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Community gathers for Ludlow Memorial Day parade

BY THOMAS FOSTER IV
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LUDLOW, Vt. - The American Legion Post 36 Memorial Day Parade took place Monday, May 28, in the town of Ludlow. Despite the dreary weather, many people arrived to pay their respects and support, in recognition of the national holiday. The men and women of the American Legion were joined in the parade by the Color Guard and Black River High School marching band, as well as responders from Ludlow Ambulance and the fire departments of Proctorsville, Belows Falls, and Ludlow. The parade continued down Main Street, which was recently decorated with American



A memorial for those who are prisoners of war or missing in action. PHOTO BY DONALD DILL

can flags on the telephone and electric poles.

After ceremoniously placing a wreath in the Black River, the parade continued to the Veteran's Memorial Park where a service to fallen troops, as well as prisoners of war, and those missing in action was held. Pastor Jerry Scheumann of Ludlow Baptist Church led the community prayer, and students of Black River High School contributed with singing the National Anthem followed by an excerpt from the Gettysburg Address. World War II and Korean War veterans laid a wreath next to the memorial in the park.

The parade continued towards the Pleasant View Cemetery where



"Freedom is not free" memorial in Veteran's Memorial Park. PHOTO BY THOMAS FOSTER

people paid their respects and the Legion lay down a wreath in memory. Shots were fired, and Taps was soon played afterwards. After the

ceremony, people gathered at the American Legion Post on Main Street for a community potluck and barbecue.

Ludlow Auditorium dedicated to retired municipal manager Frank Heald

BY SHARON HUNTLEY
The Vermont Journal

LUDLOW, Vt. - Family members, colleagues, and community members gathered at the Ludlow Auditorium Thursday, May 24 for a luncheon and the official dedication of the "Francis J. Heald Auditorium" to honor retired Ludlow Municipal Manager, Frank Heald.

Jim Alic, vice chair of FOLA, led the dedication honoring Heald saying, "The combination of Ralph [Ralph Pace, FOLA Board Chair] and Frank is what has turned this auditorium into such an active community center for all of us.... this will henceforth be known as the Heald Auditorium." Alic went on to joke that FOLA was deciding whether or not to change their name to FOHA but said the community would decide on that later on.

Ludlow Office Manager, Pam Cruikshank, called forward a group of town employees, which included Ludlow police and fire chiefs, town office staffers, and other town employees sharing words of praise and thanks that Heald had asked her to share. She ended her remarks by thanking Heald for his many strengths as a boss. "How lucky we've all been to learn from the best of the best," she said.

Area municipal managers from Woodstock, Dorset, Springfield, and Windsor joined Ludlow's new Municipal Manager Scott Murphy to present a plaque to Heald



Frank Heald receives a plaque from new Ludlow Town Manager Scott Murphy and other area municipal managers. PHOTO BY SHARON HUNTLEY



The new sign and plaque for the Frank Heald Auditorium. PHOTO BY SHARON HUNTLEY

for over 15 years of service. Windsor Town Manager, Tom Marsh, made the presentation "as a token of our gratitude... you have been a quiet leader, somebody we all have come to for advice."

As Heald wrapped up the dedication with his final remarks, he became visibly moved when he talked about the auditorium dedication, pausing to regain his emotion. "I'm truly humbled and appreciative of the recognition you've bestowed upon me."

The new sign and plaque dedicated to Heald now hangs outside the second floor auditorium entrance.



Publishing night at Flood Brook School

LONDONDERRY, Vt. - Steve Swinburne is Flood Brook's author in residence this year. He helped second graders write poetry from an animal's point of view.

Students, families, friends, and teachers celebrated the yearlong quest to have each student publish a book to be revealed at the May publishing party. With mentor books, presentations, and workshops featuring Swinburne, throughout the year, students met the challenge and then

some! Swinburne was overheard commenting as he was browsing, "I see I have a great deal of future competition!" The students and staff would like to thank everyone who came out to read their books and also extend another big thank you to our fabulous art teacher, Mrs. Bailey for handling book making/binding and art work.

PHOTOS PROVIDED

The GMUSD budget passes the second time around

BY SHARON HUNTLEY
The Vermont Journal

CHESTER, Vt. - After an intense process that included significant community involvement and months of re-visioning, re-assessment, and retooling of the GMUSD budget, the voters from Andover, Baltimore, Cavendish, and Chester voted to accept the revised budget, 221 to 161 Tuesday, May 22. Despite high community participation throughout the process, voter turnout was low with just over half the number of voters participating versus the original budget vote.

The approved total of \$12,532,143 is the operating budget for Green Mountain Union High School and Middle School, Chester Andover Elementary

School, Cavendish Town Elementary School, and the TRSU central office expenses that correspond to those schools. This represents a net reduction of \$15,370 from the original budget presented in March. 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 original budget was defeated in early March 394 to 345 votes. Criticism at the time of the original vote centered around lack of educational enhancements for students as promised under Act 46, top heavy administrative costs, and transparency issues from the TRSU central office.

Since the defeat, both the GMUSD board and the TRSU central office worked hard to address those community concerns by forming a Vision

Committee, which was tasked with providing a focus for educational program improvements deemed lacking in the first iteration. The Two Rivers Supervisory Union executive committee also met several times to reduce the SU costs at the central office. The resulting retool included both educational program additions and tweaks to staff and eliminating money from the SU central office budget.

The GMUSD revised budget included the addition of a part-time math interventionist for Cavendish Town Elementary School. Chester Andover Elementary School is eliminating the proposed dean of students position and replacing it with a full-time assistant to deal with behavior intervention. CAES would also add

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The 17th Black Fly Ball

S. LONDONDERRY, Vt. - The Little School of Weston held its 17th annual fundraiser, the Black Fly Ball, Saturday, May 19 in South Londonderry. The ball consisted of a live and silent auction, catered food, and refreshments. Approximately 100 people were in attendance and the event raised more than \$18,000 for the preschool.

The event was held in the barn of the Fancy Grade Farm. Live music was performed by Saints & Liars. Approximately 75 local business donated items to help this cause. Much gratitude is given to the countless organizers and donors. The ball for many years has rep-



The ball had about 100 attendees.

PHOTO BY JOSHUA ROSENBLUM



Lots of fun was to be had.

PHOTO BY JOSHUA ROSENBLUM

resented the main fundraising source for the The Little School. Other ideas, however, are being considering for expanding its fundraising opportunities.

The Little School is currently seeking volunteers to serve on its Board of Directors for the 2018-2019 school year from the larger community. For more information on The Little School, please visit www.littleschoolvt.org.

Chester Rotary First Thursday speaker is Brian Post

CHESTER, Vt. - The Chester Rotary is pleased to announce that Thursday, June 7, 2018, Brian Post, executive director of The Stone Trust, will be the First Thursday Rotary speaker.

Post is one of just nine Dry Stone Walling Association of Great Britain certified master craftsmen in the USA. Additionally, he is the only certified dry stone waller who is also a

licensed landscape architect. From first starting to build walls at age 10, Post has enjoyed working with stone whenever possible.

The Stone Trust is a nonprofit organization based in Dummerston, Vt., with the mission to preserve and advance the art and craft of dry stone walling through providing education, consulting, information, and resources. Its programs include numerous hands-on workshops, from introductory to advanced, and facilitating access to DSWA-GB certification, which is the world standard for the craft.

Post's presentation will include the history of dry stone walling, information about The Stone Trust and its programs, and basic knowledge of how to build and evaluate stone walls.

Chester Rotary First Thursday is held at the Fullerton Inn and is open to the community. The program starts at 5:15 p.m. and ends at 6:30 p.m. Hors d'oeuvres will be served and a cash bar is available.

For planning purposes, please RSVP to chestervtrotary@gmail.com. For further information, contact Bill Dakin, 802-875-4000.

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Update on the Bromley Tower fundraising effort

REGION - As of the end of April 2018, we have raised \$158,000 including \$11,000 that was voted towards the project by the towns of Londonderry, Winhall, Dorset, and Peru.

Our goal is \$262,000 to build a steel observation tower on the summit of Bromley Mountain. This will replace the wooden ob-

servation tower that was removed for structural reasons in 2012. Once the tower is built, the fabulous four-state view unimpeded by trees or infrastructure will be back for the enjoyment of the hundreds of hikers who summit Bromley every year.

If you wish to participate in this effort, please make your donation, either online by going to www.greenmountainclub.org/Bromley

or by check to "Green Mountain Club," be sure to put "Bromley Tower" in the memo line and mail to Green Mountain Club, 4711 Waterbury Stowe Rd, Waterbury Center, VT 05677.

All donors will be listed on the sign at the summit unless you wish to remain anonymous.

Ludlow Farmer's Market

LUDLOW, Vt. - The first Ludlow Farmer's Market of the season was Friday, May 25 on the front lawn of the Okemo Mountain School from 4 - 7 p.m. They will be open every Friday all summer long with

several of their regular vendors in attendance. Stop by and check in and catch up with them!

LEFT PHOTO PROVIDED
RIGHT PHOTO BY DONALD DILL

FOLA installs new speakers in Heald Auditorium

LUDLOW, Vt. - In its continuing efforts to improve the audio system in the Heald Auditorium in Ludlow's Town Hall, FOLA has installed four totally new speakers to provide the highest quality sound possible for its movies, Broadway musicals and plays, and other productions. The new speakers were installed by Paul Terrasi of Boston Soundworks. Terrasi indicated that he tested the sound quality with music of Barbra Streisand and other top vocalists and or-

chestras and "found them to be music to his ears."

The audio project is part of an ongoing effort to enhance the quality and breadth of all FOLA productions as well as those involving the schools, town, and other activities. Recently FOLA also added a new lighting control console and a modern dressing room for performers.



Paul Terrasi adjusting one of the new primary speakers.

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The ins and outs of composting in your own backyard

LONDONDERRY, Vt. - Esther Fishman, recycling coordinator for the Londonderry Solid Waste Recycle Group, will be at The Meeting Place at Neighborhood Connections Tuesday, June 5 at 5 p.m. to discuss

the ins and outs of backyard composting. A limited number of Soil Saver Compost bins will be available for purchase at a reduced rate. Countertop food scrap buckets will also be available. Payment is by check or

cash only.

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a full-time grade 3 or 4 teacher. The foreign language position went from a proposed .17 position to a .20, which translates into one day per week for both elementary schools. A STEAM program coordinator part-time position was also added for the district with two days a week to promote science, technology, engineering, arts, and math programs. These additional positions added approximately \$42,000 to the budget. Budget cuts from the TRSU translated into a savings of \$58,000 for the GMUSD. Overall, this netted a reduction of approximately \$15,000 versus the original budget.

Even though the GMUSD board has their approved budget, the Vision Committee will continue its work to focus on student educational opportunities in the future, a commitment the committee made as they were working to find focus for the purposes of directing the budget revise. In the last meeting before finalizing the budget revise, Board Chair Marilyn Mahusky agreed that the Vision Committee was committed to long-term planning. Mahusky's reaction to the revised budget approval reflected that focus. "I'm pleased with the results [of the vote] and look forward in the coming year to working with our staff, administration, and community to create more educational opportunities for our students."

The next GMUSD board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 12 from 6 - 7 p.m.

Flood Brook School art show at Custer Sharp House

LONDONDERRY, Vt. - The annual show of artwork made by the students of Flood Brook School in Londonderry will take place at the historic Custer Sharp House on Middletown Road in Londonderry. This year marks the 22nd year of the show, which celebrates the creativity of our young artists. A variety of paintings, printmaking, collages, and sculptures made by students of Flood Brook will be on display throughout the house.

An opening is planned for Saturday, June 9 from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Refreshments will be served. The show will also be open Saturday, June 16 from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Located just up the hill from the farmer's market on Middletown Road, the Custer Sharp House is the perfect place to visit after a trip to the farmer's market in Londonderry.

Bernadine Custer Sharp and her

husband, Jimmy Sharp, were well-recognized artists who spent their summers here in Londonderry. Although they didn't have children of their own, Bernadine held art classes in her home for local children and often used them as subjects for her paintings. When she died, she left her home to the Londonderry Historical Society. The annual student art show was established in her honor in 1996.

Black River High School alumni weekend approaches

LUDLOW, Vt. - Black River High School alumni weekend is approaching quickly. Activities scheduled begin Friday, June 15, with a get together dinner at the American Legion in Ludlow. Dinner will be served from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Cost includes entrée, dessert, and coffee or tea. Please make your reservation by Monday, June 11 by email to blackriverhighschoolalumni@gmail.com or by calling Amy Taylor at 802-259-2093.

On Saturday, June 16 will be our annual "Dance Party" at the American Legion's newly renovated second floor hall beginning at 8 p.m. and ending at midnight. Davis Brothers Garage Band will be providing the entertainment for the evening. Come and dance the night away and

reminisce with old friends and classmates.

Both Friday and Saturday night we will be showing the newly produced "History of Black River High School" by current Black River High School band and chorus teacher Katie Herrie. This slideshow set to music will be a trip down memory lane for all of us.

Sunday, June 17 will conclude this year's activities beginning with an "All You Can Eat" breakfast at the American Legion from 7:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. This event will be hosted by the American Legion Riders. Once everyone's bellies are nice and full, it will be time for our Alumni Parade. Stepping off at noon from the Okemo Marketplace and ending at the

Marji Graf moves on to new opportunities

LUDLOW, Vt. - Well, it's official! I have resigned from being the CEO of the Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce. I begin my new journey as the president and CEO of the Rockville, Md., Chamber of Commerce, effective July 2. I feel good about leaving this chamber in a better position than when I got here 10 years ago. I will miss everyone and my Vermont family! I will stay here until June 22 to help the chamber transition. Sue Chadwick will stay on as your director of Member Services.

At the May 22 Board of Directors meeting, it was decided that Tom Gianola from Echo Lake Inn will be the incoming president, Terry Bane from Imery's will be the vice president, Kevin Theissen from Skygate Financial Services will be the treasurer, and Gail Graves-Beardmore will be the secretary.



Marji Graf resigns from CEO of the Okemo Valley Chamber. PHOTO PROVIDED

ergy Solutions in Springfield; Justin Hyjek, Homestyle Hostel in Ludlow; Duane Kish, Okemo Mountain Resort in Ludlow; Matt Lamb, Slopeside Okemo Vacation Rentals in Ludlow; Jen McBride, Flour & Petal in Proctorsville; Kevin Theissen, Skygate Financial in Ludlow; and Margaret Vincent, Vermont T's in Chester.

We want to thank outgoing President, Julie-Lynn Wood, of the Golden Stage Inn in Proctorsville and Vice President, Kevin Marvelli, of The Vermont Country Store for their years of service on the Board.

I wish everyone my very best and will be coming back on weekends until we sell our house in Mount Holly.

Written by Marji Graf.

Cavendish to sponsor workshop on pollinator friendly environments

CAVENDISH, Vt. - The Cavendish Energy Committee will sponsor a workshop Tuesday, June 5 at 6 p.m. to be held in the Cavendish Town Office meeting room on how to create a pollinator friendly habitat. The speakers will discuss, among other issues, how a solar array field can significantly help in the fight to stop the decline of pollinators.



Pollinator workshop. PHOTO PROVIDED

the proliferation of solar projects around the state, including in Cavendish, has opened up an opportunity to help pollinators such as bees and other flying insects.

An underlying reason for our concern with energy is the state of our natural environment and the need for people to live more sustainably. Gardening and growing our own crops is a big part of sustainability.

Anyone from any town may attend the workshop. The Cavendish Town Office is located at 37 High Street in Cavendish. Light refreshments will be served at the workshop. For additional information, please contact Mary Ormrod at 802-226-7783.

Proctorsville Green beautification

PROCTORSVILLE, Vt. - On June 2, there will be a Proctorsville Green beautification in preparation of the dedication of the green and Rich Sven's Celebration of Life. Thanks to a grant from the Cavendish Community Fund, there will be new planting under

the direction of Tim Calabrese, landscape architect, and Doris Eddy, volunteer.

Also that day, Okemo Valley Women's Club will be painting the gazebo.

Twenty Mile Stream House is helping fill the whiskey barrels. If interested in helping plant, please bring a shovel at 10 a.m. Contact Doris Eddy at reiki_vt@yahoo.com.

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Grace Coolidge musicale series begins June 3

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Charbeneau and O’Brien will present Beethoven’s Violin Sonata No. 5 in F major, known as the “Spring Sonata” because of its light and cheerful character. The program also includes Two Morceaux (Kolysanka and Bo-

lero), a set written especially for the performers by Maine composer Kenneth Piotrowski. A portion of Franck’s Violin Sonata, rich in beautiful harmonies, rounds out the recital.

This is the first concert of the 2018 Grace Coolidge Musicales, a series organized by the Vermont Division for Historic Preservation and generously sponsored by the Alma Gibbs Donchian Foundation. Two more musicales are scheduled for July 29 and Aug. 26. For further information, call 802-672-3773, or visit our website www.HistoricSites.Vermont.gov.

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Tech Camp classes include geocaching, filmmaking, more

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Geocaching is a real-world, outdoor treasure hunting game using GPS-enabled devices. Campers will navigate to a specific set of GPS coordinates and then attempt to find the geocache hidden at that location. This new program promises to introduce campers to a new and exciting game that is played throughout the world.

Video production and filmmaking is another of the exciting offerings for campers. In this workshop, campers will learn basic camera and lighting techniques as well as the three steps to video production and film creation and create a short video that will be shared with fellow campers.

Campers use their creativity to express themselves with a short story complete with pictures and photos of their choice. The group will create and take home a “Tech Camp Week Book,” which will include bios and photos of all the campers.

Other programs include an exciting hands-on First Aid health care component; Let’s Get Cook-

ing where students learn basic cooking skills and how to make nutritious snacks; design their own t-shirt with vinyl decals; learn basic animation coding concepts; design and learn basic video game coding and create different types of games; and build and race CO2 cars.

All youth entering the 7th, 8th, or 9th grade at any area middle school, private school, or home school are eligible to attend Tech Camp. Space is limited to the first 50 to register. The camp experience could turn your child onto a new and exciting hobby or interest.

Camp is scheduled for the week of June 18 through the 22 at the River Valley Technical Center in Springfield, Vt., from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. each day. If your child’s school is still in session due to snow days, contact them because some schools will allow their students to be excused so that they can take part in this alternative educational experience.

For more information or to receive a brochure and sign-up forms, contact Marie Gelineau, camp director, at 802-384-1561 or by email at mge-lineau@rvtc.net.



The 11th annual Over the Hill Poker Run

REGION – The River Valley Ridge Riders held their 11th annual Over the Hill Poker Run Monday, May 21 due to rain Saturday, May 19 when the run was originally scheduled. The ride gets its name “Over the Hill” because it is a ride that the elderly residents of local nursing homes have come to look forward to each year.

The ride is organized by Ed Foster, but he says it couldn’t happen without help from the staff of the residence homes and the volunteers that help run things.

Pictured is Marjorie Spaulding (97) given a ride by Glen Richardson on his trike. She wants another ride again next year.

That sums up why the bikers take this ride every year. The people, the stories, and the spirit.

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Harald Schmidtke’s legacy, 25 years of weatherizing homes

CHESTER, Vt. – Each year, SEVCA holds an event to celebrate the

year’s achievements and to recognize staff, volunteers, and community members for their outstanding contributions to achieving SEVCA’s mission of reducing the causes and moving toward the elimination of poverty. This year’s event will serve as a very special tribute to Harald Schmidtke, a much-loved community leader, colleague, and friend, who passed away April 2.

As SEVCA’s Weatherization Director, Harald dedicated the past 25 years of his life to reducing energy costs and improving the lives of vulnerable Windham and Windsor counties’ residents. SEVCA staff, Board, supporters, and friends will gather Thursday, May 31 from 5-8 p.m. at the American Legion Post 67 in Chester, Vt., to celebrate and reflect on the enormous and lasting contribution Harald has made to the community through his leadership of the Weatherization program.

Geoff Wilcox, Weatherization program administrator at the Vermont Office of Economic Opportunity, will share his experiences of working closely with Harald over the past two decades to implement the state’s ambitious Weatherization Assistance Program, along with reflections on the importance of the program to its low-income beneficiaries. “SEVCA was one of my favorite agencies to visit, no matter what the occasion, due to its awesome team vibe and dedication to help struggling families no matter what it took,” he said. “It was this atmosphere that Harald created and fostered. His warm, caring, and large personality will be greatly missed in our Vermont Weatherization network.”

SEVCA’s Executive Director Steve Geller, who worked closely with Harald for the past 14 years, said, “What stands out the most about Harald’s legacy is the fact that he was fiercely committed to not just his program and his staff, but to all of SEVCA and our mission, and to the success of the entire Community Action movement and the War on Poverty. This was a deeply heart-felt cause for him, not just a job.”


For more information or to attend, contact Linda Brooks at 802-722-4575 or lb Brooks@sevca.org.



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LOCAL HISTORY

BY RON PATCH

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

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Sons of Temperance

In my collection is a small booklet of the 'Sons of Temperance.' It is the Constitution and By-Laws for the Black River Division of Springfield, Vermont. The Black River Division was formed in Springfield on January 12, 1849. This booklet was published in 1850.

For historical context the reader should know in 1850 an average paying job was a dollar per day. As you read the dues, fines and penalties try to keep a dollar a day in mind. Also you'll see mention of a half cent. The half cent was last minted in 1857 but continued in circulation here in rural Vermont for many more years.

The Sons of Temperance were against alcohol in any form. I've read this 24 page booklet so I can give an accurate account. First I noticed that they were structured similar to the Freemasons. Officers were given initials for their position. The leader was the W.P. There was a junior P.W.P., a F.S. and a W.A. Others were A.R.S., R.S., A.S. and O.S.

A few things noted in the Constitution:

"No brother shall make, buy, sell or use, as a beverage any spirituous or malt liquors, wine or cider. No person shall be initiated into the Division, under eighteen years of age, nor for less a sum of two dollars. The regular dues to this Division shall not be less than six and a quarter cents per week.

"Every bona-fide member, who shall be qualified as required by the Constitution and By-Laws of this Division, shall in case of sickness or disability, be entitled to, and receive weekly, not less than three dollars; except it be shown that such sickness or disability be brought on by his own improper conduct.

"In case of the death of a brother entitled to benefits a sum of not less than fifteen dollars shall be appropriated as a funeral benefit. The W.P. in absence of competent relations or friends, shall take care of the funeral, and keep an account of the disbursements. On the death of a wife of a brother,

also beneficial, he shall be entitled to the sum not less than ten dollars as a funeral benefit.

"Widows and Orphans:

"The W.P, W.A. and R.S. shall be a committee to visit from time to time, the Widows and Orphans of deceased members, and shall pay to the Widow, from the Contingent fund, the sum of ten dollars per annum, so long as she maintains a good moral character, and remains a Widow.

"In case there should be any Orphans or children of a member, left in poverty without a protector or guardian, it shall be the duty of the Trustees to endeavor to place them in situations where they may be employed in gaining a livelihood, and at the same time be preserved from vice and infamy, and from time to time make proper inquiries into their situation, and report to the Division."

The year was divided into four quarterly terms with rules as follow:

"After a Division has been instituted three terms, no brother shall be eligible to the office of W.P., unless he has served a regular quarterly term as W.A., nor shall any brother be eligible to the office of W.A., unless he has served two terms in a subordinate office or offices, or as chaplain.

"The initiation fees for this Division, shall be, for all persons between the ages of eighteen and sixty years, \$2.00, over which age no person shall be admitted into the Division. Initiation fees must be paid before initiation.

"Fines and Penalties:

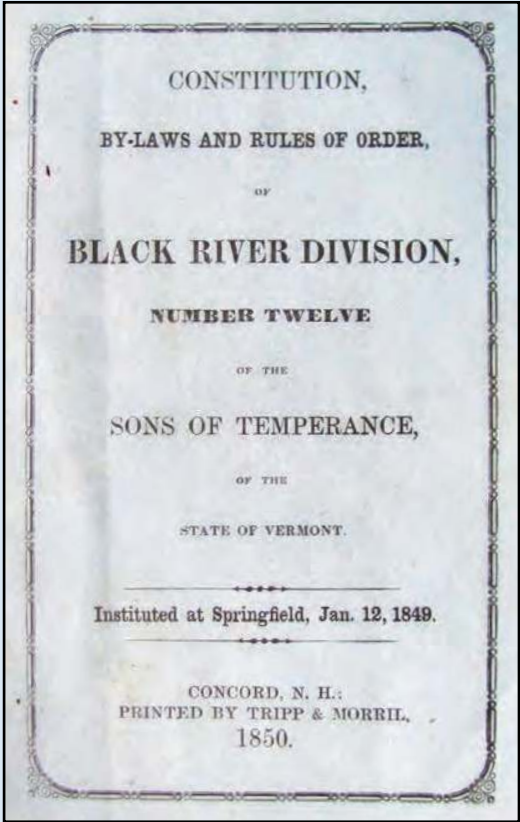
"Every elected officer, who shall be absent at the time of opening the Division, shall be subject to, and pay a fine of twenty-five cents. The junior P.W.P., for any neglect on his part to perform the duties belonging to his

office, shall be subject to a penalty of twenty-five cents.

"Every member of the Visiting Committee, who shall refuse, or neglect to perform the duties required of him in Section 3, of Art. 8 shall be subject to a fine of one dollar for each and every neglect. Any brother who does not, in changing his residence report the same to the F.S. within three weeks, shall be fined twelve and a half cents for each week thereafter.

"Any brother who shall refuse or neglect to watch with a sick brother, when requested so to do by the Visiting Committee or procure an acceptable person in his stead, shall pay a fine of one dollar."

This week's old saying was Willie Nelson's reply when asked what happened to his money. "I spent most of it on women and booze. The rest I wasted."



1850 Black River Division of Sons of Temperance booklet.

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Opening day at the Black River Academy Museum

LUDLOW, Vt. - Interested in finding out about the history of Ludlow and the Black River Academy? Join us for our opening day Saturday, June 2. There are three floors of displays highlighting the events of Ludlow and the academy's history. It's not just about Calvin Coolidge, but many diverse people who graduated from this institution over the years. An introductory video can be viewed upon entering the museum, giving an overview of what is included in the museum and where to find various displays.

Gretchen Gregory from Northern Gardens & Landscaping will be at the museum to demonstrate various methods of making your own tea with samples available. If you missed Gretchen at the April 12 event, here is another opportunity to see this program. The event will run from 2 until 4 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

We are looking forward to seeing you opening day from noon - 4 p.m. There is a small general admission and student fee. If you are not able to attend the grand opening, the museum will be open during the summer Tuesdays through Saturdays, noon to 4 p.m. See what Ludlow is all about!



BRAM opens June 2 with history of Ludlow.

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Londonderry Arts and Historical Society presents "Lost Ski Areas of Southern Vermont"

LONDONDERRY, Vt. - On Tuesday, June 19, 6:15 p.m. at the Middletown Road Schoolhouse, the Londonderry Arts and Historical Society will hold its annual meeting. The program will be "Lost Ski Areas of Southern Vermont" presented by Jeremy Davis.

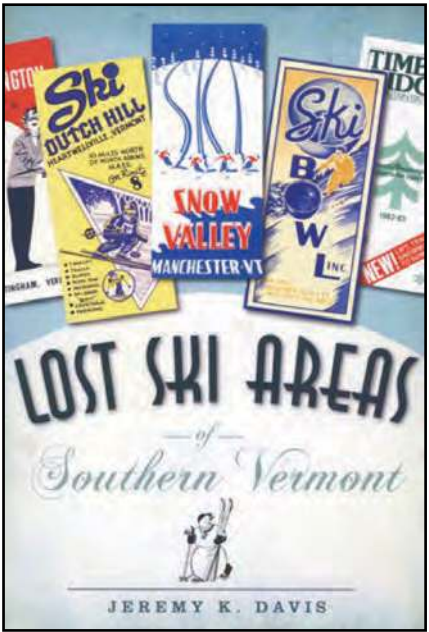
Hidden among the hills and mountains of southern Vermont are the remnants of 60 former ski areas, their slopes returning to forest and their lifts decaying. Today, only 13 remain open and active in southern Vermont. Over investment, local competition, weather variation, changing skier habits, insurance costs, and just plain bad luck caused these ski areas to succumb and melt back into the landscape.

From larger ski areas like Snow Valley and Maple Valley, to Clinton Gilbert's farm in Woodstock, where the very first rope tow began operation in the winter of 1934, these once popular ski areas left an indelible trace on the hearts of their ski communities and the history of southern Vermont.

In this presentation, Jeremy Davis, creator of the New England Lost Ski Areas Project, examines the role that these ski areas played in the development of the sport that is so critical to Vermont. Historical and contemporary photos and maps, personal stories, and the ski areas that have survived will all be featured.

Admission is free, donations welcome. Please park across the street in the Custer Sharp lot, 2461 Middletown Rd.

For more information, contact Annie Campbell at 802-856-7284.



Lost Ski Areas in Vermont. PHOTO PROVIDED

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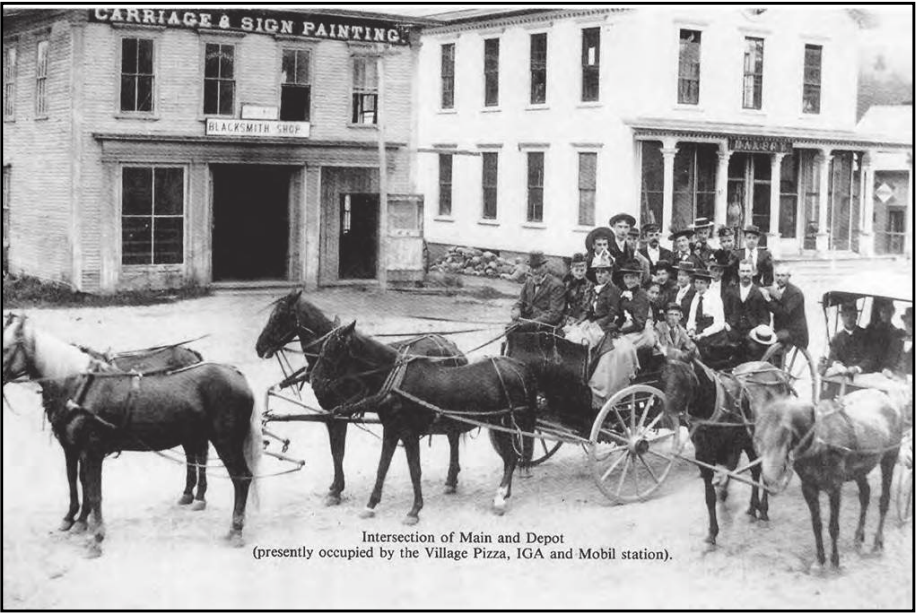
LUDLOW, Vt. - Remember when there was a Blacksmith shop at the intersection of Main and Depot Streets in Ludlow?

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opinion

Op-Ed: Politicians should set aside politics

Vermonters and their hard-earned dollars are exhausted from experiencing the roller coaster ride that is our government's approach to economic policy. Despite repeated pleas from Vermonters to address affordability and avoid upward pressures on tax bills, this session has once again left them with a feeling that no one is listening to them, leaving them holding the bag.

It's not that our political leaders and lawmakers can't get things done. Just look how quickly they passed recreational marijuana and firearms legislation this session. In fact, Vermont has a long track record of pushing social issues through at a rapid pace, but the sand really gets into the gears, as soon as economic and fiscal issues hit the road.

And this year was no different. The session adjourned with a budget that included moderate tax increases and the governor's insistence of a veto to keep his promise on no new taxes. He's asking legislators to work with him to leverage \$58 million in one-time funds that he claims will be paid back through savings over five years.

Many in the Legislature felt those funds could be used in more efficient ways and showed it by passing their own budget with different priorities on spending. Elements of this budget include a \$9.8 million dollar transfer to shore up education fund reserves, using \$34 million toward unfunded teacher's pension liability which law makers say will ultimately save nearly \$100 million in interest, investing \$5 million in workforce development, around \$5 million toward mental health facilities and programs, another \$4 million toward programs for Vermonters with disabilities, and \$7 million toward child welfare programs.

While conscious efforts to cease upward pressure on our taxes is a laudable endeavor, and one that Campaign for Vermont has been pushing for since 2011, true solutions for property taxes have been the subject of political "kick-the-can-down-the-road" for longer than one can recall.

One-time money is not a solution to compensate for their inability to develop a long-term plan of action. According to the governor's Information, Referral and Assistance Office, the Administration put out several plans, which were ignored by the Legislature. While the Legislature is saying they didn't have the time or the data to fully consider his plans. The Administration responded with several last-minute press releases condemning the Legislature for refusing to work with them on an agreeable solution.

The talent to solve this problem resides here in our state. Find the right people with the requisite skills, regardless of their politics, and they will address this issue once and for all. Vermonters should demand nothing less. The governor and the Legislature should work to resolve this chronic issue with clear data and facts, that balances the short-term and long-term impact, with broad support, and that is transparent and accountable to all Vermonters.

As CVF's website has stated for years: "Policy initiatives should be well thought through and have validated, comprehensive data supporting them. Too often our inadequately resourced lawmakers, dealing with insufficient, out of date data, and under pressing time constraints, succumb to politically expediency and opt for the policy easiest to implement. This type of decision-making either reinforces the status quo or creates unnecessarily complicated, confusing, or inadequate legislation, failing to open up the discussion for real progress."

Campaign for Vermont urges our political leaders to step back from their political maneuvering and put the children and taxpayers of the state first as they head into the upcoming Special Session.

Written by Pat McDonald, president of Campaign for Vermont. Pat McDonald has served in various leadership positions throughout state and local government. Pat resides in Berlin, Vt.

Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps



Op-Ed: Vermont's electric vehicle future

For the past 20 years, Vermont state government has aggressively worked to get Vermonters to abandon internal combustion vehicles in favor of electric vehicles of both hybrid and all-electric types. The favored method in those early years was to adopt California emission standards by requiring auto dealers to sell quotas of EVs.

The dealers resisted on the reasonable grounds that most car buyers aren't interested in EVs, mainly because of excessive prices, "range anxiety," safety concerns, and battery failures in cold weather.

Gov. Peter Shumlin's 2011 Comprehensive Energy Plan, founded on combating the menace of global warming, reiterated support of low- and zero-emission vehicle programs. It declared an EV goal of 25 percent of all vehicles registered by 2030. It's now less than 2 percent. Its 2016 update called for "a large-scale transformation to alternatively fueled vehicles that reduce petroleum usage and related emissions with advanced technologies and fuels (such as plug-in hybrid electric vehicles, all-electric vehicles, and fuel-cell electric vehicles)."

The Department of Environmental Conservation is now focusing on

creating more and faster public EV charging stations. There were 1,395 EVs registered in October 2016 - 0.3 percent of Vermont's 450,000 passenger vehicles. There are now 164 charging stations.

Today's EVs run smoothly and quietly and look good. They insulate owners from fuel price volatility and supply shortages, and in most states from fuel taxes.

But EVs do not come without problems. Even though 13 manufacturers now offer vastly improved EVs with greater ranges and lower prices, and the \$7,500 Federal tax credit is still available, there has not been a rush to buy EVs. Most of the EVs sold are bought by high-income purchasers. A 2015 study found that buyers of the lower-cost Ford Focus EV had an average household income of \$199,000, more than three times the U.S. median household income. Tesla owners' incomes averaged \$293,200.

Power train repairs require expert technicians. Many EV models are not attractive for rural roads, or where winter weather diminishes their battery capacity by as much as 35 percent. Even where a charging station is convenient, there can be "charging time trauma." Public charging stations primarily use 240-volt (Level 2) chargers that charge a Tesla Model 3 in 6.5 hours. Motorists won't find that acceptable on the Interstate.

Since EVs use the highways but don't purchase gas or diesel fuel, they escape the tax used to support highway maintenance. To deal with this, 17 states now impose additional licensing or registration fees on these vehicles. Vermont has studied this in depth three times since 2013. The most recent report reaffirms that "registration fees should not be increased ... until the market for EVs moves beyond an early adopter phase," which they think won't end until 15 percent of passenger vehicles are electric - 68,000!

Will replacement of ICVs by EVs reduce harmful pollutants? After a long and complex analysis, economist and former Vermont DPS planner Dr. Jonathan Lesser finds, in a paper just published ("Short

Circuit," Manhattan Institute), that "subsidies and mandates designed to accelerate migration from ICVs to ZEVs would result in greater emissions of criteria air pollutants - SO₂, NO_x, and particulates - but lower emissions of CO₂. Thus, one of the key claims used to justify ZEV subsidies and mandates to replace ICVs - that they will reduce levels of criteria air pollutants - is unsupported."

"Although the analysis shows that ZEVs will reduce CO₂ emissions relative to an equivalent number of ICVs, the reductions will have no impact on climate and, hence, no economic benefit. This will be true even if ZEVs were powered using electricity generated only from renewable sources."

The just-passed transportation bill tasks the Public Utilities Commission with reporting on just where the ZEV push is taking us. It includes a commendable provision that the PUC study the barriers to EV charging, "including strategies... to reduce operating costs for current and future EV users without

shifting costs to ratepayers who do not own or operate EVs." Whether legislators adopt such strategies remains to be seen.

What conclusions should legislators draw about Vermont's long-running EV campaign? In a nutshell, the state should: aggressively reduce regulatory barriers to encourage EV usage by those who perceive its advantages; charge EVs a registration surcharge so that EVs pay their fair share of upkeep of Vermont's highways and bridges; designate and permit public sites for charging stations, but price the energy delivered by publicly-owned chargers to pay off their costs; allow utilities and other private companies to install their own chargers at those and other sites; and abandon any compulsion to regulate and spend to reach any arbitrary goal of "x percent of all vehicles shall be electric by 20xx."

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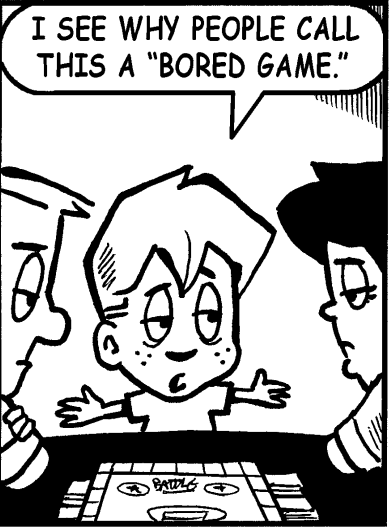
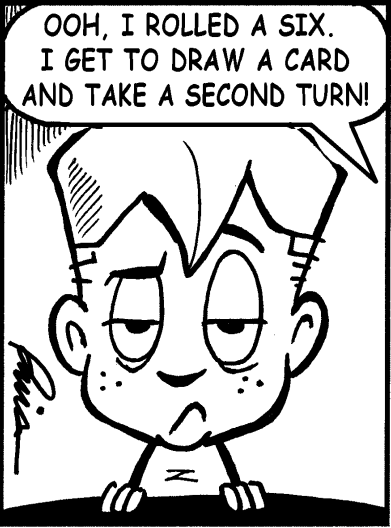
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Amber Waves



by Dave T. Phipps

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

We, the parents and taxpayers of Bus #4 - the "Andover" school bus - want to make all of you aware of a disservice being done to the families who live in Andover, the outer edge of Chester, and Londonderry.

Since mid-April, there has been only sporadic school bus service to Andover, Londonderry, Potash Road and Route 11 to Chester. On some days the school has even neglected to notify us there wouldn't be a bus, and many have been left just waiting at their bus stop for a bus that never came.

What is TRSU doing, you ask? Well, actually very little. Mr. Parah, the bus supervisor and Mr. Ripley, the associate principal, have pointed out that efforts are being made to hire a new driver. An ad in The Vermont Journal and a sign at the bottom of Green Mountain's driveway is not, in our opinion, much of an effort. When asked why there aren't ads in other media (like The Chester Telegraph), Mr. Ripley's reply

was "that is the District's decision." When asked why Mr. Parah, the supervisor, is not driving a bus himself (which historically has always been done and is the role of a supervisor), we received no response.

Many parents have offered pretty creative solutions and have not received a response to those suggestions, nor has any real action been taken to provide bus service to our students. This is unacceptable, and we are disappointed and outraged that nothing is being done. Below are solutions that have been offered up with no response:

- Have a Chester bus make a second run to Andover to pick students up in the morning. We are willing to discuss temporary consolidation of stops, if that becomes necessary to make it more efficient.
- Contract with the Current for bus service. Again, consolidation of stops could be discussed.
- Lease two 15-passenger vans, no CDL required, which would open

the possibility to additional job applicants.

Our children are challenged to think of creative solutions every day; why isn't the administration in this district expected to do the same?

We have all paid our fair share of taxes, and we insist that our children receive the services that we are pay-

ing for!

On behalf of all Bus 4 families, Savannah and TC Gramling Daire and Darcy Gibney Elizabeth Houseman Wes Williams Bill and Jeanette Haight Sean and Leanna Snyder

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CHURCH SERVICES

Flower communion

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - At the end of each church year, Unitarian Universalists celebrate the power of community with our intergenerational Flower Communion. The Springfield UU will hold its Flower Communion June 3 at 10 a.m. You're invited to bring a flower with which we'll create a beautiful bouquet together symbolizing our spiritual community.

The Flower Communion, a Unitarian Universalist tradition, has special historical significance. It was begun by Unitarian minister Norbert Capek, who founded the Unitarian Church in Czechoslovakia, in what had formerly been part of the Austro-Hungarian Empire. Because of the long history of ethnic conflict there, he decided to bring people in his church together with this ceremony. The first Flower Service was held in 1923. He asked each person to bring a flower with them. They were combined in one container during the service. At the end, each person took a different flower home.

As fascism arose in Germany, Norbert Capek spoke out strongly against Hitler and the Nazis when Germany invaded Czechoslovakia during World War II. He was tried, found guilty of treason, and imprisoned in the Dachau concentration camp. He continued his ministry within the camp. In 1943, he was executed there.

The service was brought to the United States by his wife, Rev. Maya Capek, and the tradition continues today in UU congregations throughout the country. At the Springfield UU, and many others, it is celebrated each June.

Join us Sunday, June 3, at 10 a.m. for this year's Flower Communion service at 21 Fairground Rd., Springfield. All welcome!



Rev. Mellen Kennedy explains the Flower Communion. PHOTO BY DEBBIE DIEGOLI

Troy J. Bertrand, 1994 - 2018

CHESTER, Vt. - Troy J. Bertrand, 23, passed away unexpectedly at his home in Chester Saturday evening, May 19, 2018. He was born Oct. 14, 1994 in Springfield, Vt., the son of Steve Dunn and Anita R. Bertrand. He attended Chester schools and graduated from Green Mountain Union High School. He also attended classes at Community College of Vermont.

Most recently, he was employed at Jeld-Wen window and door manufacturing in North Springfield, Vt.

He loved music and playing guitar, enjoyed computers and Xbox gaming, and loved his dog Guapo.

He was a good and loyal friend, always willing to help someone when he could.

He is survived by his mother Anita and step-father Chad Hayes; father Steve Dunn; two sisters Taylor and Rachel Hayes; Uncle Todd Bertrand; maternal grandparents Bob Bertrand and Linda Legg; step-grandparents Bob and Susan Dickie; and great-grandfather John O'Neil.



Troy J. Bertrand, 1994 - 2018. PHOTO PROVIDED

He was predeceased by great-grandmother Barbara O'Neil and Uncle Lucas Bertrand.

A memorial service was held Saturday, May 26, 2018 at St. Luke's Church in Chester, Vt.

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

William G. Swenson, 1943 - 2018

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - William G. Swenson, 74, passed away Wednesday evening, May 23, 2018 at the Springfield Health & Rehab. Center in Springfield, Vt. surrounded by his loving family. He was born Nov. 17, 1943 in Evanston, Ill., the son of Wesley and Gretchen (Graham) Swenson. He graduated from Radnor High School in Radnor, Pa., and attended Parks College in St. Louis, Mo.

He served in the United States Army in Vietnam.

He was employed as an engineer at Jones & Lamson Machine Tool Co., Woodland Tool Co., and the Love-Joy Tool Co. He was a licensed pilot and had worked as a flight instructor at the Hartness State Airport in Springfield, Vt.

He enjoyed spending time with his family, walking at Spring Weather, reading, hiking, and camping. He also enjoyed building model air-

planes, and restored and raced motorcycles. Motorcycles were his passion, and he especially liked Ducati, BMW, Triumph, and Norton motorcycles. He also loved animals and rescued senior dogs.

He is survived by his son Matt Swenson, daughter Jennifer Swenson, sister Julie Schwartz, and was granddad to Brayden. He is also survived by one nephew, two nieces, and many cousins and grandnieces and grandnephews.

A graveside service will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to The ALS Association Gift Processing Center, P.O. Box 37022, Boone, IA 50037-0022 or to the New England Springer Spaniel Rescue at NESSR, Inc. P.O. Box 407 Ashland, MA 01721.

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LUDLOW, Vt. - A graveside service for Anthony “Tony” Ciufo, 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.

Barbara Sawtelle, 1928 – 2018

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Barbara Edwards Sawtelle, 90, of Laurel Avenue passed away Sunday, May 13, 2018. Barbara was born in Cranton, R.I., Jan. 10, 1928, the daughter of John and Elsie (Rawlinson) Edwards. She attended school in Andover and Chester, Vt. and was a 1947 graduate of Chester High School. Growing up on the farm in Chester, Barbara was always her father's best right-hand man. Barbara married her high school sweetheart, Lyle G. Sawtelle Aug. 28, 1948, who predeceased her. She worked for Central Elementary School and was a secretary and bookkeeper for Farris Garage, Smith Relyea, Kelly Sales & Service, and Dick Brown Insurance Agency. Barbara was a member of Crystal Rebekah Lodge 14 and Odd Fellows Saxtons River Lodge 33. Barbara was very proud to hold the office of president of the Rebekah Assembly of Vermont, 2008 – 2009. She enjoyed making crafts and gifting them to family and friends.

Surviving is her daughter Wendy Allen of Rochester, Vt., her son Brad Sawtelle and wife Mary of New Lexington, Ohio; her daughter Vicki Barnes and husband Douglas of Walpole, N.H.; her sister Muriel Briggs of Ludlow, Vt; eight grandchildren and spouses, three step-grandchildren and spouses, five great-grandchildren, and three step-great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews. Besides her husband, she is predeceased by their first child, her parents, her sister Marion Cragan, her sister Isabel Bell, and her brother Donald Edwards.

There will be calling hours 12 – 1 p.m. Saturday, June 9 with service beginning at 1 p.m. at Fenton & Hennessey Funeral Home in Bellows Falls, Vt. Burial will be private in the Oak Hill Cemetery.

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Elizabeth J. Augustinovich

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - A memorial service for Elizabeth Josephine Augustinovich, 92, who died Sunday, Jan. 7, 2018 at Springfield Health & Rehab Center in Springfield, Vt. will be held at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, June 2, 2018 at the Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield, Vt. Reverend Peter Williams will officiate.

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

Earl D. Grennan, 1996 - 2018

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Earl D. Grennan, 22, passed away unexpectedly Wednesday, May 23, 2018 in Cavendish, Vt. He was born May 1, 1996 in Springfield, Vt., the son of Garth and MaryJo (Levesque) Grennan. He attended Springfield schools, graduating from Springfield High School class of 2014. He later attended Johnson State College for theatre.

He was a member of the Theatre Union and worked as a stagehand. He also worked as a park attendant with the Vermont State Parks Dept., worked at Mt. Norris Scout Camp, and volunteered extensively with many organizations, including the Leap program in Springfield while he was in high school.

Earl was an avid outdoorsman, an Eagle Scout, and member of Boy Scout Troop 206. He enjoyed hunting, four wheeling, and sewing – making some of his own clothing.

He enjoyed fixing things. He was a good friend.

He is survived by his mother MJ Trask and her husband Ben of Springfield; father Garth D. Grennan of Brattleboro; brother Michael Grennan of Albuquerque, N.M.; half-brother E.J. Bromley of Springfield; Aunt Jeanie Levesque and her husband Bill Lockwood; Uncle Jeff Levesque; Aunt Tracie and Uncle Scott Cogdon; and many cousins.

He was predeceased by his grandmother June Levesque.

A funeral service was held Saturday, May 26, 2018 at the Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield. Reverend Thomas Charlton officiated.

A private burial will be held at a later date when Earl will be interred with his grandma June.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to Boy Scout Troop 206, c/o Tom Charlton, 2141 Matteson Rd., Chester, VT 05143.

Elizabeth C. Wilkins, 1926 – 2018

Carl E. Wilkins, 1923 – 2015

LONDONDERRY, Vt. - Husband and wife, Carl E. Wilkins, born May 18, 1923 and died Sept. 12, 2015, and Elizabeth C. Wilkins (nee Hart), born April 15, 1926 and died May 22, 2018.

Their old-fashioned wit and wisdom will be sorely missed. They were much loved. “You comin’ with me, Carl Ernest?”

Survivors include son Raymond Wilcox and wife Lynne, three grandchildren and their spouses, and four great-grandchildren.

Private services will be held for the family with burial at Riverside Cemetery in Londonderry, Vt.

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Key estate planning documents

REGION - There are five estate planning documents you may need, regardless of your age, health, or wealth: durable power of attorney, advance medical directives, will, letter of instruction, and living trust. The last document, a living trust, isn't always necessary, but it's included here because it's a vital component of many estate plans.

Durable power of attorney
A durable power of attorney can help protect your property in the event you become physically unable or mentally incompetent to handle financial matters. If no one is ready to look after your financial affairs when you can't, your property may be wasted, abused, or lost. A DPOA allows you to authorize someone else to act on your behalf, so he or she can do things like pay everyday expenses, collect benefits, watch over your investments, and file taxes.

There are two types of DPOAs. An immediate DPOA is effective immediately and may be appropriate, for example, if you face a serious operation or illness. A spring-



Key estate planning documents you may need.

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ing DPOA is not effective unless you have become incapacitated. A springing DPOA is not permitted in some states, so you'll want to check with an attorney.

Advance medical directives
Advance medical directives let others know what medical treatment you would want or allows someone to make medical decisions for you, in the event you can't ex-

press your wishes yourself. There are three types of advance medical directives. Each state allows only a certain type. You may find that one, two, or all three types are necessary to carry out all of your wishes for medical treatment.

First, a living will allows you to approve or decline certain types of medical care, even if you will die as a result of that choice. In most states, living wills take effect only under certain circumstances, such as terminal injury or illness. Generally, one can be used only to decline medical treatment that "serves only to postpone the moment of death." In those states that do not allow living wills, you may still want to have one to serve as evidence of your wishes.

Second, a durable power of attorney for health care allows you to appoint a representative to make medical decisions for you.

Finally, a Do Not Resuscitate order is a doctor's order that tells medical personnel not to perform CPR if you go into cardiac arrest.

Will
A will is often said to be the cornerstone of any estate plan. The main purpose of a will is to disburse property to heirs after your death. If you don't leave a will, disbursements will be made according to state law, which might not be what you would want.

There are two other equally important aspects of a will:

1. You can name the executor who will manage and settle your estate. If you do not name someone, the court will appoint an administrator.
2. You can name a legal guardian for minor children or dependents

with special needs.
Keep in mind that a will is a legal document, and the courts are very reluctant to overturn any provisions within it. Therefore, it's crucial that your will be well written and articulated, and properly executed under your state's laws. It's also important to keep your will up-to-date.

Letter of instruction
A letter of instruction is an informal, non-legal document that generally accompanies your will and is used to express your personal thoughts and directions regarding what is in the will. This can be the most helpful document you leave for your family members and your executor.

Unlike your will, a letter of instruction remains private. Therefore, it is an opportunity to say the things you would rather not make public.

A letter of instruction is not a substitute for a will. Any directions you include in the letter are only suggestions and are not binding. The people to whom you address the letter may follow or disregard any instructions.

Living trust
A living trust is a separate legal entity you create to own property, such as your home or investments. The trust is called a living trust because it's meant to function while you're alive. You control the property in the trust, and, whenever you wish, you can change the trust terms, transfer property in and out of the trust, or end the trust altogether.

The primary function is typically to avoid probate. This is possible because property in a living trust is not included in the probate estate.

Depending on your situation and your state's laws, the probate process can be simple, easy, and inexpensive, or it can be relatively complex, resulting in delay and expense. This may be the case, for instance, if you own property in more than one state or in a foreign country, or have heirs that live overseas.

Further, probate takes time, and your property generally won't be distributed until the process is completed. A small family allowance is sometimes paid, but it may be insufficient to provide for a family's ongoing needs. Transferring property through a living trust provides for a quicker, almost immediate transfer of property to those who need it.

Avoiding probate may be desirable if you're concerned about privacy. Probated documents become a matter of public record. Generally, a trust document does not.

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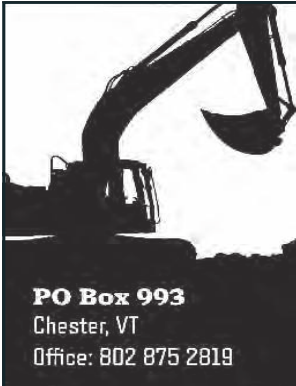
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BY BILL MURPHY

The Vermont Journal & The Shopper

A new town/school moved into our area. No, let me rephrase that. We moved into some new towns and one new school. Leland and Gray High School is now in our reporting area. Just one year before we lose Black River as a sports entity, we pull in some Rebels with a cause.

For anyone not up on their sports' nicknames, Leland and Gray teams are the Rebels. They also have more sports history than many in these parts realize. They have been partially in some of our conscious in one way or another. They have been an opponent of both Green Mountain and Black River for years and in some sports. In some years, they have been a big rival of Green Mountain.

Like the Chieftains, the Rebels are a Division III school, and both teams are in the middle of the baseball race in that division this spring. Chieftains are the second seed and the Rebels are the fifth. There may be three spaces difference in the seedings, but they split a pair of games during the season.

Leland and Gray handed Green Mountain their only defeat this year 12-2. The two teams met for a second time last Friday, and the Chieftains captured the Marble Valley League Class C title by winning 5-3. They are definitely rivals this spring.

Athletic Director Marty Testo is the Rebel baseball coach this spring. He was in the right place at the right time when former coach Eric Durocher had to step aside because of a job promotion. Testo has an extensive baseball resume including coaching at Keene State College recently. Testo spent six summers coaching with the Keene Swampcats and their long time general manager Kevin Watterson recently told me, "Marty is the best coach/teacher of the game I have ever been associated with." Testo has utilized those credentials in order to make sure this year's five senior diamond players messed with some youngsters to field a strong team.

Historically, baseball has been Leland and Gray's best sport. They were the talk of the state a decade ago when Coach Tom Russell put together a stretch of three consecutive Vermont Division III titles. The fun began in 2008 when the Rebels blitzed Poultney in the title game 11-3, after narrowly defeating Bellows Free Academy of Fairfax and Northfield 7-6 in the tight semifinals and quarterfinals respectively. The 2008 team started their post season with an 8-1 conquest of Rivendel.

The 2009 team, which had been there and done that to an extent, somewhat breezed to the finale where they had a pitching and defense thriller with Northfield 2-1. That made two one-run victories over Northfield in the tourney in back-to-back years. Green Mountain fell to the Rebels 14-4 in the semis that year after Russell's team also made easy work of Rivendel and Twin Valley 15-0 and 9-4 in the quarters and play-in rounds respectively.

The three-peat became history when the 2010 team shutout Oxbow 8-0. Victims of the Rebels cause along the way this time around were Northfield in the semis, convincingly 19-5 this time, with Green Mountain a 4-1 win in the quarters, after a challenge from Hazen 10-9 in the opening round.

Following a first round defeat in 2011, the Rebels found their way back to the DIII semis in both 2012 and 2013. Northfield was waiting in '12 and finally came out on top 4-3 in a close one, one step short of another final. BFA stopped the Leland and Gray nine one run short a year later 3-2 in the semi-final again. The Rebels were eliminated in the quarters in 2014, but another back-to-back semi-final run followed in 2015 and 2016, with BFA (5-0) and Windsor (3-1) the respective winners in those years, defeating Leland and Gray in those semis.

In all, Leland and Gray baseball has played in four state finals - the other was a tight 2-1 loss to Stowe in 1979 - and a total of nine semi-final appearances, seven in this century.

The Rebels' other spring sport has had its day in the sun also. Tammy Clausen's softballers have been to the Vermont Division III finals each of the last three odd year seasons. In 2013, 2015, and 2017, the team has played for all the marbles. The school has never won a softball title, but they have had four appearances. The fourth one was in 1991, when Leland and Gray competed in two one-run games, defeating Enosburg in the semis 9-8, before bowing to Peoples Academy 6-5 in the final. The school has advanced to six semi-finals in their history.

Clausen has built quite a program in recent years. When her teams began to

come on the scene, an old friend of hers stood in the way. Tammy was a stand-out athlete at Randolph High School. When the Rebels began to create a buzz, the Galloping Ghosts stood in their way. In 2010 and 2011, Clausen's teams advanced to the semi-finals, but each time Randolph eliminated them, 7-2 in 2011, but in a nail biter in 2010 4-3. That was also the year the Rebels bopped Bellows Falls 15-0 and Mill River 5-2 in the first two rounds respectively, before falling just short to the Ghosts. Five of the schools seven trips to the Final Four standing have come under Clausen's tutelage.

Two other sports have recently crept into the Leland and Gray spring sports' calendar. Track and field and ultimate disc have teams. Some think of ultimate disc as ultimate frisbee. Unified basketball has been a recent program addition in the winter.

The Rebel teams with the next most state titles are the boys' basketball team and the girls' soccer team.

The boys' titles were captured 11 years apart in 1988 and 1977. Most recently, the Rebels boys hoop team made an exciting run in 2011 before being eliminated by Winooski 49-40 in the semi-finals. They opened tourney play that winter with a triumph over Lake Region 66-41 in a season they collected a 16-4 record. Back in 2003, Leland and Gray reached the finals - the only other appearance in school history - by turning back United Christian 74-49, Peoples 70-54, and Green Mountain (semis) 87-71 to reach the final, where they were denied by Arlington 59-50.

The first of the two Rebel title teams in 1977 finished with a 16-4 regular season record. They disposed of Rochester 69-43 in their opening post season game and then rode the express to and through the title game with 76-64 victory over Bellows Free Academy of Fairfax in the quarterfinals, an 87-75 win over Blue Mountain in the semis, and then their first school title with a 61-54 erasing of West Rutland in the title game. Mike Lynn, who played an important role on two NCAA basketball titles teams at UCLA, and spent a couple of seasons in the NBA, coached that team and one of his standout players from that squad, Peter Boyle, coached 11 years later, when the Rebels captured their second title.

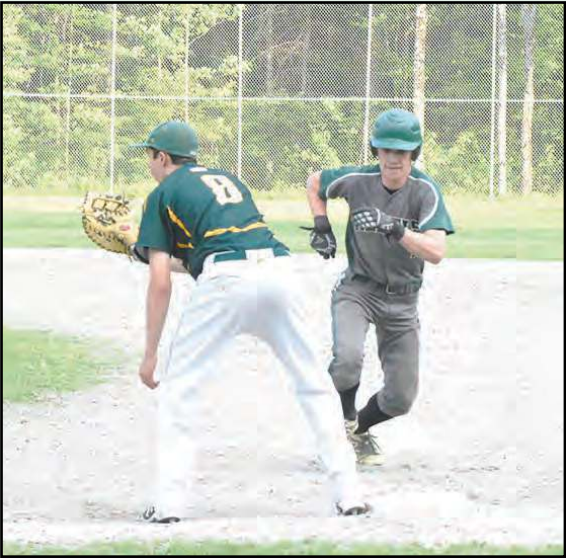
In that year, (1988), the quarterfinals was the Rebels first post season contest and Arlington was their victim 66-50. The Barre semi-final match-up saw them turn back Williamstown 63-58 in their closest tourney contest. West-side was once again the opponent waiting to meet the Rebels in the finals and this time, the Rebels wouldn't allow the game to be close, prevailing 86-60. Some members of the 1988 title team had knocked on the door the year before, before losing a heartbreaker to Enosburg in the semi-final 69-68.

The girls' soccer program has appeared in two finals, winning the two crowns mentioned coming in back-to-back years. They defeated Enosburg 1-0 in 1990 and Black River was their opponent in 1991 when the Rebels came out on top 4-1. The only recent strong team they have had was in 2016, when the best Rebel girls' soccer team in years advanced to the semis, before bowing to Thetford 4-1. The program has eight semi-final trips in their history.

Rebel boys soccer captured their only title in 2010. They have reached three title games in the school's existence. The 2010 team performing under the direction of long time coach Chris Barton, won a couple of nail biters 2-1 over Stowe in the semis and BFA of Fairfax in the finale to come home with the top prize. The other two title appearances were in 2005, a 1-0 defeat at the hands of Twin Valley, and again in a couple of years prior to that 2003, when Northfield defeated them 5-2. The program had some strong girls' soccer athletes during that time because they almost reached three title games in a row, falling in the in between year (2004) in the semis to Northfield 4-2. Barton's teams were a combined 33-6-3 in that three-year period, quite a showing.

I contacted Leland and Gray Principal Bob Thibault, who I first met years ago when he did a fine job putting out some good Leland and Gray boys' basketball teams as a coach, and he is well vested in the school. He taught in Townshend for a while, became an administrator and moved along, but has come home again in a leadership position. Thibault relayed to me that he believes "athletics and other co-curriculars play an important role in the education of our students, and as such, Rebel Nation is very much engaged in supporting our athletes in all domains."

Today, we have passed along a little Rebel history to one and all. I hope to be able to keep reporting about some future Rebel teams as the years move forward. I welcome Rebel nation aboard our column's journey.



Leland and Gray's Patrick McDonald is a running threat in last week's game versus Green Mountain. Chieftain Sawyer Pippin takes the throw. The Rebels opened their 2018 play-offs Tuesday in a home contest with Hazen. If things go according to the seeds, Leland and Gray would head to Peoples Academy Friday at 4:30 p.m. for a quarterfinal encounter.

PHOTO BY DOUG MACPHEE

The 26th annual Vermont Race for the Cure



Kathy Lijoi, survivor and runner, #48, participates in Race for the Cure arm in arm with other ladies.

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MANCHESTER, Vt. – Memorial Day weekend brings the start of summer and with it school vacation, afternoon picnics, and days spent at swimming holes. For those involved in the 26th annual Vermont Race for the Cure, summer also brings race day.

On Saturday, July 21, family and friends, co-workers, locals, and out-of-town visitors of all ages will come together at Riley Rink at Hunter Park for a common purpose: to support local breast health programs, ongoing breast cancer research, education, and to save lives.

Many people form teams to participate in the 10K run, 5K run, or 5K walk. Teams participate to honor, or remember, someone's fight with breast cancer. For some, their motivation is a loved one, friend, or co-worker. For others, it is just because they recognize the importance of the cause.

Whatever their drive may be, team members make up over half of race participation, and are responsible for more than half of all fundraising. At no additional cost, uniting as a team in support of the cause is a great and easy way to get involved and make a big impact.

This year teams will have their own section where they can meet up pre and post-race.

"Too many women and families have been affected by breast cancer so it's an urgent matter to find a cure.

This goal can be only be achieved by working together," says Jeanne Rindell of Ben & Jerry's. According to Rindell, "The best thing by far about the Vermont Race for the Cure is the way people support one another. Whole families come out to honor their loved one, as well as numerous individuals and company teams honoring those touched by breast cancer. It's an uplifting experience to be a part of the Race in Manchester, Vt. and we at Ben & Jerry's are proud to be a part of this valuable experience."

Teams can be as small as four people or as large as 100, so grab your friends, family members, or co-workers and help us create more survivors.

Komen New England invites all interested to join or form a team for the 26th Komen Vermont Race for the Cure at www.komennewengland.org. We have 16 teams formed thus far. Perhaps one has been formed in honor of, or in memory of, someone you know. Or maybe a team has been formed by a neighbor or co-worker, or associated with a business you frequent. Visit our website for a complete list of 2018 teams to date.



Terry Farrell's Green Mountain softball team is top seed

BY BILL MURPHY

The Vermont Journal & The Shopper

CHESTER, Vt. - Pitching and defense are often stable elements whenever a team wins a softball championship. The Green Mountain Lady Chieftain softball team has pitching and defense. They also have hitting, power hitting, and their base running stands out. People in Chester are hoping these strong characteristics click well for two more weeks in order to bring home a Vermont State Softball Championship.

In the season's third game, West Rutland walked away with a 14-4 victory. That was the only game Green Mountain has lost. Farrell was beside himself following that contest. His pitching ace, Erika Knockenhauer, had to leave that game early with severe lower back pain. He wondered aloud if her injury would threaten what was looking like a very successful season. When she departed, he wondered if any title hopes walked out the door as well.

Good news would quickly follow. Knockenhauer returned to the mound and she managed to make it through the season. "She wasn't all better," Farrell tells me, but "she received medical treatment and advice which allowed her to manage the pain. She was told the injury came somehow as a result of a bad bone bruise, but I'm not really sure when that happened."

Obviously what mattered was that the junior could pitch, and that is exactly what she did on the way to a 14-1 regular season record.

Good defensive teams are strong up the middle and the Chieftains are definitely that. Knockenhauer benefits from the presence of sophomore Maddie Wilson behind the plate. Farrell says, "We control the bases both ways. No one runs on Maddie, and we control the bases on offense. We have several players who are capable of stealing a base, going first to third, whatever is needed." He added, "We even throw pitchouts and Maddie throws them out."

Sticking with the strong up the middle defensive theme, senior Nicole Gignoux takes care of second and freshman Tierney O'Brien is at short. Farrell says, "O'Brien makes every play and plays small ball on offense well." He goes on to tell me a story of Gignoux going on a field trip and her absence was felt defensively at second with the team narrowly defeating Leland and Gray 5-4.

Farrell praises Wilson and Gignoux for what they bring offensively. He goes so far with his compliments with Wilson that he calls her "the best player in the MVL (Marble Valley League). She has four home runs and is hitting almost .600."



Green Mountain cleanup hitter Noelle Gignoux gets a hold of a pitch here. The Lady Chieftains have the top seed in the state Division III softball tournament.

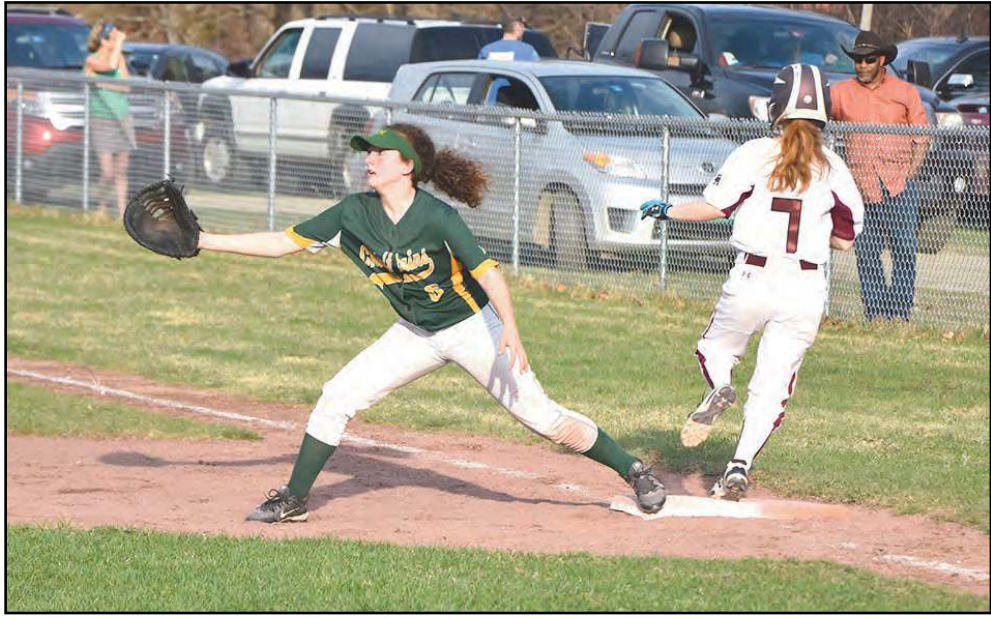
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Of Gignoux, he mentions, "She is our number four hitter who hits line drives and is hitting near .500." Junior Anne Lamson completes the up the middle defense special four, manning centerfield. Farrell also notes, "She goes and gets it and is an excellent baserunner too."

Senior Lexi White and sophomore Meekah Hance are the corner defenders in the infield at first and third while the corner outfield has freshman Alex Hutchins in left with senior Avery Prescott and freshman

Anna Church sharing right field duties. Prescott is the better offensive player and Church gets the nod defensively. Hutchins hit some early but has become more consistent as the season has gone along and now hits more line drives and her average is now over .400.

The roster is filled out with junior Krysta Francoeur who actually was the starting right fielder when the season began. Injuries derailed her and another freshman outfielder Aliza Allen.



Green Mountain first baseman Lexi White reaches for the putout in a game earlier this season versus Black River. Lady President Morgan Brown beat out the throw. Green Mountain has the top seed in the Division III tourney and begins play at home Friday afternoon at 4:30 p.m. against either Thetford or Williamstown, who played a first round game Tuesday.

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Farrell sounded most excited in our conversation when the subject of base running came up. He believes in the end, that extra bonus of this group may prove to be especially important in the post season. The coach realizes Oxbow (second seed, 10-3) "is always tough and BFA (Bellows Free Academy of Fairfax at 5th seed) is coached by Black River graduate Gina Witalec and is always tough and plays a very tough schedule of bigger schools.

We have to pay attention to Leland and Gray too." But the Rebels could host BFA in an important quarter-final game.

Green Mountain starts their play-off road at home Friday at 4:30 p.m. against Tuesday's winner of the Northfield at Windsor game. A win in that one would give the Lady Chieftains a home date with the Leland and Gray/Bellows Free Academy winner next Tuesday in Chester with first pitch slated for 4:30 p.m.

arts & entertainment

Music festival celebrates 19 years

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Roots on the River Festival, produced by Vermont Festivals LLC, celebrates its 19th year Friday, June 8, at 3 p.m. when the gates open on a full weekend of music.

"It's an enviable record for any all-volunteer event," Ray Massucco, promoter, said.

The festival has announced that this year's nonprofit beneficiary of the festival is the Bellows Falls Fire Department, members of which will also be on hand as volunteers throughout the weekend.

"We are proud to recognize the Department for its contribution in keeping our Village safe," Massucco said.

The festival will once again welcome fan favorites, as well as first-time appearances, to the stage. This year VTF is very pleased to have veteran festival artists, Mary Gauthier, The Slambovian Circus of Dreams, and The Black Lillies as returning headliners.

"Each artist attracts their own dedicated following and we are expecting record turnouts on all three



The Slambovian Circus.

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days," Massucco said.

Of special note, Mary Gauthier's "Rifles & Rosary Beads" was nominated as record of the year by the Americana Music Association!

"That is a huge honor and recognition of Mary's groundbreaking collaboration with wounded veterans

to create an entire album of their songs," Massucco said.

Part of the mission statement of VTF is to introduce our fans to new artists, along with local and regional artists who we feel deserve a wider audience than they might otherwise reach. Among regional artists in this



Mary Gauthier.

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year's lineup are Miss Guided Angels, Bayou X, Low Lily, along with Vermont's own Starline Rhythm Boys celebrating their own 20th anniversary. Coming up from a little further out are Julie Rhodes, Hayley Reardon, Alice Howe, and The End of America. Seasoned artists Roger

Marin, Nora Jane Struthers, Freebo and Vance Gilbert, from Los Angeles to Ontario and beyond, round out the weekend.

Friday and Saturday shows are located at the Rodeway Inn on Route 5 in Rockingham. The popular Sunday show is held at the Rockingham Meeting House. This show always sells out early, so please get your tickets as soon as possible.

As always, parking is plentiful and free, kids and pets (at the Rodeway) are welcome. We are a smoke-free, family-friendly festival. Kids 9 and under are always free with an adult. Saturday features a youth tent from noon to 6 p.m., so parents can enjoy the music while the kids are entertained and well supervised.

Day, weekend, and deluxe tickets are available at www.rootsontheriver.com. Deluxe ticket holders have a reserved seat under the big tent.

In addition to guaranteed seating, deluxe ticketholders get early admission to the shows, a catered hospitality tent on Friday to meet and greet with artists, souvenirs, and reserved parking.

The weekend festivities include pre-festival open mic shows Thursday at 7 p.m. at PK's Pub and Friday at noon at the Flat Iron Exchange on the Square.

Seating under the big tent at the Rodeway Inn is on a first-come, first-served basis, but blankets and lawn chair are always welcome. Local food and beverage vendors will be onsite to serve you, so leave those coolers in the parking lot. For safety, no glass containers are allowed on the site.

For more information, the complete schedule, and to purchase tickets, please go to www.rootsontheriver.com or call 802-460-3333.

Written by Dorothy Read

First Friday film

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The First Friday Film for June 1 at the Springfield UU, "The Mask You Live In,"

follows boys and young men as they struggle to stay true to themselves while negotiating America's limited

definition of masculinity.

Pressured by the media, their peer groups, and even the adults in their lives, our protagonists confront messages encouraging them to disconnect from their emotions, devalue authentic friendships, objectify women, and resolve conflicts through violence.

These gender stereotypes interconnect with race, class, and circumstance, creating a maze of identity issues boys and young men must navigate to become "real" men. Experts in neuroscience, psychology, sociology, sports, education, and media also weigh in, offering empirical evidence of the "boy crisis" and tactics to combat it.

"The Mask You Live In" ultimately illustrates how we, as a society, can raise a healthier generation of boys and young men. This film is 90 minutes long.

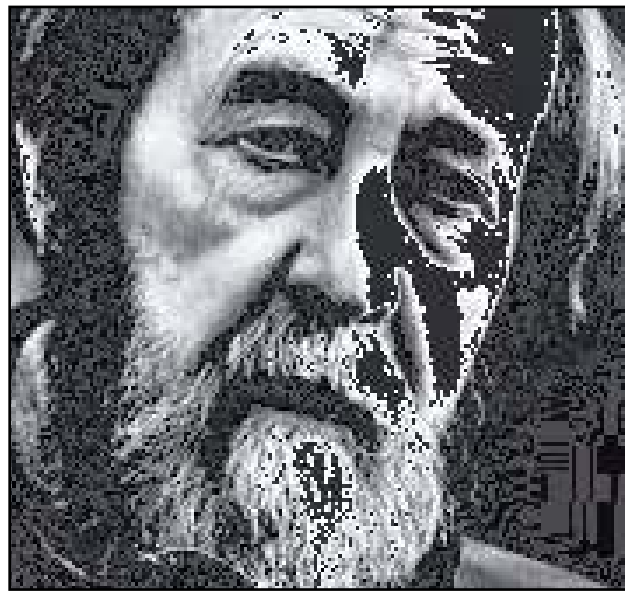
Admission, popcorn, and beverages are free. All are welcome. First Friday Film is held at 21 Fairground Rd., Springfield, Vt. Doors open at 6:45 p.m. The film starts at 7 p.m.

Solzhenitsyn's sketches of exile available in English this fall

CAVENDISH, Vt. – The University of Notre Dame Press recently announced the forthcoming publication of "Between Two Millstones: Sketches of Exile" by Russian exile and onetime Vermont resident, Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn. "This will be the first English translation of Book 1 of Solzhenitsyn's memoir of the West, covering the years of 1974-1978," notes Kathryn Pitts, marketing manager for University of Notre Dame Press, "and is part of our Center for Ethics and Culture Solzhenitsyn Series."

Pitts went on to note, "The Center for Ethics and Culture Solzhenitsyn series at UNDP showcases the contributions and continuing inspiration of Nobel Prize-winning novelist and historian, Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn (1918-2008), and makes available works of Solzhenitsyn, including previously untranslated works. In his novels, essays, memoirs, and speeches, Solzhenitsyn revealed the devastating core of totalitarianism and warned against political, economic, and cultural dangers to the human spirit."

"Between Two Millstones" dramatically reflects the pain of Solzhenitsyn's separation from his



Solzhenitsyn, Aleksandr.

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Russian homeland and the chasm of miscomprehension between him and western society, and contains vivid descriptions of Solzhenitsyn's journeys to various European countries and North American locales, where he and his wife Natalia "Alya" searched for a location to settle their young family. Readers will encounter Solzhenitsyn's views on encounters with prominent individuals, detailed accounts of his public speeches, KGB disinformation efforts to besmirch his name, and his family and their property in Cavendish, Vt.

"These 'sketches of exile' were written contemporaneously with the described events and are in-

formed with the same energy and vivid powers of description that characterized Solzhenitsyn's acclaimed memoir "The Oak and the Cal," says Daniel J. Mahoney, professor of political science at Assumption College and author of the foreword to the book. "Between Two Millstones" has appeared in Russian, French, German, Italian, and Romanian, but not in the country where Solzhenitsyn spent 18 years of his western exile. It is one of the great memoirs of our time and a distinguished work of art in its own right."

Look for copies of "Between Two Millstones" in bookstores everywhere in November 2018.

Written by Christian Purdy

Springfield Town Library June challenge book group –



June challenge books. PHOTO PROVIDED

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Join us at the Springfield Town Library Thursday, June 7 at 5:30 p.m. for the next meeting of our lively Library Challenge Book Group. Our challenge for June is to read a book with either a number in the title or a book written 100 or more years ago.

Stop by to choose from our display, browse our shelves, or read one of your own, then join our fun group Thursday, June 7 at the Springfield Town Library, 43 Main Street, Springfield Vt.

Our book group is free and open to the public. Pre-registration is not required and newcomers are always welcome. For more information, please contact the library at 802-885-3108 or stlas@vermontel.net.

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Twilight Music presents The Rear Defrosters

PUTNEY, Vt. - Twilight Music begins its 16th annual Twilight On The Tavern Lawn series of folk rock, world beat, rock, country, pop, Celtic, blues, and bluegrass summer concerts Sunday, June 3 with honky-tonk, country soul, and early rock-n-roll band The Rear Defrosters. The seven concert series continues every other Sunday through Aug. 26. All concerts begin at 6 p.m. in downtown Putney on the Putney Tavern lawn - bring a lawn chair or blanket - or at Next Stage at 15 Kimball Hill in case of rain. The series is sponsored by the town of Putney, Green Mountain Well, Soundview Paper Company, the Putney Food Co-op, the Stockwell Brothers, and many other Putney area businesses and organizations. The concerts are free to the public. Donations are accepted, and food will be available. For more information, call 802-387-5772 or visit www.twilightmusic.org.

Featuring a large and rotating cast of all-star players from Vermont, New Hampshire, and western Massachusetts, The Rear Defrosters are most at home playing in country roadhouses, at farm weddings, and for barn dances and hoedowns. The band



The Rear Defrosters.

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formed in 2011 on a whim by guitarist/singer Michael Roberts, bassist Jeffrey Murphy, and drummer Frank Roberts - all members of the alt-country band Wooden Dinosaur - to explore their love of classic country. Since then they've honed their sound, which harkens back to the Bakersfield Sound of Buck Owens, Merle

Haggard, and Dwight Yoakam, at dance parties across the northeast. While the band is primarily a vehicle to pay tribute to the country hits of the '50s, '60s, '70s, and '80s, The Rear Defrosters will release their first album of original music, "Gentleman Farmer," in September 2018.

Kinhaven's young artist seminar to perform in Weston

WESTON, Vt. - Residents of Weston and nearby towns have enjoyed concerts by the students and faculty of Kinhaven School for years. Kinhaven has traditionally offered senior (high school) and junior (middle school) sessions. In early June of 2015, Kinhaven launched the tremendously successful Young Artist Seminar; its students, who are mainly in college and graduate school, work closely with dedicated and experienced teachers for one week and then perform an entire musical work in concert.

In addition to the opportunity to perform, the program's outreach concerts are a chance for Kinhaven students to establish friendships with their neighbors by giving back to the local community. The Young Artist Seminar is committed to the highest artistic and educational standards and to a spirit of community, squarely in line with Kinhaven's core values. Old Parish Church is proud to have hosted one of the inaugural concerts of the Young Artists in 2015. The group has returned annually and will again in 2018, performing at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, June 9. Their concerts last just over one hour and have been extremely popular. This year's program at Old Parish Church will include works by Beethoven, Schulhoff, and Brahms. Those wishing to attend are encouraged to arrive early to be assured of seating.

Kinhaven was founded by visionaries David and Dorothy Dushkin and cultivated by pioneering music educators Jerry and Nancy Bidlack. Since 2011 Deborah Buck and Tony Mazzocchi have served as executive directors, and Adam Grabo is the director of the Young Artist Seminar. This concert is a presentation of OPC's Hearts and Voices Performance series, established in 2009 in memory of G. Frederick (Fritz) Zeller, a longtime educator, com-



Members of the Kinhaven Young Artist Seminar performing at Old Parish Church.

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munity leader, and a pillar of Old Parish Church. Revenues from the performances are donated to benefit deserving area nonprofit organizations serving the local area. In this instance, patrons are asked to donate to benefit three local food pantries,

which help to combat food insecurity in our area, defined as the lack of access to enough sustenance to fully meet basic needs at all times. Old Parish Church is located on Route 100, on the left as you enter Weston from the south.

Okemo's Jackson Gore Summer Music Series returns

LUDLOW, Vt. - Okemo Mountain Resort kicks off summer 2018 with the return of the Jackson Gore Summer Music Series presented by William Raveis Real Estate Vermont Properties team. The Jackson Gore Summer Music Series features free concerts scheduled from 6 to 9 p.m. most Friday nights throughout the summer. Kicking off the series June 8 is Version 6, a cover band that plays a wide variety of dance tunes from the 1960s to today's top hits.

On Friday nights throughout the summer season, the lawn in the courtyard at Okemo's Jackson Gore Inn is transformed into an outdoor concert venue featuring popular local and regional bands. Admission is free, and the grounds open at 5 p.m. Families are welcome and attendees are encouraged to bring lawn chairs or picnic blankets. In case of rain, the concerts will move under cover. Dining options include fresh-from-the-grill burgers, hot dogs, and other summertime favorites. Beer, wine, and soft drinks are available for purchase as well. Full-service dining with al fresco seating in the courtyard is offered at Jackson Gore's Coleman Brook Tavern.

Following Vision 6 June 8, the summer lineup for the Jackson Gore Summer Music includes: Jenni Johnson and the Jazz Junketeers, June 15; Cold Chocolate, June 22; CoPilot, June 29; Big Fez & the Surfmatrics, July 6; Deadgrass, July 20; Dojo, July 27; CK3, Aug. 10; Studio 2, a Beatles tribute band, Aug. 17; 2Adam12, Aug. 24; and The Grift, Aug. 31.

Okemo's Adventure Zone stays open late most Friday evenings for concertgoers who like a little adventure with their music. Visitors especially enjoy the Timber Ripper Mountain Coaster and the Haulback Challenge Course. There's trampoline bungee jumping, miniature golf, disc golf, a climbing pinnacle, zipline tours, Segway Personal Transport tours, and the Amp Energy Big Air Bag. Each of Okemo's Adventure Zone features is priced individually or visitors can purchase an Adventure Zone Day Pass wristband. Special Twilight wristbands are available for purchase Friday evenings during the Jackson Gore Summer Music Series.

In addition to the Jackson Gore



Okemo's summer music festival welcomes families to Jackson Gore.

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Summer Music Series, Okemo will host several other events this summer: Okemo's All Come Home Music Festival, July 12-14; Blueberry Fest, July 22; Hops in the Hills Beer & Wine Festival, Aug. 3-5; Fall into

Winter, Oct. 6.

For more information about Okemo Mountain Resort and its summer lineup of activities and events, visit www.okemo.com or call 802-228-1600.

Celtic harpist in Weston



WESTON, Vt. - On Saturday, June 23, harpist Aine Minogue will be at the Weston Community Church on the Hill. Minogue will lead a free session of Celtic meditation from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. At 4 p.m. Minogue will have a concert for a small fee. Tickets will be sold at the door. For more information and the 2018 events list, visit our website, www.vtchurchonthehill.org.

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outdoor news

Okemo Valley Golf Club Ladies' League results for May 23

LULOW, Vt. – The 2018 Okemo Valley Golf Club Ladies' League kicked off the season on a beautiful, clear evening, Wednesday, May 23. Seven teams took to the course for a traditional team scramble/modified.

The winning team, with a score of 32.8, was Engel & Volkers. The foursome of Marion Pickielnok, Sue Horsman, Kathy Grant, and Diane Finn were the best on this evening, carding birdies on holes 3 and 6 that lead them to victory. In second place was the team of DJ's Restaurant with a score of 34.7 – scoring a birdie on hole 8. DJ's received solid play from Cheryl LeBlanc, Sharon Griswold, Madeleine Fay, and Doris Eddy.

The closest to the pin winner was Sharon Griswold on the 8th. The evening's Putt Off was captured by Marion Pickielnok who sunk a 9-foot and 12-foot putt.

Results:
Engel & Volkers 15 points
DJ's Restaurant 13 points
Northern Naturals & Gardens 11 points
Knight Tubs 10 points
RVCCC 9 points
M & M Excavating 8 points
Stryhas Builders 7 points

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

Okemo Valley Golf Club Men's League results from May 22

LULOW, Vt. – Rain showers and cool temperatures greeted the Okemo Valley Golf Club Men's League Tuesday, May 22. For one player, however, there was a bright and sunny moment. Bill Bruno stepped up to the 8th tee, choked down a bit on his trusty hybrid for control and swung smoothly, sending his ball directly at the flag stick; two bounces and his ball disappeared into the cup for his first career ace.

Stryhas Builders won top honors of the night. Ted Stryhas, Ed Whitman, Bob Fortuna, and Jack Menzie combined to win 20.5 holes. Huntley's Wealth Management, despite having only three players, Scott Howard, Derek Karner, and Chuck Sweetman, combined to win 20 holes against a stunned Skygate Financial. Rounding out the top three was Honey Dew Man. Peter Girouard, Jack Koponen, Terry Thayne, and Bob Herbst combined for 20 holes won. Closest to pin winners were Mark Griffin on the 4th and the aforementioned Bill Bruno on the 8th.

Results – holes won/points:
1st Stryhas Builders - 20.5/15
2nd Huntley's Wealth Management - 20/13
3rd Honey Dew Man - 19.5/11
4th Knight Tubs - 19.5/10
5th Diamond Realty - 18.5/9
6th Bensons Chevrolet - 17.5/8
7th Engel & Volkers - 17.5/7

8th Green Mountain Appraisals - 16.5/6
9th Built Rite MFG. - 15.5/5
10th Skygate Financial - 12/4

Season standings:
1st Stryhas Builders - 40
2nd Engel & Volkers - 32
3rd Diamond Realty - 31
4th Knight Tubs - 28
5th Honey Dew Man - 26
6th Bensons Chevrolet - 25
7th Huntley's Wealth Management - 25
8th Skygate Financial - 22
9th Green Mountain Appraisals - 18
10th Built Rite MFG. - 17

Okemo Valley Golf Club is Vermont's first heathland-style golf course and was designed according to the traditions of the game. The golf club features a full-service clubhouse, indoor practice facility, 18-acre, state-of-the-art training center, fully stocked pro shop, and fleet of electric carts. The layout is a par 70 that measures 6,400 yards in length and features bent grass greens, tees and fairways with multiple tee areas on each hole, ensuring playability and challenge for all ability levels. Rolling hills, moderate elevation changes, and wide fairways with well-placed hazards enhance the heathland layout.

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

Muzzleloader antlerless deer permit applications available

REGION - Vermont's muzzleloader season antlerless deer hunting permit applications are now available on Vermont Fish & Wildlife's website. A link to the information and online applications is on the home page.

The Fish and Wildlife Board met Wednesday, May 23 and set antlerless deer hunting permit numbers and procedures for the fall deer hunting seasons.



Vermont's muzzleloader season antlerless deer hunting permit applications are now available. PHOTO BY JOHN HALL

Hunting for antlerless deer will be statewide for the Oct. 6 –Nov. 2 and Dec. 1-9 archery season. Last year, hunters took 2,649 antlerless deer during the archery season.

One deer of either sex would be allowed for youths during the Nov. 3-4 youth weekend hunt. Youths took 866 antlerless deer during the 2017 youth weekend hunt.

The Dec. 1-9 muzzleloader season would have 27,000 antlerless permits distributed in 18 of Vermont's 21 WMUs, which is estimated to result in 3,914 antlerless deer being taken.

Landowners who post their land may not apply for a landowner priority muzzleloader antlerless deer permit. They are eligible

to apply in the regular lottery for an antlerless deer-hunting permit.

"The number of muzzleloader season antlerless deer permits was increased slightly this year to reduce deer populations in some parts of Vermont," said Nick Fortin, deer project leader for the Fish & Wildlife Department. "Consecutive mild winters in 2016 and 2017 and a moderate winter in 2018 have allowed for deer population growth throughout the state."

"We expect the statewide deer population to be about 155,000 prior to the start of the 2018 deer seasons," said Fortin.

The deadline to apply for a muzzleloader antlerless deer permit is Aug. 29. Applications are available at www.vtfishandwildlife.com.



Bobcat in Brandon

Cute little bobcat was caught rolling around in the sand by the water in front of a game camera in Brandon, Vt.

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Take a closer look at the natural world in June

WALPOLE, N.H. - The Cheshire County Conservation District's new Closer Look workshop series encourages a closer look at the natural world and our connections to it. Join the CCCD throughout the year as they take a closer look at topics such as trees and shrubs, vernal pools, birds, backyard planting, pollinators, beneficial insects, and more!

June's workshops take a closer look at birds, wildflowers and

plants, soil, and pollinators! Consider joining one or all of the events listed below. Please note that some events require registration and all are free and open to the public!

- Saturday, June 2 - Guided bird walk with Wendy Ward from 8 – 10 a.m. at Distant Hill Gardens, 507 March Hill Rd. Walpole, N.H.
- Sunday, June 3 - Wildflower and plant community hike from 8 – 11 a.m. at Horatio Colony Preserve. Parking lot off of Daniels Hill Rd.

Keene, N.H. Registration is required.

- Friday, June 8 - Distant Hills bloom tour from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. at Distant Hill Gardens, 507 March Hill Rd. Walpole, N.H.
- Saturday, June 9 - Soil fun day from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. at Farmers' Market of Keene, Gilbo Ave. Keene, N.H.
- Saturday, June 16 - Army Corps pollinator garden opening day celebration from 10 a.m. - noon at

North of Surry Mountain Beach. Entrance on Route 12A in Surry, N.H.

For more detailed program information about the Closer Look Series, the workshops listed above, and registration information please visit www.cheshireconservation.org/a-closer-look-series or contact Lola Bobrowski at the Cheshire County Conservation District by email at lola@cheshireconservation.org or call 603-756-2988 x115.

Keep an eye out for turtles

REGION – It's springtime and Vermont's turtles are on the move. The Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department is asking for the public's help in keeping them safe. Female turtles are looking for places to deposit their eggs, sometimes choosing to lay along

the shoulders of roads, which can end tragically.

"Turtles often cross roads as they search for a nest site," said Steve Parren, biologist for the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department. "They are a slow-moving animal in today's fast-

paced world, so they have a tough time making it safely across the road. Turtles grow slowly and live a long time, so losing a mature breeding female is a huge loss to the turtle population."

Turtle nesting activity peaks from late May through June. At this time of year, drivers are urged to keep an eye out for turtles in the road, especially when driving near ponds and wetlands.

To decrease the number of turtles that are killed by vehicles, the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department has been collecting data to identify stretches of road that are hotspots for wildlife migrations. They are working closely with VTrans, and with Jim Andrews from the Vermont Reptile & Amphibian Atlas, among other partners.

"When you spot a turtle in the road, you may be able to help it across. First be sure you're in a safe spot to stop and get out of your car, as human



Turtles in Vermont are now digging their nests on the shoulders of roads. PHOTO BY GEORGE SCRIBNER, FISH & WILDLIFE DEPT.

safety comes first," said Andrews. "If you're going to move a turtle off the road, always move it in the direction it was traveling. They know where they're going."

According to Andrews, most turtles can simply be picked up and carried across the road. However, if the turtle has no colorful lines, spots, or other markings, it is probably a snapping turtle, so people should not get too close to the animal to avoid being bitten. Snapping turtles' necks are nearly as long as their shell. Instead, people should push the turtle across the road with an object like a shovel or broom.

Andrews is also asking paddlers, boaters, and anglers to report turtle sightings throughout the state to the Vermont Reptile & Amphibian Atlas website at www.vtherpatlas.org. The reports help conservationists keep track of the status of these species in order to act if a species appears to be in decline.

"Sending in a report is quick and easy," said Andrews. "Just snap a photo or two of the turtle, and submit your observation via the website or email. We're constantly impressed with Vermonters' commitment to conservation and willingness to help us save turtles."

Observations can be submitted to the Vermont Reptile and Amphibian Atlas online at www.vtherpatlas.org or jandrews@vtherpatlas.org.




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Owner Sharon Baker is in the midst of a transition. Her women's clothing and unique fiber and artisan craft store located just off the common in Chester is going through a name change. What was once "Country on the Common" is now officially "Sharon's on the Common," although she's still waiting for her sign to be finished and installed, which should happen in another six to eight weeks.

The name change was a necessary step according to Baker who says customers would walk in the door and immediately blurt out, "This isn't a country store." Other customers who knew and loved her shop could never seem to remember the name and instead would refer their friends to "Sharon's."

Transition though is nothing new to Baker, who opened her shop May 1, 2010, carrying clothing and fashion from around the world. Eight years later, and 30 percent of her inventory is now made of shawls and scarves that she has made herself. In fact, you can find her sewing her creations behind the counter whenever she's not busy helping customers in her shop.

Back in 2013, Baker was on the brink of closing her doors when she purchased shawls that she loved from India that were too expensive to carry. She came up with her own pattern that allowed for easy movement and began cutting and sewing her unique creations, mixing fabrics and patterns together. In the five years since she made her first one, she has made and sold about 900 of what are known as "Sharon's Shawls." Her shawls span the seasons, made from gorgeous material she now sources directly from India and other countries, and include wools, rayon, cotton, and new this summer, terry cloth, which "are perfect for the beach, and look very stylish over a bathing suit."

She expanded her offerings and also makes gorgeous infinity scarves with material left over from her shawls. She's also designed fingerless mittens she calls "hobo hand-warmers." Other items in the store include hats, mittens, and hand-knit sweaters, as well as decorative art pieces, all made by local artisans.

Particularly meaningful for Baker is that Sharon's Shawls are striking a chord with women who have physical issues that make ordinary clothing difficult. It's a personal mission for Baker, who lost her own sister to cancer two years ago. She recalled a customer who stood in front of the mirror with tears saying, "I have cancer and these make me feel beautiful." According to Baker, "I have never forgotten those words." She sells her shawls and scarves at Rutland Regional Medical Center's gift shop and donates those proceeds to the Foley Cancer Center in support of the cause. That has also resulted in Baker establishing a Facebook page called The Forgotten Woman, which is dedicated to those women who have endured the ravages of disease. "I'm on a journey," said Baker.

Sharon's on the Common is open daily 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.



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LEGAL NOTICES/HELP WANTED

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

SATURDAY, JUNE 2 - SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. – Reiki Master Lauren Potter is giving a Reiki I Certification Class on Saturday, June 2 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Main Street Arts in Saxtons River. This class will teach the Usui-Holy Fire II Reiki basics. For more info or to book an appointment for a session please email Lauren at laurenpottervt@gmail.com or go to www.laurenpotterreikihealing.com.

SUNDAY, JUNE 3 - SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. – Reiki Master Lauren Potter is giving a Reiki for Creativity Class on Sunday, June 3 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Main Street Arts in Saxtons River. This class will teach techniques to inspire creativity with Usui-Holy Fire II Reiki. Must either have taken the Reiki I basics course on

June 2 or already possess a Reiki I certification. For more info or to book an appointment for a session please email Lauren at laurenpottervt@gmail.com or go to www.laurenpotterreikihealing.com.

MONDAY, JUNE 4 - PUTNEY, Vt. – Next Stage Arts Project is offering a cooking class focusing on “Cooking with Herbs” on Monday, June 4, from 6 – 9 p.m. at Next Stage in Putney, taught by acclaimed chef, Linda Stavely. In this class you will learn all about cooking with herbs. After a lively discussion, we will head to the kitchen to make delicious dishes using a variety of herbs including Vichyssoise, Shrimp in Herbed Oil, Asparagus with either Pistachio-orange-basil sauce or Mixed Herbal Green Sauce, Pasta with either Arugula and Basil Pesto or Mint Pesto, Carrots with Dill, Capers and

Creme Fraiche, Spring Salad with Edible Flowers and Herbs, Cherry Thyme Clafoutis and Fruit Basil Galette. Class size is limited so get your tickets early. The classes are held at Next Stage’s recently completely renovated state-of-the art commercial kitchen. Let us know if you have any dietary restrictions or allergies. The classes will dine together and wine will be included. For more information go to www.nextstagearts.org, or contact kitchen@nextstagearts.org, or call 802-387-0102.

FRIDAY, JUNE 8 - CHESTER, Vt. –The Nature Museum is hosting a presentation by Bridget Butler, The Bird Diva, for an introduction to her “slow birding” approach on Friday, June 8 from 7 – 9 p.m. at the NewsBank Conference Center in Chester. Bridget will share how to read bird body language, how to listen beyond just birdsong, and how to

discover our own sit-spot to achieve a more intimate look at the natural world. Join us for this special presentation and Q&A with The Bird Diva. Light refreshments from the Grafton Village Bakery will be served. For more information or to register, visit www.nature-museum.org, or call 802-843-2111. Optional field session at a local residence in Grafton on the morning of Saturday, June 9 is available for separate registration.

SATURDAY, JUNE 9 - GRAFTON, Vt. –The Bird Diva will take us on a “slow birding” adventure through the forests and fields of a private property in Grafton on Saturday, June 9 from 7:30 – 10 a.m. Learn how to look with and without binoculars, map what you’re hearing and seeing, and take field notes which will improve identification and awareness skills. Participants are encouraged to dress for the weather, to bring a notebook,

water, and a comfortable, portable chair or pad to sit on. This birding walk is a unique opportunity and complements the Bird Diva’s talk on Friday, June 8 at the NewsBank Conference Center. Separate registration for the field session is required. For more information, visit www.nature-museum.org, or call 802-843-2111.

MONDAY AND THURSDAYS IN SUMMER MOUNT HOLLY, Vt. – Bone Builders summer classes will be held in the Mount Holly School gym on Mondays and Thursdays from 9 to 10:15 a.m. from Thursday, June 14 through Thursday, Aug. 23. Anyone who wishes to join us for a healthy exercise program please call so that paper work and weights are ready for you. The program is free and all are welcome. Contact Judy Nevin 802-259-2443 to sign up.

MONDAYS - BELLOWES 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@

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

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

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

BELLOWES 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

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

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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

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

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

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@myrecenter.org. TFN

CLUBS

MONDAY, JUNE 4, JULY 2, AUG. 6 - CHESTER, Vt. - Join our Young Adult Book Club meeting the first Monday of the summer months, June 4, July 2 and Aug. 6 at 4 p.m. at Phoenix Books Misty Valley, 58 Common Street, in Chester. All youth grades 7 – 12 are welcome for reading and discussing a new young adult book. Visit www.phoenixbooks.biz to find out more.

TOWN OF WESTMINSTER

Grievance Meetings, Town of Westminster, Conducted June 5, 2018 as follows:

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Also note that Section 64 of Act 71 requires notification of value on homestead, for appeal purposes.

Grievances will be held by appointment only: WESTMINSTER TOWN HALL on Tuesday June 5, 2018 10am - 12pm & 1pm - 6pm

Hearing appointments must be made at least 24 hours prior to Tuesday June 5, 2018.

Contact the Listers Office at 802-722-9516 or by email-listers@westminstervt.org

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WESTMINSTER BOARD OF LISTERS: Jackie Atwood, Rachael Cohen, Doug Oftedahl, Listers

TOWN OF ROCKINGHAM DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD

The proposed project involves establishing a home business at a residential property located at 730 Saxtons River Road. A zoning permit is required. The Rockingham Development Review Board will hold a site visit at 5:30pm and a public hearing at 7:00pm on Wednesday, June 13, 2018. The site visit is at location. The public hearing location is Main Street Arts in Saxtons River. If there are questions or comments, contact Charles Wise at 463.1229.

Town of Mount Holly Transfer Station Attendant Per Deim

The Town Of Mount Holly is looking for a fill-in transfer station attendant. This is a part time fill in position. The ideal candidate is customer service oriented, has the ability to maintain the transfer station, and familiarity with solid waste criteria. Hours: Summer Wednesdays 4-7 PM and Saturdays 8AM – 2 PM; Winter Saturday 8AM-2PM and Sundays 9AM-12PM.

Interested parties please send resume to: selectmen@mounthollyvt.org.

Or by mail to: Town of Mount Holly P.O. Box 248 Mount Holly, VT 05758. Attention: Selectboard

TOWN OF ROCKINGHAM CONTRACTING DEMOLITION SERVICES

The Town of Rockingham is soliciting contracting services for the demolition of buildings located at 10 Church Place in Bellows Falls, VT. A full copy of the solicitation can be downloaded at the Town of Rockingham Planning & Zoning webpage or using the following link https://tinyurl.com/ycps6d87. Bids are due June 22, 2018.

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

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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. Ciufo dated October 17, 1989 and recorded in Book 43 Page 14 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 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.

Dated at Mount Holly, Vermont this 8th day of May, 2018

Peter Perrino, Collector of Taxes
Town of Mount Holly, Vermont

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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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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.

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Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Darica 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.

Dated at Mount Holly, Vermont this 8th day of May, 2018

Peter Perrino, Collector of Taxes
Town of Mount Holly, Vermont

LEGAL NOTICES/HELP WANTED

calendar

TUESDAY, JUNE 12 - CHESTER, Vt. – This month’s Southern Vermont Astronomy Group (SoVerA) meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 12 at 7 p.m. at the Whiting Library, 117 Main Street, in Chester. The meeting will feature UMass Amherst’s astronomy professor, Dr. F. Peter Schloerb, who will review general information about the nature of comets and their importance in the study of the solar system and discuss the Rosetta Mission. The venue is ADA accessible and the public is welcome.

FRIDAY, JUNE 15 - TOWNSHEND, Vt. - Hike to Bald Mountain in Townshend State Forest with the Green Mountain Club Manchester Section Friday, June 15. Meet at 9:30 a.m. at Clark’s IGA in Londonderry or 10 a.m. at Townshend State Park day hiking parking lot. Hike is out and back on the same trail, from the Townshend State Park to the summit of Bald Mountain. Total distance is 3.4 miles with 1,100 feet gain. Moderate difficulty. Bring extra layers, raincoat just in case, snacks, lunch, fluids. RSVP to Marge Fish at 802-384-3654 or marge.fish@gmail.com

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

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

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

WEDNESDAYS – LUDLOW, Vt. - Looking for a friendly game of bridge? Want to learn how to play or update your rusty skills? We play every Wednesday from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Black River Valley Senior Center, 10 High St. in Ludlow. You are most welcome to join us. For more information, call 802-228-2983.

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

RUTLAND, Vt. – Marble Valley Duplicate Bridge Club meets from 7-10:30 p.m. at the Godnick Center in Rutland, Vt.

Snacks provided. Come join for a fun evening. More info call 802-228-6276. TFN

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

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

COMMUNITY MEALS

FRIDAY, JUNE 1 - CHARLESTOWN, N.H. - Enjoy Ham and Baked Bean Supper at the Congregational Church on North Main Street in Charlestown on Friday, June 1 from 5 to 7 p.m. The menu includes baked ham, homemade baked beans, coleslaw, brown bread, corn bread, strawberry ice cream sundaes, and beverages. There is a fee. Come enjoy this feast prepared by some of the best cooks in the valley.

SATURDAY, JUNE 2 - CHARLESTOWN, N.H. - Enjoy a complete turkey supper on Saturday, June 2 at the Charlestown Senior Center in Charlestown, including turkey, potatoes, carrots, stuffing, green beans, gravy, rolls and butter, and homemade pies for dessert. Tickets go on sale at 4 p.m. until we sell out. We will start serving at 5 p.m. For take-outs please call 603-826-5987 between noon and 3 p.m. the day of the supper, to be picked up between 4-4:30 p.m. Please come and enjoy our food and our company.

SATURDAYS - CHESTER, Vt. – Gassetts Grange holds a buffet breakfast every month on the first Saturday at 8-9:30 a.m. It consists of eggs, bacon, sausage, home fries, toast, pancakes (blueberry and plain), real maple syrup, juice, coffee, tea, and hot cocoa. All are welcome! Admission at the door. Hope to see you there. We are located on Route 103N, just above junction of 103 and Route 10. Any questions, call Dave at 802-875-2637. TFN

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

accessible with plenty of parking. TFN

EVENTS

FRIDAY, JUNE 1 - SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The First Friday Film for June 1 at the Springfield UU, “The Mask You Live In,” is showing at 21

Fairground Rd, in Springfield. Doors open at 6:45; film begins at 7 p.m. The film follows boys and young men as they struggle to stay true to themselves while negotiating America’s limited definition of masculinity. Experts in neuroscience, psychology, sociology, sports, education,

and media also weigh in, offering empirical evidence of the “boy crisis” and tactics to combat it. Free admission, popcorn and beverages. All are welcome.

SATURDAY, JUNE 2 - SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The North School Preservation Society

will be holding its annual Junebilee Sale at North School, located at 49 Main St. in North Springfield on Saturday, June 2 from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Access and parking are off lower School St. Many items are available including electric train set, porcelain dolls, antiques, household and sports

STATE OF VERMONT
WINDSOR COUNTY, SS.

NOTICE OF SALE
Peter Walter Fredyma, II, Peter W. Holl and Maia C. Holl
Parcel # 222021.100

The resident and nonresident owners, lien holders and mortgagees of lands in the Town of Chester, in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont, are hereby notified that the taxes assessed by the Town for the years 2016 and 2017 remain, either in whole or in part, unpaid on the following described land in Town to wit:

Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Peter Walter Fredyma, II, Peter W. Holl and Maia C. Holl by Warranty Deed of Peter Walter Fredyma, II dated August 24, 2012 and Recorded in Book 138, Page 239 of the Town of Chester Land Records.

and so much of said lands will be sold at public auction at the Town Office in Chester, Vermont, a public place in said Town, on the 28th day of June, 2018, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid.

Dated at Chester, in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont, this 24th day of May, 2018.

Attest: _____
David Pisha
Collector of Town and
Town School District Taxes

STATE OF VERMONT
WINDSOR COUNTY, SS.

NOTICE OF SALE
Nancie A. Hazell and Anne E. Keenan
Parcel # 605063

The resident and nonresident owners, lien holders and mortgagees of lands in the Town of Chester, in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont, are hereby notified that the taxes assessed by the Town for the year 2017 remains, either in whole or in part, unpaid on the following described land in Town to wit:

Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Nancie A. Hazell and Anne E. Keenan by an Indenture of Anne E. Keenan, Executrix of the Estate of Betty Ann Hazell, Deceased dated June 5, 2012 and Recorded in Book 142, Page 88 of the Town of Chester Land Records.

and so much of said lands will be sold at public auction at the Town Office in Chester, Vermont, a public place in said Town, on the 28th day of June, 2018, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid.

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STATE OF VERMONT
WINDSOR COUNTY, SS.

NOTICE OF SALE
Thomas A. McLean
Parcel #585054

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Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Thomas A. McLean by Warranty Deed of First Vermont Bank and Trust Company dated December 24, 1991 and Recorded in Book 73, Page 53 of the Town of Chester Land Records.

and so much of said lands will be sold at public auction at the Town Office in Chester, Vermont, a public place in said Town, on the 28th day of June, 2018 at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid.

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STATE OF VERMONT
WINDSOR COUNTY, SS.

NOTICE OF SALE
Amy Elinor Pratt, Jonathon Pratt and Jon K. Spaulding
Parcel # 232017.200

The resident and nonresident owners, lien holders and mortgagees of lands in the Town of Chester, in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont, are hereby notified that the taxes assessed by the Town for the year 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017 remains, either in whole or in part, unpaid on the following described land in Town to wit:

Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Jon K. Spaulding, Amy Elinor Pratt and Jonathon R. Pratt by Warranty Deed of Arthur F. Fournier, Trustee of the Restatement of Trust for the Arthur F. Fournier, Sr. Revocable Trust Agreement dated January 10, 2011 dated July 19, 2013 and Recorded in Book 147, Page 118 of the Town of Chester Land Records.

and so much of said lands will be sold at public auction at the Town Office in Chester, Vermont, a public place in said Town, on the 28th day of June, 2018, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid.

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STATE OF VERMONT
WINDSOR COUNTY, SS.

NOTICE OF SALE
Michael R. Sturtevant
Parcel # 150106

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Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Michael R. Sturtevant by Warranty Deed of Lee A. Ravlin Lloyd and Gary L. Lloyd dated April 12, 2013 and Recorded in Book 144, Page 272 of the Town of Chester Land Records.

and so much of said lands will be sold at public auction at the Town Office in Chester, Vermont, a public place in said Town, on the 28th day of June, 2018, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid.

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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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Vermont Journal

TAKE A BREAK!

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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King Crossword

ACROSS

1 Grand story
5 Recipe meas.
8 Slender smoke
12 Stereo precursor
13 Conger or moray
14 Opposed to
15 Sit on eggs
17 Highlander
18 Rib
19 Off the path
21 Thing
24 Golf prop
25 Related
28 Sandwich shop
30 Shock and –
33 Lair
34 Duck down
35 Vast
36 Pouch
37 Male 38-Across
38 See 37-Across
39 Eggs
41 Unrivaled
43 Legendary
46 Adult insect
50 Sahara-like
51 On an angle
54 Rinky –
55 Use the microwave
56 Unrivaled
57 Long story

DOWN

1 Send forth
2 Corn concoction
3 Erstwhile Peruvian
4 Family member
5 With 6-Down, cups and saucers and such
6 See 5-Down
7 Entreaty
8 Haste result
9 Enlarge
10 Old portico
11 Compassion
16 Wager
20 Use a swizzle stick
22 Fix a manuscript
23 Olympics prize
25 Billboards
26 Mauna –
27 Arriving
29 Toy block name
31 Teensy
32 Listener

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Salome's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Cheer up, Lamb. Your emotional impasse will lift once you allow your highly tuned sense of justice to guide you on what to do about an associate's questionable behavior.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) News about a project you hoped to work on might need more clarification. Take nothing just on faith. Draw up a list of questions, and insist on each being fully answered.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Giving your time to help others is fine. But don't lose sight of your own needs. Make plans for an energy-restoring getaway with that very special person in your life.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Congratulate yourself on getting that difficult job done to everyone's satisfaction. This could be the first of many such challenges you might be offered down the line.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) With your enthusiasm soaring again, you feel ready to tackle a tough new assignment. Good for you! And remember: Don't be too proud to accept help when it's offered.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Cupid rules the week for single Virgos eager to make a romantic connection. Meanwhile, Virgo couples experience renewed commitment in their relationships.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Home and work issues vie for your attention through early next week. Rely on your Libran sense of balance to keep you from being overwhelmed by either side.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Creative projects might have to go on standby as you tackle other matters making demands on your time and energy. Things should ease by the middle of next week.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Your energies are high, and so are your aspirations. But be careful not to let work dominate the week. It's also important to spend time with family and friends.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) It's a good time to set aside your pride and stop nursing those hurt feelings. Instead, consider restoring relationships you want to have back in your life.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You might be miffed at not being shown more appreciation for your hard work. But don't brood over it. Recognition comes in its own time and in its own way.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) With your inner creative juices starting to boil and bubble, this is a good time to launch a new arts-related project, or go back and restart the one you had set aside.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a way of seeing the best in people, which helps encourage them to live up to your perceptions.

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calendar

EVENTS CONT.

SAT., JUNE 2 CONT. - items, pet supplies, books, office supplies, toys, artwork, frames, and craft supplies. Be sure to check out our Holiday Room where you will find a wide variety of decorations.

LUDLOW, Vt. - The Ludlow Garden Club will hold its annual Plant Sale Saturday, June 2 at the Depot St. mini park from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. It is a great opportunity to purchase locally grown plants at great prices and support the work of the garden club.

SUNDAY, JUNE 3 - PUTNEY, Vt. - Twilight Music presents honky tonk, country soul and early rock-n-roll band The Rear Defrosters in the first concert of the 16th annual Twilight on the Tavern Lawn series on Sunday, June 3 at 6 p.m. in downtown Putney on the Putney Tavern lawn or at Next Stage at 15 Kimball Hill in case of rain. Bring a lawn chair or blanket. The concert

is free to the public (donations are accepted) and food will be available. For information, visit www.twilightmusic.org or call 802-387-5772.

MONDAY, JUNE 4 - LUDLOW, Vt. - Join us for the 3rd annual "Golf for a Cause" at the Okemo Valley Golf Club on Monday, June 4 with a 1 p.m. shotgun start. Barbecue, tons of prizes and a 50/50 raffle are planned or win a Chevrolet Malibu with a hole-in-one, sponsored by Benson Chevrolet. Hosted by the Crown Point Board of Realtors. All proceeds to benefit local families. For more details and to register your foursome call Frank Provence at 802-345-3894.

TUESDAY, JUNE 5 - CAVENDISH, Vt. - The Cavendish Energy Committee will sponsor a workshop on Tuesday, June 5 at 6 p.m. at the Cavendish Town Office meeting room on how to create a pollinator friendly habitat. The speakers will discuss, among

other issues, how a solar array field can significantly help in the fight to stop the decline of pollinators. Cindy Heath and Donna Thomas of the UVM Extension Service Master Gardener Program will present an informative talk on garden design and more. The Energy Committee and Master Gardener Program are coming together because the proliferation of solar projects around the state, including in Cavendish, has opened up an opportunity to help pollinators such as bees and other flying insects. Anyone from any town may attend the workshop. Light refreshments will be served at the workshop. For additional information please contact Mary Ormrod at 802-226-7783.

KEENE, N.H. - The audition schedule has been set for the 2018-19 season of the Grand Monadnock Youth Choirs. Youth in grades 2-8 may try out for the Keene Chorus. Keene auditions will be held in the parish hall of St. James Church, 44 West Street, on Tuesday, May 29 and June 5 from 3 - 7 p.m. Arrive 15 minutes prior to scheduled audition to complete registration paperwork. For details and to schedule an audition, **contact Esther Rhoades by May 23** at 603-499-3505 or email grandmonadnockyouthchoirs@gmail.com. You may also schedule an audition online at www.GrandMonadnockYouthChoirs.org.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6 - WESTON, Vt. - Join science and history writer Rebecca

Rupp as she discusses the fascinating histories of common garden vegetables in her talk, "Wolf Peaches, Poisoned Peas, and Madame Pompadour's Underwear: The Surprising History of Common Garden Vegetables" on Wednesday, June 6 at 2 p.m. at Weston Community Church on the Hill, in Weston. This event is presented by the Wilder Memorial Library and the Vermont Humanities Council. Contact Randall Szott, library director with any questions at 802-824-4307.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6 AND MONDAY, JUNE 11 - PETERBOROUGH, N.H. - The audition schedule has been set for the 2018-19 season of the Grand Monadnock Youth Choirs. Youth in grades 2-8 may try out for the Peterborough chorus, and girls in grades 9-12 for the Cecilia Ensemble. Peterborough auditions will be held in the parish hall of the Peterborough Unitarian Universalist Church (PUUC), 25 Main Street, on Wednesday, May 30 and June 6 from 3 - 7 p.m. Cecilia auditions will be held in the PUUC on Monday, June 11 from 5 - 6:30 p.m. Arrive 15 minutes prior to scheduled audition to complete registration paperwork. For details and to schedule an audition, **contact Rhoades by May 23** at 603-499-3505 or email grandmonadnockyouthchoirs@gmail.com. You may also schedule an audition online at www.GrandMonadnockYouthChoirs.org.

FRIDAY, JUNE 8 - CHESTER, Vt. - Come join us for an ice cream social to celebrate Kathy Marten's retirement after 42 years of teaching, on Friday, June 8 from 4 - 6 p.m. at the Chester-Andover Elementary School. All are welcome to attend.

SUNDAY, JUNE 10 - ROCKINGHAM, Vt. - Bartonsville Grange #481 will be having their first Flea Market on Sunday, June 10 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Located at 116 Upper Bartonville Road, Rockingham (across from the old State Police Barracks). Spaces are available outside with a limited amount of tables available inside as well. Spaces are filling up quick. Please call ahead to reserve your spot. Bring your own tables, tents etc. for outside spaces. Tables will be provided for spaces located inside. For more information or to reserve your spot please call Mindi at 802-376-4293. Leave a message and she will call you back!

PUTNEY, Vt. -A talk by conservationist Dr. Spencer Meyer entitled "Before It's Too Late: Conserving New England's Forests and Farmlands" is happening on Sunday, June 10, from 3 - 5 p.m. at Next Stage, Kimball Hill Rd., in Putney. The event is free. There will be a reception afterward. For more information contact Joan Weir at jweir@vlt.org or 802-246-1501.

FRIDAY, JUNE 22 - PROCTORSVILLE, Vt. - Join us for a Cavendish Town Elementary block party and pot luck dinner honoring retiring Principal George Thomson on Friday, June 22 from 6 - 8 p.m. at the Proctorsville Green. Please bring a dish to share and your blankets and chairs. Enjoy live music by Gowan Brae, featuring Bob Naess, and Davis Brother's Garage Band featuring Mark Huntley. Rain or shine.

SATURDAY, JUNE 23 - BRATTLEBORO, Vt. - Tiny House Fest Vermont is happening on Saturday, June 23 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Flat Street in downtown Brattleboro. This street

fest features a pop-up tiny house village featuring 30 tiny house designs, housing and placemaking academy, building arts marketplace, building demos, performances, makerspace for kids and adults. For ticket information and more details visit www.tinyhousefestvermont.com.

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

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

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

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

FARMERS MARKETS

FRIDAYS - LUDLOW, Vt. - The Ludlow Farmers Market is happening every Friday throughout the summer from 4 - 7 p.m. on the lawn in front of Okemo Mountain School in Ludlow. Over 25 vendors with fresh local produce, baked goods, specialty foods, personal care products, and unique crafts from local artists. Enjoy live music and a fun, festive atmosphere. For more information email ludlowfarmersmarket@gmail.com or call 802-230-7706.

TOWNSHEND, Vt. -

Townshend Farmers Market is open every Friday from 4 - 7 p.m. until Oct. 5, located on the lawn of the historic West Townshend Country Store. Vendors will feature fresh produce, baked goods, local honey, specialty foods, and unique crafts. Live music and wood-fired pizza. The market is hosted by the West River Community Project. For more information contact info@westtownshend.org.

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - The Greater Falls Farmers Market happens every Friday throughout the summer from 4 - 7 p.m. Vendors feature local produce, meats, baked goods, cheese, artworks, and more. For more information contact greaterfallsfarmersmarket@gmail.com.

SATURDAYS - SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Springfield Farmers Market happens on Saturdays starting June 3 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on lower Clinton Street, next to Nortrax on the grassy area near the trail-head of the bike/walk path. For more information call 802-885-4096.

LONDONDERRY, Vt. - The West River Farmers Market happens every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the junctions of Route 11 and 100. Local farmers, gardeners, food producers, artisans and craftspeople feature their fresh, local products. For more information visit www.westriverfarmersmarket.com.

LIBRARIES

THURSDAY, JUNE 7 - BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - On Thursday, June 7, Rockingham Library's Genealogy Group meets at 1 p.m. instead of the regularly scheduled time of 10:30 a.m. This will be the last meeting of this group until it resumes on Sept. 6. This program is free and open to the public. For more information, call 802-463-4270, email programming@rockinghamlibrary.org or go to www.rockinghamlibrary.org.

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

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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 - 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

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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.gov/office2.com.

TUESDAYS - BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Rockingham Select Board meetings are on the first Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. during the summer. Bellows Falls Village Trustee meetings are the second 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 forth 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.

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

WEDNESDAYS - CHESTER, Vt. - Chester Select Board meetings are on the first and third Wednesday of every month. For more information, call 802-875-2173 or go to www.chestervt.org. Recordings can be found at 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 802-363-3507. 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

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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

THURSDAYS - SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Mental health peer support group, 2-3:30 p.m. at the First

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REGION - Seven Vermont state-owned historic sites opened their doors for the 2018 season. This exceptional collection of sites is comprised of more than 60 historic buildings and hundreds of acres of forest and farmland. Scattered across the state, the sites house impressive museum collections and feature educational exhibits that chronicle the story of our region beginning with the first inhabitants who settled the area approximately 9,000 years ago. Historic sites, including prehistoric encampments, Revolutionary War sites, and the homes of U.S. Presidents, shed light on the remarkable history of Vermont.

This year, two new permanent exhibits, “Crossing Paths” and “Point

of Contact” are opening at the Chimney Point State Historic Site in Addison. These exhibits explore the Native American, French Colonial, English, and Early American history of the point, incorporating the most recent archaeological findings from excavations associated with the Lake Champlain Bridge project.

At the President Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site in Plymouth Notch, opening day will also mark the opening of the special exhibit “Presidential Holiday: The Coolidge Summer Retreats, 1924-1928.” Examining the idyllic settings and historic events associated with President Coolidge’s five summer White House locations, this exhibit features a spectacular feather

headdress presented to the president by the Sioux Nation during his summer in the Black Hills. The headdress and other artifacts from the Black Hills are on loan for this exhibit from the Forbes Library in Northampton.

More than 70 public events and programs are scheduled this season at our state historic sites. Highlights include the 4th of July Presidential Birthday Celebration at the President Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site, the Revolutionary War Encampment at the Hubbardton Battlefield July 7 and 8, the Battle Day 5K Road Race at the Bennington Battle Monument Aug. 18, Soldiers Atop the Mount at Mount Independence Sept. 8 and 9, and the 19th

Center Apple & Cheese Harvest Festival at the Justin Morrill State Historic Site Sept. 30.

Events, activities, and programs have been planned for all ages and levels of interest. For more information on any of Vermont’s state historic sites, please call 802-828-3051, or visit us online at www.historic-sites.vermont.gov.

The Vermont state-owned historic sites are operated by the Vermont Division for Historic Preservation, which is part of the Vermont Agency of Commerce and Community Development. ACCD’s mission is to help Vermonters improve their quality of life and build strong communities by providing grants, technical assistance, and advocacy.



Chimney Point in Addison, Vt. PHOTO PROVIDED

Brattleboro Tiny House Fest grows into big ideas



Tiny House Fest 2016. With sunny weather and 12 tiny houses to tour, the first fest was organized in a few months by co-founders Betsy Hall, Lisa Kuneman and Erin O’Keefe.

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View of the pop up Tiny House Village in downtown Brattleboro. While Hurricane Harvey passed through the area, the number of houses and attendees who came to tour tiny houses and see presenters increased over the year prior.

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Holly Bartel inside her full time dwelling as part of the first Local House Tour presented by Tiny House Fest Vermont in 2016.

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BRATTLEBORO, Vt. - Tiny House Fest Vermont began with 5,000 attendees in 2016. As the festival grows, so does its engagement with not-so-tiny ideas. On Saturday, June 23, in downtown Brattleboro, up to 30 houses will be on view, and over 35 presenters will celebrate design while asking how the tiny house movement can change communities for the better.

This year, national leaders Rural Studio based in Alabama and Dee Williams based in Portland, Ore.,

among others, will bring meaningful inquiry to the summer celebration. The event is intended to build momentum across silos of interest toward a vision of what new person-centered communities can look like.

“We are rebounding...” co-founder Lisa Kuneman says of the explosion in interest in tiny homes. “The last hundred years have followed a trend of living spaces that promote unhealthy levels of isolation and waste. Tiny living is a

response to this, and the Fest is a celebration of the creativity of this movement.”

Fest founders have joined with new organizing partner Yestermorrow Design/Build School, increasing the festival’s reach and focus on what tiny home experiences can teach the average citizen, town, or suburb about maintaining livable and welcoming public spaces. Together, THFV organizers aim to solidify Vermont’s place as a vanguard state in the movement to “reimagine human spaces.”

The featured speakers at the fest exemplify this. According to Claire Gear, director, Yestermorrow Design/Build School, “The founders of Rural Studio have heroically taken on the issue of affordability and have a foundational belief that beautiful, functional architecture should be accessible to all.”

Also presenting is tiny house icon, Dee Williams, who built

one of the first tiny homes on wheels in 2004, and has “lived small” ever since. Dee’s house, life and memoir, “The Big Tiny,” have been featured in The New York Times, Los Angeles Times, CBS This Morning, Slate.com, Yahoo.com, Yes Magazine, and the National Building Museum, to name just a few.

Erin Maile O’Keefe, a co-founder of Tiny House Fest Vermont, says that “Dee Williams tells a personal and poignant story of how she decided to reboot her life when the conventional American dream failed her. A major health crisis made her question what she valued most. Along the way, she downsized her home and upsized her connections and joy!”

As the fest’s focus deepens into examining issues that



Fest co-founder, Erin Maile O’Keefe opened her own tiny home to attendees of the Local Tiny House Tour, offered the day after the fest in 2017. O’Keefe designed her tiny home in a course offered by Yestermorrow Design Build School and worked alongside hired builders to complete the build. She currently occupies the house full time with her husband, Kevin O’Keefe.

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shape the movement’s emergence and growth, interest in collaboration and sponsorship has grown. “It simply makes sense that options inspire dreams and can help attain affordable living.” Vermont based tiny house builder Domenic Mangano of Jamaica Cottage Shop decided to support the fest’s tran-

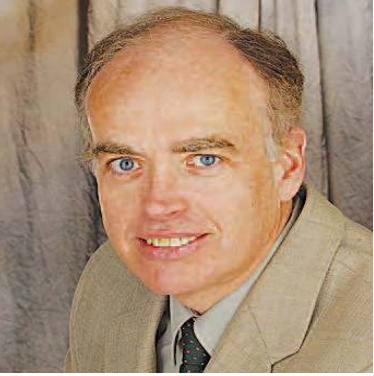
sition from a bootstrapped idea to the next level because organizers bring the event’s lens to the issues he hears from customers who visit his shop to tour and buy tiny homes.

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