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“Scout Me In” recruitment campaign launched in Vermont

REGION - The Green Mountain Council, Boy Scouts of America launched its annual fall recruitment campaign titled “Scout Me In.” This campaign tag has a more significant meaning this year as the BSA announced earlier that it has opened its membership to the entire family.

Families can now choose to have their son or daughter from kindergarten through fifth grade join a local Cub Scout Pack. This landmark decision was made by the BSA National Executive Board based on input and recommendations of Cub Scout leaders and parents of Cub Scout age boys over the last several years.

“We are very excited about this opportunity to provide the values of the Scout Oath and Law to entire new group of young people,” said Ed Mc-

Collin, Scout Executive for the Green Mountain Council. “In addition, it will allow us to expand our mission of character development, citizenship responsibility and



“Scout Me In!”

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Boys and girls can now join Cub Scouts.

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physical, mental and spiritual fitness.”

Cub Scout Packs from across the state are making plans for their specific recruitment events. Any interested parents should watch for yard signs, posters, or information delivered through their local elementary school. They may also go online to www.BeaScout.org and follow the prompts on how to learn more about

joining.

The Green Mountain Council includes the entire state of Vermont, serving over 2,500 youth in 145 Cub Scout Packs, Boy Scout Troops, Venturing Crews, and Explorer Posts. Headquartered in Waterbury, Vt., the Council’s mission is to prepare young people to make moral and ethical choices over their lifetime by instilling in them the values found in the Scout Oath and Law and by providing opportunities for achievement, adventure, and leadership skills.

To learn more about Family Scouting, contact the Council Service Center at 802-244-5189 or go to the national BSA website at www.scouting.org and type in “Family Scouting.”

Tai Chi Vermont to host Falls Prevention Awareness Expo

RUTLAND, Vt. – Tai Chi Vermont, in partnership with Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging, will host a falls prevention exposition Saturday, Sept. 22 at Main Street Park in Rutland.

The expo, which is being held in conjunction with National Falls Prevention Day, will start at noon and feature live falls prevention tai chi demonstrations and lessons, as well as a range of educational classes, activities, and informational booths aimed at helping older Vermonters avoid falls both inside and outside of the home. The event is free and open to the public.

“The falls prevention expo will be fun and informative, with a lot of great activities and resources for attendees to take advantage of,” said Anna White, nutrition assistant and wellness coordinator with SVCOA. “From guidance around falls prevention tai chi, weight training and balance exercises, to balance assessments and home modifica-

tion tips, there will be something for everyone.”

The following organizations will be on hand to provide information and answer questions:

- Tai Chi Vermont – will offer falls prevention tai chi demonstrations and lessons
- Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging – will provide information on its case management services
- Neighborworks of Western Vermont – will cover home modifications for falls prevention
- Vermont Sports Medicine Center



Slow movement of Tai Chi can help prevent falls.

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– will offer free balance assessments

- Vermont Sport & Fitness - will discuss mid-day exercise programs
- Rutland City Fire Department – will offer guidance on home settings to prevent falls
- Park Rx Program – will provide information on helping individuals to get outside and move more
- Movers and Shakers – will talk about free exercise programs for those living with Parkinson’s and other related diseases

- RSVP Bone Builders – will provide information on weight training and balance exercises to increase muscular strength, balance and bone density to help protect against falls and potential bone fractures

Additionally, Mama T’s Country Kitchen of Rutland will be providing food, free of charge, to those in attendance. For more information, please contact Anna White at 802-786-5990 or awhite@svcoa.net.

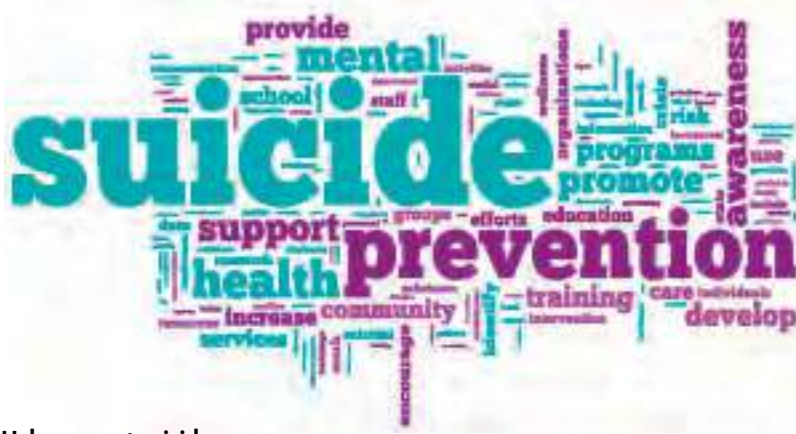
National Suicide Prevention Week, crisis text line

REGION - Although there is no single cause of suicide, one of the risks for suicide is social isolation, and there’s scientific evidence for reducing suicide risk by making sure we connect with one another.

The Vermont Crisis Text Line connects individuals with professional help through a free, 24/7 text support line. Anyone with a mobile device can connect anonymously with a trained crisis counselor. This free texting service is available to anyone, at any time, for any type of crisis they are experiencing. Text VT to 741741 from anywhere – and you will receive an automated text response, followed by a response from a live crisis counselor.

The mission of Crisis Text Line is to turn a “hot moment to a cool calm” and can be used for any type of crisis. The crisis counselors will work with you until you can get space from the situation and develop a plan for the next steps to receive support and care. This service is useful when your social support system is absent, unavailable, or unable to support you through a crisis.

Crisis Text Line counselors are specially trained to help people who are considering suicide and



Help prevent suicide.

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are able to rapidly assess the level of need for each individual texter. In the event of a life-threatening situation, Crisis Text Line works with local agencies and emergency responders to intervene and get help to the person in need. Since its inception, Vermonters have used the Crisis Text Line for support around bullying, friend and social issues, health concerns, hopelessness, isolation, depression, and suicidal thoughts. We don’t always know who is struggling, but we do know that one conversation could save a life.

More information on Vermont Crisis Text Line can be found at www.vtcrististextline.org. More informa-

tion about risk factors and warning signs for suicide can be found on the Vermont Suicide Prevention Center website at www.vtspc.org.

If you are feeling suicidal or are concerned about someone else, help is available from a number of resources. Call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-TALK (8255), text VT to 741741 for the Vermont Crisis Text Line service, dial 2-1-1 to locate your local mental health agency, or visit www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org to text/chat.

You can support the work of the VT Suicide Prevention Center by visiting www.vtspc.org.

OVRCC golf tournament rescheduled



Golf.

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LUUDLOW, Vt. – Due to rain, the Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce rescheduled their annual golf tournament, originally scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 11.

The new date for the golf tournament is Tuesday, Oct. 9 at the Okemo Valley Golf Club.

According to Julie Bowyer, the tournament coordinator, other

than the date, the tournament will stay the same. Onsite registration will be from noon to 12:45 p.m. Tee-off is at 1 p.m. with a shotgun scramble format.

The entrance fee includes 18 holes of golf with cart, range balls, contests, and prizes for top low gross and net scores. The barbecue at Willie Dunn’s Grille is also still

included in the day’s events.

With any luck, the new October date will mean a crisp, sunny fall tournament, surrounded by peak foliage.

For further information or to register, contact Julie Bowyer at jhbwyer@ctmmedia.com or 802-440-3058 or the Chamber of Commerce at 802-228-5830.



Golf tournament rescheduled.

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The Vermont Journal & The Shopper acquired The Message of the Week in April of 2018.

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Wellwood appreciation

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Wellwood Orchards held their Customer Appreciation Da Sept. 1 with great success.

PHOTOS BY LINDA FRIEDMAN

BRGNS to hold annual rummage sale –

LUDLOW, Vt. - Black River Good Neighbor Services will hold its annual Fall Rummage Sale at Fletcher Farm, 611 Route 103 South in Ludlow Friday and Saturday, Sept. 21 and 22, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, Sept. 23, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

The sale includes clothing of all sorts, shoes, sporting goods, housewares, linens, furniture, books, a Christmas shop, a boutique, a bake sale, and more.

Proceeds from this sale benefit BRGNS' food and financial assistance programs. "We put our earnings right back into the community," said Audrey Bridge, executive director of BRGNS.

According to the Vermont Foodbank, Vermont has the fifth largest

gap between average wages and average cost for a two-bedroom apartment in our country. That means families with low incomes face challenging trade offs, and food is often where the family budget gets trimmed. Of the 153,000 Vermonters who use food shelves or meal sites, 72 percent purchase cheaper, less nutritious food in order to afford rent, health care, and other life necessities. "The



2017 BRGNS Rummage Sale.

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Flying Fortress event cancelled

RUTLAND, Vt. - The Experimental Aircraft Assoc. Flying Fortress event at the Rutland-Southern Vermont Regional Airport, originally scheduled for Sept. 21-23, has been cancelled. "We apologize, but due to unplanned maintenance needs and an engine change, we have cancelled the first portion of our fall tour." For more information about the EAA, visit their website at www.EAA.org.

greater Ludlow area demonstrates these realities particularly well," said Bridge.

The monies raised will help cover the cost of utilities, heating fuel, food, and rent for qualified individuals and families in Ludlow, Mount Holly, Belmont, Cavendish, Proctorsville, and Plymouth.

Please mark your calendar, and come explore the many unique bar-

gains. Since it is the fall, they can use donations of any excess produce from your garden, and of course donations of any baked goods that you would care to share at the bake sale table.

For further details, please contact Audrey at the Black River Good Neighbor Services Thrift Store, 37B Main Street, 802-228-3663, or BRGNS@gmail.com.

Black River Valley Senior Center news –

LUDLOW, Vt. - Fall is fast approaching, and with the changing tree colors, changes are also coming to BRVSC. Please join us Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday at noon for a delicious meal and conversation at 10 High St., next to the Black River Academy Museum.

Something new: everyone is welcome to enjoy a coffee hour Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8 to 9 a.m. Coffee and friends... a great way to begin your day.

Van trips for lunch are still every Tuesday. Call 802-228-7421 to sign up.

September Menu is below:
Thursday, Sept. 13: Spaghetti and three beef balls in marinara sauce,

winter mixed vegetables, wheat bread, and red grapes.

Friday, Sept. 14: Chicken Marsala with mushroom sauce, mashed potatoes, Marsala sauce, peas and onions, wheat dinner roll, and fruit cocktail.

Monday, Sept. 17: Chicken, corn and potato chowder – 10 ounces, crackers, cut green beans, and pineapple tidbits.

Tuesday, Sept. 18: *Van trip to Black Rock Steakhouse, Springfield, Vt.*

Wednesday, Sept. 19: Pasticcio casserole with pasta, beef, onions, and tomatoes in cheese sauce, brussel sprouts, wheat bread, and melon.

Thursday, Sept. 20 Birthday party: Stuffed chicken breast, mashed potatoes, diced beets, wheat roll, vanilla fluff with pineapple and Mandarin oranges.

Friday, Sept. 21: Swedish steak with sauce, seasoned penne pasta, broccoli florets, wheat bread, and peaches.

Monday, Sept. 24: Turkey Tetrazzini, Scandinavian vegetables, wheat dinner roll, and pineapple tidbits.

Tuesday, Sept. 25: *Van trip to Applebee's Restaurant, Rutland, Vt.*

Wednesday, Sept. 26: Minestrone Soup with beef – 10 ounces, crackers, broccoli, wheat roll, and tropical fruit salad.

Thursday, Sept. 27: Meatloaf with gravy, mashed red potatoes, diced carrots, wheat roll, and orange.

Friday, Sept. 28: Southwest quiche, broccoli florets, wheat dinner roll, and applesauce.

Do you have any suggestions for future activities? BRVSC is committed to making our facility a fun place for seniors to spend time with friends and neighbors. We welcome program suggestions and volunteers to make BRVSC part of a vibrant senior community. Please call 802-228-7421 to comment.

Interested in meals on wheels? Please call Senior Solutions at 802-885-2655. Look for our articles periodically in The Vermont Journal for monthly menus and upcoming events.



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Windsor senate

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Vermont State Senators Alison Clarkson, Dick McCormack, and Alice Niika will be available to talk about their position on issues important to you at their election year kickoff event Sept. 13 from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at The Copper Fox, 56 Main Street, Springfield. For more information, go to www.facebook.com/events/264213910869418.

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The 6th annual Vermont Mac & Cheese Challenge

BY SHARON HUNTLEY
The Vermont Journal & The Shopper

WINDSOR, Vt. – A crisp fall day with plenty of sunshine is perfect weather when you're about to taste 17 different versions of gourmet mac & cheese. That's just what they got for the 6th annual Vermont Mac & Cheese Challenge this past Sunday, Sept. 9 when approximately 3,200 mac & cheese enthusiasts descended on Artisans Park in Windsor to taste, evaluate, and vote for their favorite version of the ultimate cheesy comfort food.

The Vermont Mac & Cheese Challenge, hosted by Vermont Farmstead Cheese Company, invites local chefs and restaurants each year to wow the crowd and a team of official judges as they vie for the top prizes. Categories include best vegetarian, best gluten-free, and kid's choice as well as first, second, and third from the official panel of judges and first, second, and third for people's choice. Bragging rights are at stake for sure but winning restaurants also receive a basket of goodies and, for the top prizes, cash awards and engraved cutting board plaques.

Food Blogger Graham Kist, one of the five official judges, had some tough decisions to make but was happy he had several categories to award. "The event really brought out the best in the cooks. You could see their passion, creativity, and skill, of course paired with some phenomenal cheese. I was glad of the different judging categories as it gave an opportunity for different styles to be showcased and appreciated. Can't wait to come back next year."

This year's winners are:
Best Vegetarian: Bloods Catering & Party Rental
Best Gluten-Free: Omni Mount Washington Resort
Kids Choice: Blood's Catering



Mac & Cheese Challenge.

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People's Choice: first, Blood's Catering; second, Singleton's General Store & Market; third, Lui Lui.

Judges Choice: first, Omni Mount Washington Resort; second, Sugar Bob's Finest Kind Smoked Maple Syrup; third, Preston's at Killington Grand.

In addition to the incredible mac & cheese dishes, add to the event Harpoon Brewery beer tents, live music from local favorite "Sensible Shoes," petting zoo, games, wagon

rides, additional food vendors, and a roller derby demonstration, and it made for an incredible day. According to VFCC Chief Operating Worker (COW), Kent Underwood, "We are so grateful to the fantastic group of chef's and wonderful crowd that came out to make our Mac & Cheese Challenge such a success. We had a great time and look forward to the 7th annual challenge next year."

Stillwell - Webb



your friends at The Vermont Journal & The Shopper."

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CHESTER, Vt. – Fran and Carol Stillwell, of Chester, Vt., are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Shawntae Stillwell to Benjamin Webb, son of Donald Webb, of Somers, Conn., and Katherine Wight, of Enfield, Conn.

Ms. Stillwell, a graduate of Champlain College with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree, is the graphic director at The Vermont Journal & The Shopper in Ludlow, Vt. Mr. Webb is the wholesale accounts manager at Auto Plus in Greenfield, Mass., and has been with the company for eight years.

A small rustic fall wedding will be planned for September 2019. "Congratulations, Shawntae and Ben for your engagement, from

Jobs fair at Magic Mountain

LONDONDERRY, Vt. – Magic Mountain is growing and holding a Job Fair Sunday, Sept. 23 from noon to 3 p.m. for the ski area's employment opportunities during the upcoming ski season.

These seasonal jobs focus on mountain operations (lift operators, tubing park area attendants, parking lot attendant and shuttle bus driver, and night-time snow-makers), food and beverage service (bartenders, food runners, waiters, line cooks, food prep, dishwashers, cleaners, cashier), snowsports learning center ski and snowboard instructors, rental shop manager and tuning technicians, and snow reporter/social media intern.

Magic is seeking customer service oriented people with a passion for winter sports. Applicants

are encouraged to bring their work histories, references, and resumes to the Job Fair, which will be held on the top floor of the Magic Mountain Base Lodge at the Black Line Tavern. Magic is an equal opportunity employer. More information and employment forms can be found at www.magic-mtn.com/jobs.

Magic Mountain is an independent ski area in Londonderry, Vt. with a unique mountain experience. Magic combines unmatched challenging ski terrain in southern Vermont; a "throwback" experience without soul-crushing crowds; and a laidback, welcoming ski community culture. New capital from its Ski Magic LLC ownership group has been targeted to

keep improving key infrastructure for long-term sustainability: more effective and energy-efficient snow-making coverage and more accessible, reliable lifts for all skier types, including beginner and learn-to-ski. Ski Magic is in year two of an initial five-year plan to bring Magic to ongoing operating profitability, which will help employees, local home owners, local businesses, and most importantly, its growing family of skiers and riders who want Magic to succeed and be their year-round mountain adventure for generations to come.

More information on the new, still retro, Magic Mountain can be found at www.magicmtn.com, call 802-824-5645 or email info@magicmtn.com.

Firearms show

CHESTER, Vt. – Join the firearms show Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 15 and 16, hosted by Ethan Allen Arms Exchange. The show will be at the Chester American Legion Post #67 on Route 103, Ethan Allen Arms' birthplace, where their first show took place.

The display will feature many new and used artillery including pistols, rifles, shotguns, and muzzleloaders. They will also showcase a variety of ammunitions, collectibles, hunting items, knives, and more.

As a thank you, Ethan Allen Arms has donated a modern 50 caliber CVA Wolf Muzzleloader to the Chester American Legion, which will be raffled off after the show, Sept. 16. The funds from the muzzleloader will go towards a scholarship fund, small renovation, or any other community need that the Legion sees fit.

For more information about the show, visit www.EthanAllenArms.com, or check out their Facebook page @EAAE.

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Guest artist Kim Eng Yeo at S. Londonderry Free Library

S. LONDONDERRY, Vt. - Kim Eng Yeo is the current guest artist at the South Londonderry Free Library. This exhibit will be on display through Oct. 31 and can be viewed during library hours.

Come and see Kim Eng Yeo's amazing watercolors and meet with the artist Saturday, Sept. 15 from 10 a.m. to noon.

Kim Eng Yeo grew up in Singapore and lived in Thailand for many years before moving to the United States. She currently resides in Townshend. Many of her watercolor paintings were inspired by visits to gardens on her travels within the U.S., Europe, and Asia. She says, "My watercolors are journeys of visual discovery and I invite the viewer to share these moments with me as I sort and filter the shapes and colors of Nature, to recreate its essence in



Kim Eng Yeo artwork.

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my watercolors."

Yeo has exhibited in shows worldwide. Her artistic contributions have included international organizations such as UNICEF and UNIFEM, and

her paintings have been acquired by private and corporate clients.

In New York and Vermont, Yeo has conducted drawing and watercolor workshops for diverse age groups.

The South Londonderry Free Library is located at 15 Old School St., off of Main Street and Thompsonburg Road in South Londonderry. Hours are Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 10 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m. We are open an additional two hours Wednesday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

We hope that you will find the time to meet with this exceptional artist or stop in and see her outstanding exhibit at your next library visit.

Elayne Clift's writing workshop

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Join Elayne Clift's writing workshop "Making Meaning of Memory - Without Falling Down the Rabbit Hole!" Saturday, Sept. 22 from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Rockingham Library. Memories provide insight into our lives and help us to understand who we are - and how we got that way. They can offer meaningful triggers for writers in all genres, not just memoirists.

Often, however, writing from

memory can lead us down a dark rabbit hole of introspection. Take heart! As George Gershwin knew, "It ain't necessarily so!" This workshop will focus on our life experiences with rigor and honesty, but without falling down the dark hole of humorless self-absorption. We will emphasize the funny side of things as we remember and reflect upon the loony world in which we live. What could be better in this time of angst? Come with ideas, memories, laptop or pa-

per/pen, and a sense of the funny and absurd! Feel free to bring a bag lunch and a beverage.

Elayne Clift, a Vermont Humanities Council scholar, is an award-winning writer and journalist whose work appears in numerous publications internationally. Clift, who formerly worked internationally on public health, communications, and gender issues, published her novel, "Hester's Daughters," based on "The Scarlet Letter," in 2012. Her latest book, "Around the World in Fifty Years: Travel Tales from a Not So Innocent Abroad," will appear in 2019. For more information, please visit www.elayne-clift.com.

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

Ann Braden discusses middle grade novel

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Village Square Booksellers welcomes Vermont author Ann Braden Sunday, Sept. 16 at 1 p.m. to talk about her new middle grade novel, "The Benefits of Being an Octopus." Earning a starred review from School Library Journal, this moving debut novel explores the cultural divides around class and the gun debate through the eyes of one girl, living on the edges of society, trying to find her way forward.

Some people can do their homework. Some people get to have crushes on boys. Some people have other things they've got to do. Seventh-grader Zoey has her hands full as she takes care of her much younger siblings after school every day while her mom works her shift at the pizza parlor. Not that her mom seems to appreciate it. At least there's Lenny, her mom's boyfriend - they all get to live in his nice, clean trailer.

At school, Zoey tries to stay under the radar. Her only friend Fuchsia has her own issues. Since they're in an entirely different world than the rich kids, it's

best if no one notices them. Zoey thinks how much easier everything would be if she were an octopus: eight arms to do eight things at once. Incredible camouflage ability and steady, unblinking vision. Powerful protective defenses. Unfortunately, she's not totally invisible, and one of her teachers forces her to join the debate club. Even though Zoey resists participating, debate ultimately leads her to see things in a new way: her mom's relationship with Lenny, Fuchsia's situation, and her own place in this town of people who think they're better than her. Can Zoey find the courage to speak up, even if it means risking the most stable home she's ever had?

Ann Braden writes books about kids struggling to find their voice amidst the realities of life. She founded GunSenseVT, a grassroots group focused on championing the common ground on the issue of guns in Vermont. She also founded



Ann Braden.

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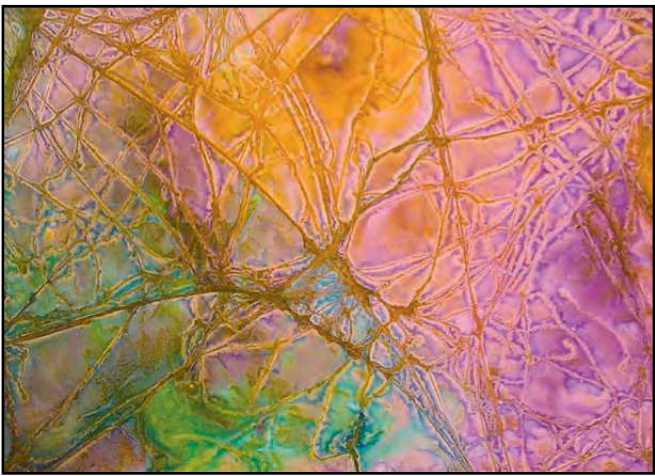
the Local Love Brigade, which now has chapters all over the country sending love postcards to those who are facing hate. Braden is the co-host of the children's book podcast, "Lifelines: Books that Bridge the Divide," along with Pakistani American author Saadia Faruqi. She is a former middle school teacher. She lives in southern Vermont with her husband, two children, and two insatiable cats named Boomer and Justice.

Call 802-463-9404 for book and event reservations, or preorder a book at www.villagesquarebooks.com/book/9781510737488.

Paintings by Frieda Post

CHESTER, Vt. - Whiting Library on Main Street in Chester, Vt. is pleased to present "Frieda Post: Realistic and Abstract" an exhibition of 20 paintings. Post studied painting at the Studio School in Roanoke, Va. and at Michigan Technological University. Her work has been exhibited in juried, individual, and group shows, in galleries and in private collections in the U.S., Europe, and Japan. Post has taught workshops on several abstract techniques. She enjoys realistic art in authentic colors and abstract techniques that produce intricate patterns and details. She makes her home in Chester.

"Realistic and Abstract" may be viewed and enjoyed throughout the months of September and October during library hours: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.



See the paintings on display by Frieda Post.

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Local poet Michael Palma reads from his work

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - On Monday, Sept. 17, at 6 p.m., Michael Palma will be reading a selection of his poems. Get ready for a new look at weather, war, love, and so much more from this poet's unique perspective.

Palma has published four collec-

tions of verse: "The Egg Shape," "Antibodies," "A Fortune in Gold," and "Begin in Gladness." His poetry has also been anthologized in Penguin's "Unsettling America: An Anthology of Contemporary Multicultural Poetry." When not writing his own poetry, he translates the work of re-

nowned Italian poets - 18 volumes, including a fully rhymed version of Dante's "Inferno" - for which he has won international awards. Other than translations, his most recent book is "Faithful in My Fashion: Essays on the Translation of Poetry." He lives with his wife in Bellows Falls,

Vt.

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

Upcoming September events at Northshire Bookstore

MANCHESTER, Vt. - On Friday,

Sept. 14, Northshire is excited to present Jerry Thornton, the author of "Five Rings: The Super Bowl History of the New England Patriots (So Far)" at 6 p.m. "Five Rings" is a history of the modern Patriots who have attained an unparalleled level of controversy, drama, and turmoil, seen

through the lens of their Super Bowl games.

Since 2001, the Patriots have played in eight Super Bowl championships and won five, a run of excellence unparalleled in all of professional sports. In a league designed to ensure that no one franchise can dominate over

time, New England won for over a decade and a half. "Jerry has done a great job capturing the details and emotions of the Patriots' five championship seasons. It has been an honor to be on two of those teams. I hope we can add a couple more chapters to the book," says Julian Edelman.

Jerry Thornton provides an all-access pass to the Patriots' years of unparalleled greatness from the unique perspective of an observant, obsessive, utterly dedicated fan. Thornton is a Patriots staff writer for Barstool Sports and a frequent guest host on WEEI radio.

On Saturday, Sept. 15, join us at 6 p.m. to welcome back Tony Whedon with his book, "Drunk in the Woods!"

"Sometimes," Tony Whedon tells us in his brilliant new book, "I think there's such a thing as an alcoholic landscape - a drunk landscape, as opposed to the sober one I live in now, the same trees, years later, the same brook, but with more clarity." With such clarity Whedon tells of his close-to-the-bone experiences of gardening, cutting wood, and exploring the backcountry of northern Vermont. There's a lot of nature observation in this hybrid of nature writing and memoir.

For much of his life, Whedon lived off the grid with his wife in a one-room cabin suffering in winter darkness and spring floods, drinking heavily and then making a go of it in recovery. The book proceeds with thoughtful chapters on Emily Dickinson and Charles Darwin folded into meditations on birds of the northern forest, animal tracks, and the metaphysics of sobriety.

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LOCAL HISTORY

BY RON PATCH

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The Underground Railroad in Southern Vermont

Occasionally the subject of Chester's role in the Underground Railroad is raised. It has been rumored for many years that Pember Hazen's house has a tunnel that fugitive slaves used.

For those who don't know, Pember's house is the large two-story brick home at the corner of First Avenue and Route 103 near Yosemite Firehouse.

A little history here is required. This brick house was built circa 1804 for Amos Heald. Amos was the son of Daniel Heald. Daniel came to Chester about 1777. By 1784 Daniel had begun building a wood-frame home on First Avenue. That home still stands today. The distance between Daniel's home and his son's Amos' home is maybe 200 yards. Supposedly there is a tunnel connecting the two houses.

I've had a complete tour of the brick home owned by Amos Heald. No evidence could be found of a tunnel. Perhaps in the basement of Daniel's home there is a tunnel entrance. I have never had a tour of that place. It has always been said this tunnel was part of the Underground Railroad and if not, why the tunnel? It might be as simple as father and son wanting their two houses connected so that in bad weather they could still visit each other.

In the book titled, "Vermont's Anti-Slavery and Underground Railroad Record" by Wilbur Siebert, I did find some documentation of Chester's involvement in the Underground Railroad. The Heald homes are not mentioned as being part of the Underground. Below I give a few highlights.

First, Siebert describes Underground Railroad routes with these names: Western Trunk Line and the Eastern Trunk Line and its branches. The Western Line ran up the western side of the state.

The eastern "trunk line" drew its passengers from northern Massachusetts by way of the Connecticut River Valley. From Brattleboro, fugitive slaves were sent to Townsend. The next stop was Grafton where John Barrett provided safety. Chester was next.

Chester's role

As early as 1834, Chester had an anti-slavery society, which numbered 60 members three years later. Here the homes of Ocamel Hutchinson and Asa Davis were havens for the seekers of freedom. It's not unusual when doing research to find differences in dates or spelling of names. Hutchinson is buried in Brookside Cemetery where the spelling of his first name is "Oramel," not "Ocamel."

Asa Davis settled in Chester in 1812 and married Mary Hosmer in 1815. For many years, they were members of the Congregational Church. Davis was a hatter by trade and joined the Liberty Party when it was orga-



Hutchinson's grave in Brookside Cemetery.

PHOTO BY RON PATCH

nized.

I seem to recall Ken Barrett telling during a cemetery tour that Hutchinson was the minister at the Congregational Church and an abolitionist. I think Ken told us Hutchinson was run out of the church, perhaps for his abolitionist views? Ken is away at the moment, so if I'm wrong, it's my error, not Ken's.

The Cross-State Route

The cross-state line came out of the Albany and Troy, New York areas. This route brought fugitive slaves into the Battenkill River Valley. A distinctive thing about the houses that served as stations was a row of bricks around their chimney were painted white. Slaves entering Vermont were told to look for these chimneys for safety. Another sign for fugitive slaves were black cast iron lawn jockeys holding a lantern. Today, people are offended by these lawn jockeys as being racist. They should be revered, not shunned.

At Manchester the route crossed the "trunk line" and passed to Chester and then into Springfield. Sometimes the fugitive slaves were sent to North Springfield to the Warren place. From Springfield and North Springfield, fugitives were sent to Perkinsville and on to Woodstock. On the 1855 Doton map I found

an A.W. Davis in Chester. This Davis lived out a short distance on the Grafton Road. As you are headed out the Grafton Road, just past the Quarry Road and probably less than a half-mile on the right was an old road when I was a kid. In my day if you walked up this old road there was a cellar hole at the top of the ridge with evidence that at one time there was a substantial farm here. This is where A.W. Davis lived. I think the property is owned by Quazzo today.

Instead of an old saying I offer a story Mike Erskine of Erskine's Feed Store told me last week:

A man about 70 years old was recently exploring the feed store when Mike approached and asked if he could help. The man was looking for a tube of BBs. Mike said they didn't carry them any longer but Chester Hardware did. The man didn't want to buy any; he just wanted to know how much they cost today. Mike told him probably five dollars per tube.

The man reached into his pocket and handed Mike five dollars saying, "This is for the tube of BBs I took from you when I was a young boy."

The long and colorful history of the Gilfeather turnip

LONDONDERRY, Vt. - Writer-historian Anita Rafael unveils the long and colorful history of the Gilfeather turnip, a humble tuber that traces its early 20th century origins to the hard-scrabble Wardsboro hillside farm of John Gilfeather. This event takes place at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 9 at Neighborhood Connections.

Learn about the Gilfeather's family genealogy; how the Gilfeather turnip became our state vegetable; tips on how to grow and cook Gilfeather turnips, complete with recipes; and get the latest information about this October's Gilfeather Turnip Festival.

Anita Rafael lives and works in Wardsboro. Her feature articles have appeared in many magazines and newspapers throughout southern Vermont. Since 2006, she has been a volunteer with the Friends of the Wardsboro Library, the nonprofit group that runs the annual turnip festival as a fundraiser.

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



John Gilfeather.

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Solidarity Forever, songs of unions and labor

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Join us at the Springfield Town Library Thursday, Sept. 13, at 7 p.m., as we celebrate the 2018 Vermont Reads title, "Bread and Roses, Too" by Katherine Paterson, through song.

For centuries, working people have used songs to express protest and hope and as an organizing tool. In the U.S., the IWW (or Wobblies),

which led the 1912 Bread and Roses strike, was especially known for its rousing and satirical songs, including the anthem "Solidarity Forever." Using live and recorded music, Mark Greenberg will survey American labor songs from the beginnings of the Industrial Revolution, through the Wobblies, and into the coal wars of the 1930s.

Mark Greenberg is an educator, writer, musician, and media producer. He has taught at Goddard College and the University of Vermont and produced award-winning recordings and radio and video documentaries. He wrote for the "JVC-Smithsonian and Dance of the Americas, Europe, and Africa," and has recorded music by recent immigrants and

refugees in the state for the Vermont Folklife Center's "New Neighbors project."

Also, mark your calendars for Wednesday, Sept. 26 at 6:30 p.m. when Katherine Paterson will be speaking at the Springfield High School Auditorium. Free copies of Katherine Paterson's book will be available at the library as long as supplies last.

This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Springfield Town Library, Springfield Town Library, Vermont Humanities Council, Springfield Unitarian Universalist Congregation, Springfield Art and Historical Society, and the Springfield Co-op. It is free, accessible to people with disabilities, and open to the public.

Ken Gloss speaks on the value of old and rare books

LUDLOW, Vt. - Kenneth Gloss, proprietor of the internationally known Brattle Book Shop in Boston, will give a free and open talk Tuesday, Sept. 18 at 6:30 p.m. at Fletcher Memorial Library, 88 Main Street, Ludlow, Vt. Gloss will discuss the value of old and rare books.

Ken Gloss, who is also a frequent guest appraiser on PBS "Antiques Roadshow," will talk in part about the history of his historic bookshop, which goes back to circa 1825. He is a second generation owner.

Gloss will talk about and show some of his favorite finds and describe some of the joys of the "hunt," as well as explain what makes a book go up in value. He has many fascinating anecdotes to share as well as guidelines for what to look for when starting a collection. There is also a Q&A session before the conclusion of his talk.

Following the talk, he will give free verbal appraisals of all books that attendees have brought with them or will do so at his shop in Boston. For more information, go to www.brattlebookshop.com.

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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

If you're like most people, you try to give guests a good time. Naturally, they feel more welcome when they can tell you've made an effort.

It's the same with towns. Visitors are more likely to stop a while if a town is attractive and feels welcoming. They may even imagine living there.

To have more jobs, Springfield needs people to come and establish businesses, or to move their businesses here. That's why the downtown streetscape improvements in the works are so important.

One project to make walking more appealing and safer will add a landscaped strip between Main Street and the sidewalk from the theater plaza to Valley Street. An entryway will be included for the new riverfront park across the street that is now being designed.

That short stretch of Main Street will be slightly narrower, so traffic will move a little slower, making it easier and safer to cross the street. Drivers and passengers will be more

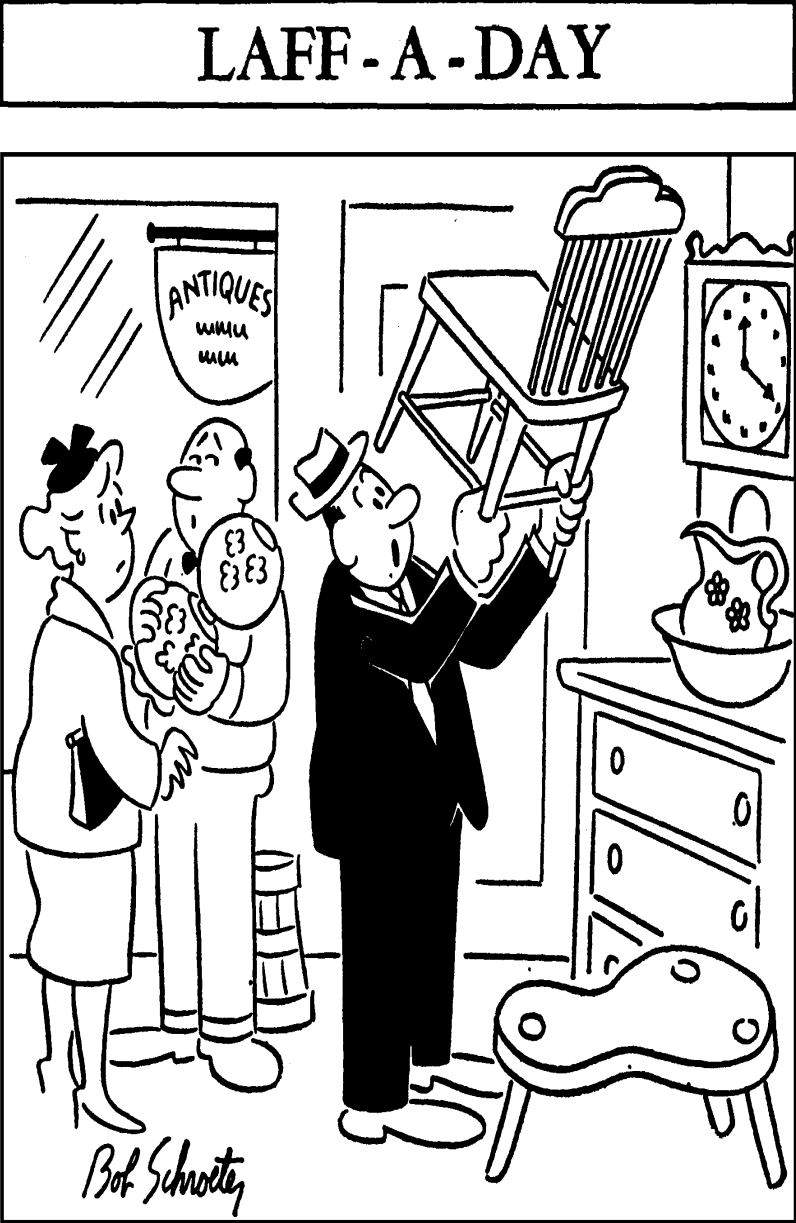
likely to notice things of interest, to park and stroll around, and to visit stores and eateries. More pedestrian traffic will help attract new downtown businesses.

Our downtown is the entryway for travelers. If it looks nice - if it appears we've made an effort - they will be more likely to give us a second look. Of course, these projects will also make our own time downtown more enjoyable and safer, too. And they will increase property values.

Have a look around at other towns in the region. You'll see that the towns thriving and prospering are the ones that have been willing to make changes like the ones planned here.

I am glad that Springfield is making an effort to enhance our downtown, and that town officials have gotten outside money to construct a more inviting streetscape.

Sincerely,
Richard Andrews
Springfield, Vt.



“This is interesting—I never knew George Washington chewed gum.”

Op-Ed: Kate’s story, the cost of addiction

Earlier this year, I attended the National Opiate and Prescription Drug Conference. I was inspired by Jerome M. Adams, M.D., MPH, U.S. Surgeon General, who shared his personal story of how addiction touched his family, resulting in a family member being incarcerated due to involvement with opiates.

What made such a strong impression on me was how he shared his personal story from such a loving and compassionate place, deep from within, and with such bravery in the hope that those listening would hear his message, relate, and connect.

His story awakened in me a desire to share a story from my family in the hope it will help others find help through recovery. As the Division Director of Adult Mental Health and Addiction Services at HCRS, that presentation moved me to action and inspired me to share a story about the cost of addiction and, more importantly, what can and must become a more common path for families seeking help.

Like so many others, our family member struggled with drug use in his adolescent years. There were many choices along his journey. The end result was an addiction to heroin and, ultimately, incarceration. While he always had the love and support of his family, which is critically important, he was unable to overcome his battle with addiction.

In 2005, my mother called and shared the news he was in jail. There was a sense of some relief in her voice. She hoped that maybe he would get the help he needed. Maybe this would be the opportunity to break the cycle. At least she knew he was not on the street and was safe.

Two days later, she called again, completely devastated. He died while he was in jail, likely due to withdrawal complications.

One has to wonder: How many times is a message unwittingly sent that society no longer cares for our most vulnerable? I hope that is untrue. I imagine that we can and should be a community that is compassionate and supportive of all people who struggle with addiction.

Stigma is something that a person experiences in response to discrimination and oppression that someone else puts on them. As a caring community, we need to create space where people feel welcome and encouraged to ask for help and find the services they need when they need them.

I'm sharing my story in the hopes it will inspire others to also share. We need open dialogue. Story telling is a powerful way to help reduce stigma and increase connection - and will result in compassion and support for those in need.

I encourage the public to attend the “Help for Recovery” event being held at Riverside Gymnasium Sept. 13 from 6 to 8 p.m. This event is sponsored by Turning Point Recovery Center, HCRS, Springfield Medical Care Systems, and Springfield Rotary Club. Please come listen to the personal stories of your neighbors, and learn how you can find Help for Recovery for family and friends in need.

For more information, please contact Mike Johnson at Turning Point Recovery Center, 802-885-4668 or email splfdturningpoint@gmail.com.

Written by Kate Lamphere, LICSW.

Op-Ed: Sixteen pointed questions for 2018 candidates

Here are 16 incisive questions that citizens might want to pose to candidates for governor, lieutenant governor, and the legislature as Election Day 2018 approaches.

1. School Spending Control: Do you believe the State should take control of all K-12 public education, reorganize school districts, mandate higher pupil to staff ratios, and enforce rules to control school spending?
2. Paying for Education: Do you support increasing income or sales tax rates to further subsidize residential school property taxes?
3. Parental Choice: Do you support protecting parental choice in education and expanding it to all pupils and parents?
4. School Consolidation: Do you support Act 46 of 2015 that requires consolidation of town school districts into larger unified districts?
5. Minimum Wage: Do you support a state law requiring that all employers pay their employees \$15 an hour by 2020?
6. Parental Leave: Do you support mandating employers of more than ten employees to offer 12 weeks of parental leave per year, for pregnancy, birth, adoption, or serious illness, paid for by a payroll tax paid by all covered employers?
7. Energy Mandate: Do you support the State adopting whatever regulations, mandates, subsidies and taxes may be required to make 90 percent of all energy used in Vermont come from renewable sources, such as wind, solar, and hydro, by 2050?
8. Carbon Tax: Do you support enactment of a carbon tax on fossil fuels, such as natural gas, heating oil, gasoline, diesel fuel and propane, with the net revenues used to subsidize renewable energy production and the electric bills of low income and rural Vermonters (The ESSEX Plan)?
9. Land Use Regulation: Do you support making a proposed development achieve net zero carbon dioxide emissions (to combat “climate change”) a condition for obtaining a permit under Act 250?
10. Pension Fund solvency: Do you support the voting additional funds beyond the “Annual Required Contributions” to the State Employees and Teachers Retirement Funds, in order to work down the present \$4.5 billion unfunded liability?
11. Health Insurance Mandate: Do you support the State levying special taxes or fines, or suspending drivers, hunting and fishing, and other licenses, upon individuals who refuse to purchase state-approved health insurance on the Vermont Health Connect exchange?
12. Health Care Reorganization: Do you support creating a mandatory-participation “All Payer” health care system, whereby Medicare, Medicaid, and private insurance carriers pay a large “Accountable Care Organization” of hospitals, clinics, and doctors to manage the health care of the families they cover?
13. Gun Control: Do you support repeal of the provision of Act 94 of 2018 that makes it illegal for an individual to possess a firearms magazine holding more than 10 rounds for a rifle or 15 rounds for a handgun (unless he or she possessed the magazine before Oct. 1)?
14. Mandatory seat belt usage: Do you support allowing law enforcement to issue tickets to adult drivers, who are not otherwise committing an offense, for driving without a buckled seat belt?
15. Marijuana: Do you support setting up a state-regulated system for the retail sale and taxation of marijuana?
16. Ballot Reform: Do you support changing election law so that voters would cast a single “one big choice” vote for their preferred governor/lieutenant governor team, and the legislature would elect the treasurer, secretary of state, auditor and attorney general as they do the adjutant general?

Try out the questions that interest you on your candidates for governor, lieutenant governor, House, and Senate. If they can't give you a coherent reply, look for others who can.

Written by John McClaughry, vice president of the Ethan Allen Institute, www.ethanallen.org.

Op-Ed: Our forests, our future: can Vermont landowners sell carbon offsets?

The Vermont Land Trust has a long history of conserving Vermont's most productive working lands. As VLT's president, I'm proud of that track record, but I'm also concerned about our farm and forest economy. These lands and the industries that rely on them are facing real challenges today, with bigger challenges on the horizon.

With around 60 percent of Vermont's forestland owned by people over the age of 55, transfers of land will be happening at an unprecedented pace in the years ahead. There is a real risk that this will result in the breaking up of forestland into smaller and smaller parcels, which will jeopardize the sugaring, timber, and recreation industries, while also negatively impacting wildlife and water quality. And then there is climate change - something expected to have significant effects on people, plants, animals, and infrastructure.

In my work, people will often share with me the deep connections they feel to the places they love, and their desire for their children and grandchildren to have the same connection. Often they talk about experiences such as walking in a beloved forest, sugaring, hunting, fishing, farming, managing a family woodlot, or simply admiring the beauty of our hills and valleys.

The Vermont Land Trust has the opportunity, and I think the responsibility, to do our part to keep Vermont's forests intact and viable, for today and for future generations. That's why we are continuing to conserve important forestland with conservation easements that prevent the breaking up of parcels, while also keeping the land in private ownership and available for logging and sugaring.

And we are also looking at ways to make the economics of forestland ownership better for landowners. One example of this is the sale of forest carbon offsets, which has the potential to bring new revenue to landowners, supplementing what can be earned from timber and other forest products.

Vermont's trees benefit us all by storing carbon and reducing carbon dioxide in the atmosphere. We think landowners can be paid more for doing what they already do: managing forests exceptionally well.

That's why - with the backing of the High Meadows Fund and the Vermont Housing & Conservation Board - the Vermont Land Trust commissioned a study on whether Vermonters could incorporate the sale of carbon offsets in their forest management plans. The study was completed by the University of Vermont's Carbon Dynamics Lab and carbon consultant, Spatial Informatics Group. It can be viewed at www.vlt.org/carbon-report.

One of the most significant findings is that it is now possible to group forest properties together so that the administrative costs can be shared. At the right scale, this could supplement other forest income and help support continued good forest stewardship.

The study was a first step. We are now exploring what role we can play in aggregating private forestland for participation in carbon offset programs. We want to move beyond the research to get something done on the ground. The Vermont Land Trust plans to begin a demonstration project later this year.

It is no surprise that forestland, when cared for, takes care of us in return. The science is clear: by maintaining intact, healthy forests and the headwaters they contain, we help mitigate the impact of floodwaters and improve water quality, while also reducing the toll from climate change on our landscape and our communities. If we act now to protect key forest blocks, we can make a difference on these important issues. And future Vermonters will look back with gratitude for our effort, as they live surrounded by a healthy forest. It's what inspires us all to keep trying new things and finding new ways to work toward this goal.

Written by Nick Richardson, president of the Vermont Land Trust.

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Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

Financial basics for millennials

REGION - With age comes responsibility, so if you're a young adult in your 20s or 30s, chances are you've been introduced to the realities of adulthood. While you're excited by all the opportunities life has to offer, you're also aware of your emerging financial responsibility. In the financial realm, the millennial generation - young adults born between 1981 and 1997 - faces a unique set of challenges, including a competitive job market and significant student loan debt that can make it difficult to obtain financial stability.

Poor money management can lead to debt, stress, and dependency on others. Fortunately, good money management skills can make it easier for you to accomplish your personal goals. Become familiar with the basics of planning now, and your future self will thank you for being responsible.

Figure out your financial goals

Setting goals is an important part of life, particularly when it comes to your finances. Over time, your goals will probably change, which will likely require you to make some adjustments. Start by asking yourself the following questions:

- What are my short-term goals (e.g., new car, vacation)?
- What are my intermediate-term goals (e.g., buying a home)?
- What are my long-term goals (e.g., saving for your child's college education, retirement)?
- How important is it for me to achieve each goal?
- How much will I need to save for each goal?

Once you have a clear picture of your goals, you can establish a budget that will help you target them.

Build a budget

A budget helps you stay on track with your finances. There are several

steps you'll need to take to establish a budget. Start by identifying your current monthly income and expenses. This is easier than it sounds: Simply add up all of your sources of income. Do the same thing with your expenses, making sure to include discretionary expenses (e.g., entertainment, travel, hobbies) as well as fixed expenses (e.g., housing, food, utilities, transportation).

Compare the totals. Are you spending more than you earn? This means you'll need to make some adjustments to get back on track. Look at your discretionary expenses to identify where you can scale back your spending. It might take some time and self-discipline to get your budget where it needs to be, but you'll develop healthy financial habits along the way.

On the other hand, you may discover that you have extra money that you can put toward savings. Pay yourself first by adding to your retirement account or emergency fund. Building up your savings using extra income can help ensure that you accomplish your financial goals over the long term.

Establish an emergency fund

It's an unpleasant thought, but a financial crisis could strike when you least expect it, so you'll want to be prepared. Protect yourself by setting up a cash reserve so you have funds available in the event you're confronted with an unexpected expense. Otherwise you may need to use money that you have earmarked for another purpose - such as a down payment on a home - or go into debt.

You may be familiar with advice that you should have three to six

months' worth of living expenses in your cash reserve. In reality, though, the amount you should save depends on your particular circumstances. Consider factors like job security, health, income, and debts owed when deciding how much money should be in your cash reserve.

A good way to accumulate emergency funds is to earmark a percentage of your paycheck each pay period. When you reach your goal, don't stop adding money - the more you have saved, the better off you'll be.

Review your cash reserve either annually or when your financial situation changes. Major milestones like a new baby or homeownership will likely require some adjustments.

Be careful with credit cards

Credit cards can be useful in helping you monitor how much you spend, but they can also lead you to spend more than you can afford. Before accepting a credit card offer, evaluate it carefully by doing the following:

- Read the terms and conditions closely
- Know what the interest rate is and how it is calculated
- Understand hidden fees such as late-payment charges and over-limit fees
- Look for rewards and/or incentive programs that will be most beneficial to you

Contact the credit card issuer if you have questions about the language used in an offer. And if you are trying to decide between two or more credit card offers, be sure to evaluate them to determine which will work best for you.

Bear in mind that your credit card use affects your credit score. Avoid overspending by setting a balance that you're able to pay off fully each month. That way, you can safely build credit while being financially responsible. Take into account that missed payments of any sort can cause your credit score to suffer. In turn, this could make it more difficult and expensive to borrow money later.

Deal with your existing debt

At this stage in your life, you might be dealing with student loan debt and wondering how you can pay it off.

Fortunately, there are many repayment plans that make it easier to pay off student loans. Check to see whether you qualify for income-sensitive repayment options or Income-Based Repayment. Even if you're not eligible, you may be able to refinance or consolidate your loans to make the repayment schedule easier on your budget. Explore all your options to find out what works best for you.

Beware of new borrowing

You're doing your best to pay off your existing debt, but you might find that you need to borrow more - for graduate school or a car. Think carefully before you borrow. Ask yourself the following questions before you do:

- Is this purchase necessary?
- Have you comparison-shopped to make sure you're getting the best possible deal?
- How much will this loan or line of credit cost over time?
- Can you afford to add another monthly payment to your budget?
- Will the interest rate change if you miss a payment?

- Are your personal finances in good shape at this time, or should you wait to borrow until you've paid off pre-existing debt?

Weigh your pre-existing debt against your need to borrow more and determine whether this is a wise decision at this particular point in your life.

Take advantage of technology

Access to technology at a young age is one major advantage that benefits millennials, compared with their parents and grandparents when they were starting out. These days, there's virtually an app or a program for everything, and that includes financial basics. Do your homework and find out which ones could be the most helpful to you. Do you need alerts to remind you to pay bills on time? Do you need help organizing your finances? Are you looking for a program that allows you to examine your bank, credit card, investment, and loan account activities all at once?

Researching different programs can also help with number crunching. Many financial apps offer built-in calculators that simplify tasks that may seem overwhelming, such as breaking down a monthly budget or figuring out a loan repayment plan. Experiment with what you find, and you'll most likely develop skills and insight that you can use as a starting point for future planning.

Although apps are one way to get started, consider working with a financial professional for a more personalized strategy.

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SEVCA's instructors will utilize tools from the acclaimed "Your Mon-

ey, Your Goals" curriculum developed by the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau. Topics covered include: saving, spending, credit, home buying, insurance, purchasing a car, and saving for college. The instructor will also provide individualized financial coaching, as needed, to help participants and their families become more financially secure.

The workshop series is free and

open to the public. It will be held at Winston Prouty Center, Holton Hall, 130 Austine Dr., Brattleboro from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on the following dates: Wednesdays Sept. 19 and 26, and Tuesdays from Oct. 2 to 30. Pre-registration is required. Please call to register at 802-722-4575, ext. 151, or email sdillon@sevca.org.

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THIS AND THAT

BY BILL MURPHY

The Vermont Journal & The Shopper

I'm not sure I will ever get use to social media. I use a cell phone, I email, but I think that's about it of any recent means of communication. I've heard the good and bad about Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and whatever else is out there, but aside from having to use Twitter just a little for one of my jobs, I am less than interested. I realize I am missing out on some things, but the world already moves too fast for me.

I'm not sure if you are laughing, laughing so hard you're crying or what right now, but take a second to realize the guy writing this piece grew up in this area before the first television set was in anyone's home. I have seen enough already. Oh.... I forget to tell you about the drone outside my hotel window one morning at 6 a.m. on my summer vacation. It had a blinking camera looking inside.

Privacy please.

There was a legend sighting in our area last week. And social media broke the story.

One of the greatest - aw shucks, I think I should say the greatest athlete who ever grew up in these parts - paid a visit to a local restaurant. I must say he has great taste.

Carlton Fisk ate at Diamond Pizza in Walpole, N.H. My guess is, before he was ten minutes up or down the road after leaving the restaurant, hundreds

of people knew he had been there. I know one person contacted me almost immediately, and they lived 90 minutes away. Within the next 24 hours, a number of other people told me about the visit. They had all seen it posted on social media.

I spoke to an eyewitness and they told me, "Business was slow at the time. It was shortly before the restaurant closed. I certainly had heard of him before, but I had never seen him. It was exciting."

The eyewitness also told me "Some boys knew who he was right away, and they were excited about seeing him."

Fisk was very congenial, signing autographs, posing for pictures, and pleasing those present.

Many readers knew Fisk. He stood out in just about every sport he attempted. For those who never met him, believe me, he was a great athlete.

I fell very short on predicting Fisk's future. I recognized his abilities, but could a boy from Charlestown, N.H. make it big in the sport? Could he become an every day player on a professional baseball team? Of course not. No one from here could ever do that. He might play some in the big leagues, but someone from here become a star?

No way.

Then he did.

In my opinion, what made Fisk so darn great was the way he attacked any challenge that faced him. His father, Cecil, had the same toughness, but I think Carlton took the trait to the highest level possible.

He was a tremendous athletic specimen who had the most determined focused disciplined approach to get his job done. Some people have said my way or the highway; Carlton said my way or no way.

Many people, even friends and relatives, have called him stubborn and labeled him many different things. The truth is, the determined focus Fisk portrayed, was his ticket to the Hall of Fame and entered his name into the discussion of the Greatest Red Sox players who ever lived.

One of his family members approached me at one time, frustrated by Pudge's unwillingness to do a task they thought simply needed to be done within the family. They were frustrated because the task was important and looked to them on the surface easy to be instrumented. I agreed with them except the competitive spirit and focus, which made this man achieve at an extraordinary level, was who he was and prevented him from carrying out the task. The greatest he

achieved in sports and his life had come about through his focus, determination, and drive and that could not be altered for this occasion. Yes, he could be stubborn, but this was a big part of his make up. You cheered him on and supported his approach, which brought results. He is applying the same approach to the situation at hand.

Several persons have hit me with "I yelled to Pudge at the ballpark and he ignored me." Others spoke about how friendly and gracious he was. I have experienced both sides, and I understand. Again, this was his focus and his make up.

Once I brought up a very controversial subject to Fisk, and we had a short discussion. I was convinced I knew the inside story of what had taken place. Carlton told me I was wrong and that he was wrong about the situation. He may have been wrong, but I am still convinced to this day that although he stood up and took full responsibility for the situation, there was another side of the story.

Then I love it when I speak to former teammates who tell their Fisk stories. Earlier this baseball season, a former White Sox teammate told me his reaction to Fisk's interaction with another Hall of Famer. The other Hall member happens to be his onetime manager, Tony LaRussa. Tony was a lawyer before he became a manager, and those who knew Fisk, know he has always had the makings of being a lawyer. Game and focus on.

The White Sox teammate told me, "We loved it when they challenged each other. It was always great to watch."

Red Sox fans of Fisk's era have to remember Carlton walking slowly to the mound with his mask sitting on top of his head to send a message to whoever was pitching for the Red Sox that day. Wouldn't it have been great to have the boom mikes of today, eavesdropping on a Bill Lee-Carlton Fisk conversation?

Fisk returns to New England several times a year but has spent the majority of his recent years in the Chicago area and Florida. Shortly after he finished his career, I was hoping he would choose to manage. I think he would have been a great one. However, the game has changed so much. His perceived style would likely not fit today's game.

Whether Fisk will be seen in the area again is up for debate. However, if anyone was hoping to guess where he might go to eat, a restaurant with diamond in its title might have been a good guess. That is where he chose last Wednesday to sit behind the plate and catch a good meal.

Tate's Tots are Chester volleyball champs

CHESTER, Vt. - The Chester Vermont Volleyball League had its season playoffs Saturday, Sept. 8 at the sand courts at Mackenzie Field. First, second, and third place went to Tate's Tots, Kick A**, and SMASH, respectively. There were ten teams playing in the league this season.

CVVL is a volunteer run, not-for-profit, co-ed, 6v6 summer league, welcoming players ages 15 and older. We begin in May with two weeks of pick-up, team-formation, and substitute registration. Matches are every Tuesday 6 to 8 p.m. through summer, ending with Saturday's playoffs and party. Pick-up continues Tuesday evenings until weather dictates nets have to come down.

In addition to regular league play and pick-up, CVVL hosts two invitational co-ed 4v4 tournaments: Black Fly early in the season and Falleyball after playoffs.



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GM vs. Springfield soccer

LEFT: Green Mountain's Brooks Ordway-Smith tallied two goals in the Chieftains victory over Springfield at Brown Field in Springfield. The heat index rule forced these two area teams to play their contest under the lights, and they drew a respectable crowd for a 3-1 Green Mountain triumph.

RIGHT: Green Mountain's Everett Mosher fights for the ball with Springfield's Jared Pugh. Mosher scored one of the Chieftain goals in the win.

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FM varsity football

LANGDON, N.H. - The Wildcats of Fall Mountain are looking forward to a very powerful football season this year, playing in the newly formed New Hampshire Division IV. The squad of 37 players is led by second year head coach, Orion Binney, who has the team looking ahead to a playoff berth at the end of the regular season. This Friday, Sept. 14, at 7 p.m. the Wildcats will be taking on Winnisquam at Fall Mountain. From left to right: assistant coaches Smokey Aumand and Tom Boudro, captains James Blair, Jacob Shoemaker, and Justin Gameau, and Head Coach Orion Binney.

PHOTO BY KRIS HANSEN

Bellows Falls football wins, Fall Mountain and Springfield fall

BY BILL MURPHY

The Vermont Journal & The Shopper

REGION - Bellows Falls came up with another football victory, while Fall Mountain and Springfield both fell in grid action over last weekend. The Terriers ran past Lyndon 46-18 amassing 309 yards rushing along the way. Fall Mountain lost their opener 20-12 at a strong Raymond team. Meanwhile, the Cosmos fell to 0-2 as Mill River kept their offense in check in a 39-0 triumph.

Bob Lockerby's Bellows Falls 11 are now 2-0 and face a stern test this Saturday, Sept. 15 in Manchester at 1 p.m. as they meet Burr & Burton. Bellows Falls tallied two touchdowns in the first quarter and three in the second to secure a 34-12 halftime

advantage and then coast to victory. Both Jed Lober and Griffin Waryas scored two touchdowns each on the day while Julian Christiansen, Brady Clark, and Andrew Elliott contributed one each. Jeb Moyer was successful kicking four of the extra points following scores.

"We came out and ran the ball well," Lockerby said, and he signaled out the play of the line both ways, particularly the overall performance of Dylan Clark and the fact Waryas passed for 71 yards. He connected on one long pass play with Noah Rawling to set up a score.

Orion Binney was upbeat about his Wildcats play at Raymond. "Our nerves and jitters at the start of the game cost us, but once we gained our confidence we played really well,"

Binney told me. Raymond had a 20-0 advantage by halftime, but when the Wildcats scored part way through the final stanza with nine minutes to go, Raymond had broken out into their own sweat.

Then the count was 20-12, which ended up being the final score. Morgan Wilbur's one-yard blast had made the score 20-6 in the third quarter. Then when quarterback Jacob Shoemaker found Alex Flynn on the 10-yard pass play as Flynn broke a couple of tackles, it was a one score game.

This was a strong opener for the Wildcats who had 60 yards rushing from both Connor Riendeau and Izaak Westover and are excited for their home-opener in Langdon Friday night, Sept. 14 versus Winn-

isquam at 7 p.m.

A couple of first period injuries really hampered Springfield's effort against Mill River. Coach Todd Aiken's team lost Greg Otis from the line and top running back Jacob Stepler from the attack, and the Cosmos never scored in the encounter. Mill River led 26-0 at intermission and obviously coasted from there.

Aiken credited his opponents' strong run game with the final margin of victory. He offered, "Their running backs were really good. They were real studs, and we just couldn't tackle them." The Cosmos will be home for the third straight Friday night hosting Mount Saint Joseph at 7 p.m. Springfield has had two impressive sized crowds in a row and expect a third.



Cosmos running back Bryson Jester takes a hand-off from quarterback Sam Presch in the encounter against Mill River.

PHOTO BY DOUG MACPHEE

High school fall sports schedule

FRIDAY, SEPT. 14 -

Cross Country:

- Meet @ Bellows Falls 4:45 p.m.
- Fall Mountain @ Mascoma Valley Meet 4 p.m.

Football:

- Varsity Winnisquam @ Fall Mountain 7 p.m.
- Varsity Mount St. Joseph @ Springfield 7 p.m.

Soccer:

- Boys Varsity Josh Cole Tournament @ Black River 6 p.m.
- Boys Varsity Springfield @ Randolph 4:30 p.m.
- Girls JV Green Mountain @ Bellows Falls 4:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 15 -

Football:

- Varsity Bellows Falls @ Burr &

Burton 1 p.m.

Soccer:

- Girls JV/Varsity Green Mountain @ Bellows Falls 11 a.m.
- Girls JV Fall Mountain @ Hanover 2 p.m.

MONDAY, SEPT. 17 -

Football:

- JV Mount Anthony @ Bellows Falls 4:30 p.m.
- JV Springfield @ Brattleboro 4:30 p.m.

Soccer:

- Boys JV Leland & Gray @ Rivedell 4:30 p.m.
- Girls JV/Varsity Bellows Falls @ Springfield 4:30 p.m.

Volleyball:

- JV/Varsity Fall Mountain @ Sunapee 5/6:15 p.m.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 18 -

Cross Country:

- Bellows Falls @ Hartford Meet 4:45 p.m.

Field Hockey:

- Varsity Burr & Burton @ Springfield 4 p.m.

Soccer:

- Boys Varsity Fall Mountain @ Masenic 4 p.m.
- Boys Varsity Leland & Gray @ Otter Valley 4:30 p.m.
- Girls Varsity Fall Mountain @ Campbell 4 p.m.
- Girls Varsity Leland & Gray @ Twin Valley 6 p.m.
- Girls Varsity West Rutland @ Black River 4:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 19 -

Soccer:

- Boys Varsity Black River @ Bellows Falls 4:30 p.m.
 - Boys Varsity Green Mountain @ Arlington 6 p.m.
 - Boys Varsity Springfield @ Long Trail 4:30 p.m.
 - Boys JV Twin Valley @ Leland & Gray 4:30 p.m.
 - Girls JV/Varsity Otter Valley @ Green Mountain 4:30 p.m.
 - Volleyball:
 - JV/Varsity Stevens @ Fall Mountain 5/6:15 p.m.
- THURSDAY, SEPT. 20 -
- Cross Country:
 - Fall Mountain @ Conant Meet 4 p.m.
 - Soccer:
 - Boys JV/Varsity Woodstock @ Leland & Gray 4 p.m.

- Girls Varsity Fall Mountain @ Monadnock 4 p.m.
 - Girls JV/Varsity Springfield @ Woodstock 4:30 p.m.
 - Girls JV Poultney @ Green Mountain 4:30 p.m.
 - Girls JV-B Bellows Falls @ Burr & Burton 4:30 p.m.
- FRIDAY, SEPT. 21 -
- Field Hockey:
 - JV/Varsity Bellows Falls @ Hartford 4/6 p.m.
- Football:
- Varsity Franklin @ Fall Mountain 7 p.m.
- Soccer:
- Boys JV/Varsity Springfield @ Green Mountain 4:30 p.m.
 - Boys Varsity Twin Valley @ Bellows Falls 4:30 p.m.

- Boys JV Leland & Gray @ Otter Valley 4:30 p.m.
 - Girls Varsity Bellows Falls @ Leland & Gray 4:30 p.m.
 - Girls Varsity Black River @ Mount St. Joseph 4:30 p.m.
- SATURDAY, SEPT. 22 -
- Field Hockey:
 - Varsity/JV Otter Valley @ Springfield 11 a.m./12:15 p.m.
- Football:
- Varsity Springfield @ Bellows Falls 1 p.m.
- Soccer:
- Boys Varsity West Rutland @ Black River 11 a.m.
 - Girls JV/Varsity Green Mountain @ Windsor 11 a.m.
 - Girls Varsity Springfield @ Mill River 10 a.m.

Chester Fall Festival

The 2018 Chester Fall Craft Festival is here

CHESTER, Vt. – During the weekend of Sept. 15 and 16, crowds converge on the Green in Chester, one of the “Most Beautiful Villages in New England” to explore the unique handmade crafts offered by over 70 vendors lining the green, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day.

Handmade crafts include wood products, glass, jewelry, photography, watercolors, fiber arts, pottery, quilts, soaps, and more! A Children's Tent will keep little ones

entertained. Discover the Beer Garden behind the Fullerton Inn on Saturday, stroll through the quaint stone village, listen to music, explore local shops and galleries, and sample a wide variety of interesting food.

Musical entertainment Saturday:

- 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. Owen Neid
- 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. Will Danforth “good-time American roots music”
- 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. Matt Meserve

Musical entertainment Sunday:

- 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. Root 7
- 2 - 3 p.m. Chris Kleeman

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Follow signs in town to Newsbank parking lot off Cobleigh Street. The Current will provide a free shuttle from 8:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. It will loop around Newsbank to the Chester Green and down to the old Jiffy Mart location, the intersection of S. Main and Depot streets.

The Current will pick up visitors at the Depot at 1 p.m. when the Foliage Train returns from its 10 a.m. run to Okemo. It will return visitors to the Depot at 3:30 p.m.

The festival is held rain or shine, and there is something for everyone. Free admission. Sponsored by the Chester Rotary Club, the festival is a hallmark of the beginning of fall in this quintessential New England village. For more information, go to www.chesterfallfestival.org.



The 44th annual Chester Fall Craft Festival.

PHOTO BY AMANDA WEDEGIS

Chester Townscape spring bulb sale

CHESTER, Vt. - Chester Townscape volunteers will again be selling spring-flowering bulbs at the Chester's Fall Festival. All bulbs are top quality, hardy, easy care, deer resistant, and expected to return year after year when grown in full or part sun and in well-drained locations. The different varieties offered this year include early, mid, and later bloomers with a variety of colors and heights, from taller alliums to short ground-covers.

Alliums

The three varieties of tall ornamental onions (alliums) offered will pair well with smaller shrubs, roses, or perennials. Purple Sensation is an early bloomer with raspberry-purple, baseball-sized blossoms on 20 to 40-inch stems. Gladiator, a spectacular giant that blooms in early summer with a 6-inch purple globe on a 3 to 4-foot stem, is perfect for the back of the garden where it can tower over other summer perennials. Dramatic Globemaster, whose giant softball-to-volleyball-sized blossoms of silvery pinkish purple sit atop 30 to 36-inch stems, has blossoms that bloom longer because the flowers produce secondary florets.



Get your spring bulbs!

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Mixed Trumpet Daffodils

These double narcissuses come in multiple colors with long fluted trumpets. Growing up to 18 inches tall, they will bloom in early-mid spring and need full sun or at least a half-day of sun.

Winter Aconite

The woodland plants appear in late

winter or very early spring, spreading quickly to make a dramatic yellow



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carpet. They grow 4 to 6 feet tall, are 3 to 4 inches wide with 1-inch yellow flowers and can be planted in semi-shade or full sun.

Siberian Squill

Also called “Scilla siberica,” the plant's dark green, grass-like leaves emerge from the ground in early spring and are soon followed by 6-inch arching fragrant flower stalks with intense royal blue blossoms. Plant in semi-shade or full sun.

Bulbs will be sold in front of the Fullerton Inn and near the Hearse House on Chester's Main Street from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 15 and 16. Townscape's popular, handmade walking sticks will also be available. All sales help support Chester Townscape's seasonal floral displays, which will soon be changed at public locations around town to display fall pumpkins, mums, and corn stalks. All these natural decorations beautify Chester and make it a lovely place to live and visit.

Chester Townscape is a committee of Chester Community Alliance, a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. For further information about Chester Townscape and its town projects, please visit www.chestervt.gov/chester-townscape.

St. Luke's Church pancake breakfast

CHESTER, Vt. - St. Luke's Church, located at 313 Main Street and adjacent to all the activities on the Village Green, has a fast, easy, and delicious way to get an early start on the first festival day, Saturday, Sept. 15, with a homemade breakfast and table seating both on the lawn and indoors in Martin Hall. To speed things up for those eager to sell or buy, the breakfast will be limited to

homemade pancakes, bacon, blueberries, real maple syrup, and beverages. Breakfast will be served 8 to 11 a.m. There is a fee per plate.

This fall breakfast offers something a bit healthier and different from traditional fair food. Also, because this idea is new this year, the lines for food may be shorter!

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- Bonnie's Bundles - collectible dolls
- Dan & Lynn Brooks
- Elaine Snow - gift bags, children's jean aprons
- Ellen Howard Handmade
- Gary Chase - fabric purses
- Knit Wit Betty - knitted items
- Lisa Madison - fleece
- Mimi's Mittens - fleece lined mittens
- Mountain Hen
- Sew Happy Quilting - potholders and runners
- Sew Many Stitches

- Sew Whimsy - bags, quilts, table runners
- Shauna's Bags & More - aprons, bags, finger puppets
- The Quilted Jardin - fabric pictures and quilts
- The VT Mad Hatter - custom fleece lined wool hats
- Victoria's Artisan Gifts - fabric chalkboards and barrettes

FOOD:

- Chester Fire Dept. - barbecue
- Community Cares - pies
- Grandpa Jim's - hot sauce, salsa, BBQ sauce
- Hawks Meadow Farm/Winter View Farm - jams, pickles, maple syrup, dried herbs
- Mo's Fudge Factory
- Mt. Ascutney View Farm
- Mullberry Tree - dried herb dips
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- The Lazy Cow- ice cream
- Thompson Goat Farm - canned goods
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- Chester Historical Society - an-

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An array of jewelry crafters.

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Handpainted glassware.

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golf & outdoor news

Charity Golf Tournament for Vermont troops and families

WARREN, Vt. - Did you know that last week 60 members of our Vermont National Guard deployed for the Middle East for one year? It is for missions such as this that we are asking you to support the 15th annual Charity Golf Tournament to benefit the Vermont National Guard Charitable Foundation. After 15 years, we have decided that this will be our last golf tournament. We are pleased to report that over the last 14 years we have raised \$195,000 for our Vermont troops and families. So do not

miss out and help us celebrate 15 years by playing in our tournament at Sugarbush Golf Club this Sept. 16, 2018.

We are in need of prizes for our raffle and auction. Please consider donating to this worthy cause. The highlight of our tournament is the buffet dinner served at the Rumble's Kitchen at Sugarbush Resort! In addition to dinner we award team prizes, raffle items, and silent auction.

As the men and women of the Vermont National Guard and Vermont-

ers serving in all branches of our armed forces continue to answer the call to duty, they face untold financial hardships as they cope with the difficulties of being separated from their loved ones. We see that some Vermont National Guard families are struggling financially to meet their basic living needs. Some of these men and women have paid the highest price in service for our country, others have been injured, and their families need our help and support. Many of the families need help to

make ends meet as their loved ones are away for extended tours of duty.

This is a nonprofit fund with no paid staff, and we are doing this on our own time as a personal endeavor to help our fellow Vermonters serving our country. One hundred percent of the money raised goes directly to those service members and their families who are serving overseas in the military.

For more information, please contact Shawn D. Sullivan at 802-578-600 or shawnskivt@comcast.net.

BF Country Club Gentlemen's results

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - The Bellows Falls Country Club Gentlemen's League went into their 17th week Thursday, Aug. 30.

Their season results are:

Bob Smith - 62
Don Garrow - 56
Terry Keefe - 55
Rich Demuzio - 38
Fran Stewart - 36
Larry Bolaski - 36
John Williams - 35
Mike Kangas - 34
Jim MacMahan - 34
Jim Houghton - 32

David Westover - 32
Ken Kinson - 31
Gerry McAuliffe - 30
Carl Snide - 29
Hardy Merrill - 28
Butch Stearns - 18
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Connecticut man makes hole-in-one at OVGC

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There will be two classes of shooting: open sight and scoped rifles. Everyone will be divided into three groups: youth age 12 and under, teens 12 to 17, and adults age 18 and up. Limited to the first 60 entries per class.

For more information, contact Paul at 802-875-4616 during the day or 802-376-9929 in the evening.

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State shooting ranges open for rifle accuracy checks

REGION - The Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department reminds us that two of its shooting ranges are open for sighting-in rifles before you go hunting - one in Hartland and the other near Island Pond.



The West Mountain Shooting Range in East Haven. PHOTO PROVIDED

Both ranges are open for public use from April to mid-December. Hammond Cove Shooting Range at the end of Ferry Road in Hartland features a six-port 100-yard rifle range and a pistol bench.

West Mountain Shooting Range in East Haven has a 100-yard shooting range and target frames at 25, 50, 75, and 100 yards. The range is located on the South American Pond Road on the West Mountain Wildlife Management Area.

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Natural Landscape Design is a design-based gardening company, founded in 2017, and located in beautiful southern Vermont. Owner Betsy Gritman is a graduate of The Garden Design School, and she has over 25 years of gardening and design experience. A deep knowledge of design and plants is key to a successful landscape project, and Gritman and her crew are here to help! “We just love plants and gardening,” Gritman explained. “My team and I really enjoy being out in all of these beautiful locations in Vermont, and we’re all just very passionate about it!”

Gritman began gardening when her kids were young, and then she began working and learning about designs, and it just grew from there. “It has always been a passion of mine,” she said. When approaching a project, Gritman will work closely with her client, listening to what their wants and needs are. She will discuss what plants they may want, and what will best suit the landscape and budget. Gritman’s crew will then work under her direction to make the owner’s design a reality. They will incorporate all of the wanted elements into the landscape, using appropriate plants that will complement each other, and will grow and be happy in that environment without interrupting the natural continuity of the land. “The result is the seamless integration of design and nature.”

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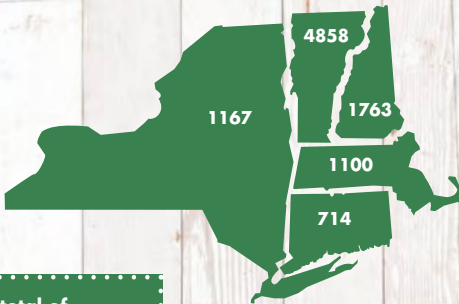
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For Rent: 28 foot 10,000 lb capacity deck over trailer with electric brakes, with our without ramps.

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

calendar

LEGAL NOTICES/HELP WANTED

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

THURSDAY, SEPT. 13 - LONDONDERRY, Vt. – Six-week Tai Chi Level 2 classes are being offered for those who practice Tai Chi, beginning Thursday, Sept. 13 at 6 p.m. at The Meeting Place at Neighborhood Connections in Londonderry. All are welcome to attend both beginner and Level 2 sessions. Doreen Fabiano, certified in Tai Chi is leading the class. This program is offered at no charge, but space is limited. Call 802-824-4343 if you would like to attend. Check out our website at www.neighborhoodconnectionsvt.org.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 15 – SHREWSBURY, Vt. - Gentle

Yoga in the Barn at Sol Luna Farm is Saturday, Sept. 15, from 10 to 11:15 a.m. This gentle yoga class helps to lengthen, stretch, and strengthen the body gradually while bringing mindful awareness to the breath. The class culminates with the healing vibrations of a Crystal Singing Bowl “sound bath.” This class is perfect for beginners as well as practiced yogis looking for a way to gain greater flexibility and cultivate a deeper sense of inner peace. Sol Luna Farm is located at 329 Old Farm Rd. For more information, go to www.sollunafarm.com or call 802-429-9393.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 18 - BENNINGTON, Vt. - BROCCommunity Action is offering a financial workshop at the

Bennington Free Library Tuesday, Sept. 18. Join instructor Shelley Faris for “Savvy Spending Solutions - Financial Capability Workshop” and learn how to get control of your money and make it work for you, as well as learn how to stretch a dollar. This workshop will be held from 10 a.m. until noon. Register by contacting Shelley at 800-717-2762 ext. 142 or sfaris@broc.org. For more information about BROCCommunity Action, visit www.broc.org.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 19 – BRATTLEBORO, Vt. - Free classes to improve your financial know-how offered by SEVCA! A series of seven classes held at Winston Prouty Center, Holton Hall, 130 Austine Dr., Brattleboro from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on the following dates: Wednesdays Sept. 19 and 26, and Tuesdays from

Oct. 2 to 30. Preregistration is required. Please call to register at 802-722-4575, ext. 151, or email sdillon@sevca.org.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 20 - CHESTER, Vt. – Announcing Fall 2018 Southern Vermont Astronomy Group short course schedule. Registration deadline is Sept. 20 for all courses. The classes will be in different locations in Chester and Andover. Class options are: Basic Observational Astronomy (three sessions) on Saturday, Oct. 5; Wednesday, Oct 10; and Saturday, Oct. 13. All at 6:30 p.m.; How Telescopes Work (1 session) on Thursday, Oct. 11, at 7 p.m.; and The Secret Lives of Astronomers (1 session) on Tuesday, Oct. 16, at 7 p.m. Go www.sovera.org and click on “Courses (Register)” in the “Education” box to see short course descriptions and registration instructions. Members enjoy

discounts. Nonmembers’ fees include 2019 annual Membership in SoVerA.

CLUBS

MONDAY, SEPT. 17 – CHESTER, Vt. - Please join the Chester Senior Citizens Club for their monthly luncheon meeting at 11:30 a.m. Monday, Sept. 17, 2018, at the Chester Congregational Church on Main Street. Please plan to share your fond childhood memories. Hope you can join us. If you need a ride, just call Georgia at 802-875-6242. Hope to see you there.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 18 – WOODSTOCK, Vt. - Woodstock’s Community Chorus, directed by Ellen Satterthwaite, will begin rehearsing for the holiday concerts Tuesday, Sept. 18, from 7 to 9 p.m. in the First Congressional Church of Woodstock on Elm Street. There is a participation fee, but scholarships are available. If you enjoy singing, you are invited to join; there are no auditions. The concerts

are Dec. 1 and 2. For more information, contact Ellen at 802-457-3980.

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

COMMUNITY MEALS

SATURDAY, SEPT. 15 – SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Free Community Supper at the Springfield United Methodist Church is happening Saturday, Sept. 15 at 5 p.m. at 10 Valley Street in Springfield. Everyone is welcome! For more information call 802-885-3456.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Join us for a ham supper at the North Springfield Baptist Church Saturday, Sept. 15 from 4 to

7 p.m. Menu includes ham, raisin sauce, mashed potato, carrots, and coleslaw, dessert and beverage. Handicapped accessible. Children five and under free. Call 802-886-8107 for more information.

WINDSOR, Vt. - Windsor Coon Club Wild Game Supper and Auction is Saturday, Sept. 15 from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at the Coon Club on Hunt Hill Rd. The menu is game stew and corn chowder, venison roast, mashed potatoes and gravy, wild turkey potpies, venison lasagna, Swedish meatballs made with mule deer, mule deer Chimichangas, and smoked trout. This dinner is open to the public. For more information, contact Sherry Barbour, barbour.sherry@yahoo.com or 802-484-9286.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 22 – MOUNT HOLLY, Vt. – Join us for a fundraiser ham supper at the Odd Fellows Hall in Belmont Saturday, Sept. 22 starting at 5 p.m. to benefit Mount Holly Volunteer Rescue Squad. Menu includes baked ham, mashed potatoes with gravy, vegetable, rolls, and desserts. All you can eat. Tickets at the door. For more information, call 802-259-6001.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 29 – CHARLESTOWN, N.H. – Boy Scouts of America Troup 31 are hosting an all-you-can-eat spaghetti dinner Saturday, Sept. 29 from 4:30 – 7 p.m. at the VFW in Charlestown. Menu includes your choice of homemade meat or vegetarian sauce, salad bar with homemade buttermilk ranch dressing, homemade rolls, desserts, and your choice of beverage. Proceeds are used to help offset the cost to the scout families for summer camp. Take out available!

EVENTS

THURSDAY, SEPT. 13 – MANCHESTER, Vt. – Emboldia LLC, a speaker networking series designed to inspire business leaders and entrepreneurs, returns to the Northshire on Thursday, Sept. 13 at the Manchester River Walk starting with networking at 5:15 p.m., with the program starting 6 p.m. at Factory Point Town Green. Open to the public. The speakers will be featured in a panel discussion titled “Start a Company and Start it Now,” and will share how they transformed their ideas into reality and are maintaining success. For information and to register, go online at www.eventbrite.com/emboldia/manchesterriverwalk or call 802-557-4966.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 14 – SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - The award-winning 2016 documentary “The Prison in Twelve Landscapes” will be shown Friday, Sept. 14, at the Unitarian Universalist Meetinghouse in Springfield, 21 Fairground Rd. The film runs from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., with a discussion afterward to learn more about The National Prison Strike that took place between Aug. 21 and Sept. 9. Read more about the strike and the full list of demands at www.sawarimi.org/national-prison-strike. Free admission and light refreshments. All welcome.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 15 – WESTMINSTER, Vt. – The Women’s Fellowship for the First Congregational Church of Westminster will hold a Fall Outdoor Sale on the front lawn of the Church on Saturday, Sept. 15 from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Sale items include homemade pies, baked goods, houseplants, and fall crafts to decorate your home. Also check out the White Elephant station and browse the attic treasures and collectibles. Cookout menu will include hot dogs, chili, sausage and

TOWN OF CHESTER
SELECTBOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

INTERIM BYLAW ADOPTION

A Public Hearing will be held before the Selectmen for the Town of Chester, at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 3, 2018, at the Chester Town Office to consider the adoption of an Interim Bylaw pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 4415. This interim bylaw will add language allowing Accessory Uses.

The full text of the proposed Interim Bylaw is available for public inspection with the Town Clerk at the Chester Town Office during regular business hours. This bylaw is also available on the Chester Town website, www.chestervt.gov.

Town of Mount Holly
Road Foreman
(full time)
Hours 6:30 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.

Under the direction of the Selectboard, this position is a working supervisor role that plans and oversees all municipal highway operations in order to advance the safe and effective functioning of the highway department, including municipal construction projects and maintenance of municipal roads, sidewalks, vehicles, and equipment. The road foreman also oversees the transfer station operations.

• Commercial Driver’s License Class B Required

• 2 years’ experience in plowing/maintenance

Please mail resume to:
Mount Holly Town Office
C/O Selectboard
PO Box 248
Mount Holly, VT 05765
Or by email to : mhselectmen@gmail.com

TOWN OF LUDLOW
SELECT BOARD
NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE

The Town of Ludlow Select Board at their regular meeting on September 3, 2018 adopted the following Town Ordinance:

VACANT & DANGEROUS BUILDINGS ORDINANCE:
The purpose of this Ordinance is to establish the reasonably necessary measures to abate the public nuisances, blight, negative housing market impact, and other harmful effects connected with dangerous and vacant or abandoned buildings and structures, consistent with the authority vested in the Town of Ludlow to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public through the regulation of the construction, maintenance, repair, and alteration of buildings and other structures within the Town of Ludlow.

The action on the above will be pursuant to 24 V.S.A., Chapter 59 § 1971 et seq.:

• No section of this ordinance shall be construed to supersede or replace any Vermont Statute.

• This ordinance shall be entered in the minutes of the Ludlow Select Board meeting, and posted in at least five conspicuous places within the Town of Ludlow and published in a newspaper circulating in the Town of Ludlow on a day not more than fourteen (14) days following the date when the ordinance is so adopted.

• This Ordinance shall become effective on November 1, 2018, sixty (60) days after the date of its adoption by the Town of Ludlow Select Board, unless a petition is filed with the Town Clerk by October 16, 2018, forty-four (44) days after the date of its adoption. The petition should be addressed to the Ludlow Select Board, should be signed by at least five percent (5%) of the qualified voters of this municipality, and should ask for a special meeting to be called on the question of disapproving the ordinance.

Full text of the Town of Ludlow’s Vacant & Dangerous Buildings Ordinance is available for review at the Municipal Office or online at www.ludlow.vt.us, listed under Agendas/Warnings. Questions about the Ordinance may be directed to the Municipal Office by calling (802)228-2841.

TOWN OF LUDLOW, VERMONT
IMMEDIATE POSITION AVAILABLE
FULL TIME POLICE DISPATCHER

The Town of Ludlow invites applications for the position of Full-Time Police Dispatcher. This is a full-time, year-round position with a competitive wage and benefit package. Applicant must be organized and able to communicate effectively in written and oral form. Must be able to work all shifts, including midnight. Computer experience is required. Send resume in confidence with references to the Chief of Police, Town of Ludlow, PO Box 359, Ludlow, VT, 05149. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.
The Town of Ludlow is an Equal Opportunity Employer.



Town of Westminster
P.O. BOX 147 WESTMINSTER, VT 05158
Tel. 802-722- 4524 Fax 802-722-9816


**DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD (DRB)
WESTMINSTER TOWN HALL
3651 US Rt. 5, Westminster
Legal Notice**

The Westminster Development Review Board will meet at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, October 2, 2018 to consider the following:

Application #19-13 (Julia & Greg Smist) – property located at 40 Minard Road. The Applicant is requesting a Change of Use (Hangar for Storage to Apartment Studio). This Application will be reviewed under Section 311 Site Plan Review; Section 314 Conditional Use; Section 447 Rural Residential District Zone - Change of Use to Conditional Use (apartment) of the adopted 2017 Zoning Bylaws.

Participation in the proceeding is a prerequisite to the right to make any subsequent appeals.

The application is available for review in the Westminster Town Hall, 3651 US Route 5 Westminster, Vermont 05158, Monday – Friday from 8:30 am - 4:00 pm.



Town of Westminster
P.O. BOX 147 WESTMINSTER, VT 05158
Tel. 802-722- 4524 Fax 802-722-9816

Westminster Highway Department Position

The Town of Westminster Highway Department is seeking qualified candidates to fill two open positions. The candidates will perform duties under the supervisor of the Highway Foreman. Duties include, but are not limited, to maintenance, repair of the Town highway system and associated equipment. Candidate shall operate equipment and provide labor to facilitate highway grading, trucking, snow plowing and sanding town highways, brush clearing, road repair, light building and facility maintenance, and any other associated tasks required.

Candidate shall possess a current and valid Vermont Commercial Driver’s License (CDL), Class A or Class B, a High School Diploma, GED, or similar equivalent education.

Salary is commensurate with experience. The Town of Westminster offers an excellent benefit package. Job description and job application are located on the town website at www.westministervt.org.

To apply, please complete job application and send to: Town of Westminster, P.O. Box 147, Westminster, VT 05158, RE: Highway Department Application, or bring in person to the office at 3651 US Route 5, Westminster, V.T.

Application for position will remain open until filled.

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

Dated at Westminster, Vermont, this 5th day of September, 2018. Selectboard

Full time general Maintenance Position
for Winterplace Condo Association
on Okemo Mountain

Must be able to work all weekends during ski season. Competitive wage and benefits offered.

Call 802-228-4934 for an application.

TOWN OF CHESTER
INVITATION TO BID
REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS
ENGINEERING SERVICES

The Town of Chester is seeking qualification bids for engineering services for the design of a stormwater system in the Mountainview and Kevadus Circle Developments located in Chester, Vermont. The Municipality is seeking a Consultant with expertise in designing, engineering and permitting. The procurement process for selection of the Consultant will be a Qualifications Based Selection (QBS). We are not seeking a detailed scope of work or cost proposal at this time. The successful Consultant will be selected based upon their demonstrated ability to provide the highest qualified team to achieve the goals of the project through their SOQ and possible interview with the selection committee.

For a copy of the Request for Qualifications bid package please contact Julie Hance at the Chester Town Office, 556 Elm Street, Chester, VT, 05143, (802) 875-2173, or julie.hance@chestervt.gov. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

All bids should be submitted in a sealed envelope labeled “Stormwater System Design” and should be forwarded to the Town Manager’s Office, 556 Elm Street (P.O. Box 370) Chester, VT 05143, on or before 3:00 p.m. on Friday, September 28, 2018.

TOWN OF WESTON
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
NOTICE OF HEARING APPEAL OF ZONING
ADMINISTRATOR DECISION AND
APPLICABILITY OF CONDITIONAL USE
REQUIREMENTS

Owner: Frederick J. Probst Jr. and Jennifer L. Probst
Applicant: same
Property Address: 14 Felton Rd., Weston VT
Parcel ID#: 09-01-61.10
Application#: ZP-B-08-18

Frederick J. Probst Jr. and Jennifer L. Probst, owners of 14 Felton Rd., Weston, VT (the “Applicants”) submitted an application for Zoning Permit to add a 10’ by 35’ rear deck to their house. The Zoning Administrator determined that the proposed deck is in a Special Flood Hazard Area as defined in Weston Zoning Regulations and denied the application. The Applicants subsequently appealed the ZA decision. Development in a Special Flood Hazard area is subject to conditional use review under the Weston Zoning Regulations.

The Town of Weston Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a hearing on this application on October 1, 2018 beginning with a Site Visit at 6 pm at 14 Felton Rd., Weston VT and then resuming at the Weston Town Office after the completion of the Site Visit.

A copy of the documentation submitted for this hearing and additional information may be obtained at the Weston Town Office.

Pursuant to 24 V.S.A. §§ 4464(a)(1)(C) and 4471(a), participation in this local proceeding is a prerequisite to the right to take any subsequent appeal.
Dated at Weston, Vermont this 6th day of September 2018.
Will Goodwin

Zoning Administrator, Town of Weston

LEGAL NOTICES/HELP WANTED

calendar

pepper grinders as well as other surprises to eat. Come browse the tables and enjoy lunch. Sit and visit in the outdoor cafe or take something home for lunch or dinner.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Springfield Art and Historical Society will host a Fundraiser Yard Sale at its North Springfield facility, 65 Route 106 in Springfield on Saturday, Sept. 15 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. SAHS is currently looking for donations to put in the sale. If you have some useful items you don't need and would like to donate, we will be glad to take them off your hands (no clothing, please). Bring your donation to the Historical Society Saturday Sept. 8, between 1 and 4 p.m. or call Marc or Walter at 802-885-1466 or Betty at 802-886-2414 to arrange a drop off or pick up before then.

WEATHERSFIELD, Vt. - Weathersfield Park and Recreation and the Town of Weathersfield presents Free Movie Night at Hoisington Field on Saturday, Sept. 15 at 7:30 p.m. for a free summer outdoor movie. Bring a chair or a blanket, and we'll see you there!

SUNDAY, SEPT. 16 – BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Ann Braden will be at Village Square Booksellers Sunday, Sept. 16 at 1 p.m. to talk about her new middle grade novel, "The Benefits of Being an Octopus." Earning a starred review from School Library Journal, this moving debut novel explores the cultural divides around class and the gun debate through the eyes of one girl, living on the edges of society, trying to find her way forward. Call 802-463-9404 for book and event reservation or preorder a book at www.villagesquarebooks.com/book/9781510737488.

BRATTLEBORO, Vt. – On Sunday, Sept. 16 there will be a Jonathan Biss benefit concert at 4 p.m. in collaboration with the Brattleboro Music Center to raise money for the new Marlboro Town Library at the BMC. Refreshments will be served afterwards. Tickets are available online at www.bmcvt.org.

RUTLAND, Vt. – The 11th annual Dock Diving takes place Sunday, Sept. 16, from 12 to 3 p.m. at Palms on Lake Bomoseen off Route 30. Registration begins at 11 a.m. There will be prizes for first, second, and third place longest jumps in categories from novice to pro. There will be a brand new kayak to raffle along with other fun prizes. Come enjoy a day by Lake Bomoseen and support Rutland County Humane Society.

WINDSOR, Vt. – Please join us for our Jubilee Concert celebrating 250 years of worship and community service on Sunday, Sept. 16 at 6 p.m. at the Old South Church in Windsor. Concert will feature an adult choir, chimes, solos and special ensembles in a variety of styles. Childcare provided. Free and open to the public. For more information, visit www.oldsouthchurch.com.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 16 AND MONDAY, SEPT. 17 SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Enjoy a relaxing, healing, revitalizing Reiki session on Sunday, Sept. 16 and Monday, Sept. 17 from 2 – 4 p.m. at our Reiki Clinic, Studio Time & Space, 59 Main Street in Springfield. Also have an herbal consultation from an experienced herbalist practitioner, by donation. Mary Porter, RN, Traditional Herbalist, Reiki Master, & Lauren Potter, Adjunct Faculty at RVCC, Usui, Holy Fire II, & Karuna Reiki welcome you! Call 802-591-0507 or email laurenpottervi@gmail.com for more information.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 22 – TOWNSHEND, Vt. - Community, Hope, and Action is sponsoring a community yard sale on the Townshend Common Saturday, Sept. 22 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. If you're a local resident and interested in selling, call Phyllis Trier 802-365-9765 or email phyllis.trtassoc@gmail.com. No businesses please. Set up is 7 to 8 a.m. Rain or shine. Bring your own table and tents. To follow CHA events, like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/LetHopeln.

TUESDAYS – BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Join us for Bingo at the Moose Lodge, 59 Westminster Street in Bellows Falls every Tuesday in September. 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. 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

PUTNEY, Vt. – Dinner and a movie on the last Thursday of the month, 5:30 p.m. At each event, the chefs at the Gleanery will serve a special menu in time for diners to make it to the hosted 7 p.m. film screening around the corner at the newly renovated Next Stage. For pricing or reservations call 802-387-3052. Limited seating available. 15 Kimball Hill Rd. TFN

THURSDAYS AND SATURDAYS - SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Little ones and their caregivers can escape the summer heat by gathering at the Edgar May Health and Recreation Center's Studio Momentum on Thursday and Saturday mornings from 10 – 11:30 a.m. for Open Play - an active play time for children under five with a caregiver.


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. Remaining dates: 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

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



Full-Time Lead
Breakfast & Lunch
Line Cook Needed

Seeking long term skilled kitchen professional with at least 3 years in a professional kitchen. Wood fired cooking experience a plus. Must be a good communicator, clean, professional, and able to manage at least 3 other staff while performing line cooking functions. \$15+ based on experience.

Responsibilities

- Work with closely with the chef to produce a daily menu utilizing ever-changing locally sourced ingredients.
- Ability to work well as part of a team in a fast paced environment.
- Have a keen eye for detail.
- Experience with high quality ingredients.
- High Standards for food safety and sanitation.
- Keep a positive attitude and promote a respectful work place.
- Capability of being motivated in the best interest of the business and team.

Qualifications

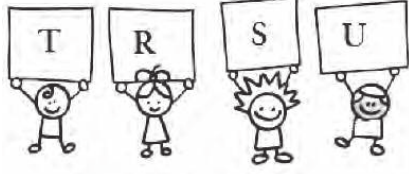
- At least 3 years experience as a line cook.
- Reliable transportation
- Ability to work in non-smoking workplace.
- Ability to lift 50lbs.

Email Juliette at team@jjhapgood.com to apply.

Falls Area Community Television (FACT TV)
is holding its annual meeting on
Tuesday, Oct. 9th, 2018 at 6:00pm

The meeting will be held at the board room of Greater Rockingham Area Services located at 1 Hospital Court, Bellows Falls, VT 05101. Members of the public are welcomed to attend. Anyone wishing to serve on the FACT TV board of Directors should submit a letter of intent no later than Oct 1st, 2018.

For more information, please calls FACT TV at 802-463-1613.



SUBSTITUTE STAFF NEEDED
IN OUR LOCAL SCHOOLS!

The schools in the Two Rivers Supervisory Union (Mount Holly Elementary, Ludlow Elementary, Cavendish Town Elementary, Chester-Andover Elementary, Black River High School and Green Mountain Union High School) are looking for great people to work with our staff in our schools! Have fun, support our local children and earn a little money. Be a Substitute! We pay full day and ½ day rates. You must be at least 18 years old, Background check will be required.

Send a letter of interest with a resume and we will send you an application packet, or stop in on Thursdays after 10 AM to pick one up. You are required to provide ID and proof of employment eligibility when you apply. You may download an application from the TRSU web site: <https://su.trsu.org/>

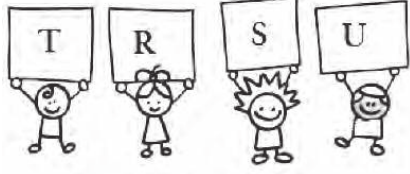
Two Rivers Supervisory Union

609 VT Route 103S (on the Fletcher Farm Campus)

Ludlow, VT 05149

802-875-3365

802-875-6438 (fax)



Part-time Para-professional
needed for a Pre-school program in Springfield

Two Rivers Supervisory Union's Early Childhood Special Education Program is seeking a part-time Paraprofessional for approximately 15 hours a week.

Hours are Monday through Friday mornings 8:30 to 11:30 AM, following the school calendar.

There may be additional hours for meetings and team consultations.

Experience and knowledge of early education, child development and positive behavioral supports required.

Candidate must be reliable, energetic, patient, work well as part of a team and be physically able to engage in the busy routines of a preschool child and setting.

Qualified candidates must meet the requirements of a highly qualified Para-Professional (Associates degree or successful completion of the Para-Pro Exam).

If interested, send a cover letter, resume and 3 references to:
Laurie Cloud
Two Rivers Supervisory Union
716 VT Route 103 South
Chester, VT 05143
laurie.cloud@trsu.org

TAKE A BREAK!

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) The changing season brings new experiences as well as challenges for the ever-adventurous Aries. Your social life expands, as do the opportunities at your workplace.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) That recent period of uncertainty has passed. You now can now feel more confident about making decisions, especially those that relate to an important personal relationship.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Although you might be faced with a number of tasks on your to-do list, try to take time out to enjoy the arts. Music, especially, can be soothing to the sensitive soul of a Gemini.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A disagreement with a colleague or friend is best resolved with open and frank discussion. Trying to force the other party to see things your way is bound to backfire.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) That Leoneine pride might be ruffled by a colleague's challenge to one of your pet ideas. But stop growling and listen. You could learn something that will work to your advantage.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Someone in authority might decide to select you as a candidate for a project that carries more responsibilities. Be prepared to show why you're

the right choice for the job.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) That new workplace problem should be dealt with as soon as possible. Leaving it unresolved for too long could lead to an even more unsettling and time-consuming situation.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You might have to do some fancy juggling to keep both your work responsibilities and personal obligations on track. But ultimately, you'll work it all out, as you always do.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) You might hear some upsetting things about a situation in your life. But don't be swayed by talk. Demand proof before making any decisions on the matter.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Don't risk depleting those precious energy levels by taking on more tasks than you can realistically handle. Also, remember to ask for help when you need it.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) It might be difficult for the Aquarian who is used to giving advice to take counsel when offered. But it's a good idea to listen to what trusted friends feel you should know.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Things might be a little unsettled as you move through a period of reassessment. But once you get your priorities sorted out, you should be ready to tackle an important decision.

BORN THIS WEEK: You're able to achieve a happy balance in your productive life by never feeling overwhelmed or underappreciated.

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calendar

FARMERS MARKETS CONT.

FRIDAYS CONT. - Community Project. For more information, contact info@westtownshend.org.

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - The Greater Falls Farmers Market happens every Friday throughout the summer from 4 - 7 p.m. until Sept. 28. 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.

ASCUTNEY, Vt. - Ascutney Village Farmers Market is Saturdays through Oct. 27, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 5585 Route 5 in Ascutney, Vt. Join us for the wood fired pizza, entertainment, special events, and something for everyone!

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.

KIDS CORNER

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

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

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

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

FRIDAYS - 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

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

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

LIBRARIES

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 19 - WARDSBORO, Vt. - Chat & Chew Book Club at Wardsboro Public Library next discussion night is Wednesday, Sept. 19 at 6:30 p.m. This month's selection is "All That I Have" by award-winning Vermont author Castle Freeman Jr. The author will be joining us for this book discussion! All adults are welcome. Contact 802-896-6988 for more details.

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

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.

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

MEETINGS

SATURDAY, OCT. 20 - BRATTLEBORO, Vt. - The 47th annual meeting of the New England Coalition on Nuclear Pollution is Saturday, Oct. 20 at 1:30 p.m. at 118 Elliot St. in Brattleboro, Vt. The public is encouraged to attend. Bring a friend.

MONDAYS - ANDOVER, Vt. - Select Board

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

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

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

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

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

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

TUESDAYS - BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Rockingham Select Board meetings are on the first Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. 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 forth Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Office. Call 802-824-6988 or go to www.westonvt.org for more information. Recordings can be found at www.gnat-tv.org.

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

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

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

SUPPORT GROUPS

FRIDAY, SEPT. 14 - BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - The next meeting of the Connecticut Valley Ostomy Group (COG) is on Friday, Sept. 14 at 5 p.m. in the Fireplace room of the Rockingham Medical Group (old hospital Bellows Falls). Come meet and discuss pouching systems with the Coloplast rep. COG meetings are seasonal five times a year. We are UOAA affiliated but there is no cost. For more information contact mheale@healewoundcare.com or visit our website at www.healewoundcare.com.

MONDAYS - SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - NAMI Vermont Connection Recovery Support Group is a mental illness support group. It provides a forum to share experiences and learn about opportunities and challenges regardless of diagnostics. HCRS, CRT Room, 390 River St. Meets every Monday from 1-2 p.m. For more information, 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

WALPOLE, N.H. - "Hope and Help for Families" is held every Tuesday night from 6:45 - 8 p.m. at the Congregational Church on the common in Walpole, N.H. It is open to all family members and loved ones (over the age of 16), of people who are suffering from addiction. It is free and confidential. For information call Becky Pearson at 603-860-0221. TFN

TOWNSHEND, Vt. - Weight Loss Support Group is starting Sept. 11, and will meet every Tuesday from 10:30 a.m. - noon at Grace Cottage Community Wellness Center, Heins Building, 133 Grafton Road, in Townshend. Instructor: Grace Cottage Health Coach Liz Harrison. Free. 802-365-3766.

Ludlow, VT



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Lots of room and options to configure. This home has been used as a multi-unit in the past, but can easily be a single family home by opening up a staircase. First floor includes a room off the entry ideal for pantry storage or mudroom, large kitchen with a wall of built-ins, living room, two bedrooms and a bath. Upstairs has three bedrooms, living area, kitchen and bath. Out back is a bonus building that is ideal for a workshop or storage. Within walking distance to convenience store and schools. **REDUCED PRICE AGAIN TO \$74,900**

On The Quiet Side Of Town. This 34.4+/- acre parcel offers a great opportunity to build with Septic Permit in place, power at the road. Sloping topography offers views of the Connecticut River and the hillsides of New Hampshire. Mostly wooded for selective clearing. **JUST REDUCED \$69,900**



What a great opportunity for either Duplex/multi-unit or a single family home. Located in the village of Cavendish, this property is currently set up with two units, two bedrooms each. The first unit has a large eat-in kitchen, spacious living room, 3/4 bath with laundry hook-ups on the first floor, two bedrooms and a full bath on the second floor. The second unit has a kitchen, living room, dining/den on the first floor, full bath and two bedrooms up. Both units have their own basement area with utilities. Front and back porches with a large back yard and storage shed/garage. A definite must see! **\$139,900**

This 10+ acre piece of land is located on an accessible country road in Weathersfield, Vermont. Includes a driveway in and a clearing for the house. Also includes permits for septic, conduit from road to clearing for utilities. Situated on the VAST trail for snowmobile access. Views into New Hampshire with clearing. A nice neighborhood and priced right. **\$69,900**



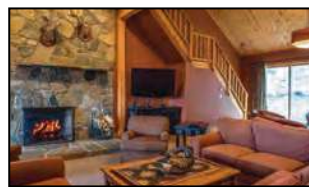
A picturesque Vermont Farmhouse located at the end of its own town maintained road with 120+/- acres. A lovely setting with pond, lawn, fields and woods. The interior of the home is just as inviting with a mudroom, two first floor bedrooms with baths (optional office space), a large living room with hardwood floors, fireplace, built in book shelves; half bath, a bright formal dining room with fireplace and built-ins, cherry kitchen with wall oven, cook-top with brick arch. Second floor with two bedrooms with numerous built-ins & closet space and another full bath. A must see. **REDUCED AGAIN TO \$420,000**

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SUPPORT GROUPS CONT.

TUESDAYS CONT. - 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 nonprofit, 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

WINDSOR, Vt. - Cedar Hill Alzheimer's caregiver support

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

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

TOWNSHEND, Vt. - Mental Illness Family Support Group meets the second Tuesday of every month from 6:30 - 8 p.m. at Grace Cottage Community Wellness Center, Heins Building, 133 Grafton Road, in Townshend. Facilitated by trained members of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI). Free. 713-591-

2857. TFN
SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Breast Feeding Support Group second and fourth Tuesdays at the Springfield Hospital Library Level D. Noon-2 p.m. It is free and no registration is required. For more information call Erin at 802-885-7511. TFN

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

KEENE, N.H. - "All Recovery" is held at the Keene Center Serenity 40 Carpenter St. in Keene every Wednesday from 6:30 - 8 p.m. It is open to all people in recovery and to the families and loved ones of people who are suffering. It is free and confidential. People

with questions can call the Center at 603-283-5015. TFN

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

ASCUTNEY, Vt. - Twin State Depression Support Group meets on the third Wednesday at Martin Memorial Hall, Lower Level (Handicapped-accessible), 5259 Route 5, Ascutney. (Near Exit 8 off I-91) at 6:30 p.m. Do you know or think you may be depressed? Have a friend or family member who has depression?

Then this group is for you! Support, empathy, sharing, education, confidentiality, peer-led. Contact TwinStateDSG@gmail.com or 641-715-3900 (ext. 650055#). TFN

TOWNSHEND, Vt. - Living Alone Support Group meets on the third Wednesday of every month from 10:15 - 11:45 a.m. at Grace Cottage Community Wellness Center, Heins Building, 133 Grafton Road, in Townshend. Facilitated by Alicia Moyer of SASH. Free. 802-365-4115 x108. TFN

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Twin State Depression Support Group meets on the fourth Wednesday at Turning Point Recovery Center (Handicapped-accessible), 7 Morgan Street, Springfield at 6:30 p.m. Do you know or think you may be depressed? Have a friend or family member who has depression? Then this

group is for you! Support, empathy, sharing, education, confidentiality, peer-led. Contact TwinStateDSG@gmail.com or 641-715-3900 (ext. 650055#). TFN

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

TOWNSHEND, Vt. - Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group meets on the first Thursday of every month. 11:00 a.m. - noon at Grace Cottage Community Wellness Center, Heins Building, 133 Grafton Road, in Townshend..

Led by Grace Cottage Community Health Team Member Claire Bemis and Alicia Moyer of SASH. Free. 802-365-3763. TFN

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

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

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The big band era comes to Heald Auditorium

LUDLOW, Vt. - Want to hear some swinging music - better, dance to it? On Saturday, Sept. 15 at 7 p.m. in the Heald Auditorium of the Ludlow Town Hall, that's exactly what you'll experience. The Enerjazz Big Band will be cooking up a storm of great music for you. FOLA decided it was time you had a chance to listen - and dance if you're so inclined - to the music of the swing and big band era. The 18 members of EnerJazz, Vermont's high energy big band, are dedicated to playing

your favorite hits of the swing era in their original style, using the original arrangements whenever possible. In addition to the music of Duke Ellington, Count Basie, Tommy Dorsey, Glenn Miller, and others, the band's repertoire also includes arrangements by contemporary big bands from Maynard Ferguson to Gordon Goodwin as well as jazz interpretations of popular tunes from other genres. Whether you're up on your feet and dancing or just tapping your toes and listening,

you'll undoubtedly be entertained by this group of hard-working, fun loving musicians. You can listen to the music of Enerjazz at www.enerjazz.net or visit its Facebook page. But better than that, just plan on getting your dancing feet in shape for this great band event. It's free and open to everyone - young, middle aged, or senior in age; donations are appreciated. Call 802-228-7239 for more information or visit FOLA's website at www.fola.us.

Canal Street Art Gallery's "A World Suspended In Color" show opens

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - The public is invited to attend the artists' reception of "A World Suspended in Color" fine art glass from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 21. Take part in celebrating with the artists, and in sharing their process and experience with glass as a medium of expression. The exhibition is on view to the public from Sept. 5 through Nov. 3. The gallery is located at 23 Canal St. in downtown Bellows Falls and is open Wednesday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., and all other days by appointment.

The intention of "A World Suspended in Color" is to showcase a diverse and dynamic range of glass art from the many nationally renowned, awarded, and multi-talented glass artists of our region including members of The Vermont Glass Guild. Canal Street Art Gallery is honored to share with the public work by Clare Adams, Lucy Bergamini, Dominique Caissie, Robert DuGrenier, Alissa Faber, Nicholas Kekic, David Leppla, Melanie Leppla, and Chris Sherwin. Canal Street Art Gallery was founded in 2017 by three art-

ists who saw a need for a centralized and active location for creating and sharing art in Rockingham, Vt. The gallery represents and exhibits contemporary artists in all styles and mediums and offers an open space where all creative voices may be heard in an effort to promote southern Vermont artists. For more information, go to www.canalstreetartgallery.org, call Mike or Emmett at 802-289-010, or email artinfo@canalstreetartgallery.com.

Fletcher Farm School announces fall 2018 to spring 2019 classes

LUDLOW, Vt. - Fletcher Farm School for the Arts and Crafts has released its fall 2018 - spring 2019 class schedule, which is now available at www.fletcherfarm.org. Online registration is also available. The school is in its 71st year of operation. As arts programs lose funding in the public education system, the importance of a vital resource like the school increases. Besides providing the basic skills in the arts and crafts, 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. For example, this coming spring we are offering a weekend painting class with popular Vermont artist, Peter Huntoon. Our fall season starts in September, with the following classes: • Introduction to Chip Carving with Allison Greenberg, Sept. 15-16 • Steps to Outdoor Painting in Oils with Lynn VanNatta, Sept.

21-23 • Crisscross and Hang-up Baskets with Dona Nazarenko, Sept. 22-23 • Writing Flash with Debi Orton, Sept. 29-30 To become a member, see www.fletcherfarm.org/Member.html. 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.fletcherfarm.org.

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International folk dancing in Chester

CHESTER, Vt. - Melissa Lovell Post will teach international folk dancing Fridays, from 10:30 a.m. to noon at the Chester Town Hall, located at 556 Elm St. in Chester, Vt. Classes will begin Oct. 5, 2018 and run until early June 2019. The classes will be geared for beginners and intermediate-level dancers. No partner is necessary. It is helpful to come regularly to build up familiarity with the repertoire, but it is not required.

Post has learned folk dancing by attending many workshops led by experts in Balkan dance, as well as

dances from other cultures, and extended her knowledge by living in Croatia for a year. She has taught folk dancing to recreational groups for the past 35 years and has a clear teaching style that allows learners to pick up the dances quickly.

Post enjoys introducing dancers to the lilting melodies and different rhythms of dances from places such as Bulgaria, Croatia, Serbia, Macedonia, Romania, Hungary, Greece, Albania, France, Israel, and the United States. The dances are often done in circles or lines. She says, "Dancing is a 'package

deal.' it is a great way to exercise the body and the brain, improve balance, socialize, and just have fun! It also happens that in the process of joining hands and moving together, a nice sense of community develops." Post teaches or reviews each dance before it is done.

Casual, comfortable clothing is suggested. It is helpful to wear supportive shoes that slide easily on a wooden floor. For more information, please contact Melissa at 802-875-4102 or goodwood@vermontel.net.

Rotary announces 28th annual Chili Cook-Off

LUDLOW, Vt. - The Ludlow Rotary Club is looking for a few good cooks to make chili for next month's 28th annual Chili Cook-Off. Think you've got a taste that can't be beat? Here's your chance to vie for bragging rights, cash prizes, and a nifty plaque. There is an entry fee. All that's needed are 3 to 5 gallons of your favorite chili delivered hot to the cook-off on the morning of the event.

Email cook-off co-chairpersons for an application: Suzanne Garvey at Mary Davis Real Estate, s.garvey@davisandcompany.com or Glenn Heitsmith at Timber Inn Motel, timberinn@tds.net. You can also drop a note at P.O. Box 216, Ludlow, VT 05149.



Tom Guiler prepares to serve chili to an interested customer in a prior chili cook-off.

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The cook-off will be held Saturday, Oct. 6 - rain or shine - under the tent on Depot Street by the traffic light. The event offers up to two dozen varieties of chili, including traditional, vegetarian, and exotic.

Entry fee includes all-you-can-eat served in a collectible mug while supplies last. There's also cider, bread, and ice cream. Tasting starts at 11 a.m. and continues until the last spoonful is ladled out, usually around 2 p.m.

Participants vie for cash prizes in three People's Choice categories. Plaques are awarded by the Rotary-appointed judges who decide favorite, spiciest, and team spirit.

Strangled Darlings and Tough Old Bird perform in Jamaica

JAMAICA, Vt. - The summer concert series continues at the historic Jamaica Town Hall with a double bill of Strangled Darlings and Tough Old Bird Thursday, Sept. 20.

The duo Strangled Darlings hales from central Vermont with George on mandolin and Jess on custom tenor bass and foot drums. Their songs work with non-traditional subjects for inspiration. They bring punk intensity to folk pop and completely bust the mold, creating smart, irreverent tunes using classic acoustic folk instrumentation paired with rough, impassioned vocals.

Tough Old Bird will be the



Strangled Darlings.

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second duo to take the stage with brothers Matthew and Nathan Corrigan from Fillmore, N.Y. Tough Old Bird plays modern folk music that reflects the landscape it comes from, a place where the last train

just pulled out. The core of their sound comes from Matthew's intricate acoustic guitar work, and from Nathan's voice and nimble harmonica playing. Accents of accordion and waves of electric guitar give Tough Old Bird a sound that is at once modern and ancient.

The show is hosted by the Jamaica Community Arts Council with music beginning at 7 p.m. The town hall is located at 3735 VT Route 30, Jamaica, Vt. For more information on this and other events, go to www.jamaicacommunityarts.org.

"Cuba: Past and Present" OLLI program

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Elayne Clift will present the next OLLI-Osher Lifelong Learning Institute program Tuesday, Sept. 18. "Cuba: Past and Present" will be presented at 2 p.m. at the Nolin Murray Center next to St. Mary's Catholic Church on Pleasant Street in Springfield, Vt.

Clift, a writer, journalist, and inveterate traveler, will show pictures and relate her visit to Cuba in 2017. She talked with people from all walks of life, took copious photographs, and witnessed Castro's funeral procession as she traveled from Havana to Santiago de Cuba, site of the Revolution, and Castro's final resting place. Her talk will explore the history, economics, politics, culture, and atmosphere of a fascinating Caribbean country still finding its way as it once again faces an uncertain future.

Cuba is a difficult country to un-



Street dancers and musicians on stilts in Old Havana.

PHOTO BY ELAYNE CLIFT

derstand. History, politics, and economic reality come together in the island country once dominated by Spain and America, then ruled by the late Fidel Castro, challenging visitors to make sense of it all. One thing is clear, however. Cubans are a warm and friendly people who love life, laughter, music, rum, and la vida bueno.

Clift's columns appear in the Brattleboro Commons, the Keene Sentinel, VTDigger, and on various blogs. She also writes regularly for Vermont Woman, Artscope Magazine, and other publications.

OLLI, affiliated with the University of Vermont, is a local membership program geared towards seniors 50 years and older who want to engage in meaningful learning. "just for the fun of it!" People of all ages are welcome to attend.

The OLLI series programs are selected with input from the local members and carry varied themes from semester to semester including history, art, music, literature, health, nature, science, and current events. Programs are held at 2 p.m. on Tuesday afternoons, and last about an hour and a half.

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

The following OLLI program will be two weeks later Oct. 2, and will be "Calvin Coolidge: Vermont is a State I Love" Tracy Messer, through his first-person portrayal of Coolidge, will present the 1928 speech that let the world come to know his home state as the "brave little state of Vermont."

Brochures have been distributed throughout the area towns at businesses, the local libraries, town halls, and Chamber of Commerce offices. The complete Springfield and statewide program list is available online at www.learn.uvm.edu/olli. Choose Statewide programs from the menu, and then scroll to Springfield.

Free screening, "The Prison in Twelve Landscapes"

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - The award-winning 2016 documentary "The

Prison in Twelve Landscapes" - about prisons and how they take shape in the U.S. - will be shown Friday, Sept. 14, at the Unitarian Universalist Meetinghouse in Springfield, 21 Fairground Rd. The film runs from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., with a discussion afterward to learn more about The National Prison Strike that took place between Aug. 21 and Sept. 9.

The film examines how more people are imprisoned in the United States at this moment than in any other time or place in history, yet the prison itself has never felt further away or more out of sight. "The Prison in Twelve Landscapes" is a film about the prison in which we never see a penitentiary. Instead, the film unfolds as a cinematic journey through a series of landscapes across the USA where prisons do work and affect lives, from a California mountainside where female prisoners fight raging wildfires, to a Bronx warehouse full of goods destined for the state correctional system, to an Appalachian coal town betting its future on the promise of prison jobs.

The Jailhouse Lawyers Speak, a group of incarcerated individuals working for human rights, has called for the National Prison strike. Inmates will carry out work strike, sit-ins, and boycotts to bring attention and call for change. Read more about the strike and the full list of demands at www.sawarimi.org/national-prison-strike.

Free admission; light refreshments will be provided. All are welcome.

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