact Melody Reed by email melodious54@gmail.com or phone 802-875-5414.

will be our second year at our new location on lower Clinton St. next to Nortrax and near the trailhead of the walk/bike path. There is plenty of parking at this location. We still have room for qualified vendors. Email springfieldfarmersmarket@gmail.com or call 802-885-4096 for more information. The Springfield Farmer's Market Inc. is a vendor run nonprofit organization.

Free gift! Join us for our **Spring Home Tour** Donate your old shoes to a worthy cause **Spring cleaning Time!**

Saturday, May 19th from 11 am to 3 pm
Refreshments will be served at all three homes.



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okemo-woodstock.evusa.com
802-975-0338

SATURDAY, MAY 19 - PUTNEY, Vt. - Next Stage Arts Project will present "Notes From the Universe," paintings by Liz Hawkes deNiord, from May 17 through Aug. 15, 2018, at the Next Stage Gallery, 15 Kimball Hill, Putney, Vt. There will be an opening reception Saturday, May 19 from 4 - 6 p.m. with poetry reading by Chard deNiord, Vermont Poet Laureate.

WESTMINSTER, Vt. - The Women's Fellowship of The First Congregational Church of Westminster will host their Spring Outdoor Sale and Cookout on Saturday, May 19

SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. - Main Street Arts will be hosting an Arts, Antiques and Artifacts sale on Saturday, May 19 beginning at 9 a.m. The fundraiser will feature attic treasures and unique finds from the homes of friends of the community arts center, everything from one-of-a-kind antiques to items in the one-man's-junk-is-another-man's-treasure category. Rain date for the sale is May 20. Donations for the sale can be left at Main Street Arts during regular business hours. Further information is available by contacting Main Street Arts at 802-869-2960, info@mainstreetarts.org or at www.mainstreetarts.org.

PUTNEY, Vt. - Next Stage Arts Project and Twilight Music present contemporary folk singer/songwriter John Gorka on Sunday, May 20 at 7:30 p.m. at Next Stage at 15 Kimball Hill in downtown Putney. Tickets are available in advance and at the door. For information, call 802-387-0102. Advance tickets are available at www.nextstagearts.org. Turn It Up in Brattleboro and Putney Food Co-op in Putney.

SATURDAY, MAY 26 - CHESTER, Vt. - The First Universalist Parish of Chester is having a huge tag sale, including perennial plants and bake sale all in one! Saturday, May 26 from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Included in the sale are a large number and variety of

SATURDAY, MAY 26 & SUNDAY, MAY 27 - PLYMOUTH, Vt. - Join us for the 5th annual Antiques & Treasures Sale on Saturday, May 26 and Sunday, May 27 from 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. at the Plymouth Community Center in Plymouth. This two-day sale features a wide range of antiques, contemporary treasures, knick-knacks, sporting equipment, and good-quality clothing. Come early for the best deals! Cash or check only.

MONDAY, MAY 28 - WESTON, Vt. - On Monday, May 28, from 5.30 - 7 p.m., head to Mildred's Dairy Bar at the Weston location of The Vermont Country Store in a classic car or truck and receive a free maple creemee on us. It's a great way to show off your ride, meet other drivers and enjoy the best soft serve around. Route 100, in Weston. For more information contact 802-824-6287.

LIBRARIES

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

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

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

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

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

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

WINDSOR, Vt. - Preschool and Toddler Storytime every Wednesday from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Windsor Public Library, 43 State Street. Each week features a theme, music stories and a craft. www.windsorlibrary.org. 802-674-2556. TFN

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

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

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SUNDAY, MAY 20 - SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - The Dances of Universal Peace (DUP)

GRIEVANCE HEARING TOWN OF ROCKINGHAM BOARD OF LISTERS
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Grievance hearings for the Town of Rockingham will be held on Monday June 4, 2018 starting at 9:00 a.m. at the Town Hall third floor Listers office in Bellows Falls.

If you wish to grieve your 2018 Assessment, Homestead or Housesite value, or Current Use Allocation it is required to submit your grievance in writing before or on Monday June 4 by 4:30 p.m.

In addition, if you wish to have a hearing in person with the Listers Office, please call to make an appointment between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at 802-463-1229 x 1101.

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PERKINSVILLE, Vt. - Memorial Day is a solemn day to remember and honor the selfless dedication of service members who have boldly stood in harm's way carrying the torch of freedom fighting to protect our abundant way of life. Please come to the Perkinsville Green, in Perkinsville, Vt. on Monday, May 28 at noon to recognize the men and women who have served us and have passed on.

FARMERS' MARKET

SATURDAY, JUNE 2 - SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - The opening of the regular season of the Springfield Farmers' Market is Saturday, June 2 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. This

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

THURSDAYS & SATURDAYS
SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Springfield Town Library has a tech help desk available on Thursdays from 3 – 6 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Having trouble with your first smartphone? Want to re-set your Facebook privacy? Need to take a course in Word or Excel? Call 802-885-3108 to make an appointment with Dylan and June, our high school volunteer and his colleague. The Springfield Town Library is located at 43 Main St., Springfield.

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

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Minecraft Club at the Rockingham Free Public Library every Friday from 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. A limited number of library computers are available. Registration is recommended if you will need to use a library computer. If you are joining the club with your own laptop and Minecraft account, you do not need to sign up. TFN

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

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

MEETINGS

MONDAYS -
ANDOVER, Vt. – Select Board

meetings are every second and fourth Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Town Office. For information, call 802-875-2765.

CAVENDISH, Vt. – Select Board meetings are on the second Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Office. For more information go to www.cavendishvt.com or call 802-226-7291. Recordings of the meetings can be found at www.okemovalley.tv.

GRAFTON, Vt. – Select Board meetings are the first and third Monday at the Grafton Elementary School or the Town Garage at 6 p.m. For more information, call 802-843-2552 or go to www.graftonvt.org. Recordings are found at www.fact8.com.

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

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

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Select Board meetings are on the second and fourth Monday of the month starting at 7 p.m. in the Selectman's Hall on 96 Main Street. For more information, go to www.springfieldvt.govoffice2.com.

TUESDAYS -
WESTMINSTER, Vt. – Westminster Fire & Rescue Department monthly meeting on the first Tuesday at 7 p.m. Rescue training is on the second Tuesday and combined drill on the third Tuesday. More information can be found at www.westminsterfireandrescue.org. TFN

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

found at www.fact8.com.

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

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

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

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

SUPPORT GROUPS

MONDAYS -
SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - NAMI Vermont Connection Recovery Support Group is a mental illness support group. It provides a forum to share experiences and learn about opportunities and challenges regardless of diagnostics. HCRS, CRT Room, 390 River St. Meets every Monday from 1-2 p.m. Info: call 800-639-6480 or visit www.namivt.org. TFN

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

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

LUDLOW, Vt. – Co-Dependents Anonymous meets on Tuesdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the basement of the Fletcher Memorial Library, 88 Main St. in Ludlow. Find out more

about CoDA at coda.org. For more information regarding this meeting, contact Sarah E. at sarahcoda2016@gmail.com. TFN

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

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

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

WEDNESDAYS -
LONDONDERRY, Vt. - Weekly clean and sober 12-Step Meeting. Support Group meets at Neighborhood Connections next to the Londonderry Post

Office at 5:30 p.m. every Wednesday. TFN

LUDLOW, Vt. – Eating behavior support group meets every other Wednesday at 6 p.m. at the Green Mountain at Fox Run at 262 Fox Lane. This free group is intended to help you understand your eating and/or weight-related struggles. The group is led by trained therapists who specialize in eating behavior. To join call 802-228-8885 or email shiri@fitwoman.com. TFN

ASCUTNEY, Vt. - Twin State Depression Support Group meets on the third Wednesday at Martin Memorial Hall, Lower Level (Handicapped-accessible), 5259 Route 5, Ascuney, (near Exit 8 off I-91) at 6:30 p.m. Do you know or think you may be depressed? Have a friend or family member who has depression? Then this group is for you! Support, empathy, sharing, education, confidentiality, peer-led. Contact TwinStateDSG@gmail.com or 641-715-3900 (ext. 650055#). TFN

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

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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 exception will be in November - that date to be announced.

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Engel & Volker's shoe drive and spring home tour

LUDLOW, Vt. - On Saturday, May 19, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. donate your new or gently used shoes to Soles4Souls and take a tour of three homes: 530 Chapin Road, East Wallingford; 4751 Route 140E, East Wallingford; and 24 Spring Lake Road, Shrewsbury. Refreshments will be served.

View these three lovely properties and while you are at it, we will be collecting men's, women's, and children's new and gently used shoes to help Soles4Souls fight global poverty and save our landfills from excess waste. Your shoes that you no longer want can help impoverished areas in the United States and in developing countries.

Engel & Volker's shoe drive will last during the entire month of May. If you miss the tour, bring your new or used shoes of any kind to our office at 126 Main Street, Ludlow, Vt. For more information, please contact Pam McLaughlin, 802-975-0338 or

pam.mclaughlin@evusa.com.

One person's unwanted shoes can help provide meaningful opportunities that many in developing nations need, which is why Engel & Volker's has launched a shoe drive to collect 5,000 pairs of new or gently used shoes. The shoes that Engel & Volker's collects will be delivered to Soles4Souls - a nonprofit social enterprise that creates sustainable jobs and provides relief through the distribution of shoes and clothing around the world. Founded in 2006, the organization has distributed more than 30 million pairs of new and used shoes in 127 countries.

"I am a strong supporter of Soles4Souls' mission," said Pam McLaughlin, Soles4Souls ambassador. "To know that we can create meaningful impact around the globe by simply collecting and donating what is otherwise destined for the landfill is a really great feeling."

The World Bank estimates that ap-



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proximately 767 million people, 385 million of which are children, live on less than \$1.90 per day. Millions of these children don't have access to adequate footwear resulting in significant ramifications for their health and wellbeing. Meanwhile many adults don't have access to sustainable employment. "Millions of pairs of shoes lay idle in people's closets," said McLaughlin. "Give those to Soles4Souls instead, and know that you are taking a step to help disrupt the cycle of poverty around the globe."

What women should know when starting a business

REGION - According to the National Association of Women Business Owners, there are 9.4 million women-owned businesses, employing nearly 8 million people and generating \$1.5 trillion in sales in 2015. Many of these businesses started small, begun by women seeking the exciting and potentially rewarding experience of "being their own boss" while doing something they enjoy. If you're thinking about starting your own business, you'll need a sound plan, a little creativity, personal dedication, and probably some form of financial investment.

Personal investment

As you might imagine, there's a lot that goes into starting a business. You'll have to do some market research to determine the potential size of your market, identify the competition, and set the price of the goods or services you'll offer. You should develop a written business plan, research the best legal entity to use for your business, and understand what licenses and/or permits you'll need. You'll have to figure out how much capital you'll need to start your business, and where that capital will come from.

Type of business

The type of business you choose should not only match your talents, abilities, and interests, but it also should have a viable place in the market, based on your competition and the potential demand for the products or services your business will offer.

The business plan

A business plan is essentially the story of your business: the name of your business, what your business does, how you came up with the idea for your business, what markets you serve, what differentiates your business from the competition, where your business is now, and where you see it in the future. Most plans cover



Starting your own business.

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these essential elements:

- An executive summary, which briefly describes your business as a whole and touches on your business's profile and goals
- An in-depth explanation of the history and development of your business
- A summary of the products and/or services you offer
- A customer description, market analysis, and competitor analysis
- A description of your business's legal entity (e.g., corporation, partnership, sole proprietorship) and management organization
- An explanation of your marketing plan and sales strategy
- A capitalization plan including projected revenues, cash flow projections, pro forma financials, and an explanation of how you'll use funds

Selecting a business entity

One of the first decisions you'll need to make is what form of legal entity your business will take. If you're starting a business from scratch (as opposed to buying an established business), your options are many. The type of entity you select is important because it can determine the types of permits you'll need, where and how your business should be registered, the extent of protection

from personal liability you'll receive, and the amount and form of taxes that may have to be paid.

Sole proprietorship: A sole proprietorship is the most straightforward way to structure your business entity. Sole proprietors are liable for all business debts and other obligations the business might incur.

Partnership: A partnership is a business entity where two or more people enter into a business relationship for mutual profit.

Corporations: There are several different types of corporations including S Corporations, C Corporations, and LLC (limited liability corporations). Research to discover all tax implications of each.

Financing your business

The first step in determining your financing needs is to develop a line-item budget, projected over a period of months and/or years.

Next, you'll need to figure out how to finance your business. The two general categories of financing available for businesses are debt and equity. Debt requires repayment of a loan. Equity involves raising capital by selling parts of the business to investors.

You can apply to banks or credit unions for loans. The Small Business Administration has a website devoted to women-owned businesses at www.sba.gov/content/women-owned-businesses. There you can find resources to help you start and finance your business.

Anything else?

There are plenty of other things to consider but you don't have to go it alone. There are experts available to serve as mentors or counselors. Check the Women's Business Resources section of the Small Business Administration website at www.sba.gov for information on locating a mentor.

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