

Treat your Mom for *Mothers DAY*
See Page 3B

We've Acquired the Message
Our Contact Information is on Page 6A



ECRWSS
PRSRT STD
US Postage
PAID
Permit #2
North Haverhill, NH
POSTAL CUSTOMER

THE Vermont Journal

MAY 02, 2018 | WWW.VERMONTJOURNAL.COM

VOLUME 18, ISSUE 18



KMA Publications Inc. acquires The Message of the Week

REGION – Robert Miller of KMA Publications Inc., owner and publisher of The Vermont Journal and The Shopper, announced Friday, April 27, 2018 that he has purchased The Message of the Week. The sale will merge the newspapers but continue to be published only under The Vermont Journal and The Shopper banners. The merger will also expand coverage, helping to strengthen local news and readership. The Message, as a separate entity, will cease publication immediately.

For Miller, the purchase comes full circle, owning The Message, a paper that his parents Max and Odessa Miller had started with Bill and Joan Johnson in the early



The Vermont Journal & The Shopper, locally owned and operated papers, have acquired The Message of the Week.

PHOTO PROVIDED

1970s. “I feel like The Message is home again, back to where it started,” he said. Miller recalled feeling the same way when he purchased The Shopper back in 2009, acquiring another paper his parents had started years almost 57 years ago. “I grew up in the newspaper business working for my parents. I wanted to bring my parent’s early publications back into the fold.”

All inquiries to The Message are now automatically being forwarded to The Vermont Journal and The Shopper office in Ludlow. For any additional information, contact The Vermont Journal and The Shopper at 802-228-3600.

New Ludlow town manager takes the reigns

BY THOMAS FOSTER IV

The Vermont Journal

LUDLOW, Vt. - On Friday, April 27, Frank Heald officially retired from his position as Ludlow Town Manager, after making the announcement last November. He had held the position for 15 years and has seen many changes in Ludlow over the years. However, he spent his last week helping the new town manager, Scott Murphy, transition into the new job.

Having been Town Manager of Wilmington for five years, Murphy had already known Heald. “We got along together good, and would golf once or twice a year,” he said. It was this friendly relationship that led him to ask about the position.

“When I heard Frank was retiring, I called him to talk about the position. I was attracted to the town of Ludlow,” he commented. Over the past week, he had the

opportunity to be shown around by Heald and meet the Select Board, Village Trustees, and the Water Commission. “I met a lot of very nice people and got to hear many stories. Everyone loves Frank,” he said reflecting on his first week.

Murphy has four grown children, and five grandchildren, and has lived in Vermont for the past 35 years and enjoys cross country skiing in the winter. In addition to his experience as Town Manager of Wilmington, he was a part of the Community Development Committee of Bennington, Vt. and attended North Adams State College in Massachusetts. “Economic development is my forte, and I have experience writing and managing grants,” he says, hoping to apply his skills to Ludlow. “My immediate goal right now is to blend in with the organization. There are a lot of big projects going on right now. I’m really excited. I hope I’ll be able to do even half the job Frank has done over the years.”

As Heald spends his first week of

retirement out of state, Murphy is now taking the reigns and will be at the upcoming Select Board meeting on Monday, May 7 at 7 p.m. in the Ludlow Town Hall. The Village Trustees meet the first Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. Murphy invites the public to attend these meetings.

“There are several large projects that we are working on at the moment including the Commonwealth Ave. Hazard Mitigation project, the Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrades, various paving projects including Bridge St. and Andover St. after a culvert replacement. Also, the Ranger Solar Project is beginning any day now and will be one of the largest in the state when completed. The Flood Control dams need repairs (including the Red Bridge Dam, which has a small crack in the structure) and a funding request has been submitted,” he responded in an email.

More information can be found at www.ludlow.vt.us or the Ludlow Town Office.

CTES principal position to be listed as permanent in second search

BY SHARON HUNTLEY

The Vermont Journal

CHESTER, Vt. – Cavendish residents were successful in their petition of the Green Mountain Unified School District board to change the Cavendish Town Elementary School principal to a permanent, full-time position. At a well-attended special meeting of the GMUSD board Monday, April 30 at Chester Andover Elementary School, the board approved to re-list the CTES principal position as a full time, permanent position as they begin the search for new candidates. Superintendent Meg Powden confirmed that position would be offered a one-year contract however.

The prior search for a CTES principal, advertised as a one-year interim position, failed to result in a hire. Two candidates were initially vetted, and met with community members at a public forum April 11. Joseph Smith dropped out of consideration the following week. The remaining candidate, Madeline Carlock, was offered the job on April 18 but refused the position by the next morning, citing a concern for lack of public support. Criticism from the community throughout the process was that the pool of qualified candidates was hampered by the way the position was originally advertised, specifically as “one-year, interim.”

After Carlock’s refusal, Cavendish community members, including Sara Stowell, Denise Hughes, Carolyn Solzhnitsyn, and Margo Caulfield, acted quickly to circulate a petition to Andover, Baltimore, Cavendish, and Chester residents both online and at the town offices and area businesses, to change the principal position to a full-time position before being advertised to potential candidates. Within the span of a little more than a week,

they gathered 343 signatures from local residents and state representatives including Vermont state senators Alison Clarkson and Dick McCormick and house representative Annmarie Christensen.

Following circulation of the petition, the organizers sent an email to Powden asking her to reinstate the CTES principal position to a permanent position. The email also asked the GMUSD to call for an emergency board meeting to approve the change. The email was forwarded onto Board Chair Marilyn Mahusky, and the April 30 meeting was scheduled as a result.

The meeting opened with public commentary from Hughes, Barlow, Stowell, and others supporting the petition and talked of its widespread community support. Board member Doug McBride expressed his thanks for the community activism saying, “This kind of community involvement is staggering to me...regardless of the issue this is a great sign for our school and our school district to have people really care about what’s going on.”

Mahusky recapped the CTES principal search process to date and then laid out the possible options that the board could consider including changing the description of the principal position as petitioned, hiring another interim position, or selecting an internal candidate to fill the position in the short term.

Board member Joe Fromberger questioned which board had the authority to make changes to the principal position citing Article 12 of the GMUSD district agreement. His suggestion was that the responsibility rested with the CTES board until that board was officially dissolved in July 1, 2018. Mahusky countered that Powden had checked with the TRSU’s

legal council, and they confirmed that the authority to set and change parameters of the CTES principal position was the responsibility of the GMUSD board.

Board member Erin Lamson made the motion to change the position of the CTES principal to a full time, permanent position. It was seconded and approved by a large margin with only Fromberger voting no. The job will be posted on School Spring and LinkedIn immediately.

The search committee will need to reconvene to select the new principal. However, board members Kate Lamphere and Jeff Hance, who served on the prior search committee, were unable to commit to the time necessary. Doug McBride agreed to participate if other Cavendish members could not. The search committee will be finalized at the next board meeting when more members could be in attendance and after prior participants could be contacted.

Leigh Dakin asked whether residents could participate in the search committee. Powden agreed. “I think it would be a good idea... If there are community members interested on serving on the search committee, please let me know,” she said.

Discussion turned to appointing three board members from the GMUSD to be on the newly revised TRSU board, which will include three members from the GMUSD and three members from the Ludlow Mount Holly Unified Union School District. Four GMUSD candidates emerged: Marilyn Mahusky from Chester, Joe Fromberger from Andover,

See **CTES** on Page 2A

GMUHS exchanges students with high school in France

CHESTER, Vt. - This year, nine students and two faculty members of Green Mountain Union High School pioneered an exchange program with Lycée St. Joseph La Pommeraye, a high school in France. The 2018 St. Joseph La Pommeraye exchange program was an opportunity for our students to better understand French culture and gain fluency in French language through practical experience. This opportunity broadened their cultural horizons, cultivated problem-solving skills, and created lasting international connections. Noelle Gignoux, a senior, spent a semester at St. Joseph’s the previous school year and helped instigate



GMUHS students in France.

PHOTO PROVIDED

this program with the support of faculty advisors. Both schools hope for this international exchange to take place every two years.

For two weeks in February, 10

students and two teachers from St. Joseph’s came to Green Mountain and stayed with host families in the communities of Cavendish, Chester, and Grafton. Nine students from Green Mountain went to St. Joseph in the northwest of France from April 5-19, where each stayed with a local family, toured the Loire Valley, took part in daily school life, recreational activities, school-sponsored group excursions, as well as experienced the rich French culture. In addition, they were able to spend two nights in Paris and explore the city before their return to America. Faculty advisors Mrs. Pamela Johnson-Spurlock, school librarian, and Mrs. Brennan, food and culture, history, chaperoned the trip.

Jr. Iron Chef students invited to Statehouse

CHESTER, Vt. - We are pleased and proud to announce that one of our winning teams in this year’s Jr. Iron Chef competition was invited to the Vermont Statehouse, to witness the reading of a Jr. Iron Chef Vermont Resolution, to be recognized by their House Representatives. They also had the chance to cook their award-winning recipes for the Legislators. We regret that only one of our winning teams from Green Mountain was able

to participate this year; however, both teams were recognized and announced before the crowd of legislators and fellow Statehouse visitors when the resolution was read.

This demonstrates a significant accomplishment for both our teams: the Cheftains, and the Skillet Takes. The Cheftains went to the Statehouse. They toured the Statehouse and served their recipe. They served close to 100 portions to a delighted crowd of our legislators. Senator Alice Nitka

even stopped by to say hello.

We have participated in this great event now for six years and have won four times. Jr. Iron Chef Vermont is something we all look forward to each year. It not only is a great learning experience, but lots of fun. Thank you to all who make it possible to be involved in a great event.

Submitted by Jack Carroll, Jr. Iron Chef Vermont coordinator for GMUHS.

INDEX

Opinion..... 6A
Church Services/Obituaries..... 7A
Sports News..... 1B
Arts & Entertainment..... 2B & 3B
Outdoor News..... 4B
Business Directory/Classifieds..... 5B
Legal Notices..... 6B - 8B
Calendar..... 6B - 9B

CONTACT US

OFFICE ADDRESS:
8 High Street • Ludlow, VT 05149
MAILING ADDRESS:
Post Office Box 228 • Ludlow, VT 05149
PHONE NUMBERS:
Ph: 802-228-3600 • Fax: 802-228-3464
WEBSITE:
www.VermontJournal.com

CALENDAR EVENTS:

Email your short, 2-3 sentence calendar events in by
Friday at 12pm
802-228-3600
calendar@VermontJournal.com

ADVERTISEMENTS:

Email your box / display ads and classified listings in by
Friday at 12pm
802-228-3600
ads@VermontJournal.com

NEWS:

Email your press releases, articles, and photos in by
Friday at 12pm
802-228-3600
editor@VermontJournal.com

ATTENTION!

Send all press releases and calendar events as a word / text document. **Do not send a PDF.**
All press releases are **subject to space** and **may not include pricing information.**
Send images as a **JPEG.**

Gill Odd Fellows Home basket raffle

LUDLOW, Vt. - On Saturday May 12, 2018, the Gill Odd Fellows Home will be sponsoring a basket raffle fundraiser. Refreshments will be served; there will be a 50/50 raffle and door prize. The raffle will be held at the American Legion Post 36, Main Street, Ludlow, from 12 – 3 p.m., this

event is opened to the public. All proceeds go toward the purchase of a new bus for our residents. If unable to attend, baskets will be on display at Gill Home, Friday May 11 to purchase tickets. For information, please call Joanne Specht or Aggie Sheldon, 802-228-6858.



Penny Sale

LUDLOW, Vt. - The Ludlow Rotary Penny Sale was held on April 28 with a great success. One pair won Red Sox tickets!

PHOTO BY DONALD DILL

River Valley Credit Union
Total-e card

She's ready to take the money into her own hands...

She's ready for RVCU's Total-e card. It's a Mastercard debit card that works like a credit card, but there's no credit.

It's the card designed for people ages 13 to 18. It's time to ask us about the Total-e card.

The future of banking...now

Brattleboro • Springfield • Bellows Falls • Townshend • Putney • 802-254-4800 rivercu.com

Weston Volunteer Fire Department fire extinguisher and open house

WESTON, Vt. - The Weston Volunteer Fire Department will be having an Open House on Sunday, May 6, showcasing their new tanker and other fire apparatus between the hours of 12 – 3 p.m. In conjunction with Green Mountain Fire Equipment Company, proper fire extinguisher training and sales of various size fire extin-

guishers will be available. These extinguishers are being sold at Green Mountain's current prices. Existing homeowner fire extinguishers may be brought to the firehouse on Sunday for inspection. Food and beverages will be available at the station during this time, and we invite everyone to stop by and meet your department members.

60 year anniversary



CHESTER, Vt. - Bud and Agnes Barnes met while roller-skating in Brandon, Vt., and they haven't stopped rolling yet! They were married on May 3, 1958 and are celebrating 60 years of marriage this year. They have a loving family of five children - and one extra one out of love - seven grandsons, and six great-grandchildren. The seventh great-grandchild will be arriving in August. If you would like to send a congratulations message, send it to 108 Marshall Rd. Chester, VT 05143.

PHOTO PROVIDED

@VermontJournal

Learn about long-term care insurance

LONDONDERRY, Vt. - When you think about long-term care, what comes to mind? Most people respond "nursing home." Kieran McKenna, an expert in long term care insurance, says long term care is predominantly home care and whether you eventually reside in a nursing home, assisted living facility, or remain home, you can plan for the expense now with a long-term care insurance policy.

McKenna will be at the Meeting Place at Neighborhood Connections Tuesday, May 8 at 5:30 p.m. to discuss options to fund

long-term care. These include self-funding; traditional long-term care policies; hybrids which include life insurance with long term care; life insurance with riders attached to use for long-term care and an annuity with a long term care component. There is no charge to attend, but call 802-824-4343 to register.

Neighborhood Connection is a nonprofit social services agency serving nine area mountain towns. The Meeting Place is located in Londonderry's Mountain Marketplace, next to the post office. Visit our website at www.neighborhoodconnectionsvt.org and like us on Facebook.

Black River Valley Senior Center news and menu

Menu for May:

Wednesday, May 2 - Swedish meatballs, vegetable rice pilaf, baby carrots, whole wheat dinner roll, pineapple and mandarin orange yogurt fluff.

Thursday, May 3 - Oven roasted ham with pineapple sauce, sweet potatoes, vegetable blend, whole wheat dinner roll, and fruited Jell-O.

Friday, May 4 - Pork, vegetable and potato stew, vegetable rice pilaf, Prince Edward vegetable blend, and pears.

Monday, May 7 - Panko chicken, masala sauce with mushrooms, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, wheat bread, and blueberry crisp.

Wednesday, May 9 - Chicken, 10 ounces of corn and potato chowder, crackers, green beans, wheat roll, and melon.

Thursday, May 10 - Pizza, salad, and brownies.

Friday, May 11 - Beef Burgundy, rotini noodles, Harvard beets, Italian bread, and pineapple chunks.

Monday, May 14 - Lasagna roll-ups with tomato marinara meat sauce, 6 ounces of vegetable blend, Italian bread, and grapes.

Wednesday, May 16 - Roast pork with sauce, mashed sweet potatoes, peas and onions, Scandinavian vegetables, whole wheat dinner roll, and apple crisp with topping.

Thursday, May 17 - BBQ beef-steak, mashed potatoes, peas and onions, whole wheat bread, and peaches.

Friday, May 18 - Mini penne pasta and cheese and Canadian bacon, cranberry muffin, green beans and red peppers, and cantaloupe.

Monday, May 21 - Scalloped potatoes with ham and cheddar, baby whole carrots, blueberry muffin, and sliced apples with cinnamon.

Wednesday, May 23 - Roast turkey, gravy, mashed potatoes, brussel sprouts, cranberry sauce, white bread, oatmeal bars with dates, and cranberries and topping.

Thursday, May 24 - Macaroni and cheese, green beans, sliced carrots, wheat bread, and mandarin oranges.

Friday, May 25 - Pork loin with sauce, baked potato wedges, sour cream, winter squash, whole wheat dinner role, and banana cookies.

Monday, May 28 - Memorial Day Holiday - No meals served.

Wednesday, May 30 - Roast pork cutlet with panko breading, gravy, mashed potatoes, sliced carrots, wheat bread, and peaches and pears.

Thursday, May 31 - Shepard's pie with mashed potatoes, three-fourths cup broccoli florets, dinner roll, and cantaloupe.

One percent milk served with all meals. Other beverages available.

Interested in Meals on Wheels, please call Senior Solutions at 802-885-2655.



FAMILY OWNED SINCE 1972
800-831-8883
P.O. BOX 668 • WALPOLE, NH
WWW.CUSHINGANDSONS.COM

We Service All Types of Wells & Pumps



Do You Need Assistance Finding Healthcare Services?

Our free referral service can help.
Call today.

802-885-7604



www.springfieldmed.org

Stark Brothers' Auctions

Commissioned to Auction the Lifelong Collection of the Late Richard Williams

May 5 at 10:00 am

628 South Hill Rd. Ludlow, VT - Follow Signs



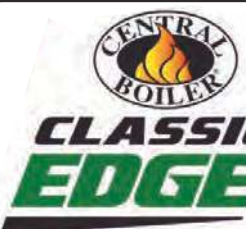
Preview begins at 9:00 am

Auction begins promptly at 10:00 am

Equipment, Tools, and Antiques including lawn equipment, appliances, kitchen items, vintage postcards, tools, antique farm tools, artwork, lumber, and more.

All items sold as is, where is.

Mike 802-535-5775 | Matt 802-751-5611 | StarkBrothersAuctions@gmail.com
Visit Auction Zip website for detailed item information



Stainless Outdoor Wood Furnace

New England Outdoor Furnace

877 John Stark Highway • Newport, NH 03773

603-863-8818

neofnh.com



Come see the Best of the Best

The Finest Designed Outdoor Wood Burner!

- Perfect combination of performance & value
- Easy to operate, FireStar II controller takes guesswork out of operating
- EPA-Certified, clean-burning

Get up to **\$400** in Instant Rebates!

CTES

From Page 1A

Fred Marin from Cavendish, and Doug McBride from Cavendish. It was decided that whoever wasn't selected to the TRSU board would act as an alternate, available to cover meetings for voting purposes as necessary. After paper balloting of the board, McBride was selected as the alternate with Mahusky, Fromberger, and Marin named as TRSU board members.

The next GMUSD board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 8 at 6 p.m. at Green Mountain Union High School.



Like us on Facebook!

@VermontJournal

GENERAL and TECHNICAL AUTO REPAIR

STODDARD'S AUTO SERVICE

ENHANCED COMPUTER DIAGNOSTICS



Spring TIRE SALE

\$44.95 ea
SOLAR 4XS
185/60R14



\$79.95 ea
MASTERCRAFT
235/75R15



\$89.95 ea
SOLAR V4XS
225/60R17



\$119.95 ea
WILD TRAIL all-terrain
265/70R17



103 South, Chester, VT | 802-875-4616

www.stoddardsautoservice.com

HOURS: M-F 8am - 4pm | Sat by Appointment | VT State Inspections

Visit Us On facebook!

RVTC names students

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - It is with great pleasure to announce the RVTC students of the third quarter. The students of the quarter are selected by their program instructor, and instructors hold very high standards for this recognition. In fact, an instructor will present this award only if he or she believes that there is a student who truly deserves such recognition. A special breakfast and luncheon was held in their honor. Congratulations to all students.

Students of the Quarter are:
Adam Moody – Audio Video Production I – Fall Mountain Regional High School, Joey Betz – Audio Video Production I – Fall Mountain Regional High School, Kyle Monier – Audio Video Production II – Springfield High School, Sam Cox – Audio Video Production II – Springfield High School, Ezra Leonard – Carpentry I – Springfield High School, Henry Watson – Carpentry II – Springfield High School, Carissa Bailey – Culinary Arts I – Green



RVTC students of the third quarter.

PHOTO PROVIDED

Mountain Union High School, Emily McCann – Culinary Arts II – Green Mountain Union High School, Benjamin Bileau – Hands On Computer Systems – Bellows Falls Union High School, Molly Kelly – Health Careers I – Bellows Falls Union High School, Karlygash Keefe – Health Careers II – adult student, Zachary Connor – Horticulture & Natural Resources I – Black River High School, Wesley Austin – Horticulture & Natural Resources II – Bellows Falls Union

High School, Mariyah Fales – Human Services I – Black River High School, Jillian Hale – Human Services II – Green Mountain Union High School, Jason Crumb – Industrial Trades I – Springfield High School, Peter Berlenbach – Industrial Trades II – Springfield High School, Harley Spaulding – Pre Technical Studies – Green Mountain Union High School, Tiffany Jowett – Pre Technical Studies – Bellows Falls Union High School, and Levi Benoit – Technology Essentials – Sheldon Academy.

Summer camps offered

SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. - Main Street Arts is offering four unique camps in June and August, including printmaking, puppetry, theater for teens, and its popular arts exploratory camp.

Printmaking with professional printer Clare Adams for ages 6 through 9 will meet Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, June 20, 21, and 22 from 9:30 a.m. to noon.

Adams will teach the basics of mono-printing using stencils and layering with non-toxic, water-based inks. Students will collaborate on a group wall hanging and take home individual creations.

Shoshana Bass of Sandglass Theater will direct Puppet Camp for ages 8 through 12 the week of June 25 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Participants will build a variety of simple puppets of different sizes, embellish them with character and costume, and learn techniques for animating the puppets and creating story for them. At the end of the week, there will be an informal showing for friends and fam-

ily to celebrate the week of puppetry. In addition to puppetry, there will be group-building games and focusing exercises to get the creative energy flowing.

For children in 6th through 12th grade who are interested in theater, Dominic DeBenedetto, most recently seen as Peter in the Main Street Arts production of “Jesus Christ Superstar,” will lead “Your Voice: Expression through Theater” the week of Aug. 6 for ages 6 through 12 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., with a performance Friday, Aug. 10 at 7 p.m.

The camp will be an original, student-composed performance straight play, although there may be music incorporated depending on the students’ interests and talents. The original poetry collection called “Voices We Hear in the Hall” that is centered on teen issues will serve as inspiration. More information can be found at www.voiceswehearinthell.org.

DeBenedetto holds a master’s degree in education and has taught 8th grade English at Keene Middle School for 11 years and has worked at summer camps and similar programs for the last 15 years, teaching writing, literature, and drama.

Rounding out the summer will be Arts, Crafts and Games led by JoAnne Russo and Bradie Harris the



Arts Camp is one of four unique camps.

PHOTO PROVIDED

week of Aug. 13 for ages 6 through 11 from 1 to 4 p.m.

Campers will unleash their creativity and explore all sorts of projects, including drawing, sculpting, design, exploring the outdoors, singing songs, and playing games. Activities include sun prints, papier mache, fairy houses, making journals, and other creative crafts.

Russo is an artist and basket maker who has led the camp for several years.

Further information and registration information is available on the MSA website www.mainstreetarts.org or by contacting MSA at 802-869-2960 or info@mainstreetarts.org.

Now in its 30th year, Main Street Arts is a catalyst for arts and community, fostering creative expression through artistic experiences accessible to all.

JOIN US FOR

Mother's Day BRUNCH

Sunday, May 13, 2018
Serving from 11:30am - 2:00pm

Chef Carving Station - Hot Items - Cold Items
& Castle Dessert Display

Castle Hill Resort & Spa
VERMONT

\$36.00 for adults & \$20.00 for children
Reservations Recommended // Dining Menu Available at 5 pm
802-226-7361 // Junction of Routes 103 & 131, Cavendish, VT

Opening Week Special

Prime Rib & Scallop Combo
for only **\$22.95**
on Saturday & Sunday

9 and Dine
Restaurant
At The Bellows Falls Country Club

Opening for the Season
on Saturday, May 5
Tuesday - Sunday
11 am - 8 pm
Located off Route 103
North of Bellows Falls

32 FLAVORS OF HARD ICE CREAM & 16 FLAVORS FRESH SOFT SERVE
Non-Fat Yogurt • Sherbet • Sugar-Free Ice Cream

LARGE FAST FOOD MENU INCLUDING:
Hamburgers • Hotdogs • Fries • Chicken Fingers • Onion Rings & More!

Soup & Sandwich Special
Cup of Soup and a Sandwich
For Only **\$4.95**

Dani Joy

SPRING HOURS:
Friday & Saturday: 11am - 10pm
Sunday - Thursday: 11am - 9pm
66 YEARS ON THE CORNER
140 Rockingham St. | 463-9816 | Bellows Falls, VT

“Surviving Progress,” First Friday Film

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - On Friday, May 4, Springfield Unitarian Universalist Church will present “Surviving Progress,” at 7 p.m.

“Surviving Progress” presents the story of human advancement as awe-inspiring and double-edged. It reveals the grave risk of running the 21st century’s software - our know-how - on the ancient hardware of our primate brain, which hasn’t been upgraded in 50,000 years. With rich imagery and immersive soundtrack, filmmakers Mathieu Roy and Harold Crooks launch us on journey to contemplate our evolution from cave-dwellers to space explorers.

Ronald Wright, whose bestseller “A Short History Of Progress” inspired this film, reveals how civilizations are repeatedly destroyed by “progress

traps” - alluring technologies serve immediate needs, but ransom the future. The documentary includes commentary by distinguished professor of environment Vaclav Smil, primatologist Jane Goodall, author Margaret Atwood, and activists from the Congo, Canada, and USA. “Surviving Progress” leaves us with a challenge: to prove that making apes smarter was not an evolutionary dead-end.

Admission is free. Popcorn and beverages will be provided. Doors open at 6:45 p.m. All are welcome.

Enter and win Rutland innovation home

RUTLAND, Vt. - Rutland’s Innovation Home, a super-efficient home to be given away in a contest designed to raise awareness about available jobs, energy innovation and the community, is weeks ahead of schedule - and organizers are extending the deadline to apply to win it.

Green Mountain Power, Naylor & Breen Builders, the United Way of Rutland County, NBF Architects and dozens of partners started the project Feb. 26, 2018 and after just eight weeks are within a month of completion. Siding is going up, the interior got its first coat of paint on Monday, and lights, flooring, and appliances will soon be installed.

“The collaborative spirit of dozens of donor contractors and Naylor & Breen’s keen focus mean the house will be complete by the end of May - six to eight weeks earlier than expected,” GMP President and CEO Mary Powell said. “This home features some of the innovative technologies GMP offers so customers have more control over the energy they use, while at the same time helping to drive down costs for all customers.”

Entry into the contest, which is free to any U.S. citizen over the age of 18, requires submission of a 500-word essay explaining why the applicant wants to live in the Rutland Innovation Home and what the individual or family would bring to community life in Rutland. The contest is now open until 11:59 p.m. on June 18, 2018. Contest information and complete rules are at www.greenmountainpower.com/home-contest-entry-rules.

A nine-member committee of community and business leaders will select 10 finalists based on their applications and essays, and will select the winner based on the essays, background checks, and interviews. The 1,500-square-foot traditional New England-style farmhouse designed by NBF’s Edward Clark, will include three bedrooms, one and a half baths, a wide front porch, and the latest in energy technology and controls.

the
Killarney
an Irish Pub

802-228-7797
44 Pond Street • Ludlow, VT • www.KillarneyLudlow.com
Pub Opens at 3pm • Dinner at 5pm • Lunch Friday - Sunday at 12pm
Hops in the Hills Chicken Wing Champions 4 Years! Sports on 60" TVs!
Space available for private parties, please call 802-228-7797 for reservations

May, 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 TRIVIA w/ Rick Davis 6:30-8:30pm	2 Trade your Patch or Purchase ours for \$5	3 VT DRAFTS \$7 GYPSY REEL 6:30-9PM	4 TGIF!	5 Chicken Wing Champions!
6 Come for the Food Stay for the Fun	7 OPEN MIC	8 TRIVIA NIGHT w/ Rick Davis 6:30-8:30pm	9 Join our Mug Club	10 GYPSY REEL 6:30-9PM \$7 Drafts	11 TGIF	12 VT Draft Beers!
13 HAPPY Mother's Day	14 Open Mic Night	15 TRIVIA w/ Rick Davis 6:30-8:30pm	16 Trade your Patch or Purchase ours for \$5	17 VT DRAFTS \$7 GYPSY REEL 6:30-9PM	18 TGIF!	19 Let the weekend BEGIN
20 VT Draft Beers!	21 OPEN MIC	22 TRIVIA NIGHT w/ Rick Davis 6:30-8:30pm	23 Join our Mug Club	24 GYPSY REEL 6:30-9PM \$7 Drafts	25 TGIF	26
27 It's Sunday ALREADY!?	28 With Honor and Gratitude: We Remember	29 TRIVIA w/ Rick Davis 6:30-8:30pm	30 Trade your Patch or Purchase ours for \$5	31 VT DRAFTS \$7 GYPSY REEL 6:30-9PM	Chicken Wing Champions!	Watch Sports on our 60 inch Screens!



LOCAL HISTORY

BY RON PATCH

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

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

Historical letters

Most readers will know that I am an antiques dealer and have been for over 45 years. My passion is early historical documents.

Being self-educated has its advantages, you study what you like. For me, I love historical documents. As the years passed I became known throughout New England as a collector/dealer of these old documents.

Occasionally I'm called in as a consultant by an auction gallery or a private collector to identify and catalog their documents. Such is the case here.

Recently, I was contacted by Bill Smith of Smith's Auction Gallery of Plainfield, New Hampshire. I was asked to catalog a group of estate documents. The estate was in Corning, New York and was moved to Plainfield to be sold at auction.

When I saw these documents I got goosebumps. Below is an outline of what I discovered.

A handwritten three-page letter's heading is Albany May 12, 1779. The letter was written by Philip Schuyler to Colonel Van Schaick.

General Washington directs Schuyler to have Col. Schaick organize a group of soldiers together with Oneida Indians to chart the Oswegatchie River. The Oswegatchie flows from the Adirondacks, north to the St Lawrence River. In 1779 the British threatened this area. The letter is signed Philip Schuyler. This letter and the relevant history could be an article by itself.

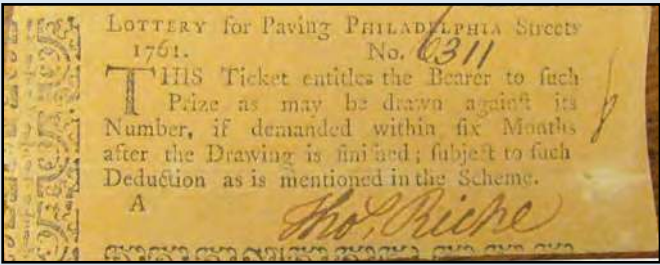
Also is a collection of Continental paper currency, all dating from the 1770s. Continental Currency was circulated in all thirteen Colonies. While unpopular with the Colonists due to inflation and different values from colony to colony, there was a larger problem.

The British would sail into New York harbor and anchor. Then men were sent into the city to collect Continental Currency. Onboard ship they had printing presses and set about counterfeiting the 'Continental's' as they were known. The counterfeits were then distributed throughout the Colonies.

Ben Franklin said, "The artists they employed performed so well that immense quantities of these counterfeits which issued from the British government in New York, were circulated among the inhabitants of all the states, before the fraud was detected. This operated significantly in depreciating the whole mass."



1779 55 dollar Continental currency. PHOTO BY RON PATCH



Very rare 1761 Philadelphia Lottery ticket. PHOTO BY RON PATCH

One way to determine a counterfeit bill today from a genuine bill is rather easy. Genuine Continental Currency notes have tiny flecks of mica imbedded in the paper. The counterfeits did not have mica.

Another item is a very rare 1782 Treasury Check for \$120. It is signed M. Hillegas. Michael Hillegas was the first treasurer of the United States. Estimates range that there are only 75-200 of these checks in existence today.

Included in this collection is a 125-page journal kept by Henry Young. The title page reads: A journal of East and West Florida with itineraries by H. Young, Capt of Topographical Engineers, 1818.

The first Seminole War was in 1818 and led by Andrew Jackson. Henry Young was with Jackson on this expedition and recorded latitude and longitude, topography, soils and rivers. Further he made accurate records of old Spanish roads and forts along with the many different Indian tribes.

In those early days slaves escaping from the southern states escaped to Florida, then a Spanish territory. Here the slaves were safe and established settlements which were recorded by Young. This journal is a major historical artifact.

There is a great 1802 Lord Nelson letter. You might know of the Battle of Trafalgar. This is where Lord Nelson onboard the Victory

won what is considered one of Britain's most important naval battles. On that day in 1805 Nelson was killed.

There's an important Civil War letter regarding formation of a new regiment in New York. Many officers signed the letter. On the reverse side is a handwritten note approving the new regiment, and signed 'A. Lincoln.'

Another letter is written and signed by U. S. Grant. Then there is on an 1862 New York Quartermaster letterhead the signature, 'C.A. Arthur.' Arthur is best known as the 21st president but during the Civil War he was Quartermaster for the State of New York. Not done yet, there is also a White House card with a bold signature, 'Chester A. Arthur.'

Another letter is written and signed by Salmon Chase, Chief Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court. Chase was born in Cornish N.H. There is also a very rare 1761 Philadelphia lottery ticket, likely printed by Ben Franklin.

There is much more I could write about this collection but I'm running out of room. Now perhaps you understand why I had goosebumps.

The auction is Monday, May 28 in Plainfield, N.H. at 10 a.m. I will be there.

This week's old saying. "Old age is a terminal illness."

Jackson Ellis releases first book, "Lords of St. Thomas"

LUDLOW, Vt. - Vermont writer and Okemo Valley native Jackson Ellis has released his first novel, "Lords of St. Thomas." Ellis won the 2017 Howard Frank Mosher First Book Prize for this story set in Nevada during the Depression. It is published by Vermont independent publishers, Green Writers Press.

In the 1930s, during construction of the Hoover Dam, the U.S. government began buying out the residents of St. Thomas, Nev. Yet the hard-headed Henry Lord, believing the waters of the newly created Lake Mead would never reach his home, refused to sell or vacate his property. It was a mistake that would cost him dearly.

"Lords of St. Thomas" details the tragedies and conflicts endured by a family fighting a futile battle, and their hectic and terrifying escape from the floodwaters that finally surge across the threshold of their front door. Surprisingly, it also shows that, sometimes, you can go home again.

Beloved Vermont author Howard Frank Mosher described the book this way, "A dramatic story of the beleaguered Lord family, forced off their land by the creation of Lake Mead. At the heart of the book are the patriarch Henry Lord, who refuses to leave his doomed home and town, and his young grandson and namesake. The novel is both a terrific coming-of-

age story and an exact and haunting evocation of a bygone time and place. What's more, it's a great read. I loved every page."

Ludlow's indie bookstore the Book Nook has signed copies for sale. The Book Nook will also host a book reading with Jackson Ellis on Friday, July 6 at the Ludlow Town Hall Auditorium. It will be an evening featuring local talent as Jackson Ellis reads and talks about "Lords of St. Thomas," Rachel Carter will discuss her latest works, and we will provide a Ludlow premiere of "My Name is Art," a short film based on a story by Asher Ellis. Look for more details later in the spring.

Last OLLI program is "Political Polarization in the United States"

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Eric Davis will present the OLLI-Osher Lifelong Learning Institute program Tuesday, May 8. "Political Polarization in the United States: Causes and Consequences" will be presented at 2 p.m. at the Nolin Murray Center next to St. Mary's Catholic Church on Pleasant St. in Springfield, Vt.

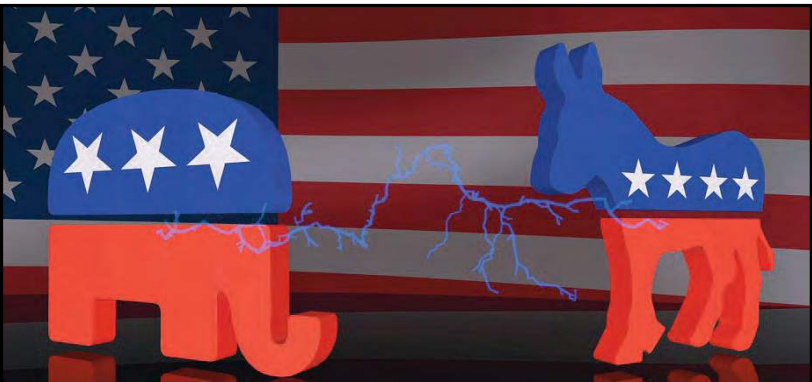
He'll consider the causes of the political polarization that has increased in our country over the past 15 to 20 years to an all-time high. This has resulted in a dysfunctional political system oriented toward short-term solutions in the face of serious policy problems that require longer-term action.

Davis is professor emeritus of political science at Middlebury College and a nationally recognized expert on Vermont and national politics. He has been a close observer of presidential, congressional, and Vermont elections for more than 30 years.

Davis writes a biweekly political column for the Addison Independent, and frequently provides political commentary for several Vermont and national media organizations, including Vermont Public Radio, WCAX-TV, Rutland Herald, New York Times, Boston Globe, Washington Post, and National Public Radio.

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

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



Political Polarization in the United States is the last OLLI program of the season. STOCK PHOTO

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

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

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

hour and a half.

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

The complete Springfield and statewide program list is available on the internet at www.learn.uvm.edu/olli. Choose statewide programs from the menu, and then scroll to Springfield.

Buying:

- Antiques
- Early Photographs
- Military: Helmets, Flags, Uniforms, Weapons, Daggers and Bayonets
- Antique Clocks & Clock Parts
- Guns
- Coins
- & More!

Call Ron Patch at 802-374-0119

MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH

Brunch Buffet \$24.95
\$11.95 for children under 12
Sunday, May 13th • 11 AM – 2 PM

Roasted Local Pork Loin with a Bacon, Apple & Sage Chutney	Pancakes with VT Maple Syrup, Whipped Cream and Fresh Berries
Mixed Greens with Ancient Grains, Roasted Vegetables, Goat Cheese, Candied Walnuts and White Balsamic Vinaigrette	Fresh Sliced Fruit Salad
Sliced Bistro Steak with Roasted Garlic Burgundy Demi-Glace	Omelet Station
Pan Seared Mahi-Mahi served over Heirloom Tomatoes, Olives, Artichoke and Garbanzo Beans	Scrambled Eggs
Vermont Fresh Gnocchi & Sautéed Spring Vegetables in Roasted Tomato Cream Sauce	Roasted Rosemary Fingerling Potatoes
	Bacon & Local Maple Sausage
	Chef's Selection of Seasonal Vegetables
	Green Goddess Avocado Caesar
	Pastry & Dessert Station

Join us for Mother's Day brunch! We will be offering a special menu, featuring ingredients from local Vermont farmers.

CALL FOR RESERVATIONS | (802) 228-1435 | OKEMO.COM/CBT

OKEMO
MOUNTAIN RESORT

BELLOWS FALLS OPERA HOUSE

May 4 - May 9

"AVENGERS: INFINITY WAR"
(Rated PG-13)

Friday: 7:00pm
Saturday: 1:00pm, 4:30pm, 8:00pm
Sunday: 4:00pm, 7:15pm
Monday: 7:15pm
Tuesday: 7:15pm

WEDNESDAY NIGHT CLASSICS
Wednesday, May 9 @ 7:30pm

"THE JAZZ LOFT ACCORDING TO W. EUGENE SMITH"
(2015) (Unrated) Underwritten by Alan Fowler

ALL TICKETS: \$5.00
Small Popcorn 50c on Monday
Medium Popcorn, Soda & Any Candy \$5.00

(802)463-4766
On The Square • Bellows Falls, VT
www.bfoperahouse.com

284 River Street • Springfield, VT • 802-885-2200
Open Monday - Saturday 11:00 AM - 9:00 PM • Sunday 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM
Gift Certificates Available

Early Bird Dinners
\$14⁰⁰ GRASS-FED NY STEAK 12 OZ // \$12⁰⁰ HADDOCK BROILED OR FRIED
4:00 pm - 5:30 pm Monday - Friday ~ Excludes Holidays

BLACK BOARD LUNCH SPECIALS

Served Monday - Saturday from 11am - 4pm

- Fish & Chips - \$8⁰⁰
- Chicago Prime Rib - \$13⁰⁰
- Baked Shrimp, Haddock, Scallops - \$13⁰⁰
- Teriyaki Steak Tips - \$10⁰⁰
- Maple Glazed Salmon - \$9⁰⁰

Other Daily Black Board Specials Available

All Specials Include your Choice of: Baked Potato, Sweet Potato Fries, OR Regular Fries; AND a Choice of Vegetable of the Day OR Coleslaw.

Excludes Holidays

CHURCH SERVICES

ALSTEAD, N.H.

Third Congregational Church UCC, River Street
Sunday service and Sunday school is 10:30 a.m. For more information, contact alsteadthirdchurch@gmail.com or 603-835-6358.

ASCUTNEY, VT.

Bow Baptist Church, 1102 Rte 5.
Sunday school at 10 a.m. Morning service at 11 a.m. Evening service at 6 p.m. Prayer meeting on Wednesday at 7 p.m. Call 802-546-4902 or www.bowbaptist.com.

Brownsville Community United Methodist Church, 66 Brownsville-Hartland Rd.
Sunday worship 9:30 a.m. followed by fellowship and refreshments. Nursery care provided during church service for children 5 years and younger. ADA accessible. Call 802-484-5944, email bcchurchvt@gmail.com, or go to www.brownsvilleumc-vt.org.

BELLOWS FALLS, VT.

Immanuel Episcopal Church, 20 Church St.
Holy Eucharist Services are offered at 8 a.m. (quiet service) and 10 a.m. (with music) every Sunday. Immanuel Church is handicap accessible.

Faith Christian Church, 582 Rockingham Rd.
Pastor Matt and Brenda Farkas welcome all to come and enjoy their services. Sunday worship and praise starts at 10 a.m. with the Message at 10:30 a.m. Children's Church (3-7 years) at 10:30 a.m. Holy Spirit service is on the first and third Sundays of the month at 6:30 p.m. Bible Study takes place on Wednesday evenings at 6 p.m. at the Flat Iron Exchange in Bellows Falls. For more information, call 802-591-1350.

Christ's Church, 24 Main Street, Saxtons River
On the first Sunday of every month, service begins at 10 a.m. and is followed by a potluck luncheon. For more information, call 802-376-6178. All welcome.

CHARLESTOWN, N.H.

Charlestown Congregational Church, 71 Main Street
Sunday service on starts at 10 a.m. All are welcome. For more information,

Kalevi J. Pajala, 1944 - 2018

ANDOVER, Vt. - Kalevi Jaakko Pajala, 73, of Andover, Vt., died peacefully Wednesday, April 25, 2018 at the Jack Byrne Center for Palliative and Hospice Care in Lebanon, N.H. Born in Sievi, Finland, Nov. 19, 1944 to parents Toivo Olavi Pajala and Mirjam Saily Pajala, he arrived in the United States with his family in April 1957. He attended schools in Andover and Chester, graduating from Chester High School in 1963. After graduation he attended Vermont Technical College in Randolph, Vt. He graduated with a degree in electrical tech in 1965. After graduation he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and went to Lackland Air Force Base in Texas. After, he attended jet engine mechanic school at Chanute AFB in Illinois. After completing training, he was stationed at Craig AFB in Selma, Ala. where he worked on fighter aircraft and training jets. After the Air Force, he returned to Vermont and worked at Vermont Research Corp. in North Springfield for 24 years. He later worked at Macdermid Equipment, also in Springfield.

While at Chester High School, he distinguished himself as a gifted athlete. He excelled in both soccer and baseball. His playing style, "movie star" looks, and the fact that nobody could pronounce his name earned him the nickname "Killer." Years later, when someone would talk about him they would only know him as Killer and not Kal or Kalevi.

For many years, he was a ski instructor and later alpine skiing coach at Okemo Mountain in Ludlow, Vt. During the summer, he played softball in the Green Mountain Softball league and played men's league soccer with his sons on the Chester town team. An experienced outdoorsman, he rarely missed an opening day of trout season, and every fall he would be in the woods hunting deer in Vermont and Maine. On at least one occasion, he bagged a buck on his birthday. Kalevi was an avid sports fan and rooted for all teams from New England. Sometimes he had to be reminded that the players and refs on the TV could not hear him coaching from the couch. Early Saturday mornings, he could



Kalevi J. Pajala, 1944 - 2018. PHOTO PROVIDED

be found watching the Formula One auto races. The Finnish drivers were his obvious favorites.

"Stubborn Finn" described him to a T. He learned carpentry skills from his father Toivo and was a great mechanic. He had a knack for keeping vehicles on the road; sometimes well past their useful lives.

He leaves behind many nieces, nephews, cousins, in-laws, and friends, and will be missed by all. He is predeceased by his parents. He is survived by his wife of 23 years, Vivian Pajala of Andover; his sons Bradley Pajala of Londonderry, Vt. and Gregory Pajala and his wife Journey Pajala of Winooski, Vt.; stepsons David Allen and Pam of Florida, Kevin Allen and Gayle of North Carolina, and Matt Allen of Milton, Vt.; two grandsons Olavi and Jaakko whom he adored; five step-granddaughters; three step-grandsons; 4 step-great-grandchildren; three sisters Ritva Burton and husband Bill of Springfield, Vt., Ulla and Kenny Cook of Ludlow, Vt., and Lisa Lemmer and her husband John of Barnard, Vt.; and his aunt Irja Toffferri whose address is "travelling."

Funeral services will be held at the Andover Community Church Saturday, May 5 at 2 p.m. A reception will follow in the back of the church. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Andover Project Committee, 953 Weston Andover Rd., Andover, VT 05143.

Arrangements are by Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield.

call 603-826-3335.

CHESTER, VT.

Chester Congregational Church, 469 Main Street, Route 11 West
Sunday Service at 10 a.m. All are welcome. For more information, call 802-875-3382 or go to www.chestercongregational.org.

First Universalist Parish of Chester, Rte. 103. 211 North St.
Sunday service at 9:30 a.m. followed by light refreshments and conversation. Youth Program for kids ages 4 and older; free childcare available for children under 5 in the playroom between Sept. and June. More at www.chestervtuu.org or 802-875-3257.

Andover Community Church, 928 Weston-Andover Rd., Andover
Sunday school at 9:30 a.m. and worship service 10:45 a.m. For more information, go to www.andovercommunitychurch.org.

LONDONDERRY, VT.

First Baptist Church, 62 Crescent Street, S. Londonderry, Vt.
Worship services are at 10 a.m. on Sunday mornings. For more information, visit www.firstbaptistlondonderryvt.org or call 802-856-7266

LUDLOW, VT.

Ludlow Baptist Church, on the Green, 99 Main St.
Sunday school for all ages at 9:30 a.m. Music Ministry, coffee and fellowship at 10:30 a.m. Worship service at 11 a.m. with nursery care provided. Evening Praise service is at 6:30 p.m. Prayer meetings and Bible study are Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. For more information, go to www.

Frederick A. Hartmann

WINHALL, Vt. - Frederick A. Hartmann, a resident of Winhall, Vt. and beloved husband of Dorothy Esposito-Hartmann, passed away March 5, 2018 at the Albany Medical Center in New York.

He was born in Palisades Park, N.J., the son of Frederick and Kathleen Hartmann. Educated in New Jersey schools and graduated from Rider College in New Jersey, he went on to serve his country in Vietnam as a U.S. Marine. He was promoted early to Captain and decorated with a Bronze Star and a Joint Services Commendation Medal.

Fred later joined the family business in industrial refrigeration and real estate development in Union City, N.J.

An avid skier and reader of military history, he participated in the

Marine Corp Association and the U.S.N.Y. Commandry.

A member of the Winhall Zoning Board of Adjustment and past president of the West River Trail at the Depot Londonderry, he served his community well.

As per his wishes, Fred will be interred at the Gerald B.H. Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery in Saratoga County, N.Y., in a family ceremony.

Memorial contributions may be made in Fred's memory to the Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation, www.mcsf.org.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Mahar and Son Funeral and Cremation Services, 385 Bonnet St., Manchester Center, Vt. Guest book condolences may be made at www.maharandsonfuneralhome.net.

Margaret Spaulding, 1920 – 2018

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Margaret Spaulding, 97, passed away Saturday, April 21, 2018 at Stoughton House in Windsor, Vt., surrounded by her loving family. She was born Sept. 5, 1920 in Springfield, Vt., the daughter of Charles D. and Clara A. (Bibens) Heald. She attended Springfield schools, graduating from Springfield High School, and later graduated from beauty school in Keene, N.H.

On Dec. 14, 1941, she married Henry W. Spaulding in North Springfield, Vt. He predeceased her on May 4, 1998.

Before she was married she worked at hair salons in Claremont, N.H. After she was married, she worked as a hairdresser from her home, and also as a reflexologist for many years in Vermont and in Florida.

She wintered in Florida for several years, moving to Bradenton, Fla. full time in 1978, residing in Florida for many years until she returned to Vermont in 2003.

She was a lifelong member of the North Springfield Baptist Church as well as a member of the Windsor County Home Dem Club.

She enjoyed knitting, sewing, crocheting, and beadwork. She did knit

ting and crocheting for the R.S.V.P. for many years. She crocheted scrubbies for many years for Christmas craft sales and sold them to craft stores as well.

She is survived by two sons Keith C. Spaulding and his wife Nellie of Sandown, N.H., and Carl H. Spaulding and his wife Judy of North Springfield, Vt.; one daughter Celia Taylor of Perkinsville, Vt.; one sister Marion Harlow of North Springfield, Vt.; six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren; and nieces, nephews, and cousins.

She was predeceased by her parents, her husband Henry, son-in-law Fred Taylor, and daughter-in-law Deborah.

A memorial service was held on Saturday, April 28 at the North Springfield Baptist Church. Reverend George Keeler officiated. Burial followed in the Pine Grove Cemetery in North Springfield, Vt.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in her memory to the Springfield Humane Society, 401 Skitchewaug Trail Springfield, VT or to the North Springfield Baptist Church, P.O. Box 23, North Springfield, VT 05150.

LudlowBaptistChurch.org or call Pastor Jerry Scheumann calling 802-228-7600.

SPRINGFIELD, VT.

Precision Valley Baptist Church, 69 Route 106
Adult Bible Study on Sundays from 9 -9:45 a.m. Services start at 10 a.m. Located right next to Cota & Cota.

WALPOLE, N.H.

St. John's Church, corner of Westminster and Elm St.
Sunday school at 9:45 a.m. Services begin at 10 a.m., followed by coffee hour. For more information about Art After School program, our outreach efforts, call 603-756-4533.

Alexander S. Doleva, 1924 – 2018

FOXBORO, Mass. - Alexander S. Doleva, 93, passed away Wednesday morning, April 25, 2018 at Brightview Senior Living Center in Canton, Mass. He was born June 25, 1924 in West Conshocken, Pa., the son of Alexander J. and Laura (Borowska) Doleva. He graduated from high school in West Conshocken and later graduated with a bachelor's degree in engineering from Villanova University.

He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II in the Pacific Theatre.

On Dec. 1, 1956, he married Helen A. Cichonowicz at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Springfield, Vt. She predeceased him on June 30, 2010.

He was employed as a controls engineer with the Foxboro Co., and later with Stone Webster Engineering.

He enjoyed making model airplanes, playing accordion, and foreign language, and he loved his dog Pepper.

He is survived by two daughters Mary V. DeRoche and her husband Steven, and Alexandra Doleva; two grandchildren Victoria and Joseph DeRoche; sister-in-law Ruth Doleva; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by eight siblings: Alice, Mary, Stephanie, Sophie, Helen, Josie, Stephan, and Paul.

A funeral mass was celebrated Monday, April 30, 2018 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Springfield, Vt. Burial will follow in the St. Mary's Cemetery in Springfield.

Contributions may be made to Old Colony Hospice, 321 Manley St, West Bridgewater, MA 02379.

Jean F. McWilliam, 1932 – 2018

GRAFTON, Vt. - Jean F. McWilliam, 85, of Townshend Road died Wednesday, April 18, 2018, following a period of declining health. Jean was born in Red Bank, N.J. on July 16, 1932, the daughter of Carl and Mabel (Noyes) Feldman and was raised in Summit, N.J. She was a graduate of Summit High School and attended the University of Vermont, earning a degree in home economics in 1954.

She also met her future husband, Edgar McWilliam, at UVM, whom she married upon graduation. The two settled in Grafton and formed a partnership with his parents to operate the family dairy farm. Later that partnership continued as she became one of the founding managers of the Grafton Village Cheese Co. Jean also worked in bank customer service, retiring from First Vermont Bank in Bellows Falls. She was active in the Congregational Church in Grafton where she served many years as treasurer and secretary. She was also a member of the Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary and the Women's Club of Grafton and was involved with many community projects. Jean enjoyed travel, particularly trips to the Maine coast. She enjoyed her many friends, was an avid reader, enjoyed photography, and Celtic music.

Jean is survived by her husband of nearly 64 years Edgar McWilliam; daughter Gail McWilliam Jellie, husband David, and children Michael



Jean F. McWilliam, 1932 – 2018. PHOTO PROVIDED

and Emily of Charlestown, N.H.; son Bruce McWilliam, wife Cathy, and children Shannon and Jenna of Chester; brother-in-law and sister-in-law John and Ann McWilliam of Hamilton, Ohio; nieces, nephew, and many grand-nieces and grand-nephews. Jean loved her family and was happiest when the clan was gathered together. Jean's family was blessed by her love and support through the years.

There will be a funeral service at 10 a.m., Saturday, May 19 at the Grafton Church with burial to follow in Houghtonville Cemetery. There are no calling hours. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to the Grafton Church, PO Box 158, Grafton, VT 05146.

Mary G. Colbeth, 1918 – 2017

PROCTORSVILLE, Vt. - Mary G. Colbeth passed away Dec. 10, 2017. A graveside service will be held May 12, 2018 at 2 p.m. in the Pleasant View Cemetery on High Street in Chester, Vt. A reception will immediately follow.

GREATER FALLS INSURANCE



Home • Auto • Farm • Business • Motorcycle • Recreational Vehicles

7190 US Route 5 • Westminster, Vermont 05158
802-463-1900 • www.greaterfallsinsurance.com

ANSWERS TO TAKE A BREAK!

Weekly SUDOKU												
Answer												
8	4	5	2	1	6	7	9	3				
1	9	7	3	8	5	6	2	4				
2	3	6	9	7	4	8	1	5				
5	6	1	7	2	8	3	4	9				
4	2	9	5	6	3	1	8	7				
3	7	8	1	4	9	5	6	2				
6	5	4	8	3	2	9	7	1				
9	1	2	6	5	7	4	3	8				
7	8	3	4	9	1	2	5	6				

King Crossword												
Answers												
Solution time: 27 mins.												
O	P	E	A		F	C	C		E	R	A	S
P	E	A		I	L	L		D	U	G	I	N
T	R	Y		B	O	A	R	D	G	A	M	E
I	T	S		S	T	R	A	Y				
C	H	O	P		H	A	J		A	M	E	N
				O	D	E		A	F	L	A	M
V	O	I	L	A					L	A	S	S
A	F	R	A	M	E		S	U	M			
S	T	A	R		N	U	T		O	I	L	Y
				S	I	S	A	L		D	U	E
N	O	T	R	E	D	A	M	E		A	N	A
T	R	A	I	N		G	E	E		H	A	S
H	E	R	O	D		E	N	S		O	R	T

SPRING HYMN SING
Sunday, May 6, 2018 ~ 3 PM

Church of Christ
972 Chester Road (Route 11)
Springfield, Vermont

An opportunity to request favorite songs will be provided. The true beauty of congregational singing is that our voices and our hearts are knit together in praise!

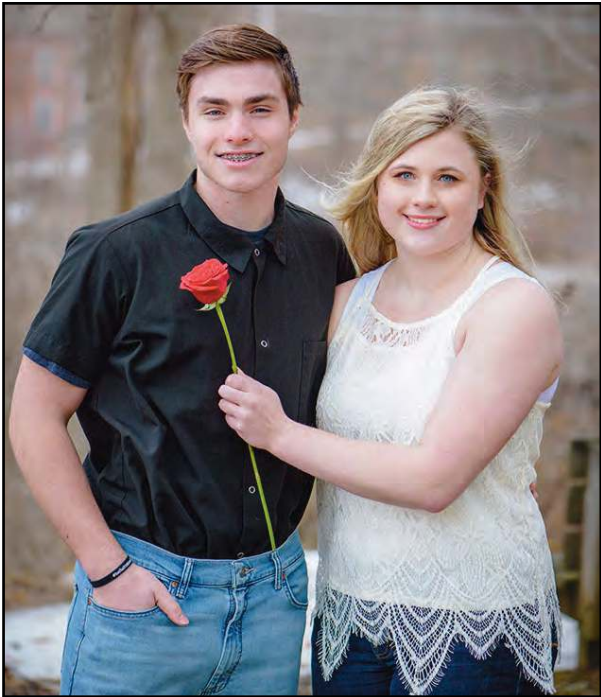
802-885-3491
Refreshments will follow the Hymn Sing. All are welcome!



Apple Blossom Cotillion

Enjoy the Show!





Ainsley Bertone and Owen Kelley.
PHOTO BY MARIE LAPLANTE



London Heiden and Logan Whitcomb.
PHOTO BY MARIE LAPLANTE



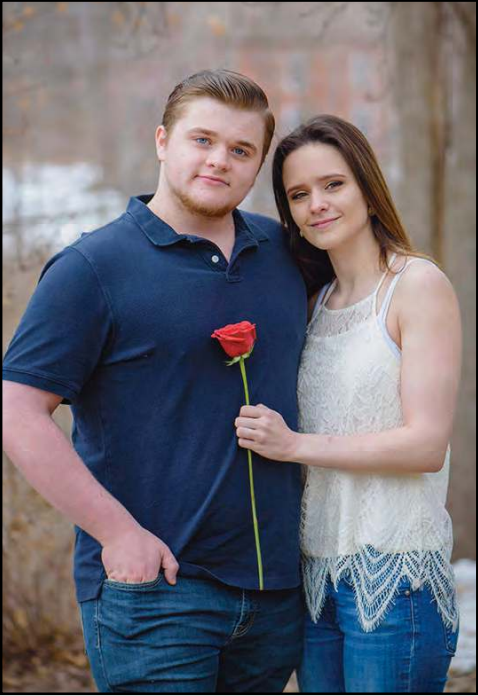
Sofia Gulick and Alan Aldrich.
PHOTO BY MARIE LAPLANTE



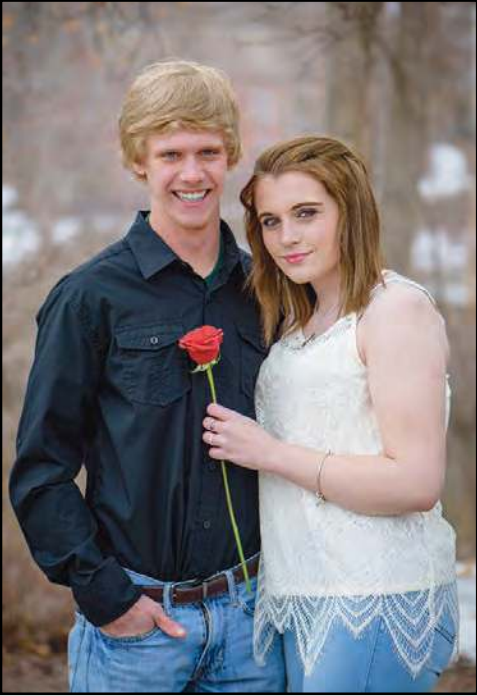
Kylee Charest and Bryson Jester.
PHOTO BY MARIE LAPLANTE



Laura Wentworth and Gabe Considine.
PHOTO BY MARIE LAPLANTE



Alyssa Ellison and Ethan Bertone.
PHOTO BY MARIE LAPLANTE



Samantha Stoddard and Chad Fontaine.
PHOTO BY MARIE LAPLANTE



Hailey Rabtoy and River Hutt.
PHOTO BY MARIE LAPLANTE



Madelyn Stagner and Bradley Bennett.
PHOTO BY MARIE LAPLANTE



Elizabeth Chambers and Christopher Taylor.
PHOTO BY MARIE LAPLANTE



Gillian Guy and John Stafford Jr.
PHOTO BY MARIE LAPLANTE



Eliza Rounds and Hayden Morancy.
PHOTO BY MARIE LAPLANTE



Alexis Morin and James Darrell.
PHOTO BY MARIE LAPLANTE



Under NEW Ownership!

Grooming "Naturally"

Dog y Day Care & Boarding

Food & Supplies



(802) 886-5000 | www.WillowFarmVermont.com | Facebook

The Red Barn at 21 Route 106, N. Springfield, VT

Mon - Sat from 7 - 11 am, Sun 9 - 11 am, and Daily from 4 - 6 pm



CHRISTOPHER FAUVER, DDS

FAMILY & COSMETIC DENTISTRY

802-885-3191

2 Chester Rd | Suite 10 | Springfield, VT

When it's time for an insurance update... call us.



Lawrence & Wheeler

INSURANCE

HOME AUTO BUSINESS

802 885 2178 • 46 Main Street Springfield, Vermont

802 875 2544 • 116 Main Street, Chester, Vermont

BOCCACCIO'S

HAIR & TANNING SALON

HAVE FUN & ENJOY THE SHOW!

56 Green Street
Bellows Falls, VT 05101
802-463-4495

Clinton Street
Springfield, VT 05156
802-885-6265


ULTIMATE AUTOBODY LTD.


1024 CHARLESTOWN RD
SPRINGFIELD, VT 05156

802-885-5401 PHONE
802-885-6116 FAX

Aaron Streeter, Manager
aaronstreeter1@gmail.com

Craig Streeter
ultimatecraig@hotmail.com





2 Chester Road, Suite 7
Springfield, VT 05156
802-885-8564
vitt19@vermontel.net

Thank You for your Patronage for Mother's Day!

Enjoy the Apple Blossom Cotillion!

Bibens ACE

The helpful place.

Bibens The helpful place.

SPRINGFIELD | 362 RIVER RD

802-886-2288

M-F 7AM-5:30PM • SAT 7AM-4PM • SUN 9AM-1PM

THE FRAMERY OF VERMONT LLC.

CUSTOM PICTURE FRAMING

197 ELM STREET (802)-875-3295



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE APPLE BLOSSOM CONTESTANTS!

BUFFUM REALTY

SPECIALIZING IN YOUR SATISFACTION. WE WELCOME YOUR LISTINGS!

121 Park Street | Springfield, VT 05156
802-885-3000 | Buffumrealtyvt.com
Buyer Representation available • Short Sale Specialist



Apple Blossom Cotillion

Enjoy the Show!





Paige Austin, Raylyn Fratini, Gwendelyn Kelley, Payton Austin, Hayden Fratini, Kien Priestley, Abe Allen, Finnegan Kelley.

PHOTO BY MARIE LAPLANTE



Addelyn Snide, Camryn Jarvis, Sophia Lihats, Logan Merrow, John Stagner, Jayden Paul.

PHOTO BY MARIE LAPLANTE



Samantha Lynds, Abbie Haber, Saphire Trombley, Brody Davis, Lawson Fontaine, Brendon West.

PHOTO BY MARIE LAPLANTE



Lilyanna Keefe, Ava Baitz, Morgan Vaughan, Bradley Gallant, Mason Cassidy, Ryan Gould.

PHOTO BY MARIE LAPLANTE



Brayah White, Elizabeth Warren, Annika Little, Asa Whittaker, Chase Hunter, Jace Geary.

PHOTO BY MARIE LAPLANTE



Anna DeBlock, Maya Villemaire, Peighton Humphrey, Davenport Nelson, Christian Aire, Carter Fox.

PHOTO BY MARIE LAPLANTE



Gabryella Simmons, Peyton Snide, Gracie Snide, Gage Quimby, Presley Ellis, Camden Dwinell.

PHOTO BY MARIE LAPLANTE



Colie Roby, Zoey Carlisle, Sierra Carlisle, Miles Glidden, Colton Thomas, Michael Rose.

PHOTO BY MARIE LAPLANTE

Congratulations to all Contestants!

R. S. CARROLL AGENCY, INC.
111 Main Street • P.O. Box 888
Springfield, VT 05156-0888

(802) 885-8400 • (800) 280-5295
Home, Farm, Auto & Business Insurance

GET YOUR FIX AT ROUTE 106

ROUTE 106 N MARKET & DELI

802-886-3354 (DELI)
112 Rt 106
N. Springfield, VT
www.rt106market.com

HOURS:
Mon - Sat 8 am - 6 pm
Sun 10 am - 5 pm
Bob & Lisa Brandmeyer

THE SPRINGFIELD BARBER SHOP

Tanning Salon & Barber Shop
For Men, Women & Children

(802) 885-3232
307 Clinton St, Springfield, VT 05156

THE **Vermont** Journal & THE **SHOPPER**

HB ENERGY SOLUTIONS

Springfield, VT
Call 802-885-2300

Hartness House
Mother's Day Brunch
Sunday, May 13th, 2018
10:30am to 1:30pm

Tavern Hours - Open to the public
Thursday - Saturday 5-9pm
(802) 885-2115 • www.hartnesshouse.com • 30 Orchard Street Springfield, VT 05156

Good Luck Contestants!

Congratulations to all of the contestants in the **Apple Blossom Cotillion!**
MACCU is proud to be a sponsor of this year's event.

 **Members Advantage**
Community Credit Union
www.maccu.org

Visit our convenient location!
Springfield | 886-8425
Barre, S. Burlington, White River, Windsor



Computers By Ken

PC Repair & Sales
802-885-4077

109 Park Street, Springfield, VT 05156
<http://www.computersbyken.com/>

Enjoy the *Apple Blossom Cotillion!*

Muse & Associates
REAL ESTATE

13 Clinton Street, Springfield, VT 05156 • 802-885-2500 • lmuse@vermontel.net
www.musevermont.com



The 2018 Apple Blossom Cotillion contestants bring big screen to life

BY KAREN ENGDAHL
The Vermont Journal & The Shopper

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Linking arms and reeling off a series of Rockette-like kicks, the young men of the 2018 Apple Blossom Cotillion danced in formation as the young women Cotillion contestants moved in a circle behind them, matching their steps to the music of “Beauty and the Beast.” Now rehearsing in their final few days before the performances of “Apple Blossom on the Big Screen” at Riverside School on May 4 and 5, the contestants and their escorts are putting the finishing touches on routines they started learning last January.

“It’s been a lot of work, but also really fun,” said Sofia Gulick, one of the contestants. “The best part has just been interacting with everyone - I’ll miss that part when the rehearsals are over.”

Echoing Gulick’s sentiments,



Cotillion Director Madison Moreau.
PHOTO BY KAREN ENGDAHL

the director of the cotillion, Madison Moreau, said, “This is a great group of dancers - they really stay focused and work hard. I’ll miss the group when this is over!”

Moreau, who is new to the cotillion this year, says the event has also helped her make connections in the community. “It’s been an extraordinary way for me to get into living in a new place,” she said. “People have been great!”

A dance instructor with a degree in dance and psychology from Hampshire College, Moreau has the ultimate goal of oper-

ating her own dance school. “I just want to keep dancing!” she smiled.

Competing for the title of Apple Blossom Queen this year are: Ainsley Bertone, Elizabeth Chambers, Kylee Charest, Alyssa Ellison, Sofia Gulick, Gillian Guy, London Heiden, Alexis Morin, Hailey Rabtoy, Eliza Rounds, Madelyn Stagner, Samantha Stoddard, and Laura Wentworth. The high schoolers will again be joined by junior Cotillioneers, a group of 25 elementary school couples. Larry Kraft will be the event’s master of ceremonies for the 18th consecutive year.

The Apple Blossom Cotillion is a fundraiser for Springfield Hospital. The proceeds from this popular event provide support for the Dr. E. Sherburne Lovell Health Career award and services of the hospital.



Director Moreau outlines rehearsal plan.
PHOTO BY KAREN ENGDAHL



Cotillion escorts practice their kicks.
PHOTO BY KAREN ENGDAHL

62ND

APPLE BLOSSOM COTILLION

On the Big Screen

AN EVENING OF LIVE ENTERTAINMENT & PAGEANTRY

Friday & Saturday

MAY 4 & 5

OPENING NIGHT

Friday, May 4 • 7:30 pm

GRAND PERFORMANCE

Saturday, May 5 • 7:30 pm

Featuring the Crowning of the 2018 Apple Blossom Queen

LOCATION

Dressel Gymnasium
Springfield, VT
Doors open at 6 pm

DIRECTED BY

Madison Moreau

TICKET PRICES

• FRI, \$10 advance/\$12 at door
• SAT, \$15 advance/\$18 at door
• Children under 5, FREE at both performances

BUY YOUR TICKETS NOW!

Available at Boccaccio's salons, Tina's Hallmark and at Apple Blossom rehearsals.

The Apple Blossom Cotillion is a fundraiser for Springfield Hospital.



Villagers

Downers Four Corners
Weathersfield, Vermont

802-263-5677 ~ Like us on Facebook ~ Now Open for the Season!

Congratulations Contestants!

Enjoy the Apple Blossom Cotillion!

Est. 1957
19 Gurney Road, N. Springfield VT
(802) 886-2210

Springfield Family Dental

17 Old Chester Road | Springfield, VT
(802) 885-4581 | www.dentistryspringfieldvt.com

Serving the Springfield community and surrounding towns for over 85 years

DAVIS MEMORIAL CHAPEL
99 Summer Street, Springfield, Vermont 05156-3502
802-885-3322 | davischapel@vermontel.net

sports



THIS AND THAT

BY BILL MURPHY

The Vermont Journal & The Shopper

The Vermont Journal and The Shopper's coverage area includes five high schools. Alphabetically, they are Bellows Falls, Black River, Fall Mountain, Green Mountain, and Springfield, and they all have their supporters. In general, if one lives in an area, they root for that team.

There are, at times, oddities, which camouflage one's rooting interests though. The most prevalent examples would be a person who grows up in one town and moves nearby or a person who grows up elsewhere and, although they live in one of our communities, chose never to jump on any bandwagon.

In short, local interests are usually cut and dry.

When it comes time for area fans to support professional and college sports, the majority forges together and gives their loyalty to their closest teams. Obviously, there are more Bruins, Celtics, Patriots and Red Sox fans than anything else around here. Each of those sports has fans who grew up

here and fans who have migrated here while cheering for other teams. But the overwhelming majority are New England sports fans.

This time of year really makes my head hurt. Monday night, three New England teams were in action all at the same time. If you are one of those fans who craves, smells, and consumes every sport, what do you do? You obviously, either prioritize, or, you flip your remote so many times, your batteries have to be replaced.

Oh, what it would be like to be young again! This is the truth. There were days of heavy sports action, especially in the spring and the fall, that I would situate myself in a hallway at my house, so I could catch our two televisions and watch two games, and then have two radios beside me to bring in two more.

The most important and satisfying part of that experience of my youth was that I could keep track of all four games and could ace any quiz you threw my way. Keeping track of two games at the same time today can challenge me. Certainly, don't give me a quiz.

Boy, back then those were the days.

Strangely, I've found, football has the most unique rooting interests in these parts. More fans of other teams are prone to wear their colors in public than any other sport. This is true in our five high schools and throughout New England.

Area rooters are clearly worthy of calling this Patriot country, but I really think when it comes to a breakdown, football has more non-Patriot fans who grew up here than any other professional sport. One of the reasons for that is, there are probably more professional football fans among the local ranks than any other sport.

A couple of more things about area Patriot fans. About 75 percent of them are really intense. And well more than half of that 75 percent are Patriot-blind. Whatever their team does is right, even if it is cheating. I am a Patriot fan, but there are areas of their approach, which make me uncomfortable. In my mind, Bill Belichick is clearly the greatest coach of all time, but his ways

have a way of wearing on the people around him. He is at a point in his career that many of his most devoted disciples are openly questioning his approach and decision-making. It frightens me that the ending may not be what it should be.

By the way, be observant of shirts, hats, etc. worn by area football fans. If you keep track, correspond with me at bmurphy@vermontjournal.com to weigh in with your numbers.

Although football now rules the popularity meter locally, for most of my life the Red Sox were clearly the number one choice for sports enthusiasts. The Red Sox are right up there - football and baseball are eons ahead of basketball and hockey in popularity - but football marketed itself better and moved to the top.

Those of you choosing not to root for area teams have lost out lately. The New England area has won hands down more professional sports titles than any part of the country since the turn of the century.

There are several cities that have more than one sports team in a particular sport and thus more chances to win, but there is no location that sees more playoff teams on a regular basis than New England. During the last two cycles, New England has been represented in the post season by every sport, two years running. Wow!

Look at how things stand today, the Red Sox have the absolute best record in baseball and both the Celtics and the Bruins have a chance to advance to their Eastern Conference Finals.

So readers, cheer on your teams, and in addition, find out a way to fit in a sports event or two at your area high school. The weather right now has warmed up, giving you a chance to take in some action and enjoy the outdoors air.

Feel free to write me with comments, questions, or story ideas about this column or anything that appears on the sports page. Contact me at bmurphy@vermontjournal.com.

Bellows Falls comes in first and second in the annual weight relays

BY BILL MURPHY

The Vermont Journal & The Shopper

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Bellows Falls hosted and then boasted about the 2018 Howard-Weiser Weight Relays held last week at Bellows Falls' Hadley Field. The Terrier boys captured the competition, and their female counterparts placed second to a strong Hartford High School team. The girls' weight event was the most

competitive of the day.

Both Bellows Falls squads, as is the case almost each spring, should be in the thick of things come June 4, when the Vermont Division III State Track Meet is held at Green Mountain Union High School. Following behind the Terrier boys was Lebanon High School. The hosts collected 48 points to Lebanon's 36. Newport finished third with a strong 32 points, followed by Brattleboro 23, Spring-

field 22, Windsor 10, Fall Mountain 9, Green Mountain 8, and Hartford 6.

For the Fall Mountain boys - and girls - their best team event was the high jump where they scored eight of their nine points.

Hartford was much stronger in the girls' competition where their 56 points led the way compared to the Terrier girls' 50. Lebanon collected 35-and-a-half points in third place with Thetford 33, Brattleboro 28,

Newport 7, Green Mountain 4, and Fall Mountain 3-and-a-half rounding out the field.

Bellows Falls had three individual performers tie for first place in the pole vault, along with Hartford's Illeana Sivois. A four-way tie was created when the competition was forced to stop because a competitor knocked the standard off its stand. Points were awarded as a result of competition to date. The boys' pole vault had to be

cancelled as a result.

Bellows Falls track coach, Tim Eno, took advantage of the interruption by lightening up the day with a public address announcement, which brought a roar of laughter. Eno let the crowd know the boys' competition would have to be scratched, but he quickly added Bellows Falls would be awarded the 10 points for winning the event that would not be held. Following a short pause, Eno added, "Ha ha, just kidding."

Eno also said the poor spring weather has held back his team's training regimen. "I'm not real aggressive with the workouts until the weather warms up. It is all about peaking on June 4 for the state meet."

There was no pause after this statement this time. He's not kidding. Everything is set to peak at the end of the season. Just in time for the medals to be passed out.



Tim Hakimoglu competing in the high jump.

PHOTO BY DOUG MACPHEE



Clara Monterano competing in the javelin event.

PHOTO BY DOUG MACPHEE



Isabelle Lord in the high jump.

PHOTO BY DOUG MACPHEE



Mason Olney competing in the high jump.

PHOTO BY DOUG MACPHEE



Chase Ordway-Smith gave his all.

PHOTO BY DOUG MACPHEE



Brenda LaDuc competing in the shot put.

PHOTO BY DOUG MACPHEE



Reilly Lessard contributing his part to his team's high jump score.

PHOTO BY DOUG MACPHEE



Maizy White concludes her long jump.

PHOTO BY DOUG MACPHEE

Unified basketball team celebrates senior night and the playoffs

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - The Springfield Cosmos unified basketball team had much to celebrate recently. In their last regular season home game, the team honored their senior members. Now, with five wins to round out their season, they are headed to the playoffs.

Senior night

Senior night turned into a success for the Cosmos Unified Basketball team as they brought the season's record to a 5 to 2 end. The Cosmos brought in their fifth win with a 38-30 victory over the Rutland Raiders. Also that evening, tradition continued for the Springfield Cosmos as each senior was recognized at the last home game for them. Natalie Corliss, Cameron Colon, and Lance Robinson are three-year unified basketball veterans. Since the sport's inception here in Springfield, Vt. in the 2015-16 school year Cam, Lance, and Natalie have shined as players and mentors for their teammates. Coach Gultekin and Coach Pestana awarded flow-

ers and posters to each of them. Fellow students created each poster and decorated it with their name, player number, qualities, and senior photo.

In their last home game, the players responded and worked as a team with strong rebounds, passing, looking for the open man, and numerous assists. Paul Dana led the evening with four assists along with veteran players Cameron Colon, Alex Damato, Falisha Maly, and Natalie Corliss to manage the team in setting up plays so all could score.

A huge thank you to Mackenzie Godin for leading the night with the National Anthem and having the team sing along.

The playoffs

It was a tough battle in the 32 minutes of game

play at the Cosmos Dressler gym with a 21-20 win in overtime against Leland & Gray. It was a team effort from the players on the court. Veteran Lance Robinson contributed four points and nine rebounds. Cameron

Colone came out on top with four points in the first quarter and four points in the third quarter, which gave him a total of eight points with seven rebounds. Luke Machado scored two points in the second quarter. Falisha Maly's power under the basket landed her six rebounds. Paul Dana contributed four assists to help the Cosmos to victory.

At the buzzer, the score was 16-16 giving the Cosmos more time for their win. Within the four-minute overtime Leland & Gray scores the first two points. In return Glidden managed to score from inside the paint, which then brought the score to 18-18. Leland scored another basket to tie the game 20-20.

With Evan Halls focus, he was able to shoot a three-pointer, which then resulted in a Cosmo victory. Glidden scored two points and grabbed seven rebounds along with Evan Hall's five points and six rebounds.

The team has worked hard all season, and we're ready for the next

game. A huge thank you to all our fans.

On Thursday, May 3, the Cosmos travel to Brattleboro for their second playoff game.

Submitted by Margaret Gultekin, Springfield High School.



In their last home game, the Cosmos recognized their seniors, Lance Robinson, Cameron Colon, and Natalie Corliss.

PHOTO PROVIDED



The Cosmos won their first playoff game in overtime against Leland & Gray.

PHOTO PROVIDED

arts & entertainment

Glass artist, ceramicist on display at Main Street Arts —

SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. — Works by glass artist Randi Solin and ceramicist Natalie Blake are on display in the Main Street Arts gallery. An opening reception will be held Monday, May 7 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Randi Solin describes her one-of-a-kind art glass as “a juxtaposition of weighted organic form and sharp polished edges. I approach glass like a painter to a canvas or a weaver using thread to create an intricate tapestry.”

After graduating from the New York College of Ceramics of Alfred University with a major in glass, Solin first established Solinglass Studio in California in 1995 before relocating to Brattleboro in 1998, where she maintains a studio on West River Road. Her work is in the permanent collections of the White House and U.S. Embassies in Algeria, Guinea, Praia, Mauritania and Benin in Africa, Guatemala, and Paraguay. It has been seen in solo and group shows in fine art glass galleries and museums nationwide and is currently in many private collections and more than 45 art galleries.

Active among glass artists, Solin is vice president of the board of the Vermont Glass Guild.

With her studio in the same building as Solin in a collaboration known as Fire Arts Vermont, Natalie Blake



Catherine Cadieux admires the work of Randi Solin and Natalie Blake on display at Main Street Arts.

PHOTO PROVIDED

creates handmade ceramic tiles and vessels, each individually carved, glazed and high-fired.

She began her professional career in 1994 in southern Vermont but quickly gained exposure through art shows such as the Smithsonian Craft Show and the American Craft Exposition. In 2002, Ornament magazine described her work as an “extraordinary collection of pottery consisting of brilliant blue green glaze and fine detailed carving... Each piece has an

ancient as well as contemporary feel.”

Blake has expanded her inventive line of vessels while also developing a unique line of sculptural wall art tile.

The MSA Gallery will be open during regular business hours and before performances and events. Further information is available by contacting MSA at 802-869-2960, info@mainstreetarts.org, or online at www.mainstreetarts.org.

The Long River, water inspired art —

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. — Canal Street Art Gallery is pleased to present “The Long River,” an exhibition of art inspired by moving water.

The exhibit features artists working in a diverse range of mediums and styles brought together by their common inspiration drawn from the power of water. Canal Street Art Gallery presents this artwork to honor the river, falls, and canal, which have attracted creative peoples to this place and the gallery to

its current location.

The show includes artworks in photography, watercolor, monotype print, oil, acrylic, and drawing by artists Clare Adams, Spaulding Dunbar, Marcie Maynard, Charles Norris-Brown, MC Noyes, Gil Perry, Micah Schatz, and Alyssa Schmidt.

The public is invited to attend the opening reception for the exhibit Friday, May 4, from 4-8 p.m. for an opportunity to meet the artists, appreciate their work, and enjoy some

tasty treats and refreshments.

In addition, the gallery is hosting a Wet Paint Party during Third Friday, May 18 from 4-8 p.m. Join us for this fun and exciting event when the artists add new artwork to the show and live music is played, making for a changing and evolving exhibit for all to be a part of.

Canal Street Art Gallery is located at 23 Canal Street in the historic downtown of Bellows Falls, Vt. The gallery is open Wednesday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., and all other times arranged by appointment by calling or emailing the gallery, 802-289-0104 or 23canalstreetgallery@gmail.com.

For more information, please go to www.canalstreetartgallery.com.

TomCat Landscaping
American Made ~ American Proud
802-629-0638

Gardening, Tree Services, Hardscapes, Water Features, Retaining Walls, Demolitions, Storm Clean Up & More

www.tomcatlandscaping.com

Iron Stains?
Smelly Water?
Hardness?

WE CAN HELP!

Hellenbrand
800-252-8484 Serving VT & NH Since 1984

We also Install
Radon & Arsenic
Removal
Systems

Giving to those who give back.

If you're here to make a difference, we're here to help.

Since 2004, we have donated more than \$1,018,148 in grant money to not-for-profit organizations that improve quality of life in the communities we serve. We support a wide variety of causes that reflect the diverse passions of our community. Ideas for addressing issues in the arts, environment, social services, education, recreation, animals and civic arenas are all welcome.

The application period is now open for 2018.
Apply online at claremontsavings.com/foundation by May 11.

Claremont Savings Bank FOUNDATION

1(800) 992-0316
claremontsavings.com

The Emporium Tobacco & Gift Shop

**Humidified Premium Cigars | Hand Blown Glass Pipes
Hookahs & Shisha | Roll Your Own Tobacco & Supplies
Bubblers & Water Pipes | Smoking Accessories
Vaporizers & Concentrates | E-Cigs & E-Pipes**

802-775-2552
131 Strongs Ave, Rutland, VT

P&L Excavating and Trucking
"Stumps to stones and everything in between"

PO Box 993
Chester, VT
Office: 802 875 2819

Owner/Operator
Palmer cell: 802 291 3417
Ryan cell: 802 291 3363

Six down, one to go!

So far this year, four individuals and two couples have chosen The Gables as their new home. One apartment remains.

What are you waiting for?

Dining • Housekeeping • Transportation • Maintenance • One & Two Bedroom Apartments with Heated Sun Porches • Pet-Friendly • Assisted Living on Property at The Meadows

For info or to tour our premier retirement community, call Randi Cohn at 802-770-5275 or visit us online.

The Gables
AT EAST MOUNTAIN
1 Gables Place, Rutland, VT
www.thegablesvt.com

Where the living is easy

VSO musicians to perform in area schools —

REGION - The Vermont Symphony Orchestra's "Raising Cane" woodwind trio will present performances at three Windham County schools May 14: Saxtons River Elementary at 9:30 a.m., Anthens-Grafton Joint Central School at 11 a.m., and Central Elementary in Rockingham at 1:30 p.m.

"Raising Cane" is always a big hit in schools. Oboist Ann Greenawalt, clarinetist Steve Klimowski, and bassoonist Janet Polk are all excellent performers with years of experience turning kids on to classical music. Their show focuses on the unique sounds of the three reed instruments, making the analogy that musical timbres are the composer's palette of colors. Students are engaged in participatory exercises designed to familiarize them with these ambassadors from the woodwind family and sharpen their listening skills.

On May 17, the Vermont Symphony Orchestra's "Fiddlesticks!" string trio will present a performance at the Elm Hill School in Springfield at 9:45 a.m. This performance is made possible by the Upper Valley Friends of the VSO.

Members of "Fiddlesticks" are David Gusakov, Hilary Hatch, and

Bonnie Klimowski. They also bring "Godzilla," the bass fiddle, with them!

Their dynamic performances are designed to introduce children to the most important members of the symphony orchestra and to make some of the key concepts in classical music making come alive. Long-time members of the VSO, the performers are funny, friendly, interactive - and wonderful musicians.

These performances are part of the Vermont Symphony Orchestra's statewide SymphonyKids education program, which reached over 22,000 schoolchildren last year with 257 presentations serving 139 schools in 111 different towns. The VSO's traveling ensembles visit all corners of the state as part of an outreach program known as the Lois H. McClure "Musicians-in-the-Schools" program. These lively concerts are met with overwhelming enthusiasm, as



Raising Cane.

PHOTO PROVIDED

the musical ambassadors spread the word that classical music can be fun!

The Vermont Symphony Orchestra is the only professional statewide orchestra providing live musical experiences for listeners in Vermont. It is a state-supported nonprofit institution founded in 1935 and exists for the purpose of fostering and encouraging the appreciation of music in all its various forms, with emphasis on orchestral, choral, and chamber music.

Bonnie's Bundles donates two Sushi dolls —

CHESTER, Vt. - Bonnie Waters, Vermont doll artist, has created two Sushi dolls, each valued at \$300. One will be raffled in Chester and the other for a silent auction item in Randolph, Vt. All funds raised will benefit the Shizukuishi Randolph Union Middle School student cultural exchange.

Our granddaughter is one of ten young people selected to go to Japan in July for two weeks.

You can buy tickets at our doll shop and gallery on North Street in Chester. There is more information on our website, www.bonniesbundlesdolls.com/events. The drawing will be held June 7.



Sushi doll.

PHOTO PROVIDED

Elena Georgiou reads from her new book

GRAFTON, Vt. - Elena Georgiou, fiction writer, poet, and director of the MFA in Creative Writing program at Goddard

College, will read from her recently published book of short stories, "The Immigrant's Refrigerator" on Saturday, May 5 in Grafton. The reading will be followed by a discussion.

There are approximately 65 million refugees, asylum-seekers, and internally displaced people around the world. Elena Georgiou's "The Immigrant's Refrigerator" plucks a few of these people out of the crowd and brings their stories to life. Populated with a cast of characters that shine the light on what it means to be an outsider in the early part of the 21st century, these stories take the reader into the lives of those who have entered a country legally, others who were forced to enter illegally, and the rest who call a country home as a result of the geography of birth. What does it mean to search for a future that will not only be a

place of refuge, but also of hope?

About her work, Georgiou says, "I'm interested in looking beyond the question 'Where are you from?' to a more complicated array of questions regarding multiple migrations, invasions, post-colonial freedom, and the ability to board international flights. As the child of immigrants, as an immigrant myself, and as an ex-dancer, I feel as if I am an expert in the art of moving. In my writing I endeavor to choreograph what disappoints us, what uplifts us, what separates us, and what unites us, as a way to examine the ever-changing landscape of our lives."

The event is from 4-6 p.m. on Saturday, May 5 at the Old Houghtonville Store, 3241 Houghtonville Rd. in Grafton. RSVPs are appreciated but not required. Contact eleven-skies@yahoo.com.

Meeting Needs • Changing Lives
SEVCA
SOUTH VERMONT VOLUNTARY COMMUNITY ACTION

Your donations and purchases provide critical services for low-income residents in Windham and Windsor counties.

Discover the **GOOD BUY STORES** for Spring Clothes Collectibles, Books, Music, Vintage, Jewelry & more. New items in our stores every day – 10% off with AD.

45 Rockingham St. Bellows Falls 802-463-9084	23 Main St. Springfield 802 885-7074	676 Hartford Ave. White River Junction 802-359-4183
--	--	---

We need your gently used furniture donations: 802-885-7074
10% Off with this AD! Donations are tax deductible!

senior specials

Now thru 5/31/2018, IF YOUR COST IS:

\$100-\$249 TAKE \$25 — OFF TOTAL —	\$250-\$499 TAKE \$50 — OFF TOTAL —
\$500-\$999 TAKE \$75 — OFF TOTAL —	\$1000 OR MORE TAKE \$100 — OFF TOTAL —

Excludes previous treatments. Must present coupon for savings. Excludes hygiene. Excludes all other offers.

Some Exclusions Apply.

GREATER FALLS DENTISTRY
802-463-4695
5 Henry St. | Bellows Falls, VT 05101
www.greaterfallsdentistry.net

We Are A Delta Dental Participating Provider
Dr. Mozaffari
Dr. Santiago
General Dentists

arts & entertainment

Alfred Hitchcock returns to South Londonderry Depot —

S. LONDONDERRY, Vt. - A few years back, the Friends of the West River Trail presented a two-part series of presentations on that master of mystery, Alfred Hitchcock. A speaker from the Vermont Humanities Council gave a lecture on his career and films and had a screening of "The Trouble With Harry," a Hitchcock film notable for having been filmed in Vermont and having been largely a comedy.

On Tuesday, May 15 at 7 p.m., the Friends will present another Hitchcock underexposed classic at the South Londonderry Depot, "The 39 Steps." Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. and light refreshments will be served.

As in many other Hitchcock films - think of "Rear Window," "The Man Who Knew Too Much," and "North by Northwest" - an "everyman" becomes swept up in events beyond his control and must fight to preserve his life, clear his name and, in this case, protect his country from pre-World War II Germany. Robert Donat and Madeleine Carroll star.

As with "Psycho," a female character introduced early in the film whom we expect to be female protagonist is

suddenly killed and that sends Donat from London to the Highlands of Scotland to unravel the mysteries that have cast him as a murderer and put his country in jeopardy.

Alfred Hitchcock made this film in 1935 in black and white and while still living in Britain. Although he filmed "The 39 Steps" over 80 years ago, British film critics still consider it one of the finest films their country has ever produced. It's exposure here in the U.S. has been modest.

This presentation will be the first to employ a new audio-visual system that the Friends have acquired, with thanks to the Thrifty Attic for a substantial grant and Toby Fitch of South Londonderry for his technical advice in selecting and assembling the com-



Alfred Hitchcock, Master of Mystery.

PHOTO PROVIDED

ponents.

This is a community event hosted by the Friends of the West River Trail. There is no admission charge. Voluntary contributions to assist with the upkeep of the depot and the enhancement of newly acquired property at the site of the South Londonderry trailhead will be appreciated. Please come and enjoy!

Save the date for the 16th annual Music in the Meadow —

CHESTER, Vt. - The 16th annual Music in the Meadow fundraising concert for the Vermont-New Hampshire Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure will be held Saturday, June 30, 2018 at the Motel in the Meadow, Route 11 West, Chester, Vt. Event times will be 12-8 p.m. with the gates opening at 11:30 a.m. Mark your calendars now!

We are hoping to surpass the highest record for donations of \$9,730, which takes the grand total raised in 15 years to nearly

\$60,000! All proceeds collected go to the Komen Race for the Cure to hopefully find a cure for breast cancer. There are no deductions taken out for expenses. All proceeds raised at this event go to Race for the Cure.

Back for 2018 will be the very popular raffle, silent auction, and as always, entertainment performed by local musicians, including but not limited to: Green Mt. Express, Ben Fuller, Heartfire, Brendon Thomas, Totally Submerged, The Imperfec-

tionists, The Illusion, and Intercept, who donate their time and talent. Also returning will be the horse-shoe tournament. As always, food and beverages will be available for purchase.

We are always looking for volunteers to join us in our efforts to put these concerts on. Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer, please contact us at Motel in the Meadow, 802-875-2626 or at musicinthemeadowvt@gmail.com. We hope to see you there!

Calling all local artists

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - You are invited to show your work at Gallery at the VAULT in our Open Wall Show. This is a chance to display your work in a non-juried show. There is no fee. The theme for our next show is "Cycles of Life."

This is a great opportunity for artists who would like to get their work out there for the first time as well as for seasoned artists. Please bring work that is framed and

wired for hanging and acceptable for viewing by all ages. You can bring in two works if they are 18 inches by 20 inches or smaller, or one if it is larger. Sculpture, jewelry, pottery, and fiber art are welcome along with the paintings and photos. The time to bring them in is Thursday, May 3 from 5 to 6:30 p.m., Friday, May 4 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday, May 5 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The show will run from May 9 to July 26.

If you have not had a chance to see the "Time for Renewal" show, it is not too late. It is a lovely show that will give you smiles and reflection. Enjoy.

For more information, please call Gallery at the VAULT, 68 Main



Display your work at the VAULT.

PHOTO PROVIDED

SCP 98th season auditions

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - The Springfield Community Players are looking for local talent to come out and join the team this season as they cast for their famed shows! This year the players will feature the following shows: "Lend Me A Tenor," "The Boys Next Door," and "The Marvelous Wonderettes: Dream On." In an effort to attract as many people as possible, the players will be hosting group auditions May 20 at 2 p.m. and May 21 at 7 p.m.

"Lend Me A Tenor," a comedy by Ken Ludwig, takes place in a hotel suite in 1934 Cleveland. On a very important night for the Cleveland Grand Opera Company, Tito Mirelli, the world-famous Italian tenor, is set to sing the starring role in Otello. Henry Saunders, the general manager of the company, is frantic that everything turns out right. He insists that his assistant, Max, a nervous young man and tenor wannabe, watch over Tito's every move to insure smooth sailing.

After huge fight with his fiery Italian wife, Maria, a series of mishaps leaves Tito comatose. Max is left to save the entire production of Otello. He navigates the company through one disaster after another and with Saunders' help ends the show in grand, farcical fashion.

The cast of "Lend Me A Tenor" requires four men and four women, ages 20 to 60.

"The Boys Next Door" is a play by Tom Griffin. Set in the Boston area, it focuses on four men with various mental disabilities who live in a group home. It takes place over roughly a two-month period and consists of brief vignettes about the men's lives. The play provides a humorous commentary on the men's lives, taking a surprising turn as Barry's father comes to visit and as Jack, the caretaker, accepts a new job. It was adapted into a television film in 1996 by Hallmark Entertainment.

The cast of "The Boys Next Door" requires eight men and four women ages 20 to 70.

"The Marvelous Wonderettes" are back for the 2018 season! It's 1969 and the Marvelous Wonderettes are

back at Springfield High - Go Chipmunks! - to throw a retirement party for their favorite homeroom teacher. As the girls sing their way through the greatest girl-group hits of the '60s and bid Ms. McPherson a fond farewell, one of the Wonderettes reveals she'll also be saying goodbye to search for success and happiness on her own. Act two finds the girls back together as the class of 1958 celebrates their 20-year reunion. The classic pop and rock hits of the '70s provide the perfect soundtrack for these old friends to catch up on the places life has led them.

The cast of "The Marvelous Wonderettes: Dream On" requires four women, in their 20s to 30s. Those auditioning should prepare a song and bring their sheet music with them for the accompanist.

Auditions will be held at the Players Studio on 165 South Street Springfield, Vt. For further questions, contact the Springfield Community Players at the studio at 802-885-4098 or by email springfieldcommunityplayers@gmail.com.



Dance Party recital

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Dennis Pine (at the piano) and fellow students and friends rehearse his arrangement of a popular Grand Old Opry favorite as they prepare for their recital on Sunday, May 6, at 3 p.m. at the North Springfield Baptist Church. This year's recital, "Dance Party," will feature dances from around the world. Admission is free, and the public is invited. There will be a reception following the performance and all are welcome. From left to right: Donna Grant, snare; Rob MacKenzie, clarinet; Karen Engdahl, violin; and Tom Mintun, bass. For more information, contact Karen Engdahl at 802-885-1216.

PHOTO BY ROGER PAYNE

COMPLETE CONSTRUCTION

24 x 24 Garages with 6" Reinforced Concrete and 12" Thickened Edges

Basic Site prep included

All Sizes & Styles Available

Starting at \$20,499

Call or email for details • comconstruction@msn.com
(802) 886-2825 • (802) 591-1799 - Kevin

C & M Concrete, Inc.

Excavating, Foundations, Floors, Slabs, Patios, Retaining Walls & Sidewalks

"Pride & Precision"

Matt & Cindy LaChapelle

Springfield, Vermont
Ph-Fax: 802-885-5737
Cell: 802-376-9243
email: cmconcrete@vermontel.net

Insured
Free Estimates
Over 30 Years Experience

PROPANE! PROPANE! PROPANE!

Free Tank Installation!

No Tank Rental Fee!

Cooking Only: \$3.15/gal

Hot Water & Cooking and/or Dryer: \$2.89/gal

500-1000 Gallons Annual Use: \$2.50/gal

1000-1500 Gallons Annual Use: \$2.43/gal

1500-2000 Gallons Annual Use: \$1.99/gal

Over 2000 Gallons Annual Use: Call for Price

B-A-R-T ENERGY LLC

(802) 463-9944

4 Transport Park, Rockingham, VT

bmw painters

box 6, weston, vt

- commercial & residential
- paperhanging
- drywalls
- aerial truck
- free estimates

Ray Wilcox
802-875-3391
Cell 802-384-1933
• Since 1969 •

SOLES 4 SOULS

A global social enterprise committed to fighting poverty through the collection & distribution of shoes and clothing.

Donate your old or gently used shoes at our shoe drive during the month of May!

Your gently used shoes that you no longer want can help impoverished areas in the United States and in developing Countries. Please donate shoes at our office on Main Street in Ludlow. Check out: soles4souls.org

ENGEL & VÖLKERS
Okemo-Woodstock

126 Main Street, Ludlow, Vermont
okemo-woodstock.evusa.com
802-975-0338

Show your Love for Mom

with a sweet note in the paper

Mother's Day
Sunday, May 13, 2018

THE Vermont Journal & THE SHOPPER

Your Ad Space enters you in a chance to win a Special Mother's Day Package for your Loving Mom!

Purchase an Ad

- 2 x 2 Ad Space (4.2" x 2")
In Color for \$25
Short & Sweet Love Note
Includes 1 entry in the drawing
- 2 x 4 Ad Space (4.2" x 4")
In Color for \$50
Short Note & Photo
Includes 3 entries in the drawing

One Mom will Win the Special Mother's Day Package

- A Flower Arrangement from Chester Flowers
- Free Dinner for Mom at The Blackrock
- A Massage & Full Spa Access at The Castle Resort
- A total Value of over \$200!

Ads Run in the May 9 Publication

ADS DUE BY THURSDAY, MAY 3

ADS@VERMONTJOURNAL.COM * 802-228-3600

outdoor news

Spring wildflower walk

WESTMINSTER, Vt. - What a winter this has been! But spring is finally here. One way to celebrate is by finding the physical signs that confirm it. Therefore, Sunday, May 6, from 9:30 a.m. to noon, Libby Mills and Sarah Waldo will lead a favorite program for the Windmill Hill Pinnacle Association: the annual off-trail forest stroll to discover ephemeral spring wildflowers. These seemingly delicate flowers are harder than one might think and emerge, bloom, and set seed before larger overhead trees have fully leafed out. Every year Pinnacle's knowledgeable hike leaders scout potential properties to locate the most evident varieties of seasonal beauties on display on the chosen program weekend. The early hour should catch plants looking eastward for the morning sun. Wildflower enthusiasts are urged to wear waterproof shoes and bring

along a camera and water, perhaps even a hand lens and wildflower book to aid in identification. Participants should meet at Westminster West Church, 44 Church Street, to carpool to the mystery site. Registration is required by contacting Sarah Waldo at 802-387-6036 or sarah_waldo@hotmail.com. Visit www.windmillhillpinnacle.org for more information about other upcoming free Pinnacle Association programs and directions to the Westminster West Church. Or visit www.facebook.com/windmillhillpinnacle/ for the latest updates.

Hunt safely this turkey season

MONTPELIER, Vt. - Hunting safely during turkey season is easy if you follow tips issued by the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department. Vermont's regular spring turkey season is May 1-31. With the opening of spring turkey hunting season, the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department urges hunters to consider these safety tips: Never shoot unless you're absolutely sure of your target and what is beyond it. Look for a beard, as only turkeys with beards are legal during the spring season. If you're not sure,

don't shoot. Lack of positive identification could result in shooting an illegal bird, or worse, another hunter. Be sure to have a good backstop any time you shoot a firearm or bow. Never stalk a gobbling turkey. Your chances of getting close are poor, and you may be sneaking up on another hunter. Avoid red, white, blue, and black in clothing and equipment. A tom turkey's head has similar colors. Stick with hen calls. A gobbler call might draw in other hunters. Avoid unnecessary movement. This alerts turkeys and attracts hunters. Don't hide so well that you impair your field of vision. Wrap your turkey in blaze orange for the hike back to your vehicle. Always sit with your back against a tree trunk, big log, or a boulder that is wider than your body. This protects you from being accidentally struck by pellets fired from behind you. Place decoys on the far side of a tree trunk or a rock. This prevents you from being directly in the line of fire should another hunter mistakenly shoot at your decoy. Wear hunter orange while moving from set-up to set-up. Take it off when you are in position.



Fishing derby

LUDLOW, Vt. - On May 12, the Black River Rod & Gun club will host their annual fishing derby for kids 12 and under. Registration starts at 8:30 a.m. and the derby begins at 9 a.m. on Cooks Pond. Hot dogs, hamburgers, doughnuts, and beverages will be available. Prizes will be given to boys and girls in three different age groups for biggest fish, longest fish, and most fish caught. This event is free and sponsored by Black River Rod & Gun Club.

PHOTO PROVIDED

Fun spring fishing events

MONTPELIER, Vt. - Fishing is a great way to enjoy the outdoors with friends and family. Many anglers remember their first fishing experience with a parent or mentor who taught them the basics and gave them the opportunity to catch fish. That opportunity is now being replicated across Vermont through several programs that are specifically designed to teach beginners how to fish. One of the most popular programs is Let's Go Fishing, administered by Vermont Fish and Wildlife. It is a network of certified volunteer instructors who encourage and teach Vermonters of all ages and abilities how to fish. Instructors teach fishing skills and techniques, the importance of good aquatic habitat, fishing ethics, and fishing regulations. Clinics are always free and open to all ages. Vermont Fish and Wildlife also has a Children's Fishing program, which provides kids the opportunity for a fun and successful fishing experience at locally organized events. Organizers of these events often include charitable, community or nonprofit groups such as fire departments, fish and game clubs, Rotary and Lions clubs, town recreation committees, 4-H clubs, and scouts groups among others. The Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department provides 8-to-10-

inch stocked trout for the program. A complete list of the children's fishing events, which is updated periodically, is available at www.vtfishandwildlife.com/fishing-clinics. If you'd like to find out more about fishing opportunities in Vermont, or want to purchase a fishing license, visit www.vtfishandwildlife.com. If you would like to find LGF clinics in your area or have questions about LGF, you can email letsgofishing@vermont.gov or call Corey Hart at 802-505-5562.



Free fishing events being held throughout the state for first time anglers, a great way to learn basic skills to get started in angling. PHOTO BY DAVID HALL

Vermont walleye fishing season opens May 5

REGION - The Vermont walleye fishing season will open on Saturday, May 5, marking the return of some of the best walleye fishing in New England. "We saw some really nice, trophy-size walleye during our recent survey work, which certainly brightens the outlook for the upcoming walleye season," said Chet MacKenzie, fisheries biologist with Vermont Fish & Wildlife. Vermont has excellent spring walleye fishing opportunities in several lakes and rivers across the state. Such opportunities include Lake Champlain and its tributaries - the Missisquoi, Lamoille, and Winooski

rivers and Otter Creek. Salem Lake and Island Pond also have walleye populations. A trio of additional waters - Lake Carmi, Chittenden Reservoir, and the Connecticut River, also offer quality walleye fishing but are subject to specific regulations. In all waters of Vermont except Lake Carmi, Chittenden Reservoir, and the Connecticut River, walleye have an 18-inch minimum length requirement and three-fish daily limit. The open season is from Saturday, May 5 to March 15, 2019. Lake Carmi has a slot limit for walleye because of the lake's high productivity and high rate of walleye harvest. The minimum length is 15 inches; all walleye between 17 and 19 inches must be released. The daily limit is five walleye, but only one may be over 19 inches long. The season is open May 6 through March 15. Chittenden Reservoir has special walleye regulations in order to produce large walleye that can help control its over-abundant yellow perch population and provide anglers with an opportunity to harvest a trophy walleye. The minimum length is 22 inches, the daily limit is two, and the season is open June 1 through March 15. Connecticut River walleye fishing rules are set by New Hampshire. No walleye between 16 and 18 inches may be kept and the daily limit is four fish, of which only one may be longer than 18 inches. As a reminder to anglers, there is no open season on sauger, a close cousin to the walleye. Once more abundant in southern Lake Champlain, sauger may still appear there rarely. If caught while fishing for other fish, sauger must be immediately released. Anglers are encouraged to read about current fishing regulations in the "2018 Vermont Fishing Guide & Regulations" available free from any Vermont license agent. To purchase a fishing license or learn more about fishing in Vermont, visit www.vtfishandwildlife.com.

Bellows Falls Country Club

*Small Package, Big Time Golf, Great Value,
Player Friendly Environment, and Great Hospitality Since 1923
Home of the 9 and Dine Restaurant
Offering Great Food & Service at an Affordable Price*

OUR 2018 MEMBERSHIP RATES:
Single Adult Member (over 24) - \$550 plus tax
Young Adult Member (19 - 23) - \$195 plus tax
Junior (Younger than 18 at sign up) - \$50 plus tax

Join, play or visit BFCC in 2018.
Experience a great round of golf with our new fleet of 2018 Club Cars,
enjoy the fantastic food of 9 and Dine, and our full-service bar
all in our inviting and air-conditioned/heated clubhouse.

NOW OPEN!
Call ahead, check Facebook or our Website for our Early Season hours

(802) 463-9809 | www.bellowsfallscountryclub.com | Like us on Facebook

DeGrasse Concrete

✓ Floors ✓ Foundations
✓ Free Estimates ✓ Guaranteed Work

116 Pleasant Street • Ludlow, VT 05149
Office: 802-228-8466 • Cell: 802-356-5329

Celebrating 30 Years!

802.583.6725 sugarbush.com #liveSUGARBUSH

SKI & TEE WEEKEND

May 5 & 6, 2018

Ski and Golf in the same day for \$50 (weather permitting).
Season Passholders golf for \$25.

Après Cinco de Mayo Celebration in Castlerock Pub &
Kentucky Derby Party in Rumble's Kitchen.

Special of the Month

While Supplies Last!

6⁹⁹

3-Lb. Sun and Shade
Classic Grass Seed

700128

802-463-4140
20 Village Square Bellows Falls
Online Customer Service 855-828-9792

J&H HARDWARE
GARDEN • PAINT • POWER TOOLS • ELECTRICAL • PLUMBING

Sale price through end of **May**

Scott's
CLASSIC GRASS SEED
SUN & SHADE MIX
LawnPro

CHAVES EXCAVATING

ALL MATERIALS FOR COMPLETE SITE WORK
**Sand • Gravel • Stone
Shurpac • Topsoil • Fill**

5,000 lb. Hydraulic Hammer for
Ledge & Rock Splitting

Portable On-Site Crushing
& Screening Equipment

802-824-3140
Londonderry, VT

OFFERING

- State of the Art Technologies
- Comprehensive Dental Treatment From Sealants to Full Mouth Reconstruction
- All Services Included; Extractions, Dental Implants, Mini Implants, Molar RCT, Crowns, Bridges, Gum Treatment, Clear Correct Braces, Dentures, Overdentures
- Comfortable, Pleasant Atmosphere
- We Cater to Our Patients!
- Now Offering FASTBRACES®!
Unlike typical braces, which measure corrections in terms of years, Fastbraces® Technologies typically help move teeth into position within weeks to months!

Spring into Summer

SPRINGFIELD FAMILY DENTAL • Aman Syed DDS & Petro Matsyshyn DDS • 17 Old Chester Road • Springfield, VT • 802-885-4581
LEBANON DENTAL CENTRE • Aman Syed DDS & Petro Matsyshyn DDS • 31 Old Etna Road - Suite #4 • Lebanon, NH • 603-448-2100
3 STONE DENTAL • Aman Syed DDS, Archana Selvaraj DMD, & Petro Matsyshyn DDS • 367 Washington Street - Unit 3 • Claremont, NH • 603-542-3225

Mike Eno Painting

Painting • Dry Wall • Roofing • Carpentry
Vinyl Siding • Replacement Windows

25 Years Experience
Lead Certified • Fully Insured

802-376-7474 • www.mikeenopainting.com

classifieds

business spotlight



Distant Hills Gardens & Nature Trail
507 March Hill Rd.
Walpole, N.H. 03608
Nature Trail Head – 66 March Hill Road
www.distanthillgardens.org

In the hills above Walpole and Alstead, N.H., sits 58 gorgeously tended acres with winding trails meandering through carefully cultivated gardens, wetlands, bogs, forests, and fields, all designed to inspire children and adults to appreciate the interconnectivity between our natural habitats and wildlife. Welcome to Distant Hills Gardens and Nature Trail, home of Kathy and Michael Nerrie since 1979. What began as a hobby to cultivate their sprawling property with ornamental gardens and showcase its natural features has transformed into an inspirational trail network and natural play land to share with visitors.

The gardens trail network snakes through the property, leading to many different habitats where native plants and wildlife species thrive together. A three-acre milkweed meadow is home to a burgeoning monarch butterfly population. Vernal pools, swamps, forest seeps, and other wetland areas support native ferns, fungi, herbs, and wildflowers and are teaming with many different frog and salamander species. A boardwalk crosses a fascinating floating cranberry bog. Artistic metal sculptures are located throughout the property along the trails adding interest and beauty. In addition, an eight-acre sugar bush produces maple syrup and a small Christmas tree plantation area supplies trees for family and neighbors.

A highlight of the property is a stone circle that was built in 2012 by Michael Nerrie. These large stones are set in alignment with the coordinates of the winter solstice and surround a fire pit and seating.

A newer addition to the property is the Distant Hill Nature Trail, a mile-long network of wheel-chair and stroller accessible gravel trails, accessible via a nearby trailhead. Discover a nature play area called White-Rock Woods, an outdoor space made of natural components such as bark, logs, plants, earth, rocks, and trees for kids to interact with.

The property continues to evolve each year. According to the Nerries, the goal is to have visitors to Distant Hill leave with a better understanding of the vital connections between plants, animals, and humans, and how we can use Earth's resources in a way that strengthens and sustains those connections.



Distant Hill Gardens is only open to the public on select weekends - the first and third Saturday and Sunday of the month in May and June, and the first Saturday and Sunday, July to October 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. They are also available for private tours and visits by appointment, for special events, and educational workshops. Distant Hill Nature Trail and White-Rock Woods is open daily, year-round, from dawn to dusk.

ADULT/CHILD CARE

WEE HAVEN Childcare & Preschool
Call Jen at 603-826-KIDS (5437)
E-mail: weehavenchildcare@comcast.net
Visit us at: WeeHaven.org (TFN)

ANTIQUES

NEW AND USED ANTIQUES We have it all. Cummings Hardware Rt.103 Chester 802-875-3342 (TFN)

BUILDING MATERIALS

REGION – Rough sawn lumber for

sale. Pine boards, framing lumber and hardwood furniture stock. Contact AMP Timber Harvesting at 802-254-0680. (05/08)

FIREWOOD FOR SALE

REGION – Green firewood, cut, split, delivered. Prices vary by location. Rough sawn lumber. Also buying standing timber. Contact AMP Timber Harvesting, Inc. Call 802-874-7260 office or 802-254-0680. (05/08)

FOR RENT

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Two bedroom

unfurnished apartment. \$1200/month, includes heat, hot water, electric, snow & rubbish removal. No dogs. Call 203-668-3591 (05/31)

FOR SALE

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – A 14-foot wide trailer for sale. 2 bedrooms, small porch and carport. In good condition. Located in small park. Price is \$20,000. Call 802-886-1029. (05/15)

HELP WANTED

GRAFTON, Vt. – Wilson and Lawrence Inc. is now hiring help for the summer tennis court reconditioning

season. Please call 802-843-2436 for job applications, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. (05/08)

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

LUDLOW, Vt. – Full time skilled carpenter/general maintenance position at Condo Association on Okemo Mountain. Weekends required November - April. Full time Monday - Friday for remainder of year. Holiday, vacation, retirement and health benefits offered. Call 802-228-4934 for an application. (05/15)

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

CHESTER, Vt. – Homecare provider needed for an amazing, fun, social man in his early 30s with a TBI. Must have an open bedroom, ability to help with home chores, meal prep, transportation, some personal care, and medication oversight. Active renters or homeowner's insurance is required. Must pass background checks and have a valid license. Prior experience helpful but not required. Generous tax-free pay stipend. Please email resume to kellywillard.tbi@gmail.com. (05/22)

SAVE ON WOOD BOILERS

NEW HAMPSHIRE RESIDENTS save up to 30% of the system and installation cost on a Maxim wood pellet boiler. Contact New England Outdoor Furnaces at 603-863-8818. (TFN)

SEPTIC PUMPING

SEPTIC PUMPING AND LOCATING. Reasonable rates 802-672-3719 (TFN)

yellow page BUSINESS DIRECTORY

\$125 for 13 Weeks • \$200 for 26 Weeks • \$350 for 52 Weeks

Prices are based on a 20 word listing. An additional 25 cents for each word thereafter.

Contact us to be in our Yellow Page Business Directory • (802) 228-3600 • ads@VermontJournal.com

art

THE DEPOT STREET GALLERY

Featuring over 150 artists, the perfect place to find that unique gift for the artful home and garden. Home of The Silver Spoon Studio, where vintage silverware becomes unique sculptures, jewelry, and artful creations. 44 Depot Street, Ludlow. 802-228-4753. www.silverwareart.com (05/29/18 TFN-13)

GALLERY AT THE VAULT

68 Main St., Springfield, VT 05156
802-885-7111 Tue - Sat 11am - 5pm
www.galleryvault.org
galleryvault@vermontel.net

Creations by 160 Vermont and regional artists. Gift certificates, Bridal Registry, and Wish book.

Exhibits: Buds and Butterflies Scarf Show by Teresa Hillary, and Opposites Attract by Peter Huntoon and Mareva Millarc

Open Wall: A Time for Renewal (03/12/19)

bakery

CROWS BAKERY & OPERA HOUSE CAFE

Yummy Pastries, Cakes, Pies, Breads, Cookies. Full Breakfast & Lunch 73 Depot St. Proctorsville 802-226-7007. crowsbakeryandcafe.com. Like us on Facebook. (06/17/18 TFN-13)

builders/contractors

PETER JORDAN CONSTRUCTION

Over 25 years of experience in all phases of construction. Framing, finish carpentry, custom showers and tile work, hardwood flooring, decks, roofing and siding. Fully insured and registered with the State of Vermont. Lead Paint Certified. Located in Proctorsville. 802-226-8125 (05/29/18 TFN)

DIAZ HOME CARE

Construction & Interior Refinishing

Building & Remodeling: Framing, roofing, siding, windows & doors, decks, interior/exterior painting, flooring, and more. **Property Management and Excavation.** Contact Antonio Diaz: cell 802-779-8117, office 802-297-7680, antonio.noel.diaz@gmail.com (12/31/18)

chiropractor

FOUR SEASONS CHIROPRACTIC, PC

Dr. Denise Natale 58 Parker Avenue, Proctorsville, VT 05153, 802-226-7977 Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 10AM-6PM (08/01/18 TFN)

cleaning

CLEANING & CLEANING OUT

Cleaning and cleaning out houses, apartments, businesses, condo's camps, barns and sheds. One-time or regularly. Fully insured - Free Estimate. Call Reggie 802-376-4159 (05/31/18 TFN-13)

decorating & remodeling

CHRISANDRA'S HOME SHOWCASE & DESIGN CENTER

Affordable design consultations including color selections, room layouts, window treatments and furniture choices. Pond St, Ludlow 802-228-2075. Main Street, Ludlow 802-228-4581. www.chrisandras.com (08/08/18 TFN)

excavating

P&L EXCAVATING AND TRUCKING

Stumps to stones and everything in between!

Complete site work, foundations, septic systems, driveway construction and maintenance, ponds and drainage, land clearing and stumping, whole tree chipping, stonewalls, patios, walkways, firewood, and more! PO Box 993, Chester, VT, 802-875-2819. (05/01/18)

furniture

CHRISANDRA'S HOME FURNISHINGS

Our customers say "Your prices are great!" Shop our large selection of affordable furnishings and accessories. 122 Main St., Ludlow, VT www.chrisandras.com 802-228-4581. (08/08/18 TFN)

home improvement

ROSE'S HOME IMPROVEMENT

Property management, lawn care, carpentry, interior & exterior painting, window & door replacements, window cleaning, vinyl siding washing, pressure washing, drywall repairs, texture ceiling repairs, and more. All calls returned. 802-226-7077 or 802-591-0019. Cavendish, Vt. (03/02/19)

masonry

MOORE MASONRY

Fireplaces, chimneys and liners, chimney sweeps, patios, walls, steps, restoration and repairs. Fully insured, free estimates. Contact Gary Moore at 802-824-5710 mooremasonry802@gmail.com (08/22/18 TFN)

painting

TONES & HUES

Quality interior & exterior painting and wallpaper removal. Insured, and free estimates. 802-885-8633 www.TonesAndHues.com (08/08/18)

RALPH'S PAINTING

Interior & Exterior painting, power washing, and roofs. 30+ years experience. Fully Insured. 18 Pleasant St. Ext. Ludlow, VT. 802-975-0356 or 802-738-5282 (06/24/18)

perennials

HALE HOLLOW ROAD PERENNIALS

All \$3.00! Located on Hale Hollow Road, Bridgewater Corners, off Route 100A. Will accept most used pots. Open daily. 802-672-3335 (08/14/18)

printing

LONDONDERRY DATA CENTER

Scanning and laser printing. Scan bills, letters, documents, photos onto a disc. Move paper files to your computer, the cloud, or your phone. Securely scan any document. Get organized digitally. Laser printing - photos, posters, flyers, full color. Design services available. 802-379-1312, TheRoad@mac.com (05/01/18)

rentals

WHITE'S RENTALS LLC

For Rent: Like new 10,000 lb Kabota Excavators w/ steel or rubber tracks. Both machines offer a thumb, angle float blade, A/C, heat, and free local delivery up to 15 miles.

For Rent: 28 foot 10,000 lb capacity deck over trailer with electric brakes, with our without ramps.

Call Lou at 802-289-3796 for prices and availability. Visit us on the web: www.whiterentals.com to see everything we have to offer. (09/18/18)

calendar

LEGAL NOTICES/HELP WANTED

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

TUESDAY, MAY 15 -
CHESTER, Vt. – Join Kim Dixon of Insights Marketing Solutions for a free workshop “Find Your Niche on Social Media” on Tuesday, May 15 from 11 a.m. to noon at Newsbank Conference Center at 352 Main Street, Chester. So, what’s the point of social media? Which platforms should you use? And how? Answering these questions based on your industry, brand personality, and resource limitations will help you find your niche on social media. Bonus session from noon – 1 p.m. on email marketing using Constant Contact. This workshop is free but registration is appreciated, as space is limited. To register for this workshop visit www.events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?oeidk=a07eexjdzzz263ed6ac&oseq=&c=&ch=

SATURDAY, MAY 19 -
ALSTEAD, N.H. - Charles Andros, former New Hampshire and Vermont apiary inspector, will hold a beekeeping workshop from 1-4 p.m. on Saturday, May 19, at 18 MacLean Road in Alstead. Look for the “bee” sign on the south side of Walpole Valley Road. Topics of discussion: finding queens, requeening and 2-queen colonies, pollen collection, swarm control, supering, and bee venomtherapy. Bring a veil, if you have one, as we shall be opening some colonies. We’ll be inside if it is a rainy day. Registration required. Email lindenap@gmail.com or call 603-756-9056.

GRAFTON, Vt. – Join the Nature Museum in Grafton for a walking tour with a mushroom forager on Saturday, May 19 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. to learn about foraging safety for medicinal and edible mushrooms. Your mycological guide, Ari Rockland-Miller, will begin with a colorful and informative presentation introducing foraging safety, strategy, and ethics. After this indoor talk, the group

will head out on a guided foray into the nearby woods, conserved by the Windmill Hill Pinnacle Association. Once you put on your forager’s eyes, your hikes will never be the same again! Space is limited: register today! Morning hike is schedule at 9:30 a.m. and afternoon hike at 1 p.m. For more information, visit www.nature-museum.org, or call 802-843-2111.

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 Stavelly. 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.

Call: 802-463-3907. TFN

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

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

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

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

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

CHESTER, Vt. - Liza Eaton, founder of Buddhaful Yoga, will be offering a Gentle Flow Kundalini Yoga class for beginners every Wednesday 9:30-11 a.m. You will be encouraged to go at your own pace and listen to your body. Held at the Fullerton Inn, on the Chester Green. For more information visit www.buddhafulyoga.com or call 802-875-2868. TFN

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

CHESTER, Vt. – Strength-building chair yoga class with Liz Eaton, 9:30-10:30 a.m., Fullerton Inn, Main Street, Chester. This is a strength building yoga class in the hatha tradition for anyone looking to build bone density, physical strength, flexibility and endurance. Come as you are and do what you can. Use a chair, yoga mat, or both! Drop in anytime or purchase a few classes at once. No experience necessary. For details, contact 802-875-2868, eaton.liza@gmail.com or www.buddhafulyoga.com. TFN

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

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

WINDSOR, Vt. - Play Group 9:30 - 11 a.m. Come and enjoy an open gym, ball games and sometimes even a bounce house! Call Windsor Recreation Center 802-674-6783. TFN

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

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

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@myreccenter.org. TFN

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

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Youth swim lessons are offered on Saturday and Sunday mornings and Tuesday afternoons. Current classes available including our Parent and Toddler class in our warm water therapy pool as well as levels 1, 2, and 3. Our adult swim lessons are on Thursday mornings and feature three levels: Stroke Development, Stroke Improvement, and Stroke Refinement. We also offer a special class, Swimming for the Petrified, by appointment call 802-885-2568 or visit www.myreccenter.org. TFN

REGION - Bone Builders to combat osteoporosis. Free and open to 55+. Call 802-674-4547. Monday and Wednesday: Brownsville Town Hall 9 - 10 a.m.; Martin Memorial Hall in Ascutney 10 - 11 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday: Cavendish Baptist Church 10 - 11:30 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday: Andover Community Church 3 – 4 p.m. TFN

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

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


Tom Call Excavation Now Hiring Experienced Construction Laborers & Equipment Operators

Pay depends on experience. Must have a valid drivers license. Some travel required. Email job history to tcalljr@yahoo.com

TOWN OF LUDLOW CEMETERY DEPARTMENT GROUNDS KEEPER POSITION AVAILABLE

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

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



TOWN OF WESTMINSTER
P.O. BOX 147 WESTMINSTER, VT 05158
Tel. 802-722-4255 Fax 802-722-9816

Highway Road Foreman Employment Opportunity

The Town of Westminster is seeking a qualified Highway Road Foreman who will primarily be responsible for the maintenance and repair of the Town Highway system and supervision of the Highway Department crew. The Highway Foreman will operate equipment and provide labor to facilitate highway grading, trucking, snow plowing and sanding highways, brush clearing, road repair, light building and facility maintenance, record keeping, supervisory tasks and carry out daily duties as required. Responsibilities also include overseeing the responsible use of the highway budget and its development.

The successful applicant shall possess a current and valid Vermont Commercial Driver's License (CDL), Class A and/ or Class B license, a High School Diploma, GED, or similar equivalent education.

This is a salary position that will be commensurate with experience. The Town of Westminster offers an excellent fringe benefit package.

An extensive employment description and application are located on the Town of Westminster's website at www.westminstervt.org, and/or obtained by emailing Assistant@westminstervt.org, attention Highway Road Foreman Employment Application, or in-person at the Town Offices.

To apply for this position, please complete the employment application and mail to:
Town of Westminster
P.O. Box 147
Westminster, VT 05158
Attn: Highway Road Foreman Employment Application

Applications for this position are due no later than May 25, 2018 by 4:00 pm.

The Town of Westminster is an equal opportunity employer. It is the policy of this municipality to provide equal employment opportunity to all applicants and employees without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, ancestry, place of birth, age, disability, HIV status, or other status protected by state or federal law.

The Countryside Caretaker, LLC

Complete Property Management and Maintenance Services



NOW HIRING!

Positions available for all areas of Property Maintenance:
Full-Time Year-Aound, Full-Time Seasonal, and Part-Time

- Competitive wages to motivated individuals
- Paid holidays and vacations
- Paid sick time and personal days
- No experience necessary
- Must have a valid drivers license

Please call 802-875-2706 or email bgwill@vermontel.net

Town of Mount Holly
NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

Agreeably to the provisions of Title 32, Section 4111 Vermont Statutes Annotated, notice is hereby given that the undersigned Listers within and for the Town of Mount Holly have this day completed the abstract of individual lists of persons, co-partnerships, associations, and corporations owning taxable property in said Town on the first day of April 2017 that they have this day lodged the same in the office of the clerk of said town for the inspection of taxpayers; that on the **18th of May 2018 between the hours of 10:00 am and 5:00 pm; 19th of May 2018 between the hours of 9:00 am and 12:00 pm**, the undersigned Listers will meet at the **Mount Holly Town Office** in the Listers Office in said Town, to hear grievances of persons, co-partnerships, associations, or corporations aggrieved by any of their appraisals or by any of their acts such Listers who objections thereto in writing shall have been filed with them as prescribed by statute, and to make such corrections in said abstract as shall upon hearing or otherwise be determined by them; and that unless cause to the contrary be shown, the contents of said abstract will, for the year 2018 become the Grand List of said Town and of each person, so-partnership, association, or corporation therein named.

To be timely, such grievance must be in writing and received (postmarks not accepted) by the close of business on the 17th of May 2018.

Given under our hands at Mount Holly in the County of Rutland this 3rd day of May 2018.

Listers of the Town of Mount Holly,
Carol Garrow-Woolley
David Johnson
Jennifer Matthews


NOTICE OF TAX SALE

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

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

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

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

Attest: 
Jeanette Haight
Collector of Delinquent Taxes
Town of Andover

LEGAL NOTICES/HELP WANTED

calendar

CLUBS CONT.

MONDAYS CONT.

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

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

TUESDAYS -

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

THURSDAYS -

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

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

SATURDAYS -

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

SUNDAYS -

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

COMMUNITY MEALS

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

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

CHARLESTOWN, N.H. - Charlestown Senior Center is hosting a turkey supper on Saturday, May 5 at 5 p.m. Menu includes roast turkey, potatoes, carrots, stuffing, green beans, gravy, cranberry sauce, rolls and butter, and homemade pies for dessert. Tickets go on sale at 4 p.m. until we sell out. We will start serving at 5 p.m. Take outs please call 603-826-5987 between noon and 3 p.m. the day of the supper, to be picked up between 4 - 4:30 p.m. Please come and enjoy our food and our company.

FRIDAY, MAY 11- BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - The Ladies Aid and Mission Society of The First Baptist Church of Bellows Falls will host their traditional Calendar Supper

on Friday, May 11, at the Church, 9 Church St. in Bellows Falls. Serving will begin at 5 p.m. Menu includes baked ham, mashed potatoes, cole slow, rolls and dessert. Each of the 12 tables will depict the theme of a month. Tickets are available at the Village Square Booksellers or call 802-463-9410 to reserve. Tickets also available at the door. Take out meals are also available. Handicapped accessible. Profit will be used to continue the local, national, and world missions. This meal replaces the First Friday meal for May. They will resume in June.

SUNDAY, MAY 20 - SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Please join us for a Springfield Republican Turkey Luncheon Meet and Greet on Sunday, May 20 from 1 - 5 p.m. at North Springfield Baptist Church in Springfield. Full turkey menu with all the fixings. Come and meet the candidates. Sponsored by The Springfield Republicans. Kids under 5 are free. Raffle will also be available. RSVP by May 10.

TUESDAYS - WEATHERSFIELD, Vt. - Monthly potluck, third Tuesdays at the Perkinsville Community Church vestry located at 33 Church St. Bring a hot dish, salad or dessert and have a nice visit. For more information contact Lorraine Zigman 802-263-5245 or email lzigman@comcast.net. TFN

SATURDAYS - CHESTER, Vt. - Gassetts Grange holds a buffet breakfast every month on the first Saturday at 8-9:30 a.m. It consists of eggs, bacon, sausage, home fries, toast, pancakes (blueberry and plain), real maple syrup, juice,

coffee, tea, and hot cocoa. All are welcome! Admission at the door. Hope to see you there. We are located on Route 103N, just above junction of 103 and Route 10. Any questions, call Dave at 802-875-2637. TFN

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

EVENTS

FRIDAY, MAY 4 - CHESTER, Vt. - Come to

Phoenix Books Misty Valley in Chester for an open mic on Friday, May 4 from 5:30 - 7 p.m. Readers can choose any sort of piece - non-fiction, poetry, fiction, or experimental - to showcase their talents. Writers of any age are welcome to come and read. Come to shop a little late, hear some local talent, or share your work yourself. Light refreshments will be provided. If you would like to reserve a spot ahead of time to read, please email Anna at annab@phoenixbooks.biz. For more information visit www.phoenixbooks.biz or call 802-875-3400.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Join us for our First Friday Film "Surviving Progress," on Friday, May 4, at 7 p.m. at the Springfield UU. Free admission, popcorn and beverages. All are welcome. Doors open at 6:45 p.m. film

begins at 7 p.m. "Surviving Progress" presents the story of human advancement as awe-inspiring and double-edged. "A Short History Of Progress" by Ronald Wright inspired this film which includes commentary by distinguished professor of environment Vaclav Smil, primatologist Jane Goodall, author Margaret Atwood, and activists from the Congo, Canada, and USA.

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

p.m. is a half price and bag sale, and Saturday, May 5, from 9 - 11 a.m., everything left over is free.

SATURDAY, MAY 5 - CHESTER, Vt. - Join us for a story time in celebration of Children's Book Week on Saturday, May 5 at 2 p.m. at Phoenix Books Misty Valley, 58 Common Street in Chester. We'll read "The Rabbit Listened," by Cori Doerrfeld. "Each of Doerrfeld's highly distilled and elegantly concise vignettes brims with emotional honesty and profound empathy." Established in 1919, Children's Book Week - annual celebration of books for young people and the joy of reading - is the longest-running national literacy initiative in the country. For more information visit www.phoenixbooks.biz or call 802-875-3400.

ADVERTISEMENT

PLEASE NOTE!

ALL ADVERTISEMENTS: BOX/DISPLAY ADS, CLASSIFIEDS, REAL ESTATE, AUTOMOTIVE, DINING, HOSPITALITY, ETC. SHOULD BE SENT TO ADS@VERMONTJOURNAL.COM

Advertisements that are not sent to Shawntae at Ads@VermontJournal.com is NOT guarenteed to be published.

Deadlines for all Advertisements is Friday by 5pm for the following Wednesday Publication.

THE Vermont Journal THE SHOPPER

TAKE A BREAK!

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

8	4			1		7		
	9				5		2	
		6	9					5
		1			8			9
	2		5				8	
3				4		5		2
	5		8		2		7	
9				5		4		
		3			1			6

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦♦♦ Moderate ♦♦♦♦♦ Challenging ♦♦♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

© 2018 King Features Synd., Inc.

King Crossword

ACROSS

1 Chances, for short
4 TV watchdog org.
7 Obliterate
12 Shell game need
13 Under the weather
14 Started eating
15 Take a whack at
16 Scrabble or Parcheesi
18 "Monty Python" opener
19 Wander off
20 Hack
22 Pilgrimage to Mecca
23 Prayer ending
27 Rhyming tribute
29 Burning
31 Magician's cry
34 Cow catcher
35 Triangular home
37 Total
38 Constellation component
39 Eccentric
41 Unctuous
45 Twine fiber
47 Payable
48 Indiana university
52 Literary collection
53 "Drops of

DOWN

1 Vision-related
2 Australian city
3 Permission
4 Wee whoppers
5 Dress
6 Barton or Bow
7 Vortex
8 Carpet
9 Khan title
10 — card (cell-phone chip)
11 Away from WSW
17 Hindu royal
21 On top of the world?
23 Memorable mission
24 More, to Manuel
25 Type squares
26 Ultramodern-ist
28 Weir
30 Swine or bird —
31 Anatomical duct
32 Frequently
33 Glass of NPR
36 Oklahoma city
37 Pistil counter-part
40 Grammarian's concern
42 Coeur d'Alene's home
43 Moon-related
44 You'll get a rise out of it
45 Fax
46 Dregs
48 To the — degree
49 Raw rock
50 Pitch
51 "Flying Down to —"

Salome's Stars

LIBRA

(September 23 to October 22) Your decision to be upfront with colleagues on a touchy matter causes some consternation at first. But in the end, your honesty wins their trust and admiration.

SCORPIO

(October 23 to November 21) As in the past, someone again wants to share a secret with you, knowing it will be safe. But do you really want to be this person's confidante? Think about it.

SAGITTARIUS

(November 22 to December 21) As one of nature's straight shooters, you seek to correct misconceptions about a project. Do so, of course, but without giving away too much too soon.

CAPRICORN

(December 22 to January 19) Creative pursuits continue to be strong in the gifted Goat's aspect. New friendships can come from sharing these experiences with like-minded art aficionados.

AQUARIUS

(January 20 to February 18) Resolve lingering grumblings over your way of doing things by keeping your mind open to suggestions while continuing to show how your plans will work.

PISCES

(February 19 to March 20) The perceptive Piscean might find that changing course in midstream isn't as workable as it would seem. Explore this option carefully before making a decision.

BORN THIS WEEK:

Your willingness to share your love of life's good things brings joy to many, including, of course, yourself.

© 2018 King Features Synd., Inc.

AUTOMOTIVE

LIBRARIES CONT.

THURSDAYS CONT. - and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Having trouble with your first smartphone? Want to re-set your Facebook privacy? Need to take a course in Word or Excel? Call 802-885-3108 to make an appointment with Dylan and June, our high school volunteer and his colleague. The Springfield Town Library is located at 43 Main St., Springfield.

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

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

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

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

MEETINGS

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

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

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

LONDONDERRY, Vt. - Select Board meetings are the first and third Monday of the month

at 7 p.m. at the Town Office. For more information, call 802-824-3356 or go to www.londonderryvt.org. Recordings are found at www.gnat-tv.org.

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

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

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

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

WESTON, Vt. - Select Board meetings are on the second and 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 c found at www.gnat-tv.org.

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - The Bellows Falls Woman's Club meets on the second Tuesday of each month, through May, at the United Church. The hall is accessible to all. Women interested in joining and helping with club projects may contact Barbara Comtois,

membership chairman, at 802-344-0025. The Bellows Falls Woman's Club is a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

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

WEDNESDAYS - CHESTER, Vt. - Chester Select Board meetings are on the first and third Wednesday of every month. For more information, call 802-875-2173 or go to www.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

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

MONDAYS - SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - NAMI Vermont Connection Recovery Support Group is a mental illness support group. It provides a forum to share experiences and learn about

opportunities and challenges regardless of 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.

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

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

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

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

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Wellness/Lifestyle Change Support Group, meets the second Tuesday of each month from 5:45-7 p.m. at the Springfield Health Center, 100 River St. Free. Register by calling

802-886-8946 or email cht@springfieldmed.org. TFN

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

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

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

ASCUTNEY, Vt. - Twin State Depression Support Group meets on the third Wednesday at Martin Memorial Hall, Lower Level (Handicapped-accessible), 5259 Route 5,

Ascutney, (near Exit 8 off I-91) at 6:30 p.m. Do you know or think you may be depressed? Have a friend or family member who has depression? Then this group is for you! Support, empathy, sharing, education, confidentiality, peer-led. Contact TwinStateDSG@gmail.com or 641-715-3900 (ext. 650055#). TFN

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

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

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

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

PERKINSVILLE, Vt. - Twin State Depression Support Group Board of Directors will now meet every other month in 2018 on the third Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at 2520 Route 106 in Perkinsville. Please come join us. New local phone number is 802-795-0098. This is a voice mail line. Updates regarding meetings will be posted during bad weather. Messages will be checked daily. Remaining Dates: May 17, July 19, Sept. 20 - and TBD in Nov.

OVER 2000
BROKEN-IN TIRES
MANY SETS OF 4



CANON TIRE
I-91, Exit 8, Ascutney, VT
802-674-5600
NEW TIRES TOO!!

WESTMINSTER AUTO

WEEKLY SPECIALS



2010 TOYOTA MATRIX S SPORT WAGON
4 Cylinder, Auto, 4WD, ABS, A/C, PW, PDL, PS, Cruise Control, Traction & Stability Control, CD Player, Privacy Glass, Fog Lights, Anti Theft System, Keyless Entry, Steel Wheels

\$7,995



2014 PRIUS C THREE HATCHBACK
4 Cylinder, Hybrid, Auto, FWD, ABS, PW, PDL, PS, Cruise Control, Bluetooth, Moon Roof, Sirius Satellite, Navigation, Keyless Entry & Start, Rear Spoiler

\$12,995

802-722-4722 Find us on Facebook! 

Open Mon.-Fri. 8AM-5:30PM | Sat. 9AM-12PM
I-91 • Exit 5 • Route 5 • Westminster, VT
www.WestminsterAutoVT.com



www.VermontJournal.com

MOBILE FRIENDLY WEBSITE

THE Vermont Journal & THE SHOPPER

GET READY FOR ROAD TRIPS SPRING IS HERE

Help us move 'em out and we'll help you save a bundle! **Incredible Selection! Huge Inventory!**

TIRES FOR EVERY VEHICLE:
From Audi to Volvo, Wood Splitter to Log Skidder, We have our own Large Truck Retreads

MOST MAJOR BRANDS 2 CONVENIENT LOCATIONS

CHEEVER TIRE SERVICE, INC.

Rt. 5 North, Bellows Falls, VT
802-463-3320

Mechanic St. Newport, NH
603-863-6353

P&M Auto Sales

Quality Used Cars and Trucks

Bankruptcy • Bad Credit First Time • Divorce

Ask about our Guaranteed Credit Approval 

Specials of the Week

2013 Ford Fusion

SE Package Fully Loaded Auto



2010 Ford F-150 XLT Lariat

4 Door Crew Cab Leather Sun Roof Fully Loaded



2011 Hyundai Sonata

4 Cylinder Fully Loaded Auto



2012 Chevy Equinox

AWD Auto 4 Cylinder Fully Loaded



\$20

Oil Change up to 5-quarts

Filter & Lube Doesn't Include Synthetic Oil

Offer Expires 05/31/18

Tel: 802-885-4963 • 802-885-6200 280
River Street • Springfield, VT

CERTIFIED PRE-OWNED

OVER \$2,600 OF BUILT-IN VALUE

THERE'S **\$2,800** OF BUILT-IN VALUE

IN EVERY CERTIFIED PRE-OWNED VEHICLE FROM CHEVROLET, BUICK, AND GMC

6 Year / 100,000 Limited Power Train Warranty
12 Month 12,000 Limited Bumper to Bumper Warranty
CPO Maintenance Program Includes 2 Maintenances
172 Point Vehicle Inspection, Free Vehicle History Report
Free 3 Month Trial of OnStar, Plus 3 Years of OnStar Basic
3 Months Free SiriusXM Radio, 24/7 Roadside Assistance

2014 CHEVY VOLT CERTIFIED PRE-OWNED

ONE OWNER, ONLY 33,000 MILES

STOCK #1499

SALE PRICE \$14,995



CERTIFIED PRE-OWNED 2014 CHEVY CRUZE

LT PACKAGE, AUTO, ONLY 15,000 MILES

STOCK #1490

SALE PRICE \$11,995



View our Complete Inventory at
www.BensonsChevy.com

BENSON'S CHEVROLET, INC.

MAIN STREET, LUDLOW, VT
Vermont's Oldest Family Owned Chevrolet Dealership
228-4000 Toll Free 877-228-6127
Service Hours: Mon.-Fri. 8am-6pm • Sat. 8am-3pm

SPRINGFIELD
BUICK GMC

1-800-594-0558
EXIT 7 OFF I-91, RTE. 106
OUR GOAL: #1 SERVICE DEALER

6

MAY SPECIAL
on Vermont Inspection

Only \$40.00

with a copy of this ad

Offer only valid for one vehicle, pass or fail.

Call the service dept. for an appointment. Cannot be combined with any other offer. Expires 05/31/18.

6

Southern Vermonters attend National Opioid Summit

REGION – Vermonters from Bennington, Windham, and Windsor counties attended the National Rx Drug Abuse and Heroin Summit during the first week of April in downtown Atlanta. Approximately 3,000 experts attended the conference, including representatives from prevention, treatment, recovery, and law enforcement. According to the organizers, it is the largest collaboration of federal, state, and local professionals seeking to address prescription drug abuse, misuse, and diversion.

Some of the local organizations that attended included Turning Point Recovery Centers of Springfield and Windham County, Health Care and Rehabilitation Services of Southeastern Vermont, Springfield Medical Care Systems, Dartmouth-Hitchcock, Southwestern Vermont Medical Center, Grace Cottage, Greater Falls Connections, Brattleboro Area Prevention Coalition, West River Valley Thrives, Deerfield Valley Community Partnership, The Collaborative, Black River Area Community Coalition, Hartford Community Coalition, Brattleboro Retreat, HabitOpco, Leland & Gray Union Middle and High School, Brattleboro Police Department, and the Vermont Department of Health.

Michael Johnson, director of Turning Point Recovery Center of Springfield, said, “There were two things that stood out to me during the summit. Recovery is successful when a person stays connected. And, as a community, open collaborations and warm hand-offs will make our work more successful.”

The U.S. Surgeon General, the National Institutes of Health, the Office of National Drug Control Policy, and other federal agencies working on these issues delivered notable presentations during the conference. The featured speaker during the conference was Former President Bill Clinton. Premier researchers from around the country provided the latest data and exciting new approaches to opioid prevention and recovery.

During the conference, the U.S. Surgeon General, Dr. Jerome Adams, put out an official advisory emphasizing the importance of the overdose-reversing drug naloxone.

It was first Surgeon General’s advisory in 13 years. The advisory urges more individuals, including family members and friends of those at risk for opioid overdose, to know how to use naloxone and keep it within reach in order to save lives. The Surgeon General declares, “increasing the availability... of naloxone is a critical component of our efforts to reduce opioid-related overdose deaths and, when combined with the availability of effective treatment, to ending the opioid epidemic.”

The summit was unique in that doctors, police officers, pharmacists, and community leaders were attending the same workshops and working together to identify gaps and create solutions together. Participants came back even more committed to continuing the work in our communities to tackle this issue from many perspectives. Participants were exposed to inspiring models from across the country that are making a big difference in response to the opioid and heroin epidemic.

“It is always helpful to meet people from around the country who are

working on creative solutions to this issue. It is clear that Vermont is actually doing some things right about this crisis, and there is always more we can do,” says Robin Rieske, prevention consultant for the Vermont Department of Health.

The local attendees received funding through a Vermont Department of Health Alcohol and Drug Abuse Programs grant and the Drug Free Communities Support Program grant to attend the conference. Through their experience, the participants are ready to assist in reducing stigma, incorporating recovery into treatment programs, sharing the latest data trends, supporting peer-based programs, and creating community-wide involvement.



Representatives from prevention, treatment, recovery, and law enforcement agencies in Bennington, Windham, and Windsor counties were in Atlanta during the recent National Rx Drug Abuse & Heroin Summit.

PHOTO PROVIDED

Points to consider for retirement

REGION - If you’re a decade or so away from retirement, you’ve probably spent at least some time thinking about this major life change. How will you manage the transition? Thinking about a few key points now can help you focus your efforts and minimize the anxiety that often accompanies the shift.

Reassess your living expenses

Think about how your living expenses could or should change. For example, while commuting and other work-related costs may decrease, other budget items may rise. Health care costs, in particular, may increase as you progress through retirement.

Try to estimate what your monthly

expense budget will look like in the first few years after you stop working. And then continue to reassess this budget as your vision of retirement becomes reality. Keeping a close eye on your spending in the years leading up to retirement can help you more accurately anticipate your budget during retirement.

Consider all your income sources

First, figure out how much you stand to receive from Social Security. You can elect to receive retirement benefits as early as age 62, however, doing so will result in a reduced benefit for life. If you wait until your full retirement age - 66 or 67, depending on your birth date - or later - up to age

70 - your benefit will be higher.

You can get an estimate of your retirement benefit at the Social Security Administration website, www.ssa.gov. You can also sign up for a my Social Security account to view your online Social Security statement, which contains a detailed record of your earnings and estimates for retirement, survivor, and disability benefits.

Next, review the accounts you’ve earmarked for retirement income, including any employer benefits. Start with your employer-sponsored plan, and then consider any IRAs and traditional investment accounts you may own. If you are married, be sure to include your spouse’s retirement accounts as well. If your employer provides a traditional pension plan, contact the plan administrator for an estimate of that monthly benefit amount as well.

Pay off debt, power up your savings

Once you have an idea of what your possible expenses and income look like, it’s time to bring your attention back to the here and now. Draw up a plan to pay off debt and power up your retirement savings.

Entering retirement debt-free - including paying off your mortgage - will put you in a position to modify your monthly expenses in retirement if the need arises. On the other hand, entering retirement with a mortgage, loan, and credit card balances will put you at the mercy of those monthly payments.

In these final few years before retirement, you’re likely to be earning the highest salary of your career. Why not save and invest as much as you can in your employer-sponsored retirement savings plan and/or IRAs? Remember, if you’re 50 or older, you can take advantage of catch-up contributions, which enable you to contribute an additional \$6,000 to your 401(k) plan and an extra \$1,000 to your IRA in 2018.

Manage taxes

As you think about when to tap your various resources for retirement income, remember to consider the tax impact of your strategy. You may want to withdraw money from your taxable accounts first to allow your employer-sponsored plans and IRAs more time to potentially benefit from tax-deferred growth. Keep in mind, however, that generally you are required to begin taking minimum distributions from tax-deferred accounts in the year you turn age 70.5, whether or not you actually need the money. Roth IRAs are an exception to this rule.

If you decide to work in retirement while receiving Social Security, understand that income you earn may result in taxable benefits.

Account for health care

Health care should get special attention as you plan the transition to retirement. As you age, the portion of your budget consumed by health-related costs - including both medical and dental - will likely increase. Although Medicare will cover a portion of your costs, you’ll still have deductibles, copayments, and coinsurance. Medigap policies are sold by private health insurers and are standardized and regulated by both state and federal law. Another option is Medicare Advantage also known as Medicare Part C, which allows Medicare beneficiaries to receive health care through managed care plans and private fee-for-service plans.

If you have a family history of debilitating illness such as Alzheimer’s, have substantial assets you’d like to protect, or want to leave assets to heirs, a long-term care policy may be worth considering.

Ease the transition

These are just some of the factors to consider as you prepare to transition into retirement. Breaking the bigger picture into smaller categories and using the years ahead to plan accordingly may help make the process a little easier.

Written by Huntley Financial Services. For more information, contact Mark Huntley at 888-922-1035.

May is Better Hearing Month,
and it's finally spring!

To all D scret on
Tota Comfort.
otal Convenience.

Wi h Silk™ from Signia

✓

Discr et ea l inv sible
solution for your hearing loss

✓

Ava ab e in th e zes to
a co f ab y

✓

W e s streaming
ith s k

lly p ven be r tha
hearing

✓

t a restaurant

✓

L our

✓

r on

✓

n

✓

i gpl c

✓

a d aud oriums

✓

At the concert

Call 802-885-3399 for
a FREE Demonstration!

\$1000 OFF

o S gnia Hearin s P
FREE Hea ing Scr g
Offer Expires 05/31/18.

FREE
harge

Offer Expires 05/31/18.

30 Years of Experience in
Hearing Healthcare you can Trust!

G D SPE IALISTS

2 k S p fil 0 56
8 9

DARTMOUTH HEARING AID CENTER

93 S Main Street | West Lebanon, NH 03784
(603) 298-7800

signia

Advanced
Personal
Hearing
Innovations

SIEMENS

Tw c n a s u h a v e s o w h a i n p o v d s b e t h a n n r m a l h e a r i n g i n c t i n d e m a n d i n g n v i o m e n t s U n i v e r s i t y o f N o r t h e a s t C o l o r a d o ,
2 O H e u 0 3 5 c h e e p t o h r e s h s (R) n c k a p t y s i t u a t i o n s i m p o v e d u p t o 2 9 d B f o r w e a r e r s w i t h m i l d t o
m a g s u s g t o b h g n a i d s w t h n a r o w d i r e t o n a t c o m p a e d t o p e o p e w i t h n o r m a l h e a r i n g . T h e n e w w i r e l e s s ,
t w o m i c r o p h o n e M o t o n a n d I n s i o b n a x m o d e l s h a v e t h e s a m e i n t e r n a t i o n a l p e r f o r m a n e a s t h e P u r e a n d C a r a t b i n a x , V e r o n i k a L i t t m a n , M a t t h i a s F r o e h l i c h ,
J o l e n b j c t i v e s n g a m n t h e b e n e f i t o f p r i m a x , W h i t e p a p e r , S i v a n t o s G m b H , 2 0 1 6 . C o p y r i g h t © 2 0 1 6 S i v a n t o s , I n c . A l l r i g h t s
r e r d S , n . a e L s e o s m s A G 9 / 1 6 5 / 1 7 0 7 6 8

David Chaves
EXCAVATING

Family Owned & Operated Since 1980

Complete Site Work
From Clearing to Finish
Grading, Roads, Foundations
Septics & Drainage Problems

Specializing In
Equine Land Development & Ponds

802-824-3140
Londonderry, VT

Sculpting your
piece of Vermont
to fit your Dreams!

Aching Knees, Hips, or Shoulders?
Our Orthopaedic Specialists are
Here to Help You Enjoy an Active Lifestyle.

Connecticut Valley Orthopaedics
& Sports Medicine

A DEPARTMENT OF SPRINGFIELD HOSPITAL

Where People Come First

The Road to Recovery
Begins Here

17 physical
and occupational
therapists on staff

Out-patient and
in-patient service

Exceptional,
compassionate care

All provider referrals
accepted

GraceCottage

REHABILITATION
SERVICES

Just down the road in Townshend

More about our services and providers at
www.gracecottage.org • 802-365-3637