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Vermont just got greener

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REGION - The Green Mountain State of Vermont just got greener. As of Sunday, July 1, 2018, Vermont legalized the use of recreational marijuana. Gov. Phil Scott signed bill H.511, or Act 86, back in January, making Vermont the ninth state to allow personal use, possession, and cultivation of cannabis for individuals over 21. Vermont was the first state to pass the law through Legislature; all other cannabis-friendly states passed the law through public vote. And though the state of Vermont has legalized cannabis, it is still illegal under federal law, meaning you cannot legally transport your buds over state lines, unless that state has also legalized recreational use.

"I personally believe that what adults do behind closed doors and on private property is their choice," Gov. Scott said after signing the bill, "so long as it does not negatively impact the health and safety of others, especially children." Safety of the public, and especially children and minors will remain a priority. Penalties such as fines and even jail time will be made to those who aren't abiding by the law, and harsher punishments will be given to those with more than one offense.

The bill allows users to smoke cannabis in the privacy of their own home, but not in public places such as beaches, parks, sidewalks, or in a vehicle. Use of marijuana while driving, or as a passenger will result in a fine, which becomes much larger when minors under the age of 18

are in the car. Vermont authorities will be further trained to detect marijuana use while operating a vehicle, and under suspicion they may call in fully-trained professionals to assist them. There will be no tolerance for any smoking in an operating vehicle by the driver or passenger, especially driving under the influence, or any open containers in the vehicle. And though it is now legal, employers still may not allow marijuana use, and workplaces still have authority to conduct drug tests.

Smokers may have up to one ounce of marijuana or

five grams of hash on their person, any more than that will result in a fine. However, if you cultivate your own plants, you are allowed to keep your full harvest, regardless of whether it's more than an ounce, as long as it is stored in a safe place in your home. Those under the age of 21 caught with cannabis in their possession will be required to enroll in a Youth Substance Abuse Safety Program.

Vermont residents can cultivate their own marijuana in a secured and private area on their own property or with written consent of the property owner. There are some gray areas in the new law, and it is still unclear what a concealed cannabis garden re-

plants will result in a fine.

Cannabis in Vermont is not being taxed by the state, and though you can possess and cultivate your own for recreational use, it is still illegal to purchase or sell marijuana. You can however gift small amounts under an ounce, or as a "gift" with purchase of other products. Medical marijuana users can continue to make purchases at their local dispensaries, which became legal in Vermont in 2004. Medical users also have their own set of laws, which allows them to possess up to two ounces, two mature plants, and six immature plants.

Remember to smoke responsibly, and understand and abide by the laws. If you're 21 or older and a cannabis user, go ahead and enjoy a smoke in the comfort and privacy of your own home.



Music in the Meadow returns for its 16th year



Volunteers helped make Music in the Meadow a success. PHOTO BY THOMAS FOSTER IV



Music in the Meadow was held on Saturday, June 30 at Motel in the Meadow. PHOTO BY THOMAS FOSTER IV



The pink tables consisted of items to auction. PHOTO BY THOMAS FOSTER IV



Winning bidders were contacted by phone. PHOTO BY THOMAS FOSTER IV

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CHESTER, Vt. - People from surrounding communities, as well as other states, gathered Saturday, June 30, to support the Susan G. Komen New England Vermont Race for the Cure - a charity that strives to improve the lives of breast cancer patients and their families. Despite the rising temperatures and heat advisory warnings, many people arrived to listen to a variety of musicians, eat, socialize, and participate in a silent auction.

Patt Budnick, owner of Motel in the Meadow, moved to the area in the winter of 2001 and has hosted the event for the past 16 years. Having attended college in the 1960s, Budnick spoke passionately about folk music and the impact it has had on her life. Now, she works with volunteers to spread awareness of breast cancer, as well as bring together the community with music. "It's a dream come true to see what it has become," she remarked. The event itself takes months of planning and is reliant on donations and contributions. In attendance were people from Con-

necticut and even Jacksonville, Fla. "We start planning in September. It takes a lot of people pitching in to do this. We have people from all over," she explained.

The silent auction is one of the popular attractions at the yearly gathering, and community members and local businesses donated all of the items on display. Some of the donations were gift certificates, novels, and children's toys. Additionally, a quilt, valued around \$1,000, was donated by Chester business, Country Treasures, and was raffled off. Other entertainment included a horseshoe

and corn hole tournament, as well as a variety of musicians including Totally Submerged and Floyd Lawrence/Intercept.

All of the proceeds were donated to the charity. "It's great because [the charity] helps families however they can. Mom might need to get chemo treatments, but Dad still needs help with dinner," she added. In addition, around 75 percent of the money raised at the event will stay in the state and aid Vermont families, which Budnick explains "is great."

Those who may be interested in volunteering for the 2019 Music in

The Meadow may contact musicinthemeadowvt@gmail.com or 802-875-2626. Looking for additional ways to get involved? More informa-

tion about the Susan G. Komen New England's Race for the Cure can be found at www.komennewengland.org/raceforthecure.

Ludlow Main Street and Route 103 paving

LUDLOW, Vt. - Please be sure to mark your calendars for travel delays in Ludlow July 9 - 10, 2018.

The Ludlow Village Paving Project will take place July 9 and 10 and will run from the fire station along Main Street and down and Route 103 South to the town line. The travel lanes will be paved.

Please be aware that there will be one-lane traffic patterns, so traffic

delays will be expected. Consider detouring on either Pleasant or High streets.

Once the paving is finished, Route 103 and Main Street will look wonderful! We thank you for your patience.



Expect delays on July 9 and 10.

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Phoebe Tucker makes Dean's List at University of Vermont

LUDLOW, Vt. - Plotting and navigating the life chart unique to her self, Phoebe Tucker has yet again astounded her proud family with the inclusion of her name to the Dean's List, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at UVM for the spring 2018 semester. Unencumbered by the constraints of convention, Phoebe has managed to alight on this lofty perch while staying true to her philosophy of living simply

and in accordance to her moral compass. Along with her boyfriend Braden, the duo are blissfully embracing life's bounty from the shelter of their off grid, cow pasture centered, self-designed and built tiny house in Shelburne, Vt.



Phoebe Tucker.

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TRSU summer food service program

REGION - Two Rivers Supervisory Union is participating in the Summer Food Service program. Meals will be provided to all children without charge and are the same for all children regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability, and there will be no discrimination in the course of the meal service. Meals will be provided at a first come, first serve basis at

the sites and times as follows:

- Ludlow Community Center from 8 to 8:30 a.m. and 12:30 to 1 p.m. June 25 to Aug. 10
- Chester-Andover Elementary School from 8 to 8:30 a.m. and 12:30 to 1 p.m. June 25 to Aug. 10
- Cavendish Elementary School from 8 to 8:30 a.m. and 12:30 to 1 p.m. Aug. 13 to 24.

Rotary passes gavel



CHESTER, Vt. - Chester Rotary Club celebrated the Passing of the Gavel from David Nanfeldt, the outgoing Chester Rotary president, to Bill Dakin, the incoming president. Chester Rotary, a robust group of service-minded members, meets Thursdays at the Fullerton Inn. Anyone who might be interested in participating in Rotary activities or learning more about Rotary should call Bill Dakin at 802-875-4000.

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Congregational Church

LONDONDERRY, Vt. - Rev. Laurie Krooss and Anne Garrett got the banner up in the front of the Second Congregational Church in Londonderry to announce the church's 150th anniversary to be held Sunday, Aug. 19, during the morning worship service and a picnic at Pingree Park.

All current members, past members, clergy, supporters, and friends are invited to celebrate with worship, food, and games. Aug. 19 will be a daylong kick off to the year that will reflect the events of 1868 when the church was formed.

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Chester-Andover Family Center elects new officers

CHESTER, Vt. - At its annual meeting June 11, the CAFCC Board of Directors elected a new slate of officers to lead the center over the next year. Elected were Stephanie Mahoney, president; Kris Winnicki, vice president; Georgia Ethier, secretary; Mariette Bock, treasurer; and Suelen Slater, assistant treasurer.

We would also like to announce our new thrift shop management

team: Ginger Roper, Mariette Bock, and Kris Winnicki. The thrift shop does not anticipate major changes at this time and will maintain regular hours of operation: Thursdays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Summer clothing and household items for warm weather, entertaining, and camping are in stock so please come down to shop. When

you make a purchase in our thrift shop, you are helping us purchase food for our food shelf and maintain our Financial Assistance Program, which helps families with heat, electricity, rent, and other expenses essential to their wellbeing.

The community can support Family Center programs by participating in the Stone Hearth Hot Dog Cook Off fundraiser Aug. 12, from 1 to 4

p.m. This is a special community fundraiser for the Family Center and the Chester Recreation Department.

Please save the date and join us at the Stone Hearth for music, games, the famous CAFCC Silent Auction and Gift Basket Raffle, and all the hot dogs you can eat. Last year's cook-off champion, Billy Bob, served up the "Big Easy," his New Orleans version of what a hot dog should be.

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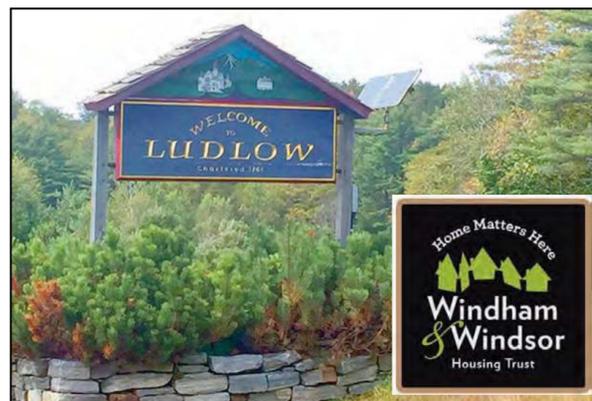
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Building community with Windham & Windsor Housing Trust

LUDLOW, Vt. - How do we build our community? What can we do to provide good homes that residents can afford? The Ludlow Planning Commission is hosting a meeting Tuesday, July 17, 2018 at 6 p.m. with

the Windham & Windsor Housing Trust to gather more input about the future of Ludlow. This meeting will take place in the conference room of the Ludlow Municipal Offices. Free pizza and refreshments will be available. For more information, contact Rose Goings 802-228-2845 or planning@ludlow.vt.us or contact Jason Rasmussen 802-674-9201 or jras-mussen@swrcpc.org.



Ludlow Planning Commission to host a meeting with Windham & Windsor Housing Trust to gather input about the future of Ludlow.

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Tick-borne illnesses in Vermont

LONDONDERRY, Vt. - There are 13 different tick species in Vermont. Of the 13 species, five are known to bite humans, and four of these five can transmit diseases. On Tuesday, July 10 at 6 p.m., Bradley Tompkins, epidemiologist for infectious diseases with the Vermont Health Department, will discuss the various tick species and potential diseases they carry at the Meeting Place at Neighborhood Connections. He will be concentrating on one in particular responsible for the most disease transmission recorded in the state.

Understanding a particular tick's disease potential and having the capacity to identify ticks will help you present your symptoms or potential disease issues to your doctor early so that treatment can be initiated.

This lecture is offered at no charge, but due to the profound interest in the topic, space is limited, so please call 802-824-4343 to register.

Neighborhood Connections is a nonprofit social services agency helping folks in nine area mountain towns. The Meeting Place is located in Londonderry's Mountain Marketplace, next to the post office.

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Ludlow Rotary Club passes gavel to new presidents

LUDLOW, Vt. - In an annual tradition, one dating back to July 1928, the Ludlow Rotary Club, established in 1927, conducted its Passing of the Gavel ceremony, denoting the change of the club's presidency. At its final meeting in June, outgoing President Suzanne Garvey handed the gavel of club leadership to The Women of Rotary, a consortium of ladies who will lead the Ludlow Rotary Club during the 2018-19 year.

This marks the 91st time this event has occurred in the club's history. It is particularly noteworthy as Rotary enters its 30th year of women in Rotary. The new year's presi-

deny will consist of Sharon Bixby, Mary K. Crowley, Barbara LeMire, Brigid Sullivan, and Jill Humpfer Tofferi. LRC members extended their deep appreciation and gratitude to Suzanne for her leadership and enthusiasm.

LRC meets for lunch most Tuesdays at 12:15 p.m. at DJ's Restaurant. The LRC is small and is always looking to welcome new members. If you would like to attend a meeting and learn how you may Serve Humanity while enjoying the fellowship of others, please contact any Rotarian or drop a note to Ludlow Rotary, P.O. Box 216, Ludlow, Vt.



From left to right: Suzanne Garvey, outgoing president; Sharon Bixby, Mary K. Crowley, and Barbara LeMire, the first woman to join the club. PHOTO PROVIDED

Black River Independent School Committee to host event series

LUDLOW, Vt. - The Ludlow-based Black River Independent School Committee, an official tax-exempt organization, is pursuing their mission to open a local independent school. BRISC has been actively working on approval from the Vermont Board of Education to establish Black River Academy, an independent school serving grades 7-12 in Ludlow and Mount Holly and beyond. The group is poised to submit the application by the end of the summer.

BRISC will host the first in a series of informational events Friday, July 6 at the Ludlow Farmer's Market. Students, parents, and community members are encouraged to stop by

the market with their questions and input for the committee. Additional events will take place throughout the summer and will be posted on the BRISC calendar, available to view on www.blackriveracademy.org.

If you would like more information or would like to get involved with BRISC, please contact Uli Donohue, chair, or John Bannon, co-chair, at blackriveracademy@gmail.com. The committee also has a Facebook page @blackriveracademy.

Donations can be made payable to Black River Independent School Committee and mailed to P.O. Box 485 Ludlow, VT 05149. A formal capital campaign will commence in

mid-August. Meetings are held weekly on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. in the BRHS library. All are welcome to attend.



Bottle drive July 7

LUDLOW, Vt. - The Ludlow Teen Center will be hosting a can and bottle drive at LaValley's Tent Sale on Saturday, July 7. Proceeds will go to the teen center.

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Owen Massey completes Eagle Scout project

CHESTER, Vt. - On Saturday, May 26, 2018, Owen Massey, a member of Boy Scout Troop 206, completed his Eagle Scout project. With the help of Boy Scout Troop 206 and some dedicated adult volunteers, they repaired and stained the play structures at the First Baptist Church in Chester and added a new picnic table as well. A huge thank you to R&B Painting, Chester Hardware, LaValley's Building Supply, and Andover & Beyond Property Services for their more than generous donations that made this project possible.

We are one family, and we mourn the senseless tragedy at the Capital Gazette together.

Our hearts grieve the loss of our fellow newspaper staffers. We wish comfort and peace for their families, friends, co-workers, and all who have been touched by this heartbreak - and healing to those who are recovering.

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Fletcher Farm School more July classes

LUDLOW, Vt. - The picturesque Fletcher Farm campus lies along Route 103 in Vermont's Black River Valley between Ludlow and Proctorsville. Since its inception, the Fletcher Farm School has offered thousands of classes in traditional and emerging arts and crafts, many led by world-class artists. Fletcher Farm School for the Arts and Crafts

celebrates its 71st anniversary this summer.

As arts programs lose funding in the public educational system, the importance of a vital resource like the Fletcher Farm School increases. The school is supported solely by donations and class registration fees. Besides providing the basic skills in the arts and crafts taught

there, instructors provide historical background and strive to link that background to contemporary culture. Students are invited to explore their creativity and are given support in this endeavor by nationally renowned instructors.

Following is a list of the classes offered in July:

- Flying Creatures Workshop with Sue Carey, July 14 - 16
- Ceramic Glazing & Embellishment with Carole Carr, July 16 - 18
- Weave a Small Necktie Stool or Child's Chair with Joyce Fuller, July 18
- Needle Felter's Choice Workshop with Sue Carey, July 18 - 20
- Pot Belly Adirondack Pack Basket with Martha Chessie, July 20 - 21
- Explorations in Precious Metal Clay with Lis-el Crowley, July 20 - 22
- Nature Drawing and Journaling with Sonya Vickers, July 21 - 22
- Shaker Oval Boxes - The Basics with Eric Pintar, July 21 - 22
- Beginner and Beyond Oil Painting with Kate Franklin, July 23 - 26
- Intermediate/Advanced Shaker

Oval Boxes with Eric Pintar, July 23 - 26

- Color for the Fiber Artist with Susan Rockwell, July 27 - 29
- Introduction to Punch Needle Rug Hooking with Phyllis Gagnon, July 27 - 28
- Fire and Ice with Lis-el Crowley, July 27 - 29
- Let's Explore Basketry with Dona Nazerenko, July 28 - 29
- Making Fabric Pottery with Beth Ezold, July 28 - 29
- The Art of Fly Casting with Susan Damone Balch, July 28
- Introduction to Fly Tying with Peggy Brenner, July 29
- Nature: Up Close and Personal with Robert Carsten, July 30 - Aug. 1
- Introduction to Silversmithing with Harold Bosco, July 30 - Aug. 3

Class and material fees vary, but advance registration is required for all classes. Most classes fill quickly, so please register early to ensure your place. Further information and online registration is available on the school's website at www.fletcher-farm.org.



Wellwood strawberries

WEATHERSFIELD, Vt. - Wellwood Orchard held their Strawberry Festival Saturday, June 23 with a great turnout. Many strawberries were picked, the petting zoo was a hit, and families enjoyed the famous cider donuts.

PHOTOS PROVIDED

Barbecue at the Windham Meeting House

WINDHAM, Vt. - The Windham Community Organization's annual chicken barbecue and raffle begins promptly at 5 p.m., Saturday, July 14 at the historic Windham Meeting House, 26 Harrington Road, Windham, on the corner of Windham Hill Road. Summed up as "the perfect old-fashioned community barbecue with really good food, great friends, and nice country music."

The meal will be served at a bargain price. All proceeds benefit Windham area residents through WCO.



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Join Black River Academy Museum for an ice cream social.

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LUDLOW, Vt. - Interested in cooling off on a hot summer's day? Join us at the Black River Academy Museum Saturday, July 7, from 1 - 4 p.m. on 14 High Street for an old-fashioned ice cream social.

While you are here, take some time to view the DVD at the main entrance to see what the museum is all about. Walk through the three

floors of exhibits featuring the Main Street of Ludlow as it was in the late 1800s, see rooms filled with Victorian furnishings. Can you pick out the first vacuum cleaner that was invented here in town? The second floor features many exhibits including traditional New England barn building, information about the after effects of Tropical Storm Irene, and Vermont's largest display of Finnish artifacts.

A new display this year shows scaled model buildings of Main Street in the 1930s and '40s assembled by our local sixth grade students under the supervision of their teacher, Heidi Baitz. The third floor has a 1900s schoolroom and military memorabilia from the Civil War, World War I, and World War II.

Whether you are just visiting for the weekend, a summer resident, or a local resident, there is always something new and different to see at the museum. With the small admission fee, you can enjoy a cool dessert and also wander through this local treasure. Hope to see you July 7. Happy summer!

A presentation on the scale of our universe

CHESTER, Vt. - Imagining distances to celestial objects is always a little daunting. Most of us just surrender to some abstract image of "out there, somewhere too far to think about..." But there are ways to model the universe in one's mind that can be easier and engaging. A presentation on the scale of the universe using some of the Hubble telescope's more beautiful images, will be given by SoVera - Southern Vermont Astronomy Group - Tuesday, July 10 at 7 p.m. at the Whiting Library, 117 Main Street, in Chester, Vt. Additional discussion will follow about what may have come before the universe started and why we think we're close to learning more about that singular event.

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LOCAL HISTORY

BY RON PATCH

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Mapping Brookside Cemetery Part 2

Last week, I introduced you to the Brookside Cemetery project my son Shawn is working on.

The process
Shawn laid out the rows of graves with red flags. Each flag had a number assigned beginning with number one. Volunteers worked in teams of two. One team member used a smart phone with a special app. The other team member carried a notebook to record grave data. This volunteer also carried a mirror.

Starting with flag number one, the team member with the smart phone recorded the following: type of stone, marble, slate or granite and then photographed each gravestone. The second volunteer recorded the name on the grave and birth and death dates and direction the inscription faced; east or west. Also recorded were any motifs on the headstone; willow tree, urn or other designs.

Next the team moved to grave number two and repeated this process. In the four days volunteers worked, about one thousand graves were recorded.

Next Shawn with a high tech GPS device recorded the graves location. Most everyone today is aware of GPS. The commercial GPS most have today is accurate within a couple feet. Shawn's version is accurate to within less than an inch and cost \$25,000.

His GPS device has a spirit level on the control box. Shawn would position his GPS device at the center of each gravestone. Checking his control box and when level he would click 'enter' and the grave was recorded. This was repeated over 1,300 times to mark location of gravestones.

We concentrated on the oldest section of Brookside Cemetery. In this section there are over 1,300 gravestones. The volunteers managed to record about 1,000 graves. This leaves 300 plus yet



Shawn Patch using GPS.

PHOTO BY RON PATCH

to do along with the newer section. Shawn will return next year to finish the project.

The final results
Shawn using a Google aerial map will be able to place all of the graves in their exact location. He has created a map of what we did last week. It's amazing how accurate his map is. Where there are locations without graves or where a row of graves suddenly end, you see it exactly as it is.

The smart phones we used are linked to the GPS device. All information will be uploaded to the Cloud. Shawn then will create a website for Brookside Cemetery. When someone visits this site they will see the GPS map. What you see will be hundreds of dots. If you click on a dot the photo of the grave will pop up as will the person's name, date of death, etc.

To make the site user-friendly there are two possible ways to locate a grave. One way is with a spread sheet at the website with all of the names listed alphabetically. You find the name you are looking for and beside it will be a number. Click that number on the map and you

will see a photo of the gravestone and the information we recorded.

Another possible way is to create a search bar where you type in the name you are searching for. Then the gravestone photo would come up along with the person's name etc. Shawn tells me this presents challenges, but might be possible.

Year round, but especially in the summer, the historical society gets dozens of requests from across the country from people doing their genealogy. These people often visit Chester and meet with historical society members. We do our best to escort them to their family gravestones.

The good news is when this project is completed people will be able to look it up online. With aid of the map they'll be able to go directly to the gravestones they want. In the past visitors had wandered for a couple hours looking for their family. Not any longer.

Many of these old gravestones were difficult to read; some were totally illegible. A neat trick we had included a mirror. Standing off to the side of the gravestone we caught the sun with a mirror. Then tilting the mirror we could reflect the sun onto the gravestone. I include a photo of this so you can see how affective it is.

Ken Barrett, who was sexton for many years, knew where there were a couple locations missing gravestones. In one instance a tree fell over years ago and smashed a headstone into many pieces. Ken knew the name on the grave and marked its place. When Shawn came along with his GPS, he recorded this missing grave and the person's name. What would have been lost forever is now preserved.

This week's old saying. "He doesn't know if he's afoot or horseback."



Using a mirror to reflect sunlight on the gravestone was a helpful technique.

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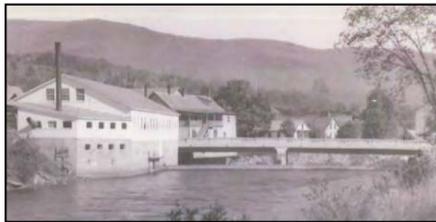
Custer Sharp House

LONDONDERRY, Vt. - Go Around the Gould at the Custer Sharp House, 2461 Middletown Road, Londonderry. The Londonderry Arts and Historical Society presents "Changing Times," an exhibit about the varied uses and owners of North and South Londonderry's buildings. For example, did you know

that Wiley's garage in South Londonderry had a roller rink on the top floor? Or that the Londonderry shopping center was the fairgrounds for the area? "Go around the Gould," as the local expression went for making a loop from one village to another and come explore Londonderry's buildings. The

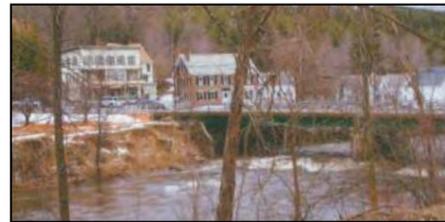
exhibit is on display for the month of July, Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. If anyone knows the origin of the expression, "Go around the Gould" you win a prize!

For more information, call Annie Campbell at 802-856-7284 or email us at Londonderryahs@gmail.com.



Cluster Sharp House in the 1900s.

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Cluster Sharp House today.

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2018 History Teacher of the Year

SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. - Carly Fox, a teacher at Vermont Academy, has been named the 2018 Vermont History Teacher of the Year, an award presented annually by the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, the nation's leading organization dedicated to K-12 American history education.

Inaugurated in 2004, the History Teacher of the Year Award highlights the crucial importance of history education by honoring exceptional American history teachers from elementary school through high school. The award honors one K-12 teacher from each state, the District of Columbia, Department of Defense schools, and U.S. territories. In fall 2018, the National History Teacher of the Year will be selected from the pool of state winners.

"Carly is an intelligent, passionate American history teacher who inspires her students at Vermont Academy to become analytical thinkers and lifelong learners," said Abbey Edwards, chair of Vermont Academy's history department. "She is an outstanding history teacher who is well deserving of this award."

Fox holds a bachelor's degree in social sciences from California Polytechnic University and a master's degree in women's history from Sarah Lawrence College. She approaches history from an anti-racist, feminist, and social history lens, encouraging

students to understand the role that constructions of race, class, gender, and sexuality have played throughout U.S. history. She aims to inspire students to see themselves as active participants in history who have the ability to both change and challenge their present social and political moment. In addition to teaching history, Fox teaches yoga at a local studio and serves on the board of Green Mountain Crossroads, a Brattleboro-based nonprofit that connects rural LGBTQ people to build community, visibility, and power.

In addition to a \$1,000 honorarium and an award ceremony in Vermont, Fox's school library at Vermont Academy will receive a core archive of American history books and Gilder Lehrman educational materials. Fox

will also receive an invitation to a 2019 Gilder Lehrman Teacher Seminar, a weeklong program that offers teachers daily discussions with eminent historians, visits to historic sites, and hands-on work with primary sources.

Nominations for the 2019 History Teacher of the Year awards are now open. Students, parents, colleagues, and supervisors may nominate K-12 teachers for the award by visiting www.gilderlehrman.org/nhtoy. The deadline for 2019 nominations is March 30, 2019.

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opinion

Op-Ed: Admiral George Dewey's toughness was tempered with kindness

As Americans grapple with the scenes of parents being separated from their children at the U.S.-Mexico border, the question of balancing the need to be tough with being fair and humane comes to the fore.

For Montpelier, Vt. native son Admiral George Dewey 120 years ago, the choice was crystal clear. He had to be tough as he and his Asiatic squadron entered Manila Bay. For him, the Philippines was an unknown place many thousands of miles from the U.S. mainland. Just to be sure, Dewey held his lucky

rabbit's foot in his hand May 1, 1898, as he entered Manila Bay to take on the Spanish fleet.

The U.S. Navy at that time was not what it is today prior to when Dewey said his immortal line, "You may fire when you are ready Gridley." In 1898, the old European powers did not consider the USN to be as powerful as they were. The British were said to have remarked to Dewey and his men as they left Hong Kong for Manila, "A fine set of gentlemen. Unhappily we shall never see them again."

After the battle, Dewey once

again felt he had to show toughness when the German navy showed up at Manila Bay after the Spanish defeat. A German squadron led by Admiral Otto Von Diederichs had the ships Kaiser, Irene, Cormoran, Kaiserin Augusta, and Prinzess Wilhelm ready to claim the Philippines if no one else would. As tensions rose, Dewey remarked, "If Germany wants war, all right, we are ready."

But outside of battle, Dewey was quite a different man. Thirty days after, he wrote to the navy secretary to seek exemption on behalf of 50 Chinese seamen who accompanied him at Manila Bay from the discriminatory Chinese Exclusion Act. They were the crew of the Nanshan and Zafiro, coal ships he had acquired in Hong Kong prior to sailing to the Philippines, as fuel from the U.S. mainland was too far away. Dewey felt that since the Chinese were part of the victory, they should be allowed to enter the U.S.

Dewey also bore no ill will towards his former Spanish foe Contraalmirante Patricio Montojo. Montojo was subsequently court martialled in Madrid for dereliction

of duty and asked for assistance in his defense, to which Dewey gladly responded with help.

With Filipino revolutionary leader General Emilio Aguinaldo, the situation was a bit mixed. Both had some mistrust of each other's intentions, but both somehow worked out a tactical alliance. Dewey gave Aguinaldo's navy a captured Spanish pinnace boat and in return Aguinaldo gave some intelligence on Spanish forces. Unfortunately, when President William McKinley decided to purchase the islands from Spain and annex it, the Philippine-American War erupted.

All in all, Dewey was not a politician, but he was a good naval commander. More importantly, he knew that bravery and toughness were demanded when the situation called for it but not at the expense of one's humanity.

Written by Dennis Posadas. Dennis Posadas is a Filipino author, columnist, and playwright. His play is about how Admiral Dewey came to the court martial defense of his Spanish foe, Almirante Montojo.

GRON THE BEAR IT ^{Wagner}



"The Santa Claus threat won't work for months."

Americanisms



"[Independence Day] ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires and illuminations, from one end of this continent to the other."

—John Adams

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Fourth of July is a day that we all celebrate our independence with barbecues, parades, and fireworks. While we partake in these festivities, I ask that you take the time to acknowledge the sacrifices made by our armed forces to ensure we are able to rejoice in such a way.

At the end of the American Revolution, our Continental Congress voted in favor of independence for the 13 colonies. On July 4, 1776, all 13 colo-

nies adopted this resolution and began celebrating. Each year since, we have continued to celebrate this freedom.

This Fourth of July, I challenge all those who live in Vermont and New Hampshire to take time out of your celebrations to thank a veteran or someone in active duty with a handshake, letter, silent prayer, and grateful thoughts, in a special way. Please remember those interred who light the way for an even brighter future for our

nation.

Every day our White River Junction VA Medical Center staff and volunteers throughout Vermont and New Hampshire are able to look into the eyes of our veterans, say "thank you" and give back in a unique way. We are able to hear stories of the courageous efforts of all our soldiers, sailors, airmen, and marines. We are privileged to do so.

As I pause this Independence Day

to honor those that were courageous enough to stand tall for their country and beliefs, I will be reflecting upon the VA mission of serving all of those that served. I ask that you to do the same!

Sincerely,
Dr. Brett Rusch
Acting Medical Center Director
White River Junction VA Medical Center

Dear Editor,

During the past school year, there were many, many times when transportation to school was not available for children on the Andover route. For my own purposes, the staff at GMUHS was not helpful at all.

In Vermont, there is a huge demographic of families in poverty, without cars, without money for gas.

Searching through the Department of Education rules, regulations, and policies, the only policy I could find, and the one I was referred to repeatedly, was one regarding transportation of homeless students.

I find it hard to believe that with

all the rules there is no standing rule about the transportation of children to and from school. Nothing about school bus drivers, distance from bus stop, nothing. So, the transportation policy is a free-for-all. And no one is held accountable.

The supervisory union's inability to hire and retain bus drivers is not a problem that should be shifted to the parents.

I'm positive that if children are enrolled in school but not attending regularly, that a social worker or a truancy officer would address this issue. Perhaps the school would even decide

to charge a parent with educational neglect. Yet there are no supports for transporting students.

In a nutshell, the district expects the children to be at school especially since the schools are paid per attendance, there are surely line items in the taxes Andover residents pay to cover transportation costs, yet the service is not being provided.

I am pretty sure that this is stealing.

The TRSU is also not willing to reimburse Andover parents who drove their children during the multiple occasions of no bus service.

I am disgusted, disappointed,

and frustrated. All I can see is the school's agenda to keep the funds we pay in taxes for a service they failed to provide, and their requirement of students to be in school in order to collect the money for such. I see zero support for the parents or the community.

My personal recourse will be to keep voting down school budgets and to be as vocal as I can about the TRSU's theft of services and funds.

Sincerely,
Felicity Haselton
Andover, Vt.

Dear Editor,

I've been hearing a lot about the decline of the dairy industry in both Vermont and New Hampshire. I agree we need to help these farmers, but we would miss a huge opportunity to improve public health by trying to revive the dairy industry. Instead, we should learn from the example of Finland and help our dairy farmers convert into fruit and vegetable farmers. By doing this, we can save their livelihoods while also preventing countless deaths from heart disease.

In the early 1970s, North Karelia, a region in Finland, had the highest death rates from heart attacks in the entire world; people on average were

dying ten years earlier than those in southern Europe. In 1972, Finland decided to launch a public health program to tackle the problem and focused on reducing people's high saturated fat intake - primarily from dairy, chicken, cake, and pork - which causes high cholesterol and heart disease. People's diets had been centered on fried pork, butter-fried potatoes, buttered bread, meat stew, and milk, with very few vegetables, and the health officials did everything they could to encourage people to eat less animal products, more fruits and vegetables, and quit smoking.

One of their methods was to

encourage dairy farmers to convert into berry farmers. As one published paper on the project explained "With people sharply reducing their consumption of butter and fatty dairy products, economic problems emerged for dairy farmers...During these discussions, the community and Project representatives considered the feasibility of growing tasty, nutritious berries in the northern climate. This led to a major collaborative project between berry farmers, industry, various commercial sectors, and the health authorities...Local berry consumption rose gradually, and many farmers switched from dairy to berry

production."

The results were absolutely astonishing. Twenty-five years later, the mortality rate from heart attacks in the middle-aged male population in North Karelia went down by 73 percent and 63 percent throughout the whole country! Life expectancy for men rose by seven years, and six years for women.

Now we have a great opportunity to follow in their footsteps and save both our farmers and thousands of lives in the process.

Sincerely,
Keane Southard
Walpole, N.H.

Dear Editor,

In response to Ms. Osterlund's letter:

It seems to me that the key thing to keep in mind with all gun control legislation is the Leftist maxim "the issue is never the issue, the issue is always the revolution," or as President Obama's Chief of Staff, Rahm Emanuel, said, "Never let a crisis go to waste."

The long-term goal of those behind the gun control movement is complete disarmament of the American people since it is impossible to impose a Progressive Utopia on an armed population. The provisions of the recent law that forbid selling rifles to those under 21 years of age and that forbid the purchase of standard capacity magazines had nothing to do with either school safety or with public safety. The obvious approach of hardening schools and other public venues, of requiring a venue with a "gun free zone" policy to provide

effective security, etc., were not in the law. The firearms laws will not make things safer and the next time there is some horror, whether here in Vermont or not, there will be more calls for laws disarming us.

It is true that both the Vermont and the U.S. Constitution were written many years ago. Times have changed, but human nature has not. The great danger of government at all levels is that the potential for exercising power and control is intoxicating, and people are just as weak and fallible now as they were in the 18th century. The Second Amendment to the U.S. Constitution and Article 16 of the Vermont Constitution provide a check on government excess. The underlying principle of the Second Amendment and Article 16 of the Vermont Constitution is that government power is dangerous.

One last thought: It may well be

that child rearing has so regressed in our day that people under the age of 21 are too immature, impulsive, and unreliable to purchase firearms. If that is the case, why are they allowed to vote? For that matter, why are they

allowed to possess and use motor vehicles?

Sincerely,
G. M. Donabedian
Chester, Vt.

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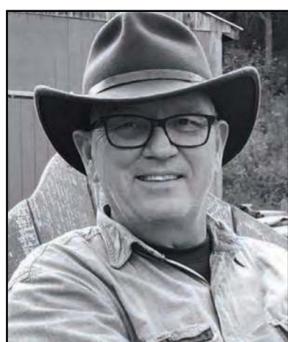
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Joseph L. Holmes, 1951 - 2018

LANGDON, N.H. - Joseph Langdon Holmes, 67, of Langdon passed away Saturday, May 26, 2018 at Maplewood Nursing Home in Westmoreland, N.H. Joe was born in El Paso, Texas Jan. 9, 1951, the son of Clifford and Christine (Johnson) Holmes. He attended schools in Chelmsford, Mass. and Bellows Falls, Vt. and graduated from Fall Mountain Regional High School in 1968. He earned a bachelor's degree from Dartmouth College in 1973 and attained his R.N. from River Valley Community College in 2009. He led an eclectic life working in farming, insurance, and software before becoming a nurse, then worked at the VA Medical Center in White River Jct., Vt. and most recently at Maplewood Nursing Home. Joe served as a volunteer EMT and firefighter for nearly 50 years.



Joseph L. Holmes, 1951 - 2018
PHOTO PROVIDED

their rescue dog, Zoe. He left many lessons and will be dearly missed.

Joe is survived by his wife Eileen; his daughter Chloe Holmes and partner Emily Holmes of Watertown, Mass.; his son Jason Holmes and partner Lara-Jane Que of Brunswick, Maine; his sister Nancy Nyberg and brother-in-law Dennis of Chicago; his brother Stacy Holmes and sister-in-law Lynn of Mission Viejo, Calif.; sister-in-law Charlotte Holmes of Praesto, Denmark; former sister-in-law Merrilee Holmes of Tuscon, Ariz.; many nieces, nephews, and cousins. Joe was predeceased by his parents and his brother Edward Holmes.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, July 7 at 2 p.m. at the Third Congregational Church of Alstead followed by a reception at the church. All are welcome to attend either or both events.

Donations in lieu of flowers may be sent to The Third Church Guild, c/o Joanne Stevens, Pres., P.O. Box 164, Alstead, NH 03602 or to The Maplewood Nursing Home Auxiliary Association, 201 River Road, Westmoreland, NH 03467.

Laura Cody McNaughton, 1982 - 2018

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Laura Cody McNaughton, daughter of Thornton S. Cody and Ruth F. Cody and wife of Ethan McNaughton, tragically passed away in an automobile accident on the morning of June 28, 2018.

Laura and Ethan are the proud parents of two sons, Isaac Cody McNaughton and Gaelen Tredway McNaughton, aged 8 and 3. She was first and foremost a devoted mother. Despite her many worldly accomplishments, none compare to her beautiful children. Her friendly and sincere nature, open mind, willing ear, passionate advocacy against prejudice and injustice, and kind heart touched an ever widening circle of friends, colleagues, and family. She is sorely missed by all that knew her.

Laura was born June 8, 1982 in Baltimore, Md. and moved with her parents to Springfield, Vt. in 1986. At age 4, she began ballet lessons at the Dance Factory, a love she continued to the present.

She graduated from Springfield High School as valedictorian of the class of 2000. She was active in a variety of school and community organizations and was an integral part of the group that founded the modern Post Prom activities at SHS, which continue on nearly two decades later. She was an avid member of the concert band and an athlete on the cross country and track teams. Throughout her life, she ran trail and road races with family and friends, and was actively training for her first full-length marathon.

Laura attended Bates College in Lewiston, Maine where she developed her own major in public health and graduated Summa Cum Laude in 2004. In furtherance of public health, she spent her entire junior year divided between Grenoble, France and Cameroon, West Africa. Working with truck drivers and others, she sought to understand the transmission of the HIV virus within the Cameroonian population. During her summer break she became an EMT serving in Rockingham. She received a master's degree from the Boston University School of Public Health in 2006.

After a decade of dating she and her best friend and soulmate were engaged in Acadia Nation Park. She married Ethan McNaughton in 2007.

Jeffrey P. Neronsky, 1959 - 2018

LUDLOW, Vt. - Jeffrey P. Neronsky, 59, passed away unexpectedly at his home in Ludlow on the morning of June 25, 2018. He was born April 20, 1959, in Charlotte, N.C., the son of Raymond N. and Diane (Pockette) Neronsky.

He attended Springfield schools, graduating from Springfield High School class of 1978. He later graduated from Claremont VoTech with an associate's degree in respiratory therapy.

On June 13, 1981, he married Mary Putnam in Springfield, Vt. He was employed as a restaurant manager in the area for many years.



Laura Cody McNaughton, 1982 - 2018
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The couple lived in Boston, where Laura held a series of public health positions, volunteered with HIV and domestic violence hotlines, and trained as a doula.

In 2012 Laura's young family moved back to Vermont where she quickly reestablished her connections with a variety of community organizations. She worked with the Vermont Department of Health assisting community groups throughout the region in preventing youth tobacco and substance abuse. Her talents were soon recognized and, despite her relative youth, she served as the District Director of the Vermont Department of Health, White River Junction office since 2013. She was a member of the Weathersfield School Board, the related Windsor Southeast Supervisory Union Board, and Holt Foundation Board in Saxtons River.

Laura is survived by her children, husband, parents, and her brother Daniel Cody. Her maternal grandparents, William and Bessie Fingerhut (née Levine) and paternal grandparents Thornton S. Cody Sr. and Harriet Cody (née Crosby) predeceased her.

A celebration of life will be held at the Weathersfield Meeting House on the afternoon of July 7 beginning at 2 p.m. Friends and colleagues are invited to join the family in sharing their fond memories.

In lieu of flowers, please make a contribution to the charity of your choice.

Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield is assisting with arrangements.

Karen McCormick-Putnam, 1957 - 2018

CHARLESTOWN, N.H. - Karen Ann McCormick-Putnam, 60, passed away peacefully at her home surrounded by her family and friends Monday, June 25, 2018 after a brief illness. Karen was born in Bellows Falls, Vt., Sept. 25, 1957 to the late Robert H. and Jeanne E. McCormick. She graduated in 1975 from Fall Mountain Regional High School, where she was a member of the 1973 State Champion basketball team. Karen worked at The Shopper in Bellows Falls, The Prompt Image in Brattleboro, The Message in Londonderry, and Lexten in North Walpole. Most recently, she was the bookkeeper for Putnam Farms in Charlestown, N.H., where she lived with her husband Morris "Rocky" Putnam, her two dogs Cooper and Bina, and her horse Ted.



Karen McCormick-Putnam, 1957-2018.
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Karen was an avid bowler for many years from her youth to adulthood. Her professional career spanned from 1988 to 2004. During those years, she appeared on television, won many tournaments, state titles, and bowler of the year awards, as well as holding many house records. She met some lifelong friends throughout her bowling career. On May 25, 2018, Karen was inducted into the International Candlepin Bowling Association's Hall of Fame for the class of 2018.

The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks was a passion for Karen. She was named Vermont State Elk of the Year twice, in 2007 and 2016, and has held various positions of office at the state and local level. Again, making lifelong friendships along the way. Her Elks family held a special part of her heart. Most recently, she was the state treasurer. She was a part of many committees such as Americanism chairman. Also, she participated in many Elks National Foundation Grant committees such as Winterize Kids Program and worked diligently to get a new pool for the Silver Towers Camp in Ripton, Vt., a camp for mentally and physically challenged people, the chief charitable project for the Elks. The 36-by-36-foot pool will be named in her honor as they break ground in the fall.

Karen's fondest memories were those of her childhood in North Walpole. She always said she had the best upbringing. She learned the difference between right and wrong - and had to be reminded of that on a few occasions - she learned to respect her elders, it was always "Mr. or Mrs.," plus she had grown up and played backyard games with some of the best athletes in the area.

Karen and the neighborhood "kids" were constantly playing some sort of game.... whiffle ball, PG, and basketball down at the courts. They were always doing something whether right or "sometimes" wrong.

Whatever the circumstance, it made her and everyone else the people they are today.

Karen also loved working on the Bellows Falls Alumni float each year. In 1978, she became Honorary Member of the Class of 1973. Her first year was the "Flintstones"...paper maché and painting all the heads of the characters at Pickles and Sue Stacks' house. Her last float being the Big Grey Elephant, created in honor of ceasing use of elephants in the circuses, appropriately named "The Greatest Show on Earth."

In the 17 years with her husband Rocky, they travelled to Prince Edward Island, Newfoundland, Ireland, and the Caribbean. They made many acquaintances along the way. Karen helped out on the farm, not only keeping the books, but also doing field work as well. When short handed, she would either hrow fields, getting ready for planting, or rake hay, which she really enjoyed. Another memory of hers was the "excursion" she took with Rocky, canoeing from the Canadian border to the Springfield boat landing, which, after putting several holes in the canoe, took six days to complete.

Karen was predeceased by her parents Robert H. and Jeanne E. (Porter) McCormick. She is survived by her husband of 17 years, Morris O. (Rocky) Putnam Jr. of Charlestown, N.H.; her son Ethan Langdon of Wilder, Vt.; brother Gary and his wife Faye McCormick of North Walpole, N.H.; sister Pam and her husband Andy Patnode of Charlestown, N.H.; nieces Karli and Hannah McCormick; nephews Robert McCormick, Ryan Patnode, and Justin Patnode; plus her Aunt Marcia; and many cousins from Vermont to California.

Per Karen's wish there are no calling hours. A mass of Christian burial will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 7, at St. Peter's Parish in North Walpole, N.H. A reception will follow at Trapshire, 1434 Bellows Falls Road, Charlestown, NH 03603. A private burial will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Silver Towers Camp Pool Fund. Please mail checks to Silver Towers Camp Pool Fund, c/o Brian Gaura Secretary, Vermont Elks Assoc., 241 Lincoln Ave. Rutland, VT 05701.

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Thank you from the family of Shelley Dodge

The family of Shelley Dodge wishes to thank Amy Rawlings and the staff of the Central School for the food for refreshment after Shelley's graveside service. Also, we would like to thank Jessica Carrier and Amanda Dodge for their assistance in caring for Shelley in the last weeks of her life. Thanks to Gail Hines for all she did for Shelley. Thanks for the many friends that sent cards, flowers, and visited almost daily. Words cannot convey how the caring for Shelley by so many touched the family.

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The scavenger hunt is open to mem-

bers and non-member families. There are more than 30 suggested activities to participate in and share photos on social media platforms - Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, or via email. There is no cost to enter the Edgar May Scavenger Hunt. Families that participate and accumulate 100 or more points will be eligible for an entry in the grand prize drawing for a 12-month family membership package that includes additional services - 12 months of group fitness and exercise classes,

four sessions of swimming lessons, birthday party package - to the Edgar May Health and Recreation Center. There will also be a second family selected as "runner up" to receive a six-month Family Membership and local businesses will also be sponsoring specific activities with special prize drawings at the conclusion of the nine weeks. Stay tuned for more information or check out our website and Facebook page for more details.

Meals on Wheels July meals

REGION - Meals on Wheels is a nonprofit community service designed to help seniors remain independent as they face challenges related to aging. It serves Chester, Andover, Springfield, Perkinsville, Baltimore, and Weathersfield. Friendly volunteers deliver hot, nutritious meals every day of the week as well as frozen and breakfast meals to those with a greater need. A Senior Community Lunch is served Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the meal site, which is located on the corner of Union and Southridge Street in Springfield.

Meals to those under 60 with a disability can be approved by the Vermont Center for Independent Living.

- Thursday, July 5: Spinach and onion quiche, Italian green beans, wheat bread, and blueberry crisp.
- Tuesday, July 10: Sweet and sour chicken, rice pilaf with vegetables, Oriental sugar snap blend, wheat bread, and pineapple chunks.
- Thursday, July 12: BBQ chicken breast, home fries, broccoli florets, wheat bread, and applesauce.
- Tuesday, July 17 - Monthly Birthday Lunch: Beef steak with Monterey Jack cheese, baked potato with sour

- cream, winter mixed vegetables, dinner roll, and pecan pie with cream.
- Thursday, July 19: Chicken-n-Biscuit, mashed potatoes, baby carrots with dill, and grapes.
- Tuesday, July 24: Italian chicken fingers with BBQ sauce, peas and carrots, mashed potatoes, wheat dinner roll, and pumpkin cookie.
- Thursday, July 26: Roast pork loin, gravy, mashed potatoes, garden peas and onions, wheat dinner roll, and melon.
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Work toward your own financial Independence Day

REGION - It's our national Independence Day. This celebration may get you thinking of the many freedoms you enjoy. But have you thought of what you might need to do to attain financial freedom?

Your first step is to define what financial independence signifies to you. For many people, it means being able to retire when they want to and to enjoy a comfortable retirement lifestyle. So, if this is your vision as well, consider taking these steps.

Pay yourself first

If you wait until you have some extra money "lying around" before you invest for retirement, you may never get around to doing it. Instead, pay yourself first. This actually is not that hard to do, especially if you have a 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan, because your contributions are taken directly from

your paycheck before you even have the chance to spend the money. You can set up a similar arrangement with an IRA by having automatic contributions taken directly from your checking or savings account.

Invest appropriately

Your investment decisions should be guided by your time horizon, risk tolerance and retirement goals. If you deviate from these guideposts - for instance, by taking on either too much or too little risk - you may end up making decisions that aren't right for you and that may set you back as you pursue your financial independence.

Avoid financial "potholes"

The road to financial liberty will always be marked with potholes you should avoid. One such pothole is debt - the higher your debt burden, the less you can invest for your retirement. It's not always easy to lower your debt load, but do the best you can to live within your means. A second pothole comes in the form of large, unexpected short-term costs, such as a major home or auto repair or a medical bill not fully covered by insurance. To avoid dipping into your long-term investments to pay for these short-term costs, try to build an emergency fund containing six months' to a year's worth of living expenses, with the money kept in a liquid, low-risk account.

Give yourself some wiggle room

If you decide that to achieve financial independence, you must retire at 62 or you must buy a vacation home by the beach, you may feel disappointed if you fall short of

these goals. But if you're prepared to accept some flexibility in your plans - perhaps you can work until 65 or just rent a vacation home for the summer - you may be able to earn a different, but still acceptable, financial freedom. And by working a couple of extra years or paying less for your vacation home expenses, you may also improve your overall financial picture.

Putting these and other moves to work can help you keep moving toward your important goals. When you eventually reach your own "Financial Independence Day," it may not warrant a fireworks display - but it should certainly add some sparkle to your life.

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Green Mountain baseball has best season since 2006

BY BILL MURPHY

The Vermont Journal & The Shopper

CHESTER, Vt. - Matt McCarthy is the Chester recreation director. He has his hand deep in the town's baseball pie. When the varsity baseball position came open at Green Mountain a year ago, he decided to give it a try. He has not looked back since.

When I inquired about what he expected this season to look like, McCarthy said, "I thought if the kids did what they are really capable of, we could be good. The veterans have executed, the young kids have stepped up, so even though I was in the middle of the road about it for a while, they have really done what they are capable of."

One of the reasons McCarthy was in the middle of the road was because so many young athletes needed to succeed at the varsity level for them to compete at the top. After some deep thinking, McCarthy admitted he thought "good" would be much better than a winning record. Being the second seed in the state was well above; it was really good. So was advancing to the Vermont State Division III title game. The 2018 baseball Chieftains actually achieved everything any sane person could ask for. Their title game opponent, defending champion Windsor, had a veteran cast returning. Although McCarthy's club tread water with them for a while, the youngsters were outperformed eventually as any unbiased observer would readily have expected.

The main reason the Chieftains were so good this season starts with their pitching, and when a varsity team is truly five deep, they are serious contenders.

Most importantly, this year's team really had two aces. McCarthy refers to them as A and 1A. The coach knew senior Tanner Bischofberger would be good (8-2/3.17 ERA/66 strikeouts in 53 innings), but he couldn't have been sure about freshman Rex Hill (5-0/1.98 ERA/50 strikeouts in 35 1/3 innings and a save), who is 1A. The two combined for 36 walks and 116 strikeouts, an impressive ratio. The pitching numbers were stats including the play-offs.

Next comes McCarthy's son, an eighth grader - yes you read that correctly - Dylan McCarthy, who had no record but gave the team a number of innings with crafty

pitches, keeping other teams off balance. The Chieftains roster also had two other young relievers, sophomore Jacob Thomas "a power arm, who filled a big role" and freshman Ty Merrill, "who has an above average fastball and a curve."

Senior leader Ryan McSally, "one of the best catchers in the state in DIII," was behind the plate and hit .364 in the regular season with a team leading 19 RBIs. Freshman Sawyer Phippen (.297) manned first base and McCarthy said, "He has a power stroke." Senior Josh Bodin and Thomas (.348) split time at second, with Bodin better offensively and Thomas the better glove man. Hill was the primary starting shortstop (.357) and McCarthy was the regular at third base, who moved over to short, when Hill pitched.

Can an eighth grader play at this level? McCarthy led the team in average (.422), hits and stolen bases and was second in RBIs. Any more need to be said? In addition, Nick Davis played third when McCarthy moved over a spot.

The outfield had Davis in left most of the time with Merrill and Bischofberger (.324) playing center field, depending upon who was pitching. Bischofberger also could be found at short when Hill pitched. Yet another freshman, Skyler Klezos, yet another .300 hitter was regularly in right and once in a while manned leftfield. Freshman Ty Veysey was a utility back up on the squad. The hitting statistics mentioned were for the regular season only.

Record wise, the 2018 Chieftains should go down as one of the best teams in school history. Their 14-1 record speaks for itself. Comparing eras gets more difficult as each year passes. Although Green Mountain is not a perennial contender, they have had a good share of strong baseball teams over the years.

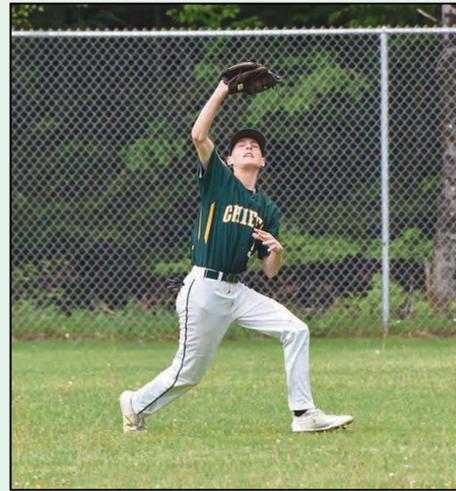
The Green and Gold have reached the finals eight times in school history. Seven of those appearances have come in Division III, while they had a Division II title game back in 1977 when they bowed to Harwood 3-2. They had back-to-back semi-final defeats in Division II in 1980 and '81 bowing first to Missisquoi 6-1 and then in a tough-to-swallow 2-1 setback to Fair Haven in the '81 season.

The six other Division III title losses came in 1971 Proctor 7-5, 1985 Northfield 9-1, 1999 Northfield 5-4, 2001 Northfield 5-1, 2003 Enosburgh 4-3, and 2006 Northfield 7-3.

Green Mountain has had some premier coaches over the years, which have kept them in the thick of the Division III title consideration



Green Mountain's Sawyer Pippin takes the throw at first to retire Leland & Gray's Chris Bovat in a regular season game. PHOTO BY DOUG MACPHEE



Green Mountain centerfielder Ty Merrill makes the catch near the fence in a game this season. PHOTO BY DOUG MACPHEE

over and over, including Jon Ratti, Joe Harned, Dave Farr, and now McCarthy joins the list with possibly more strong teams ahead of him to add to a collection of strong baseball nines.

In addition to the number of title contests, the Chieftains have eight more seasons in which they have advanced to the semi-finals prior to being eliminated.

Scott Renfo is a former Green Mountain baseball standout, who has coached a variety of sports in Chester and still teaches at the school. He looks fondly back at the school's legacy, which includes his part in two Final Four appearances during his playing career.

He remembers being impressed by the play of Brian Albert when they were teammates in Renfo's freshman year in the 1985 Northfield loss. That was part of a period of time when Green Mountain had a very impressive seven Final Four appearances in the decade of the '80s. Green Mountain had four more trips to that height in both the '90s and the first ten years of the new century. The last season at that level was 2009 when the team was eliminated in the semis by Leland & Gray 14-4.

Renfo is still waiting to see the school he has been a part of for more than 30 years have their overdue moment in the sun. He told me, "We have had some really good teams and you know it is tough to compare, but the one which still keeps coming back to me is 1999. They had a stacked line-up and had players on their bench who would have started for any team they played. We were

the better team on the field that day, but we couldn't find a way to win. Losing to Northfield that day was really sad and is the moment that stands out to me."

Northfield has been a particularly big thorn in the Chieftains side over the years. They have defeated the Chester team seven times in the baseball version of the Final Four, four times in the final, and three in the semis.

Renfo hasn't come close to giving up on one day seeing a team in his school's uniform claiming the top prize. He told me, "We lose some important players from this year's team, but this team was so young and these kids we have - and many of those coming up - are really into ball. I'm really excited about the next few years."

Obviously, so is McCarthy, who was both confident, yet cautious as his team entered play-off action this spring. "Thetford may not have had a high seed, but we scouted them and knew the schedule they played and that they would be tough and they were that and then some."

The Chieftains had the advantage of hosting the quarterfinal and semifinal rounds and their strong regular season probably paid off, especially in the opening game against Thetford.

"We had a very scary start falling behind 5-1, but I did have a good feeling when I looked around at the guys, and they still looked very confident. I remember thinking it was cool, they were in a good place," McCarthy remembered. "Our pitching depth really paid off in this one

as Rex Hill came on in relief in the third to pitch 5 innings and only gave up one run."

By the time the third was over, Green Mountain had tied the game; and although the two teams would go back and forth another time, the eventual 8-6 victory brought about that 16th semi-final appearance.

Green Mountain saw McCarthy go two for three in the contest with three stolen bases. Bodin had a big two-run single in the third to tie things. McSally would single in a run, and Merrill had two hits in the triumph.

Randolph was next on the docket in the semis and the right arm of Bischofberger paced the effort. McCarthy said he led the way. It was one of his best efforts of the season as he hurled a complete game shut-out, leading to a 6-0 victory.

The Chieftains had come away empty in the first inning, stranding a bases-loaded opportunity. As Bischofberger had their backs, the home team pushed across the only run they would need in the third inning. It was the eighth grader McCarthy who drew a base on balls and before anyone had time to think, he was across the plate.

McCarthy went to second courtesy of a wild pick-off throw, advanced to third on a ground out, and then the eighth grader stole home for the game's first run. How awesome is that?

"That jump started everything," Coach McCarthy told me. Before the game was history, Phippen would have an RBI single, Bodin a two-run double, McSally would have an im-

portant single to start a rally, and Hill contributed two important singles. To add to the cause, the Chieftains played good defensive, backing things up, while the Galloping Ghosts didn't.

There were people all over Vermont who tabbed Windsor to repeat as Division III champions back in March before the first pitch of the season was thrown. The Yellow Jackets didn't do a thing during their spring season schedule versus Division I and II competition to make anyone even think once about a different outcome. Every opposing coach in the tournament had dreams though that they could somehow find a way to upset them when no one else expected such an outcome.

"I thought we had to score first," Coach McCarthy said, and that's exactly what the Chieftains did. Jack ace Seth

Balch somehow didn't show his big game experience at the outset and was faced with control problems, allowing Green Mountain to take a 1-0 lead in the first. Balch walked three and hit McSally with a pitch to allow the game's first run, giving McCarthy and his charges a chance to get excited. However, if the Chieftains could overcome a four-run deficit in the opener, the defending champs were capable of doing the same now.

Windsor tallied the equalizer in the first and then took the lead for good in the third, thanks to an unearned run, in a game that would see more errors and unearned runs and an eventual 10-3 Windsor title victory.

But Green Mountain stayed in the fight until the bottom of the fifth and with the Jacks up 3-1, Green Mountain plated one in the top of the fifth making the score 3-2, until those errors reared their head.

McCarthy wrapped things up by saying, "I thought we would need to play the near perfect game and we did for a while until our youngness kind of came out," and his voice trailed off.

That youngness may have showed its age at the end, but what a contribution that youth made to a Green Mountain effort to pull off an upset for the ages.

I expect McCarthy is smiling now, all that youngness will be a year older next spring and for a few springs to come.

Try out camping for free

REGION - Vermont State Parks is excited to launch the new First Time Happy Campers Program at five parks during the months of July and August. Created in partnership with the Outdoor Gear Exchange, this program provides free camping for new campers, whose names will be chosen at random when they register through www.vtstateparks.com/happy-camper.html.

The idea for the program came as a recommendation from the Vermont Outdoor Recreation Economic Collaborative, a group of outdoor recreation leaders tasked by Gov. Phil Scott to enhance outdoor recreation opportunities and boost the recreation economy in Vermont.

The program is designed to encourage families who haven't camped before to give it a try. Participants will receive a free campsite, firewood, tents, camp stove, lantern, and sleeping pads. If campers don't have sleeping bags or don't want to bring bedding from home, they can purchase sleeping bags online from the Outdoor Gear Exchange for a discounted rate for delivery to their home or pick up upon arrival at the park.

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First Time Happy Campers program.

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have to offer.

Prior to the trip, participants will receive a packet containing a packing list and tips, meal and recipe ideas, and other information to prepare them for their trip.

Participating parks are Bomoseen, Button Bay, Grand Isle, Stillwater, and Woodford.

Outdoor Gear Exchange in Burlington procured critical gear donations from their vendors and are helping with gear delivery and sleeping bag purchases.

"Camping is a great experience that blends adventure with fun and relaxation in ways that bind friends and families together and creates lifelong memories," said Craig Whipple, director of State Parks. "We want everyone to have the opportunity to have that experience and this program is a terrific way to get started."

Interested campers can sign up at www.vtstateparks.com/happy-camper.html and choose the park and weekend of their choice. Two families will be chosen each weekend with campsites located near each other, so they can meet other families new to camping. If many applicants choose the same weekend, winning entries will be selected at random.

ther promote outdoor recreation," said Scott. "So I am very pleased to see this initiative move forward, as it provides greater access to Vermont's campgrounds for those who may not typically visit. I appreciate the work of our VOREC members, and all those at Vermont State Parks and the Outdoor Gear Exchange who made this possible."

On Friday night, campers will be met by friendly park interpreters who will show them around and help set up their camp, providing camping tips and support throughout the weekend. Campers can attend interpretive programs, check out free fishing gear and enjoy all the parks

Fishing areas not for swimming

REGION - The Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department reminds the public not to swim at fishing access areas due to safety concerns. The primary use of the fishing access areas is for launching and retrieving motorboats.

The Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department maintains 190 developed fishing access areas on lakes and rivers throughout the state. These areas have allowed uses determined by law, and swimming is not one of them.

The access areas were purchased and are maintained with funds derived from the sale of fishing licenses and motorboat registrations, as well as a federal excise tax on fishing

equipment, fishing tackle, and gasoline for motorboats. These funding sources explicitly prohibit activities that are in conflict with fishing and boating.

Fish & Wildlife regulations prohibit certain uses of fishing access areas including, but not limited to - swimming, littering, camping, picnicking, making a fire, parking of vehicles not related to priority uses, and commercial activity.

"It's great that people want to get out in the water, but a boat ramp is not the right place to go swimming," said Mike Wichrowski who oversees the Fishing Access Area Program. "There's a reason motorboats aren't allowed in swimming areas, and swimming isn't allowed at fishing access areas - it's

simply not safe."

Vermont game wardens often respond to incidents involving people swimming at fishing access areas. In some cases people, including children, are swimming right at the boat ramps while boats were being launched, risking injury or preventing the launching of boats.

"We understand that people want to go swimming, especially during hot weather, but we are urging folks to swim at locally approved swimming areas," said Colonel Jason Batchelder. "Finding a safe swimming area is easy in most communities. Just ask at a general store or other place where people gather." The fine for swimming at an access area is \$162.

Divas of Dirt returns to Killington

KILLINGTON, Vt. - Killington Resort announced the return of Killington Divas of Dirt, an initiative led by Pro Downhill/Enduro Racer Amy Alton and the Killington Bike Park, to foster the community of passionate female mountain bikers.

"I continue to be astounded by Killington's passionate community of women mountain bikers and am delighted to be partnering again with Killington Resort in support of the Divas of Dirt. Our community values a personal riding experience that supports and encourages one another. The Divas of Dirt hosted women from across the region as well as out of state and the country in our first two seasons

and I look forward to another great season being a part of such a fun and fierce community."

Female mountain bikers of all ability levels are welcome to share their passion for the sport and make new connections at the bi-weekly Friday night group rides and happy hours.

"Our first two years proved successful with many female riders of all ability levels enjoying the Friday bi-weekly rides and post-ride happy hour. We welcomed total beginners, cross country riders looking to sharpen descending skills, and advanced rippers looking to explore new terrain over at Ramshead," says Alton. "This year we are expanding and I am reaching out to some other fun Pros in the region to lead rides. This will allow groups to

split and reach more terrain including Killington Peak."

Every other Friday beginning July 13, from 4 to 6 p.m., the Killington Divas of Dirt encourage female riders to join a hosted group ride, exploring the trails throughout Killington Bike Park. The evening includes bike safety checks, plus discounted bike park lift tickets and rental bikes. Participation is free with your own bike and a valid bike park ticket or pass.

After the Killington Bike Park closes, the Killington Divas of Dirt enjoy happy hour at the Snowshed Umbrella Bar. For more information on Killington Divas of Dirt events, email Amy Alton at aalton@killington.com or call the Killington Bike Shop at 802-422-6232.

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Deadgrass to perform at Jackson Gore

LUDLOW, Vt. - Deadgrass, a string band adventure through Jerry Garcia's musical world, is performing at the Jackson Gore Summer Music Series, July 20. Multi-instrumentalist Matt Turk and Grammy award-winner C. Lanzbom joined forces to form Deadgrass. Bassist Dave Richards, banjo player Russell Gottlieb, and fiddler Michael Barrett Donovan complete this fine group of seasoned pros exploring the life works of Jerry Garcia on the instruments that first inspired him. Deadgrass celebrates and interprets the music of Jerry Garcia, drawing from Old & in the Way, JGB, Grisman/Garcia,



Deadgrass.

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Jerry's Jug Band days, and The Grateful Dead. For more information on the band, go to www.deadgrassband.com.

On Friday, July 20, from 6 to 9 p.m.,

join the fun of the next installment of the Jackson Gore Summer Music Series at 77 Okemo Ridge Road. For more information, go to www.okemo.com/activities/calendar.

Benefit art exhibition and sale

ACWORTH, N.H. - A fine art exhibition and sale in the Acworth Town Hall is the centerpiece of a festive day of fundraising activities for local projects Saturday, July 14. The show, benefiting the Acworth Community Charitable Trust, will feature 30 artists from around the region and background live music. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and admission is free. Also on site will be the annual Silsby Library book sale. At noon, the Friends

of the Acworth Meetinghouse will host a chicken barbecue dinner.

The Charitable Trust was founded in 2007 with a mission of supporting projects benefiting the town of Acworth and its citizens. Since then, it has grown to a membership of over 100 and distributed over \$91,000 in local grants. This year a total of \$14,150 went toward painting of the Valley Church, a fire suppression system in the Village Store, restoration of the



Fine arts exhibition and sale benefit event July 14.

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Town Hearse, tuition aid for Acworth students attending Nature's Classroom in New York state and summer programs at the Orchard School in Alstead, restoration work of the Chase Mill in Alstead, and tuition to weaving workshops for a local artisan. The grant program is funded by tax-deductible member donations and the proceeds of the annual fundraiser.

For more information, contact Trust secretary Stella Herpel, 603-835-2925, frogwood@myfairpoint.net, www.acworthtrust.org, and like us on Facebook.

Adelphoi Dia Charis performs "Down Thieves Road"

CHESTER, Vt. - Adelphoi Dia Charis, a local girls drama group, will be presenting the original play, "Down Thieves Road," at the Chester Town Hall Saturday, July 14 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, July 15 at 4 p.m. Bring the whole family for an exciting trip to the streets of early 1900s Chicago!

Gren Bosko runs a street gang of pickpockets and is headed for a big job - getting valuables belonging to Winifred Wickham out of the Wickham house. She has her assistant Garnet conveniently posed as a maid working

there. When several gang members mistakenly pickpocket Winifred, and the blame is accidentally laid on Henri, a homeless bootblack girl, Gren thinks she has a perfect scapegoat to lay the blame for the big job on.

Mavis Wickham spends most of her days being bored. Winifred is always whining, and cousin Veronica is kept busy with her. Mavis meets Henri on the day Winifred is pickpocketed and feels she has finally found a friend. But later, when she curiously follows Garnet out of the house and discovers the gang, she

gets involved in something bigger than she ever expected.

All admission is free. Donations are accepted and used to support Operation Christmas Child. Production created and performed by the local Adelphoi Dia Charis drama group.

The cast and crew of "Down Thieves Road" include Elisabeth, Sarah, and Arianna DeLorenzo; Piper, Gemma, and Adelaide Geisler; Britta and Hannah Gustafson; Violet Haight; Meekah Hance; Lisa Martens; Helena Blackwell; Abigail and Rebecca Thayer; and Ava Webster.

Grafton Cornet Band summer concerts start July 8

GRAFTON, Vt. - The Grafton Cornet Band invites all to its free summer concerts on the library lawn in Grafton, Vt., Sunday, July 8 and Aug. 19 at 5:30 p.m. The community group plays traditional summer band music with familiar and upbeat music for the whole family in beautiful surroundings. Bring chairs or a blanket for com-

fort. For rain, the band plays in the historic Grafton Community Church. The guest director July 8 is Glen D'Eon.

The band keeps its original 1867 name even though all wind instruments are now included. Any band player is welcome to play along with the band at these concerts. There are brief rehearsals starting one hour before concert time. If you wear a white

shirt and make occasional mistakes, you'll fit right in.

There's a lot to do in Grafton on a summer Sunday, including hiking, shopping, galleries, museums, and good eating. The band website has some suggestions about Grafton activities along with the band's full schedule and contact information, www.GraftonBand.org.

Monday Morning Children's Theater

CLAREMONT, N.H. - Monday mornings at 10 a.m. from July 9 through Aug. 13, five professional adult actors from Jean's Playhouse Children's Theater Company from Lincoln, N.H. perform original musical adaptations of popular fairy and folk tales on the air conditioned, historic stage of the Claremont Opera House to an enthusiastic group of children with area summer schools, daycares, parents and grandparents. Shows run approximately 40 minutes.

IMPACT is the professional children's performance company

of Jean's Playhouse. The company writes and performs eight children's musicals every summer; each is different and all promise a good time for both you and your kids!

Children will love the catchy original songs and wacky characters, all performed by the professional IMPACT actors! The performances finish with a cast meet and greet with autograph signing and picture taking immediately following the performance.

"Wendy and the Pirates, A Neverland Story" July 9, is a delightful prequel to Peter Pan. Join Wendy and her brothers, John and Michael Darling, as their imaginations take them on journey where pirates abound, friendship blooms, and differences are celebrated!

July 16 presents "The Reluctant Dragon." What happens when you meet a dragon that loves poetry instead of shooting fire out his nostrils? What happens when the town insists that the dragon is dangerous no matter what you say? Join the boy, St. George, and the dragon as they find a raucous way to convince the town that the dragon is more than what meets the eye!

July 23 is "The Princess and the Pea." Finding the right person to marry can be a difficult job, especially when your mother insists that she be a princess. For Prince George all the princesses he's met so far...just don't feel real. Then one stormy night a drenched young woman shows up at his door! The Queen Mother creates the test of all tests to see if she's true as Prince George wonders...

could she really be the one?

July 30 is "Azban's Great Journey: An Abenaki Tale" adapted from New England author Brian Chenervet's book, "Azban." The raccoon is quite the rascal. On his journey from river lands to the ocean, he spends his days scheming ways to get free meals and meddling in the affairs of those he encounters. Soon Azban realizes that sometimes his behavior comes at a cost and that perhaps he should mend his ways.

Aug. 6 is "Little Bo Peep and the Beautiful Owl!" Little Bo Peep has lost her sheep...or has she? It seems that it wasn't only Bo's fault that the sheep disappeared that day. In the process of trying to find them and bring them home, Bo comes across a strange family and a beautiful owl who lives outside their home. There is something quite mysterious about this owl and Bo refuses to leave until she discovers just what it is!

Aug. 13 is "The Tale of Peter Rabbit." Mr. McGregor has a luscious garden right next door to Peter's home. Peter's mother has told him and his sisters, they mustn't ever go there. Peter thinks it won't hurt to eat just a few of the vegetables, but when he does, the afternoon doesn't go as smoothly as Peter planned!

Tickets can be purchased at the door the day of the show at the Claremont Opera House. Seating is general admission. Groups are advised to call ahead and ask for a section to be reserved for them at 603-542-0064. Show descriptions for upcoming shows can be found at www.claremontoperahouse.org.

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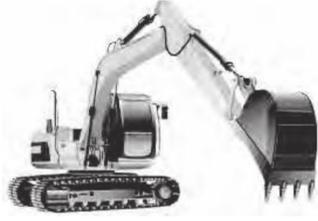
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Okemo introduces All Come Home Music Festival—

LUDLOW, Vt. — Okemo Mountain Resort will be celebrating some of the biggest musical acts of our time during New England's premier tribute-band event that will feature the music of Neil Diamond, Talking Heads, David Bowie, Queen, The Beatles, and more. Okemo's All Come Home Music Festival is scheduled for July 12, 13, and 14 at Okemo Jackson Gore base area.

The festival includes two concert venues. The courtyard stage, located outside the Jackson Gore Inn and adjacent to Okemo's Adventure Zone, will feature a lineup of free music Friday and Saturday afternoons, July 13 and 14. Guests are welcome to set up lawn chairs and picnic blankets, shop the many craft vendors, savor traditional barbecue fare on the patio, or enjoy Okemo's many summer activities in the Adventure Zone and Evolution Bike Park. Bands scheduled for July 13 are Get Up Jack and The Tricksters. Bands for July 14 will be Fox on the Run and Summers with Sammy.

At 6 p.m. on each of the three festival days, July 12, 13, and 14, the Main Stage, located at the Jackson Gore Paleo Field, will come to life with the music of familiar songs from the past.

Thursday, July 12 will feature Studio Two — the Beatles before America, followed by Super Diamond — The Neil Diamond Tribute Band. Surreal

Neil and the band perform timeless classics including "Sweet Caroline," "America," "Cracklin' Rose," "Cherry Cherry," "Forever in Blue Jeans," and many more, presented by Heritage Family Credit Union.

Friday, July 13, will start with Start Making Sense — a Talking Heads Tribute, followed by David Brighton's Space Oddity — the Quintessential David Bowie Concert Experience. The musicians in the seven-piece Talking Heads Tribute take pride in faithfully recreating the music of Talking Heads' brilliant career. Together they bring much of the Heads' unique live show to the stage, with front man Jon Braun as a spot-on David Byrne. Space Oddity — The Ultimate David Bowie Experience is a live, multi-media spectacle that takes audience members on a musical journey through the constantly changing career of Rock 'n' Roll's most celebrated innovator. David Brighton and his band deliver a stunning note-for-note theatrical event that witnesses Bowie's transformation from space-aged rock idol to polished mainstream media star.

The final concerts of Okemo's All Come Home Music Festival are presented by William Raveis Real estate Vermont properties Team. Josh Panda Misty Mountain Hop — a Led Zeppelin Tribute, will be followed by Almost Queen — The Ultimate Queen

Experience. Self-described as the most authentic Queen live show since the days of Queen themselves, the four-member band delivers signature four-part harmonies and intricate musical interludes. Donning genuine costumes, Almost Queen recaptures the live energy and precision that is the ultimate Queen experience.

Admission to the afternoon concerts in the Jackson Gore Inn courtyard is free. The tribute-band concerts are ticketed events. Single-night tickets and festival passes for all three Main Stage shows are available for purchase. A festival weekend lodging package is also available.

Food trucks will offer dining options. Draft beer, cider, and wine along with a full bar and non-alcoholic offerings will be available for purchase. Picnic blankets and lawn chairs are welcome in the Main Stage area, and specific zones will be designated for blankets, low-profile chairs, and full-sized lawn chairs. Once admitted into the Main Stage area, re-entry will not be allowed. Okemo's All Come Home Music Festival is a rain-or-shine event. There will be no refunds on individual performance tickets unless the show is cancelled.

For more information, call 802-228-1600 or visit www.okemo.com.

"Fun Home" to take stage

WESTON, Vt. — The Weston Playhouse Theatre is thrilled to present the five-time Tony Award-winning musical "Fun Home" to its new flexible 140-seat Second Stage, Weston Playhouse at Walker Farm. Refreshingly honest and wildly innovative, "Fun Home" is based on Vermont author and cartoonist Alison Bechdel's acclaimed graphic memoir. Audiences will follow Bechdel at three different life stages as she grows and grapples with her uniquely dysfunctional family, her sexuality, and her father's secrets.

The 90-minute musical first premiered Off Broadway at the Public Theater in 2013 and transferred to Broadway's Circle in the Square Theatre in 2015. With a book by Lisa Kron and a score by Jeanine Tesori, "Fun Home" ran for a year and a half on Broadway before touring the country. It won five Tony Awards, including Best Musical, Best Book of a Musical, and Best Score. The New York Times raved, "Heart-gripping and cathartic, 'Fun Home' occupies the place where we all grew up."

Weston's production stars Andrea Prestinario ("Guys and Dolls"), Caitlin Kinnunen ("Pregnancy Pact" and "The Prom," opening on Broadway this fall), and Ava Vercellone (Hartford Stage's "A Christmas Carol") as Alison, Medium Alison, and Small Alison, respectively. Weston favorites David Bonanno ("The Music Man," "Yanya and Sonia and Masha and

Spike") and Susan Haefner ("Tenderly," "Mamma Mia!") play Bruce and Helen, Alison's parents. Holly Gould, Ryder Scott, Adam Shonkwiler, and Emmett Smyth round out the ensemble cast.

"Fun Home" is directed by Weston Founding Director Malcolm Ewen, whose credits include "The Music Man," "Guys and Dolls," and "To Kill a Mockingbird." Dan Pardo is music director and Susan Hunt Hagan is choreographer. Weston proudly welcomes back award-winning set designer Howard C. Jones ("The Music Man," "Mamma Mia!"), costume designer Mara Blumenfeld ("The Light in the Piazza," "Chicago"), lighting designer Stuart Duke ("Death of a Salesman," "Pump Boys & Dinettes"), and sound designer Duncan Robert Edwards ("Floyd Collins," "Of Mice and Men"). Production Stage Manager is Martin Lechner.

In conjunction with the production, and with support from the Fleming Museum of Art at the University of Vermont, a condensed installation of Alison Bechdel's exhibit "Self-Con-

fessed!" will be on display at Manchester Community Library from July 12 through 28. Bechdel will be on hand for a special meet and greet and book signing reception July 14 from 4-6 p.m. One and all are welcome!

A Vermont Arts 2018 event, "Fun Home" runs July 5 - 28 at Weston Playhouse at Walker Farm - 705 Main Street in Weston. Show times are at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, 2 p.m. Wednesday and Saturday, and at 3 p.m. Sunday. Tickets can be purchased by calling the box office between 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. at 802-824-5288, or by visiting www.westonplayhouse.org. Pre-theatre dinner reservations at West Town Eatery, the farm to table restaurant in the lower level of Weston's Main Stage, can be made when booking tickets.



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FOLA presents "Star Wars: The Last Jedi"

LUDLOW, Vt. — "Star Wars: The Last Jedi" is FOLA's next movie Saturday, July 7 at 7 p.m. at the Heald Auditorium in Ludlow Town Hall.

"Star Wars: The Last Jedi" — also known as "Star Wars: Episode VIII — The Last Jedi" — is a 2017 American epic space opera film written and directed by Rian Johnson. It is the second installment of the Star Wars sequel trilogy and the eighth main installment of the Star Wars franchise, following "Star Wars: The Force Awakens (2015)." The film features the final film performance by Fisher, who died in December 2016, and it is dedicated to her memory.

The plot follows a Resistance member as she receives Jedi training from

Luke Skywalker, in hopes of turning the tide for the Resistance in the fight against the First Order, while others attempt to escape a First Order attack on the dwindling Resistance fleet.

In "Star Wars: The Last Jedi," Luke Skywalker (Mark Hamill) tells Rey (Daisy Ridley), "This is not going to go the way you think." That line proves to be true for just about every plot thread, every scene, every moment in the entire movie. Writer/director Rian Johnson packs the eighth episode in the Skywalker saga with genuine surprises of all kinds, which all amount to a thrilling, emotional, and funny film that is easily the best Star Wars movie since "The Empire Strikes Back."

One of the major changes is that Hamill is no longer playing Luke as the archetypal hero — he's now a conflicted, deeply damaged Jedi master. He rises to the occasion with his finest performance as Luke, using the timbre of his voice and the pain in his eyes to express Luke's reluctance to confront his past, let alone help Rey mold her future. There's a frankly brilliant sense of poetry to Luke's story in this movie, with elements that harken all the way back to the start of his journey in beautiful fashion.

Rotten Tomatoes indicated that "Star Wars: The Last Jedi" has an approval rating of 91 percent. The website's critical consensus reads, "Star

Wars: The Last Jedi" honors the saga's rich legacy while adding some surprising twists — and delivering all the emotion-rich action fans could hope for."

The movie is open to everyone and is free; donations are appreciated. Popcorn is supplied by Berkshire Bank, water by FOLA. For information, call 802-228-7239 or visit FOLA's website, www.fola.us.

James Urbaska solo exhibition at Gallery North Star

GRAFTON, Vt. — Gallery North Star, 151 Townshend Road, presents a solo show of new oil paintings by nationally acclaimed artist, James Urbaska.

The exhibition will run from July 7 through Aug. 6. An opening reception for the artist will be held Saturday, July 7 from 5 to 7 p.m. For more information, call 802-843-2465 or visit the gallery's website at www.gns-grafton.com.

Inspired by the landscapes of New England and particularly the Connecticut River Valley, James Urbaska's paintings uniquely chronicle the rural experience. In this body of new work, Urbaska continues to explore the conversations between light and shadow, land and water and sky. The luminescence flowing out of his canvases enhances the drama inherent in the ever-evolving Vermont landscape.

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James Urbaska's shows are greatly anticipated events, drawing collectors worldwide. A native of Montana, he currently lives and paints in Newfane, Vt.

Gallery North Star, located in his-

toric Grafton, Vt., is dedicated to presenting a diverse selection of work by Vermont's and New England's finest artists in a unique setting. The gallery is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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golf news

Okemo Valley Golf Club results

Ladies' League, June 27 — Men's League, June 26

LUDLOW, Vt. — The sixth week of Okemo Valley Golf Club's Ladies League, June 27, saw DJ's Restaurant taking a step backward with a fifth place finish. Making a charge up the leaderboard was the Stryhas Builders team. Jude Falango, Leslie Davis, Michelle Farrar, and Sandy Diamond shot a league-best, even-par 35 to take top honors for the week. Engel & Volkers finished one shot behind, thanks to outstanding play of Marion Pickielnok, Pam Plumb, Pam McLaughlin, and Kathy Grant, who finished the round with a 36. A four-way tie at 38 led to a long playoff match of cards with Northern Naturals and Gardens taking the third-place spot. Closest to the Pin went to Pam Plumb and the Putt Off went to Michelle Farrar.

Weekly results:
 1st Stryhas Builders - 15
 2nd Engel & Volkers - 13
 3rd Northern Naturals - 11
 4th Knight Tubs - 10
 5th DJ's Restaurant - 9
 6th RVCCC - 8
 7th M&M Excavating - 7

Season standings:
 1st DJ's Restaurant - 77
 2nd Engel & Volkers - 73
 3rd Stryhas Builders - 64
 4th RVCCC - 62
 5th Northern Naturals - 57.5
 6th M&M Excavating - 53
 7th Knight Tubs - 51.5

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



Okemo Valley Golf Club.

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LUDLOW, Vt. — The Okemo Valley Golf Club Men's League has crossed the halfway point of the season, and Benson's Chevrolet is in the fast lane. That foursome won the midseason, back-nine, step-side scramble June 26. Eric Stocker, Trevor Benson, Charlie Howard, and Jack Cassidy combined to shoot a two-under par 33. Finishing in ties for second place, and remaining in second in overall standings is Stryhas Builders.

Ted Stryhas, Bob Fortuna, Ed Whitman, and Dean Alexander combined to shoot a 33. Knight Tubs also tied for second as Clemente Delarosa, Mark Montgela, John Boehrer, and Ken Guy combined to shoot a 33. Closest to the pin winners were Kevin Theissen on the 14th hole and Roger Danyew on the 17th hole.

Weekly results:
 1st Benson's Chevrolet score 33/15
 2nd Stryhas Builders & Knight Tubs tied score 33/12
 4th Skygate Financial score 33/10
 5th Engel & Volkers score 33/9
 6th Diamond Realty score 34/8
 7th Honey Dew Man score 34/7
 8th Huntley's Wealth Management score 35/6
 9th Built Rite MFG. score 35/5
 10th Green Mountain Appraisals score disqualified/4

Season standings:
 1st Benson's Chevrolet - 91
 2nd Stryhas Builders - 84
 3rd Engel & Volkers - 81
 4th Knight Tubs - 73
 5th Skygate Financial - 71
 6th Huntley's Wealth Management - 68
 7th Honey Dew Man - 67
 8th Diamond Realty - 65
 9th Built Rite MFG. - 55
 10th Green Mountain Appraisals - 47

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

Tater Hill Golf Club league results



Golf at Tater Hill.

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WINDHAM, Vt. — Tater Hill Golf League standings are as follows:

Mountain division:
 Stoneman - 34
 Chester Boyz - 33
 Eagle Hunters - 31
 TK Trucking - 29
 East Easy Riders - 28
 Lisa's - 28
 Shack Attack - 24
 Camp Holly - 20
 Ovitt - 16
 Powerglide - 16
 Green Door - 9

Valley division:
 LaSalle - 35

Coleman's - 33
 Dam Diner - 29
 Jake's - 28
 Members - 26
 Piper Hill - 23
 Prouty - 20
 Homes de Peau - 19
 WCC - 19
 Chaves - 14
 Cyr - 14

Tater Hill Golf Club is located at 6802 Popple Dungeon Rd. in Windham, Vt. For more information, go to www.okemo.com/activities/golf/tater-hill-golf-club.

Golf update from the Sugarbush Clubhouse

WARREN, Vt. — July is upon us, and there's a lot going on this month. The Full Member Meeting is scheduled for Friday, July 6 at 5:30 p.m., followed by dinner and live music at Hogan's Pub. Sign up for PGA Pro Roger King's Short Game Clinic Wednesdays and Long Game Clinic Thursdays. Thanks to great weather, the course continues to flourish. We look forward to seeing you here!

Member/Member Tournament
 Sign up now for the Member/Member Tournament, Saturday, July 7. This tournament is open to members, pass holders, and Sugarbush employees. Sign up with multiple partners for more chances to win! It's a Two Person Best Ball format and tee times must begin before noon. Sign up by July 5, 2018. To sign up you may email golfclub@sugarbush.com.



Ladies at 9 at Sugarbush.

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Working from her 18th century Henry Gould Farm, which incorporates her gallery and studio in Perkinsville, Vt., Mair specializes in home decorative art, mainly floorcloths, murals, and large individual paintings. Her folk art style celebrates warm muted tones and captures bucolic country settings that bring back equestrian fox and hound hunts and the horse and buggy and era of the 1800s. Her canvases are typically huge, particularly with the floorcloths and murals - just one of the reasons she moved her business from Massachusetts after launching the business in 1993; she was desperate for more room.

Learning about her artwork involves a mini history lesson. According to her website, "Floorcloths, also known as 'oylcloths,' date back to 15th century France, where canvas tapestries were used to cover cold stone floors. The designs often mimicked tile and marble flooring." Mair has remained true to that description, using historic patterns that mimic the look of traditional flooring whether marble or wood, or an oriental pattern but often incorporating her signature folk art flourishes as well, such as plants, vines, flowers, historic buildings, or animals. The finished result is stunning and a showpiece for any room.

Murals are commissioned specifically for a particular client and made with exact measurements for a particular room. Mair will then do her research and include accurate historical buildings or other landscape features that are intrinsic to that geographic location in her artwork. "I try to depict the place the mural is being hung," she said. Again, the final result is stunning and a riveting feature of any room.

Despite having her work booked out through January of 2019, Mair has included a morning ritual, following her cup of coffee, of what she called her "Daily Doodles," small little sketches or paintings that take only about 15 minutes to a half hour. "Just to get warmed up." The rest of the day is spent working on a larger project.

To look at more samples of Lisa Curry Mair's artwork, purchase artwork, commission a floorcloth or mural, or sign up for her newsletter, visit www.canvasworksdesigns.com.



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CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

TUESDAY, JULY 10 - LUDLOW, Vt. – Enjoy a Stamping and Card Making Class with Esterina from Little Star Creations on Tuesday, July 10 from 6 – 8 p.m. at Black River Academy Museum on High Street in Ludlow. We will be making three cards and all supplies are included with a small donation. Snacks and beverages are provided, but BYOB. Please RSVP to 802-228-5050 or email marcia.wemple@tds.net or glbrehm@tds.net.

SATURDAY, JULY 14 - ALSTEAD, N.H. – Beekeepers must take timely steps to control American Foulbrood and Varroa mites to save the bees! Charles Andros, former New Hampshire and Vermont apiculture inspector, will hold a beekeeping workshop from 1-4 p.m. on Saturday, July 14, at 18 MacLean Road in Alstead.

Look for the “bee” sign on the south side of Walpole Valley Road. The topics of discussion will be taking off and extracting honey, wax processing, treatment of mites and foulbrood, and making propolis tincture. Bring a veil, if you have one, as we shall be opening some colonies. We'll be inside if it is a rainy day. Water bottle may also come in handy. Registration required. Email lindenap@gmail.com or call 603-756-9056.

SUNDAY, JULY 15 - PUTNEY, Vt. – Next Stage Arts Project cooking class series continues with “Pizza Making with Kids” on Sunday, July 15 from 1 – 4 p.m. in the kitchen at Next Stage in Putney. Learn how to make pizza dough, pizza sauce, grate cheese, and have a fun activity around toppings. Taught by Greg Weisel, master pizza maker. You will get to eat the pizzas made in class, and everyone will get a chance to make their own pizza dough to take

home to show off your skills to family and friends. It will be a fun, and delicious, class! Next Stage will provide all the ingredients. The only thing you need to bring is an apron. Children ages 8 - 12 should be accompanied by an adult. This class is free but registration is required at www.nextstagearts.org.

SATURDAY, JULY 21 AND SUNDAY, JULY 22 - BROWNSVILLE, Vt. – Jai Studios in Brownsville is holding Reiki 1 & 2 Training on Saturday, July 21 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and Sunday, July 22 from 9 – 10 a.m. for yoga, then class from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. We will practice yoga and indulge in delicious vegetarian cooking, to create a complete healing experience for you, as well as learn skills to offer Reiki for others. Your teacher is Angie Follensbee-Hall, Certified Reiki Master, E-RYT 500, and BFA. Contact Angie at fallhall@protonmail.com, or visit www.powerfulwoman yoga.com for more details and to register. Space is limited to 8 students. 802-952-1129.

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

MONDAYS - BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – The Bellows Falls Area Senior Center Knit and Stitch group meets Mondays at 9 a.m. They

can help you finish a project, repair an item and even take on special projects. The group is happy to donate “Knitted Knockers” to breast cancer survivors. Stop by and ask for Betty for more information. Call: 802-463-3907. TFN

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

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

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

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

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

CHESTER, Vt. – Liza Eaton,

founder of Buddhaful Yoga, will be offering a Gentle Flow Kundalini Yoga class for beginners every Wednesday 9:30-11 a.m. You will be encouraged to go at your own pace and listen to your body. Held at the Fullerton Inn, on the Chester Green. For more information visit www.buddhafulyoga.com 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 Rt. 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 haitha 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@myrecenter.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

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Great Hall Handcrafters meet every Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the open art gallery at

Great Hall Art Gallery, 100 River Street in Springfield. Bring your own project and join a creative group of people doing different handiwork.

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

CLUBS

SATURDAY, JULY 7 - PERU, Vt. – Hike to Bromley Mountain from the North with the Manchester Section of Green Mountain Club on Saturday, July 7. Meet at 9 a.m. at the Vt. Route 11/30 Long Trail/Appalachian Trail parking. Hike to the summit of Bromley Mountain and back via the Long Trail. Total distance of 6 miles and 1,460 feet elevation gain, moderate hike. Bring extra layer, raincoat (just in case), fluids, snacks and lunch. RSVP required. Contact leader Katie Brooks at kiktadams@comcast.net or 516-978-4016

MONDAY, JULY 9, AUG. 6 - CHESTER, Vt. – Join our Young Adult Book Club meeting the first Monday of the summer months, July 9 and Aug. 6 at 4 p.m. at Phoenix Books Misty Valley, 58 Common Street, in Chester. All youth grades 7 – 12 are welcome for reading and discussing a new young adult book. Visit www.phoenixbooks.biz to find out more.

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.

org. TFN

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

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

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

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

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

COMMUNITY MEALS

FRIDAY, JULY 6 - BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – The First Friday supper at the First Baptist Church, 9 Church St., in Bellows Falls will be on July 6 from 5 – 7 p.m. Menu features a BBQ with hamburgers, Italian sausage, salads and beverages. Donation suggested. Proceeds to go to Bellows Falls Bicycle Project.

SATURDAY, JULY 7 - WESTMINSTER, Vt. – The First Congregational Church of Westminster, Vt. will hold its annual Strawberry Supper, Saturday, July 7 with two family-style seatings, one at 5 p.m. and one at 6:15 p.m. Tickets are available at the door. Children under 5 eat free. The menu will include ham, potato salad, cucumber salad, baked beans, rolls, and drinks. Dessert will feature strawberry short cake with

Mountain Valley Health Council

Annual Meeting to be held on Monday, July 9, 2018, at 5 pm at The Landgrove Inn, Landgrove VT

TOWN OF CHESTER NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD

The Development Review Board will be holding a Site Visit at 5:25pm and a Public Hearing at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, July 23rd 2018 at the Town Hall, for a Conditional Use Review application (# 526)

PROPERTY OWNERS: Paul & Tisha Chevalier
APPLICANT: Scott & Leslie Blair
LOCATION: 94 Common St.
DISTRICT Village Center (VC)

ACTION REQUESTED: Renovating the old retail space into a coffee shop with baked goods and ice cream parlor, with residential spaces on the 2nd and 3rd floors. Acoustical entertainment at a later date is also a possibility.

Abutters are hereby notified that further information can be found at the Town Clerk's Office which is open Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Participation in this hearing is a pre-requisite to the right to take any subsequent appeal.

For the Development Review Board
Michael Normyle, Zoning Administrator
(802) 875-2173
mnormyle@vermontel.net

Town of Ludlow, Vermont Board of Selectmen Notice of Public Hearing

Pursuant to the provisions of Title 24, Chapter 117, § 4444, of the Vermont Statutes Annotated, the Board of Selectmen for the Town of Ludlow proposes to adopt an amendment to the Town Zoning and Flood Hazard Regulations, under Section §4415 Interim bylaws.

The Board of Selectmen for the Town of Ludlow will conduct a public hearing for the residents, taxpayers, and interested persons in the Town of Ludlow on the six day of August 2018, at 7:00 P.M., in the Town Hall conference room to hear comments on the “Regulations”.

Statement of Purpose (Section 120)
It is the intent of these regulations to:

1. Provide for and promote the orderly development of Ludlow;
2. Implement the goals and objectives of the Ludlow Municipal Development Plan;
3. Promote the public health, safety, and general welfare of the community; and
4. Advance the purpose and goals set forth in §4302 of “the Act”.

Geographic Areas Affected
All Districts of the Town of Ludlow, Vermont.

The proposed Amendment contains the following Sections:

Section 520.14: Miscellaneous Requirements – Drive-In/ Drive-Through/Drive-Up
Article 7: Definitions – Drive-In/Drive-Through/Drive-Up Use

The proposed “Regulation” is on file with the Town Clerk, and copies are available at the Planning and Zoning Department, at the Town Hall, Monday through Friday, from 8:30 A.M. through 4:30 P.M. www.ludlow.vt.us

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The Development Review Board will be holding a Site Visit at 4:45pm and a Public Hearing at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, July 23rd 2018 at the Town Hall, for a Conditional Use Review application (# 527)

PROPERTY OWNERS: Kristin Clapp
APPLICANT: Kristin Clapp
LOCATION: 50 Howard Rd.
DISTRICT Residential 40 (R40)

ACTION REQUESTED: Construct a barn and operate a home business housing 1-2 privately owned horses and potentially board one extra horse if needed for treatment or observation

Abutters are hereby notified that further information can be found at the Town Clerk's Office which is open Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Participation in this hearing is a pre-requisite to the right to take any subsequent appeal.

For the Development Review Board
Michael Normyle, Zoning Administrator
(802) 875-2173
mnormyle@vermontel.net

LEGAL NOTICES/HELP WANTED

calendar

local strawberries and fresh whipped cream. This fundraiser event is an excellent opportunity for a great meal and some quality family time with no dishes to wash. Take out is available.

SATURDAY, JULY 14 - ACWORTH, N.H. - The Friends of the Acworth Meetinghouse will be having a chicken barbecue on July 14 at noon in conjunction with the Acworth Community Charitable Trust's annual Art and Craft Exhibition and Sale at the Acworth Town Hall. Dinners will be served in the Acworth Meetinghouse hall. There will be numerous basket raffles going on also. You can buy a chicken dinner, which consists of a half chicken, a roll, coleslaw, homemade baked beans, macaroni & cheese, water, and a piece of watermelon for desert. Please come and enjoy the fun!

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Join us for a free community supper on Saturday, July 14 at United Methodist Church, 10 Valley Street in Springfield from 5 - 6 p.m. Menu includes hot dogs, coleslaw, pasta salad and dessert. All are welcome.

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

SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. - Blue Door Kids' Free Lunch program at Christ's Church on Main Street begins Wednesday, June 20. Through the blue door at the back of the church on River St., kids, along with families and other adults, will find a simple lunch every weekday at noon throughout the summer vacation. The menu is simple:

kid-friendly sandwiches, lots of fresh fruit, cookies, and a drink. On certain days of the week, there are specials: mac 'n cheese, grilled cheese sandwiches, ice cream cones, and pizza. Seconds are available.

EVENTS

SUNDAY, JULY 1 - FRIDAY, AUG. 31 - CHESTER, Vt. - Phoenix Books Misty Valley in Chester is launching their Reading Without Walls Bingo Challenge, a summer reading program from Sunday, July 1 through Friday, Aug. 31. Children entering 4th-8th grade in the fall are invited to take the Reading Without Walls Bingo challenge! The program celebrates reading and diversity by challenging children nationwide to read a book about a character who doesn't look or live like them; read a book about a topic they don't know much about; and/or read a book in a format that they don't normally read for fun. Sign-up begins July 1, but feel free to join throughout July and August. For more info visit www.phoenixbooks.biz or call 802-875-3400.

MONDAY, JULY 2 - SUNDAY, JULY 8 - CHARLESTOWN, N.H. - Join us at Fort at No. 4 on Springfield Road in Charlestown as we celebrate the birth of our nation with activities and demonstrations of life in 1776 happening throughout the week beginning on Monday, July 2. The museum will have special holiday hours this week. We will be open Monday through Wednesday 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Thursday through Saturday 10

a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Sunday 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, JULY 6 - CHESTER, Vt. - Join Phoenix Books Misty Valley for their First Friday Trivizard Tournament event on Friday, July 6 from 5 - 7 p.m. at their store in Chester. We are celebrating J.K. Rowling's unforgettable stories! We'll start with a story time at 5 p.m. featuring the first chapter of "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone," and then we'll have themed games, activities, and snacks. Costumes encouraged. Admission is free and open to all. For more info contact www.phoenixbooks.biz or call 802-875-3400.

MANCHESTER, Vt. - Visit Northshire Bookstore in Manchester on Friday, July 6 at 6 p.m. as they welcome author Mark Mikolas as he discusses his latest book, "A Beginner's Guide to Recognizing the Trees of the Northeast." Mikolas identifies the key elements of each of nearly 50 trees and lavishly illustrates them with more than 400 photographs. For more information contact dwood@northshire.com or visit www.northshire.com.

SATURDAY, JULY 7 - CLARENDON, Vt. - EAA Chapter 968, The Green Mountain Flyers, is hosting a Young Eagles rally (www.young eagles.org) at the Rutland airport on Saturday, July 7, from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Kids ages 8 to 17 will receive a ground tour of an airplane and an opportunity to experience the enjoyment of flight. This free airplane ride will last approximately 20 minutes. Flights start around 9 a.m. and will continue until the last registered child has had a flight as weather conditions

permit. Rain date will be July 8, same hours. The rally will stage to the right of the main terminal building; parking is located in the airport parking lot. Food is available at the Hangar Cafe, upstairs in the terminal building. For questions or more information, call 516-521-0664 or e-mail EAA968@vermontel.net.

WINDHAM, Vt. - The 4th Corner Foundation will be the opening their first gallery show of the summer, on Saturday, July 7 starting at 5 p.m. The ground floor will feature three painters and one photographer; the mezzanine will host a variety of selected ceramic artists. Beer, wine, and finger-food will be served free of charge. The location is 578 Hitchcock Hill Rd., in Windham. For more information go to www.thefourthcornerfoundation.org.

PUTNEY, Vt. - On Saturday, July 7, at 7 p.m. join pianist Gilbert Kalish for a Yellow Barn pre-concert discussion at Putney Public Library. The chamber music concert to follow will be at The Big Barn in Putney beginning at 8 p.m. featuring works by Rautavaara, Ravel, Lim, Schumann, Brahms, Mahler, and Cage. For more details visit www.yellowbarn.org.

LUDDLLOW, Vt. - The Society of Vermont Artists and Craftsmen, Inc. invite you to the 35th annual Summer Arts and Craft Festival on Saturday, July 7 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Fletcher Farm School for the Arts and Crafts on Route 103 South in Ludlow. Enjoy many arts and crafts with instructor demonstrations, chainsaw carving, food concessions and raffles. Free admission but

donations appreciated. Rain or shine.

SUNDAY, JULY 8 - GRAFTON, Vt. - Outdoor band concert by the Grafton Cornet Band in beautiful Grafton on Sunday, July 8 from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. on the Grafton Library lawn. It's an hour of upbeat and familiar music and it's free. Bring chairs or blankets and the whole family. Rain site: Grafton Community Church. Guest director is Glen D'Eon. See www.GraftonBand.org for more information.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - The UU Church of Springfield is holding a discussion on labor issues on Sunday, July 8 from noon - 1 p.m. We'll be using the Vermont Reads book, "Bread and Roses, Too" by Vermont author Katherine Patterson as a touchstone. This will be a structured discussion in a safe and enjoyable small group facilitated by Rev. Mellen Kennedy. Free books will be available thanks to Vermont Humanities Council. Free and open to the public.

MONDAY, JULY 9 - MONDAY, AUG. 13 - CLAREMONT, Vt. - Claremont Opera House is hosting Favorite Fairy Tales on summer Mondays from July 9 through Aug. 13, at 10 a.m. Five professional adult actors from Jean's Playhouse Children's IMPACT Theater Company from Lincoln, N.H. perform original musical adaptations of popular fairy and folk tales on the air conditioned, historic stage of the Claremont Opera House. These shows appeal to adults and children ages 3 and up and run about 40 minutes. For more information or tickets visit www.claremontoperahouse.org or call 603-542-0064.

TUESDAY, JULY 10 - SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - The Springfield Community Band, under the direction of Nick Pelton, will present a free concert on Tuesday, July 10 at 7:30 p.m. at the Hartness House Inn, 30 Orchard St. in Springfield. The evening will feature songs from the musicals "South Pacific" and "Grease," and music from "Slumdog Millionaire."

WEDNESDAY, JULY 11 - PROCTORSVILLE, Vt. - Join us for the Cavendish Summer Music Series on the Proctorsville Green beginning on Wednesday, July 11, from 6 - 8 p.m. The series kicks off with the Davis Brothers Garage Band. This will be the first of several concerts that are held on consecutive Wednesday nights in July and August. For a listing of all 2018 concerts please go to the Upcoming Events page at www.CavendishCCCA.org. This concert is sponsored by DG Bodyworks of Proctorsville. Bring a blanket or a comfortable chair, have a picnic, or just lie back and relax on the grass. The concerts are free and open to the public. In case of inclement weather, please check the Cavendish Facebook page. For more information please call Robin at 802-226-7736. Hosted by the CCCA.

THURSDAY, JULY 12 - PUTNEY, Vt. - Yellow Barn chamber music concert at The Big Barn in Putney on Thursday, July 12 at 8 p.m. to feature works by Sciarrino, Abrahamsen, Hersant, Coxe, Debussy, Mozart, and Brescianello. For more details

visit www.yellowbarn.org.
FRIDAY, JULY 13 - PUTNEY, Vt. - Yellow Barn chamber music concert at The Big Barn in Putney on Friday, July 13 at 8 p.m. to feature works by Knussen, Mozart and Franck. For more details visit <https://www.yellowbarn.org>.

SATURDAY, JULY 14 - WOODSTOCK, Vt. - Enjoy an evening with the "American Vinyl All Star Band" on Saturday, July 14 at 7:30 p.m. at Woodstock Town Hall Theater. Proceeds to benefit the Vermont State Troopers Association. Band members include Jeffery "Skunk" Baxter founding member of Steely Dan and guitarist from the Doobie Brothers; Barry Goudreau and Fran Sheehan guitarist and bass player formerly of the band Boston; Leroy "LSR" Romans keyboardist of the Wailers and Third World; Robert "Mousey" Thompson drummer from the James Brown Band and Danny Beissel lead vocalist of Fosterchild. Special guest, Nashville recording artist Jamie Lee Thurston will open the show. Tickets available at www.pentanglearts.org. For more information contact Bill Henne at 802-484-1278/billyhenne@yahoo.com

CHARLESTOWN, N.H. - Travel back in time to the days when Rome ruled the world at Fort at No. 4 on Springfield Road in Charlestown on Saturday, July 14 from 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. We will have a Roman military unit visiting the Fort for drills and demonstrations. Visitors are invited to try their hand at drill maneuvers.

Part Time Finance Assistant Two Rivers Supervisory Union

TRSU is looking for a self-motivated person to work during the school year with the financial side of our Food Service Program, Student Activities and Local Grants. This position will also serve as the mail courier between the Supervisory Union entities

Requirements: Associates Degree preferred, or three (3) years of accounting experience. Should be familiar with general ledger and financial reporting. Must have a reliable vehicle and valid driver license for courier work.

Criminal Background Check Required.

To apply send cover letter with resume and 3 references to: Cheryl Hammond Business Manager Two Rivers Supervisory Union 609 VT Rout 103S Ludlow, VT 05149

EOE

Part Time Custodian needed at Cavendish Town Elementary School

Cavendish Town Elementary School is looking for someone who is capable of taking on the duties assigned, a team player, well organized, and able to work independently.

The successful candidate will be able to lift at least 50 lbs, be able to climb and may be working, at times, outside in all weather conditions.

Hours are 4 hours a day (5:00 PM to 9:00 PM), 5 days a week during the school year.

Criminal Record Check is required.

Send resume with 3 references to: Jon Beamon Maintenance Supervisor Cavendish Town Elementary School P.O. Box 236 Proctorsville, VT 05153

Green Mountain Unified School District

JV and MS Soccer Coaches Needed for upcoming 2018 Fall Season at Green Mountain Union High School

Green Mountain Union High School is looking for Soccer Coaches for JV Boys and Girls and Middle School Boys and Girls.

Responsibilities include but are not limited to:
- Management and Coaching of the Soccer Teams
- Program development
- Experience is preferred but not required.

Background Checks Required

Please forward a letter of interest and references to:
Todd Parah
Transportation Supervisor/Athletic Director
Green Mountain Union High School
716 VT Route 103 South
Chester, VT 05143
802-875-2146

EOE 6/2018

TAKE A BREAK!

Weekly SUDOKU
by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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King Crossword

ACROSS

1 Piquant taste
5 Winter ailment
8 Painter Chagall
12 Thought
13 Arctic bird
14 Met melody
15 Slaughter
17 Vend
18 Type squares
19 Doctor's due
20 Any of 150 in the Bible
21 Doorstep item
22 Lemon meringue, e.g.
23 Sacrifice site
26 Spa fixture
30 The Red and the Black
31 Formal wear
32 Start a garden
33 Popular place to socialize
35 Heredity factors
36 Pick a target
37 Existed
38 Animal
41 Purse
42 Mauna —
45 Not pizzicato
46 "Manon" composer
48 Opposed
49 Pismire
50 Unaccompanied

DOWN

1 Fourth dimension
2 Leading man?
3 Untouchable
4 Petrol
5 Aspect
6 Entice
7 Guitar's cousin
8 Some physiotherapists
9 Vicinity
10 Small stream
11 At peace
16 Somewhere out there
20 Snapshot
21 Chief who befriended the Pilgrims
22 Latin for "peace"
23 Fire residue
24 Zodiac cat
25 Tit for —
26 Stick out
27 Buddhist sect
28 Wye follower

29 Egos' counterparts
31 Male turkey
34 Fruit stone
35 Jokes
37 Squander
38 False god
39 Sea eagle
40 Performances
41 Poison
42 Door opener
43 Morays, e.g.
44 On
46 Crazy
47 Superlative suffix

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Salome's Stars

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Set some strict guidelines for yourself so your heavier-than-usual work schedule doesn't overwhelm the time you need to spend relaxing with loved ones.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You might feel a little uncomfortable being among people you hardly know. But remember that today's strangers can become tomorrow's valuable contacts.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Reward yourself for all that you've accomplished despite some annoying situations that got in your way. Enjoy a well-earned getaway with someone special.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Realizing that someone else is taking credit for what you did is bound to get anyone's goat, but especially yours. Be patient. The truth soon comes out.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Forget about opposites attracting. What you need is to find someone who thinks like you and will support your ideas, even if others say they're too radical.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Workforce problems can affect your financial plans. Be prudent and avoid running up bills or making commitments until things begin to ease up by the 27th.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your intuition helps you communicate easily with people and understand their needs.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Your persistence pays off as the information you demanded starts to come through. The pace is slow at first, but it begins to speed up as the week draws to a close.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) An unwelcome bit of news jolts the Bovine, who would prefer that things proceed smoothly. But it's at most a momentary setback. A Leo brings more welcome tidings.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You need to pay close attention to the details before making a commitment. Don't accept anything that seems questionable, unless you get an answer that can be backed up.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Congratulations on getting that project up and running. But as exciting as it is, don't let it carry you away. Make sure you set aside time to spend with family and friends.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Be sure you are part of the discussion involving your suggestions. Your presence ensures that you can defend your work, if necessary. It also helps gain your colleagues' support.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A misunderstanding needs to be dealt with, or it can grow and cause more problems later on. Be the bigger person and take the first step to clear the air.

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REAL ESTATE

EVENTS CONT.

SAT., JULY 14 CONT. - MANCHESTER, Vt. - Visit Northshire Bookstore in Manchester on Saturday, July 14 for many events throughout the day. At 10 a.m. James Crew will lead a Mindfulness and Writing Workshop which requires tickets. From 10:30 a.m. to noon, kids are invited to "Our Magic Tree House: Passport to Adventure Summer Camp" for fun games, activities and crafts. At 6 p.m. welcome David Sanger as he discusses his new book, "The Perfect Weapon: War, Sabotage, and Fear in the Cyber Age," the startling inside story of how the rise of cyber weapons transformed geopolitics like nothing since the invention of the atomic bomb. For more information contact dwood@northshire.com or visit www.northshire.com.

PUTNEY, Vt. - The Yellow Barn is honoring violinist Robert Mann with three consecutive events on Saturday, July 14

spanning from 5 to 10 p.m. First, enjoy a documentary about Robert Mann called "Speaking the Music" 5 p.m. at The Next Stage in Putney. Then move to The Gleanery Restaurant on Main Street in Putney for a pre-concert dinner honoring Mann at 6:30 p.m., followed by a concert in Mann's honor at The Big Barn from 8 - 10 p.m. The chamber concert will feature works by Schumann, Bach, Mann, Dvoák, and Schubert. For more details on the day's events visit www.yellowbarn.org.

SATURDAY, JULY 14 AND SUNDAY, JULY 15 - CHESTER, Vt. - Enjoy the family-friendly production of "Down Thieves Road" to be presented at the Chester Town Hall on Saturday, July 14 at 7 p.m., and Sunday, July 15 at 4 p.m. Admission is free; donations accepted. Visit www.adelphoidiacharis.org for more information.

SUNDAY, JULY 15 - TINMOUTH, Vt. - Village

Harmony, Vermont's teen world music ensemble will be performing in Tinmouth on Sunday, July 15 at 7:30 p.m. at the Tinmouth Community Church. They will perform ancient Lithuanian Sutartines and ritual songs, Quebecois and Occitan songs, songs of struggle and protest and original compositions. Suggested admission. For more information call 802-446-2928 or email eworks@vermontel.net.

TUESDAYS - BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Join us for Bingo at the Moose Lodge, 59 Westminster Street in Bellows Falls every first and third Tuesday. Doors open at 5 p.m. and first game starts at 6 p.m. Food is available. Call 802-463-4054 for details. TFN

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

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

CHESTER, Vt. - The Chester Summer Music Series is proud to present our lineup for the 2018 Summer Concerts. There will be 5 concerts in all, presented on Thursday evenings from July 12 through Aug. 9. Concerts are

held on the Academy Lawn across from the Green in downtown Chester, Vt. Music from 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m. In case of inclement weather, the concerts will move to the American Legion Post 67 on Rt. 103 South. Lawn chairs and blankets are welcome. The performers for this year, 2018 are: July 12, Frydaddy, July 19, Dave Keller Band; July 26, Starline Rhythm Boys; Aug. 2, Party Crashers; Aug. 9, Chris Kleeman Band. More information is available on our Facebook page, Chester Summer Music Series. This a community supported series, and we would like to thank all our sponsors!

FRIDAYS - READING, Vt. - The Hall Art Foundation hosts Free First Fridays from 5 - 8 p.m., which welcomes visitors to view their exhibitions for free without a guide and at their own pace. The event is BYOB and there is wood-fired pizza available for purchase. July 6, Aug. 3, Sept. 7, Oct. 5 and Nov. 2.

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

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Dump Daze, a free, weekly yard sale located at Saint Mark's Church, 33 Fairground Road in Springfield, is happening on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Vendors and shoppers are welcome. TFN

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FARMERS MARKETS

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

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

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - The Greater Falls Farmers Market happens every Friday throughout the summer from 3 - 7 p.m. Vendors feature local produce, meats, baked goods, cheese, artworks, and more. For more information, contact greaterfallsfarmersmarket@gmail.com.

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

CHARLESTOWN, N.H. - The Charlestown Farmers & Artisans Market, known as "Summer in the Paddock," happens on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. through Oct. 6, North Main Street in Charlestown. Email congchrch@myfairpoint.net (yes, leave out the "u") or call

603-826-3335 for vendor information.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Springfield Farmers Market happens on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on lower Clinton Street. For more information, call 802-885-4096.

LIBRARIES

SATURDAY, JULY 7 - SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Springfield Town Library will host a BioBlitz Sneak Peek on Saturday, July 7 at 11 a.m. Black River Action Team's Kelly Stettner will share her explorations of the habitats at Muckross State Park and Hoyt's Landing. Join us at the library and participate in a bug hunt, check out a salamander from Muckross, and learn about the critters and plants that inhabit the Springfield area. This program is for all ages, is free and open to the public. For more information call Springfield Town Library 802-885-3108, visit www.springfieldtownlibrary.org and find us on Facebook!

WEDNESDAY, JULY 11 - LUDLOW, Vt. - Join us for our Rocking Wednesday Program at the Fletcher Memorial Library in Ludlow on Wednesday, July 11 from 1 - 2 p.m. Don't miss the high energy and interactive concert experience with Stephen Coronella. Songs will be performed on an array of instruments including flutes, hammer dulcimer, guitars and more! Best suited for ages 4 and older.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 18 - LUDLOW, Vt. - Join us for our Rocking Wednesday Program at the Fletcher Memorial Library in Ludlow on Wednesday, July 18 from 1 - 2 p.m. Southern Vermont Natural History Museum - Wildlife Rocks! Michael Clough returns with an assortment of amazing live animals. Don't miss this chance to see some fascinating critters up close! Best suited for ages 4 and older.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 25 - LUDLOW, Vt. - Join us for our Rocking Wednesday Program at the Fletcher Memorial Library in Ludlow on Wednesday, July 25 from 1 - 2 p.m. This session is Musical Fun

& Games - filled with games like musical chairs, the limbo and hot potato. Guaranteed fun for all! Best suited for ages 4 and older.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CHESTER, Vt. - Join the Whiting Library in Chester every Wednesday, from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. throughout the summer through Aug. 29 for the Grafton Nature Museum's 2018 Summer Unplugged Program. Topics include insects, animals, raptors and other nature themes. For program specifics call 802-875-2277.

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

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.

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Minecraft Club at the

Ludlow, VT



Stunning Bensonwood home in gated community on cul de sac with privacy and beautiful views on 11 acres. 4 bedroom 6 baths. This custom Timberframe home boasts an open floor plan on the first floor with gorgeous natural birch floors and staircases. The custom kitchen offers cherry cabinets, granite countertops, center island. The living area features a floor to ceiling wood burning stone fireplace. There are 2 master en-suites, theater room & wine cellar.

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What a great opportunity to find yourself in the middle of the quintessential Chester village. This home offers an accessible location near the green with fenced in back/court yard. Inviting front porch leads into the living room, dining area and kitchen. Upstairs includes two bedrooms, a second floor porch and a cupola. This property invites creativity and ideas. What a find and affordably priced, too. REDUCED AGAIN TO \$105,000



This village home is maintainable in size. Includes a front porch, living to dining to kitchen area with a half bath on the first floor and 2-3 bedrooms on the second floor with full bath. Fenced in back yard is great for the family. Easy access to schools, shopping and amenities. REDUCED AGAIN TO \$86,900



This ranch style home offers so many conveniences. Includes a nice attached screen room, large eat-in kitchen, spacious living room, built-in china cabinet, three bedrooms and full bath. Basement includes a bonus room, workshop space and extra storage room. Situated on a nice, outer corner lot. A must for those seeking maintainable and affordable! JUST REDUCED AGAIN TO \$115,900



Classic 1800's farmhouse on a double lot offers ample living space with large kitchen with pantry, formal dining, living room, den, bath with walk-in closet and spacious foyer on the first floor, three bedrooms and a bath on the second floor. Multiple out buildings and plenty of green space for gardens, pets or family. REDUCED AGAIN TO \$59,900



Second floor Condo with a bright interior includes a comfortable living room with sliders to the back deck, large eat-in kitchen with a nook that's perfect for office or sitting room with small loft area, two bedrooms with large closets, two baths and an accessible attic for added storage. An ideal situation for those seeking ease of maintenance and convenience. \$105,500



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July at the South Londonderry Library

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

CHESTER, Vt. - Join the Whiting Library in Chester every Friday, from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. during the summer through Aug. 10 for the summer reading program, "Libraries Rock." Activities for our reading programs include stories, songs and music, group games, musical crafts, art projects, science experiments, a hike, and more. This program is open to young people, preschool through young adults, with prize drawings, story time, and even an ice cream and tie-dye party to celebrate the program. For specifics, call 802-875-2277.

SATURDAYS - SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - The Springfield Town Library has a tech help desk available on Saturdays from 11 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. The Springfield Town Library is located at 43 Main St., Springfield.

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.okemovale.com.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SUPPORT GROUPS

SUNDAY, JULY 15 - SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. - The Connecticut Valley Ostomy Group (COG) meetings are seasonal 5 times a year. The next meeting is the annual BBQ on Sunday, July 15 at 12:30 p.m. in the garden of Saxtons River home of WOC

nurse Margaret Heale. Bring the meat you like to eat and if you like a special treat. Salad and drinks provided. RSVP for directions at 802-376-8249. The ostomy group is affiliated with the United Ostomy Association of America, but has no formal structure or cost. For more information contact mheale@healewoundcare.com or visit the healewoundcare.com website.

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

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

TUESDAYS - 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

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

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - TOPS Chapter Vermont #12 meets every Tuesday at 6 p.m. at Sacred Heart Social Center, 39 Green Street in Bellows Falls. Come to TOPS (take off pounds sensibly) a non-profit, non-commercial, weight loss support group that really works. Every week there are interesting programs that touch on topics that help us in our quest for weight loss. We share healthy recipes for main meals

and snacks. Your first meeting is free. Bring a friend; you won't be disappointed. Visit our website www.tops.org for more information. TFN

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

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

THURSDAYS - SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Mental health peer support group, 2-3:30 p.m. at the First Congregational Church, 77 Main St. The group's goal will be to provide a safe and healthy environment for people to give and receive support around mental health issues. The group is free and open to the public. Call Diana Slade at 802-289-1982. TFN

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

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



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LONDONDERRY, Vt. - Children are invited to come to the library Friday, July 6 at 1:30 p.m. to make maracas with Linda Schroeder in conjunction with the summer reading program, Libraries Rock!

There will be a special drumming event Wednesday, July 18 at 10:30 a.m. with Vermont Department of Libraries performer, Saragail Benjamin. Flood Brook summer campers will be in attendance, but children of all ages are invited as well. Saragail will bring instruments for up to 60 participants. This activity will take place at the Londonderry Town Offices assembly room or outside depending on the weather.

On Friday, July 20 at 1:30 p.m., children are invited to come over and do jazzy rock paintings. Wear old clothes, as you will be using acrylic

paints. Come on over Wednesday, July 25 at 1:30 p.m. and make a kazoo with Linda. All activities will include a story time, complimentary reading records and bookmarks, and a craft to go. For adults, there will be a discussion of "Return of the Native" by Thomas Hardy Monday, July 16 at 1 p.m. This is an open book group and more participants are invited to attend.

Paul Myers Shangri-La exhibit of Bhutan and Nepal will be on display through the month of July. While you are here checking out some new books, audios, or movies, take a look at Paul's outstanding photos and paintings of these astonishing countries.



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Springfield Elks annual scholarships —

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Annually, Springfield Elks Lodge 1560 tries to do their part in the community by rewarding area high school graduates with scholarships. This year was no different as six graduates received \$500 scholarships.

The list starts with three from Springfield High School and three from Green Mountain Union High School.

From Springfield High School: Sofia Gulick, daughter of Kathleen and Barry Gulick, will be attending Simmons College; Owen Kelley, son of Scott and Angella Kelley, will

be attending Northern Vermont University; and Samantha Mirra, daughter of Elizabeth and Joseph Mirra, will be attending Springfield College.

From GMUHS: Sadie Wood, daughter of Michael and Julie-Lynn Wood, will be attending Duke University; Ben Haseltine, the son of Mary and Matthew Haseltine, will be attending The Hartt School; and Alexia White, daughter of Venessa White, will be attending James Madison University.

Chairman of the Springfield Elks scholarship committee is Jackie Driscoll-Page, and committee members are PER Vicki, treasurer Karen Whitney, and member Gay Mobus. The committee works very hard to narrow all the applications down to three great students from each school.



At the recent awarding of scholarships at Springfield Elks Lodge were from left to right: scholarship chairman Jackie Driscoll-Page; students Sofia Gulick and Owen Kelley; and treasurer Kathy Whitney.

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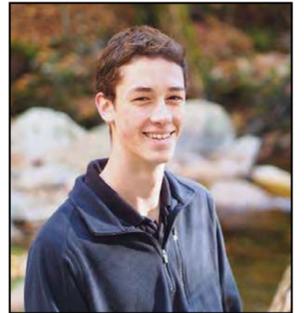
Tending gardens to nurture students —

REGION - Green Mountain Gardeners' Mountain Garden Walks will take place July 21, 2018, to benefit the Lib Thieme scholarship fund. According to Devin Straley, current scholarship recipient, "The scholarship has truly meant the world to me." Devin, a graduate of Burr and Burton Academy is a rising senior at Sterling College in Craftsbury, Vt., majoring in natural history and ecology, has focused on sustainability and community building in nature and physical spaces.

Devin's internships include barn swallow research, wood turtle conservation, and wildlife rehabilitation. He has a special interest in wildlife tracking and avian ecology, history, and identification. Upon graduation, he's exploring Trees For Life, a nonprofit focused on restoring native Caledonian forests in Scotland, and then will continue his long-term commitment to restoration ecology, conservation, and graduate school.

Over the next year, Green Mountain Gardeners will be reaching out to students at Burr and Burton Academy, Leland and Gray Union High School, Stratton Mountain School, Long Trail School, and Green Mountain Union High School to apply for the 2019 scholarship. They can learn more about the scholarship from their high school guidance departments or the Green Mountain Gardeners.

The Lib Thieme scholarship was established by the GMG in 2010 to honor Elizabeth Thieme, a founding member of the Green Mountain Gardeners. Thieme was an innovative and "hands on" gardener who loved life and especially the company of young people. Her generosity helped establish the scholarship that continues



Scholarship recipient, Devin Straley. PHOTO PROVIDED

to be funded through garden tours, plant sales, and community events. The scholarship provides monetary assistance for college or vocational studies in environmental sciences, landscape design, conservation, agriculture, or ecology to area students.

"Lib was one of those amazing humans who, in her own ways, influenced a huge circle of people. She certainly impacted my life in many ways - most importantly the power of a positive attitude," noted Mark Wright, owner of Rugg Valley Landscaping. "Given her curiosity about the world and her love of the natural world, it is so fitting that she chose to establish a scholarship fund through the Green Mountain Gardeners."

Join the Green Mountain Gardeners garden tour July 21 and contribute to the next scholar committed to the Vermont environment and the ecology and survival of animal and plant species. More information on the July 21 Mountain Garden Walks and the Lib Thieme Scholarship can be found at www.greenmountaingardeners.net.

Primary election early voting period opens —

MONTPELIER, Vt. - Secretary of State Jim Condos has announced that the early voting period for the 2018 August Primary Election began officially Friday, June 29.

Vermont voters may request a ballot to vote early any day leading up to the August 14 Primary Election Day. Ballot requests can be made with local town and city clerks by phone, email, walk-in, or online at www.mvp.sec.state.vt.us.

"Voting early is a great way to participate in our democratic process, and to ensure that you have cast your ballot before Election Day," said Secretary of State Jim Condos. "Ensuring access to the ballot box for homebound voters with disabilities, military and overseas voters, and Vermonters who may have challenges getting to the polls on Election Day isn't just important, it's fundamental to our democratic values."

Voters who have requested a ballot

may return their ballot in-person, or by mail, to their town or city clerk. In order for their ballot to be counted, it must be received on or before Election Day, which is Tuesday, Aug. 14 for the 2018 Primary Election. To ensure a ballot is received in time, the Secretary of State's Elections Division suggests placing it in the mail no less than one week prior to Election Day, and recommends that requests for ballots are submitted as early as possible to ensure time to receive, vote, and return.

Vermont voters can check their registration status, update their voter information, register to vote, request an early ballot, and track the status of their ballot request on their My Voter Page at www.mvp.sec.state.vt.us. Eligible voters may also register to vote directly with their town or city clerk in person.

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