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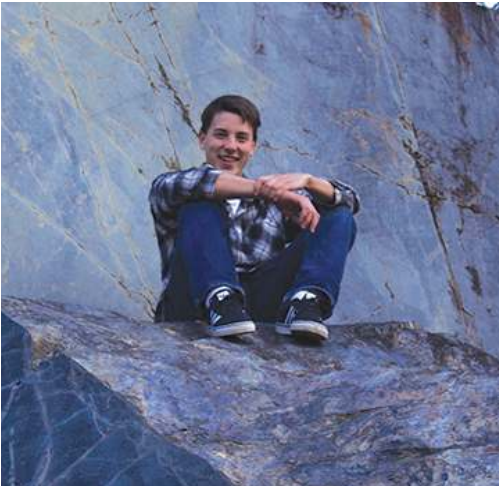
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Trout in the Classroom at Mount Holly Elementary

BY MEGAN HARLOW JENKINS

The Vermont Journal

MOUNT HOLLY, Vt. – On Monday, June 10, 2019, Emma Vastola’s first grade class at Mount Holly Elementary School released trout into the stream as a part of the Trout Unlimited Organization’s Trout in the Classroom program.

Trout Unlimited helps the initial set up of the program including almost \$1,200 in equipment to raise the trout from eggs to maturity over the school year. They also provide support throughout the year as ongoing difficulties can result.

Teachers who run the program in the class alongside their trusty budding scientists have to engage in complex chemistry and consistent observations to ensure the baby trout survival throughout the year. This year at MHES, 43 of the original 100 trout eggs survived – a great number according to program volunteer and Rutland and Bennington counties coordinator, Joe Marks.

Joe Marks and Kathy Ehlers came out to the school for the incredible end of the year fish release day, on what can only be described as a Vermont fisher person’s ideal 75 degree buggy day. The stu-



Mount Holly students learned about trout.

PHOTO BY MEGAN HARLOW JENKINS

dents at MHES hiked down the nature trail and got right in the creek to collect bugs. They identified bugs to gather information about the health of the local stream.

Through examining the bug species present, students learned that the stream was indeed a healthy place to release the trout. After collecting bugs and an introduction to the art of fly fish casting, the students all gathered to each release three of the fish they had raised from egg to baby fish. As the students came down the creek bed one at a time to release their fish, many said an eager heartfelt farewell: “Have fun, fishy” and “Stay safe, fishy.”

At the culmination of the day’s activities, students gathered together in a semicircle of rocks in the stream classroom and reflected on the program. One memorable quote from the lively conversation included, “When we first got the eggs, they came out and ate their yolk.”

When Vastola asked what would be the one most memorable thing about the program, an eager student responded, “We will always remember them.”

Another responded, “We will remember to not pollute to help keep them safe.”

The hands-on introduction to science and the environment proved invaluable to this group of students. Students learned life cycle science, chemistry, and environmental factors that play a role in the health of their local ecosystem. The hard efforts of all the volunteers who make this program happen are clearly being put to good use as can be seen by the enthusiasm of the students.

About 100 schools in Vermont do this program and even more nationally. The program as it operates now in Vermont started about 25 years ago. For more information, go to Trout Unlimited Organization at www.vttucouncil.org.

TRSU deals with correction of errors controversy

BY SHARON HUNTLEY

The Vermont Journal

REGION – The most recent Two Rivers Supervisory Union, Ludlow Mount Holly Unified Union School District, and Green Mountain Unified School District meetings were called to address “correction of errors” needed to respond to Open Meeting Law violations that were leveled to all three boards by Cynthia Prairie, publisher of The Chester Telegraph.

In a letter dated June 4 and sent to Superintendent Meg Powden and the board chairs of the other boards, Prairie outlined nine dates involving different boards that allegedly violated Vermont’s Open Meeting Law. The letter specifically challenged in some instances the topics but largely

involved improper exemptions used and lack of detail given for entering into executive session.

To respond in the appropriate 14-day timeframe after receiving the letter, TRSU and GMUSD both called for special meetings June 12 and June 13 respectively. LMHUUSD already had a meeting scheduled June 12 and the “correction of errors” item was added to their agenda. The TRSU meeting met prior to the LMHUUSD meeting in the same location.

In the TRSU meeting, correction of errors involved TRSU meeting dates of Dec. 6, 2018; Feb. 7, 2019; and March 27, 2019. The TRSU legal counsel, Chris Leopold, provided the boards with the recommended steps, proper motions, and the appropriate language to use to correct

the errors. According to the legal counsel, these steps included admission of the error by the board chair; making a motion citing the topic was proper and giving the correct exemption that should have been used; making a motion to retroactively go into executive session; and making a motion to re-ratify whatever action was taken by the board after the executive session.

From the floor, GMUSD board member Doug McBride, who is also a lawyer himself, argued that he had an overarching concern that the “letter given to board by the lawyer doesn’t follow the statute.”

Not willing to say the legal

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Fire districts tension continue

BY SHARON HUNTLEY

The Vermont Journal

CAVENDISH, Vt. – At the end of the June 10 Cavendish Select Board meeting, Vice Chair Mike Ripley, who is also a volunteer with Ludlow Ambulance Service, made a statement concerning an issue that had been brought to his attention by Ludlow Ambulance Service regarding members of the Cavendish Fire Department acting unprofessionally during a lift assist call several months ago.

Board member Stuart Lindberg said he was not

aware of the situation and that he agreed wholeheartedly that they have to work together. He said that the Select Board was not the forum for issues with the fire districts. “As matter of process, these kind of discussions should be between the officers and the departments,” he said.

In past Select Board meetings, there has been tension between the Chairman of the Select Board Bob Glidden, who is chief of the Proctorsville Fire Department, and Stuart Lindberg, a member of the Cavendish Fire Department, largely the result of increasing town pressure to merge both fire districts.

Board member Sandra Russo agreed that it was an issue for the Fire Districts, saying, “I think Select Board has to stay out of those things.”

Following the meeting, The Vermont Journal received a statement from Lindberg concerning the matter. According to Lindberg’s statement, “It is completely unacceptable for the vice chair of the Select Board, Mike Ripley, to use the Cavendish Select Board meeting as a forum to make vague and unsubstantiated allegations against members of the Cavendish Volunteer Fire

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Mount Holly Select Board prepares for summer

BY MEGAN HARLOW JENKINS

The Vermont Journal

MOUNT HOLLY, Vt. – The Mount Holly Select Board Meeting Tuesday, June 11, 2019 focused on reports, old business, and a few additional new issues. The meeting began with an update by Clinton Woolley in regards to highway construction. Woolley was appointed as the road foreman by all three members without discussion. He also briefly mentioned purchasing a mower for \$12,400 and selling

an old mower for \$1,500. Woolley discussed winter sand quotes and the Board voted unanimously to approve a purchase of more sand.

In regards to summer paving, it was agreed that they would use remaining funds to continue paving of Hedgehog Hill and Crowley to the new bridge and that Shunpike Road is to be swept in coming weeks. The Board will be interviewing five applicants to fill the empty road crew position as soon as possible. Mark Turco highlighted the urgency of hiring a new member to avoid mishaps

from the previous year.

Treasurer David Johnson suggested to continue allowing a late filed declaration penalty waiver for property taxes due to confusion and delays between the state and local municipalities on dates. The Select Board voted in agreement with Johnson’s suggestion to continue the waiver program.

Jon McCann reported on the Rutland Regional Planning Commission Report. The last meeting he attended discussed Efficiency Vermont’s campaign for a free energy walk through for the upcoming year. The cam-

paign allows a one- to two-hour walkthrough for small businesses and residential homes. Savings found in these energy audits can create nearly \$50,000 in savings, and he urged residents to make use of this program.

Another topic that was brought up was that new marijuana legislation may be coming to local Select Boards in the near future in regards to dispensaries. While the Select Board agreed the time was not yet to discuss this action, Jennifer Matthew noted that it was something to “keep on the radar.”

Jennifer Matthew suggested using disposal funds to purchase a new shed for a swap shop at the dump. Turco was at first hesitant to use town funds but agreed along with Ron Tarbell that Matthews should get some quotes on the cost of a new shed. The swap shop is a Mount Holly tradition that allowed residents to trade one man’s trash for another’s treasure. Reinstating this tradition will require new rules, the Select Board noted, to ensure the town is not stuck with disposal of expensive electronics and clothing that cannot be kept outdoors.

A Microcell survey from the state was discussed at the meeting. The survey asked towns with low cell coverage their interest in installing microcells that attach to utility poles. The state is asking towns to pay for this service at \$1,800 per device for the year. The Select Board questioned if the microcell service would work in a remote area such as Mount Holly. They agreed to respond that they were interested but were not interested in paying any money for the service.

The next Select Board meeting is Tuesday, July 9 at 6 p.m.

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Prestigious awards



LUDLOW, Vt. – Alexis Martin and Milo Tucker, students at Ludlow Elementary School, in Ludlow, Vt., were recently honored as Middle Level Scholar Leaders at the 22nd annual Vermont Scholar Leader Awards banquet June 6 at Norwich University in Northfield, Vt. Seventy-eight students of 39 schools were honored this year. The goal of the scholar leader program is to honor students who exhibit both academic and leadership qualities.


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Graham Kennedy's retirement



CHESTER, Vt. – Graham Kennedy's Retirement Open House will be Thursday, June 27, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Town Garage. This event is open to the public. Lunch will be provided – until it's gone.

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2019 scholarships awarded by Ludlow Rotary –

LUDLOW, Vt. – The Ludlow Rotary has continued its long tradition of awarding scholarships to eligible graduating high school seniors resident in Ludlow, Mount Holly, Plymouth, and Cavendish. In both 2019 and 2018, Ludlow Rotary funded scholarships aggregating \$9,000 – up 50% from recent years. Including those awarded in 2019, the Ludlow Rotary has now provided more than \$260,000 in scholarships to local graduating seniors, mostly from funds raised at the annual Ludlow Rotary Penny Sales.

In addition to the scholarships described above, the Ludlow Rotary was requested to award \$3,000 of scholarships funded by the Anthony Marro Memorial Trust to students of Ludlow residency.

Recipients were selected on the basis of the following criteria: scholastic achievement, financial need, realistic goals, extracurricular activities, and community service.

The 2019 Ludlow Rotary Scholarships are awarded to graduating seniors from Black River High School and Green Mountain Union High School as follows:

- \$2,000 Daniel E. Kesman Memorial Scholarship to Ryan Boyle of BRHS.
- \$2,000 Robert W. Kirkbride Rotary Scholarship to Aaron Merrill of BRHS.
- \$2,000 Ralph D. Hogancamp Vocational Scholarship to Keegan Ewald of GMUHS.
- \$1,000 traditional scholarship to Lucas DeArruda of BRHS.
- \$1,000 traditional scholarship awarded to Alyssa Ripley of GMUHS.
- \$1,000 traditional scholarship awarded to Chelsea Rose of GMUHS.

The \$1,500 Anthony Marro Memorial Trust Scholarships



Top row, BRHS students, from left to right: Ryan Boyle, Lucas DeArruda, and Aaron Merrill. Second row, GMUHS, from left to right: Keegan Ewald, Alyssa Ripley, and Chelsea Rose.

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were awarded to Ryan Boyle and Aaron Merrill, both of BRHS.

Daniel Kesman and Ralph Hogancamp were legendary members of the Ludlow Rotary, which is celebrating its 92nd year of service to the community in 2019. Robert Kirkbride is an active member of the Ludlow Rotary and has been for more than 60 years – an amazing record.

For further information, contact Tim Faulkner, Ludlow Rotary scholarship chair, at tlf-cpa@tds.net. For information about individual or new business memberships in the Ludlow Rotary and its projects, visit www.ludlowrotary.com.

Timothy Carey is Vermont's Warden of the Year

MONTPELIER, Vt. – Senior Warden Timothy Carey of Mount Holly is Vermont's State Game Warden of the Year. A game warden since 2013, Carey received the award in recognition of his excellent service from Gov. Phil Scott June 4 in Montpelier.

"I want to thank Timothy for his outstanding performance in protecting Vermont's fish and wildlife resources and serving the people of Vermont," said Gov. Scott. He added, "Warden Carey was chosen for his integrity, professionalism and high motivation in all of his work duties, and that he has earned respect from other wardens and the public."

"Senior Warden Carey is a consummate professional who effectively enforces hunting, fishing and trapping laws," said

Fish & Wildlife Commissioner Louis Porter, "and in 2018 he responded to more than 217 incidents and made 21 arrests. He displays a keen sense of judgment, treating all people fairly and with dignity, regardless of the situation."

Warden Carey also is a field training officer and an emergency medical technician as well as serving on the Vermont State Game Wardens' Honor Guard.

In 2018, he found an injured elderly hunter who had fallen and had been on the cold, wet ground with a broken leg for 12 hours. Using his EMT skills, Carey provided emergency treatment until a rescue crew arrived to transport the hunter out of the woods. He also administered CPR to a mountain biker who had experienced car-



Agency of Natural Resources Secretary Julie Moore, Gov. Phil Scott, Warden Carey, and Fish & Wildlife Commissioner Louis Porter.

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diac arrest. And, he has been on many search and rescue operations, including a successful search for a downed airplane.

Warden Timothy Carey's district includes the towns of Clarendon, Shrewsbury, Plymouth, Wallingford, Mount Holly, Ludlow, Mount Tabor, Weston, Andover, Peru, Londonderry, Winhall, and Windham.

Shikar-Safari Club International, a private wildlife conservation group, sponsors a warden of the year award in each state and Canadian province to help promote and encourage the enforcement of wildlife conservation laws. Carey received a colorful framed certificate honoring his selection as Vermont's State Game Warden of the Year, provided by Shikar-Safari Club International.

Mountain Energy Market reopening

S. LONDONDERRY, Vt. – Mountain Energy Market of Vermont made the transition from energizing homes to energizing people this year. The South Londonderry store now features locally and regionally produced food including fresh produce, local dairy and cheeses, fresh and frozen meats, breads, ice cream, special orders, and much more. Refillable environmentally friendly cleaning products are also available.

Come Thursday, June 27, from 4 to 7 p.m., for a grand reopening. Food will be served, and The Pranksters will be playing live music. Mountain Energy Market of Vermont is located at 3590 Route 100 in South Londonderry. Call 802-824-9911 for more information.



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29 years

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Mount Holly PTSA end of the year BBQ

MOUNT HOLLY, Vt. – The Mount Holly Parent Teacher Association hosted an end of the year barbecue on the last day of school June 12, 2019. The event started right after the sixth grade versus teachers basketball game. The game was highly competitive but ended in the teachers winning.

The barbecue featured North Country Smoke-House Hot Dogs purchased by Mojo’s Cafe. Mojo’s heard of the barbecue and wanted to throw in some funds to help support the purchase of quality hot dogs. The PTSA also purchased lemonade, chips, clementines, and buns. Parents brought in salads and treats including many recipe worthy items. In particular, a taco salad by Stacey Blake had the gossip train going, praising the combination of flavor and delight in the dish.

The Mount Holly Fire Department brought up two trucks and allowed groups of students to tour the vehicles

and try on suits. Students, families, and staff spent the beautiful 75-degree day on the playground united with happy hot dogs, great memories, and a sense of accomplishment along with optimistic hope for the future of all the students.



End of the year barbecue.

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Okemo Valley Chamber celebrates 62nd annual meeting

LUDLOW, Vt. – The Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce is celebrating its 62nd annual meeting at a luncheon at Okemo Mountain Resort Tuesday, June 25, 2019. This event will be located in the Round House Room at Jackson Gore Inn at 111 Jackson Gore Rd. in Ludlow beginning at 11:30 a.m.

The guest speaker will be Wendy Knight, the Vermont commissioner of tourism. Karen Ballard of the Vermont Tour-

ism Network will also make some remarks. The meeting will also provide an opportunity to learn about the progress of the chamber in the past year and upcoming plans for the future.

There is no cost for chamber members to attend. Guests are also welcome to attend for a fee. Chamber members are asked to RSVP via their direct email invitation, on the OVRCC website event page, or via the OVRCC Facebook page. This event is also open to potential members

and guests interested in learning more about the chamber and supporting the Okemo Valley business community.

Thank you to our generous sponsors so far who have helped to make this event possible, Heritage Family Credit Union and The Vermont Country Store.

The OVRCC is a not-for-profit, member-driven association and the voice of the business communities in south central Vermont. OVRCC includes the

communities of Andover, Baltimore, Cavendish, Chester, Grafton, Londonderry, Ludlow, Mount Holly, Plymouth, Shrewsbury, Weathersfield, and Weston along the Route 100 Byway. OVRCC provides advocacy, support, and regional marketing to promote and enhance businesses in the region as well as the four-season economy.

For more information, go to www.yourplaceinvermont.com.

Cavendish resident named to Dean’s List

CAVENDISH, Vt. – Lily Jade Burgess of Cavendish, Vt. has been named to the Dean’s List for the 2019 spring semester at the University of New England in Maine. Dean’s List students have attained a grade point average of 3.3 or better out of a possible 4.0 at the end of the semester. For more information, visit www.une.edu.

Tri-Mountain Lions hang flower baskets

LONDONDERRY, Vt. – The Londonderry Tri-Mountain Lions planted hanging flower baskets Friday, May 24 with the residents of Smith Haven in South Londonderry. One adorned each lamp-post for all to enjoy with 16 in total.

The Londonderry Tri-Mountain Lions are members of your community from all walks of life who

share the same commitment to serving their neighbors, the less fortunate, and our youth. Lions also concentrate on helping those with sight and hearing impairments by purchasing eyeglasses and hearing aids. We also provide vision screenings in local schools. We are always looking for new members who share our goals.

All are welcome to join us at our next meeting. For more information, please email londonderrytrimtlions@gmail.com or call Pam at 802-384-0033.



Tri-Mountain Lions hang flower baskets with residents at Smith Haven in Londonderry.

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TRSU

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advice from the TRSU counsel was wrong, McBride said that there is a different path that is much better and follows the statute, and which calls for two meetings. The first meeting would acknowledge an “inadvertent mistake.” The second meeting would be warned and provide the public with information on what would be re-ratified, giving them a chance to participate and would constitute “the cure” for the violation. According to McBride, nothing in the statute allows for retroactive meetings.

McBride recommended his option as least likely to be contested and sent to litigation. He then made reference to a more recent letter received to the boards from the Chester Telegraph that suggested there would be further legal action if they were not satisfied with the board’s response. “The letter that was recently sent to us by the Chester Telegraph clearly states that if you go down this ratification path, that they are prepared to bring litigation against us,” he said.

Despite arguments back and forth, the TRSU board continued with the course recommended by their own legal counsel with board member Joe Fromberger stating, “I do not feel qualified to second guess the lawyers who give us advice.”

Powden confirmed that after receiving this most recent letter, she sent it to legal counsel and they were confident that their recommended path for “a cure” was correct.

Despite continued opposition from board member Dan Buckley, the board then followed through with the recommended steps suggested by their legal counsel and made the necessary motions using the appropriate language for all three dates. Buckley opposed all motions.

In the LMHUUSD meeting

that followed, similar arguments were made, largely by Buckley who sits on that board as well. In the end, the four dates they needed to correct – Sept. 12, 2018; Oct. 10, 2018; Dec. 12, 2018; and March 13, 2019 – followed the same process, again with Buckley dissenting.

Board Chair of LMHUUSD Paul Orzechowski said during

the discussion, “Personally, I feel that no matter what happens we’re going to go to litigation.”

At the GMUSD meeting on June 13, the outcome was different. That board, which was responding with “correction of errors” for one meeting on March 21, 2019, chose to follow a recommended motion by board member Doug McBride,

which will result in a two-meeting “cure” as he outlined in the TRSU meeting.

Both LMHUUSD and GMUSD boards agreed to schedule Open Meeting Law training for their individual boards with Sue Ceglowski from the Vermont School Boards Association. Those dates are to be determined.

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Weston Playhouse opens official restaurant

WESTON, Vt. – Weston Playhouse Theatre Company is pleased to announce June Lupiani and Ali Hartman, the duo behind the beloved MKT: Grafton, are delivering an exceptional new playhouse dining experience this summer, MKT: Weston. Reservations recommended. Seating begins at 5 p.m.

On the new partnership, Hartman says, “We’re thrilled to be collaborating with Weston Playhouse this summer by bringing art and food together in meaningful and interesting ways. Through our team’s dishes, we plan to not only celebrate the tremendous talent on the stage, but also the incredible farms, producers and artisans in our community.”

MKT: Weston’s culinary team will be led by Chef J.D. Fairman. Fairman is classically trained and has spent his 30-year career developing im-

mense skills and a refined palate. He has worked around the country creating beautiful, delicious plates that are provocative, unexpected, and satisfying. “I can’t wait to get in the kitchen and cook honest, flavorful food that showcases our team’s extensive skills, but also highlights the gorgeous products we have in Vermont,” adds Fairman.

In addition to the playhouse’s formal dining room, for the first time, MKT: Weston will offer a casual dining option featuring picnic baskets for theatre-going patrons to enjoy on the green in front of the Playhouse. The baskets will be available for pick-up each evening at 4:30 p.m. Pre-orders are recommended.

Lupiani says, “Our culinary team is top notch and focused on creating an unforgettable experience for all our guests. The dinner menu will be deli-

cious and interesting. The picnic menu will be light and playful. And the late night menu? Well, we plan to get down and dirty with some really indulgent, fun options to match the Cabaret energy.”

While dinner is the main event, MKT: Weston will also deliver a great after party. Once the curtain closes, join Weston Young Company actors and Playhouse talent, for an unforgettable late-night experience of food and art. The Weston Playhouse Cabaret is one of the most intimate and engaging venues in New England. Yankee Magazine calls it the “best place for a nightcap” in southern Vermont.

Open for dinner and drinks on playhouse show evenings beginning at 5 p.m. for theatre guests. Performances begin at 7:30 p.m. Walk-ins are welcome, but wait time is not guaranteed. For questions and reservations, please email dining@westonplayhouse.org or call the Box Office at 802-824-5288.

VINE Sanctuary Pride month potluck

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – All are invited to “eat the rainbow” at VINE Sanctuary’s annual Pride Month vegan potluck Sunday, June 23 at the Springfield Unitarian Universalist Church at 21 Fairground Rd., from 1 to 3 p.m. This event is free and open to everyone, whether or not they are LGBTQ or bring a vegan dish to share.

Pride Month commemorates the events of June 1969 at the Stonewall Inn in Greenwich Village, where LGBTQ people fought back against persecution by the New York City Police. This year commemorates the 50th anniversary of these events, which are now commemorated by a national monument due to their importance to the struggle against discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity.

The rainbow flag symbolizes LGBTQ pride. Pride is an important because many LGBTQ people have been told that they should be ashamed of themselves. The many colors of the flag also

represent respect for diversity of all kinds.

To celebrate that rainbow, VINE challenges all potluck participants to bring dishes that include as many different colors as possible. Prizes will be awarded to the most colorful entree, side dish, and dessert as well as a grand prize for the dish of any kind that includes the greatest number of colors.

All attendees will receive free seeds, so that they can grow a rainbow of their own. The Free Seed Library at Springfield Town Library is a new project of VINE in collaboration with the library. Anyone can check out seeds to grow their own food or share seeds from their garden. At the potluck, free seeds of vegetables that grow in all the colors of the rainbow such as radishes, carrots, peppers, corns, and beans will be available to take home along with a fact sheet about growing the vegetables.

The event is free and open to the public, whether or not they



Join the LGBTQ Pride potluck. STOCK PHOTO

bring a dish to share. VINE volunteers always make extra food so that everyone can eat. The one requirement is that any dish brought to the potluck be vegan, which means free of any animal products such as meat, dairy, eggs, or honey. People looking for recipe inspiration or those new to vegan cooking can check out www.Vegweb.com or www.VegKitchen.com.

VINE Sanctuary is an LGBTQ-founded nonprofit farmed animal refuge based in Springfield, Vt. More than 600 animals live at the sanctuary. In addition to caring for sanctuary residents and promoting respect for animals, VINE advocates for social and environmental justice.

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Legislative breakfast on marijuana bill

TOWNSHEND, Vt. – West River Valley Thrives would like to invite the public to a light breakfast with local legislators Monday, June 24, at 7:45 a.m. at the Townshend Church on the Common. With the passage of S.54, an act relating to the regulation of cannabis and commercialization

of marijuana, out of the Senate and referred to Committee on Ways and Means, this bill appears, in some form, destined to be voted into law in the near future.

WRVT will host a public dialogue with legislators in order to provide clarity on the law and answer any ques-

tions. The intention of this breakfast and discussion is to provide a forum for municipalities, schools, social service and health care agencies, faith-based institutions, law enforcement, and parents to become better informed about what is in this draft legislation and to help you consider whether

your town should examine its current plan and zoning laws.

Please RSVP to wrvtdirector@gmail.com or call 802-365-4700 by June 20 so we are able to make appropriate plans for food and beverages. A children's area will be staffed for those who have childcare needs.

Trees planted for Saxtons River floodplain protection

GRAFTON, Vt. – The Saxtons River Watershed Collaborative organized a riparian buffer tree planting along the Saxtons River along with its partners the Windham County Natural Resource Conservation District, the town of Grafton, Grafton Elementary School, and Vermont

DEC.

With shovels in hand, 53 community volunteers, Grafton town representatives, and students and staff from Grafton Elementary School planted native trees and shrubs on a Grafton town-owned property. This planting represents a culmination of many years of hard work to restore this Tropical Storm Irene damaged property back into productive floodplain habitat. By planting native trees and shrubs, the buffer will help reduce future erosion and flooding in high-water events.

In addition to the support from the project partners, this



Volunteers who helped plant trees and shrubs. PHOTO PROVIDED

project was also generously assisted with donations of services, equipment, and materials by MJS Lawn Care and Landscape and Ivor Stevens Grounds Maintenance. Additional plants were donated Noralee Hall and Pat and Peter Jeziorski. Volunteers from the town of Grafton include neighbors Cathy Siano-Goodwin, Kirk Goodwin, and Craig Moore, as well as Meg Gonzales, Chris Tole, Cynthia Gibbs, Joshe Hearne, Danny Taylor, and Sam Battagliano. A special thanks to the Grafton Elementary School third through sixth graders and school staff who did a tremendous job planting trees and shrubs.

The Windham County Natural Resources Conservation District is developing streamside buffer plantings for the fall of 2019 and spring of 2020. If you would like to have a parcel evaluated for participation in an upcoming planting, please contact the WCNCRD at 802-689-3024 or email windhamcountynrcd@gmail.com.

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LOCAL HISTORY

BY RON PATCH

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

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

A Jeffrey barn plan

The Chester town-owned property commonly referred to today as the Jeffrey barn needs to be torn down. I have a plan for this property.

Here I propose a few things that could be done immediately for very little money using only town labor. There are a number of native trees growing on the property. The scruffier and dying trees should be cut to allow the healthier trees to thrive.

There are several young elm trees. Most of these elms die of disease before growing very large. On this property is an elm about 18 inches at the butt. This should be looked at by someone from the Elm Society to see if it is disease free. It's the largest elm I've seen in decades.

There are a couple ancient apple trees that would benefit if cleared out around them. These old apple trees provide food and habitat for wildlife as well as being visually pleasing. And when they bloom in the spring, it would be a great "Welcome to Chester."

For the property on the south side of the barn: In front of one of the side doors of the barn is a 6 feet long by two feet wide by 12 inches thick, very flat stepping stone.

Move this stone out in the yard and stand it up on end. I envision four feet of this stone above the surface of the ground with a good footing. After this stone is set in place, I would have a bronze tablet made and mounted to the surface of this stone with words to this effect:

"For thousands of years, Native Americans camped in the meadow below on their way to the fishing grounds in Bellows Falls. In 1763, Jabez Sargeant and Thomas Chandler, the first white settlers in town



Peter Farrar standing at the Merrill Stevens barn foundation.

PHOTO BY RON PATCH

built log cabins in the meadow below.

"In 1889, Merrill Stevens built a large and stately barn on this location. In the early 1900s Guy Earle built the brick silo."

The bronze plaque might cost as much as a \$1,000. I suggest the Chester Historical Society pay for the plaque.

At the Chester Historical Society, we have a collection of Indian arrowheads that were unearthed in this meadow years ago when farmers tilled the soil. Some of these arrowheads are thousands of years old. This is Chester's most historic site.

The first thing to do is mow the grass and clean up the junk timber piles. Once the grass is mowed, an old rusty hay rake or manure spreader should be placed in the yard. Keep in mind I'm drawing on my memory how these old Vermont farms used to look. This site could also use a few more granite fence posts.

Another thing I would do is clear away all the brush growing on the ramp. Like everything else Merrill Stevens did, he overbuilt the ramp. Overgrown and impossible to see is a wonderful stone structure that is the ramp. You could drive a Sherman tank over it.

Close to the highway there's a small concrete foundation that was probably the milk house. This needs to be filled in so no

one will fall into it.

When Merrill Stevens' barn was new, it would have been an impressive site for travelers north and south. Today, this site could regain that status. Imagine the barn gone, exposing the view of the brick silo, the barn's stone foundation, select trees and the meadow below.

The brick silo is a work of art. People driving by today can hardly see it. But once the brush around it is removed, it would really stand out.

I would like to oversee this plan should the town adopt it. It should be done the Vermont way. Over the years Vermont has been sanitized to the point, well, the old Vermont is gone. But this property has not been sanitized. Let's preserve this small piece of property. This would be a fitting tribute to our ancestors and Native Americans.

Knowing Vermonters as I do, it wouldn't surprise me if someone stepped up to donate the granite fence posts, hay rake, or manure spreader. I could ask through this column.

The next meeting of the Chester Historical Society is Thursday, June 27 at 7 p.m. at the Academy Building at 230 Main Street. The monthly slideshow will include photos of area brick silos showing their construction. I will also include photos of the Jeffrey barn and its features I mention above. Come see and hear my plan for this property. All are welcome whether members or not.

This week's old saying is from an auctioneer I knew years ago. When he announced and upcoming auction, he would always say, "Be there or be square."

Frances Bremer History Award

CHESTER, Vt. – This past June 7 at Green Mountain Union High School, Chestina Terry was awarded Chester Historical Society's Frances Bremer History Award by Ron Patch. Chestina's history of Bellows Falls was well written and researched. Congratulations, Chestina.

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Workshop on preserving historic woodwork

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Is your handed-down family furniture – antique or not – in need of attention? Does the interior decorative woodwork in your historic home show signs of its age? Do you need advice regarding how to best care for and maintain these items?

Have your questions about the care and restoration of your wooden heirlooms and historic architectural woodwork answered at a slide-illustrated workshop Wednesday, June 26, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Bellows Falls Waypoint Center. Guest speaker Jonathan Schechtman, master craftsman, furniture conservator, and proprietor of Meeting House Furniture Restoration in Quechee, will be on hand to offer expert advice on how to care for and conserve your antique wooden heirlooms and interiors for the enjoyment of future generations.

His slide presentation will illustrate examples of antique furniture restoration procedures, followed by one-on-one advice to those who attend. For this mini version of PBS' popular

"Antiques Road Show," participants are encouraged to bring items of furniture, such as a chair, small table, a drawer from a larger piece, or perhaps a photograph of interior wooden paneling, etc. Schechtman will provide specific advice on the care, repair, or preservation of these objects.

Schechtman, who founded Meeting House Furniture Restoration in 1982, has master's degrees in both Art Education and Historic Preservation. His training includes studying furniture making in High Wycombe, England, and a stint at the Smithsonian Museum Conservation Institute, where he studied furniture restoration. While he and his company have undertaken the extensive restoration of original woodwork finishes in the Isaac Bell Mansion in Newport, R.I., restored and maintains the period furniture at the Vermont Statehouse, Schechtman says it is extending the life and utility of everyday family heirlooms that offers the



Jonathan Schechtman, master furniture restorer and founder of Meeting House Furniture Restoration in Quechee, Vt.

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greatest significance and satisfaction to him and his team of artisans.

This Historic Homes Workshop is hosted by the Rockingham Historic Preservation Commission and is free. Light refreshments will be served. The Waypoint Center is handicapped accessible and has ample parking. For more information, go to www.rockbf.org or email clg@rockbf.org.

"The Starry Messenger" at the Springfield Town Library

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Join us at the Springfield Town Library Saturday, June 22 at 11 a.m. for "The Starry Messenger," a fun-filled dramatic adaptation of Galileo's short treatise Siderius Nuncius. Mike Francis, dressed in 17th century costume as Galileo, will present his most recent discoveries made using his newly devised spyglass. As he describes those discoveries, Galileo's new method of observation and measurement of nature becomes apparent.

Almost 400 years ago, as an unknown Italian court mathe-

matician, Galileo Galilei opened the secrets of the universe and laid the foundation for modern science. Galileo turned his telescope to the heavens to discover mountains and craters on the moon, four moons of Jupiter, and countless stars never before seen. Even more significant was his method of observation and mathematical analysis. He taught future scientists the way to discover the laws of nature.

"The Starry Messenger" is the first of our summer programs celebrating our summer reading theme, "Universe of Stories."

Sign up for the Adult Summer Reading raffle. Enter a raffle ticket for every book or audiobook completed. Drawings will be held weekly. And look for more fun programs for youth and adults throughout the summer.

This event is appropriate for ages 9 and up, is free, accessible to people with disabilities, and open to the public. The Springfield Town Library is located at 43 Main Street, Springfield, Vt. For more information, contact us at 802-885-3108 or stlas@vermontel.net.

Down the River, Lowell Lake photos exhibits at Custer Sharp House

LONDONDERRY, Vt. – Londonderry Arts and Historical Society's summer history exhibit opens Saturday, June 22. "Down the River" explores the properties along the West River before the Ball Mountain Dam was built. "Lowell Lake," where Londonderry's first home sites were located,

features photos from the collection that rarely have been displayed.

Iconic Everett Vaile reprints are also for sale at the Custer Sharp House this summer. From 1899-1947, Vaile produced a vast collection of glass plates in mostly South Londonderry. It is a wonder-

ful chronicle of life from more than 100 years ago.

The Custer Sharp House is located at 2461 Middletown Rd. It is open Wednesday and Saturday 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. For more information, go to www.lahsvt.org, call Annie Campbell at 802-856-7284, or email Londonderryahs@gmail.com.

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CHURCH SERVICES

ALSTEAD, N.H.

Third Congregational Church UCC, River St.
Vacation Bible School will be held July 8-12 from 9 a.m. to noon every day at the church. The theme this year is “Roar: Life is Wild, God is Good.” All children age 3 and older are welcome to attend. A free-will offering will be taken daily. Please arrive between 8:30-9 a.m. the first day for registration. Volunteers are welcome. For more information, call Pastor Maureen at 603-835-2144.

ASCUTNEY, VT.

Open Bible Baptist Church, 168 Cemetery Rd.
Sunday school at 9:45 a.m. Morning service at 11 a.m. Afternoon service at 1:15 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study and Prayer at 7 p.m. For more information, call Pastor Daniel Anderson at 802-230-5307 or at the church 802-674-2266. Visit www.obbcvt.org.

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

BELLOWS FALLS, VT.

Immanuel Episcopal Church, 20 Church St.
Holy Eucharist Services are offered at 8 a.m. (quiet service) and 10 a.m. (with music) every Sunday. Handicap accessible. For more information, call 802-463-3100.

Christ’s Church, 24 Main St., Saxtons River
Sunday Service is 10 a.m. Service is followed by a potluck luncheon. For more information, call 802-376-6178. All welcome.

CAVENDISH-PROCTORSVILLE, VT.

Cavendish Baptist Church, 2258 Main St.
Sundays at 10 a.m. More at www.CavendishBaptist.com or call 802-226-7131.

Gethsemane Episcopal Church, 89 Depot St. Proctorsville
Join us for worship Sundays at 11 a.m. followed by a coffee hour. For more information, call 802-226-7967 or go to Facebook @GethsemaneVT.

CHARLESTOWN, N.H.

North Charlestown United Methodist Church, Rt. 12A River Rd.
Sunday worship begins at 9 a.m. Church is handicap

Grady O. Evans, 2018-2019

WESTMINSTER, Vt. – Infant Grady Oliver Evans, 7 months, passed away June 5, 2019 at Boston Children’s Hospital after a short yet courageous battle with Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome. Our fighter passed peacefully in the arms of his Mommy and Daddy after surpassing expectations and defying odds for 7 months. Grady was born Nov. 18, 2018, the beloved son of Charles G. Evans and Janice M. Evans.
Grady is survived by his parents and the most loving, proud big sister, Bristol E. Evans, of Westminster, Vt.; maternal grandparents Maggie and Don Nowers of Dunedin, Fla.; paternal Grumpy, Timothy Evans, of Saxtons River, Vt., paternal Nana Veronica Fortney of Warner Robins, Ga.; several other grandparents as well as many cousins, uncles, and aunties who will carry this boy with them al-

ways.
Baby Grady is preceded in death by his paternal Nana, Mary Evans of Saxtons River, Vt.
One in every 100 babies is born with a Congenital Heart Defect. One in every 5,000 of those babies born is diagnosed with HLHS. Use Grady’s story, be an advocate, use your voice. Raise Awareness for CHD. We may have only had 202 days with our handsome little man, but our love for him will last a lifetime. His time on earth was short, but he had lessons to teach and hearts to touch while here. May he forever be remembered for the love he gave, the strength he had, and the hope he spread. You fought hard for us, now rest, our baby. Forever our Heart Warrior.
There was a funeral service Tuesday, June 18 at Fenton & Hennessey Funeral Home in Bellows Falls, Vt.

Robert E. Pelletier, 1943-2019

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Robert E. Pelletier, 75, passed away Monday morning, June 10, 2019 at the Springfield Hospital in Springfield, Vt. He was born Sept. 1, 1943 in Springfield, Vt., the son of Elwin C. and Gwendolyn (Lashua) Pelletier. He attended Springfield schools, graduating from Springfield High School class of 1961. He served in the United States Air Force from 1964 to 1968, serving in Vietnam.
On Feb. 24, 1973, he married Mary LaFrancis in Springfield, Vt. He was employed with the Springfield Fire Department

from 1969 to 1999, retiring in 1999 as deputy chief. Robert was a lifetime member of the Robert L. Johnson VFW Post 771 in Springfield, Vt. He is survived by his wife Mary Pelletier of Springfield.
At his request, there will be no services. A private burial will be held in the Oakland Cemetery in Springfield at a later date. Contributions may be made in his memory to the Springfield Family Center, 365 Summer St., Springfield, VT 05156. Arrangements are under the direction of the Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield, Vt.

accessible. Contact 603-826-0381.
Holy Resurrection Orthodox Church, 99 Sullivan St., Claremont, N.H.
Saturdays at 6 p.m. and Sunday at 9:30 a.m. 603-542-6273; frandrew@tregubovstudios.com; hroc.org.

CHESTER, VT.

Chester Baptist Church, 162 Main St.
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Chester Congregational Church, 469 Main St., Rt. 11 West
Sunday Service at 10 a.m. All are welcome. For more information, call 802-875-3382 or go to www.chestercongregational.org.

First Universalist Parish of Chester, Rt. 103. 211 North St.
Sunday service 9:30 a.m. between September and June, followed by light refreshments and conversation. Free childcare available for children under 5. The building is handicap accessible with an elevator. More at www.chestervtuu.org or 802-875-3257.

LONDONDERRY, VT.

The Village Church, 35 Church St., Belmont, Vt.
The Sunday service and children’s church is at 9:30 a.m. Contact 802-259-2440 or visit www.vbch.weebly.com.

First Baptist Church, 62 Crescent St., S. Londonderry, Vt.
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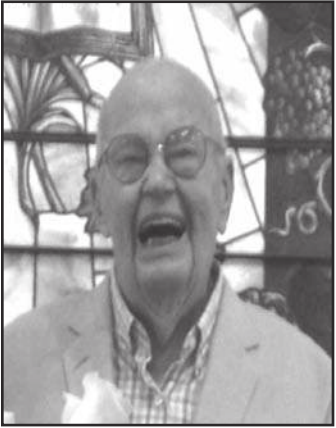
Tyson Community Church, Corner of Rt. 100 and Dublin Rd.
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SPRINGFIELD, VT.

Calvary Baptist Church, 156 Main St.
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Vincent S. Johnson, 1923-2019

LONDONDERRY, Vt. – Vincent S. Johnson, 95, passed away peacefully at home May 15, 2019 surrounded by his family. Vin had lived for the last 31 years in Londonderry, Vt., moving only five months ago to Guilford, Conn. Vin was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and true friend to many with a fantastic attitude and enthusiasm for life. Vin loved the outdoors, golf, skiing, singing, and his greatest joy came from being with family and friends. Vin was a member of the American Union of Swedish Singers for 65 years, singing with Apollo Singing Society in New Haven, Conn. as well as a founding member of Nordic Harmoni in Londonderry, Vt., and a member of the choir in the many churches he attended through his years.
Vin was born in Brooklyn, N.Y. Nov. 1, 1923, the son of the late Swan M. Johnson and the late Freda W. Markusen. Vin spent his youth in Hamden, Conn. After graduating from Hamden High School, he earned his degree from Bentley College in accounting. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corp where he was a pilot. Vin is survived by his wife of 71 years E. Carol Hitchcock, his sons Paul (Diane) Johnson of Murrells Inlet, S.C., and Peter (Kathy) Johnson of North Haven, Conn. Vin is also survived by five grandchildren Jennifer (Matthew) Howlett of



Vincent S. Johnson, 1923-2019.
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North Haven, Conn., Michael (Fiona) Johnson of North Haven, Conn., Michelle (Adam) Mills of Falls Church, Va., Lauren (Richard) Evans of Woodbridge, Conn. and Colleen (Nick) Bruce of Arvada, Colo., and 14 great-grandchildren.
The interment service of his ashes with Military Honors will be held at Riverside Cemetery in Londonderry, Vt. Saturday, June 22, 2019 at noon. The service of Thanksgiving for and Celebration of Vin’s life will follow at 1 p.m. at the Second Congregational Church of Londonderry, 2051 North Main St., Londonderry, Vt. Memorial contributions in Vin’s honor may be made to the Second Congregational Church of Londonderry, P.O. Box 77, Londonderry, VT 05148 or Mountain Valley Health Center (MVHC), 38 Route 11, Londonderry, VT 05148.

you to join us for worship and fellowship, and 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.
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Journey with Jesus, 13 Fairground Rd.
Journey with Jesus kids’ summer program is every Saturday from June 22-Aug. 10, from 12-1:30 p.m., at Riverside Park. Free lunch will be provided.

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.

St. Mary’s Catholic Church, 10 Pleasant St.
Sunday Masses at 9 a.m. and Tuesday at 7 p.m. followed by Eucharistic Adoration. Thursday and Friday at 9 a.m. Confession on Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Contact the rectory at 802-885-3400.

Weathersfield Meeting House, Weathersfield Center Rd.
Sunday services are at 10 a.m. followed by a coffee hour. Our congregation represents a wide range of spiritual and religious traditions. Services are led by Will Hunter and guest ministers and include discussion following the sermon. Child care is available. All are welcome. Call 802-263-9497.

WALPOLE, N.H.

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

First Congregational Church of Walpole / United Church of Christ, 15 Washington Sq.
Sunday service is at 10 a.m. Sunday school at 10 a.m. with coffee hour at 11 a.m. Wheelchair accessible with ramps and elevator. Call 603-756-4075 or email walpolechurch@yahoo.com.

All Church Services are listed online at www.vermontjournal.com.

Lydia Balch, 1926-2019

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Lydia Balch, 93, passed away peacefully Saturday, June 8, 2019 with her family by her side. She was born March 9, 1926 in Douglas, Mass., the daughter of George H. and Gladys (Caswell) Johnson. She graduated from Sutton High School and Worcester Normal School in Massachusetts.
She was married to Richard L. Brickey June 3, 1945. He predeceased her. She was married to Guy M. Balch Sept. 4, 1970. He also predeceased her.
She worked at Newbury’s Store, the A&P grocery store, Price Chopper, and the Springfield Family Center. Lydia was a faithful patriot. She was a member and past-president of the Robert L. Johnson VFW Post 771 Auxiliary for years. She devoted many hours working on dinners, marching in parades, as well as selling poppies. She and her husband Guy put out flags in the town of Springfield for every patriotic occasion until they could no longer physically do so.
She loved her bingo; every Monday was special to her. She volunteered for many town services and organizations, even working from home when she could no longer get out. She was the recipient of a Volunteer of the Year Award.
She is survived by her five children Robert Brickey and his wife Deborah; Lawrence Brickey; Carol Cole; Gary Balch and his wife Karen; and Pat (Brickey) Coutermarsh and her husband Andrew. Lydia was



Lydia Balch, 1926-2019.
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an outstanding grandmother to 13 grandchildren and great-grandmother to 20. The last being Josephine Grace Nyguen, born just 7 months ago, and was a great joy to her in the last months of her life.
She was predeceased by her husband Richard Brickey, her husband Guy Balch, sisters Mildred and Barbara, brother Albert and his wife Nancy, her son Chuck Balch, as well as her beloved dog Beau.
Friends may call at the Davis Memorial Chapel Friday evening, June 21, 2019, from 6 to 8 p.m. A funeral service will be held Saturday, June 22, 2019 at 10 a.m. Reverend George Keeler will officiate. Burial will be at a later date.
In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 22478, Oklahoma City, OK 73123. Arrangements are under the direction of the Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield, Vt.

Anne Lund

WESTMINSTER, Vt. – There will be a graveside service for Anne Lund Saturday, June 22 at 10 a.m. in the Oak Hill Cemetery in Bellows Falls, Vt. Anne passed away Jan. 10, 2019.

From the family of Robert Arbuckle

Our hearts are full of gratitude when we say many thanks to family members, friends, neighbors, and coworkers for all acts of kindness and sympathy; food, flowers, visits, cards, kind words spoken, and donations to Grafton Cares regarding the recent passing of Bob, a wonderful husband, father, grandfather, and friend.

Forever Grateful,
Gayle
Dawn Twitchell and family
Heather Roberts and family

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Health needs assessment survey due July 9

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Springfield Area Community Collaborative is conducting a community health needs assessment and encourages participation by residents in all area communities. The Collaborative is a workgroup that includes several area agencies: Chester-Andover Family Center, Edgar May Health & Recreation Center, Greater Falls Connections, HCRS, Neighborhood Connections, OneCare VT, SEVCA, Senior Solutions, Southern Vermont

AHEC, Springfield Medical Care Systems, Valley Health Connections, Vermont Agency of Human Services, and Vermont Department of Health. Online completion of the survey is encouraged through www.surveymonkey.com/r/BK5GY5Q. If paper copies are preferred or needed, please call 802-885-7686 to request a supply. The Needs Assessment will help us determine the need for specific healthcare services throughout the region. The

assessment process will be completed by Sept. 30 and the final report will be made available to the public online and in paper format upon request. The deadline to complete the survey is July 9, 2019. All are encouraged to complete the survey. If you have questions or need further information, please contact Anna Smith, Springfield Medical Care Systems at 802-885-7621 or email anna-smith@springfieldmed.org.

Windsor County 606 pounds of unwanted medications

REGION – On April 27, 2019, Windsor County Sheriff's Department, in cooperation with local and state police, again participated in the DEA-led National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day, resulting in 606 pounds of disposed medications collected throughout Windsor County for incineration. Windsor County Sheriff Michael Chamberlain has been instrumental in keeping the take back efforts going. Normally, the Sheriff's Department collects the disposed of medication and brings it to DEA officials to weigh. The medication is then taken for incineration by the DEA. Sheriff Chamberlain helps in arranging the collection and incineration of medications collected. "We want to encourage everyone to get rid of their medications, get it out of the house. The collection efforts help to keep dangerous

medications out of the hands of people who struggle with substance use disorders," he said. Sheriff Chamberlain also cited recent burglaries. "Often, when someone breaks into someone's home, the medicine cabinet is the first place they'll look." Windsor County's April 27 collection sites yielded the following quantities: Chester PD, 43 pounds; Hartford PD, 173 pounds; Ludlow PD, 33 pounds; Norwich PD, 4 pounds; Royalton PD, 37 pounds; Springfield PD, 119 pounds; Vermont State Police Royalton Barracks, 31 pounds; Weathersfield Transfer Station, 15 pounds; Windsor PD, 93 pounds; Woodstock PD, 58 pounds. The state of Vermont collected a total of 6,562 pounds from 290 boxes. Law Enforcement officials, healthcare professionals, and Green Peak Alliance encourage adults to lock up or secure

their medications until they are needed and to properly dispose of unused medications safely. For information on proper use, storage, and disposal of prescription medications, visit www.twinstatesafemeds.org. The Vermont Department of Health provides free medication mail-back envelopes. Mail-back envelopes are a safe, secure, and easy way to get rid of unwanted or unused medication. Medication in its original container or in a sealed bag is placed inside the preaddressed envelope and mailed off to be destroyed. Mail-back envelopes can be found in town halls, senior centers, and other public locations. They can also be requested online at www.healthvermont.gov/free-prescription-medication-mail-back-envelopes.

Free solar energy assistance from SEVCA

WESTMINSTER, Vt. – Southeastern Vermont Community Action's new 110 kW solar array, located at its Westminster office, is now complete, and the organization will soon be selecting approximately 50 households with low incomes and high energy burdens to receive free credits from the power produced by the array. Households in Windham and Windsor counties that have a Green Mountain Power account are invited to apply during an open application period up until July 15. SEVCA will then select program participants according to criteria that include household income, energy burden, and housing cost burden. The households selected will receive credits on their GMP

electric bill based on the power produced by the solar array, which will reduce their electricity costs. SEVCA has worked in partnership for over a year with the Minnesota-based Rural Renewable Energy Alliance to develop this Community Solar for Community Action project, as part of the national Solar in Your Community Challenge, a competition sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy. SEVCA's is one of several community solar projects RREAL developed during the competition period, and RREAL was awarded the runner-up prize in the competition. Catamount Solar, a Vermont-based, employee-owned solar contractor, was selected to install the array. SEVCA's project is expected to produce an estimated 119,500

kWh of electricity annually, and will help address the excessive energy burdens that households with low incomes face each year. Complementing its home weatherization and crisis fuel programs, CS4CA will be an important new tool in SEVCA's efforts to ensure that all vulnerable households can meet their energy needs now and in the future. Applications will be available at all SEVCA's office locations and can also be accessed from its website www.sevca.org. The application and supporting materials must be received by the deadline in order to be considered for the program. To find out more, contact Daniel Quipp at 802-254-2795, ext. 103, email dquipp@sevca.org, or call 800-464-9951 and speak to the receptionist.

Disaster shelter needs leaders

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Help is needed in case we need to open a disaster shelter in Springfield, Vt. The American Red Cross and the Precision Valley Disaster Community Organizations Assisting in Disaster are holding a training session Saturday, June 22, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., for people interested in helping as shelter managers and assistant managers if and when a shelter is opened in Springfield. The training will be held in the conference room of the Springfield Fire Department. Kerri Foley, disaster program manager for the American Red Cross of New Hampshire and Vermont region, is arranging for the trainers. If

interested, call George Keeler, volunteer coordinator, at 1-888-863-2815. The PVDRC currently has three trained shelter managers and assistant managers, however it would be desired to have six to eight people trained as shelter managers. The goal is to be able to staff three eight-hour shifts instead of two 12-hour shifts for the managers and assistant managers. Having a couple of spare people trained is also good in case some of the trained people are out of town for vacations or are unavailable for other regions. The hurricane season goes from June to November and is one of the key times when flooding occurs and people are on vacation. Even in the case of

winter ice storms, some of the trained leaders may be out of town for vacations in warmer areas. The PVDRC was formed after Hurricane Irene to provide case management support to people who were affected by the storm. The case managers helped people formulate action plans, apply for grants, and find contractors and volunteers to help them in their recovery. During the time between disasters, the PVDRC recruits and trains volunteers, and also updates volunteer and partner organization contact information to be prepared for the next disaster. Visit www.sites.google.com/site/pvdisasterrecovery, call 1-888-863-2815, or email at pvdrctv@gmail.com.

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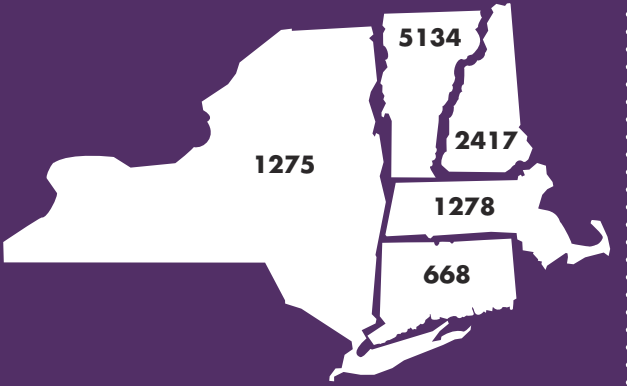
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500 days

Now that Black River is counting down the days before its doors close for the final time, my thoughts have drifted to the school in a historical athletic prospective. What were its best teams; who were its best athletes? That type of thinking makes sense. Especially because in this case those teams and individuals are likely to stand forever.

While I am thinking out loud, why don't I broaden those thoughts. There are six schools in our reporting area. They are alphabetically: Bellows Falls, Black River, Fall Mountain, Green Mountain, Leland & Gray, and Springfield. Each school has had great teams and many great athletes. I am sure discussions are held occasionally in each community about the "who" and "what" of those questions. I am going to attempt in the next 500 days to hold a public discussion in each of those communities about those exact items. In case you were wondering, 500 days is Oct. 30, 2020, otherwise known as Halloween Eve.

The purpose of these gatherings will be twofold. First, to have a meeting where anyone interested can state their opinion, but most importantly to record the session and make it a piece of that community's oral history, preserving the discussion, so it can be treasured for generations to come. Secondly, to include each school or community's Hall of Fame committee in the session to see if the two entities may be connected. Some schools don't have Hall of Fames but possibly this can lead to the beginning of one in those communities without one. Athletic pride has a large position in our towns.

Today, the 500-day clock has started clicking. My first step will be to contact each school's athletic director before school begins in the fall to gauge their interest. Community dates will be announced at least one month ahead of time in this column so that everyone would be able to take part. Interested parties who cannot attend sessions will be able to send in information to be presented. Let us know what you think about this idea by contacting me at bmurphy@vermontjournal.com.

Legion baseball

Legion baseball is always the sport played at a higher level than the high school game around here because schools combine their players to form a team. Our local entry is Bellows Falls Post 37, but they have players from six area schools. Bill



Legion baseball season has begun.

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Lockerby is back to coach this year's group, which has players from Springfield, Green Mountain, Fall Mountain, Vermont Academy, and Windsor on its roster in addition to host Bellows Falls.

There are seven teams in the Vermont Southern Division this year. Joining Bellows Falls will be Rutland and Brattleboro, who seem to be perennial favorites, along with Lakes Region for the Fair Haven area high schools, Hartford, Bennington, and Randolph. Lockerby sees his team as a contender, and I asked him, "Why?"

"I definitely think we will be playoff contenders because we have strong pitching and I think we will play good defense," the Post 37 leader said. "Our offense still remains to be seen. We lost some good hitters, but we still have bats like Clayton Groenewold, McGregor Vancor, and Darwin Holcombe to lead us and hope others contribute too."

The pitching should be good; however, it could have been much better. Kendal Heath and Seth Balch led the way last year and both were expected to return a year after graduation. Unfortunately, Heath had to undergo Tommy John surgery; and despite the fact some day he may be as good as ever, he will never throw another pitch for Post 37. Balch will claim ace honors and will have Jackson Brown and Rex Hill as his very steady number two hurlers. Lockerby also expects to see contributions from Ty Merrill, Dylan McCarthy, Vancor, son Grady Lockerby, Huxley Holcombe, and Ethan McNamara.

Darwin Holcombe is expected to handle the bulk of this staff's catching duties with help from Gunnar Sawyer. Brown will man first base on Opening Night, but numerous players will land there depending upon who is pitching. Two strong players won't always be available. McCarthy and Hill are a part of a high-level travel squad in Connecticut and will miss a number of games.

The rest of the infield will often see Griffin Waryas at second, Dylan Merrow at short, and Groenewold at third with Hill and McCarthy capable of playing most of the spots along with Andrew

Pelosa. Huxley Holcombe could also see time at first base along with McNamara and a host of others. Lockerby will often be found in leftfield, Vancor in center, and Lucas Saunders in right. Balch and Merrill should also see a lot of time in the outfield. Infielder Reid Hyrckiewicz will see some time, but he also plays Babe Ruth baseball.

Thus, the likelihood is that Bellows Falls will be battling four other teams for one of the final two playoff positions. Lakes Region has already jumped out to a 3-0 start and Bennington is 0-4. Lockerby actually thinks it will come down to "three of us – Lake Region, Hartford, and us. It should be close."

Post 37 opened their season at home Tuesday, June 18 versus Bennington in a night game at Bellows Falls. They will host Lake Region Wednesday, June 19 under the lights as well. Bellows Falls will then travel to Hartford Thursday, June 20 for another 7 p.m. game before playing a pair at Bennington on Saturday, June 22. All Legion games are seven innings.

In case you missed it

The Fall Mountain Babe Ruth League opened another season Monday night, June 17. There are 10 teams now for this league, which began play in the mid-60s and has passed its 50th anniversary. There are new teams, and there is a local team that has been in the league a long time who departed. Springfield was a late scratch this summer.

The teams that opened on Monday included teams that have been in the league beginning way back in year one: Bellows Falls, Charlestown, Chester, and Walpole, as well as those which have joined since – Sunapee with two teams, Claremont, Newport, Lebanon, and Hartford.

The Springfield boys track team may not have won a state championship, but their second place showing in the Vermont Division III State Meet was impressive. By now, track fans know Bellows Falls moved up a division from the one they have dominated for years, allowing perennial contender Thetford to capture that title with 141 points. However, the Cosmos' 86 points beat out Oxbow's 79, Windsor's 68, Mill River's 44, and every other contender.

New England fans were certainly disappointed with the Bruins not winning the Stanley Cup, but this team had a tremendous season. No question when it came down to the Bruins and the Blues, one expected the Bruins to win, but the second best of 31 teams is really something special to be cherished. Also note that the Bruins have played in three of the past nine Stanley Cup Finals. That's an average of once every three years.

On a similar note, the NFL is the league that claims parity, but it's really the NHL that has such a nice thing going. In the last decade, five long Cup droughts have come to an end. First in 2010, the Chicago Blackhawks won their first cup in 49 years. Then the next season, the Bruins captured their first one in 39 campaigns. Keeping the ball rolling, the Los Angeles Kings won their first cup ever in 2012 and it took their franchise 44 years. Then, one jumps to 2018 and the Washington Capitals captured their first cup after 43 years in the NHL, and then this year St. Louis did the same after 51 seasons.

Black River student selected to Vermont Twin State Baseball Classic team

LUDLOW, Vt. – Zach Paul from Black River High School was selected as one of 18 senior baseball players from the Green Mountain State to represent Vermont against New Hampshire in the 2019 Twin State Baseball Classic taking place Saturday, June 22 at the Maxfield Complex in White River Junction. Pre-game festivities start at 9:30 a.m., followed by the first pitch of game one of a

pair of seven-inning contests. Admission is free.

The Green Mountain State's squad is made up of student-athletes from 13 different high schools from all corners of the state and represents all four of the state's divisions. The Vermont coaches are Nick DeCaro, Danville; Shawn French, Oxbow; Edward Lewicki, Burr and Burton; and Roy Sargent, Missisquoi Valley.

Originally held from 1983 to 2004, the Twin State Baseball Classic returned to the diamond in June of 2015. Vermont won a pair last season, 8-1 and 10-3, the first sweep since its resumption, after the two teams split six one-run games in the three previous years.

For more information on the VBCA, log on to www.vermontbaseball.org.

Willis tops modified 100-Lapper June 14 at Claremont

CLAREMONT, N.H. – Mike Willis Jr. earned another big payday Friday, June 14, at Claremont Motorsports Park. The 27-year-old Grantham hot shoe led 27 laps of the Valenti Modified Racing Series 100-lap feature – including the final 19 rapid-fire circuits around the fast third-mile – to easily outdistance Woody Pitkat in the night's main event.

It was Willis' career-first MRS victory, but hardly his first at the Thrasher Road oval. A former weekly competitor at Claremont, Willis also won a Tri-Track Open Modified 100-lapper there a summer ago.

Also earning checkered flag laps Friday were Aaron Fellows, R.E. Hinkley, Late Model Sportsmen; Brian Robie, Pepsi Sportsman Modifieds; Erin Aiken, Pure Stocks; and Jeremy Blood, Six-Shooters. The Pure Stock finish was unofficial, pending final tech findings, at press time.

Both Fellows and Blood stayed perfect on the young season with six feature wins, in as many completed events, while Robie moved to the top of the Sportsman Modified point parade by posting his third consecutive victory. Willis and Kirk Alexander led the MRS ground-pounders to the green, with Willis quickly taking charge. Hometown star Jeff Murray – firing from row three – was quickly in the hunt too.

When Willis wobbled, ever so little, on lap 17, Alexander was quick to pounce on the lead. But if the Swanzy speedster was fast, the man glued to his bumper – hometown hot shoe Jeff Murray – was even faster.

Murray, in his first outing of the summer, flew past Alexander on lap nine and rapidly drove away. Setting



der the flags, with Newport's Sean Lanttas earning the three-spot.

In New England Antique Racer feature races, Jim Allen topped a spirited Modified 15-lapper,

a blistering pace over the next 73 laps, Murray seemingly had all bases covered. Tire wear, though, would prove his undoing.

Sailing high along the frontchute on lap 83, Willis reclaimed the lead. Woody Pitkat got up for second the next time around but, on this night, would have to settle for second. Matt Swanson, aboard the Gary Casella 25, came home third.

Ben Poland led the first seven go-rounds of the LMS feature, then watching Aaron Fellows charge to the front and speed off to his sixth win of the year. Poland, strong all night, claimed the deuce spot, with Windsor's Robert Hagar solid in third.

Dylan Bodreau set a fast pace over the first four laps of the Sportsman Modified main, holding Brian Robie in check until the Sunapee star inched ahead as lap six went in the books. Robie, with both Todd Patnode and Dana Smith absent for the night, had plenty to shoot for, and his aim was perfect.

Robie's third win in as many weeks moved him to the top of his division's point standings. Kyle Welch, in the first Sportsman Modified outing of his career, dazzled in second, with Bodreau earning the third-place hardware.

Erin Aiken passed two-time feature winner Seth Melcher on lap 17 of the Pure Stock main and darted off to become the division's apparent fourth different winner this season. With the finish unofficial at night's end, Melcher was second un-

taking the checkers just ahead of Bob Donahue and Jamie Ferland. Bear Ridge Speedway owner and former dirt Modified and Coupe champion Butch Elms scored a runaway victory in the NEAR Sportsmen.

Next Friday, June 21, Claremont Motorsports Park will host a full night of oval track racing with the Casella Street Stock, Pepsi Modified, Pure Stock and Six-Shooter weekly racing series divisions all in action, along with the season's second Redneck Enduro event and the visiting Northeast Classic Lites.

June 14 finishes:

Valenti Mod 100: Mike Willis Jr., Woody Pitkat, Matt Swanson, Brian Robie, Kirk Alexander, Jeff Murray, Mike Douglas, CJ Bolton, Donnie Lashua, Dylan Rock, Cam Sontag.

Late Model Sportsman: Aaron Fellows, Ben Poland, Robert Hagar, Ryan Bell, Tyler Lesford, Mark Blair, Eric Martell.

Sportsman Modified: Brian Robie, Kyle Welch, Dylan Bodreau, Alyssa Rivera, Mike Smith.

Pure Stock (Finish unofficial at press time): Erin Aiken, Seth Melcher, Sean Lanttas, Tim St. John, Kyle Templeton, Chris Carver, Bruce Adams, Richard Streeter, Tom Englehart, Jim Carley.

Six-Shooters: Jeremy Blood, Paul Colburn.

Near Winners: Jim Allen, Modified; CV Elms III, Sportsman.

Written by Gary Dutton.

Girls on the Run Vermont names new executive director

BRATTLEBORO, Vt. – The Board of Directors of Girls on the Run Vermont recently announced that Rachel Desautels has been named executive director, effective Oct. 1, 2019. She will succeed Nancy Heydinger, who has been executive director since bringing the organization to Vermont in 1999.

"Rachel has played a vital role in expanding our program to more sites, enhancing the training and ongoing support to our volunteer coaches, and expanding our presence with the opening of a Williston office. The Board of Directors is proud and confident in Rachel's leadership, commitment to our mission, and vision for the future of Girls on the Run Vermont," says board chair Sybil Keefe, noting that the change is bittersweet. "When Nancy brought Girls on the Run to Vermont 20 years ago, who would have thought her vision and passion would grow from one location and 15 girls to 170 sites and 2,700 girls annually. Her leadership and commitment to this organization will have a lasting impact on not only the girls who have participated, but the thousands of coaches who have taught the



Nancy Heydinger and Rachel Desautels.

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curriculum and embraced the mission."

Desautels volunteered as a GOTR coach at Williston Central School for two years before joining the GOTRVT staff as the northern Vermont program coordinator in 2014. She was then named statewide program manager in 2017. Desautels, a mother of two, coached her own daughter as a GOTR participant.

"I'm thrilled to take on the role of executive director and honored to lead Girls on the Run Vermont into the years ahead," says Desautels. "What Nancy has spent years creating for our Vermont girls is priceless and I am filled with joy to continue

building on our mission and helping to shape even more opportunities for our community of girls."

For her part, Heydinger says her vision was always to step down after 20 years.

"Girls on the Run Vermont has a solid foundation and the timing is right for new direction. Our phenomenal staff, committed statewide board, and our tremendous community support add up to an organization that is highly regarded throughout the state. Girls on the Run Vermont has never been stronger," she says, with a nod of gratitude to the thousands of Vermonters – coaches, board members, and 5K volunteers – who have helped it thrive. "Every day I get to share the joy of Girls on the Run with old and new friends – people who love our mission and are passionate about helping girls to be strong and confident."

A familiar face to girls and coaches statewide, especially for her finish-line high fives at the end-of-season 5K events, Heydinger plans to stay involved with the organization as a volunteer herself.

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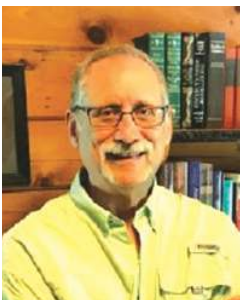
“The Wizard of Odd” with author Gary Meffe

CHESTER, Vt. – On Sunday, June 23 at 4 p.m., Phoenix Books Misty Valley will host author Gary Meffe to talk about his new work of fiction, “The Wizard of Odd: A Vermont Tale of Community Devotion,” and the rich tapestry of real-life characters that makes Vermont – and any genuine small town which inhabits it – a special and memorable place.

Welcome to Oddertown, Vt., population 700, more or less. With a collection of quirky characters, “Odd” epitomizes the traditional yet independent ways of small New England villages. With a population ranging from hard right conservatives to far left earth muffins yet all guided by mutual respect and love of community, the town unites around the historic

structure that defines town life: the Oddertown Country store, now in its 137th year. Through comedy, tragedy, resilience, despair, surprises, and love of place, and inspired by challenges that face real Vermont towns, “The Wizard of Odd” captures the essence of what comprises an authentic community worth fighting for.

Gary Meffe is a retired research professor in ecology and conservation biology from the Universities of Georgia and Florida and was Editor-in-Chief of an international scientific journal. Gary turned to non-scientific writings and in 2014



Gary Meffe. PHOTO PROVIDED

published a collection of essays called “Van Cortland Chronicles: A Celebration of Life in a Small Vermont Town.” When not writing, he enjoys fly fishing, woodworking, and outdoor activities that connect him to

the natural world. He and his wife of 36 years live in Brandon, Vt.

Phoenix Books Misty Valley is located on The Green at 58 The Common, Chester, Vt. For more information, please call 802-875-3400 or visit www.facebook.com/events/405339573383772.

Midsommar Fest at Landgrove Inn

LANDGROVE, Vt. – The Nordic Harmoni Chorus is proud to sponsor a Swedish Midsommar Fest at the Inn View Center for the Arts at the Landgrove Inn, Landgrove, Vt. Sunday, June 23, 2019. The activities start at 2 p.m.

Come help make the traditional flower wreaths, decorate the majstang – the maypole – and join in the parade. Bring any national flags on a pole, if you can. There will be music, dancing around the majstang and singing by Nordic Harmoni. You can enjoy an assortment of Scandinavian appetizers and The Landgrove Inn will provide a cash bar. A free-will offering will help defray our music expenses. For more information, contact Carl-Erik and Marijke Westberg at 802-824-6578 or Vartland@comcast.net. Carl-Erik Westberg offers a



Midsommar in Sweden. PHOTO PROVIDED

Midsommar Toast.

Midsommar, or the summer solstice, is the occasion of much festivity in Sweden. On the morning of Midsommar, Swedes decorate their homes, cars, churches, and dancing pavilions with garlands of flowers and birch branches. The most typical activity to do during this holiday is raising a maypole and dancing around it. It is common to cover the maypole with flowers and other green plants.

Midsommar is a period of

celebrating together with your family and friends. Then, in the afternoon, they gather round the maypole. Practically every town and village, however small, has a maypole. The pole is raised in the mid-afternoon in the center of the village square or park. Once the pole is

raised, the dance begins. First, in a ring around the pole, then later in the evening, a dance in a barn, a jetty, or outdoor pavilion. We hope you will be able to join us in the festivities. So let's lighten up, and hold hands with the tiniest tots as we dance around the majstang, rejoice in nature, food, and abundant sunlight. If you're a Swede – even if only for a day – it's time to celebrate.

For more information, go to www.sweden.se/culture-traditions/midsummer.

Celebrate historic folk music with David Deacon

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Join historian, folklorist, and musician David Deacon Thursday, June 27 at 7 p.m. at the Rockingham Library as he performs a selection of regional folk songs and relates some true stories about Rockingham's musical gifts to the world. The songs come from a collection made by Helen Hartness Flanders between the 1930s and the 1950s. “I'm especially interested

in songs that tell us something about social attitudes or songs that had a social purpose. People sang when they gathered or danced,” says Deacon. He'll be accompanying himself on fiddle and a 19th century guitar to demonstrate what the music sounded like once upon a time.

Deacon moved to Bellows Falls in 1980 and graduated from Bellows Falls Union High School in 1981. He went on to

Marlboro College and then to the University of North Carolina for a master's degree in folklore. His concentration in American history was at Syracuse University where he earned a master's and doctorate.

The Bellows Falls paper mill industry features prominently in his doctoral thesis: “Paper Town, Sense of place in Industrial Small-Town New England 1869-1927.” He is an adjunct professor of history at SUNY and at Onondaga Community College in Syracuse, N.Y.

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

Plants, quilts, crafts and more at the Athens Brick Meetinghouse

ATHENS, Vt. – The Athens Brick Meetinghouse Committee, in conjunction with the Athens Historic Preservation Society, will be hosting a Quilt Show & Craft Fair at the 1817 Brick Meetinghouse in Athens, Vt.

This event will be Saturday, June 22 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. We aim to fill the pews of the historic meetinghouse with many beautiful quilts. Guests will be able to cast a vote to select the Visitors Choice Quilt. In addition to the quilt show inside the meetinghouse, there will be a craft fair outside on the meetinghouse common where a variety of artists and craft vendors will be selling their wares. Lunch

of hot dogs, hamburgers along with cold drinks and snacks will be available for purchase. All proceeds go to the preservation and upkeep of the Brick Meetinghouse.

The Athens Brick Meetinghouse is historically significant to the Windham County region and particularly the 12 surrounding towns that comprised the Old Athens Circuit – Grafton, Rockingham, Townshend, Londonderry, Weston, Chester, Acton, Springfield, Landgrove, Windham, Putney, and Mount Holly. Circuit preachers from Athens traveled out to these

towns to perform religious services. Quarterly camp meetings with the Methodist congregants from these towns often lasted two days at the Athens Meetinghouse, also known as the Mother Church.

Donations made to the Athens Historic Preservation Society are fully tax-deductible and will support ongoing efforts to preserve this national historic landmark. For more information, contact Sherry Maher at 802-869-2141, email athens-meetinghouse1817@gmail.com, or follow Athens Meetinghouse on Facebook.

“Jesus Christ Superstar” on the big screen in the Heald Auditorium

LUDLOW, Vt. – FOLA will present a screening of a live edition of the 1970 musical “Jesus Christ Superstar” in the Heald Auditorium at the Ludlow Town Hall Saturday, June 22 at 7 p.m.

“Jesus Christ Superstar” started out as a concept album in 1970, then became a musical sensation, and then a movie musical hit in 1973. It is a rock opera that looks at the life of Jesus Christ from a psychological perspective with the plot focused on Judas and his questioning of

Jesus' direction. The music was written by Andrew Lloyd Webber with lyrics by Tim Rice. It has been presented on Broadway four times.

“Jesus Christ Superstar” is open to everyone and is free; donations are appreciated. The movie runs one hour and 39 minutes and it is rated PG. Berkshire Bank will provide the popcorn with FOLA supplying water. For more information, call 802-228-3238 or visit FOLA's website at www.fola.us.



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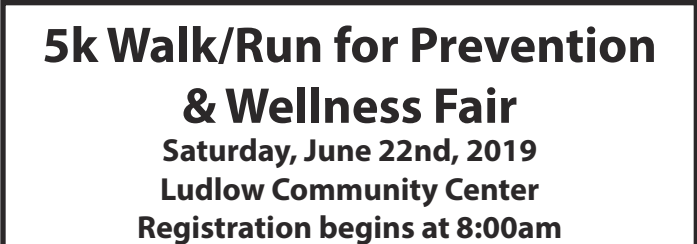
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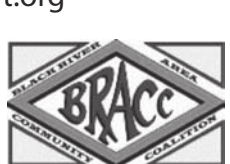



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Community Art Garden —

CHESTER, Vt. – A front row shop on the Chester green has been given new life. Look for the Community Art Garden signs snuggled right between Six Loose Ladies and Meditрина at 287 Main St.

The newly renovated space is full of light, swirling with creativity, vibrant energy, and packed with almost any art supply you can dream up.

Emily Burkland established the Art Garden in Chester back in October 2013 for the purpose of offering a creative space where children, teens, and adults can stop in and enjoy making something with your mind and hands. She is hoping that this prime location will inspire the community and its visitors to stop in, enjoy the open studio time, or sign up to take a class.

Community offerings are currently being posted and registration is underway.

Community Art Garden is celebrating their grand reopening with lots of fun events for the whole family during the weekend of June 21-23.

On Friday, June 21, from 3-5 p.m. is Open Studio with hands-on art for all ages with a variety of ideas and inspiration. Also on Friday, from 6-7:30 p.m., Chester native and jewelry designer Shannon Parker of Wisdom River Designs will be offering a class on earring making with gemstones and sterling silver. Students will walk through the design process with Parker and then transition into learning how to make their own ear wires, how to saw, stamp, sand, and cut sterling silver, and will

end the class learning how to attach gemstones with wire wrapping techniques.

On Sunday, June 23 another Open Studio is from 1-3 p.m. From 4-5 p.m. will be Old Time Music Jam with Ida Mae Specker. A third generation fiddle player, Ida Mae brings the community together through music. All ages and levels are welcome. Bring an instrument or just your voice.

Community Art Garden’s summer schedule continues to evolve, so make sure you stay tuned for updates. Check out the upcoming classes online at www.communityartgarden.com. For more information, contact Emily at Emily@communityartgarden.com or 802-289-3071.

Fletcher Farm School June weekend classes —

LUDLOW, Vt. – The Fletcher Farm School for the Arts and Crafts awarded 33 Young Artist Scholarships, giving local children the opportunity to attend summer classes at the school. Twenty scholarships were awarded to children from Ludlow, thanks to the Anthony Marro Trust Fund. Seven scholarships went to children from Cavendish, and six scholarships were awarded to children outside the Ludlow-Cavendish area. Our thanks to the Fletcher Farm Foundation for generously subsidizing tuition for the Ludlow-Cavendish students. Students from outside our area received scholarships sponsored by the Fletcher Farm School.

Steps to Outdoor Painting, June 21-23

Vermont landscape painter Lynn VanNatta is offering a fun, three-day outdoor painting workshop. Quintessential Vermont farms, mountain vistas, and winding streams with bridges await your summer painting experience. Renew and build on your skills in a supportive environment through the use of thumbnail sketches, instructor’s demonstrations, and painting. The workshop’s focus will be on building a painting with emphasis on composition, values, color, and perspective. Dress appropriately for varied weather conditions. An indoor classroom will be available in the event of rain; otherwise plan to be outside for the day.

iPhone Photography, June 22

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Outdoor painting workshop.

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ing, converting to black and white, removing blemishes, changing brightness, applying frames, creating photo collages, and converting to water colors. We will also review various applications to enhance your photographic abilities.

Copper Bowls and Birdbaths, June 22-23

This class will show you how to make copper ornaments such as bowls and birdbaths to add to your garden’s beauty. We will learn how far we can form a copper sheet. Using the hand-hammered technique, students will make a copper bowl, or a copper birdbath which, when finished, will have a fine, rich patina. Manual flexibility is a requirement.

For more information, or to register for these classes, see www.fletcherfarm.org, or call the school at 802-228-8770. New classes are being added to the website’s schedule continuously.

Concerts on the Green series —

WALPOLE, N.H. – Savings Bank of Walpole is pleased to announce the dates and bands scheduled to perform at the annual Concerts on the Green summer concert series held on the town green in Walpole, N.H.

The eight-concert series will kick off Sunday, June 23 with the Amherst Town Band. All shows will be held rain or shine on Sundays from 6:30-8 p.m. Attendees are encouraged to pack a picnic basket and bring a blanket or lawn chair.

This year’s edition marks the 37th year that Savings Bank of Walpole has underwritten the free summer concert series.

“We’re pleased to have sponsored the Concerts on the Green summer concert series for the past 37 years,” said Mark Bodin, president of Savings Bank of Walpole. “In addition to showcasing some great local bands, we enjoy providing area residents with a fun-filled evening of family entertainment.”

The 2019 Concerts on the

Green schedule is as follows:

- June 23, The Amherst Town Band
- June 30, Springfield Community Band
- July 7, Keene American Legion Band
- July 14, Westmoreland Town Band
- July 21, East Bay Jazz Ensemble
- July 28, The Temple Band
- Aug. 4, Brattleboro American Legion Band
- Aug. 11, Nelson Town Band

Ludlow summer concert series —

LUDLOW, Vt. – The Ludlow summer concert series is back Sunday evenings from June 23 to Aug. 4 at the Black River High School lawn. First concert in the line up is Gerry Grimo and The East Bay Jazz ensemble June 23 at 7 p.m.

Gerry Grimo and The East Bay Jazz have a performing history dating back to their founding in Rhode Island in 1976. Their musical ensemble style is reminiscent of the

classic dance bands and show bands of the mid-20th century. In fact, many of the ensemble’s musical arrangements of the swing, blues, R&B, vocal, and jazz classics in their repertoire come from that time period.

East Bay Jazz continues to perform throughout New England with a core of musicians who live in New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island under the direction and management of Gerry Grimo of Windsor, Vt.

Gerry was born and raised

in Rhode Island but has been a part of the music and arts scene in the Upper Valley since settling in Vermont in 1988. In addition to East Bay Jazz, Gerry is treasurer for North Country Community Theatre in Lebanon, N.H. He is also the regular organist and music minister for St. Anthony’s church in White River Junction and St. Francis Church in Windsor. In real life, Gerry is a vice president and compliance officer for Mascoma Bank in White River Junction.

“The Serpent in the Desert” with SCP

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Join the Springfield Community Players as we present an original musical performance this theatre season! “The Serpent in the Desert” is a modern dramatization of the events of Jesus Christ, spanning his entry into Jerusalem to his death and resurrection. This drama is seen through the eyes of Biblical witnesses Nicodemus, Joseph of Arimathea, and Caiaphas, the high priest.

“The Serpent in the Desert” includes 15 original songs, composed and written by local Carol Clark. Phil Turner, local and first-time playwright, wrote the script. Together, this will be their first year joining the Springfield Community Players as show-makers! Val Woodbury has joined them as director and choreographer. Joining the ranks is Mike Kelly as musical

director.

For “The Serpent in the Desert,” the actors are Chuck Austin as Caiaphas, Mike Delaney as Nicodemus, Alex Baker as Joseph, Allyn Johnson as the voice of Jesus, Matt Hunter as Judas, Ryan Baker as Centurion, Jack Chandler as Pilate, Deb Robling as Pilate’s Wife, Kay Burge as Mother Mary, Abbie Baker as Mary Magdalene, chorus members are Ruth Pratt, Cindy Hall, and Chuck Anderson.

For those interested in attending, the run time is 1 hour and 40 minutes, plus an intermission. “We hope that the community will gain new insight concerning Jesus’ mission among us, while at the same time enjoying a delightful two hours of music and theater,” Phil says.

Please join us at the Players’ Studio on South Street in

Springfield. Make reservations online at www.springfieldcommunityplayers.org/tickets or by calling the Ticket Box Office 866-967-8167, 12 to 8 p.m. seven days a week. Show dates are June 21, 22, 28, and 29 with doors opening at 6:30 p.m. for the 7 p.m. show and June 23 with doors opening at 1:30 p.m. for the 2 p.m. show.

New art exhibit at Rockingham Medical Group

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – An exhibit of oil paintings by New Hampshire artist Carolyn Berglund is on display at the Rockingham Medical Center in Bellows Falls, Vt. Carolyn, whose most recent works depict local landscapes, buildings, and machinery, is a graduate of the Butera School of Art and Franklin Technical Institute. The exhibit is

available during the month of June and is open to the public free of charge. The exhibit is organized by the Saxtons River Art Guild, which is celebrating its 42th year of promoting fine arts with local art exhibits, open studio sessions, and workshops with award winning artists. The group is a nonprofit with membership throughout the Connecticut River Valley.

Springfield Community Band summer concerts —

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Springfield Community Band, under the direction of Nick Pelton, continues its summer concert series with two free concerts: Tuesday, June 25 at 7:30 p.m. at the Hartness House Inn, 30 Orchard St., in Springfield, Vt. and Sunday, June 30 at 6:30 p.m. at the Gazebo on the Green in Walpole, N.H.

This year, the Hartness House has generously decided

to have food, as well as beverages, available for purchase by concertgoers.

Some of the musical selections that will be presented June 25 include music from Star Wars, “Satchmo,” and “Flight of the Bumblebee” with piccolo soloist Caitlin Sullivan. June 30 will feature “Encanto,” “March of the Belgium Paratroopers,” “Malaguena,” and “Italian Holiday.”

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Learn about fish migration in our river —

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Fish migration on the Connecticut River and tributaries is in full swing. Join Connecticut River Conservancy’s River Steward Kathy Urffer for a talk about our migratory fish species in the Connecticut River and how they navigate the fish ladders on their journey to and from the sea. Join us Saturday, June 22, 1-3 p.m. at the Bellows Falls Fishway & Visitor Center, 17 Bridge St., in Bellows Falls, Vt.

The number of shad, alewife, and blueback herring has already exceeded last year’s totals. In addition, American eel and sea lamprey are beginning to make their way up the river to Vermont and New Hampshire. Now is the best opportunity to see them as they pass through fish ladders on their epic journey.

Get event details and register at www.bellows-falls-fish-eventbrite.com. See more CRC programs at www.ctriver.org/news-events. Contact CRC with any questions at 413-772-2020 x211.



American shad passing by a fish ladder window. PHOTO PROVIDED

Connecticut River Conservancy is the voice for the Connecticut River watershed, from source to sea. They collaborate with partners across four states to protect and advocate for your rivers and educate and engage communities. To learn more about CRC, or to join the effort and help protect our rivers, visit www.ctriver.org. The Nature Museum is a re-

gional resource for nature, science, and environmental education in the Vermont and New Hampshire communities of the Connecticut River Valley. The Nature Museum operates the Visitor Center on behalf of Great River Hydro, owner of the fish ladder as well as the hydroelectric facility in Bellows Falls, Vt.

Pasture Pals at VINE

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – VINE Sanctuary is excited to once again offer Pasture Pals, a humane education program for children age 6 and up. VINE is a farmed animal sanctuary that offers refuge to over 650 animals. Home to cows, chickens, goats, sheep, turkeys, and many more, VINE also hosts potlucks in the community, sponsors a seed library at the Springfield Town Library, and welcomes the public at quarterly volunteer days.

Pasture Pals allows children to experience amazing animals in a respectful way, while also learning about their unique lives. Based in principles of empathy and compassion, Pasture Pals is taught at

the sanctuary by Aimee Bittinger, a veteran public school teacher. Bittinger brings her educational expertise to the program while VINE staff share their knowledge about animals.

VINE is happy to offer this free program to the community. Starting in June, there will be one meeting each month until October. Registration is required, but attendance at each meeting is not mandatory. Participants are welcome to attend as many sessions or as few sessions as they choose. Children must be accompanied by their parent or guardian, and all children must be at least 6 years old. Each class is two hours long, from 1 to 3

p.m. and includes a lesson, service project, and the opportunity to meet animals.

Pasture Pals sessions will be held June 29, July 20, Aug. 17, Sept. 21, and Oct. 26. Advance registration is required. Participants can register at www.tinyurl.com/pasturepals or by emailing Anna Boarini at anna@bravebirds.org.

Participants must wear closed-toe shoes and bring water bottles, raincoats, sunscreen, or anything else needed for a day outside. A snack will be provided at the end of each session. Pasture Pals participants who bring their own snacks are asked to only bring vegan items – meat, dairy, eggs, or other animal products are not allowed on the sanctuary property.

Spawning sea lamprey in Connecticut River drainage

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department is reminding anglers and the general public to avoid disturbing spawning sea lamprey that may currently be found in the Connecticut River and several of its tributaries.

“Sea lamprey are native to the Connecticut River basin and play a vital role in the ecosystem,” said Lael Will, fisheries biologist with Vermont Fish & Wildlife.

Vermont is also home to a separate population of non-native sea lamprey that are actively controlled as a nuisance species in Lake Champlain. Confusion can arise over the differing management goals for these two populations of Vermont sea lamprey. We believe it is important to highlight and contrast the conservation value of Connecticut River sea lamprey, educate the public, and encourage folks to do their part to protect this important population of fish.

“If you happen to see a spawning sea lamprey or a carcass, don’t be alarmed,”

said Will. “The fish provide a number of important ecological benefits and are considered a Species of Greatest Conservation Need in both Vermont and New Hampshire.”

Each year, sea lamprey spawn during the spring in the main stem of the Connecticut River as far upstream as Wilder Dam, as well as in many tributaries including the West, Williams, Black, and White rivers. Upon returning to freshwater to spawn, adult sea lamprey are non-parasitic and die shortly after spawning, and their carcasses play a critical role in cycling important marine nutrients into freshwater ecosystems.

In the Connecticut River, larval lamprey live in freshwater the first few years of their lives, remaining sedentary and burrowed in sandy substrate while filtering detritus from the water for nutrition. At around 5 years of age, they transform into juveniles and move downstream to the ocean where they attach to and feed on fish as parasites. In turn, lampreys are a food source in the estuarine and marine environment for a number

of fish, marine mammals, and bird species.

While existing for over 350 million years in the Atlantic, anadromous sea lamprey have co-evolved with their oceanic hosts and are considered in balance with them.

The species is currently managed under the Connecticut River Atlantic Salmon Commission, which includes four state agencies, two federal agencies, and representatives of the general public. Among other efforts, Vermont Fish & Wildlife has been working to improve fish passage facilities within the Connecticut River drainage to enable native sea lamprey to successfully complete their migrations to spawning habitat.

“In 2018, the dams at Vernon and Bellows Falls passed about 3,100 and 160 sea lamprey respectively, and our goal is to continue to improve fish passage and flows on the river to not only help lamprey spawning, but to support all migrating fish species,” Will said.

To learn more about Vermont Fish & Wildlife’s various fisheries management programs, visit www.vtfishandwildlife.com.

Electric fencing offers protection against chicken predation

REGION – Keeping a small flock of chickens at home to provide eggs and meat has become increasingly popular, but many first-time small-scale poultry farmers are discovering that several species of wildlife like the taste of chicken as much as we do. The Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department urges poultry owners to use electric fencing and follow other precautions to protect their birds from predation.

“We have had a dramatic increase in the number of complaints about bears, foxes, raccoons, fisher, coyotes, skunks, and bobcats preying on chickens,” said Colonel Jason Batchelder, Vermont’s



Vermont Fish & Wildlife urges poultry owners to use electric fencing and follow other precautions to protect their birds from predation. PHOTO BY JOHN HALL

chief game warden. “Many of the calls are coming from people who are new at keeping chickens and who do not provide sufficient protection for their birds.”

“Electric net fencing, secure housing, and a few other measures can help protect backyard chickens from wildlife predation,” he added.

Protecting free-ranging chickens is impossible, so Batchelder urges people to keep their birds contained inside electric net fencing and to make sure any wire fencing is secure. Use of one-fourth inch hardware cloth, especially along the bottom of an enclosure will block most small predators. Weasels can get through a one-inch opening. The electric netting, however, is good extra protection even outside the wire netting – especially against

black bears, which are strong enough to break into most unprotected chicken coops. Several types of electric net fencing are available. The netting is portable and can easily be used with moveable chicken pens.

Here are additional tips to help keep your chickens safe:

- Apply bacon grease or peanut butter to a spot on the electric fencing as an added deterrent.

- Cover the tops of pens with wire or plastic netting to guard against attacks from avian and climbing predators.
- Bury galvanized hardware cloth or netting 12 inches deep around the perimeter of the pen to prevent access by digging predators.
- A motion-activated light to illuminate the coop after dark will discourage some predators. Motion-activated alarms also can deter them.
- Store poultry feed in a secure indoor location in tight containers, and only feed poultry the amount that can be consumed in one feeding.

Batchelder, who has chickens at home, says having your own backyard flock is fun, but that knowing how to protect them is essential for success.



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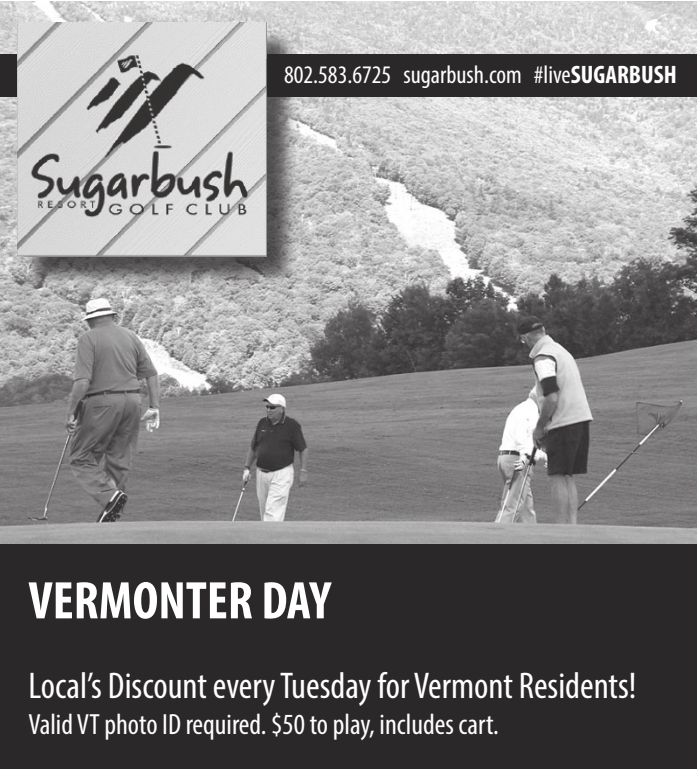
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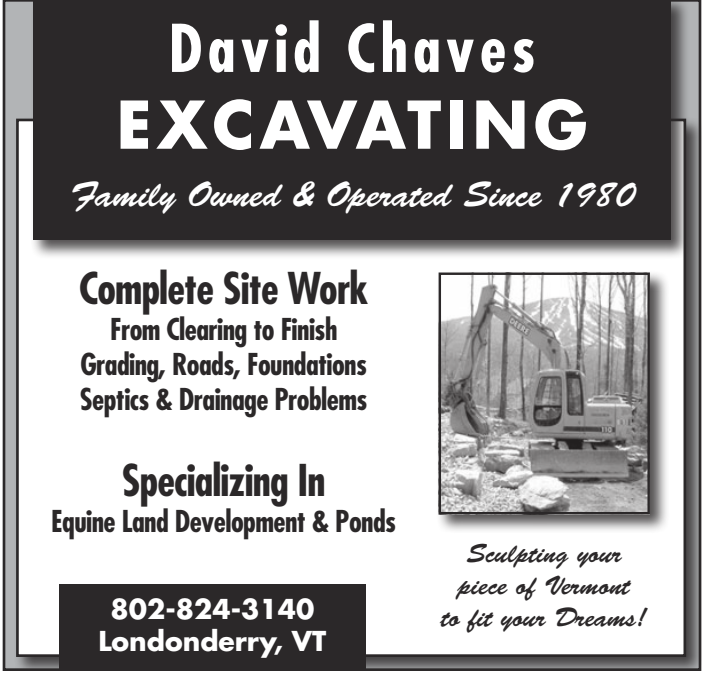
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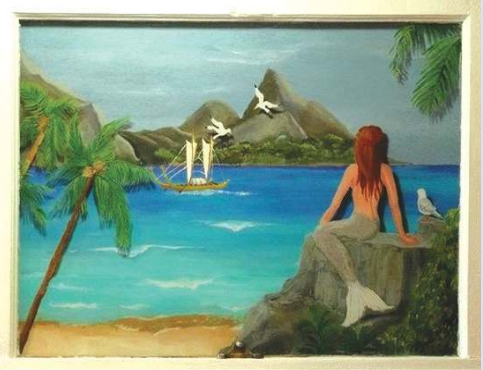
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BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Taking applications for 2 bedroom apartment in a senior/disabled property, all utilities included, rent is 30% of income, application is required, Equal Housing Opportunity, Contact Kathy 802-463-9863 for more information. (07/23)

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HELP WANTED

LUDLOW, Vt. - TPW Management is looking for Full Time Maintenance Technicians and Carpenters for our Ludlow office. Call 802-228-9400, email jobs@tpw.com, visit www.tpw.com. (06/25)

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WESTMINSTER, Vt. - Seeking vendors for The Compass School Autumn Market, Saturday, Nov. 16, 9:30-3:30. All artisans, crafters, sellers, and vendors may apply! \$30 table fee. *Supports Compass Global Connec-

tion Program. Contact Angie for application and information at 802-952-1129 or folllhall@gmail.com. (07/09)

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YARD SALE

CHESTER, Vt. - Moving Sale Saturday and Sunday, June 15-16, and June 22-23, from 9 am - 3 pm. Inside and outside items, more added daily. 235 Marc's Drive (off Church St.) in Chester. (06/25)

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - June 21-22 from 8-4. Rain or shine. Multi-family, attic clean out. Misc. household items, antiques, collectibles, and tools. (06/25)

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calendar

LEGAL NOTICES/HELP WANTED

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

JUNE 25 – BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – An innovative zero energy modular home that generates as much energy as it uses will call Bellows Falls home this summer, serving as a venue for a Healthy Homes Workshop on Tuesday, June 25 from 5:30 -6:30 p.m. Information and advice for creating and maintaining a safe and healthy indoor environment. The ZEM home is located in the Waypoint Center parking lot at 17 Depot St. RSVP

to blong@veic.org or call Brad at 802-540-7714.

JUNE 26 – BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Learn how to preserve historic woodwork, antique furniture, and wooden heirlooms on Wednesday, June 26, from 6 to 7:30 p.m., at Bellows Falls Waypoint Center. Guest speaker Jonathan Schechtman, proprietor of Meeting House Furniture Restoration, will offer expert advice on how to care for and conserve your antique wooden heirlooms. Participants are encouraged to bring items of furniture. Following his talk, Schechtman will provide one-on-one advice

on the care, repair, and preservation of your item. Light refreshments will be served. The Waypoint Center is handicapped accessible and has ample parking. For details email clg@rockbf.org.

JUNE 29 – BRATTLEBORO, Vt. – Discussion on Life After Death Saturday, June 29, from 2 – 3 p.m. at the All Souls Church at the West Village Meetinghouse, 29 South St. in Brattleboro. What happens when we die? What can near-death or out-of-the body experiences teach us? Can we experience heavenly worlds in this lifetime or meet with departed loved ones? What can help us deal with grief? All are welcome to this free, open discussion to explore these questions. We will also try a spiritual exercise that may help us unlock the secrets of life after death. This open discussion will be facilitated by Eckankar of Vermont. More information at www.eckankar-vt.org, 800-772-9390, and All Souls Church at The West Village Meetinghouse at 802-254-9377.

SUNDAYS – PROCTORSVILLE, Vt. – Sweaty Sunday Sizzle class at DG Bodyworks, 7 Depot St. in Proctorsville, Sundays at 9 a.m. Move your body, build your endurance, increase your oxygen uptake all while having a blast. Join Stacy for a suggested donation, and she will teach you some dance moves that will add fireworks to your weekend.

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

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Playgroup 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.

TUESDAYS – BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – River Voices Poetry meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Subway, 65 Square in Bellows Falls. All poets welcome. Discussion covers of all aspects of the poem. Call 802-463-2204.

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

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

S. LONDONDERRY, Vt. – Sit and Knit workshop every Wednesday, from 7 - 9 p.m., at the South Londonderry Free Library

in the Janeway Wing, located at 15 Old School Rd., South Londonderry, Vt.

PERU, Vt. – CBD Yoga, happening every Fourth Wednesday of the month from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. at New Spring Farm, 135 Batchelders Barn Road in Peru. For details, email peaceofparadisising@gmail.com.

THURSDAYS – PROCTORSVILLE, Vt. – From 7 to 8 p.m., join a Tai Chi beginners’ class at DG Bodyworks, 7 Depot St. in Proctorsville. This is a soft, grounding practice to improve alignment, balance, and prevent or relieve postural pains, reduce stress, and strengthen legs and core muscles. Available to all levels. There is a monthly tuition cost. To learn more about the classes, please contact Djemila at 802-490-0225 or email djem.translator@gmail.com.

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

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

WEEKLY – SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Youth and adult swim lessons are available at Edgar May Heath and Recreation throughout the year. Check their website for days, times, and details at www.myrecenter.org or for an appointment call 802-885-2568.

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 Ascutney from 10-11 a.m. Tuesday and Thursdays 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

TOWN OF ROCKINGHAM REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL -TENANT PROCUREMENT AND LEASING IN A MUNICIPAL BUILDING FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Please take notice that the Town of Rockingham is accepting proposals to lease a storefront in the Town Hall. The RFP will be available beginning Monday June 17, 2019. Please contact Development Director Gary Fox at: development@rockbf.org or 802.463.3964 ext. 1110 for details and to obtain a copy of the Request for Proposals. Respondents’ proposals are due July 1, 2019 at 2:00 pm.



The Town of Rockingham has Request for Proposals (RFP’s) out for the following work, materials or equipment

- Brick Repointing RFP**
The Town of Rockingham is requesting proposals for masonry work on the Rockingham Town Hall. Services will include brick repointing, relaying brick as necessary, copper cap and window ledge work. Interested bidders are asked to submit sealed proposals, clearly marked “BRICK REPOINTING RFP”, no later than 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 26, 2019.
- Backhoe RFP**
The Town of Rockingham is requesting proposals for a new backhoe. Interested bidders are asked to submit sealed proposals, clearly marked “BACK-HOE RFP”, no later than 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 26, 2019.
- Trash Pickup RFP**
The Town of Rockingham is requesting proposals for the collection of town/village-owned trash receptacles. This will be for up to a three (3) year contract. Interested bidders are asked to submit sealed proposals, clearly marked “TRASH PICKUP RFP”, no later than 2:00 p.m., Thursday, June 27, 2019.
- Historic Window Restoration RFP**
The Town of Rockingham is requesting proposals for the restoration of historic windows at the Rockingham Town Hall. Interested bidders are asked to submit sealed proposals, clearly marked “HISTORIC WINDOW RESTORATION RFP”, no later than 2:00 p.m., Thursday, June 27, 2019.
- Winter Sand RFP**
The Town of Rockingham is requesting proposals for 6,000 Cubic Yards of Winter Sand. Interested bidders are asked to submit sealed proposals, clearly marked “WINTER SAND RFP”, no later than 2:00 p.m., Thursday, June 27, 2019.

Contact Everett Hammond, Public Works Director, Town of Rockingham for a copy of the RFP at 802-463-3964 ext 1116 or it can be obtained on line at dpw@rockbf.org.

Receptionist/Administrative Assistant at Black River High School for the FY20 school year.

We are looking for someone who is comfortable dealing with the public and students at the high school level. This person will be answering telephones, distributing mail, letting guests in the building, handling correspondence and files for Guidance Dept. Must be proficient in Microsoft Office - Word and Excel. Some familiarity with Databases.

This is a school year position, working 195 days (starting mid-August 2019 through end of June 2020). Hours will be 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Benefits include Health Insurance and Dental Insurance. Send letter of interest and resume with three (3) employer references to Karen Trimboli, Principal at Black River High School, 43 Main Street, Ludlow, VT 05149

Background Check Required EOE

Town of Grafton, Vermont
117 Main St., P.O. Box 180
Grafton, VT 05146
Invitation for Bid

The Town of Grafton, Vermont (herein Town) is seeking sealed proposals for re-lining of a 60” corrugated metal culvert located on Route 35 (Chester Rd.) approximately 430 feet northerly of Route 121 East. Scope: Installation of a 129’ x 54” HDPE SnapTite or InnerFlow, or equal quality, liner pipe. Once the liner pipe is in place, construct grout retraining bulkheads with vent, fill and observation ports thru the bulkheads. Cellular grout will be pumped in to fill the annular space between the metal culvert and liner pipe. Once the grouting is completed ports will be removed and the bulkheads faced off with hydraulic cement to achieve a uniform finished look. On site visit (optional) Monday, July 1, 2019, at 10:00 am. Work must be done this year before October 1, 2019. For complete specifications and detail see “Invitation for Bid for Chester Hill culvert” which can be viewed at www.graftonvt.org on the “Bid” page or may be obtained from the Town Administrator at townadmin@graftonvt.org Unsealing of bids will occur at Selectboard meeting on Thursday July 15, 2019 @6:00 PM at Town Garage at 220 Bell Road. Bids must be sealed and delivered to the Town Hall by 4:00 PM on Thursday, July 11, 2019. The sealed envelope must be clearly marked “Chester Road Culvert Bid.” Faxed bids not accepted. Bids received after that time will be returned to sender unopened. It is not the policy of the Town to award a bid on price alone, but to evaluate all bids and determine which is in the best interest of the Town. The Town reserves the right to reject any or all proposals or to accept the proposal deemed to be in the best interest of the Town. All proposals must meet or exceed the specifications provided By Administrator or as provided on web site.

July 13, 2019
Bill Kearns Town Administrator
(802) 843 2552
townadmin@vermontel.net

Black River High School/Middle School
COACHES NEEDED
for upcoming 2019 Fall Season
These positions are for one year
Starting August 15th

Varsity Boys Soccer Coach
Middle School Soccer Coach

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

Background Checks Required

Please forward a letter of interest and references to:
Joe Gurdak or
Karen Trimboli
Black River High School/Middle School
43 Main Street
Ludlow, VT 05149

EOE
6/2019

TOWN OF GRAFTON, VERMONT
117 Main St., P.O. Box 180
Grafton, VT 05146
Invitation for Bid
2500 Heavy Duty Pick-up Truck

The Town of Grafton, Vermont (herein Town) is seeking sealed proposals for the following piece of equipment for the Highway Dept.: One (1) new 2500 Heavy Duty Pick-up Truck. Sealed proposals need to be received at the Grafton Selectmen’s Office, PO Box 180, Grafton, Vermont 05146 on or before July 11, 2019 by 2:00 pm. All envelopes shall be sealed and clearly marked “2019 Pick-up Truck Proposal.” Faxed bids not accepted. Bids received after that time will be returned to sender unopened. Unsealing of bids will occur at Selectman’s Meeting at 6:00 pm, Monday July 15, 2019 at Town Garage, 220 Bell Road. Complete specs, including trade-in vehicle, may be obtained from Bill Kearns, Town Administrator, 117 Main Street, Grafton VT 05146. (802)843-2552. townadmin@graftonvt.org or on the Town website www.graftonvt.org on “Bid” page. For clarifications please contact Danny Taylor, Road Forman (802) 843-2456 townshed@vermontel.net It is not the policy of the Town to award a bid on price alone, but to evaluate all bids and determine which is in the best interest of the Town. The Town reserves the right to reject any or all proposals or to accept the proposal deemed to be in its best interest. All proposals must meet or exceed the specifications provided.
June 13, 2019
Bill Kearns, Town Administrator

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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.

CLUBS

JUNE 22 – DORSET, Vt. – Hike to Dorset Peak with the Green Mountain Club Manchester Section on Saturday, June 22. Meet at the Green (Church Street and VT Route 30) in Dorset at 9:30 a.m. Hike about 7 1/2 miles round trip with about 2,300 feet elevation gain. Bring extra layers, raincoat, snacks, lunch, fluids, and headlamp just in case. RSVP needed to Katie Brooks at 516-978-4016 or ktktdams@comcast.net.

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.

THURSDAYS – SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Great Hall Handcrafters group meets every Thursday morning at 10:30 a.m. at The Great Hall Gallery, located at 100 River St. in Springfield. Bring a project to work on, including knitting, crocheting, embroidery, quilting, rug hooking, rug braiding, basket making, or anything alike.

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.

LUDLOW, Vt. – Looking for a friendly game of bridge? Want to learn how to play or update your rusty skills? We play every Thursday 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.

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 Rd., N. Springfield. Membership is open to ages 12 and up. Call Commander Capt. Tom Williams at 802-558-5571 or email Twilliams@vtcap.org.

COMMUNITY MEALS

JUNE 22 - MOUNT HOLLY, Vt. – The Mount Holly Volunteer Fire Department invites

the community to enjoy a homestyle roast beef supper Saturday, June 22 at 5 p.m. at the Odd Fellows Hall in Belmont. The family style dinner will include roast beef, potatoes, vegetable, rolls, homemade pies, and desserts. There is a fee for a worthy cause. This is an important fundraising dinner for our all-volunteer department. Please make every effort to attend.

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

JUNE 20 - ALSTEAD, N.H. – New Hampshire Humanities is hosting a presentation “That Reminds Me of a Story” with Rebecca Rule Thursday, June 20, from 6 – 7 p.m. at the Shedd-Porter Memorial Library in Alstead. Rebecca Rule has made it her mission over the last 20 years to collect stories of New Hampshire, especially those that reflect what’s special about this rocky old place. She’ll tell some of those stories - her favorites are the funny ones - and invite audience members to contribute a

few stories of their own.

JUNE 22 - ATHENS, Vt. – Quilt Show and Craft Fair on Saturday, June 22, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Athens 1817 Brick Meetinghouse. Quilts will be displayed inside the Meetinghouse, and a variety of craft vendors will be outside on the Meetinghouse lawn. Lunch of hamburgers and hot dogs will be available for purchase. All proceeds will help with ongoing maintenance of the Brick Meetinghouse. For more information, call

802-869-2141 or email athensmeetinghouse1817@gmail.com.

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Wundergroove Dance Party Saturday, June 22, from 9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Wunderbar, 22 Rockingham St. in the square. DJ Jade is spinning a diverse mix of dance tunes through the ages. Nightclub dance party atmosphere, great bespoke cocktails all made in-house, inclusive vibe, all welcome. Wonderful local ingredients, international food menu, kitchen closes at 9:30 p.m.

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.

TOWN OF WESTON

P.O. Box 98
Weston, VT 05161
Request For Bids

Sealed bids for the contract work described below will be accepted by the Town of Weston until 1:00 P.M. on Monday July 8, 2019. Contact Administrative Assistant, Cheryl Barker, for additional information. Telephone number is 802-824-6988 or selectboard@westonvt.org.

Work to be completed: Install two sump pumps in basement of Weston Town Office, one near the entrance and one near the well cover. Installation to include sump holes, automatic switches and all wiring and plumbing to discharge water away from the building year around.

Bid Opening: Sealed Bids shall be marked “Sump Pumps and Installation and will be publicly opened and read aloud at the next selectboard meeting which will be held at the Weston town office meeting room on July 9, 2019 at 7:30 P.M. All Bidders must provide three references and must have proof of liability insurance upon award of the contract. Workers Compensation: Notwithstanding any workers compensation or insurance policies maintained by the town of Weston, the contractor shall procure and maintain workers compensation coverage sufficient to meet Vermont’s statutory requirement and provide the town with proof of coverage. Liability Insurance: The contractor shall maintain comprehensive general liability insurance. Including broad form property damage cover-age, with limits of at least one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) combined single limit for personal injury and property damage for each occurrence. The contractor shall provide the Town with a certificate of insurance in which the Town is listed as a “co-insured.” The Town of Weston reserves the right to accept and/or reject any and/or all bids. The Town of Weston is an equal opportunity employer.

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.

TOWN OF CHESTER

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

PARKS & CEMETERY/PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEE

The Town of Chester has a full time employment opportunity available in its Parks & Cemeteries and Highway Department. This job is split between two departments; Parks & Cemeteries in the summer months and Highway in the winter months. Minimum requirements are:

- * High School Diploma or equivalent;
- * Valid Driver's License
- * Valid Commercial Driver's License or the ability to obtain a CDL within 6 months of hire
- * Two-years experience in a comparable position
- * Thorough knowledge of road equipment, dump trucks and other motorized vehicles, hand tools, welding equipment and other special tools
- * Thorough knowledge of chainsaws, mowers and other types of lawn maintenance equipment
- * Ability to deal with the personnel and public in a positive manner

For a complete copy of the Job Description, please contact the Chester Town Office at (802) 875-2173 or via email at Julie.hance@chestervt.gov.

Applications will be accepted until 4:00 p.m. on June 28, 2019. Please submit Employment Application and Resume to the Chester Town Manager's Office, 556 Elm Street, P.O. Box 370, Chester, VT, 05143.

TAKE A BREAK!

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Difficulty This Week: ♦♦♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging ♦♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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King Crossword

ACROSS

1 Church section

5 Gangster's girlfriend

9 GPS forerunner?

12 Contemptible

13 Met melody

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17 Scooted

18 Baltimore athlete

19 Luxurious fabric

21 Rocky Balboa's greeting

22 Native New Zealander

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9 Strict disciplinarian

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30 Huck's pal

35 Baby's cover-up

37 Off

39 Lousy car

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41 Raised

42 Assess

43 Census statistics

44 Anger

45 Unsigned (Abbr.)

46 Dregs

49 Lawyers' org.

50 Burgle

Salome's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Get your facts together and become familiar with them before you have to face up to that interview. The better prepared you are, the easier it will be to make that important impression.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) New information might warrant changing your mind about a recently made decision. Never mind the temporary confusion it might cause. Acting on the truth is always preferable.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Creating a loving atmosphere for those you care for could pay off in many ways. Expect to hear some unexpected but very welcome news that can make a big difference in your life.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Stepping away from an old and seemingly insoluble problem might be helpful. Use the time to take a new look at the situation and perhaps work out a new method of dealing with it.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You're still in a favorable goal-setting mode. However, you might need to be a little more realistic about some of your aims. Best to reach for what is currently doable. The rest will follow.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A setback is never easy to deal with. But it could be a boon in disguise. Recheck your proposal and strengthen the weak spots. Seek advice from someone who has “been there and done that.”

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Coming up with a new way of handling a tedious job-regulated chore could lead to more than just a congratulatory memo once the word reaches the “right people.” Good luck.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) What you might call determination, someone else might regard as stubbornness. Look for ways to reach a compromise that won't require a major shift of views on your part.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) You're still in a vulnerable mode vis-a-vis “offers” that sound too good to be true. So continue to be skeptical about anything that can't be backed up with provable facts.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Thrift is still dominant this week. What you don't spend on what you don't need will be available for you to draw on should a possible (albeit temporary) money crunch hit.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Staying close to home early in the week allows for some introspection about your social life. Sort out your feelings before rejoining your fun-time fellows on the weekend.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) It can be a bit daunting as well as exciting to find yourself finally taking action on a long-delayed move for a change. It helps to stay with it when others rally to support you.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your love of home and family provide you with the emotional support you need to find success in the outside world.

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calendar

EVENTS CONT.

JUNE 23 - CHESTER, Vt. – Join author Gary Meffe to talk about his new work of fiction, “The Wizard of Odd,” on Sunday, June 23, from 4 – 5:30 p.m. at Phoenix Books Misty Valley in Chester. Through comedy, tragedy, resilience, despair, surprises, and love of place, and inspired by challenges that face real Vermont towns, “The Wizard of Odd” captures the essence of what comprises an authentic community worth fighting for. This event is free and open to all.

JUNE 24 - TOWNSHEND, Vt. – West River Valley Thrives is hosting a legislative breakfast Monday, June 24 at 7:45 a.m. at the Townshend Church on the Common. With the passage of S.54, an act relating to the

regulation of cannabis and commercialization of marijuana, out of the Senate, and referred to Committee on Ways and Means, this bill appears, in some form, destined to be voted into law in the near future. WRVT will host a public dialogue with legislators in order to provide clarity on the law and answer any questions. Please RSVP to wrvtdirector@gmail.com or 802-365-4700 by June 20. A children’s area will be staffed for those who have childcare needs.

JUNE 27 - PUTNEY, Vt. – Next Stage Arts Project presents “Wetware,” a new near future film by master filmmaker Jay Craven, as part of its Framed hosted film series at Next Stage on Thursday, June 27 at 7 p.m. Jay Craven will introduce the film and conduct a Q&A following the screening. Tickets are available in advance at www.nextstagearts.org

and at the door. CHESTER, Vt. – Graham Kennedy’s Retirement Open House Thursday, June 27, from 11 a.m – 2 p.m. at the Chester Town Garage. Lunch will be provided.

JUNE 29 - WEATHERSFIELD, Vt. – “Lace Up for Laura” Memorial 5k walk/ run and kids fun run Saturday, June 29 at 8:30 a.m. in Weathersfield. The starts for both races will be located near the intersection of the Plains and Reservoir roads. All proceeds benefit the Laura Cody McNaughton Memorial Fund scholarship. For details visit www.laceupforlaura.com.

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.

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

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 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. The event is free, with no entrance or dealer set-up fees. Dealers must provide their own tables and chairs and cannot leave anything behind when they leave. Dealing of animals is strongly discouraged. Electricity provided to food vendors. There is no need to register. If you have any questions, please call 802-885-2972.

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 playtime 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.

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

LIBRARIES

JUNE 20 – LUDLOW, Vt. – Please join us Thursday, June 20 at 7 p.m. for an interesting and entertaining program. Chester Police Chief Richard Cloud will be joining us with his K9 partner, Dutch. Come and learn how this unique team works, their training, and duties. The program is open to the public free of charge at the Fletcher Memorial Library, Main Street in Ludlow. Call 802-228-8921 for details. We hope to see you there!


JUNE 22 – LONDONDERRY, Vt. – Stop by the South Londonderry Free Library on Saturday, June 22 anytime between 10 a.m. and noon to pick up free reading records, bookmarks and stickers, as well as a Craft to Go. Former children’s librarian, Linda Schroeder, will be on hand to make balloon animals for kids to take home.

JUNE 28 – LONDONDERRY, Vt. – Stop by the South Londonderry Free Library on Friday, June 28 at 2 p.m., you can Rocket into Space. Former children’s librarian, Linda Schroeder, will show you how to make a rocket to take with you.

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.



pet of the week




Got mice? You’ll be happy to know we have some Rodent Control Technicians looking for work. If you can offer them a barn, shed, garage etc., please stop in so they can get back the freedom they are missing. Lila is one of three that need a place to go.

We are open Wednesday through Saturday, from noon to 4:30 p.m. or call 802-885-3997 for more information on our Barn Buddy program.

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Rockingham, \$139,000



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2 Bedrooms, 2 Baths
Springfield, \$139,000



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2 Bedrooms, 1 Bath
Chester, \$129,000



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Nice Level 3.79+/- Acre Lot Cleared For Views
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Brattleboro, \$110,000



Prime 5+/- Acre Wooded Corner Lot, Residential and/or Business Potential!
Chester, \$35,000



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Weathersfield treasure located just off Skyline Drive. This 3-4 bedroom home offers great detail throughout including an open/bright kitchen with abundant corian countertops, viking range, canadian pantry. Formal dining area with windows taking in bright light and views of the back yard. Living room with cathedral ceilings and stone fireplace. Den/Bedroom with catwalk storage on first floor, 2nd bedroom and 3/4 bath with fossil stone tile. 2nd floor balcony currently hosts a baby grand piano to the Master Bedroom with 3/4 tiled bath. Walk-out daylight basement includes family room, laundry room, half bath, office and bedroom. Attached 2 car garage, multi-tiered deck, gazebo. Detached barn with garage bay, workshop space, carport and overhead 23X16 seasonal living space. Kennel, shed and a heated green house. Situated on 5.3+/- landscaped acres with gardens and pond. Just beautiful! **\$399,000**



Stop to smell the sweet lilacs lining the driving to this inviting Weathersfield country Cape home. There is much to love about this property including the 38 acres of fields, forests and the lovely flowers, shrubs and ornamental trees in the landscaped yards. Enter into the cozy kitchen, family room with a beautiful wood burning cook stove. Can't you just smell the bread baking in the oven? The sizable living room-dining room boasts lovely wood floors and woodwork. Three bedrooms are on the second level with plenty of closets and storage for all the treasures. The three season porch overlooks the in-ground pool and provides a quiet place for morning coffee and bird watching. An attached 2 car garage and a separate barn-workshop will make this the perfect new home for your family. **\$425,000**



The “Tiny House” is waiting for you to embrace this easy living style - so hook-up the truck and head out to your special location. This Tiny house is beyond exceptional. Built with the finest of materials, it will provide years of care free living and joy. Perhaps you need a get-away place or house guest quarters. The Tiny House will provide 4 season luxury living in all the 200 square feet of peacefulness. Propane and radiant heat, standing seam roof, cedar siding, fully insulated and so much more. Check it out now. Tiny House must be moved to your location. **\$59,000**



This secluded, and private property has plenty to offer as you explore around the hills and fields as well as a couple of ponds. There is a large garden for growing all the veggies, flowers and herbs one desires. The double-wide manufactured home offers the ease of carefree living in the open concept living space and with easy care finishes inside and out. The finished rooms on the lower level offer family room space, hobby/craft room and an exercise room for keeping in shape. Heating options hot air furnace, pellet stove and wood heat will keep you warm on the coldest of days. The fully insulated and heated two bay garage has additional workspace. All this on 23.2+/- acres, for your enjoyment. **\$229,000**

AUTOMOTIVE

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 St., Alstead.

MEETINGS
JUNE 25 –
LUDLOW, Vt. – The Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce is celebrating its 62nd annual meeting at a luncheon at Okemo Mountain Resort on Tuesday, June 25 at 11:30 a.m. in the Round House Room at Jackson Gore Inn in Ludlow. The guest speaker will be Wendy Knight, the Vermont Commissioner of Tourism.

JULY 11 –
ASCUTNEY, Vt. – The Southern Windsor County Regional Planning Commission will be hosting a public forum to discuss stream reclassification on Thursday, July 11 at 4 p.m. at SWCRPC offices, 38 Ascutney Park Rd., Ascutney. Please RSVP to Chris Yurek at cyurek@swerpe.org by Friday, July 5.

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

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

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

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

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

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Select Board meetings are on the second and fourth Monday of the month starting at 7 p.m. in the Selectman’s Hall on 96 Main Street. For more information, go to www.springfieldvt.govoffice2.com.

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

MOUNT HOLLY, Vt. – Select Board meetings are on the second Tuesday at 6 p.m. of each month at the Town Office. For more information, call 802-259-2391.

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

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

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

LUDLOW, Vt. – Black River Area Community Coalition meets third Wednesdays in the community room of the Fletcher Memorial Library,

Main Street, in Ludlow, starting at 5:30 p.m. For more information, visit www.braccvt.org.

MUSIC & THEATER
JUNE 21 -
CHARLESTOWN, N.H. – The West Moreland Town Band will perform a free concert rain or shine on Friday, June 21, from 6:30 – 8 p.m. at the Charlestown Senior Center, 223 Old Springfield Rd. Refreshments will be on sale. Burgers, hot dogs, hot and cold beverages, something sweet, as well as ice cream sandwiches. There is a 50/50 raffle. Bring a lawn chair and join us.

JUNE 22 -
JAMAICA, Vt. – The Jamaica Community Arts Council host their first concert of the season Saturday, June 22 at 6:30 p.m. at their historic town hall with area favorites Saints & Liars. Locals know them for a foot stomping good time as Vermont’s own Roadhouse String Band. The venue is the venerable historic town hall with amazing acoustics located right in town on Route 30 in Jamaica. Tickets available at the door. The JCAC is a nonprofit that focuses on the arts and preservation of the town hall.

JUNE 23 -
GRAFTON, Vt. – The Grafton Cornet Band invites all to its free summer concert on Sunday, June 23, from 5 – 6 p.m. on the library lawn in Grafton. Bring chairs or a blanket for comfort and maybe a picnic. For rain, the band plays in the historic Grafton Community Church. The band keeps its original 1867 name even though all wind instruments are now included. Any band player is welcome to play along with the band – just wear a white shirt and come to the rehearsal an hour before the concert. Glen D’Eon is the director.

JUNE 28 -
CHARLESTOWN, N.H. – Jazz Express will perform a free concert rain or

shine on Friday, June 28, from 6:30 – 8 p.m. at the Charlestown Senior Center, 223 Old Springfield Rd. Refreshments will be available for sale, plus a 50/50 raffle. Bring a lawn chair and join us for a fun evening.

JUNE 29 -
PUTNEY, Vt. – Next Stage Arts Project and Twilight Music present a “Tribute to Joni Mitchell’s Blue” on Saturday, June 29 at 7:30 p.m. at Next Stage. Tickets are available in advance and at the door, online at www.nextstagearts.org, at Turn It Up in Brattleboro, and at the Putney General Store three weeks before the show. Next Stage is located at 15 Kimball Hill 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 –
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 touch on topics that help us in our quest for weight loss. We share healthy recipes for main meals and snacks. Your first meeting is free. Bring a friend; you won’t be disappointed. Visit our website www.tops.org for more information.

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.

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.

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

THURSDAYS –
SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Mental Health Peer Support Group meets 2-3:30 p.m. at the First Congregational Church, 77 Main St. The group’s goal will be to provide a safe and healthy

environment for people to give and receive support around mental health issues. The group is free and open to the public. Call Diana Slade at 802-289-1982.

TOWNSHEND, Vt. – Alzheimer’s Caregiver Support Group meets on the first Thursday of every month, from 11 a.m. – noon at Grace Cottage Community Wellness Center, Heins Building, 133 Grafton Rd., in Townshend. Led by Grace Cottage Community Health team member Claire Bemis. Free. Call 802-365-3763.

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