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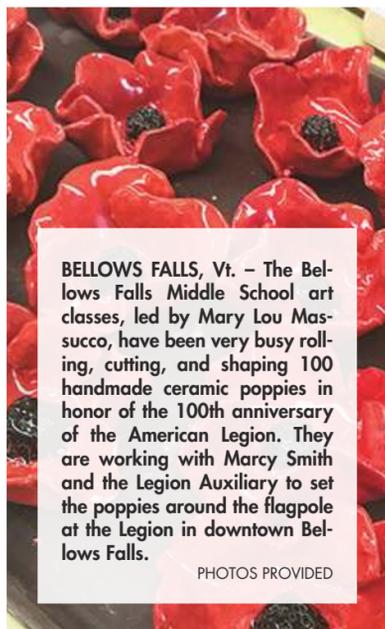
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100 poppies for 100 years of American Legion



BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – The Bellows Falls Middle School art classes, led by Mary Lou Masuccio, have been very busy rolling, cutting, and shaping 100 handmade ceramic poppies in honor of the 100th anniversary of the American Legion. They are working with Marcy Smith and the Legion Auxiliary to set the poppies around the flagpole at the Legion in downtown Bellows Falls.

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Grand opening of Bellows Falls Historical Society's new space

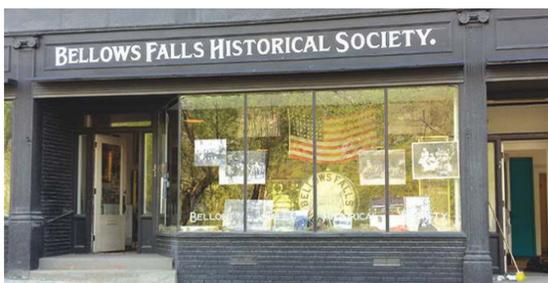
BY BILL LOCKWOOD

The Shopper

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – On Friday, May 17, the town of Rockingham held its second annual Downtown Development Open House celebrating the village of Bellows Falls recent 20-year history of renovation and redevelopment of its downtown. A few hours later, the Bellows Falls Historical Society held a very well-attended opening event and Chamber of Commerce ribbon cutting at its new archive, exhibit, and education center downtown at 31 Westminster St. in the Edward Arms Block near the Square.

The Historical Society has been a steadfast chronicler and participant in the town's last 20-year revitalization and even more so of all the prior and fascinating history of the town and village. The new center is itself a result of the society's own recent revitalization that includes a massive reorganization of the archives by new archivist and middle school teacher Marguerite Janiszyn. She said, "It took quite a while, but it came together very well."

The all-volunteer society was formed in 1965 when the Adams family closed their gristmill that was once on the Bellows Falls Canal. The society has operated the Grist Mill Museum ever since. It will remain open, displaying the mill machinery and many techno-



Bellows Falls Historical Society's new Archive, Exhibit, and Education Center in downtown Bellows Falls.

PHOTO BY BILL LOCKWOOD

logical artifacts of the society's collection. The new center will house the society's extensive archives including many photos and its large collection of ephemera – defined by society Vice President Jennifer Gurlley as "paper goods and fragile stuff" – and textiles, all parts of the collection that had no good home separate from the unheated grist mill until the new center was created.

The walls are covered with old photos and signs from local businesses, and there are large display cases containing many smaller and intriguing items. The collections includes curiosities such as artillery shells produced at the long gone Vermont Farm Machinery Company for World War I and Hetty Green's old Victorian fainting couch. Bellows Falls resident Green, known as the "Witch of Wall Street," was once the richest woman in the U.S. around

the time of town's hay days as a paper mill and industrial and railroad center near the end of the 1800s. Looking at Green's couch, local resident Catherine Cadieux said, "I don't think she ever fainted."

Current society President Cathy Bergmann spoke to the crowd of supporters. She noted how the society had started from the effort of three friends to save the gristmill, and she thanked everyone who has been involved over the years in bringing it to its place today. She said it has all "been done to preserve [archives and artifacts] for this generation and your children's generation."

Larry Clark, longtime member of the society, says the collection will be "more visible, and more people will be dropping in to talk history," and he stresses that they will need "more volunteers." As always the society is looking for new members as well as volunteers.

Chris Glennon, curator of The Grist Mill Museum, says it will be open Sundays 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and all three days of Memorial Day weekend. Other hours and times for both locations as well as other information is available through the society's Facebook page or at www.bellowsfallshistoricalsociety.org.



Crowd favorite, Hetty Green's Victorian fainting couch on display. PHOTO BY BILL LOCKWOOD

Memorial Day ceremony in Perkinsville

PERKINSVILLE, Vt. – Memorial Day is a solemn day to remember and honor the selfless commitment of service members who have boldly stood in harm's way carrying the torch of freedom fighting to protect our abundant way of life. Please come to the Veterans Memorial Park, in Perkinsville, Vt. Monday, May 27, 2019 at 12 p.m. to recognize the men and women who have served us and have passed on.



Join the Memorial Day ceremony in Perkinsville.

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Bellows Falls Trustees discuss road work, Westmister wastewater agreement

BY BETSY THURSTON

The Shopper

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – On May 14, at the Bellows Falls Village Trustees meeting, Everett Hammond, director of Public Works, requested widening the sidewalk by Burt Street before the slated paving project takes place. Rob Wheeler, chief operator of the Wastewater Department, updated the Trustees on the Westminster and Fire District 5 wastewater agreement.

Hammond, who serves as the director of Public Works, requested to shift the road at the upper end of Burt Street. By removing trees and installing a 70-foot retaining wall, this would allow the road to be 22 feet wide and widen the sidewalk from four to five feet. This would enable the use of the sidewalk plow, and the removal of the trees would increase traffic visibility. He added this would be a separate project. The Trustees approved the request.

Last fall, residents from the town of Westminster



and Fire District 5 approached the Trustees with an appeal to update their 1982 agreement and help them with billing.

Wheeler, chief operator of the Wastewater Department, noted that the map was from the 1980s. Jonathan Wright counted 70 houses but said it was impossible to tell who was hooked up or not and it seems there are more units than the village is billing currently. Wheeler advised the Trustees that they needed to come up with a better list of households. He suggested using a 911 map with street addresses instead of names and added his concern with the agreement were the single family homes that had been converted to multi-family units.

Stefan Golec asked if Wheeler felt they were missing out on revenue, and Wheeler explained he believed that the estimates on multi-family

residences were low. Wright acknowledged they needed to address whether there was missing revenue and it was worthwhile to spend time on research. Municipal Manager Wendy Harrison said they could use village wastewater usage to establish averages and reminded the Trustees of Westminster's prior request for the village to collect on bills.

Golec and James McAuliffe agreed it would behoove the village if payments stayed as is, currently FD5 collects from users in Westminster. Harrison said they may need assistance and Wright agreed it would be a gesture of good faith to offer to help.

Golec reiterated they needed to update information before negotiating anything and Wheeler said they were working on finding out how many and what type of customers were connected.

The next meeting of the Village Trustees is May 28 at 6 p.m. in the Lower Theater. They meet once a month for their summer meetings in June, July, and August. For more information, go to www.rockbf.org.

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Facility tours reveal Vermont's hidden water systems

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – On May 30, the Rockingham-Bel lows Falls wastewater treatment plant will join other facilities statewide to host a public open house and facility tours. Attendance is free and Ver monters of all ages are invited for a first-hand introduction to the science, high-tech, and human dedication that protect the public health and keep Ver mont's rivers and lakes clean.

The event is part of Water Quality Day, proclaimed every year since 2014 by Governors Shumlin and Scott to honor Vermont's drinking water and

wastewater systems and the professional community that operates them. In his 2019 proclamation, Gov. Phil Scott described these systems as Vermont's "most critical barriers against water pollution and the most essential protectors of the public health." They also constitute the largest and most valuable, yet least visible, infrastructure that cities and towns own.

The Rockingham-Bel lows facility, at 80 Mill St., will hold its open house from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, contact Rob Wheeler, chief

operator, at 802-376-6483 or bfsewer@rockbf.org.

Visitors will see the many processes – filtration, UV light exposure, chemical treatment, sedimentation, biodigestion, testing, computer monitoring, and more – required to make wastewater safe to release back into natural waterways. They will also get a sense of the stag gering volume of water processed by community water systems in Vermont: about 45 million gallons per day, according to the U.S. Geological Survey, all of it treated before use to make it safe to drink,

and all of it treated again in wastewater facilities.

The facility is among 19 plants open to the public statewide on Water Quality Day. For information on all tour schedules and locations, visit www.gmwea.org/water-quality-day.html.

Water Quality Day events are sponsored by Green Mountain Water Environment Association; for more information, visit www.gmwea.org, or contact Daniel Hecht, GMWEA executive director, at 802-595-0997 or dan.hecht@gmwea.org.



HCRS welcomes new staff

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – HCRS is pleased to announce the appointment of 11 new professionals: Catharine Simpkins, office generalist in Brattleboro; John Paul Bautel, case manager in Hartford; Yee-Wah Brabant, behavioral interventionist in Hartford; Khalila Cliché, DSP-community in Brattleboro; Starr Gutierrez, residential specialist in Brattleboro; Stacy Flint, office generalist in Hartford; Laura Corbet, data analyst in Springfield; John MacDonald, IDRP instructor in Springfield; Andrew Haskins, shift leader in Bellows Falls; Curt Fields, case manager in Springfield; and Tracy Leavy, residential specialist in Brattleboro.

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Public screening of "Suicide: The Ripple Effect"

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Greater Sullivan County Survivors of Suicide Loss Support Group and Springfield Cinemas 3, with support from Konrad Prefab LLC, the Springfield Co-op, and an anonymous donor, are sponsoring a free public screening of the documentary film: "Suicide: The Ripple

Effect" Wednesday, May 29 at 7 p.m. at Springfield Cinemas 3, 26 Main Street, Springfield, Vt.

The film chronicles the story of Kevin Hines, who at age 19 attempted to take his life by jumping from the Golden Gate Bridge. Since then Kevin has been on a mission to use his story to help others stay alive

and find recovery. More information about the movie can be found at www.SuicideTheRippleEffect.com.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported in June 2018 that suicide rates have risen in almost every state. The per capita suicide rates in Vermont and New Hampshire place them in the top fifth in the country. The two states also experienced the second and third biggest increases, more than 48 percent, in the period studied by the CDC.

The Greater Sullivan County Survivors of Suicide Loss Support Group is comprised of individuals from Sullivan County in New Hampshire and Windsor County in Vermont who have lost family members and friends to suicide. For them,

death by suicide is more than a statistic. While some of these deaths occurred many years ago, most have occurred within the last three years. Sponsoring the screening is part of an effort in conjunction with the Vermont and New Hampshire chapters of the National Alliance on Mental Health, and other organization to lower local suicide rates by 20% by 2025 and prevent others from experiencing such personal tragedy.

Admission is free and will be available at the door. Donations will be accepted to support the VT-NAMI. Representatives from VT-NAMI, HCRS, and the Vermont Chapter of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention will be on hand to offer information and resources.

Bellows Falls Senior Center news

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – There's lots of fun and exciting things happening at the Bellows Falls Senior Center this spring.

Jamboree

Join us Sunday, June 2 at the Moose Family Center, 59 Westminster St. in Bellows Falls for our annual Jamboree. Bring your friends and family to dance, eat, and win some great prizes donated by local businesses and individuals – all while supporting the Bellows Falls Area Senior Center.

Playin' Possum and friends will provide live music. Lunch will be provided from the grill, and there's a pie sale from 12-4 p.m. There will also be a 50/50 raffle, three raffle prizes, and the Jamboree Cash Raffle – only 100 tickets sold for a chance at cash prizes. Doors open at 11 a.m. There is a small entrance fee, and the event is open to the public and peo-

ple of all ages.

Thank you to our incredible sponsors: The Moose Family Center, Sons of the American Legion, Pierce Lawton American Legion Post 37, Bellows Falls Polish American Club, Savings Bank of Walpole, and Silver Forest of Vermont Inc.

June Blooms Scrapbook Crop and Crafters Day Out!

On June 8, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. join us all day for this no-frills event to finish up some projects. Your registration fee includes workspace, the new Creative Memories catalogue, use of tools, assistance, and refreshments. Early Bird registration must be postmarked by May 28. Please bring scrapbook, refill pages, pictures, adhesives, tools, other cropping materials, cardstock, crafting supplies, and a bag lunch. For more information, please contact Tina White, www.facebook.com/cmAdvisorTinaWhite.

HomeMeds presentation

On Tuesday, June 11 at 11 a.m., Community Outreach Nurse Anne White from Senior Solutions will be presenting a new service offered to anyone over 60 years old called HomeMeds. Anne will also be discussing other services Senior Solutions offers such as Health Insurance Benefit screening to save you money, assistance with health benefits applications, and 3SquaresVT and fuel assistance.

Anne will be available for assistance and questions at the time of the presentation and can assist you with making appointments with a specialist at Senior Solutions.

AARP Weapons of Fraud
"AARP Weapons of Fraud," a presentation by Elliot Greenblott, will be June 19 at 10 a.m. Greenblott provides helpful tips on staying out of the grip of con artists. The program is free and is appropriate for all ages.

"Consumer fraud of every type is on the increase. From the imposters claiming to be IRS agents to the computer tech support scams, to the bulk-mailed contests, there has been a dramatic rise in the number of attempts to defraud the public," says Greenblott. The presentation provides clear examples of scams and concrete protection steps for all ages.

The Bellows Falls Area Senior Center is open to local seniors 50 and over. We do not charge membership fees so feel free to drop in and check us out. We serve a hot lunch Monday through Friday starting at 11:30 a.m. Check out our menu on Facebook.

The senior center is located at 18 Tuttle St. in Bellows Falls. We offer accessibility in the forms of a lift and ramps, and we have plenty of free parking.

For further information, call 802-463-3907.

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BFUHS Student of the Month

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – It is a pleasure to announce that Brooke Bennett has been named the May Elks Student of the Month for Bellows Falls Union High School. Brooke, a senior, is the daughter of Bill and Jackie Bennett of Bellows Falls.



Brooke Bennett. PHOTO PROVIDED

Brooke is an incredibly conscientious student who goes above and beyond with every major assignment. Always willing to work to improve, she often meets with her teachers for clarification and input in the planning stages of assignments. She is receptive to feedback and is attentive to details. Responsible and active in class, she

asks questions, offers insightful responses, and is willing to help others understand concepts when needed. She is a pleasure to have in the classroom. Brooke comes to school every day with a desire to learn, and she works hard in her classes. When she misses school, which is a rare event, she is proactive in getting her assignments completed.

With a positive attitude, Brooke is willing to offer a friendly hello or smile to everyone she meets. She is a benefit to every class and activity she is a part of. As captain of the BFUHS softball team, she has served as a positive role model

and leader. She works hard to raise the spirits of her teammates, shows great sportsmanship, and represents BFUHS in a positive way.

Not only an asset in the classroom, Brooke is a fun, bubbly athlete who participated in field hockey and softball at BFUHS. She is a member of the Marilee Huntoon, Jesse A. Judd Chapter of the National Honor Society and has helped her community by volunteering with the Rockingham recreational youth field hockey and softball programs.

Clearly deserving of recognition, BFUHS and the Elks are proud to have Brooke represent us as a Student of the Month.

AAUW awards four college scholarships to local students

BRATTLEBORO, Vt. – The Brattleboro branch of the American Association of University Women has awarded four college scholarships of \$1,000 each to Windham County students, three to high school graduates and one to a mature woman continuing work towards a college degree.



AAUW scholarship winners, from left to right: Emily Wunderle, Jessica Weiner, Ashley Dierkes, and Maria Page. PHOTO PROVIDED

The awards were presented at the branch's 93rd annual dinner held at the Brattleboro Country Club.

Brattleboro Union High School graduating senior Ashley Dierkes of Dummerston will enroll at the University of Vermont to study education and speech pathology. Maria Page of Halifax, a Twin Valley High School senior, plans to study nursing at Castleton University. Rider University and a degree in musical theater is the plan of Emily Wunderle of Rockingham, who

is graduating from Bellows Falls Union High School. Recipient of the Mature Woman scholarship is Jessica Weiner of Brattleboro,

who is working towards a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing at Vermont Technical College's Brattleboro campus, with a goal

of working in hospice care.

Also attending the dinner was former Mature Woman scholarship recipient Susan Cooper Daigneault of Newfane, who graduated from Mount Holyoke College this year.

Norma Shakun, Karen Davis, Margo Neale, and Michelle Delhaye served as members of this year's scholarship selection committee. The scholarships were funded by the branch's annual fundraising, including the Newfane yard sale and two Guilford Welcome Center hospitality days.

AAUW is a national organization that advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research. Information about the Brattleboro branch is available by contacting Membership Vice President, Gillian Winner, at 802-365-7215.

"See the Change, Be the Change" community forum

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Stories of Hope: "See the Change, Be the Change" is the theme of the community forum Wednesday, June 5 at 6:30 p.m. at the Rockingham Free Public Library. The event, a follow-up to "The Importance of Hope" forum in February 2018, will highlight stories and progress on our community's efforts to respond to the opioid epidemic. It is intended to inspire and reduce stigma, while featuring recent successes in bringing more recovery resources to the community. Training on how to administer Narcan, the opioid overdose reversal drug, will also be available.

A story-sharing panel will include members of community recovery groups and families of those experiencing addiction who will share their personal

experiences with opioids and how recovery has positively impacted their lives. Recovery Coaching, a peer-based and peer-led program, will provide insight into the many pathways to recovery.

Between each story, Greater Falls Connections and Turning Point Recovery Center of Springfield will share details of programs that have been successfully expanded into the Bellows Falls area. Attendees are encouraged to ask questions, provide input on how we can collectively continue to take action against this disease, and learn how to get involved in prevention, treatment, and recovery efforts.

Rockingham Free Public Library is located at 65 Westminster St., Bellows Falls, Vt. This event is sponsored by

Turning Point Recovery Center of Springfield, Greater Falls Connections, WOOL FM, Coaching, a peer-based and peer-led program, will provide insight into the many pathways to recovery.

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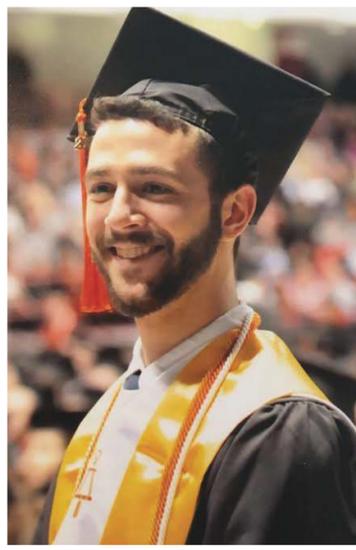
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Ari Fox graduates Northeastern University



BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Ari Fox of Bellows Falls, a 2014 graduate of The Compass School in Westminster, has graduated *summa cum laude* from Northeastern University with a Bachelor of Science in electrical engineering and a minor in psychology. As part of the five-year undergraduate program, Ari participated in three co-op job experiences including work at iRobot and Piaggio Fast Forward. He has accepted a position as project electrical engineer at Lutron Electronics in downtown Boston.

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Come experience Ludlow's Memorial Day Parade

LUDLOW, Vt. – Plans are in place for Ludlow's Memorial Day parade Monday, May 27 to celebrate the American Legion's 100th anniversary and welcome home our veterans, especially from the Vietnam era. Please join us as we honor our fallen heroes. The parade will kick-off at 9 a.m. and go down Main Street. There will be a wreath dropping ceremony at the bridge followed by a service at Veterans Park featuring local school children and keynote by Dr. William Vanneman, prior C.O. of the 125th Medical Detachment, South Korea. Everyone will then march to the cemetery ac-

companied by the bagpipes for a moving ceremony for the unknown soldier and taps.

A luncheon at the American Legion Post 36 will follow. Potluck dish and salad donations are welcome as we expect a large crowd.

Parking for parade watchers is available at Black River High School, Okemo Mountain School, Odyssey Ski Shop, Catholic Church at the top of Depot Street, and side streets.

For parade participants, the line up and "muster" spots are as follows:

- Corner of Route 100 and Pond Street: Color guard, chap-



Vietnam Memorial in Washington, D.C.

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lains, Fife & Drum Corp, World War II veterans, and all veterans riding in cars or golf carts.

• Benson's Chevrolet lot – no parking, meeting spot only: veterans who are marching, Catamount Pipe Band, American Legion Auxiliary, Sons of American Legion, Boy Scout Troop 206, Okemo Valley Women's Club.

• Okemo Market Place: American Legion Riders and other bikers joining the "Rolling Thunder."

Additionally, the parade will include the Masons, the Shriners, the Mt. Sinai small bikers, military vehicles, ambulances,

and fire trucks. Parking and line up will be communicated with these groups separately.

Parking for parade participants, unless otherwise designated: Dorsey Park, Okemo Marketplace, Killarney's, front end of Shaw's lot, public lot in back of Brewfest Beverage, Heritage Bank, Ludlow Medical Center, Catholic Church, side streets.

Please note there is no parking at the Legion as space is needed for the luncheon.

Please contact Gary Macintyre at 802-228-7178 or email gmac1025@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Seedling exchange at Flying Crow Coffee

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – On Saturday, May 25, Flying Crow Coffee Co. will be hosting a seedling exchange from noon to 1 p.m. This is a free event open to anyone who wants to swap seedlings and plants with your neighbors. This is a trading-only event – no selling. Enjoy a complimentary iced coffee – excludes coffee to go. Flying Crow Coffee is located at 3 Main Street in downtown Springfield. For more information, check out Flying Crow on Facebook.



Seedling exchange at Flying Crow Coffee, May 25. PHOTO PROVIDED

Land stewardship group informational dinner

WALPOLE, N.H. – The newly formed Walpole-Alstead Land Stewardship Collaborative invites area residents to a free informational dinner Wednesday, May 29, 2019, from 5:30-8 p.m. at the Walpole Town Hall. Those interested in promoting land stewardship and learning more about the natural and cultural resources of your land and neighborhood are invited to attend this special community event.

This event is an opportunity to discover the significance of your property and how it fits into the greater landscape as a whole, and will allow Walpole and Al-

stead residents to celebrate the natural beauty of this place we call home, and our connections to the land.

The WALs Collaborative is interested in hearing from residents regarding their interests associated with their property. Whether it is managing the natural resources on your land, enhancing wildlife habitat, harvesting timber, trail building, or preserving the cultural heritage of our region, we would like to learn which issues are most important to you.

Natural Resource professionals will be on hand to answer your questions and discuss your conservation and stewardship goals. This is a chance to learn

the land stewardship interests you may have in common with your neighbors and to identify what support is available to help you achieve your hopes and dreams for your property.

Registration is required for this event. To register online, visit www.cheshireconservation.org/WALS. Please be sure to RSVP with the number attending from your household so we can ensure we have ample dinner for all. Attendees are invited to bring a potluck dessert to share.

If you have questions or require assistance with registration, please contact Lola at lola@cheshireconservation.org or call 603-756-2988 x115.

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LOCAL HISTORY

BY RON PATCH

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

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Bea gets married

Bea and Harry Farrar were married in 1916. Below is her account.

"Some weekends I spent at the George Farrar farm. This was the home of Harry Farrar. He had been my teacher at Normal School. He had several brothers and sisters. Someone from the farm would drive over for me on a Friday afternoon.

"The Farrar home was in Chester. It was a hill farm with the usual farm chores. Some evenings after the chores were finished several young people who lived on nearby farms would come to spend the evening. Harry's youngest sister was very musical and what good times we all had gathering round the piano, singing songs old and new. Also we played games. Some evenings we attended the local Grange, or went to the home of a nearby neighbor.

"After school closed in June, Harry and I went down to Chester village one day. We rode down on the buckboard, drawn by one of the farm horses.

"Harry's folks thought we had gone to an auction as well as do errands. Well, we did do a few errands and Harry went to the auction as the town clerk was at the auction, and Harry had to get the marriage license from the town clerk. Harry had to wait until the auction was over as town clerk was auctioneer. Meanwhile I was waiting at the parsonage getting more worried and nervous as the minutes became hours. At last Harry came with the license and the Reverend married us 'for better or for worse' and gave us his blessing.

"We left the parsonage to get the horse and buckboard. We had been told to pick up two birthday cakes at the local bakery. This done, we headed for the six mile ride home.

"When we reached the farm we unhitched the horse and stabled it, then taking the two



Lepisto Farm where Bea was staying when she married Harry. PHOTO PROVIDED BY PETER FARRAR

cakes, started cross lots for the Cole place, a farm house at the top of a long hill where a double birthday party was in progress.

"We were tired and nearly out of breath climbing up that hill as fast as we could as a thunder storm was coming. We just got inside the house minutes before the storm broke.

"We had decided not to tell anyone at the party we were newlyweds. Of course after we reached Harry's home we told his folks. Later in the following week we held a party for nearby relatives and friends to tell them the news.

"We started housekeeping in a few rooms in Harry's parents home. This was only a short time as Harry was given a job as Union Supt with six rural towns to look after. Soon we moved to Vergennes, Vt.

"Such a job called for an automobile. As Harry had and uncle in the auto business in Bellows Falls, he went to consult with the uncle in regard to an auto. The uncle said that a doctor's car would be just the thing for Harry. Fine, but Harry had to have an auto right away and could not wait for the doctor to get the new car. So the uncle told Harry he would let Harry use a Ford Pickup until the other car was ready.

"In a few days Harry received word from the uncle that he was sending one of his men with the Ford Pickup and to meet him at Chester Depot. One of Harry's

brothers drove us down from the farm.

"The man from uncle's garage gave Harry driving instructions on the way from Chester to Vergennes. In those days one did not have to take extensive driving lessons.

"By the end of the week after travelling to several of his schools and getting to run the Pickup quite well, we thought it would be nice to drive down to Chester, see the folks on the farm, and return the next day with some of our needed house furnishings.

"On a sunny Sunday forenoon we started for Chester. Everything went smoothly until we took a wrong turn and found ourselves in a picnic area. It should have been a simple thing to turn around and go back down the road. Harry was nervous and when he had the car partly turned around his foot slipped off the brake and landed on the accelerator. The car shot across the picnic ground and headed for a low stone wall with a big maple tree behind it. The car stopped on the top of the wall just a few inches from hitting the tree."

The photo with this article is one of approximately 275 photos in Chester Historical Society's new book, "Pictorial History of Chester, Andover, Weston and Londonderry." It's available at select stores in Chester, Weston, Londonderry, and Bellows Falls.

Gravestones presentation kicks off season

ROCKINGHAM, Vt. - The Rockingham Meeting House will kick off the 2019 season Saturday, May 25, at noon with a special program, "What the dead have to tell us: A look at the iconography of gravestones."

Meetinghouse docent Walter Wallace will present this free program using as examples some of the early graves in the adjacent cemetery. Following his talk, participants will have an opportunity to wander in the graveyard and see the recurring symbols and motifs that grace many of the resting places of the town's earliest European settlers.

Wallace earned a bachelor's degree from Roosevelt University and a master's degree from Northern Illinois University. He has taught American social and cultural history at Johnson State College and the Community College of Vermont. He has an interest in early American gravestones, both because of

their artistry as well as their significance in historical research.

"I see the graveyard, especially through its headstones and markers, as a reflection of the hearts and minds of its early residents," Wallace said. "Headstones are as important an archival resource as a diary or letter or other historical documents."

The program is sponsored by the Rockingham Historic Preservation Commission. The meetinghouse, built between 1787 and 1801, is owned by the town of Rockingham and is the oldest public building in Vermont that still exists in a condition close to its original state. It is a National Historic



This figure represents the soul rising and is a recurring motif on early New England graves. PHOTO PROVIDED

Landmark. In its early years the meetinghouse was used both as the town hall and as a place of worship.

As of May 25, the meetinghouse will be open daily from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. through mid-October. The building is wheelchair accessible but does not fully comply with ADA requirements. For more information, email clg@rockbf.org.

Walpole Historical Society Museum opening

WALPOLE, N.H. - The Walpole Historical Society opens for the season Saturday, June 1 with four new exciting and distinct exhibits. From a look at "Life in the Valley in 1919," to the elegant architecture styles of the earlier times and a fun collection of the baby boomer generation as well as memorable anecdotes that will make you happy and smile.

Our "Life in the Valley 1919" is a view of a farm wife's simple diary that transports us back to Walpole's valley enclave as we learn of the daily challenges and moments of celebration. Walpole stories include anecdotes found in the notebooks of Edith Cole Tiffany that remind us that no matter the era, folks

can be a little weird, wacky, and apparently memorable enough to be immortalized on the page.

In "Frontier Elegance," learn how early architecture styles and the designers and builders who built them transformed a 1752 village in the Connecticut River Valley.

From the not-so-distant past, "BOOM!" is a collection of artifacts from the 1950s through the 1970s, from go-go boots to troll dolls to record album covers. It's a fun "Remember When" exhibit!

Don't forget to wander into the gift shop. You will find hand-crafted cedar Fragrant Flyers, scarves and beads, wooden bookmarks, local honey and maple products, books,

candles, stained glass ornaments, lavender sachets, and so much more. We now have a selection of Fravessi greeting cards too.

Plan to join us on opening day and visit often with family and friends. We will be open every Saturday through mid-October, noon to 4 p.m. or by appointment by calling 603-756-3449. There is parking behind the building.

Opening day at BRAM

LUDLOW, Vt. - Interested in finding out about the history of Ludlow and the Black River Academy? Join us for our opening day Saturday, June 1. There are three floors of displays highlighting the events of Ludlow and the academy's history. It's not just about Calvin Coolidge but many diverse people who graduated from this institution over the years. An introductory video can be viewed upon entering the museum, giving an overview of

what is included in the museum and where to find various displays.

Visit our display about our local historian, Abby Hemenway, editor of the Vermont Gazette. It's amazing that a woman in the mid-1880s had the concept of trying to collect and organize data about each town and county in the state of Vermont. What an undertaking! Even in this day and age of computers and data storage, it would be an overwhelming

task. Just imagine doing all of this by pen and paper!

There will also be a display of early bridal memorabilia and wedding dresses. There is so much to see at this lovely historic building. We are looking forward to seeing you opening day from noon to 4 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

If you are not able to attend the grand opening, the museum will be open during the summer Tuesday through Saturday, noon to 4 p.m.

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Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps



Dear Editor,

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Dear Editor,

The first year of the Legislative Session is coming to a close. While it was thought it might end this week on Saturday or Sunday, we found out today that it will have to go into a few days next week. The Budget Conference Committee, consisting of three representatives from the House and three senators, are working to resolve differences in the Appropriations bill, H.542, from their respective bodies. This is the one must-pass bill before we can adjourn.

The differences in multiple other bills are being resolved daily, voted on again as changed, and if they receive a positive vote are sent to the governor for his review, signature, or veto. The major pieces of legislation are not a surprise to the governor as his staff, agency department heads, and commissioners have been following these bills as well as testifying to commit-

tees about them.

The Capital Construction bill, H.543, which deals with state buildings, construction, bonding, and corrections spends \$123 million. It has just been resolved while the transportation bill is still in play. Other bills being followed closely are H.513 relating to broadband deployment throughout Vermont. It is an expansive bill covering grants, bonds, attachments to utility poles, telecommunications, connectivity, power outages, 911 and more. Read it in the Senate calendar of May 16, 2019. The Senate version of weatherization and energy proposals are now in S.93, the bottle redemption bill, concerning the unclaimed container deposits. S.96 concerning water quality is still in the works and will see more action any day now. It is a very big-ticket item also - \$50 to \$60 million, at least not all

at once. A unique bill that appeared, H.292 deals with banners erected over a highway right of way, then progresses to signs which would be fitting but then moves to the moose hunting season and the moose management rules. This is an important issue due to the declining moose population but a surprise to find it in this bill. It is a challenge at this time of year to find the issues one is trying to follow.

The governor signed several bills this week: H.275 re the Farm to Plate Investment Program; H.523 re miscellaneous changes to the State's retirement system; H.26 restricting retail and Internet sales of electronic cigarettes, liquid nicotine and tobacco paraphernalia in Vermont; H.278 relating to acknowledgment or denial of parentage; H.528 re the Rural Health Services Task Force; S.86 re increasing the legal age

for buying and using cigarettes, electronic cigarettes, and other tobacco products from age 18 to 21 years of age; and S.49 re the regulation of polyfluoroalkyl substances in drinking and surface waters - it had passed the House with only one "no" vote so it certainly was well-received.

This will likely be my last "notes" for this first half of the session and thank you for reading them. Do visit the Statehouse over the summer and fall even though the Legislature won't be present. Contact me at home at 802-228-8432 or anitka@leg.state.vt.us. I am able to read all of your emails and appreciate you sending them, however the volume received makes it impossible to respond to all of them.

Sincerely,
Sen. Alice Nitka
Windsor County

Dear Editor,

top three winners who donated their winnings back to the Auxiliary as well as the winner of the 50/50 raffle who donated her winnings. Pizzas were supplied by the Village Pizza in Springfield and a real fun day was had by all.

Sincerely,
American Legion Auxiliary
Unit 36
Ludlow, Vt.

Dear Editor,

This political season we are hearing a lot about health care, repeal Obamacare, Medicare for All, the Republican plan, and yet nothing gets resolved. Why is this?

A few weeks ago, on the news it was reported that Blue Cross Blue Shield made over \$4 billion in profit in 2018, yet what my wife pays Blue Cross in premiums at work are through the roof, and so is the deductible. This is just one insurance company; how much profit did the others make?

So I wonder why we pay so much? Why can't insurance be sold across state lines? Doesn't Congress make the laws? Isn't our government supposed to break up monopolies? So what is the reason Congress will not do anything?

Could it be that insurance companies contribute to their re-election campaigns? So I wonder if Patrick Leahy, Bernie Sanders, and Peter Welch have received contributions from insurance companies over the years. I don't think they will

volunteer this information.

I am a person who believes all lobbying of the House and Senate should be banned. Our representatives are sent to Washington to do our business, not the insurance companies' business. I have come to believe that this insurance issue is really about the Benjamins. Maybe it's time to replace these three guys or have term limits.

Sincerely,
Bernard Fournier
Bellows Falls, Vt.

Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



Dear Editor,

On behalf of the Springfield School Board, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank those who supported the budget in the recent vote. This will allow our administrators and teachers to continue the important work of educating our children.

Our vision for the district, "We, as an institution, are the catalyst for renewal of the com-

munity," is what drives our effort to continually improve strategies in teaching and learning. Your belief and support in this work is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully,
Jeanice Garfield
School Board Member
Springfield, Vt.

Dear Editor,

With any hope, this will be the last week of Vermont's 2019 Legislative Session. This is the "end game" as some like to refer to it - and the stakes are high. Many of our most important bills are still in play - still being negotiated. The appropriations and revenue bills, increasing the minimum wage, paid family and medical leave insurance, clean water funding, and a few health care issues all are still either in a Committee of Conference or being negotiated in successive amendments. There seems to be an awful lot to get through the hose before we are able to adjourn. We do know that the House has decided to sit on the Senate's tax and regulate marijuana bill until next session - one less major issue to settle before we depart from the Statehouse.

At this time of year, the Statehouse is full of people who represent a wide variety of issues, who are following every

nanced change to bills as they work their way through Conference Committees. Sometimes they are paid and sometimes not, but you come to recognize their passion. All the lobbyists and citizen advocates in the Statehouse are there because someone cares about how people, businesses, or the environment is affected by the choices the Legislature makes. We had a group of them protest in the House last week - shouting their frustration, throwing confetti onto the lawmakers from the balcony. Passions are high in the final days as people see what's going to make it and what is not.

The Legislature has spent the last four months working in committees to address the pressing needs and concerns of Vermonters. Each bill we take up explores some aspect of a need - all of them addressed with the hope that our action in the bill will improve life for Vermonters in some capacity. Sometimes

the issue requires money - staff, resources, incentives, or other resources to accomplish - and sometimes not. Each committee is able to weigh in on the budgetary process with whatever their priorities are for that year. Every appropriated line in the budget and revenue bills tells a story about some aspect of Vermont and impacts us in different and important ways. How we raise and spend our taxpayer money articulates what the Legislature values and has prioritized for the people of Vermont.

All is not waiting for the last week. We've finished our work on many bills - from Indigenous People's Day to reproductive freedom. Just this last week, the governor signed a number of bills into law: S.86 which increases the legal age for buying and using cigarettes, electronic cigarettes, and other tobacco products from 18 to 21 years of age; S.94 which regulates polyfluoroalkyl substances

in drinking and surface waters; H.275 investing further in our successful Farm to Place Program; H.523 which makes miscellaneous changes to the state's retirement systems; H.26 which restricts the retail and internet sales of electronic cigarettes, liquid nicotine, and tobacco paraphernalia in Vermont; H.278 a bill which addresses acknowledgment or denial of parentage; and H.528 which involves setting up a Rural Health Services Task Force.

I appreciate hearing from you. I can be reached by email aclarkson@leg.state.vt.us or by phone at the Statehouse 802-828-2228 or at home 802-457-4627. For more information on the Vermont Legislature, and the bills that have been proposed and passed, visit www.legislature.vermont.gov.

Sincerely,
Sen. Alison Clarkson
Windsor County

Op-Ed: Improving mental health for older Vermonters saves lives and money

May 20 marks National Older Adult Mental Health Awareness Day, creating an opportunity to raise recognition in our communities around the importance of supporting older Vermonters in maintaining good mental health.

Twenty years ago, a one-year experiment concluded, and it was deemed a success. The year prior, \$15,000 of state funds was allocated to purchase mental health expertise from Northeast Kingdom Human Service. This fortuitous collaboration was intended to fill a gap in services to some of the area's most vulnerable citizens - homebound older Vermonters with mental health needs. Interested parties followed the experiment, and at

the conclusion of the trial year, the Vermont State Legislature set aside a small sum of money to fund a continuation of the project throughout the state. The Eldercare program, as it is known, was born, and although underfunded, remains active in most counties in Vermont today.

These services make a real difference in people's lives. Take the story of Frida for example, based on a real-life case study of a client. Frida was referred to an eldercare clinician after overdosing on pain medication to escape her physical and emotional pain. She had a history of trauma and long-term physical abuse, and had tried drinking to relieve her suffering. Frida was depressed, anxious, ashamed, and angry with herself as her doctor would no longer prescribe pain medication due to the overdose. Frida lived in a rural setting, was estranged from her family, and had no peer supports. With the support of the clinician who met with her, Frida worked on mindfulness techniques to assist her in coping with chronic pain. She also learned to think about her experiences in new ways which were less painful. The clinician taught Frida to offer herself support and self-compassion, and

to focus on her strengths and capabilities. Frida adopted a dog who became her constant companion, bought herself a computer, and subscribed to the Boston Globe. She also joined a church where she did public speaking. She became interested in the world rather than focusing on her pain level. Ultimately, she became a part of her family again. At the conclusion of her treatment, she told the clinician who worked with her, "I have learned not to focus on the pain and bad memories. Now I focus on all that is in my life and I feel grateful."

With a growing population of older Vermonters comes a greater demand for these critical mental health services. There are various reasons for this: some older citizens experience a loss of roles, a sense of purpose, or increased isolation - or a combination of all these factors. Others lose supports through moves or death which causes grief to mount.

Some older Vermonters experience significant changes in functioning and health which can lead to anxiety, depression, mood dysregulation, and grief. Individuals with breathing disorders often experience consid-

erable levels of anxiety, especially upon exertion. Studies also show that physical disability and illness can trigger mental health disorders and mental health disorders can lead to worsening physical health. Loss of mobility, chronic pain, the onset of Parkinson's disease, dementias, complications of diabetes, strokes, and vision and hearing loss can demand big adjustments that older folks may need assistance making.

Currently, the specialized knowledge needed to begin to adequately address the intertwined mental and physical health needs of our older neighbors is limited, yet growing. Programs and funding to expand mental health care for this population are sorely needed, including the need to support family caregivers in Vermont who shoulder most of the load for older Vermonters who have experienced disabling conditions. Ultimately, proper treatment of mental health concerns for our older citizens will not only improve the overall health of this state, but will also bring down health care costs.

Written by Cinda Donton, eldercare clinician, Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging.

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Katherine I. Gosselin, 1954-2019

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Katherine Irene Gosselin, 65, of Springfield, Vt., passed away Wednesday, May 15, 2019 at her home surrounded by her two loving daughters. In her final days, she was surrounded by family and friends.

She was born Jan. 28, 1954 in Babylon, N.Y. to Russell and Catherine Blair, and spent most of her life living in Springfield. Kathy was someone who was always on the go. Her sitting still was not something she did well.

Kathy is survived by two daughters Stephanie Stoodley of Rutland, Vt. and retired Master SGT Melissa Self (Bill) of Summerville, S.C.; her five grandchildren Abigail and Elizabeth of Rutland, Vt. and Gary, Ryan, and Samantha of Summerville, S.C. Kathy is also survived by a brother Russell Blair and his wife Lisa of Cavendish, Vt. along with their two chil-

dren Jill Flynn and Jim Blair; and by a sister Nancy Wettach and her husband Joe of Green Valley, Ariz., and their daughters Valerie Lussier and Rhonda Costa; and a great-niece Sierra and two great-nephews Brandon and Evan; and by special friends Sheila Quelch and April Gammons.

She was predeceased by both of her parents and by a niece Nancy Ann Parkhurst.

The family would like to thank the cancer center at both DHMC and RRMCM.

A time of visitation was held Sunday, May 19, 2019 at the Davis Memorial Chapel. Contributions may be made to the Foley Cancer at Rutland Regional Medical Center, or to Visiting Nurse and Hospice of VT and NH, P.O. Box 881, Brattleboro, VT 05302.

Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield is assisting with arrangements.

John Weinzierl, 1943-2019

ROCKINGHAM, Vt. – John "Jack" Weinzierl, 76, of Rockingham, Vt., passed away Tuesday, May 14, 2019. He was born in Middletown, Conn. April 19, 1943 to John and Mary Weinzierl. Jack was born and raised in East Hampton, Conn. He married his late wife Nina Oct. 1, 1966.

During the Vietnam War, he served six years in the National Guard. In the 1970s, John owned and operated the White House Motel & Laundromat in East Hampton, Conn. In 1975 he moved to southern Vermont where he built a new life for his family. During this time period, he owned a cider making business, home insulating business, and later operated another laundromat in West Rutland. He then went to work for Whitney Blake in Bellows Falls, Vt. for over 20 years. He also volunteered at Meals on Wheels at the Springfield meal site. Jack was known for his love of the outdoors, camping, snowmobiling, gardening, firewood processing, traveling, and love of music.

Nina, his dear wife of 50 years, died two years ago. The surviving family includes son David Weinzierl of Bellows Falls; daughter Julie Strong and son-in-law Donald Strong of Saxtons River, Vt.; brother Robert Weinzierl of New Port Richey, Fla.; sister Mary Loos and husband George Loos of East Hampton, Conn.; sister Teri Havens and husband Ralph Havens of Colchester, Conn. Jack loved his six grandchildren Elijah Weinzierl, Mikayla Weinzierl, and Caleb Strong of Bellows Falls; Joseph and wife Allison Strong, Jacob and wife Lee Ann Strong, and Isaiah Strong of Lynchburg, Va.

Jack's family will be holding a memorial celebration and picnic July 27 at noon at the Saxtons River Recreation Area. If you would like to make a donation in Jack's memory, the family asks that you consider the following: Gideons International, P.O. Box 140800 Nashville, TN 37214-0800 or Community Christian Church of Athens, 1 Miller Rd. Athens, VT 05143.

PLEASE NOTE

In order to have room for each obituary we receive each week, we ask that submissions are limited to 350 words. We reserve the right to shorten any obituary.

Church Services are subject to space with priority given to obituaries. Each service is published on a rotation every two to four weeks. All Church Services are listed online at www.VermontJournal.com.

If you have any questions, please contact Amanda at Editor@VermontJournal.com.

LUDLOW, VT.

The United Church of Ludlow, 48 Pleasant St.

Sunday service at 10:15 a.m. followed by a time of fellowship and coffee hour. Call 802-228-4211 or email unitedchurch@tds.net. Visit us online at www.unitedchurch.us.

SPRINGFIELD, VT.

Calvary Baptist Church, 156 Main St.

Sundays at 9:30 a.m. Sunday school starts at 11 a.m. We invite you to join us for worship and fellowship. Or feel free to come by one of our events during the week. For more information, call us at 802-885-2349 or go to www.calvarylovesspringfield.com.

Holy Trinity Orthodox Church, 90 Park St.

Vespers on Saturdays at 5 p.m. and Liturgy on Sunday at 9:30 a.m. For more information, call 802-885-2615 or go to www.htocvt.org.

Precision Valley Baptist Church, 69 Rt. 106

Adult Bible Study on Sundays from 9-9:45 a.m. Services start at 10 a.m. Located right next to Cota & Cota.

Unitarian Universalist Church, 21 Fairground Rd.

Sunday services are at 10 a.m. For more information, call 802-885-3327 or go to www.uuspringfieldvt.org. All are welcome.

WALPOLE, N.H.

St. John's Church, corner of Westminster and Elm St.

Sunday school at 9:45 a.m. Services begin at 10 a.m., followed

Judith Asch-Goodkin, 1934-2019

CHESTER, Vt. – Judith Asch-Goodkin, 84, died at home Jan. 18, 2019 of idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis. Born in Philadelphia, Pa., she attended girls' high school there where she graduated with honors. She graduated from the honors program at Swarthmore College with Phi Beta Kappa honors.

Like her father before her, she was a journalist. Her first job after college was at Time Magazine where she quickly became Time's in-house expert on Soviet short- and mid-range missiles. At that time, Time did not allow a byline for women writers. After her children were grown, she returned to journalism, rising to become a senior editor for Thompson-Reuters medical division.

She was predeceased by her parents Irving Fagen and Frances (Rosenthal) Fagen, her sister Nancy Schiffman, both her first two husbands Dr. Alan Burbank and Dr. Edward Goodkin, and her daughter-in-

law Nan Astone.

She is survived by her husband Tony Weinberger; her son Nicholas Burbank and his two children Daniel and Katie; her other son Max Burbank, his wife Valentina, and their two children Theodora and Cordelia.

Upon retiring from her magazine work in New Jersey, she moved to Chester Depot, Vt. to join her longtime companion and later husband Tony. She continued to do freelance writing for another decade. She sang for years in the Springfield Community Chorus and served on the Whiting Library Board of Directors. She was a consummate gardener.

Now that the ground is thawed, her remains will be buried in the Revolutionary War era Spoonerville Cemetery a quarter of a mile down the road from her house.

Gifts, in lieu of flowers, may be sent to the Whiting Library, P.O. Box 68, Chester, VT 05143.

Harold S. Putnam, 1927-2019

WALPOLE, N.H. – Harold S. Putnam, 91, passed away Saturday, May 11, 2019. Harold was born in Walpole Aug. 30, 1927, the son of Elmer and Helen (Pierce) Putnam. He was a graduate of Walpole High School and was owner and operator of Pierce-Putnam Insurance in Keene. Harold was a member of the Lions Club and past district governor. He was an avid snowmobiler for 50 years and member of the Hooper Hills Snowmobile Club. He was member and president of Hooper Country Club, a member of the Walpole Conservation Commission,

and a lifelong hunter.

In 1949, he married Avis Jeffrey who predeceased him, surviving are his sons Kerry Putnam of Swansey, N.H. and Jeffrey Putnam of Alstead; his daughters Daryl O'Brien of Jacksonville, Fla. and Karyn Barry of Dyersburg, Tenn.; nine grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was celebrated Tuesday, May 21 at the Walpole Congregational Church.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Fall Mountain Food Shelf, P.O. Box 191, Alstead, N.H. 03602.

Carol W. Venter, 1937-2019

MOUNT HOLLY, Vt. – Our beloved Carol W. Venter, passed away Thursday, April 25, 2019, at home with her 3Ds +1 at her side. She loved flowers and wanted to wait until they were in bloom to celebrate her life.

On Saturday, July 13 at 2 p.m., there will be a service at the Village Baptist Church in Belmont, Vt. On Sunday, July

14, at 2 p.m., there will be a service for friends and family on our meadow. Carol was passionate about her flowers and asked us to build a special garden. To fill her garden, she asks those attending to bring a potted perennial to be planted in her garden.

The Venter family thanks you all for your outpouring of love.

Kathleen Marshall service

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – A farewell service for Kathleen Marshall, who passed away Dec. 7, 2018 at Springfield Hospital, will be held Saturday, June 1, 2019 at 1 p.m. at the Oakland Cemetery. Pastor Michael Mario of Brattleboro will officiate.

George Williams, 1960-2019

Thank you for being my loving, loyal friend and companion.

Love,
Harper and Lynne

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by coffee hour. For more information about Art After School program, our outreach efforts, call 603-756-4533.

All services listed online at www.VermontJournal.com.

Calvin H. Cushing Jr., 1940-2019

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Calvin Harold Cushing Jr., 79, passed away Thursday evening, May 9, 2019 at the Springfield Health & Rehab Center in Springfield, Vt. He was born Feb. 7, 1940 in Wells River, Vt., the son of Calvin H. Sr. and Lillian (Meador) Cushing. He attended schools in the Wells River area.

As a young man, he worked on a farm and later worked for many years as a truck driver for Agri-Mark. He lived in Wells River, Vt. and Berlin, N.Y. for many years, and most recently resided in Springfield, Vt. He enjoyed western movies and NASCAR. He enjoyed trains and collecting, and loved spending time with his grandchildren.

He is survived by one son Ryan C. Cushing and his wife Sarah; one daughter Amanda M. Lawrence; two stepdaughters Michelle Daigle and her husband Marc, and Melissa Signorelli and her husband James; one sister Frances Boyce; two grandsons and one great-grandchild; five step-grandchildren, and four step-great grandchildren; and also by nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was predeceased by his parents, his wife Wealthy, and son-in-law Richard Lawrence.

Services will be held at the convenience of the family. Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield is assisting with arrangements.

Robert K. Dunham, 1956-2019

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Robert K. Dunham, 63, passed away Monday evening, May 6, 2019 at the Jack Byrne Center in Lebanon, N.H. surrounded by his family. He was born Jan. 30, 1956 in Springfield, Vt., the son of Leslie H. and Jean L. (Heath) Dunham. He attended Springfield school, graduated from Springfield High School, and attended Northeastern University. He served in the United States Air Force.

Robert was employed as a police officer and dispatcher with the Bellows Falls Police Dept. He also worked as a corrections officer, as an L.N.A., and as a meter reader for Green Moun-

tain Power for 20 years. He enjoyed fishing and loved his dogs.

He is survived by his wife Nancy (Smart) Dunham; one son Brian R. Dunham; Nancy's children Mandie Albanese and Nicholas Brown; grandchildren Issiah, Daevon, and Esibella; one sister Susan Robinson and her husband Craig; one brother Tim Dunham and his wife Wanda; brother-in-law Steve Smart and his wife Sharon; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

A celebration of life service will be held at a later date. Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield, Vt. is assisting with arrangements.

Andrew Kauffman

CAVENDISH, Vt. – On Friday, May 10, Andrew "Drew" Kauffman of Cavendish, Vt., passed away at the age of 44, surrounded by family and friends, ending his long battle with brain cancer.

Born in Erie, Pa., Andrew is survived by parents Peg and Walter Kauffman as well as his longtime partner Courtney Hillhouse; sons Sawyer, Finley, and Sklyer; and brothers Lee (Heather) Kauffman, and Eric (Natalie) Kauffman as well as several nieces and nephews. Andrew is preceded in death by sister Leslie.

Andrew attended Strong Vincent High School and served in the National Guard and perused a life of travel and exploration. A visionary and craftsman, Andrew was an avid photographer, creating the Arts-N-Drafts festival in Erie, Pa. Andrew was courageous, authentic, and a giving soul who would want others to take chances and seek every opportunity life has to offer.

Drew Kauffman lived life to the fullest every day. Glioblastoma may have cut his life short, but he packed more adventure, fun, joy, creativity, love, laughter, and wild abandon into 44 years than most people pack into 100. Drew knew how to live and he knew how to live without regret. He loved life, and he woke up each day grateful for everything and everyone around him.

The one thing that Drew cherished more than anything

in the world was the love of his life, Courtney and his boys. When they were together, Drew beamed. Drew continually put on a brave face until the very end so that they would not worry about him. Even in times of discomfort, Drew would carry on so they could have as much time together as a family, making memories and enjoying new adventures together.

In lieu of flowers, an account has been set up for Andrew's children at www.gofundme.com/community-support-for-the-kauffmans.

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Vital Communities hosts eighth Heroes & Leaders Celebration

WHITE RIVER JCT., Vt. – Vital Communities will honor individuals and organizations that have contributed to the vitality of the Upper Valley at its eighth annual Heroes & Leaders dinner. This year's event, part of Vital Communities' yearlong 25th anniversary celebration, will be held Thursday, May 30, at the Top of the Hop and Alumni Hall in Hanover, N.H.

Tickets are available at www.vitalcommunities.org/heroesandleaders.

Proceeds from the event benefit Vital Communities' Leadership Upper Valley program.

"It is such a great joy for us at Vital Communities to take a moment each year to honor people who have contributed to the vibrancy of the Upper Valley in significant and sustained ways," says Rob Schultz, director of development and manager of Leadership Upper

Valley at Vital Communities. "As we celebrate 25 years of working together to cultivate the region's civic, environmental, and economic vitality, we're especially pleased to recognize this inspiring group of leaders who have been at the forefront of significant movements for positive change in the Upper Valley. We joyfully include the founders of Vital Communities in this group and will honor them as part of the evening."

This year's honorees include Liza Bernard and Penny McConnell, Len Cadwallader, Delia Clark, Ivy Condon, Edgewater Farm, Jarvis Green, Curt and Sharon Jacques, Prudence Pease, Monique Priestley, Stan Williams, Doug Wise, and Chuck Wooster and Sue Kirinich.

More information and tickets are available at www.vitalcommunities.org/heroesandleaders.

Aviation & Career Education Camp for young people

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Hartness State Airport in North Springfield, Vt. will be hosting the Aviation Career Education 2019 day camp from July 29 through Aug. 2. The camp will provide a valuable opportunity for area girls and boys, between the ages of 12 and 15, to learn more about aviation through a variety of experiences.

The ACE Camp is a hands-on aviation program that allows young people to explore the dynamics of a variety of aviation-related careers. Professional, military, and civilian experts will introduce campers to the principles of flight, teamwork, pre-flight safety, building and launching model rockets, plotting navigation courses, flight simulators, and much more.

FAA certified pilots will brief participants on what's involved with flight safety and also the features of different types of aircraft.

Young Eagle flights are coordinated and flown by pilots of the Experimental Aircraft Association and rides in other aircraft may be available as well. It's a fun, interactive week of learning more about the world of aviation!

It will take place daily, from Monday, July 29 through Friday, Aug. 2, from 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. each day at Hartness State Airport in North Springfield. Camp tuition for the week includes transportation from the ACE site to camp activities, food, beverages, and more. The ACE Camp is for girls and boys be-



Jim Hagedorn, standing to the left, is the owner of the plane pictured, and CEO of Scott's Miracle Grow, brings the kids around for a flight.

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tween the ages of 12 and 15. For an application and more information, contact Walter Striedieck at 802-460-3686. Find out more about ACE Camp by visiting www.faa.gov/education/ace_academy or www.vtrans.vermont.gov/aviation/ace-camps.

Sponsors of the ACE Camp 2019 include the Vermont Aviation Advisory Council, Vermont Agency of Transportation, and Aero Club of New England.



The 12th annual Over the Hill Poker Run

LUDLOW, Vt. – The River Valley Ridge Riders held their 12th annual Over the Hill Poker Run Saturday, May 18. The ride gets its name "Over the Hill" because it is a ride that the elderly residents of local nursing homes have come to look forward to each year. The ride is organized by Ed Foster, but he says it couldn't happen without help from the staff of the residential homes and the volunteers who help run things.

Pictured is Marjorie Spaulding, 98, from the Gill Home in Ludlow, who took a ride with Bob Spaulding on his trike. She wants to ride again next year.

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Roll over the interest of an inherited IRA or retirement plan

REGION – If your spouse dies and you are a primary beneficiary of their traditional IRA or retirement plan account, you may be able to roll over the inherited funds to your own traditional IRA or plan account. This option is available only to surviving spouse beneficiaries. If you are a child of the deceased or any other type of beneficiary, you cannot do a rollover.

The rollover option allows the inherited funds to continue

to grow tax-deferred in the new IRA or plan. If you exercise this option, you generally have the choice of doing either a direct rollover or an indirect rollover.

Are there any restrictions on the spousal rollover option?

You may be able to roll over the inherited funds to your own traditional IRA or plan. However, you cannot roll over RMD amounts.

In the case of post-death distributions from a retirement plan account, the plan may

specify the distribution options available. Those options may or may not be identical to the allowable options set forth in the IRS distribution rules. You should consult the administrator of the retirement plan for details regarding options available to you.

A rollover is not a taxable distribution

In general, distributions from inherited traditional IRAs and retirement plans are included in the beneficiary's taxable income for federal income tax purposes. However, a rollover of the inherited funds to your own IRA is generally treated as a tax-free transfer of assets. Assuming that the rollover is done properly and in a timely manner, you will not be considered to have taken a taxable distribution from the inherited IRA or plan. Once the rollover to your own IRA or plan is complete, distributions that you take from that account will be fully or partially taxable.

You may be able to defer taking distributions

If you elect the spousal roll-

over option, the inherited funds will be moved to your own IRA or plan account. This is significant because as the owner of the new account, you do not have to begin taking distributions of the inherited funds until your own required beginning date. This would allow you to defer income tax liability on the funds and to maximize the funds' tax-deferred growth potential.

The funds continue to grow tax-deferred

A rollover is a transfer of assets from one tax-deferred retirement savings vehicle to another. If you are under age 70.5, the full amount of the inherited funds will be able to grow tax deferred until you begin taking distributions from your own IRA or plan account. Even if you must begin taking distributions immediately, those distributions can generally be spread over a period of years, allowing the balance of the funds to grow tax-deferred until distributed.

You can choose beneficiaries for your own IRA or plan account

As an IRA or plan account owner, you have certain rights, including the right to name one or more beneficiaries of your choice. Your options when choosing IRA or plan beneficiaries generally include your children, your grandchildren, other relatives or friends, a trust for the benefit of your loved ones, a charity, or your estate. These are the individuals or entities that will receive the IRA or plan funds after your death. The ability to choose your own beneficiaries can be a significant advantage in terms of your estate planning.

Disadvantages of the spousal rollover option

One potential drawback of the rollover option is that distributions from your own IRA or plan account may be subject to the 10% early withdrawal penalty if you are under age 59.5. By contrast, distributions of the inherited funds from your late spouse's IRA or plan account to you as beneficiary of that account would not be subject to this penalty, regardless of your age. In addition, there may be rare cases in which taking post-death distributions under another method can provide greater income tax deferral than the rollover option. Consult a tax advisor for more information.

Choose between a direct and an indirect rollover

Your first step is to decide on the type of rollover. A direct rollover generally makes more sense because it is more streamlined and less risky. An indirect rollover involves an extra step. In the case of an inherited re-

tirement plan account, the distributed funds will be subject to a 20% mandatory withholding for federal income tax.

Choose the rollover account

If you have more than one retirement account, you must choose the account that you would like to receive the rolled over funds. If you do not currently have your own retirement account to receive the inherited funds, you can generally establish a traditional IRA for this purpose. Traditional IRAs can be established with banks, mutual fund companies, and other financial institutions.

Submit the necessary form to the IRA custodian or plan administrator

You will need to contact the IRA custodian or plan administrator to request the necessary form for a rollover. Return the form with any necessary documentation indicating that you want to roll over the inherited funds to your own IRA or plan account.

Make sure the new trustee receives the funds within 60 days

If you fail to complete an indirect rollover within 60 days of the date on the check, you may have effectively changed your rollover into a lump-sum distribution. This would cause all or a portion of the funds to be included in your taxable income for federal income tax purposes. However, there are several ways to seek waiver of the 60-day deadline.

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Open Studio Weekend in Rockingham

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Visitors and residents of Rockingham will have the opportunity to view artist and artisan studios as they stroll the historic downtown of Bellows Falls during the Vermont Crafts Council Open Studio Weekend, May 25-26.

“We’re organizing a local effort in conjunction with the highly successful Vermont State Craft Weekend to draw attention to the unique artistic offerings to be found in Rockingham and Bellows Falls,” said Rockingham Arts and Museum Project founding director, Robert McBride. “We’ve spent over 20 years integrating artists and the arts in the organic revitalization of downtown Bellows Falls and the surrounding area and are proud of the integral role artists play culturally and economically by sharing their talents with the community.”

Participating artists include



Woodcut by Clare Adams. PHOTO PROVIDED

Robert McBride, paintings; Phyllis Rosser, paintings and wood sculpture; Chris Sherwin, unique collectible, hand-sculpted-blown glass; Cathy Tretler, Dellamano Glassware, handpainted functional glassware; and Clare Sullivan Adams, printmaking and fused glass artist in Cambridgeport.

Canal Street Art Gallery, a cooperative gallery exhibiting

local artists, will feature their current exhibit, “Listen to the Wind” by artist Charles Norris-Brown.

Project Space 9 Gallery, located in the Exner Block at 9 Canal St., will have additional brochures, maps, and information about the participating artists’ studios. Bellows Falls is a walkable community. Park your car and explore the artists’ studios, as well as shops and eateries around the downtown square. There is plenty of all-day parking at the Amtrak train station. A short walk crosses over the oldest chartered canal in the United States (1792-1802) and brings you into downtown.

For more information and accessibility questions, please contact RAMP at 802-463-3252 or email ramp@sover.net. Please use subject line “Open Studio Weekend.”

Fletcher Farm School celebrates Open Studio

LUDLOW, Vt. – Open Studio Weekend, presented by the Vermont Craft Council, is a statewide event during which artists open their studios to the public to exhibit and demonstrate their art. For this 27th Open Studio Weekend, Fletcher Farms School for the Arts and Crafts opens the doors to the barn and invites local artists and our instructors to exhibit and sell their art. Artists will showcase their crafts including painting, drawing, basketry, jewelry, needle felting, primitive stenciling, necktie chair seat weaving, quilting, metal working, and more. Everyone is invited to Open Studio to learn about the many classes offered this summer. Classes at the school start June 15, 2019 and run through Sept. 2, 2019. In addition to a variety of courses for adults, we also have a number of young artist classes.

Open Studio is held Memorial Day weekend, Saturday and Sunday, May 25 and 26, from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Fletcher Farm School located at 611 Route 103 South in Ludlow, Vt. For this weekend, we are waiv-



Check out Open Studio Weekend at Fletcher Farm School. PHOTO PROVIDED

ing our annual registration fee for anyone who signs up for a class. We are also extending our Fabric and Craft Supply Sale, which will be held in our gift shop.

Fletcher Farm School is celebrating its 72nd year and is the oldest residential arts and crafts school in Vermont. The school is owned and operated by the Society of Vermont Artists and Craftsmen Inc., a not-for-profit organization that leases the school’s campus from the Fletcher Farm Foundation. In

addition to summer classes, the gift shop will open June 15, 2019 and remain open, from 10 a.m. through 4 p.m., Tuesday through Sunday. Two arts and crafts festivals will be held July 6 and Aug. 17. The August arts and craft festival will share the campus with an antique car show, resulting in the second annual Chrome and Crafts event.

For questions or class registration, please go to www.fletcherfarm.org or call 802-228-8770.

Rhythms Open Wall Show

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Gallery at the VAULT is proud to present a new open wall show, “Rhythms.” This show includes beautiful photographs, paintings, paper sculpture, Native American ceremonial pipes, mixed media wall hangings, pressed flowers, and needle-

work. Open Wall is a non-juried show for any artists living in a 30-mile radius of Springfield. Enjoy a variety of fine art and fun fantasy created by neighbors and friends. The works will be on display until July 25.

For more information, please

call 802-885-7111 or come into Gallery at the VAULT, 68 Main Street in Springfield. We are open Monday, 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., and Wednesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Email gallervault@vermontel.net or visit www.gallervault.org.

Spring Open Studio Weekend

REGION – Bright yellow signs compete with a multitude of greens along Vermont’s roads enticing visitors to the studios of craftspeople and other artists across Vermont during the 2019 Spring Open Studio Weekend taking place over May 25 and 26, Memorial Day Weekend.

Open Studio Weekend is a statewide celebration of the visual arts and creative process, offering a unique opportunity for visitors to meet

a wide variety of local artists and craftspeople in their studios, and purchase high quality, handmade artwork.

The self-guided Open Studio tour features the work of glassblowers, jewelers, printmakers, potters, furniture makers, weavers, ironworkers, painters, sculptors, quilt makers, and wood carvers. Many participating galleries will host gallery talks and feature special exhibits in conjunction



“Rose Mallow,” water color by Robert O’Brien of Perkinsville. PHOTO PROVIDED



“Rich Earth,” oil painting by Lynn VanNatta of West Windsor. PHOTO PROVIDED

with this event.

The Vermont Crafts Council publishes a free map booklet with directions to participating sites. The Vermont Open Studio Guide is available throughout the state at Tourist Information Centers, galleries, and studios. Request a map on the VCC website, www.vermontcrafts.com/OSW/spring-map.php, or by calling 802-223-3380.

Kids art and music at Custer Sharp

LONDONDERRY, Vt. – The annual show of artwork made by the students of Flood Brook School in Londonderry will open for Memorial Day weekend, Saturday, May 25, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the historic Custer Sharp House on Middletown Road in Londonderry. This year marks the 23rd year of the show, which celebrates the creativity of our young artists. A variety of paintings, printmaking, collage, and sculpture made by students of Flood Brook will be on display throughout the house.

An gala opening is planned for Friday, May 31, from 4-5:30 p.m. The students of Ida Mae Specker’s after school fiddle and violin program will be presenting a special recital from 4-5 p.m. Ida’s program is in its second consecutive year at Flood Brook. Lessons are tailored to each student’s individual goals and interest and are open to students and teachers of all ages and experience levels. Come support the “Fiddlekids,” enjoy light refreshments, and learn more about the program all while enjoying an afternoon of art.

The show will also be open

Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. The final day of the show is Saturday, June 8. Located just up the hill from the Farmer’s Market on Middletown Road, the Custer Sharp House is the perfect place to visit after a trip to the farmer’s market in Londonderry.

Bernadine Custer Sharp and her husband, Jimmy Sharp, were well recognized artists

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

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- Bellows Falls, VT June 4th, 6-7:30, Bellows Falls Library
- Ludlow, VT June 5th, 6-7:30, Ludlow Town Hall

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THIS AND THAT

BY BILL MURPHY

The Vermont Journal & The Shopper

And then there were two... softball players alive that is, from a team which represented North Walpole in the Brattleboro Softball League back in the 1960s.

There are some historical facts that are important to know before we tell you the other.

First, North Walpole was an overwhelming entity in itself back in those days. For sports fans, North Walpole and Bellows Falls were rivals. Although each community shared their high school days together, when competition in junior high school or community pick-up games occurred, these two communities were like the Red Sox and the Yankees and the Hatfields and the McCoys. Believe me, the rivalries were that fierce. Even sometimes while in high school, there would be self-organized pick-up games between the two small communities on one side of the river or the other.

Once again, North Walpole had enormous athletic pride. Their village was smaller than Bellows Falls, but even on high school teams North Walpole had more than their size and share of the talent and participants on Bellows Falls High School teams. I am not sure when the rivalry between the two communities began, but what I can tell you is that it lasted right up until Fall Mountain became a school in the fall of 1966.

Both sides of the river communities lost a legend recently. "Auntie" Jurkoic was a member at one time of both Bellows Falls and North Walpole and loved them both. Many persons, including myself, thought Auntie was North Walpole through and through. However, he actually grew up on Hyde Hill in Bellows Falls and loved and respected his roots. When Auntie passed recently, a huge tribute was shown by the sheer numbers from both sides of the river who turned out for the calling hours and funeral in remembrance.

The tributes concerning Auntie came from near and far.

The family he raised, along with his wonderful wife Theresa, was one of several who made their mark on both sides of the river during the first couple of decades of Fall Mountain Regional High School.

Auntie was a standout athlete as a Terrier. Many remember his football exploits, but they were all accomplished in one season, his senior year. He had knee troubles, and his mother would not let him play football before then. He was a stand-out in both basketball and baseball throughout his high school years, "and he said he competed for Larry Hadley in Track, when it didn't conflict with baseball," his daughter, Toni McDougle, told me.

Thus Jurkoic stood out in four sports for Bellows Falls. My only memory of Jurkoic as an athlete was when he happened to take part in Alumni basketball games. His teammates loved to play with him because he was a wonderful passer. It was normal for him to find a cutting teammate away from the ball for a layup. He would draw the defense to him and then throw a no-look pass for an easy score.

Jurkoic had three children and they were all exceptional athletes. They were so exceptional that they all competed at the collegiate level. Legend has been served that Auntie himself received a number of attractive college offers but declined them for family reasons, including the fact that he lost his father during final exams his senior year in high school.

Auntie would continue his athletic play on town teams and other opportunities, including an exhibition game versus the Boston Celtics held in Springfield. That was a contest in which relatives rave about how he out-jumped Jim Luscotoff on a jump ball. Sometimes those relatives forget to tell the whole story though. He out-jumped Luscotoff because Auntie jumped early, and they had to redo the jump ball.

Toni was Auntie's oldest child and she didn't play a fall sport because of questionable knees, just like her father. Toni told me, "I wish I had played field hockey, but my dad didn't want me to play because he feared, like his mother had, a knee injury."

Toni lost a basketball season due to her knee but made the Fall Mountain varsity squad in both basketball and softball for three years each. Upon graduation, Toni Jurkoic spent a year playing basketball at Keene State, before transferring to Division II Slippery Rock where she completed her career. One of her highlights was competing against a strong team from Cheney State, coached by Vivian Stringer, one of the top DII teams in the nation at the time. Stringer went on to Division I coaching success at Rutgers in Women's College Basketball.

Matt was Auntie and Theresa's middle child and stood out in both track and field and football for four years at Fall Mountain. Matt went on to compete in both football and track and field at Dartmouth College. Although Matt was a stellar athlete in two sports, he pokes fun at his basketball heroics – and the ability to create humor for others at his expense is a positive trait I think he gained from his father. You hardly ever saw Auntie without a big smile on his face.

Matt was a member of the varsity basketball team his senior year and he jokes of how the team was undermanned one night and how Coach Steve Holmes gave him a big pep talk about how Greg Chaffee was so sick he wouldn't be able to play and what he needed to produce. Matt did his flat level best to provide what was needed, "But I was so bad it took Greg less than three minutes to get better and check into the game." Matt was the football captain and a tremendous leader.

Stan was the couple's youngest son and he competed in all three main seasons of sport: football, basketball, and baseball. He was a varsity performer in each for three years in Langdon. Stan went on to play college baseball at the University of New Hampshire and was good enough to make the New England All-Star team and compete in the annual All-Star Game at Fenway Park. Stan pitched, as well as played most of the infield positions, for the Wildcats. He was a long time member of the Walpole/Keene Blue Jays baseball team and coached college baseball for years at both UMass and Franklin Pierce. He also served for a time as the athletic director at his alma mater Fall Mountain.

Stan pointed out to me that there was never any Bellows Falls versus Fall Mountain rivalry ever discussed in his household because "Dad loved Bellows Falls. That's where he grew up in his early life, went to high school, and a place he loved. He brought up his family in North Walpole, but he did nothing but love Bellows Falls."

One of his two living teammates on that North Walpole softball team mentioned at the outset, Junie Bousquet – Poody Walsh was the other – told me, "Auntie was a few years ahead of me in school, but what I can tell you about him is he was one of the greatest guys I ever knew, and one of the finest athletes to come out of Bellows Falls High School. The funny thing was that every little kid wanted to be Auntie Jurkoic. We all looked up to him. Everyone knew him and loved him. When you played ball in the backyard, everyone wanted to be Auntie Jurkoic."

Could there be a greater tribute?

Green Mountain topples rival Springfield, 10-7

CHESTER, Vt. – Springfield senior Hannah Crosby, who has started nearly every

game on the mound since her freshman year, was sitting on the bench at Green

Mountain on Monday afternoon, her left knee wrapped tight in a brace, watching

as her team fell 10-7 to the Chieftains.

Crosby was injured recently running the bases in a game against Hartford. The extent of the injury is unknown, as she is still waiting for an appointment for an MRI.

"If there's no damage to the knee, I should be able to get back playing soon," she said. "We'll see."

In her absence, Springfield turned to Julianna Albero-Levings and Izzy Belisle, with each girl throwing three innings. Both pitched pretty well, "but we didn't have a good defensive day today," said Springfield coach Andy Bladyka.

The Springfield coach explained that there is additional pressure on the defense when Crosby doesn't pitch.

"More balls are put in play," he said.

It was a game of teams in the midst of strong seasons. Springfield entered the game tied with Mt.

Abraham for the Division II lead while Green Mountain has now won six of its last seven and stands in fifth place in Division III at 12-3.

Erika Knockenhauer was the complete game pitcher for the Chiefs. While she gave up 10 hits, she walked just two. Her defense also let her down at times.

"It was not a well played game," said Green Mountain coach Terry Farrell. "Springfield is a different team without Hannah."

The game reached its final score after four innings, but it was Springfield that had the chances to make some noise late. In the sixth, the Cosmos had runners on second and third with one out, but Knockenhauer got a comebacker and strikeout to escape. Then, in the seventh, Springfield got the first two batters on, but Knockenhauer got two strikeouts and the third out came when second baseman Maya Farar stabbed a ball on the run in the hole between first and second and got to the first base bag before the batter.

Green Mountain scored its runs in bunches, getting four in the first and fourth innings. Annie Lamson and Meika Hance had two-run

singles in the first. It was an inning in which Maddie Wilson, who entered the game with a batting average over .700, also had a single.

As good an offensive player as Wilson is, she may be a better catcher.

"She's certainly the best catcher I've ever had here," said Farrell.

Green Mountain got its runs in the fourth inning with the help of the Cosmos, who made a couple of errors and compounded that with two wild pitches and a hit batsman.

Springfield had a five-run third on just three hits, as it was Green Mountain's turn to get sloppy, committing three errors in the inning and two more in the fourth that led to two more runs.

Springfield outhit Green Mountain 10-6 as Albero-Levings, Ari Cioffi and Haley Streeter each had two hits for the Cosmos. Hance had a pair of hits for the Chiefs.

Springfield hosted Otter Valley Wednesday, May 22 while GM is off until Friday, May 24 when it travels to Woodstock.

Written by Poody Walsh, correspondent, Rutland Herald.

Green Mountain softball seniors honored



CHESTER, Vt. – Green Mountain Union High School senior softball players were honored Monday, May 20 before the game with Springfield that Green Mountain won 10-7. From left to right: Hannah Buffum, Erika Knockenhauer, Annie Lamson, Rachel Guerra.

PHOTO BY DOUG MACPHEE

Paul's gem shuts down Poultney

CHESTER, Vt. – Black River baseball coach Jim O'Neil is getting emotional about the prospect of saying goodbye to this year's seniors, six players he calls "a special group." Saturday, those seniors and their teammates continued a special season by beating Poultney 10-0 in six innings.

Zach Paul, one of the "Super Six," threw a gem. He struck out 11 in winning his complete-game four-hitter.

Drew Kubisch, another senior, hit one out of the park and scored four runs.

Kubisch, who also hit one over the fence at Paul Pullin Athletic Field in Ludlow last year, wasn't sure this one

had the distance.

"I didn't think it was going out," he said of the shot to left field. "After I hit it, I thought I would get a couple of bases. Then I heard everyone cheering."

Paul struck out the side in the third and had two strikeouts in three other innings.

"Zach is amazing on the mound," Kubisch said.

When the Blue Devils did make contact, the Presidents made the plays.

O'Neil said that because Paul is so dominant, the challenge for the infielders and outfielders is staying ready.

"They know Zach is going to get one or two strikeouts every inning. They have to be

ready. That's the hard part," O'Neil said.

"We played some solid defense today."

The Blue Devils didn't play solid defense and that was their Achilles heel.

An exasperated Poultney coach Dan Williams yelled from the dugout in the first inning, "C'mon, guys, let's go. That is five outs they've had."

The Blue Devils committed three errors in that first inning, allowing the Presidents to score four runs on just a single hit – an RBI single by Aaron Merrill.

Poultney left-hander Jacob DeBonis walked the first two batters of the game but could

have minimized the damage with some better fielding behind him.

Paul's sacrifice fly in the second plated Kubisch to make it 5-0.

The Presidents kept adding on. Ryan Sheehan singled in the third and scored on a wild pitch and then Kubisch lined his home run in the seventh.

Black River scored three in the bottom of the seventh to end the game on the mercy rule. It was Merrill's hit to right-center that scored Jack Boyle with the run that ended the game. Boyle had doubled.

DeBonis went three innings and Spencer Gibbs the

final two.

The Blue Devils fell to 4-9. Leading Poultney at the plate were Caden Capman and Cam Wescott with doubles.

Black River moved its record to 8-4 and has two games remaining, one at Arlington on Thursday and then a home game against Proctor on Saturday when the seniors will be honored.

"I don't know if I will be able to go to the sports banquet," O'Neil said, meaning he doesn't know if he will be able to handle the emotion.

This is also his final year coaching the Presidents and he is going out with a senior class close to his heart.

But a more immediate concern is putting the finishing touches on the season.

The Presidents are No. 1 in the Vermont Principals' Association's Division IV standings with Rivendell in the No. 2 spot.

"I think we can go a long way. When we put everything together we are pretty hard to stop," Kubisch said.

NOTE: The game was played at Green Mountain Union High School because Black River's outfield had too much water.

Written by Tom Haley, Staff Writer, Rutland Herald.

arts & entertainment

FOLA presents western about Jesse James

LUDLOW, Vt. – FOLA brings the 2007 western “The Assassination of Jesse James by the Coward Robert Ford” to the big screen in the Heald Auditorium at the Ludlow Town Hall Saturday, May 25 at 7 p.m.

The names ricochet through western lore. Jesse James, played by Brad Pitt, was the most notorious outlaw of his time, wanted by the law in 10 states yet celebrated as a Robin Hood in newspapers and dime novels. His “wanted” posters offered substantial rewards for his capture. “They’re all lies,” Jesse says of the stories surrounding him.

Teenaged Robert Ford, played by Casey Affleck, idolized Jesse, sought his friendship, and rode with him. That wasn’t enough. The up-and-comer Robert Ford wanted his shot at fame. When he got it, he took it in a manner that earned him his “coward” title.

Pitt gives a volcanic, charismatic performance as Jesse in this saga of celebrity and obsession that was adapted from Ron Hansen’s 1983 historical novel.



Go see this epic western about Jesse James at FOLA.

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The film was written and directed by Andrew Dominik. The filming took place in the western provinces of Canada.

This movie was selected on the recommendation of a Ludlow family who enjoys “westerns.” It won’t be long before we will be selecting films to be shown in 2020, so please email us your suggestions to info@fola.us.

“The Assassination of Jesse James by the Coward Robert Ford” is free and open to everyone, but donations are appreciated. The movie is rated “R” and it runs for two hours and 40 minutes. Berkshire Bank will provide the popcorn with FOLA supplying water. Call 802-228-3238 or visit FOLA’s website, www.fola.us.

Ross Daly and Kelly Thoma at Stone Church

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – As part of their third annual New England tour on the back of their new double record “Lunar,” Ross Daly and Kelly Thoma’s Stone Church Arts concert will occur Friday, May 24 at 7:30 p.m. Based on the island of Crete in Greece, Ross and Kelly are masters of the Mediterranean lyra. In this performance, they will be joined by Tev Stevig and Michael K. Harrist of Çesni Trio.

The modal music that Ross Daly and Kelly Thoma explore seems to exist outside time, weaving strands from so many parts of the world and combining past, present, and future together in gliding, mesmerizing melodies. “Modal music – music that’s based around tones or modes rather than Western scales – covers a region that stretches from the north west of Africa to west China,” Daly explains.



Kelly Thoma and Ross Daly to perform at Stone Church Arts.

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“All of those areas have things in common, and they’re all constantly changing and evolving.”

Experience “Contemporary Modal Music” with Ross Daly and Kelly Thoma, masters of the Mediterranean lyra, Friday, May 24 at Immanuel

Episcopal Church, 20 Church St., Bellows Falls, Vt. Information and advance tickets are available in person at Village Square Booksellers in Bellows Falls and Misty Valley Books in Chester, by phone at 802-460-0110, and online at www.stonechurcharts.org.

Gelfan paintings on display at Main Street Arts

SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. – The paintings of Carrie Gelfan of Westminster will be on display at Main Street Arts May 20 through June 28 in a show featuring her work over the past 10 years. An opening reception will be held Thursday, May 23 from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

Gelfan describes her work as figurative, with many portraits and groupings of friends and family members, some from life and some from old photos. Drawing is an essential part of her work, and all her paintings are preceded by drawings. She

is a member of two life drawing groups in the area, and many of her charcoal life drawings have become the basis of later paintings.

“I paint because I like to create and make things,” she says. “I like painting people (and sometimes animals) because it allows me to create an intimacy with my subjects in a very safe way, one in which I am in control of the relationship.”

Although she often bases her paintings on photographs, Gelfan sometimes groups individual photo subjects to “create an interesting dynamic between figures, an essence or atmo-

sphere, and also some mystery, intrigue or even ambiguity about the situation or relationship.”

But Gelfan says the real subject of her paintings is the paint itself and the dance of painting, how the paint sits on the canvas, its consistency, the relationship of the colors and the spontaneity and rhythm of the brush strokes and lines. “The figures are mostly a vehicle for me to express myself with paint,” she says.

Gelfan holds a bachelor’s degree in fine art from Antioch College and also studied at the Art Students League in New York and Cabrillo Junior Col-

lege in California. She has been awarded two fellowships at the Vermont Studio Center’s Vermont Week.

Her work has been shown in a number of galleries in Vermont and New Hampshire, and she is currently affiliated with the Oxbow Gallery in Northampton, Mass. Her paintings can be seen at her website, www.carriegelfan.com.

Further information about the art show is available at www.mainstreetarts.org, on Facebook, or at 802-869-2960.



A self-portrait by Carrie Gelfan.

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Wallingford presents Stewart and Slattery

WALLINGFORD, Vt. – On Wednesday, June 5, Wallingford Town Hall Concert Series presents Stewart and Slattery at 7 p.m.

Andy Stewart and Mary Jo Slattery perform music from

several roots traditions, including the exuberant soulful two-steps and waltzes of Cajun Louisiana, the upbeat fiddle tunes of French Canada and New England, as well as blues and southern mountain ballads.

Recognized by Louisiana’s Cajun French Music Association for the authenticity of their style and repertoire, Mary Jo and Andy have performed in festivals, concert halls, farmers markets, schools, nursing homes, and assisted living facilities from southwest Louisiana to northern New England – from Mexico and the Caribbean to northern Canada. When not performing as a duo, these two versatile musicians play with the New Hampshire Council on the Arts accredited Cajun band, The Offshore Aces. For some 25

years they played with the New Hampshire and Vermont-based contra dance band Northern Spy, selected for inclusion in the Smithsonian Folkways CD on New Hampshire social dancing titled “Choose Your Partner!” Their latest exciting project is a trio called The Occasional Jug Band.

There is a suggested donation at the door. Proceeds go to the musical group. A nonprofit group will host a bake sale. Please mark your calendar for Wednesday, June 5 and support local live music.

“More Than Honey” screening

LONDONDERRY, Vt. – Doreen Fabiano and Carlene Lindgren, local activists for the environment and other important

global issues, will screen “More Than Honey” from Academy Award nominated director Markus Imhoof, Friday, June 14 at 7 p.m. at Neighborhood Connections. Imhoof tackles issue of why bees are facing extinction, a phenomenon that is worldwide.

The photography alone is enough to draw you in as the film captures bees in flight and in their hives. This film showing is offered at no charge, but call 802-824-4343 to attend. Organic popcorn will be served and a lively discussion follows.

The Meeting Place at Neighborhood Connections is located in Londonderry’s Mountain Marketplace, next to the Post Office. Neighborhood Connections is a nonprofit social services agency serving those most vulnerable in nine area mountain towns. Check us out at www.neighborhoodconnectionsvt.org.

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Local author signing at The Book Nook

LUDLOW, Vt. – The Book Nook will host an in-store event with local author Christie K. Kelly Saturday, May 25, from 1-3 p.m. Kelly will be available to chat about her new book, “The Six Gifts Part I: Secrets,” and sign copies of them too. In addition, Grace Pratt of Sol Luna Farm will offer a flower essence and sound healing demonstration.

The searching protagonist of Kelly’s “The Six Gifts Part I: Secrets,” Olivia Alfieri, racks up near death experiences and clearly clairvoyant visions. Olivia and her handsome husband Marco escape to a secluded home on a mountain in Vermont. But this seclusion doesn’t bring Olivia the peace and healing for which she strives. Recurring dreams and shock-

ing news from an old friend galvanize Olivia into action and a cross-country trip that brings more questions than answers.

“This fictional series is woven from true life events,” explains Kelly. “Though it expands into a universe we can only imagine, who’s to say what can happen and what can’t?” Kelly hopes that Olivia’s story of facing her past will inspire other women to do the same. “The idea that our fate is predestined and that we’re each part of a grander scheme is seductive,” she says. “I’d like the reader to connect with Olivia and her urgent mission to identify her purpose for being alive because I think many people feel a similar sense of searching.”

Christie K. Kelly was born and raised in Colorado, where

much of “The Six Gifts Part I: Secrets” takes place. She has a degree in accounting and devoted most of her career to that field. In 2001, she turned her attention to the family business for which she is still a trusted advisor and controller. Kelly is a painter, a writer, and the creative director for her company’s marketing department. For more information about Kelly, go to www.ChristieK-Kelly.com.

Please join us at The Book Nook for an afternoon of books and sound healing Saturday, May 25, from 1-3 p.m. The Book Nook is located at 136 Main Street in Ludlow, Vt. Please call 802-228-3238 for more information on this event.

Plein air street scene painting in oils

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Gallery at the VAULT is pleased to present a wonderful oil painting opportunity. Lynn VanNatta is offering “Street Scene Painting in Oils” Saturday, June 1, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

You will meet at the VAULT and then move outdoors to explore painting a street scene with an emphasis on perspective and atmospheric effect on color. Lynn will do a demo and then guide each student individually throughout the day. In case of rain, you will paint from photos at VAULT, supplied by you or Lynn.

The instructor has a spare plein air easel in case you do not have one. Please let us know of your need when you



Lynn VanNatta country road painting.

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register. A materials list will be provided at registration. All levels welcome.

For more information, please call or come into Gallery at the VAULT, 68 Main Street, Spring-

field. We are open Monday 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and Wednesday through Saturday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call 802-885-7111, email gallervault@vermontel.net, or visit www.gallervault.org.

Identifying ferns at Village Square Booksellers

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Village Square Booksellers welcomes author Lynn Levine and illustrator Briony Morrow-Cribbs to discuss the evolution of their new book, “Identifying Ferns the Easy Way: A Pocket Guide to Common Ferns of the Northeast” Saturday, May 25 at 11 a.m. The event will begin with a discussion about how this beautiful and easy-to-use fern guide was conceived and how Levine and Morrow-Cribbs collaborated. Morrow-Cribbs will demonstrate her process for creating the illustrations, and Levine will explain how to use this field guide. There will be ample time for

questions.

For the last 40 years, Levine has been an environmental educator, tracker, and a consulting forester to private landowners. She is the author of “Mammal Tracks and Scat: Life-Size Pocket Guide, Snow Secrets, and Is It Time, Yet?” and co-author of “Working with Your Woodland: A Landowner’s Guide and Mammal Tracks and Scat: Life-Size Tracking Guide.”

Morrow-Cribbs is a Putney-based artist, illustrator, and graphic designer. She illustrated “Wicked Plants: The Weed that Killed Lincoln’s Mother & Other Botanical Atrocities,” followed two years later by

“Wicked Bugs: The Louse that Conquered Napoleon’s Army & Other Diabolical Insects,” both New York Times best-sellers. Morrow-Cribbs also illustrated a book of short stories edited by Neil Gaiman and created copperplate etchings for “The Anarchist’s Design Book.” Morrow-Cribbs teaches printmaking, book arts, and drawing locally.

Copies of “Identifying Ferns the Easy Way: A Pocket Guide to Common Ferns of the Northeast” will be available as well as a selection of Levine’s other nature guides.

Community Players auditions

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Auditions for The Springfield Community Players’ production of “The Dixie Swim Club,” directed by Don Gray, and the production of “Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike,” directed by John MacDonald, will be held Sunday, June 2 and Monday, June 3 at the Springfield Community Players Studio located at 165 South St. in Springfield, Vt., from 6 to 8 p.m. There are roles available for men and women ages 16 and up. There is no guarantee that everyone who auditions will be cast in the productions. Those wishing to audition must arrive by the scheduled starting time and stay for the entire two-hour session.

This is a group audition – no advance preparation is necessary, but a smile never hurts. Those interested

should just be ready to come and have a good time.

The performances for “The Dixie Swim Club” will be Aug. 16-17 and 23-24 at 7:30 p.m. with tech week scheduled from Aug. 11-15. The performances for “Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike” will be Sept. 27-28 and Oct. 4-5 at 7:30 p.m. with tech week scheduled for Sep. 22-26.

The Springfield Community

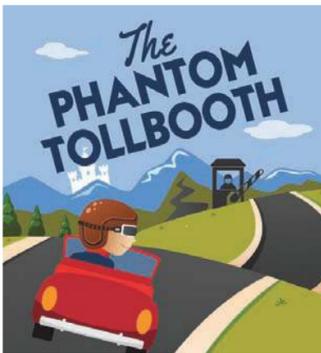
Players is a nonprofit organization based in Springfield, Vt. This coming year more than 40 cast members across the region will take to the stage to the delight and applause of their families, friends, community, and neighbors. For further information, please contact the Springfield Community Players at 802-885-4098 or springfieldcommunityplayers@gmail.com.

Weston Playhouse Theatre Co. presents “The Phantom Tollbooth”

WESTON, Vt. – Weston Playhouse Theatre’s Young Company presents a family-friendly adventurous tale based on the beloved children’s book, “The Phantom Tollbooth,” running June 13-30 at Walker Farm, Tuesday through Sunday at 4 p.m. There will be 1 p.m. shows June 14-15 and June 22-23.

Rachel Liff, Weston artistic associate and Young Company advisor, says, “We are so excited to welcome families to this production of ‘The Phantom Tollbooth.’ The story allows all of us to discover the joy in learning and encourages children to let their imagination run wild as the 2019 Young Company brings these characters to life.”

Emerging artists from professional actor training programs around the country come together to form Weston Play-



See “The Phantom Tollbooth.” PHOTO PROVIDED

house Theatre’s Young Company. Actors in this selective program will raise the curtain on the 83rd season with their performance of “The Phantom Tollbooth.”

Protagonist Milo is completely, terribly, and persistently bored. Not even his favorite

toys can capture his attention for more than a moment. All hope seems lost until a mysterious tollbooth appears in his bedroom. Suddenly, he is transported to the Land of Wisdom, where life is anything but boring.

“The Phantom Tollbooth” features Dominic Dorset, Jazley Genovese, Daelynn Jorif, Grace Martini, Sammi Messina, Bella Muller, Ben Senneff, and Alexander Tan. Direction is by Piper Goodeve.

“The Phantom Tollbooth” plays at Walker Farm at 705 Main Street, Weston, Vt. Subscriptions and single tickets are available online and by calling the Weston Box Office at 802-824-5288. Gift certificates can be purchased online at www.westonplayhouse.org.

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outdoor news

Fawns are arriving, leave them alone

MONTPELIER, Vt. – The Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department says deer fawns are being born this time of year and asks that people avoid disturbing or picking them up. Most deer fawns are born in late May and the first and second weeks of June, according to Vermont deer biologist Nick Fortin.

Fortin says it is best to keep your distance because the fawn's mother is almost always nearby. When people see a small fawn alone, they often mistakenly assume it is helpless, lost, or needing to be rescued.

Fawns do not attempt to evade predators during their first few weeks, instead relying on camouflage and stillness to remain undetected. During these times, fawns learn critical survival skills from their mothers. Bringing a fawn into a human environment results in separation from its mother, and it usually results in a sad ending for the animal.

Fortin encourages people to resist the urge to assist wildlife in ways that may be harmful, and he offered these tips:

- Deer nurse their young at dif-



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ferent times during the day and often leave their young alone for long periods of time. These animals are not lost. Their mother knows where they are and will return.

- Deer normally will not feed or care for their young when people are close by.

- Deer fawns will imprint on humans and lose their natural fear of people, which can be essential to their survival.

- Keep domestic pets under control at all times. Dogs often will kill fawns and other baby animals.

For the safety of all wildlife, taking a wild animal into captivity is illegal in Vermont. "It's in the best interest of Vermonters and the wildlife that live here, for all of us to maintain a respectful distance and help keep wildlife wild," added Fortin.

Weathersfield Bow hike June 2

WEATHERSFIELD, Vt. – The Weathersfield Historical Society will host a walk in Weathersfield Bow Sunday, June 2 at 2 p.m. Jeff Pelton – who has a background in ge-

ology, forestry, and history and who has led many hikes for the Weathersfield Historical Society and the Weathersfield Conservation Commission – will take walkers down

the Class IV Old Springfield Road, which originally ran from Weathersfield Bow to Bugbee Road in Springfield. Jeff will loop the group back along a series of old logging roads.

The walk will be held rain or shine but not during thunderstorms. Dress for ticks and bring your water bottle with you.

Park and meet at the Bow Baptist Church, 1102 U.S. Route 5. For more information, call 802-885-9517.

Vermont's trophy trout stocking for 2019

MONTPELIER, Vt. – Vermont's "Trophy Trout" stocking program for 2019 includes eight river sections and 25 lakes and ponds receiving the two-year-old trout, some over 18 inches long.

"The trophy rainbow and brown trout stocked in the Black, Winooski, Lamoille, Missisquoi, Walloomsac, and Passumpsic Rivers as well as East and Otter Creeks provide exciting fishing for many anglers of all ages and skill levels," said Vermont's Director of Fisheries Eric Palmer. "Large two-year-old brookies and rainbows will also be stocked in many lakes and ponds to provide excellent fishing opportunities."

Trout fishing opened April 13 and will continue through Oct. 31 this year. There is no length limit and the daily creel limit for these stream



Trophy trout like these are being stocked this spring in eight Vermont river sections and 25 lakes and ponds.

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sections is two trout.

Stocking of the river sections is occurring throughout May. Anglers can check Vermont Fish and Wildlife's website, www.vtfishandwildlife.com, to see the stocking that has oc-

curred and see the lakes and ponds that are being stocked with trophy trout. Click on "Fish" and then "Fish Stocking Schedule."

- Black River along Route 131 in Weathersfield and Cavendish, from Downers covered bridge upstream, approximately four miles, to the next bridge across the river, the Howard Hill Bridge.

- East Creek in Rutland City from the confluence with Otter Creek upstream, approximately 2.7 miles, to the top of the Patch Dam in Rutland City.

For fishing regulation details, see the "Vermont 2019 Fishing Guide & Regulations" available where licenses are sold, or use the online fishing regulations tool at www.vtfishandwildlife.com/node/486.

Vermont fishing licenses are available on Fish and Wildlife's website and statewide from license agents.

Weathersfield Kids' Fishing Derby June 15

WEATHERSFIELD, Vt. – On Saturday, June 15, from 9 a.m. to noon, there will be a free kids' fishing derby for ages 14 and under at 3979 Route 131, Weathersfield, halfway between Ascutney and Downers Four Corners. Casting practice will be offered at 8 a.m. by the Windsor High Bass Fishing Team. Refreshments will be of-

fered and bait provided. Please bring pole and tackle, bucket or stringer.

This event is part of the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Children's Fishing program, designed to give kids the opportunity for a fun and successful fishing experience. The department provides 8 to 10-inch stocked trout for the kids to test out their angling skills. Prizes

will be awarded in three age categories for first fish, biggest, smallest, and most fish caught by weight.

Preregistration is required by June 1. Sign up in person at the Weathersfield Proctor Library or online at www.weathersfield.org. For more information, contact Mark Richardson at weathersfieldproctorlibrary@gmail.com or call 802-674-2863.

Avoid moose on the highway

MONTPELIER, Vt. – Drivers

need to be alert and cautious because moose are on the move, according to the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department. Moose are more likely to be crossing roadways at this time of year, especially after dark or early in the morning as they move from wintering areas to spring feeding locations.

Motorists hit more moose in the spring than at any other time of the year. There is another peak of activity in September and October, the breeding season for moose.

"Motorists hit 61 moose on Vermont highways during 2018," said Fish & Wildlife Commissioner Louis Porter. "We are asking drivers to be especially careful and for people to enjoy watching moose from a distance. Moose can be unpredictable and dangerous if you get too close and they feel cornered or get irritated."

Moose are a threat to motorists, but there are measures you can take to avoid hitting them, according to Fish & Wildlife:

- Always be aware of the danger. Moose cross the road randomly, as well as at their regular

crossings.

- Increase your roadside awareness and reduce your speed when you see Moose Crossing signs along the highway. When on secondary roads, the recommended speed is 40 mph or less in these moose crossing areas.

- Drive defensively and don't overdrive your headlights. Moose are more active at night and early morning, and they are difficult to see because of their dark color.

- If you see a moose ahead, slow down or stop. Trying to speed past them before they can move can be a serious mistake.

Nineteen people have died in motor vehicle collisions with moose on Vermont highways since 1985.



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Cindy Moses, owner of Maple Leaf Designs, has been in the business of making jewelry for 20 years. It all started when Moses was at a craft fair at Grace Cottage in Townshend, Vt. She saw a booth with beaded jewelry and was interested in pursuing the craft herself. She started doing it part-time and whenever she could.

"I just loved it," she says. After that, she opened a retail store in Windsor, Conn. where she resided. After 15 years in Connecticut, she moved the business to Vermont. Locals may remember Canal Street Beads in Bellows Falls that was in operation until 2017. She's since moved onto creating wholesale jewelry in her cabin studio at her residence in Westminster West.

Moses creates a variety of colorful beaded earrings using sterling silver ear wires. She enjoys working with Swarovski crystals and semi-precious stones. Her jewelry often includes Tree of Life and dragonfly motifs, but a variety of different designs can be found as well. She is also currently working on making solid hammered silver pieces. While she specializes in earrings, she also makes other pieces including sun catchers, which can be found at the Maple Leaf Designs vendor booth at one of the several craft shows she will be attending in 2019.

Her full list of shows is on her website www.mapleleafdesigns.biz, but locally she will be making appearances at the Chester Fall Festival and the Beyond the Unicorn Festival in Springfield. She is also a substitute vendor at the Brattleboro Farmers Market. Her jewelry can be found in stores at Hidden Springs Maple in Putney, Acworth Village Store in Acworth, N.H., and several other stores in Vermont and Massachusetts.

Moses also welcomes visitors to her studio in Westminster West, and the best way to reach her is through her website or mapleleafdesigns@comcast.net.



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Backyard Composting class will be happening at The Meeting Place at Neighborhood Connections on Tuesday, June 4 at 5 p.m., hosted by Esther Fishman, recycling coordinator for the Londonderry Solid Waste Recycle Group. Come to this free informational meeting to get informed on how to start your home compost because as of July 1, 2020 Vermont law bans food scraps from the trash. A limited number

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

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

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- * Ability to deal with the personnel and public in a positive manner
- * Chester residency preferred

Applications will be accepted until 4:00 p.m. on May 31, 2019. Please submit Employment Application and Resume to the Chester Town Manager's Office, 556 Elm Street, P.O. Box 370, Chester, VT, 05143.

TOWN OF LUDLOW NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing before the Development Review Board for the Village of Ludlow, Vermont, will be held on June 10, 2019 at 6:00 P.M., in the Ludlow Town Hall conference room, to consider an amendment to a Conditional Use Permit in the Village Residential Commercial District:

APPLICANT: Jewell Brook Development, LLC
31 Halls Point Road
Branford, Connecticut 06405
PROPERTY LOCATION: 1 Parker Avenue
Ludlow, Vermont 05149
Parcel No. 220548.000

REASON FOR HEARING: Application to amend a Conditional Use Permit for minor changes due to state permitting. The project is in the Village Residential Commercial District.

APPLICATION NUMBER: 300-07-CU;
Amendment No. 5

The above application is available for inspection at the Ludlow Municipal Offices. Persons wishing to participate may do so in person, be represented by an agent or an attorney, or by writing the Board. Written communications about the application should be filed with the Board either prior to, or during, the hearing.

Rosemary Goings, Board Clerk

TOWN OF LUDLOW NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing before the Development Review Board for the Town of Ludlow, Vermont, will be held on June 10, 2019 at 6:00 P.M., in the Ludlow Town Hall conference room, to Amend a Local Flood Hazard Review Permit located in the Special Flood Hazard Area in the Town Residential Commercial District.

APPLICANT: Glenn Heitsmith
112 Route 103 South
Ludlow, Vermont 05149
PROPERTY LOCATION: 112 Route 103 South
Ludlow, Vermont 05149
Parcel No. 230543.000

REASON FOR HEARING: Application to amend a Local Flood Hazard Review permit for interior repairs to the first floor of the Timber Inn Motel that were damaged from recent flooding. The project is located in the Special Flood Hazard Area of the Town Residential Commercial District.

APPLICATION NUMBER: 367-13-FHR;
Amendment No. 2

The above application is available for inspection at the Ludlow Municipal Offices. Persons wishing to participate may do so in person, be represented by an agent or an attorney, or by writing the Board. Written communications about the application should be filed with the Board either prior to, or during, the hearing.

Rosemary Goings, Board Clerk

TOWN OF CHESTER PROPOSED ZONING DISTRICTS

The Chester Planning Commission will hold 2 meetings and an open house in June 2019 to discuss the new proposed zoning districts and uses with the citizens of Chester. The Planning Commission members are anxious to hear from citizens about the proposal. Refreshments will be served.

All meetings will be held upstairs at the Chester Town Hall. The first meeting, on Monday, June 3rd at 6:30 PM, will address the Village districts. The second meeting on Monday June 17th at 6:30 PM, will address the Rural districts. Brandy Saxton of PlaceSense will explain the purpose of the districts and the dimensional standards and other information that citizens will need to fully understand the proposals. The third meeting, on Saturday, June 22nd from 10:30 to 1:30 is an open house for people to ask specific questions about parcels or zones.

Copies of the maps and proposed zoning use tables are available for inspection at the Chester Town Hall, Whiting Library, and many other businesses in Chester. They also may be found on the Town of Chester website, www.chestervt.gov and at the Chester Vermont page on Facebook.

NOTICE OF WATER FLUSHING MAY 28 - 30, 2019 VILLAGE OF LUDLOW WATER DEPARTMENT

Starting on Tuesday, May 28, 2019 at 11:00 pm and running through 6:00 am on Thursday, May 30, 2019 the Village of Ludlow Water Department will be flushing the water system and testing the fire hydrant system.

Residents may experience discolored water during this time. When the flushing is complete, please be sure to let your cold water run until the water runs clear.

We appreciate your patience and understanding while we perform our distribution system maintenance. Please feel free to contact the Municipal Office at (802) 228-2841 or the Water Department at (802) 228-8431 if you have any questions.

Thank you.

TOWN OF LUDLOW NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing before the Development Review Board for the Town & Village of Ludlow, Vermont, will be held on June 10, 2019 at 6:00 P.M., in the Ludlow Town Hall conference room, for a local Act 250 review, located in the Town Residential and Mountain Recreational Districts.

APPLICANT: South Face Village
@ Okemo Development Co., LLC
213 Court Street, #603
Middletown, Connecticut 06457
PROPERTY LOCATION: Village Center Road
Ludlow, Vermont 05149
Parcel No. 060201.000
060221.000

REASON FOR HEARING: Application for a local Act 250 review to substitute 3 duplex buildings in place of the proposed 12-unit condominium building C-5. The project is located in the Town Residential and Mountain Recreational Districts.

APPLICATION NUMBER: 475-19-ACT250

The above application is available for inspection at the Ludlow Municipal Offices. Persons wishing to participate may do so in person, be represented by an agent or an attorney, or by writing the Board. Written communications about the application should be filed with the Board either prior to, or during, the hearing.

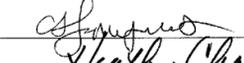
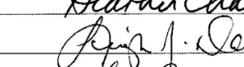
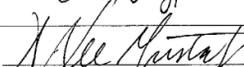
Rosemary Goings
Board Clerk

TOWN OF CHESTER WARNING NOTICE OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

The Legal Voters of the TOWN OF CHESTER are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Chester Town Hall, Second Floor in said Town of Chester on Monday, June 10, 2019, at 6:00 pm., to act on the following Articles.

- ARTICLE 1:** To see if the Town will vote to purchase a loader for the Highway Department in an amount not to exceed \$165,000. Said loader to be financed as illustrated in the Capital Plan for a 4 year term beginning in 2020. The purchase of the loader was inadvertently left out of the Capital Plan approval article 8 on the 2019 Town Warning although the expense is already budgeted within the Capital Plan.
- ARTICLE 2:** To transact any other business deemed proper when met, not including the expenditures of Town Funds or other business acted upon in the preceding Articles.

Dated at Chester, Vermont on this 10th day of May, 2019.

 /s/ Arne Jonynas, Chairman
 /s/ Heather Chase
 /s/ Leigh Dakin
 /s/ Ben Whalen
 /s/ Lee Gustafson

NOTICE OF TAX SALE TOWN OF WINDHAM

The resident and non-resident owners, lienholders and mortgagees of property in the Town of Windham, in the County of Windham and State of Vermont are hereby notified that the taxes assessed for such town remain either in whole or in part unpaid on the following described lands in such town, to wit:

1. Being lands and premises known as Lot # 3 on the so-called Horsenail Road (*Windham Grand List Parcel number 010013*) conveyed to Jack and Christine Hidy by Warranty Deed of Ethelbert A. and Cecil M. Rawson dated and recorded May 16, 1963 in Book 16, Page 270 of the Windham, Vermont Land Records.
2. Being lands and premises at the intersection of the northerly side of the Popple Dungeon Road and the easterly side of the road leading northerly from the Popple Dungeon Road to Route #11, known as Howard Hill Road, (*Windham Grand List Parcel number 010042*) conveyed to Mark Niedbala by Warranty Deed of Cyr Management, Inc. dated January 19, 1989 and recorded February 3, 1989 in Book 26, Page 331 of the Windham, Vermont Land Records.
3. Being lands and premises known as 268 White Road, (*Windham Grand List Parcel number 04014-1*) conveyed to Gary L. Clay, Jr. by Quit Claim Deed of Cathy L. Prouty, t/k/a Cathy L. Clay, joined by Douglas C. Prouty and Edith Hussey, dated April 14, 1998 and recorded April 20, 1998 in Book 32, Page 493 of the Windham, Vermont Land Records.
4. Being lands and premises on Vermont Route # 121, (*Windham Grand List Parcel number 040301*) conveyed to Barry Kolber and Harriet Kolber by Warranty Deed of Ernest J. Bratton and Norma W. Bratton, dated February 26, 1970 and recorded March 31, 1970 in Book 18, Page 109 of the Windham, Vermont Land Records.
5. Being lands and premises known as 34 Timber Ridge Road, (*Windham Grand List Parcel number 040403*) conveyed to John Norton by Warranty Deed of Gregory G. White, dated July 2, 2003 and recorded July 16, 2003 in Book 39, Page 512 of the Windham, Vermont Land Records..
6. Being lands and premises known as Lot #7 in Timber Ridge, (*Windham Grand List Parcel number 040337*) conveyed to Walter B. Hintz by Warranty Deed of William S. Ingraham, dated and recorded January 27, 1966 in Book 17, Page 108 of the Windham, Vermont Land Records.
7. Being lands and premises known as 6206 Windham Hill Road, (*Windham Grand List Parcel number 070209-3*) conveyed to Howard Ires by Quit Claim Deed of Bethanie Ires t/k/a Bethanie M. Boggs, dated May 30, 2009 and recorded in Book 47, Page 361 of the Windham, Vermont Land Records.
8. Being lands and premises known as 212 Woodburn Road, (*Windham Grand List Parcel number 070213*) conveyed to Merle Russell, III and Janet Russell by Warranty Deed of Charles Snyder and Regina Snyder, dated December 5, 2008 and recorded December 8, 2008 in Book 46, Page 569 of the Windham, Vermont Land Records.

And pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 5254, such property will be sold at public auction at the Windham Town Office, a public place located at 5976 Windham Hill Road in Windham, Vermont on the 26th day of June, 2019, at 9:00 A.M., to discharge such taxes with costs unless previously paid.

Dated at Windham, Vermont this 30th day of April, 2019.


Tim Kehoe
Collector of Delinquent Taxes
Town of Windham

LEGAL NOTICES/HELP WANTED

calendar

PROCTORSVILLE, Vt. – Advanced Tai Chi class at DG Bodyworks, 7 Depot St. in Proctorsville on Thursdays at 5:45 p.m. Join Djemila to take your Tai Chi to the next level. To learn more about the classes, please contact Djemila at 802-490-0225 or email djem.translator@gmail.com.

CHESTER, Vt. – Join the Six Loose Ladies for Knit Knite on Thursdays from 5-8 p.m. at the Six Loose Ladies shop in Chester. This is not only for knitting but also to crochet, spin, or work on any other portable fiber project. We also serve sweets in the evenings – many ladies like to bake. Whether you want to learn to knit or crochet or consult with a more experienced knitter, this is a great time to join us. For more information, visit www.sixlooseladies.com.

CHESTER, Vt. – Strength-building chair yoga class with Liz Eaton, 9:30-10:35 a.m., Fullerton Inn, Main Street, Chester. This is a strength building yoga class in the hatha tradi-

tion for anyone looking to build bone density, physical strength, flexibility, and endurance. Come as you are and do what you can. Use a chair, yoga mat, or both! Drop in anytime or purchase a few classes at once. No experience necessary. For details, contact 802-875-2868, eaton.liza@gmail.com or www.buddhafulyoga.com.

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

FRIDAYS – CHESTER, Vt. – Melissa Lovell Post will teach international folk dancing Fridays, from 10:30 a.m. - noon at the Chester Town Hall, located at 556 Elm St. in Chester, Vt. Classes will run until early June

2019. The classes will be geared for beginners and intermediate-level dancers. No partner is necessary. 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.

WEEKLY – PROCTORSVILLE, Vt. – Join Denise at DG Bodyworks in Proctorsville for Boot Camp classes on Mondays and Wednesdays at 7 p.m. Let Denise work you towards your health and fitness goals with an amazing workout that will leave you coming back for more.

REGION – Bone Builders to combat osteoporosis is free and open to seniors

55-plus. Call 802-674-4547. Mondays and Wednesdays classes are held at Martin Memorial Hall in Acutney from 10-11 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday classes are held at Cavendish Baptist Church from 10-11:30 a.m. or at Andover Community Church from 3-4 p.m.

TOWNSHEND, Vt. – Strong Bones ongoing classes offered Mondays and Wednesdays from 10:30-11:30 a.m. or 5-6 p.m.; Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:45-9:45 a.m. or 10:30-11:30 a.m. at Grace Cottage Community Wellness Center, Heins Building, 133 Grafton Rd. in Townshend. Preregistration required. Call 802-365-3649.

PROCTORSVILLE, Vt. –

Enjoy weekly yoga classes at DG Bodyworks, 7 Depot St. in Proctorsville on Tuesdays at 4:30 p.m. and Saturdays at 8 a.m. All-level classes designed to improve core strength and balance, stretch and strengthen muscles, and promote a sense of well being.

TOWNSHEND, Vt. – Yoga classes at Grace Cottage Community Wellness Center, Heins Building, 133 Grafton Rd. in Townshend. Classes available Tuesdays, from 4:30-6 p.m.; Fridays, from 3:30-5 p.m. Chair yoga for beginners is

on Wednesdays, from 1-2 p.m. Instructor for all classes is Crystal Mansfield. Small fee for each class. Call 802-365-3649 for details.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Springfield Adult

Learning offers ongoing classes to earn your high school diploma. Anyone interested should contact 802-546-0879 or visit Vermont Adult Learning at 363 River St. in North Springfield.

TOWN OF PLYMOUTH Highway Department Position Available

The Town of Plymouth has an opening for a Town employee in our Highway Department. A CDL is required.

Please contact our Highway Foreman at 802-672-3535.

NOTICE OF SALE

According to the terms and conditions of a Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure by Judicial Sale (the Order) in the matter of *Proctorsville Garden View Homeowners Assoc. Ltd. v Michael P. Gray, Claremont Savings Bank, Inc., Windham & Windsor Housing Trust, Inc., Vermont Housing and Conservation Board and Any Tenants Residing at 12 Park Place, Proctorsville, VT*, Vermont Superior Court, Windsor Unit - Civil Division, Docket No. 284-6-18 Wrcv, foreclosing a lien for non-payment of association fees and assessments on real estate more fully described below, the real estate with an E-911 address of 12 Park Place, Proctorsville, Vermont (the Property) will be sold at public auction at **11:00 a.m. on June 14, 2019** at the location of the Property.

The Property to be sold is all and the same land and premises described as follows:

Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Michael P. Gray by warranty deed of James E. Altman dated June 21, 2013 and recorded on June 24, 2013 in Volume 80, Page 174 of the Cavendish land records. The Property may be subject to easements, rights-of-way and other interests of record.

Terms of Sale: The Property will be sold to the highest bidder, who will pay \$10,000.00 at sale in cash, certified, treasurer's or cashier's check made payable to Thomas Hirschak Company (or by wire transfer, if arrangements for wire transfer are made in advance, confirmation of wire transfer is available before commencement of sale and bidder pays additional fees required for wire transfer), will pay the remaining balance of 10% of the highest bid to Thomas Hirschak Company within five (5) calendar days of the sale and will pay the balance of the highest bid price within fifteen (15) days of the issuance of an Order of Confirmation by the Vermont Superior Court. The successful bidder will be required to sign a Purchase Agreement. Copies are available by calling the telephone number below. If the successful bidder fails to complete the purchase of the Property as required by the Agreement, the \$10,000.00 deposit will be forfeited to Plaintiff. The Property is sold "AS IS" and the successful bidder is required to purchase the Property whether or not the Property is in compliance with local, state or federal land use laws, regulations or permits. Title to the Property will be conveyed without warranties or representations of any kind, by Order of Confirmation. This sale is exempt from federal lead based hazards disclosure. 24 CFR Section 35.82.

Redemption Rights: The Property Owner is entitled to redeem the Property at any time prior to the sale by paying the full amount due under the Order, including the costs and expenses of sale.

Other terms to be announced at the sale or inquire at Thomas Hirschak Company, 1-800-634-7653. www.THCAuction.com

Dated: May 10, 2019

/s/ Robert W. Scharf
Robert W. Scharf, Esq.
Attorney for Plaintiff

Winterplace Condo Association in Ludlow, VT is seeking a full-time laborer with good carpentry skills. Year round position with competitive pay, health insurance and Simple plan. Weekends required during ski season. Please call 802-228-4934 for an application.

Wilson & Lawrence Inc. Tennis Court Contractors in Grafton, VT is Hiring Laborers at \$14/hour. Also looking for Driver/Laborers with a clean Driver's License.
Please call 802-869-2333. Mon-Fri, 8am-4pm.

GRIEVANCE HEARING TOWN OF ROCKINGHAM BOARD OF LISTERS

Grievance hearings for the Town of Rockingham will be held on Friday June 7, 2019 starting at 9:00 a.m. at the Town Hall third floor Listers office in Bellows Falls.

If you wish to grieve your 2019 Assessment, Homestead or Housesite value, or Current Use Allocation it is required to submit your grievance in writing before or on Friday June 7 by 4:30 p.m.
Mail : PO Box 370, Bellows Falls, VT 05101
Email : listeners@rockbf.org

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

ROCKINGHAM BOARD OF LISTERS
Camilla Roberts - Paul Noble - Paul Obuchowski

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TOWN OF ROCKINGHAM Request for Proposals: Cemetery Maintenance

The Town of Rockingham is requesting proposals for the maintenance of the town-owned cemeteries. This will be for up to a three (3) year contract (2019 through 2022). Services will include spring clean-up, mowing and trimming. Interested individuals are asked to submit sealed proposals, clearly marked "Cemetery Mowing Bid", no later than 2:00 p.m., Thursday, May 30, 2019 to Everett Hammond, Public Works Director, Town of Rockingham, P.O. Box 370 Bellows Falls, VT 05101. Contact the Town for a copy of the RFP at 802-463-3964 ext 1116 or dpw@rockbf.org.

TAKE A BREAK!

Weekly SUDOKU
by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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King Crossword

ACROSS

- Macbeth's title
- Hot dog side dish
- Tar
- Bay windows
- Mr. Ed's owner
- President Woodrow —
- Suitable
- Aristocratic
- Pair
- Fishing need
- U.K. fliers
- Ball of yarn
- Gold-finger?
- Copious oil wells
- Water barrier
- Mainlander's memento
- Outstanding
- Kitchen lure
- Apiary house
- Tease
- Strait-laced
- Commotion
- Olympian's award
- Mound stat
- Infamous middle name
- "Die Hard" star
- Taxed
- Loud sounds
- Fight

DOWN

- Taiwan's capital
- Honey bunch?
- Hemingway's "The — of Kilimanjaro"
- Satchel
- Encounter
- Tweet
- 7-Down's mule
- Red or Black
- Copes
- Wrap
- Neatens (up)
- Develop
- Disencumber
- Threatening conclusion
- More like a mud pit
- Accumulate
- Sunrises
- Encounter
- Narnia's Aslan, e.g.
- DIY buy
- Perjurer's pronouncement

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Salome's Stars

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) The early part of the week could find you looking to balance your priorities between your family obligations and your career responsibilities. Pressures begin to ease by week's end.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) An associate's problem could cause unavoidable delays in moving ahead with your joint venture. If so, use the time to look into another project you had previously set aside.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Although a financial problem could be very close to being resolved in your favor, it's still a good idea to avoid unnecessary spending for at least a little while longer.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Support for some unwelcome workplace decisions begins to show up, and continues to build, so that by week's end, the gregarious Goat is as popular as ever.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Congratulations. Deciding to attend a social function you might have earlier tried to avoid could turn out to be one of the best decisions you've made in a long time.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Getting into a new situation could prove to be a more difficult experience than you expected. Don't hesitate to ask for advice in coping with some of the more irksome challenges.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your strong sense of duty makes you a valued and trusted member of your community. Have you considered a career in law enforcement?

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) There's nothing an Aries Lamb likes less than having to tackle a humdrum task. But finding a creative way to do it can make all the difference. A more exciting time awaits you this weekend.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Finishing up a job on time leaves you free to enjoy your weekend without any Taurean guilt pangs. A romantic attitude from an unlikely source could take you by surprise.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Moving in a new career direction might be seen by some as risky. But if you have both the confidence to see it through and the facts to back you up, it could prove rewarding.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Holding back on a decision might be difficult, considering how long you've waited for this opportunity. But until you're able to resolve all doubts, it could be the wiser course to take.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You still need to move carefully where financial matters are concerned. Better for the Lion to move slowly than pounce on a "promising" prospect that doesn't keep its promises.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A rejection of an idea you believe in can be upsetting. But don't let it discourage you. Get yourself back on track and use what you've learned from the experience to try again.

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calendar

REAL ESTATE

CLUBS

MAY 23 – LUDLOW, Vt. – Fletcher Memorial Library Friends Group presents a book discussion of "Where the Crawdads Sing" on Thursday, May 23 at 7 p.m. at Fletcher Memorial in Ludlow. For years, rumors of the "Marsh Girl" have haunted Barkley Cove, a quiet town on the North Carolina coast. So in late 1969, when handsome Chase Andrews is found dead, the locals immediately suspect Kya Clark, the so-called Marsh Girl. For more information, call 802-228-8921.

MAY 25 – MANCHESTER, Vt. – Challenging hike in the Lye Brook Wilderness on Saturday, May 25. Meet at 7:30 a.m. at the parking lot for Bistro Henry on Rte. 11/30 going west from Manchester Center. Leave cars here and car pool to the Glen Road parking area. Total distance 14.8 miles. Because of the distance and difficulty of finding the trail on the Lye Brook Trail for 5 miles, this hike is rated difficult. Once you start, you need to stay with the group the entire way. Bring extra layers (weather could be anywhere from the high 40s to the 80s at this time of year and elevation), raincoat just in case, bug

repellent, snack, lunch, fluids, headlamp just in case, wear footwear that can handle wet trail. RSVP required to Keld Alstrup at 802-362-1422 or alstrupkeld@gmail.com.

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

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

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

call 802-228-2983.

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

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

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

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

members of Colfax Lodge are holding a baked ham dinner at the Hall in Belmont on Saturday, May 25 starting at 5 p.m. There is a cost. Please call 802-259-2460 for details.

JUNE 1 – ALSTEAD, N.H. – Turkey Buffet at Third Congregational Church, River Street in Alstead on Saturday, June 1, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Takeout available. Children under 6 eat free. Menu includes turkey, stuffing, gravy, cranberry, potato, peas, carrots, rolls, beverages, and dessert. Volunteers may message Third Congregational Church on Facebook if interested. Food prep and table set up at the church Friday, day prior to supper, at 9 a.m. Come and join the fellowship and fun of food prep. Call Joanne at 603-835-6734 for more information.

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

EVENTS

MAY 25 – NORWICH, Vt. – Mindbender Mansion opens on Saturday, May 25, from 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. at the Montshire Museum in Norwich. Enter the wonderfully puzzling world of Mindbender Mansion, an eclectic exhibition full of brainteasers and interactive challenges guaranteed to test the brainpower and problem-solving skills of even the most experienced puzzlers. Developed by the Oregon Museum of

Science and Industry, this visiting exhibition brings 2,500 square-feet of science fun to the Montshire for the summer.

CHARLESTOWN, N.H. – Charlestown Garden Club Plant and Bake Sale is happening on Saturday, May 25, from 9 a.m. - noon in front of Ralph's Supermarket in Charlestown.

ATHENS, Vt. – Second annual Plant and Bake Sale fundraiser on Saturday, May 25, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Athens Brick Meetinghouse. The event is co-sponsored by the Athens Historic Preservation Society and the Town Meetinghouse Committee. Plants for sale will include perennials, annuals, vegetable starts, and herbs, along with a delectable assortment of home baked goods. All proceeds will help with ongoing maintenance of the 1817 Meetinghouse. For more information, call 802-869-2141 or email athensmeetinghouse1817@gmail.com.

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – "What the dead have to tell us: A look at the iconography of grave-stones," on Saturday, May 25 at noon at the Rockingham Meeting House, off Route 103. The program is sponsored by the Rockingham Historic Preservation Commission. The meetinghouse, built between 1787 and 1801, is owned by the town of Rockingham and is the oldest public building in Vermont that still exists in a condition close to its original state. It is a National Historic Landmark. For information, email clg@rockbf.org.

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Village Square Booksellers welcomes author Lynn Levine and illustrator Briony Morrow-Cribbs to discuss the evolution of their new book, "Identify-

ing Ferns the Easy Way: A Pocket Guide to Common Ferns of the Northeast" on Saturday, May 25 at 11 a.m. The event will begin with a discussion about how this beautiful and easy-to-use fern guide was conceived and how Levine and Morrow-Cribbs collaborated. Morrow-Cribbs will demonstrate her process for creating the illustrations, and Levine will explain how to use this field guide. There will be ample time for questions. Copies of "Identifying Ferns the Easy Way: A Pocket Guide to Common Ferns of the Northeast" will be available as well as a selection of Levine's other nature guides.

MAY 29 – GRAFTON, Vt. – The next Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce's Business After-Hours Mixer is scheduled at the historic Grafton Inn on Wednesday, May 29, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. This event will be located in the main building on the tavern side of the inn at 92 Main St. in Grafton. Light refreshments will be provided at no cost, the bar will also be open for purchase, and there will be a fabulous raffle prize to win!

MAY 30 – BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Rockingham/Bellows Falls wastewater treatment plant, 80 Mill St., will host a public open house and facility tours on Thursday, May 30 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Attendance is free and Vermonters of all ages are invited for a first-hand introduction to the science, high-tech, and human dedication that protect the public health and keep Vermont's rivers and lakes clean. For more information, contact Rob Wheeler, chief operator, at 802-376-6483 or bfsewer@rockbf.org.

JUNE 2 –

WEATHERSFIELD, Vt. – The Weathersfield Historical Society will host a hike in Weathersfield Bow on Sunday, June 2 starting at 2 p.m. Park and meet at the Bow Baptist Church, 1102 US-5, in Weathersfield Bow. Jeff Pelton will lead walkers down the Class IV Old Springfield Road, which originally ran from Weathersfield Bow to Bugbee Road in Springfield. The walk will be held rain or shine but not during thunderstorms. Dress for ticks and bring your water bottle with you. Call Jeff Pelton at 802-885-9517 for details.

MONDAYS – WESTON, Vt. – Weston Rod & Gun Club will host Monday Night Bingo, starting at 7 p.m., at their location Route 100 North, one mile north of the town center. For more information, call 802-824-6577.

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

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Play pickleball at the Springfield Parks & Recreation Center, 139 Main St., on Tuesdays, from 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

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 – 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 Next Stage, 15 Kimball Hill Rd. For pricing or reservations, call 802-387-3052. Limited seating available.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Gassets Grange is holding Bingo every Thursday from 6:30- 8:30 p.m. at the North Springfield Baptist Church on Main St in Springfield.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Play pickleball at the Springfield Parks & Recreation Center, 139 Main St., on Thursdays, from 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

WESTMINSTER, Vt. – Bingo at Compass School on the last Thursday of the month (except July), 7892 Route 5 in Westminster.

SATURDAYS – BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Join us for karaoke at the Bellows Falls Family Center, 59 Westminster St. on Saturdays, from 7 to 11 p.m.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Dump Daze Flea Market will happen every Saturday, weather permitting, on the spacious lawn of St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 33 Fairground Rd. The market will open when the first dealer arrives and close when the last dealer leaves. There is ample parking as well as rest rooms. Dump Daze prime location, on the route to the area's recycling center, guarantees

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FARMERS' MARKET

JUNE 1 - SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Springfield Farmers' Market will be opening for the season June 1 at its summer location on lower Clinton Street on a grassy area just before Nortrax Equipment Co. The market is open rain or shine unless the weather is dangerous. We are a nonprofit vendor-run farmers' market. Look for us on Facebook. Vendor information can be found at www.springfieldvtfarmersmarket.com.

KIDS' CORNER

MONDAYS - CHESTER, Vt. – Children of all ages are invited to join the LEGO Club at the Whiting Library in Chester. We will provide the LEGOs and DUPLOs, and you supply the imagination. The program is on Mondays from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. For further information, call 802-875-2277, visit www.whitinglibrary.org, or check our Facebook.

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.

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.

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

ROCKINGHAM, Vt. – Crafts, stories, and play time for toddlers and preschoolers. Enjoy stories, songs, crafts, and activities. Rockingham Free Public Library 10:30-

11:30 a.m. Contact 802-463-4270.

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

WINDSOR, Vt. – Preschool and toddler story time every Wednesday, from 10:30-11:30 a.m. at Windsor Public Library, 43 State St. Each week features a theme, music, stories, and a craft. For more information, go to www.windsorlibrary.org or call 802-674-2556.

WEDNESDAYS - LUDLOW, Vt. – Story time for ages 5 and under on Wednesdays from 10:30-11:30 a.m. at Fletcher Memorial Library in Ludlow. Children and their caregivers are invited to join us each week for early literacy activities, STEM explorations, music, and more! Call Sacha at 802-228-3517 or email skrawczykvt@gmail.com for details.

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

THURSDAYS - SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Edgar May Open Play Group, 10-11:30 a.m., at Studio Momentum, 71 Main Street. 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.

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

FRIDAYS - SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Creative movement activities and play group are held in the gym of the Community Center, Fridays, from 9-11 a.m. All parents with young children are welcome. Contact Parks and Rec. Dept. at 802-885-2727.

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.

GRAFTON, Vt. – Preschool nature programs at The Nature Museum in Grafton on Fridays through May from 10-11:30 a.m. Mighty Acorns Club invites young adventurers to explore the natural world through

interactive games, puzzles, and activities. Most sessions involve exploring our backyard and the nearby woods, fields and pond. Our environmental educators Jay DeGregorio and Jill Bruning lead the group. We hope you and your little ones can join us!

MANCHESTER, Vt. – The Northshire Bookstore is offering a weekly Kid's Storytime on Fridays at 10:30 a.m. Contact Northshire bookstore for more information.

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LIBRARIES

JUNE 1 - BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Reserve your spot in the "Four Seasons in One Morning" painting class led by local artist Debbi Wetzel on Saturday, June 1 from 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. at the Rockingham Library. Spots are limited. No painting experience required. At the end of class, walk away with four 3-by-3 inch original paintings depicting each season of the year and a mini-easel to display them on. This is a fundraiser for the Friends of the Rockingham Library. The price includes four mini-canvases, one mini-easel, use of paints and brushes, a fun teacher, and refreshments. Wear old clothes or an apron. To sign up for this class or for more information, email programming@rockinghamlibrary.org or call 802-463-4270.

THURSDAYS - ROCKINGHAM, Vt. – Join genealogy enthusiast Wayne Blanchard on a quest to discover your family roots on Thursdays from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Rockingham Library. If you own a laptop, please bring it along. With the many free databases available at the library, it's hard to tell what you might find. Both beginners and seasoned genealogists are welcome. This program is free and open to the public. For more information, call 802-463-4270, email programming@rockinghamlibrary.org, or go to www.rockinghamlibrary.org.

FRIDAYS - BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. –

Minecraft Club at the Rockingham Free Public Library every Friday, from 3:30-4:30 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.

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

MEETINGS

MAY 30 - LONDONDERRY, Vt. – The Londonderry Conservation Commission is hosting a Lowell Lake Informational Meeting at the Londonderry Town Offices at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 30. The meeting intends to review community concerns over VT Dept. of Forest, Parks & Recreation's Master Plan to develop Lowell Lake State Park. Londonderry Town Offices is located at 100 Old School St. in Londonderry.

MUSIC & THEATER

MAY 24 AND 25 - BRATTLEBORO, Vt. – Rock River Players present David Mamet's "Oleanna." Performances are May 24 and 25 at 8 p.m. at the Hooker-Dunham Theatre, 139 Main St. in Brattleboro. Inspired by the Clarence Thomas/Anita Hill Senate hearings yet well before the #MeToo era, the succinct 1992 play detonates the fury of sexual politics through a power struggle between a male college professor and a female student. Twenty-seven years later, the subject could not be more relevant. "Oleanna's" content and language render it unsuitable for audiences under 15. Tickets are available at the door or order online at www.williamsvillehall.com.

MAY 25 - PUTNEY, Vt. - Next Stage Arts Project presents "Zydeco & Gumbo" at the Next Stage Café, on Saturday, May 25, with food being sold and served at 6 p.m. and the band starting at 7 p.m. Admission is

suggested donation and tickets are available in advance online at www.nextstagearts.org or at the door. Top of The Hill Grill will provide the dinner, beginning at 6 p.m. Next Stage offers a beer and wine cash bar, and there will be a dance floor. Next Stage is located at 15 Kimball Hill in Putney. For more information, email info@nextstagearts.org.

MAY 31 - PUTNEY, Vt. – Next Stage Arts Project and Twilight Music present an evening of contemporary folk and Americana music with Nashville-by-way-of-Vermont singer/songwriter Caitlin Canty and Maine duo Oshima Brothers on Friday, May 31 at 7:30 p.m. at Next Stage at 15 Kimball Hill in Putney. For information, call 802-387-0102. Advance tickets are available at www.nextstagearts.org, Turn It Up in Brattleboro, and the Putney General Store in Putney.

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

SUPPORT GROUPS

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

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

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

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.

TOWNSHEND, Vt. – Weight Loss Support Group meets every Tuesday, from 10:30 a.m. – noon at Grace Cottage Community Wellness Center, Heins Building, 133 Grafton Rd., in Townshend. Instructor is Grace Cottage Health coach Liz Harrison. Call 802-365-3766.

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – TOPS Chapter Vermont #12 meets every Tuesday at 6 p.m. at Sacred Heart Social Center, 39 Green St. in Bellows Falls. Come to TOPS, a nonprofit, noncommercial, weight loss support group that really works. Every week there are interesting programs 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

more information. **WEDNESDAYS -** CHESTER, Vt. – Co-Dependents Anonymous meets on Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the Whiting Library in Chester. Find out more about CoDA at www.coda.org. For more information regarding this meeting, contact Sarah E. at sarahcoda2016@gmail.com.

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.

THURSDAYS - SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Mental Health Peer Support Group meets 2-3:30 p.m. at the First Congregational Church, 77 Main Street. 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.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – TOPS at Huber Building, 80 Main Street. Weigh-in starts at 8 a.m. and the meeting begins at 9 a.m.

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