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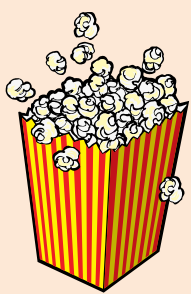
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48th Annual Loyalty Day Parade

Rutland VFW Post 648 will hold its 48th Loyalty Day Parade Sunday, May 1, 2011 starting at 2pm. The Parade will feature a returning Veteran Man and a returning Veteran Woman as the Parade Marshals.

The Parade will be in honor of all Men & Woman in uniform who served at home, Iraq, Afghanistan, and throughout the World in sincere thanks for their service.

There will be school bands, fire trucks, all of Cario Temple, VFW & American

Legion Color Guards, old cars, motorcycles, old tractors, clowns, Girl & Boy Scouts and many more special groups.

This is a non-political parade. Politicians may carry a sign to identify themselves, but there will be no political advertisement of any kind. Any group which is invited does so to support our Veterans, and not for personal advertising. This is a fun parade for all ages to enjoy.

The best place to watch the Parade is in the area of the reviewing stand where the

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Killington Classic To Be Managed & Promoted By Americade



The Killington Classic, New England's largest motorcycle touring rally, will roar into a new era this fall under the management and promotion of the company which produces the world's largest multi-brand touring rally, Americade.

The Town of Killington Economic Development and Tourism Director Seth Webb announced this week that Americade has inked a management and promotion contract, effective with the 2011 Classic.

"The Town of Killington extended an invitation to us last year to spend time at the Killington Classic and see how we might work together to take this great event to a new level," said Christian Dutcher, Americade's VP. "We're excited to partner with the forward-looking Killington community and we anticipate building on the foundation already in place to attract more bikers and vendors to the Killington Classic."

The 2011 Killington Classic is scheduled for September 8-11 and will draw heavily on promotion to the more than 50,000 riders expected at Americade June 7-11 in Lake George, NY. The week-long multi-brand Americade also attracts hundreds of vendors.

"This is a tremendous step forward for the Killington Classic and our entire community," notes Webb. "Bill and Christian Dutcher are the country's foremost motorcycle rally organizers, and having their expertise and organization in managing the Classic will help us achieve our goal of growing the Classic into a strong annual event."

Under the multi-year agreement with Killington, Americade assumes all costs of organizing, promoting and producing

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Adventurous Mendon Walk

The Mendon Historical Society is planning a walk on the Old Turnpike Road on Sunday May 1, from 12:30 to 3:30pm. Members and non-members please meet at the Mendon Town Hall parking lot on Route 4. We will visit an old mill site, wetlands and observe beautiful natural settings. This road was the route to Montpelier in the days before modern roads. Justin Lindholm will lead the walk. He's had a lot of experience in studying the ancient roads of Mendon. Justin will have us access this part of Mendon from the Wildcat Road. Be sure to wear sturdy shoes or boots for this adventurous but easy walk. Call Elaine Latzky with questions 773-4854.

Kids' Fishing Derby



Get fishing! Once again the Rutland Kiwanis Club and the Rutland Recreation & Parks Department will be hosting a special fishing day for children up to age 13 at Combination Pond in Rutland City on Saturday, May 7th. A parent or guardian must accompany the child. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m., and hooks can be dropped at 8:30 a.m. The event goes until 12 noon. Prizes will be awarded in various categories. Fish are provided by the Vermont Fish & Game Department. New this year is a fishing clinic starting at 7:30 a.m. taught by Don Cioffi. Call the Rec Department at 773-1822 ext 19 for more information.

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units will be introduced and the bands can perform up to three minutes.

If any one would like to donate to the Parade fund, you may send a check to: Parade Chairman, Post 648, 15 Wales St., Rutland, Vt. 05701

Come out and see one of the best Parades in Vermont. The Ladies Auxiliary VFW Post 648 invites everyone to the Luncheon Sunday May 1st at the VFW hall on Wales Street in Rutland. Serving from 11 AM to 5 PM with music & dancing. \$5.00 per adult 13 & up; \$2.50 child 6 - 12; free 5 & under. All are welcome.

As we look forward to spring, with warmer days and the renewal of life in the world all around us, we should also look to our own renewal of the Loyalty and Patriotism we feel for our great Nation. What a better way to do this than to enjoy our Loyalty Day Celebration with a Parade and a Luncheon.

Loyalty Day Parade History

In the 1950's during the cold war, the communist were celebrating may day with their large troop & military parade in the Russia Red Square to show off their power and try to spread their communist influence in the world.

During this period the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States wanted to counteract the May Day activities by encouraging the US Congress to endorse our own Loyalty Day on the first Sunday in May. This was a hard fought battle to get through Congress. In 1958, it finally passed in a joint resolution of the U.S. Congress and was signed into law by then President Dwight Eisenhower to have the first

Sunday in May be celebrated as Loyalty Day.

Throughout the United States this would be celebrated in different ways, such as picnic's, church gatherings, community activities and parades. In 1963, here in Rutland, VT the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 648 wanted to do something here in our city. Aldo Manfredi, & Larry Bolgioni, veterans of World War II, helped start the parade. At the time, Aldo Manfredi was the cities Civil Defense Director, and he took over the chairmanship for the Loyalty Day Parade. In the beginning, the parade was quite small, with just two or three sections. As the years went by the parade became the largest parade in the State of Vermont, with up to twelve sections, with seven to eight groups in each section.

While the threat of communism has diminished and Loyalty Day is no longer recognized by Congress, the Veterans of Foreign wars Post 648 in Rutland, VT want to continue the tradition. The purpose of the Loyalty Day Parade is to honor the military men & women who are still in harms way, and express our pride in our country, community, flag and our way of life, which is based in freedom & loyalty.

This year parade is once again sponsored by VFW Post 648 with the support of kind businesses, fraternal organization, professionals, individuals and many volunteers, without whom this parade would not happen. They also thank the Rutland Police Department, Rutland Department of Public Works and Rutland Fire Department for their help during the parade.

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Killington Classic Advisory Committee with Americade

Back Row: Mike Robillard, Vermont Red Knights; Olin DeForge, Vermont Red Knights; Robert Salmeri; Ted Tanner; Christian Dutcher, Americade; Margie Connelly, Americade; Chris Karr, Killington Chamber of Commerce; Tom Donahue, Rutland Region Chamber of Commerce.

Front Row: Suzie Dundas, Town of Killington; Seth Webb, Town of Killington; Zip Barnard, The Mountain Times; Andy McGrath, Vermont Red Knights; Debbie Beaudette, Americade; Nora Twyman, Americade.

Not pictured: Mike Coppinger, Downtown Rutland Partnership; Jim Cornell, Vermont Red Knights, Don Moore, Vermont Red Knights; Jane Tanner.

the Killington Classic. As the presenting sponsor, The Town of Killington will contribute \$17,000 towards the event each year.

The Killington Classic earned a designation as one of Vermont's Top 10 Fall Events by the Vermont State Chamber of Commerce for 2010 and 2011. The 2010 Classic, which saw extreme growth over the previous year's event, also featured a wildly popular block party in downtown Rutland following the event's signature

12-mile Parade of Bikes from Killington to Rutland City.

Americade is the world's largest touring rally, and is often considered the best organized event of its kind in the U.S. It attracts 50,000-60,000 every year to its week-long event in Lake George, NY. The event management company behind Americade organizes motorcycle events year-round.

Registration for the 2011 Killington Classic opens on June 7th at www.killingtonclassic.com.

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Going Places

I really like traveling. And it's not just that I enjoy going to new places: travel intrigues me from a sort of philosophical standpoint. Tourism is a unique activity in that it's often very hard to decipher whether you're actually having fun when you're doing it. It's possible to visit a famous metropolis, stop at all the requisite spots, and realize afterward that somehow you didn't see anything, that you'd merely worked your way through an itinerary without ever connecting to the city.

Everyone has his own idea of how best to experience a new place, how to be surprised by it, how to let it sink in and become personal to oneself. You can get a sense of the complexity of this traveling business when you consider one piece of advice that echoes through every guidebook: avoid the tourists.

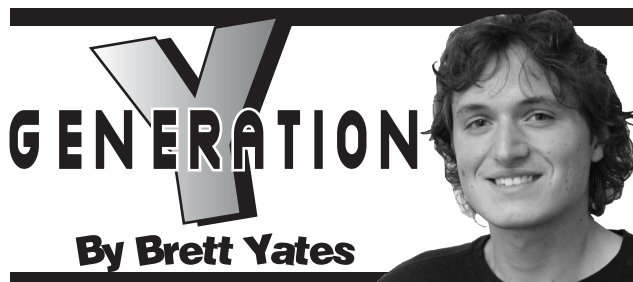
This, of course, is impossible, since, whenever you tour a city, you yourself are a tourist. Besides, every historical site is geared toward tourists, and if you went to China but didn't see the Great Wall or the Forbidden City, you'd feel you'd missed out. Usually, the presence of tourists – who, for the most part, probably want to experience the same things you, as a tourist, want to experience (great food, spectacular sights, exotic culture) – indicates that there's something of value here: that's why Paris is filled with tourists, whereas Amarillo is not. So what does this advice – to avoid tourists – mean?

Well, partly, it means to avoid unadventurous tourists, specifically – the ones who get snagged by overpriced, useless attractions simply because they're close to their hotel, the ones who aren't brave enough to try flavorful examples of the local cuisine. The advice is practical in another sense, too, in that it's trying to help you avoid the tumult of travel, to help you find spots where you won't be jostled by a thousand other people.

But there's more to it than this. Mostly, I think, travelers aren't offended if the crowds consist of locals. It's the crowds of tourists that bother us. It's the consequent sense that a place doesn't have an existence independent of people like us: people who fly there, spend money, and fly away. You get this sense at Fisherman's Wharf in San Francisco, on Bourbon Street in New Orleans, and in the small town of Bar Harbor in Maine.

When we travel, we want to see something outside of ourselves. But when we go to a tourist trap, we're seeing only something that we've created.

And yet, to me, there's something distasteful about spending the entirety of a trip trying to avoid other tourists. There are travelers whose experience in a foreign land is spoiled the moment they spot another American. Fellow tourists are an intrusion in the fantasy of authenticity they're trying to surround themselves with – the fantasy that they themselves are locals, or that they're genuine explorers intrepidly investigating lands unknown – because the tourists remind them that there's nothing special about what they're doing and that what they want to believe is a real encounter with a different civilization is actually, to some degree, a scripted transaction staged by actors (bartenders, waiters, tour guides) who have been trained to cater to their American needs and desires.



To me, these bold seekers of untrammelled pathways, for all their admirable exploratory drive, are as fraudulent as those tourists who travel to faraway continents purportedly to learn about foreign cultures and yet spend all their time eating safely at American chain restaurants. Wherever one goes, one should acknowledge that tourism is an enormous industry and that every place on Earth that contains anything of interest or beauty has been touched by it. Everywhere you might ever want to visit has been altered for your sake. (This doesn't mean, of course, that you shouldn't seek out those spots that have been less altered than others.)

Sometimes it doesn't matter how many tourists there are in a place. Venice is packed with fanny packs, yet I've never seen a stranger, more fascinating city. There, it may be wise to ditch wholly the dream of authenticity and to regard the other travelers – who, in fact, come from all over the world and surely aren't as homogeneous as they look – and their obvious incongruousness as another aspect of the city's strangeness. On the other hand, sometimes your fellow travelers can single-handedly prevent you from having a pleasant time – at restaurants where you can't get a table, at bars where you can't get a seat, on tours where you have to stand so far back that you can't hear the guide. But is the only reason we travel to have a pleasant time?

We might also travel in order to see the world, of which crowds and unpleasantness are parts. I remember visiting the Mona Lisa when I was 14, pushing my way through a big pack of non-Frenchmen in order to catch a glimpse up close, and thinking that this was so stupid, I already knew what it looked like, so why was I wasting my time with this typical touristy stuff? But I'm glad I did it, just to have found out exactly how underwhelming the Mona Lisa is in person.

Like cities, art museums contain different levels of reality, and I struggle to figure out in which museums I feel like I'm looking at art that may have something to say to me and in which museums I feel like one of a mass of impostors acting out purposeless tourism rituals in front of objects so meaningless to me that they might as well be invisible. The first experience – that of absorbing interesting art – is nicer, but I think that the second one – that of going through the motions and being confused as to what you're supposed to get out of it – has value, too, maybe because a lot of life is like that, and it'll make you think about it.

Happy trails!

Okemo Valley Golf Club Opens April 27

Okemo Valley Golf Club is scheduled to open for the 2011 season on Wednesday, April 27. Reduced, early springtime greens fees will be offered for a limited time.

Okemo Valley Golf Club is Vermont's first heathland-style golf course and was designed according to the traditions of the game. The resort features a championship 18-hole layout, a welcoming, full-service clubhouse, indoor practice facility and 18-acre state-of-the-art outdoor training center. The layout is a par 70 that measures 6,400 yards in length and features bent grass greens, tees and fairways with multiple tee areas for each hole, ensuring playability and challenge for all ability levels. Rolling hills, moderate elevation changes and wide fairways with well-placed hazards enhance the beautiful heathland layout.

For tee times at Okemo Valley Golf Club, or for more information about memberships or programs, call the Pro Shop at (802) 228-1396 or visit okemo.com.

Sign Up Now For Rosie's Girls Camp

Registration is open for girls entering 6th, 7th or 8th grade in the Fall for Rosie's Girls day camp program. The camp runs from July 11 to 22, Monday to Friday, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm each day. Registration is on a first come, first served basis. We want to keep the numbers low so that each girl can have a terrific experience!

Rosie's Girls® is a day camp program that uses hands-on activities to show middle school girls that they can do anything – including learning carpentry and welding skills, conquering a ropes course, learning about women in history, meeting women in the trades such as a professional carpenter or a helicopter pilot, and making new friends.

The Rosie's Girls Summer Program encourages campers to develop and strengthen their self-esteem and confidence, while expanding their perception of the range of educational and career options that are available to them. Using a unique, holistic approach, Rosie's Girls combines hands-on instruction in the skilled trades with a broad array of other activities explicitly designed to encourage girls to develop their own strength, power and confidence in an atmosphere that is fun, supportive, and positive.

This summer's Rutland region program has a new home! We are excited to be collaborating with Mill River Union High School in Clarendon this summer. The Mill River staff have welcomed us with open arms and lots of enthusiasm, and we are thrilled to be able to utilize their large campus for this year's camp. Their facilities offer us a larger carpentry shop, as well as a large space for welding indoors. We certainly will be able to take advantage of these facilities!

\$259 covers the cost for the two week program, and includes a toolbox that the girls build themselves, a basic set of tools to keep, and a t-shirt. Financial aid may be available.

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Spring Farm Festival Weekend at Billings Farm April 30-May 1

Billings Farm & Museum, gateway to Vermont's rural heritage, kicks off its 2011 season with Spring Farm Festival Weekend on April 30 & May 1, from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. – featuring two days of traditional spring farm activities, including shearing the farm's Southdown sheep, plowing programs and demonstrations, wagon rides, and more.

The farm's Southdown ewes will be sheared each day at: 12:00, 2:00, and 4:00 p.m. during narrated programs, with spinning and carding demonstrations of the skills needed to turn fleece into yarn.

Plowing with oxen and draft horse teams will take place in the farm fields and visitors also can try their hand plowing behind a Billings' team. Baby chicks will be in abundance, with interactive programs starting at 10:30 a.m.

Additional activities include horse-drawn wagon rides and cooking demos of oxtail soup and shoofly pie in the 1890 Farm House. The Teago Volunteer Fire Department will sell lunch and snacks, with all proceeds to benefit the fire department. Admission includes our 26th annual commemorative spring button and children's art show. For information: 802/457-2355 or www.billingsfarm.org.

Vermont's Walleye Fishing Starts

courtesy VT Fish & Wildlife Dept.

The best walleye fishing in New England is about to begin in several Vermont rivers and lakes, according to the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department. The department is reminding anglers that walleye fishing season starts in much of the state on the first Saturday in May, the 7th this year, and that regulations vary, depending on the water you are fishing.

In all waters of Vermont except Lake Carmi, Chittenden Reservoir and the Connecticut River, walleye and sauger have an 18" minimum length requirement and 3-fish daily limit. The open season is from the first Saturday in May to March 15.

Lake Carmi has a slot limit for walleye because of the lake's high productivity and high rate of walleye harvest. The minimum length is 15 inches, all walleye between 17 and 19 inches must be released. The daily limit is five walleye, but only one may be over 19 inches long. The

season is open May 7 through March 15.

Chittenden Reservoir has special walleye regulations in order to produce large walleye that can help control its over-abundant yellow perch population and provide anglers with an opportunity to harvest a trophy walleye. The minimum length is 22 inches, the daily limit is two, and the season is open June 1 through March 15.

Connecticut River walleye fishing rules are set by New Hampshire.

Excellent walleye fishing opportunities occur each spring in the lakes mentioned above as well as in Lake Champlain and its tributaries: the Missisquoi River, Lamoille River, Winooski River, and Otter Creek. The Northeast Kingdom also offers walleye fishing opportunities in Salem Lake, Island Pond, Clyde Pond, and the Clyde River. Vermont's state record walleye weighed 14.55 lbs. and was caught in Lake Champlain by Richard Levesque of Swanton in 2010.

NATURE'S WAY

Why Do Some Leaves Appear Red in Springtime?

by Michael Snyder

We don't want to shock the tourists, but the spring woods do bring some color beyond green. While spring displays of herbaceous plants flowering on the forest floor are a treat, there is much more to spring forest color than wildflowers alone. Yes, the trees produce color, too. Usually, you just have to look a little more carefully for it. But in some years, the colors of the spring forest canopy rival those of the more famous foliage of fall.

As trees break winter dormancy and their buds develop into various leaves, twigs, and flowers, the canopy across entire hillsides may change colors in varying combinations and intensities before it resumes full physiological function and settles in to your basic early summer green. This whole process – from first swelling of flower and leaf buds through fruiting and full leaf expansion – occurs over many weeks and offers a changing array of colors, depending on just about everything, from elevation and latitude to species mixes to previous and (especially) current growing conditions. The spring show features many varying shades and tones, from yellows and browns to pale green and even purple. But as in the more celebrated fall display, it is the reds – so distinct in a greenish world – that sometimes steal the spring show.

In forests heavy to red maple, for example, the canopy can appear downright crimson from late winter right through spring considering all the red twigs, red buds, and red flowers that are present even before the red maple leaves emerge.

But not all woods are dominated by red maple. According to Sandy Wilmot, a forest health specialist with the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation, when entire forests of various hardwood species appear more red than green, it tends to occur later in spring, because it has more to do with leaves than twigs or flowers.

Wilmot and her colleague Tom Simmons at the Vermont Monitoring Cooperative came up with a system for tracking flower and leaf bud development in common hardwoods from the first bud swell to the last bud break. While most of us probably miss this process and some just enjoy that it's happening, Wilmot and Simmons observe and record it – every year. For example, in their studies of northern hardwood forests in Vermont, they document that the buds of red and sugar maple are the first to swell, followed by those of yellow birch and American beech, and, later, ash. While red maple starts earliest, it takes the longest to reach full leaf-out. Conversely, the late-starting ash finishes fastest. While these relative rankings hold from year to year, the actual dates can shift significantly, and that deviation can bring unusual color conditions from year to year.

"In 2002, for example, an early April heat wave triggered rapid leaf and flower development,"

said Wilmot. But it was spring, after all; the heat wave faded and cold air returned. "Leaf development stalled and the partially emerged leaves had to withstand several weeks of cold." This can be very dangerous for tender young leaves, and, as it turns out, it might explain those springs when there is more red than green in the canopy.

And, get this: all that red may actually help protect those vulnerable young leaves.

Hardwood leaves are normally tinged with some red when they first appear. Gradually, they appear more greenish as they produce the all-important green pigment, chlorophyll. But this requires light and warmth. If those newly emerged leaves are greeted by a cold snap or prolonged cloud cover, they cannot make chlorophyll and will remain reddish for an extended period. This red color in spring leaves is due to the same pigments responsible for the brilliant reds of autumn, the anthocyanins.

Scientists studying the physiology of fall foliage have suggested that the anthocyanins responsible for red color in leaves – in fall or spring – may help them withstand cold and screen them from damaging ultraviolet rays, air pollution, and various other assaults. This may not seem all that clever in an autumn leaf that's about to drop, but in a spring leaf just getting started on a full growing season, it's a brilliant strategy – especially considering all that could go wrong for a young leaf.

Ah, spring. Its visual charms may be a bit more subtle – some say pastel – than fall, but coming as they do after the drab browns and grays of mud season, the colors of the spring woods are just as good to see.

Michael Snyder is the commissioner of the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks, and Recreation. The illustration for this column was drawn by Adelaide Tyrol.



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BOOMERS

Age Does Have Its Privilege

by Cindy Phillips



I used to love this time of year. It meant I could start breaking out my summer wardrobe. When the temperatures reached their magic mark, I could whip out my well-above-the-knee jean skirts, my tank tops in every color of the rainbow, and my array of flip-flops. When I would don one of these outfits, along with some hoop earrings and ankle bracelets, I actually felt like I might get a second glance when I went out in public. Yes, it needed a good hair and makeup day along with it, but I believed it didn't look half bad.

I now have to face the fact that not only will I not get a second glance, I simply can't wear an outfit like this any longer. The mass of skin-covered cottage cheese, known as my thighs, means my skirt hems had to be introduced to my knees. Actually, most of my skirts are now floor-length, just to be on the safe side. The old-lady wing flaps that now stand in the place of what used to be my upper arms, are not an attractive accompaniment to my tanks tops and camisoles. With a good pedicure, I can still get away with the flip-flops and ankle bracelets. I will never give up my hoop earrings. I have been wearing the same pair since 1972 when I got my ears pierced.

My angst over my aging process may seem shallow, but it's bigger than that. It is the realization that age is running over me faster than a speeding bullet and with a force more powerful than a locomotive. And there's not a darn thing I can do about it. When you're in your thirties and forties and you become unhappy with your appearance, you can cling to hope via the Scarlett O'Hara syndrome. "I'll start that diet and color my hair tomorrow." But once you slide that AARP membership card into your wallet, it's no longer an easy fix. The concept of your mortality finally starts to sink in.

Though I have had to face the fact that I am never going to erase these wrinkles and I will never get down to my ideal weight, getting old does have its privilege. And

I have decided to call on mine whenever I damn well please. I'm old, I've earned the right. So for you Boomers who join me in these feelings, take note of the following:

I now question authority. Don't get me wrong, I am not out running red lights or selling drugs. I have always been one who played by the rules and did what I was told. Part of that came from being raised by a mother who believed in spanking. But now I just find I push the envelope a little more. I recently found myself in a panic as tax deadline loomed. My return was basically done, but I wasn't sure I had claimed everything properly. Then I had a talk with myself and said "Really?" I weighed the consequences of what might happen if I made an incorrect entry. I don't think I am going to jail for tax evasion, and seriously, with the millions of returns being processed I doubt they will pull out all the stops when determining I forgot to claim my \$23 in interest.

At three recent hockey playoff games, I did not sit in my assigned seat! How's that for breaking the rules? I was so ready for the seat police to ask to see my ticket. As a season ticket holder, and with more than half the arena empty, I was prepared to do battle and save my honor. But they didn't even look twice at me. And speaking of authority – I knew I was getting old when policemen started looking like kids to me.

I justify spending money more easily. I'm not plowing through the retirement fund or anything reckless like that, but when I have to make a decision about spending or not spending, I have no trouble playing that "who knows if I will ever have this chance again" card. Though up until now this has translated into splurging on mani/pedis, new shoes and an occasional road trip, I am seriously contemplating a convertible for my next vehicle!

I don't let pushy people intimidate me. I find I have much more fun grinning at them now. Just this week, I was talking to a neighbor while in the parking lot of the grocery store. Yes, we had an aisle blocked for all of one minute. And when that cranky old man tooted his horn at us, I looked right at him and said, "Calm down old man, what is your hurry?" Boy did he slam on that accelerator when we finally moved. I just laughed, and

it felt really good.

I know I can't win the battle against this aging process, but I'm not going down easily. I am going to enjoy life, open new doors, be adventurous and to hell with anything or anybody who doesn't like it. And be forewarned, I've decided to keep wearing the tank tops. So if you wave hello to me, watch out if I wave back. Those wing flaps can be deadly.

(Dedicated to my sister, Arlene, who gave me that first pair of hoop earrings.)

Contact me at cphillipsauthor@yahoo.com

Five Runners to Tackle 500-Mile Trail Race

Again this year runners will take on a rugged 10-mile loop with a 2,400 vertical in Vermont's Green Mountains during the annual McNaughton Ultra Trail Run, an ultra-marathon, with five runners signed on to repeat the loop 50 times in a 500-mile stretch. Others will compete in 100, 150 and 200 mile events.

Racers tackling 500 miles begin Saturday, April 30, and can race for up to 198 hours or just over eight days. The course closes at 6 p.m. May 8.

The 200-miler starts at 6 p.m. on Thursday, May 5; the 150-miler at 6 a.m. Friday, May 6; and the 100 at 6 a.m. Saturday, May 7.

Andy Weinberg, race director, said this 11th annual McNaughton Ultra Trail Run is the only one of its kind in North America.

As of April 19, five athletes will try to tackle 500 miles, 18 for 200 miles, 14 for 150 miles and 21 for 100 miles. There are contestants representing over 30 states.

Weinberg predicts that a top 200 mile runner may finish the course in 44 hours, if he does not have to sleep.

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GolfNews



Play a Round on the White

White River Golf Course located at 3070 Route 100 South, outside the village of Rochester, is now open for the 2011 season! Visit this 18 hole golf course for a relaxing game on the White River. Amenities include a practice putting green, clubhouse with bar and light

fare, a pro-shop, with cart and club rentals. Dress code is loose, and you can even bring your dog on weekends after 2pm for a nominal fee, with proceeds going directly to the local Humane Society. WRGC is open to the public. Call 802-76-4653 for more information.

U.S.G.A. Rules of Golf Seminar

The Vermont Golf Association will be hosts to a United States Golf Association (U.S.G.A.) Rules of Golf seminar Thursday evening, May 5, 2011 from 6:30-8:30pm. The two-hour session will be presented throughout the state using VIT Worldwide Videoconferencing.

The course is open to the public, with a \$10.00 fee payable at the start of the class. Attendees will learn:

- How to use the Rules of Golf Book
 - The definitions
 - Which rules apply
 - How to establish the appropriate ruling.
- Each participant will receive the U.S.G.A. Rules of Golf Book.

Mr. Carl Anderson will be the presenter. Mr. Anderson is a Board Director of the Vermont Golf Association, a three-time graduate of the U.S.G.A. Rules of Golf Seminar, and has officiated at Vermont Golf Association and U.S.G.A. tournaments. It is expected a Vermont PGA professional will be present at each VIT studio to answer questions.

Reservations are required through the Vermont Golf Association. For additional information, contact: Richard H. Mihlrad, Past President, Vermont Golf Association at (802) 645-1907.

Spring For the Kids Golf Tournament

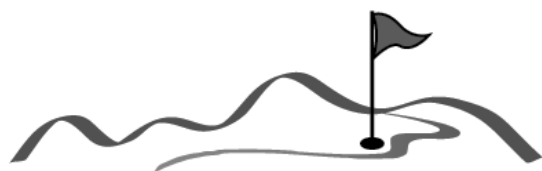
If you love to Play golf or know someone that does, the Rutland Town School Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) is holding it's 8th annual "Spring For The Kids" Golf Tournament on Friday, May 13, 2011, at Rutland Country Club, Rutland, VT. All of the funds raised will support educational programs for the children and community of Rutland Town. This is our biggest fundraiser! The tournament entry fee is \$85.00 per person which includes 18 holes of golf with cart, reception and a three-course dinner.



For those guests who are unable to golf but want to join the event, we welcome you to attend the reception and dinner at a cost of \$25 per person. Hors d'oeuvres will be served with dinner to follow. Cash bar is available throughout the event. In addition, we will have raffle prizes, an auction with a wide array of items to bid on including Red Sox tickets, a family pack of season tickets to The Great Escape and some beautiful pottery to name

a few. We hope the tournament will be a great day of fun for everyone.

If you have any questions or would like to help with this event, or for an entry form, please contact Ingrid Gallo 775-0079 or Samantha Racine 282-4789.



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Rules of the Game

By Alan Jeffery
USGTF Certified Golf Professional

QUESTION: Johnny and Mike are playing in a tournament. On the 2nd hole, John strokes his tee shot into the right woods. Because of the density of the woods, John believes his ball might be lost and therefore strokes a provisional ball. He heads directly to the provisional ball without looking for his original ball. However, before John reaches the provisional ball, Mike finds the original ball under a shrub and definitely in a bad position. John says to forget the original ball and he will play the provisional ball. Mike says John must play the original ball. Is Mike correct?

ANSWER: John must inspect the original ball and if he discovers that it is his ball, he must play the original ball. If he fails to do so and strikes the provisional ball, he is playing a wrong ball and incurs a two stroke penalty in medal play and loss of hole in match play. Mike is correct. See USGA Decisions on the Rules of Golf, 2010-2011, 27-2c/2.

Weather permitting, golf clinics will begin Monday, May 3rd, 5:30-6:30 and Saturday, May 7th, 10:30-12:00. Clinics are designed for all abilities. Please call the GMN clubhouse at 422-GOLF to confirm appropriate weather. Remember, the swing's the thing and continuous improvement is what it's all about.

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Health & Fitness

Rutland Regional Welcomes Andrew Shayne, MD

Rutland Regional Medical Center is proud to announce that Andrew Shayne, MD, a board certified anesthesiologist, has joined the hospital.

With 19 years of experience in anesthesiology and pain management, Dr. Shayne is an excellent addition to the anesthesia staff.

“Vermont’s exceptional environment and the wonderful people of Rutland Regional were major factors

in our decision to make this move,” Dr. Shayne said. “Living in Massachusetts, we came to Vermont often for the outstanding recreational opportunities and we look forward to many great years in the Rutland area.”

Dr. Shayne earned his medical degree at the Medical College of Virginia and completed his residency at the Albany Medical Center. He has practiced in Groton, Connecticut, and in Boston and Falmouth, Massachusetts.

Volunteer For Bone Builders

RSVP Bone Builders has scheduled an all-day workshop to qualify volunteer trainers for the osteoporosis exercise program. The qualifying workshop will take place on Tuesday May 17, 2011. Attending the workshop fulfills all requirements to become a trainer.

The workshop will start at 9 a.m. and end at 2:30 p.m. It

will be held in the Parks and Recreation Building (formerly the Dana School) at 39 East Center Street in Rutland.

To sign up for the workshop or to get more information about joining a class please call 775-8220. No experience is necessary. The workshop and all classes are absolutely free.

Got Cholesterol?

The Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice (RAVNAH) is offering a comprehensive cardiovascular / cholesterol health risk screening, including total lipid profile and blood glucose the RAVNAH office on 7 Albert Cree Drive, in Rutland on Wednesday, May 4th beginning at 8:30 am. Please call (802) 775-0568 in advance

for an appointment. The total lipid profile is a group of tests to determine risk of coronary heart disease. The blood glucose test screens for diabetes. The complete lipid profile requires an 8 – 12 hour fast prior to the test to ensure accurate results. The cost for a complete lipid profile and glucose is \$30.

Get Out and Walk Your Dog

by Jack Kelly

People who own and walk dogs are 34 percent more likely to meet federal benchmarks for physical activity, according to a study led by Michigan State University.

The study indicated that people who walked their dogs walked about an hour longer per week than people who owned dogs but didn’t walk them.

“We found people who walked their dog also had higher overall levels of both moderate and vigorous physical activities,” said Mathew Reeves, an epidemiologist at Michigan State.

A study at the University of Missouri in 2009 found that senior citizens go for longer walks, and walk faster, when their companion is canine rather than human.

Dr. Dawn Marcus, a neurologist and pain researcher at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, has written a book, “Fit as Fido,” which asserts that dogs can teach us a lot about healthy living.

“Dogs really are nature’s personal trainers,” Marcus told the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette. “They model fitness behaviors, and behaviors for eating and socializing, too.”

Dogs are always eager to go for walks, she said. “Unlike your human exercise buddies, dogs are not going to beg off” if the weather is bad.

In addition to benefiting from following the example of dogs, we’d be healthier if we treated ourselves the way we treat our dogs, she said. Most dog owners feed their pets healthy food, and see to it that they don’t overeat.

The Michigan State study indicated that larger-breed dogs are taken for longer walks than are smaller dogs.

HEALTH CALENDAR

Apr. 28 - Fair Haven. RAVNAH Blood Pressure & Foot Care clinic: Appletree Apts 9:30am. Suggested donation \$2 blood pressure, \$5 foot care. 775-0568.

Apr. 30 - Woodstock & Variety. Prescription Drug Take-Back Day. Safely dispose of expired and unused prescription pills and capsules, out of the watershed and out of the wrong. Free, 10am-2pm, 457-5211 for locations.

May 1 - Montpelier. Healthcare is a human right march & rally, 11am, City Hall. Free, family friendly. Info, 861-2877.

May 2 - Brandon. RAVNAH Blood Pressure & Foot Care clinic: Forestdale Sr Ctr, 1pm. Suggested donation \$2 blood pressure, \$5 foot care. 775-0568.

May 3 - Rutland. Compassionate Friends organization offers friendship, understanding & hope to bereaved parents & families. 7-9pm, Grace Congregational Church. 1st Tues. of month. Info, 446-2278. This month, Ann LaRocque gives presentation on stages of grief.

May 4 - Rutland. Comprehensive cardio/cholesterol health risk screening at RAVNAH Office, 8:30am. 775-0568 for appointment please. \$30 complete lipid profile & glucose.

May 4 - Wallingford. RAVNAH Blood Pressure & Foot Care clinic: Wallingford House 10am. Suggested donation \$2 blood pressure, \$5 foot care. 775-0568.

May 4-5 - Rutland. RAVNAH bereavement workshop, Understanding Grief, available. May 4, 6-7:30pm or May 5, noon-1:30pm. Free, open to public. Pre-registration require, 770-1516. RAVNAH Office.

May 5 - Rutland. Lecture Series at Dana Rec Ctr. This week, Nutrition from an Athlete’s Perspective. 7pm, Dana Gym. 773-1820.

May 17 - Rutland. RSVP now for RSVP Bone Builders workshop to qualify volunteer trainers for osteoporosis exercise program. 9am-2:30pm, Rutland Parks & Rec Bldg. Reserve spot at 775-8220. Free of charge!

Mons. - Rutland. Look Good...Feel Better program. Free. Female cancer patients learn beauty techniques; 1pm, 1st Mon. of e/o month (June. 6 next), RRM. 1-800-ACS-2345.

Mons. - Rutland. Low impact exercise group for those with Parkinson’s Disease, 2:30pm Mondays, Godnick Adult Center. Free. RSVP sponsors.

Mons. - Bridgewater. Zumba at Bridgewater Grange, \$4. 6:30pm.

Mon. Wed. Fri. - Rutland. 10:30-11:30am - Arthritis Pool Class. You don’t need to have arthritis to benefit from this comprehensive fun exercise program. Locker room & towels included. \$40/10 classes. Holiday Inn Pool, 775-1911.

Mon. & Thurs. - Rochester. Bone Builders exercise program meets 9am, Park House. Lightweight resistance training to help slow down or reverse osteoporosis. 767-3416.

Mons. & Thurs. - Rutland. Commit to Quit program at RRM. 4 wk program begins 1st Mon. of each month. Mons. 4:30-5:30pm or Thurs. 9-10am. Register 747-3768. Free!

Tues. Sex Addicts Anonymous – SAA. Are you suffering from compulsive sexual behavior? Call hotline 1-800-477-8191. Rutland’s 12 step group meets weekly at Grace Church, 8 Court St, Rutland. 6:30-7:30pm.

Tues. - Rutland. Woman to woman cancer support group meets 1st Tues. of month, 5-6:30pm, CVPS/Leahy Comm. Health Ed Ctr, Conference Rm C. Potluck meal. All women with any type of cancer welcome. 747-1693.

Tues. & Thurs. - Mendon. Weekly Senior Citizens Bone Builders free exercise classes. 10-11am. Mendon Methodist Church. 773-2694.

Mon., Tues. & Thurs. Killington - Anusara Inspired Yoga classes at Killington Yoga, Mon. 8:30am mixed level, Tues Level 1 & Thurs Level 2, 5:30pm. killingtonyoga.com. 422-4500.

Weds. - Mendon. Mendon Senior Citizens plan meeting 1st Wed. of month at Mendon Methodist Church. 773-4187.

Weds. - Dorset. RAVNAH & Dorset Nursing offer 6-session grief education & support group, e/o week. Dorset Nursing Office, noon-1:30pm. Pre-registration required, 770-1516.

Weds. - Rutland. Tea for the Soul support group for those with chronic illness or life-threatening illness. 1st & 3rd Wed., 2-2:30pm. CVPS/Leahy Ctr at RRM. 747-1693.

Weds. - Rutland. Man-to-Man Prostate Cancer Support Group meet 5:30pm, 4th Wed. of month @ RRM. Spouses welcome. 483-6220.

Thurs. - Mendon. Mendon Sr. Citizens monthly gathering for meals at Countrymen’s Pleasure, 4pm or Sugar & Spice 11:30am. 2nd Thurs. of month, rotating location. \$5 donation. RSVP 773-4187.

Thurs. - Brandon. Weight Watchers Meeting, 5pm, Brandon Senior Center.

Killington - Kripalu Yoga LouiseHarrison@live.com or call Louise 747-8444. Weds. 8:45am, ongoing class. Private & small group classes by appt.

Poultney - Young at Heart Senior Center has Free Bone Building Class Tues & Thurs, 9:30-10:30am. 287-9200.

Pittsfield - Bikram Yoga @ Pilates, Yoga & Adventure Center. Mon. & Wed. 5:30 & 7:15pm. Tues. & Thurs. noon, 5:30pm. Fri. noon. Sat. 9am. Sun. 9am & 4pm. All ages & abilities. 866-677-4268.

Castleton - Castleton Community Center offers Bone Builders, Movement Medley, Better Balance programs, more. Call 468-3093.

Rutland - Pyramid Holistic Wellness Center offers yoga, kickboxing, meditation, dance, martial art & more. All classes drop-in. See ad for details. 775-8080.

Rutland - RAVNAH and RRM offer classes for parents-to-be including Birth and Beyond, Birthshop. Register: 775-0568.

Rutland - AA Hotline, Rutland area: 802-775-0402, 24 hours.

Rutland - Al Anon: Call Pete: 773-9548 or Marcia: 775-7479 for meeting info. Beginner meeting Fris, 7pm, The Evergreen Ctr.

Killington - AA Meetings, Sherburne United Church, (little white church, Rte. 4). Tues., 7pm. Thurs., noon. Sats., 7:30pm.

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MUSIC

Apr. - Randolph. Chandler Events: Apr. 29, 7:30pm - For the Record - An Album Support Party for Myra Flynn, 7:30pm \$25. Apr. 30, Chiara String Quartet. \$30/\$10. 728-6464 to reserve tickets.

Apr. 29 - Castleton. Castleton Chamber Singers present "Night in New York," evening of dinner & entertainment, Casella Theater stage at CSC. Cocktail hour 6:30pm, dinner 7:15pm. \$55/ person, \$100/ couple, \$500/ table of 8. 468-6033.

Apr. 29 - Proctor. Rutland Curbstone Chorus performs at Proctor Union Church, 7pm, in the Sanctuary. Admission by donation, \$10 adults, \$4 kids age 8+ suggested. Doors open 6:30pm. Benefits Parish Hall re-siding project.

Apr. 29 - Poultney. GMC's Community Concerts Band Spring Concert, 7:30pm, Ackley Theatre. Featuring Handel, Bach, Purcell, Bizet. Apr. 30, 7pm GMC Music Dept vocal music concert. Both free, open to public.

Apr. 29 - Rutland. Bella Hristova, Violinist - Passages at the Paramount. 8pm, Paramount Theatre, 775-0903.

Apr. 30 - Woodstock. Feminine Tone women's chorus presents "Dimensions of Love" spring concert, 7pm, North Universalist Chapel Society. \$10 suggested donation at door.

Apr. 30 - Tinnmouth. E-Jazz, 5-piece jazz group, performs 7pm, at Old Firehouse Stage. Benefits Community Fund. Doors 6:30pm, open seating, \$9 donation at door. Refreshments on sale. 414-0011.

May 1 - Rutland. When the Rabbi Danced: Music of Jewish Life from the

Shtetl to the Resistance. 7pm, Rutland Jewish Center. Holocaust Remembrance Day. Robert DeCormier presents one of his final concerts with Counterpoint. Free. RSVP only - 773-3455.

Ongoing:

Mons. - Rutland. Rutland Curbstone Chorus practices 7pm, Rutland High School. Open invitation for any men interested in singing - join them!

Suns. - Brandon. Informal musical entertainment Sunday afternoons, if & when musicians turn up! We invite competent musicians to come & perform - no fee, no formality! Brandon Music.

SPORT/LEISURE

Apr. 30 - Ludlow. BRAM Walk for Local History, start finish at Black River HS. Check in 10am, walk begins 10:30am. Registration \$20 adults, \$10 students/srs. 228-5050 for info.

Apr. 30 - Rutland. Vt Sports Medicine's Annual 5k Run/Walk to benefit Kids on the Move. Registration 8-9:30am, 10am kids fun run, 5K begins after. Begins/ends at Vt Sports Medicine Ctr. kidsonthemove.org for details.

Apr. 30 - N. Clarendon. March of Dimes March for Babies event at Mill River Union High School. Registration 9am, walk 10am. Raise \$200+ for t-shirt. Hot air balloon rides, weather permitting! For info, 775-2311 x217.

Apr. 30 - Brandon. Discovering Hawk Hill: Rocks, Cliffs, and Glaciers. 10-noon. Otter Valley HS. Lead walk around Hawk Hill for closer look at geology. Free, open to public, families welcome. 431-5061.

Apr. 30 - Pittsfield. Annual McNaughton Ultra Trail Run - 500 mile run, 200, 150 & 100 mile runs. Headquarters at Ameer Farm.

May 1 - Mendon. Mendon Historical Society walk on Old Turnpike Rd, 12:30-3:30pm. Members and non-members meet at Mendon Town Hall parking lot Rt 4. Access from Wildcat Rd. Wear sturdy shoes. 773-4854.

May 13 - Rutland. Rutland Town PTO 8th annual Spring For the Kids golf tournament at Rutland Country Club. \$85/ person includes 18 holes w/ cart, reception, 3-course dinner. Supports educational programs for children & Rutland Town community. No golf, \$25/ person. Questions, 775-0079.

Now - Rutland. RNRCD offers Spring Trout Stocking Program - 6-8" & 10-12" rainbow & brook trout on May 21. Pre-order thru May 18, 775-8034 x17. You pick up at Conservation District office.

Ongoing:

Rutland - Swimming - The Mitchell Therapy Pool at VAC offers general swimming, aquacise & aquaerobics, swim lessons for infants to adults & private pool rentals. 773-7187 for more info.

Pittsford - Pittsford Rec Dept offers guided walks on Pittsford Trail Network. Walk, hike, snowshoe. Get some exercise, meet new people, get to know trail system. RSVP 468-6500 x17.

Thurs. - Rutland. ACBL Sanctioned Bridge Games nights @ Godnick Senior Center. \$5/ player, guaranteed partner. 287-5756.

Thurs. - Rutland. Chess Club, 7pm, Dana Rec Ctr. Rm. 32. Open to public, free, all ages. Beginners welcome. 773-1822.

Thurs. & Suns. - Wells. Modern Woodmen of America holds Bingo, including special game to benefit a local charity or good cause.

Fridays - Pittsford. Adult Women's Basketball - Open Gym. Friday nights, 6-8PM. Police Academy, Furnace Road. More info: Tara 417-7331.

VARIETY

Apr/May - Ludlow. Classes at Fletcher Farm School: Apr. 28-May 1, Stained Glass Workshop. May 14-15, Solarplate Printmaking. May 21-22, Viking Knit Jewelry. May 28-29, Living Willow Structures for the Garden, green workshop. More upcoming. 228-8770 for times, fees, details.

Apr. 28 - Rutland. RHS Encore Theatre's Annual Talent show, 7pm. Cash prizes for top 3 acts. \$4/ door. 770-1134 for info.

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Apr. 28 - Rutland. VT Tea Party Meeting, 7-8:30pm, Dana School, Rutland Rec Ctr.

Apr. 28 - North Clarendon. Bailey Memorial Library's free monthly coupon swap, 8:30pm. Bring scissors, any unexpired coupons & non-perishable food item.

Apr. 29 - Rutland. Mentor Connector's Wii & Kinect Dance Competition, 6-10pm, Knights of Columbus Gym. Open to public. \$10 registration at door, pre-registration discount at 775-3434. Prizes, food, beverages.

Apr. 29 - Rutland. CSJ's Night of Italian Opera, featuring 5 performers from American International Artists. Tuttle Hall, 7pm silent auction, 8pm concert. 50/50. \$25/ person. Proceeds student scholarships. 776-5264 for tickets.

Apr. 29 - Pittsfield, 7pm, Clear River Tavern, open meeting about Farmer's Market. 746-8082 for info.

Apr. 30 - W. Rutland. 10-10:45 Story time with Mrs. Slack-reading books, making a simple craft, snack and face painting. 10:30-noon Family movie "Mega Mind" rated PG. Free, snacks served! W. Rutland Public Library, 438-2964.

Apr. 30 - Rutland. RRMCMother's Day Magic event, 11-2pm, Diamond Run Mall. Breast Care Program at RRMCM provides supplies to help make a card, earrings, bracelet or others for Mom. One per child. Supported by Breast Care program at RRMCM & Susan G. Komen.

Apr. 30 - Rutland. Paramount Theatre presents Big Flicks at Paramount Spring Film Series, "Back to the Classics." This week, The Best Years of Our Lives (1946). 3pm & 7pm shows. \$6 adults, \$4 12 & under.

Apr. 30 - Rochester. Route 100 Snow Travelers present 2nd Annual Valley Idol Competition at Rochester School Auditorium. 234-9242 for info.

Apr. 30 - Ludlow. Ludlow Rotary Club's 55th Annual Penny Sale, 6:30pm at BRHS Gym.

Apr. 30 - Middletown Springs. Annual Country Show at M.S. Fire House, 7pm. Adults \$6, kids \$2, under 5 free. Benefits VFD & Ladies Aux. 50/50 raffle, refreshments available. 235-2347 for info.

Apr. 30-May 1 - Brandon. Brandon Music presents Royal Weddings talk, 2pm each day. Talk about royal engagements, gowns, receptions, gifts, more. Door prizes. Bring mementos to share. Harmony Music Cafe. Free. 465-4071.

Apr. 30-May 1 - Woodstock. Spring Farm Festival Weekend at Billings Farm & Museum. 10am-5pm. Shearing of Southdown Sheep, plowing programs, demos, wagon rides, more. Shearing noon, 2, 4pm each day. 457-2355.

May - Randolph. Chandler Events: May 3, Toying with Science with Garry Krinsky, 9:30am & 12:30pm, \$6, at Music Hall. May 6, Open Mic Night, 7pm, \$5, all ages, at Upper Gallery. May 7, Lyra Music Faculty presents Mother's Day Cocnert, \$15/\$10, 7pm, at Music Hall. 431-0204.

May 1 - Castleton. Castleton Historical Society's Antiques Appraisal program, 2pm, Higley House Museum. Tom Conway evaluates. \$5/ 1, \$10/ 3 items. Refreshments. Handicapped accessible. 468-5105.

May 3 - Killington. Sherburne Elem School Spring Concert, 6:30pm.

May 3 - Killington. Killington Chamber of Commerce Mixer "Extreme Killington" at KAG Gallery, Upstairs at Cabin Fever Gifts. Video presented by cinematographer. 5-7pm. Chamber Members/KAG Members welcome.

May 4 - Killington. Killington Arts Guild New Show, thru July 7. KAG Gallery, Upstairs at Cabin Fever Gifts, Rte. 4 across from Killington Access Rd. Open 9am-6pm daily. 802-422-3852.

May 4 - Rutland. VT Humanities Event: Discussion on politics & war in Shakespeare's Henry V with Peter Saccio. 7pm, Rutland Free Library. Free, Open to public. 773-1860.

May 4 - Rutland. Vermont Rental Property Owners Association monthly meeting at Godnick Adult Center, 7pm, Main Conference Rm. Guest speaker from Rutland Co. Animal Shelter. Public invited. 775-4351 for info.

May 4-29 - Rochester. Exhibit at BigTown Gallery - "Mark Goodwin: An Introduction," Sculpture & Drawing. Opening reception May 7, 5-7pm. Call for info, 767-9670.

May 6 - Mendon. Wines of the World Dinner at Red Clover Inn. 5 course dinner featuring food & wine from Australia & New Zealand. RSVP 775-2290.

May 6-7 - Rutland. Friends of Rutland Free Library Garden of Books Book Sale, Fri, 9:30-4:30, Sat., 9:30-2. 773-1860.

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May 6-7 - Rutland. VT Actors' Rep Theatre presents winners of "Nor'Eastern Playwrights' Contest" at Brick Box at Paramount. 7:30pm. Reading showcase of 3 winning plays. \$15. 773-8038.

May 7 - Volunteers wanted at Lucy Mackenzie Humane Society for Green Up Day activities, 1-3pm. 484-5829 to help.

May 7 - Green up Day in Vermont. Get green bags at your town office and help clean up litter on Vermont's roadways. Wear gloves & sturdy shoes.

May 7 - Killington. Kentucky Derby Party at Grist Mill Restaurant. Free buffet, raffle, prizes for best dressed. 422-3970.

May 7-8 - Rochester. White River Valley Players perform Play On! at Rochester HS. May 7, 7:30pm. May 8, 5pm. May 13-14, 7:30pm. May 15, 2pm. Advance \$15, srs / students \$10. \$17/ \$12/ \$10 at door. 767-9100 for info.

May 8 - Brandon. Mother's Day Brunch at Brandon Music, noon-5pm. \$15.95/\$8.50 - reservations required, 465-4071. Piano serenade by Fred Barnes 2-4pm.

May 13 - Brandon. Vermont Comedy Crew presents benefit performance for Brandon Town Hall. Standup, adult comedy show, age 16+. \$8 at door. Doors 7:30pm, show 8pm, at Town Hall. Refreshments available. 247-5420.

May 14 - Quechee. 2nd Annual Art on a Rain Barrel Contest and Festival at VINS, 9am-3pm. Register by Apr. 30 for free rain barrel. 359-5000 x232.

May 20 - Rutland. Boys & Girls Club of Rutland County annual fundraiser - 3rd Annual Lobster Clam Bake, 6pm, Rutland Country Club. Live auction, music, dancing, raffle, golf challenges.

Rutland - Boys & Girls Club open 2:30-7:30pm school days. Drop in \$1/visit. Lots of events. 747-4944 for details.

Killington - Sherburne Memorial Library Events: Killington Arts Guild acrylics workshop meets every Tues., 10am-noon, free. Tues, 2pm - Matinees. Weds - Mother Goose Story Time - 10:30am. Fris - Preschool StoryTime, 1:30pm. 422-3824.

Woodstock - Woodstock Farmer's Market held in social hall of the Woodstock Unitarian Church, 10am-1pm, 4th Saturday of the month through April. 457-3889.

Mons. - Pittsfield. Pittsfield Historical Society meeting, Town Hall 3rd Monday of the month, 7pm.

Tues. - Rutland. 1st & 3rd Tues. of month, Rutland Area Toastmasters Club meets 6:30-8pm, Dana Rec Ctr. Open to all. International organization which fosters public speaking & leadership skills through local clubs.

Weds. - Killington. Killington Rotary Club meets at Summit Lodge 6-8pm for full dinner, guest speaker and/or discussion. Seeking new members! May 4 - Mandy Vellia, 2010-11 Intern at Marsh-Billings Rockefeller National Historical Park; "Vermont's Invasive Species."

MUSEUMS & EXHIBITS

Thru May 15 - Castleton. Arcadia Now - Contemporary Art in Country exhibit at Christine Price Gallery at CSC.

Art & Antiques on Center - 17 Center St, Downtown Rutland. Apr. 18-May 14, NEW HOURS: Wed-Sat, 10-2 (closed 2-5pm). Open ArtHop Fri, May 13, 5-8pm. Closed Mon & Tues. Normal hours resume May 14, Mon-Sat, 10-5. 786-1530.

Billings Farm & Museum - Woodstock. Rt 12N & River Rd. 457-2355. A first-class working farm, operating with a museum of Vermont's rural heritage, dating back to 1871.

Brandon Artists Guild - Brandon. Open daily 10am-5pm. New Show - Manipulating Polaroids "Manipulations" by Lowell Snowdon Klock, thru Apr. 30.

Brandon Music - 62 Country Club Rd., Brandon. Art Gallery open 10-6 daily, closed Tues. Harmony English Tea room 2-5pm daily, closed Tues.

Brick Box - at Paramount Theatre, Center St., Rutland. Gallery hrs: Thurs-Fri, 11am-6pm & Sat., 10am-2pm & during Paramount Theatre performances. 775-0903.

Carving Studio & Sculpture Center - Marble St., W. Rutland. 438-2097, carving@vermontel.net. Sats. & Suns., 1-4pm & by appt.

Chaffee Center for the Visual Arts - S. Main St., Rutland. Weds.-Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4, closed Mon. & Tues. 775-0356. Apr. 22-Jun. 18, Human=Landscape: Aesthetics of a Carbon Constrained Future exhibit.

Chandler Gallery - Randolph. Gallery hrs: Thurs. 4-6pm, Sat. & Sun. 1-3pm. 728-9878.

Green Mountain College - William Feick Arts Center, Poultney. Gallery hours M-F, 1-5pm. 287-8000.

Killington Arts Guild Fine Art Gallery - at Cabin Fever, Rt. 4. Open business days 9-6:30pm. All Members Show - "March On" - thru May. New Show thru July 7 - opens to public May 4. 422-3824.

Maclure Library - Rt. 7, Pittsford. Mon., Tue., Fri., 1-6pm; Wed., 10-8; Thur., 10-6; Sat., 9am-noon. 483-2972.

Montshire Museum of Science - Norwich. Open 7 days year round, 10am-5pm. 649-2200. Blue Man Group-Making Waves exhibit thru May 8.

New England Maple Museum - 4578 Rte 7, Pittsford. Open for the season. Off-Season Rates. Groups over 12 can request "Sugar on Snow" by reservation. 483-9414 for info. Spring hours 10AM-4PM daily.

Norman Rockwell Museum - Rt. 4E, Rutland. 773-6095. Self-guided tour. Open daily.

Norman Williams Public Library - Woodstock. 457-2644. Open Mon., Fri., & Sat., 10-5, Tues., Wed., Thurs. 10-7.

Rutland Historical Society - 96 Center St., Rutland, 775-2006. Year-round, Mon., 6-9pm, Sat, 1-4pm, by appointment for schools or other groups.

Rutland Railway Association - Center Rutland Depot. Former Rutland Railroad depot. Museum exhibits the Rutland Railroad. HO & N scale models. Open Saturdays 11am-3pm.

Slate Valley Museum - Water St., Granville, NY. 518-642-1417 for info.

Timco Gallery - Center St., Rutland. Gallery hrs Mon - Sat. 773-3377. Portion of sales proceed local student art programs.

VINS Nature Center - Rt 4 (Next to the Quechee Gorge) Quechee. Daily activities, programs, exhibits, Nature Store. Open 10-5 daily. Programs thru Jun. 15 - 11am, Raptor Encounter; 2pm, Talk to the Trainer. 359-5000 for info.

Wallingford Historical Society Museum - Town Hall, School St., Wallingford. 446-2831. Permanent collection of costumes, photographs, memorabilia.

Woodstock History Center - 26 Elm St, Woodstock. Fri-Sun 12-4pm. Other days by appointment. Art, furniture, clothing, musical instruments, more. 457-1822 for info.

COMING UP

May 13 - Rutland. Cirque Le Masque at Paramount Theatre, 8pm. 775-0903 for tickets.

May 27-30 - Killington. Killington Stage Race, 3 day professional & amateur competitive cycling race. 279-2457 for info.

Aug. 14-15 - Killington. Circus Smirkus is coming to Pico Mtn! Traveling youth circus. Tickets on sale May 1 - advance purchase recommended - they sell out fast! smirkus.org

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Women's Chorus Presentations

The Feminine Tone women's chorus presents "Dimensions of Love," a spring concert to be held on Saturday April 30th at 7:00 PM at the North Universalist Chapel Society, 7 Church Street, Woodstock, VT, and again at 4:00 PM on Sunday May 1st at the First Congregational Church, 77 Main Street, Springfield, VT.

"Dimensions of Love" explores the bonds of family, friendship, and love through the poetic expressions of musical compositions. The concert, directed by Maricel Lucero, will be performed mostly a cappella. Some selections will feature pianist Kelly Batchelder, a chorus member and piano student of Lucero.

The passion of romantic love soars in a secular set featuring Scottish Romantic poet Robert Burns' "A Red, Red Rose," British poet William Browne's 17th century love poem entitled "A Welcome," and 20th century American Sydney King Russell's longing poem, "Midsummer." In additional homage to the past, the chorus will present a joyful French madrigal, "Au Joli Jeu," and a somber Spanish Renaissance love song, "Con El Viento." Contemporary American pieces reflecting on universal human experience will also be featured.

The concert is free, with a suggested donation of \$10.00 at the door. The Feminine Tone is grateful to its many supporters. The community support has allowed the chorus to conduct musical/humanitarian outreach in Cuba and in our local community through its thirteen year history.

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Nor'Eastern Playwrights' Showcase

For the fifth year, Vermont Actors' Repertory Theatre will present the winners of the "Nor'Eastern Playwrights' Contest." The staged reading Showcase of the three winning plays will be held Friday, May 6th and Saturday, May 7th at 7:30 p.m. in the Brick Box at the Paramount Theatre in Rutland.

The "Nor'Eastern Playwrights' Showcase" is the culmination of a year's work for ART producing directors Ilene Blackman, Sandra Gartner and Peter Marsh. This year there were 50 play entries from seven northeastern states. Each play was given a "blind read" by several panels of judges who didn't know the author's names or locations. The finalists were passed on to final judge, director and actor, Harry McInerney.

This year the authors come from New

York, New Jersey and Vermont. All of the plays are one act. The plays to be presented are "The Shuttle" by Lloyd Pace of Larchmont, New York, "The Palm Leaf Dialogues" by Burnham Holmes of Poultney, Vermont and "Gerontia" by Walt Vail of Pitman, New Jersey. The playwrights will attend the rehearsals and performances of their plays and hold a Q&A following each Showcase.

The playwrights, directors and actors will be available after each of the two performances for a question and answer period with the audience. Tickets are available for \$15 per person and may be purchased at the door or in advance by e-mailing Actorsrepvt@aol.com to reserve tickets. For more information call 802-773-8038.

27th Annual Tinmouth Plant Sale

Mark your calendar! The 27th annual Tinmouth Plant Sale will take place on Saturday May 7 from 8 am (sharp!) - 10 am. No sales before 8 am, but there is a big rush when we say "go" right at 8. Come early for the best selection. Please plan on coming to buy locally grown and dug perennials and shrubs from Tinmouth gardens and to support the Tinmouth School. This fundraiser supports the Parents' Club and its funding of artist in residences, classroom activities and field trips, materials for each classroom, the cross country ski program and many other worthy "extras" that benefit the children of Tinmouth. There will also be a bake sale and a car wash and other fun ways to support the school, so plan on coming to this event.



RRMC Displays Art Works of Patients

For patients who are working through a course of cancer treatment, the physical and emotional impacts of diagnosis and treatment can weigh very heavily. Pain, worry and sickness can fatigue even the most spirited patients. So, finding an outlet to express one's feelings about this arduous journey leads many to the arts.

The Woman to Woman Cancer Support Group, run from the Foley Cancer Center at Rutland Regional Medical Center, is a strong believer in art therapy as a means of helping patients through this difficult time in their lives.

The need to express one's self can be very strong in some people and the painting classes that are part of the support group's activities provide an outlet. That's why the Woman to Woman group is putting on a display of its work at Rutland Regional during the month of May

entitled "Healing with Art." There will be a reception for the artists and their work on May 4, 2011.

At least one study has shown that art has genuine therapeutic benefits for cancer patients. A study at Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Chicago indicated that "over a four-month period, fifty patients from the inpatient oncology unit spent one hour working on an art project of their choice. Through a nationally recognized self assessment, the patients identified that of the nine (cancer related) symptoms of pain, tiredness, nausea, depression, anxiety, drowsiness, lack of appetite, well-being and shortness of breath, all but nausea were improved significantly."

The artists' reception will run from 10am to 4pm on Wednesday May 4, 2011 in the main corridor at Rutland Regional Medical Center.

White River Valley Players Perform Play On!

In the 1980 Play On! by Rick Abbot, a small community theater company has been given a play, written by a novice playwright, to debut.

The curtain rises on a rehearsal, with opening night three days away. What follows is almost total dysfunction. Between missed cues, flubbed lines, backstage mixups, bickering, last-minute improvisations and personal agendas—even a romance-within-the-romance—the rehearsal promises that opening night will be disaster. The confusion is compounded by the fact that the author keeps showing up with last-minute revisions.

Over the course of three acts, the internal play is finally performed all the way through, concluding with—literally—a bang, nested within a much bigger bang as the curtain lowers on the relieved and gleeful actors of Play On!

Shows are Sat. May 7, 7:30 p.m. Sun. May 8, 5 p.m. Fri. May 13 & Sat. May 14, 7:30 p.m. Sun. May 15, 2:00 p.m.

Ticket prices are: Advance \$15; seniors & students \$10. At the door \$17; \$12 seniors; \$10 students.

For group rates or to reserve tickets, call Cyndi Ryan at 802-767-9100.

41 Years of Green Up Day in Vermont!

Vermont's 41st annual Green Up Day is Saturday May 7, when volunteers across the state will walk along roadsides, filling trash bags with litter or dragging old tires and couches to the side of the road to be collected by town road crews.

WHEN: is Green Up Day?

Always the first Saturday in May, this year, May 7, 2011.

WHAT: is Green Up Day?

Vermont's unique tradition with a history – when thousands of volunteers statewide join with their neighbors for a massive spring clean up of litter from roadsides and public places.

HISTORY: How did it get started?

Vermont was the first state in the nation to declare a special day to clean up the entire state. The first Green Up Day was launched in 1970 by Governor Deane C. Davis, three days before the first Earth Day.

WHO TAKES PART?

People of all ages and all walks of life

take part. It's great for families to involve young children to learn at an early age the effects of littering. Elders can help organize and help with food and festivities after the work is done.

WHAT IS GREEN UP VERMONT?

The non-profit organization responsible for the continued success of Green Up Day.

Many people think the state does Green Up. It helps with some funds and provides office space but our small organization with two part time staff and a board of directors does the organizing and raises over 80% of funds from towns and the private sector. Donations are tax deductible.

HOW CAN PEOPLE GET INVOLVED?

Each town organizes its Green Up Day. To learn who your town's coordinator is, check with your town office or call Green Up Vermont at 800-974-3259.

And remember to "LIVE THE GREEN UPWAY EVERY DAY!"

Maclure Library Program: Food Matters

A series of discussions on what we eat. Two evenings of programs from TEDTalks about food: growing it, cooking it, consuming it -- and making sure there's enough for all. These talks examine big ideas through the food we eat. Two 15-minute programs each night followed by an open discussion.

Tuesday, April 19 at 7:00 p.m. Our first online program is Teach Every Child about Food. Jamie Oliver is transforming the way we feed ourselves, and our children with serious activism and community organizing -- to create change on both the individual and governmental levels.

Our second program is School Lunches. "Renegade lunch lady" Ann Cooper talks about the coming revolution in the way kids eat at school -- local, sustainable, seasonal and even educational food. Ann Cooper is the head of nutrition for Berkeley, California schools, where she serves organic, regionally sourced and sustainable meals.

Tuesday, May 10 at 7:00 p.m. Our first program is A Plant's-eye View. Author Michael Pollan asks us to see the world from a plant's-eye view. Michael Pollan is the author of The Omnivore's Dilemma, in which he explains how our food not only affects our health but also has far-



reaching political, economic, and environmental implications.

Our second program is One Seed at a Time, Protecting the Future of Food. Biodiversity warrior Cary Fowler wants to save the world from agricultural collapse, one seed at a time, because the varieties of wheat, corn and rice we grow today may not thrive in a future threatened by climate change. Fowler takes us inside a seed bank that stores a diverse group of food-crop for whatever tomorrow may bring.

For info call Bonnie Stewart at 802-483-2972.

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Chablis



Chablis in the US has almost become synonymous with easy drinking, inexpensive white wine that serves well as a refreshing beverage, but lacks in character and taste. It has actually very little to do with the real Chablis from France. US corporate wine producers "borrowed" the name as the wine was supposed to resemble the relatively light and unoaked chardonnay that consumers were looking for back

then and seemingly still today. Fortunately this practice of "borrowing names" is now rare, often even illegal and virtually limited to some inexpensive jug wines or sparkling wines called Champagne, still grandfathered in the use of the term.

"New World" wines are now generally labeled by

grape variety and list Chardonnay or the like even on mass produced wine, but Chablis is not the name of a grape. The town of Chablis, located to the north of the Burgundy region, gives it the name and it is one of the most famous white wines in France.

All wines in the appellations of Chablis are white wines from Chardonnay grapes. The area is made up of about 20 small villages clustered around the centrally located town of Chablis around 110 miles south of Paris and is divided by the Serein River.

The Appellation d' Origine Contrôlée system divides the region into four AOC classifications: Petit Chablis, Chablis, Chablis Premier Cru and Chablis Grand Cru.

The Grand Crus of Chablis connect as a chain of three slopes on the right bank overlooking the Serein. The seven Grand Cru vineyards are (from southeast to northwest): Blanchot, Les Clos, Valmur, Grenouilles, Vaudesir, Les Preuses and Bougros. The Premier Crus are situated on a series of hillsides both on the left and right side of the river. The best Premier Crus are, like the Grand Crus, on the right bank facing the southwest.

Chablis is generally a brisk, very dry wine with a refreshing acidity and often resembles flavors of nuts, butter and minerals. The Chardonnay grapes grow on a limestone soil, which is a unique combination of clay and chalk. It is profusely littered with comma-shaped oysters fossils, which give the wines a unique profile of aromas and flavors. It is often described with a gunflint character. Another oft-mentioned characterization is that of "wet rocks."

The fruit flavor is less intense than elsewhere in Burgundy, as Chablis' northern location produces grapes that just barely reach an acceptable level of ripeness. There are often flavors of green apples, pineapples and pink grapefruits. Finally the wines are also typified by their strong acidity, often making the wines undrinkable without some aging; on average Chablis likes to age for 2 to 5 years, Premier Cru 3 to 7 years, Grand Cru 5 to 12 years.

Obviously Chablis usually pairs very well with shellfish, such as oysters and lobster, but its acidity makes it a good companion to a variety of light colored dishes, from Chicken Cordon Blue to Stuffed Seafood.

"La Chablisienne" is the largest and one of the oldest cooperatives in Chablis and features wines from across the region at every level. It rivals the best estates in the appellation from simple Bourgogne to Petit Chablis and the Grands Crus under a host of different labels.

Rutland Curbstone Chorus Performs

The Rutland Curbstone Chorus will be performing at the Proctor Union Church in Proctor, Vt. on Friday, April 29th at 7:00 pm, and will be appearing in the Sanctuary at the Union Church. You can relive the years of harmonizing with these thirty-two gifted local singers who have brought smiles to the faces of so many in this area. The concert will be benefiting the Parish Hall residing project. Admission is by donation. (Suggested donation \$10.00 for adults, \$4.00 for children over the age of eight.) Bring the family, friends and those who love a capella harmony to a very special evening. Don't miss this concert!

Doors open at 6:30 P.M.

Established in 2005, the Curbstone Chorus has become a gem in Rutland's musical arena, delighting audiences with its diverse and exciting repertoire of songs.

They practice Monday nights at 7:00 pm at Rutland High School, and have an open invitation for any men interested in singing, to join them.

Shakespearean Scholar & Professor Speaks

Shakespearean scholar and Dartmouth professor Peter Saccio will discuss the presentation of politics and war in Shakespeare's play Henry V in a talk at Rutland Free Library on May 4. His talk, "Going to War in Shakespeare: Olivier, Branagh, and Henry V," is part of the Vermont Humanities Council's First Wednesdays lecture series and takes place at 7:00 p.m.

Shakespeare is famous for stimulating multiple interpretations, especially when events in a given play seem to evoke current issues. Using clips from the film versions of Henry V by Laurence Olivier (1944) and Kenneth Branagh (1989), Saccio will explore the richness of Shakespeare and the ways in which this play has spoken to our own times.

Saccio is Leon D. Black Professor of Shakespearean Studies and Professor of English at Dartmouth College. He holds degrees from Yale and Princeton, and has taught Shakespeare and Modern British Drama at Dartmouth for forty years, where he has been honored with the J. Kenneth Huntington Memorial Award for Outstanding Teaching.

The program is free, accessible to people with disabilities and open to the public.

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Holocaust Remembrance Concert

When the Rabbi Danced: Music of Jewish Life from the Shtetl to the Resistance.

On Sunday, May 1, 2011, Holocaust Remembrance Day, the well-known Robert DeCormier, former music director for Peter, Paul and Mary, Harry Belafonte, and the New York Choral Society, will present one of his final concerts with his group, "Counterpoint." This concert, part of the the 100th Anniversary celebrations of the Rutland Jewish Center, will also

be the Rutland community's Holocaust Remembrance Observance.

Admittance is free to this program of powerful music from the shtetl, the ghetto, and the Holocaust. The program begins at 7pm at the Rutland Jewish Center. Because of space limitations, seating is on an RSVP basis only.

Please respond to RutlandJewishCtr@aol.com or leave your name(s) at (802) 773-3455.

Mother's Day Magic Comes to Rutland

Novelist Peter de Vries once said "A suburban mother's role is to deliver children obstetrically once, and by car forever after." Since many kids have been delivered to a shopping mall by their moms, it's time to return the favor by doing something magical for mom.

At the Diamond Run Mall in Rutland you can create some Mothers Day Magic!

Just come to the Mall on Saturday, April 30, 2011 from 11am to 2pm and you can make a Mother's Day gift magically appear.

The Breast Care Program at Rutland Regional Medical Center will provide the sup-

plies and you provide the creativity to make a Mom a Mother's Day card, a pair of earrings, a bracelet, a new key ring or one of several other craft kit ideas.

Supplies are limited so craft kits are limited to one per child. Mother's Day Magic is put on by the Breast Care program at Rutland Regional and supported by a grant from the Susan G. Komen for the Cure Vermont-New Hampshire Affiliate.



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Local News

MOUNTAIN MUSINGS

What's Happening In & Around Killington



By Debbie Burke

Saturday, May 7 is Green Up Vermont Day throughout the State of Vermont. Here in Killington, we have a lot of trash on our roadsides that needs to be picked up before the grasses, weeds and wildflowers start to grow up through the litter. Participation in Green Up Day by residents and visitors alike is highly encouraged. Do the right thing and be a Green Up volunteer. I am the (almost) perpetual Green Up organizer for the Town of Killington (14 years this year... anyone want this job for next year??). Please call your neighbors and get your neighborhood roadsides clean. The Green Up Vermont special bags are already available at the Killington Town Hall from 9am to 4pm, so you may start Greening Up anytime now. You may not place your household trash in the Green Up bags... only roadside trash will be accepted at the transfer station at no charge. The transfer station (the dump on River Road) is operating on summer hours now, just Saturdays and Mondays, and they will not charge you for "genuine" roadside trash. On Saturday, May 7 the special Green Up bags will be available at the back door of the Killington Road firehouse starting at 8:30am. Please wear sturdy work shoes and heavy gloves. A thank you bbq will be held for Green Up volunteers at around 11:30am at the back parking lot of the firehouse. On the menu are burgers, hot dogs, chicken, potato salad, cookies, coffee, soda, chips and spring water. Local businesses and the Killington Resort have generously donated the bbq food. If you Green Up, do come to this annual bbq!

The winner of the First Annual Killington-Pico Rotary Club Ice-Out Contest is Bob Day of Castleton, Vermont, who's guess of ice-out was within 67 seconds of the exact date and time that the cement block fell through the ice at the Grist Mill Pond! (Bob is also owner of Countryside Glass in Rutland.) The exact date and time of Ice-Out was on April 15, 2011 at 11:13:53 am. A check in the amount of \$1,058 was presented to Bob Day and his wife Lois by Killington-Pico Rotary Club President Chad Aston at the Grist Mill Restaurant on Saturday, April 23, 2011. Bob Day then advised that he was donating half of his winnings to the Killington-Pico Rotary Club's International Student

Exchange program. Thank you Bob so very much from all of the members of the Killington-Pico Rotary Club!

The Killington-Pico Rotary Club thanks our financial sponsors, businesses that allowed us to locate our Ice-Out ticket booths on the premises, the Grist Mill management, Tom and Shanna Kinnally and all of our loyal supporters who bought Ice-Out tickets. Your support helps our club's humanitarian efforts within the Killington community, Rutland County and beyond. If you are planning your Ice-Out contest guess for next year, an interesting observation is that the Grist Mill pond is located at an elevation of about 1,835 feet above sea level!

Now is a good time to schedule the cleaning of your chimney and heating system, and check your Smoke and Carbon Monoxide alarms. There are several licensed and insured chimney and heating system businesses listed and advertised in The Mountain Times. Also, please get your dryer vents cleaned out of lint, which can build up in your dryer vents and cause a fire. If you heat with wood, now is the time to get your wood ordered so it can season by next fall. Burning green, unseasoned wood can create creosote and cause a chimney fire whether you use a wood stove or just burn wood in your fireplace.

Bridgewater's Geno-Robinson American Legion Post #11 is holding the 2011 Annual meeting at 6:30pm on Tuesday, May 10 at the historic Old Red Schoolhouse. This is the 92nd anniversary of the American Legion in Bridgewater. Officers will be elected and there will be honored guests from the Vermont American Legion. Coffee and light refreshments will be served. Burial services for our departed members and veterans will be planned, as well as Memorial Day activities. Patriotic music will be played, and military and naval films and books will be available from our free lending library. All veterans who have served our country are invited and will be welcome to attend this enjoyable evening with good friends.

Bingo is played every Saturday night at the Bridgewater Grange on Route 100A. Doors open at 5:30pm and the games begin at 6:30pm. Refreshments are available for purchase.

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"The First Green Up Day" As described in the words of Governor C. Davis, on August 30, 1984

courtesy www.
greenupvermont.org

"GREEN UP DAY launched Vermont's environmental ethic and has been a strong and continuing influence in generating support for the environmental movement in Vermont.

The first Green Up Day was on April 18, 1970. The idea came from Robert S. Babcock, Jr., then a full time reporter for the Burlington Free Press. It had its genesis on a clear spring day in March 1969 when Babcock, driving to work in Montpelier from his home in Waterbury, became appalled at the devastation caused by spring snow run-off and the unsightly litter thus revealed. Upon arriving in Montpelier he came to my office in the State House and proposed the inauguration of a statewide effort, to be supported by the State Highway Department and large groups of volunteer citizens to clean up the highways of the state.

I was immediately much intrigued with his idea. At that time we were pressing vigorously for environmental legislation on several fronts. It seemed to be just what we needed to excite Vermonters and to focus attention upon and support for our whole environmental program.

I promptly set up a top caliber Steering Committee to lead and coordinate this ambitious project. The State Highway Department personnel were enthusiastic and their enthusiasm quickly spread to other State Agencies eager to be involved. As citizens about the state began hearing about the project and offering their services, it became apparent to me that we had a bear by the tail and that we had better make it a success. Success was indispensable. Failure would do as much harm as success would do good. Hence, we decided not to put on a hastily put together program for spring of 1969, but, rather, to take the necessary time to plan and organize, and we set the date for the first Green Up Day to be one year hence on April 18, 1970.

...The more we worked and planned the more excited we all became. When the big day came we were thrilled to see over 70,000 Vermonters out on the roads picking up trash, hauling trash and supervising the action. A large number were young people whose enthusiasm was contagious and their work invaluable.

As a measure of safety we closed the Vt Interstate Highway from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. ...Some of the traveling public were angry or annoyed but were



This good samaritan does Green Up 365 days a year! Larry Walter, US Forest Service Employee, "Greens Up" on his way to and from his home in the Northeast section of Rutland and his work place on North Main Street.

immediately cooperative and complimentary when the project was explained to them. A Green Up litter bag and a bit of literature was given to each traveler and we received many letters from out-of-staters traveling that day complimenting the state for the program.

...The results were far beyond our expectations. Four thousand truck loads were reported hauled by the Highway Department comprising over 20,000 cubic yards of trash removed from the Interstate and other state roads, and another 20,000 cubic yards, or more, were removed from town roads. Ninety-five percent (95%) of the 2,400 miles comprising the Interstate and other state roads were cleared and an estimated 75% of the 8,300 miles of town roads.

...We believe this was the largest statewide, voluntary, unified citizens' effort ever organized in Vermont.

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Killington Remembered Lucy Bates Currier, Pioneer Selectperson

by Donna Martin

With women now playing an active role in politics the thought occurred to me that few Killington people know about one very note-worthy female politician who really held her own very early in what used to be a 'man's' world.

Lucy Bates Currier was a person to be remembered! In 1926, a time when women were expected for the most part to tend the home fires and stay out of town affairs, Lucy became Sherburne's first woman to fill a selectman's chair. She served in that capacity until 1928. Interestingly, only one other woman, Pat Zack, has filled a Selectman's chair since then.

The following is an excerpt from an article published by the Cape Press of Cape Cod, MA, and written by Mrs. Ralph Beverly, who interviewed Mrs. Currier in 1956 when she was 90 years old, just two years before her death.

"Who is Mrs. Lucy Currier, a native Vermonter; ex-selectman; personality in a book; omnivorous reader of history and politics; maker of huge, beautifully braided rugs; clear-spoken and bright eyed? We may lay claim to her by grace of her daughter and son-in-law with whom she is now living, the Rev. and Mrs. Watson Wordsworth of the Congregational Church in South Dennis. About

68 or 70?...Not a minute under 90. And she has more 'IT' and wit than any one lady is entitled to. Her sense of humor runs right along with her. When she laughs, she goes all out for it, shutting up her eyes tight and is just filled with merriment. It's like coming out of the cold and sitting beside a glowing fireside to be with her.

She had no picture to give me to show you but I can tell you she is quite tall and slenderly erect; moves like a flash and seems to almost wheel as she turns. She leans forward to listen to you, not to hear because her hearing is flawless, but because she gets all wrapped up in any subject. She has brown eyes, a mouth that never thoroughly settles down to seriousness, and a fair skin. There wasn't a line or wrinkle to be seen on her.

During the great flood of 1927, Mrs. Currier was selectman. When her daughter drove up to see her, she had to take her car right up through actual riverbeds. Great rocks were lodged in the height of the trees, and food had to be flown in. Mrs. Currier's duties required that she inspect the damage and turn in a report to the State. She had to trudge many weary miles up great hills and down fallen trees, and how she got around or through the turbulent swollen streams, I don't know. However, she did, and with aid of Gov. Weeks (a wonderful governor, she told me) she did her share in securing a reconstruction loan."

The creek beds Lucy Currier's daughter drove in were most likely the Ottauquechee River and its tributaries that drop down off West Hill and East Hill. Lucy lived in the John Johnson place then not far from the present site of the Killington Gondola Station. A photograph of the house is in the Sherburne Bicentennial booklet of 1961, to be found in one of Mrs. Fleming's scrapbooks in the Sherburne Library under the title "The Old Homestead." In the cellar of the house there was a secret room which served as a station on the "underground railroad" prior to the Civil War. Lucy probably relished telling the local story of one colored man who died while at the Johnson's and was buried, naturally without a marker, along the Ottauquechee somewhere opposite the Turn of River Lodge. The cellar hole of the house was covered over during construction of the Rt. 4 highway.

Lucy Currier's grandson, Rev. Andrew Currier of Brandon, once shared some remembrances of his grandmother with me.

"I remember one winter when I was about eleven years old, driving over the mountain from Mendon in a one horse open sleigh with her adopted sister Clara to visit my grandmother. The road was not kept open for motor vehicles in the winter back then. I spent a lot of time there in the summertime with Grandma along with my Uncle Watson Wordsworth, his wife and my cousins, Watson and Winston.

On Sundays we went to the Sherburne Congregational Church, where sometimes I would hear Uncle Watson preach. Grandma Currier's religion was of much importance to her. My sister used to say of Grandma,

'when she prayed, you just knew she was talking to God.' Grandma would kneel at the railing by the altar to pray and at times her voice would break as if she were about to cry. Her God was real and her religion deep and earnest. She was a great inspiration and example to those who knew her. After moving to Mendon in later years, she was very active in the Methodist Church. There she taught Sunday school and acted as the Superintendent.

I remember that my life-long friend, Bailey Frank, boarded with Grandma after he got out of the Navy at the end of World War II. He was looking for employment and Grandma told him 'don't look for a job, create one!' He started writing a column for newspapers published for many years across the country entitled *The Skies Today*."

Rev. Wordsworth, Lucy's son-in-law and then a student pastor delivered her funeral eulogy, commenting upon her religious and community life.

"Her religion was not merely of the receptive type; it was a sharing and a giving religion too. She took an active part in the life of the church. She was a born teacher, well versed in the Scriptures, and an inspiration to those who were fortunate enough to sit in her class. She was also the church collector, seeking gifts for the financial support of the church and setting

a good example by her own generosity. Over and beyond those duties she rendered an even greater service. During the long months when there was no resident minister, she often conducted the Sunday Service of Worship, reading a sermon from the works of some great preacher, or even preaching a sermon of her own composition. She was a great reader, especially in the fields of history, biography and religion. She gladly shared with others the great thoughts gleaned from her reading.

Another recollection of Mother Currier is associated with her life in the community. She was no recluse, but enjoyed the company of her neighbors. If there was sickness, or sorrow, or any other need in a Sherburne home, you would find Lucy Currier there, and with her soothing, comforting manner she brought hope and healing."

It appears that Lucy Currier's political activities were only a portion of a wide assortment of activities that filled her life and affected the lives of those around her. Her boundless energy, indomitable spirit, ready wit, and wisdom all were unselfishly shared. Sherburne's first woman selectperson was a true Vermont 'Lady' in every sense of the word.



Town of Killington Select Board Meeting Highlights

by Kathleen Ramsay, Killington Town Manager

Monday, April 25, 2011 - Official Map Approved: The Board approved the Official Town Map, which identifies the location of various Town facilities, as recommended by the Planning Commission. The Commission believes the Map will be an important planning tool to help guide good development in the Town.

All-Terrain Vehicle Policy Approved: The Board approved the All-Terrain Vehicle Policy, allowing ATV travel on four Class 4 roads.

Economic Development & Tourism Commission: The Board provided input on the first draft of a revised organizational policy for the Commission and will continue its discussion at its next meeting.

Golf Initiatives: The Board reviewed and discussed the marketing program for Green Mountain National Golf Course and authorized the issuance of a Request for Proposals for an independent third party review of all areas of golf operations.

Preparation for Special Town Meeting, Monday, May 9: As suggested by Susan Maples, the Board asked Town Manager Kathleen Ramsay to make arrangements to facilitate parking at and/or transportation to the Elementary School on May 9, in order to maximize attendance at the meeting. Providing shuttles to the school and matching drivers and riders for carpooling were discussed, as was asking residents that are able to do so to park out on Schoolhouse Road and walk or take a shuttle, so that closer parking spaces can be utilized by the elderly and/or those with limited mobility. Look

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The Bridgewater Historical Society meets on the last Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm at the Old Brick Schoolhouse, located at 12 North Bridgewater Road, and all are welcome to attend.

There are Overeaters Anonymous meetings on Sundays at 4:30pm at the Bridgewater Congregational Church on Route 4 in Bridgewater. The Alcoholics Anonymous meetings take place at the Bridgewater Congregational Church on Sundays at 6pm.

The Oak Chapel Food Shelf in Bridgewater is open every Wednesday from 3pm to 4pm. Everyone is welcome. Donations of food are also appreciated. For emergency needs or questions call Julie at 802-952-8571.

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Scenic Route 100 Byway Approved

The State Transportation Board unanimously voted to approve a section of Route 100 as "Scenic Route 100 Byway." This approval designates Route 100 from Andover to Pittsfield as Vermont's 8th byway, passing through the towns of Andover, Ludlow, Plymouth, Bridgewater, Killington and Pittsfield.

Route 100 has long been known for its scenic and picturesque qualities. While this Byway highlights those qualities it also focuses on the historic, natural and recreational qualities along the corridor and how they play a key role in attracting visitors to the corridor towns, most of which rely on tourism as an economic driver.

The collaborative effort to designate the byway was started in March of 2010 by representatives of the participating towns, spearheaded by leaders from Ludlow and Killington. Byways designation can be used to help market a region and attract new travel, tourism and grant dollars.

"We are thrilled with this designation and look forward to many benefits of the Vermont Byways program. By working together in partnership with surrounding towns we can achieve our respective goals of generating more four-season tourism," stated Marji Graf, Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce.

"With the designation, we will have access to federal funding to support Killington's marketing and gateway renovation efforts" says Seth Webb, Director of Economic Development and Tourism for the Town of Killington. "We're extremely proud of the work that's been done with our fellow byways' communities and look forward to continued community and town support."

The Byway committee will meet in May to discuss initial marketing plans. An overview of the Vermont Byway Program can be found at www.Vermont-byways.us.

Mendon/Chittenden/Pittsford/Brandon Notes

by Debbie Burke

At the April 11 meeting of the Town of Mendon Selectboard administrative matters were discussed. The Town received reimbursement for the Structure Grant for the Wheelerville culvert totaling \$31,836 which was deposited in the bridge fund. The Town received reimbursement for the Class 2 Roadway Grant for the Notch Road totaling \$98,435 which was deposited into the Highway Fund.

Under Old Business, the Town Shop building was discussed. The Selectboard members met with members of the Mendon Historical Society to discuss the shop, noting that there has been limited maintenance done on the building in the last 10 years. Adi Staudinger has rented the building for over twenty-five years and is an ideal tenant as his business does not interfere with operations at the Town Office. The Mendon Historical Society proposed to conduct an historic evaluation of the building with the State of Vermont Historic Preservation which would cost \$500. There is a matching grant that the Mendon Historical Society would apply for. The goal is to make knowledgeable maintenance decisions on the building as to not deteriorate its historic value. The Town Shop was constructed in early 1888 for use as a Town Hall. The first Town Meeting was held in the building on September 4, 1888. Town Meetings were held in the building until 1950 when Mendon moved Town Meeting to the Mendon Grange Hall, upon which the Town Hall was converted to the Town Shop and an overhead door was installed, the wood floor was removed and a concrete floor was poured. Selectman Smith will

meet with Adi Staudinger to inform him of Mendon's intent to have the building historically evaluated and that it does not affect his tenancy.

Next on the agenda was the Town Service Officer and Representative to the Rutland Regional Ambulance Service. Diane Westebbe has chosen not to be re-appointed as Town Service Officer and Mendon's Representative to the Rutland Regional Ambulance Service. The Selectboard would like to thank Diane for her years of service to the Town. The Selectboard is accepting letters of interest to fill these two vacancies.

Under New Business, the Mendon Wellness Program was discussed. Sara Tully presented the 2011-2012 Wellness Program budget and an outline of programs. The Wellness Program is now 5 years old and has been solely funded by the Vermont League of Cities and Towns Leader Program. This year, Mendon will also apply for a \$700 grant from Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Vermont. Mendon received a Silver Award in recognition of our Worksite Wellness Program from the Vermont Governor's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports.

The Open Meeting Law and Town Office Use Policy was discussed next. The Selectboard briefly discussed the State of Vermont Open Meeting Law and the Town Office Use Policy. The Selectboard will send a reminder to all of Mendon's Boards, Commissions and sub-committees that the Open Meeting requirements should be followed. Meetings at the Town Office must be scheduled with the Town Clerk.



Dear Editor,

At The Town of Killington Special Town Meeting warned for May 9th, 2011, the expansion of the selectboard to five members should take place for the following reasons. The need for the Special Town Meeting infers that a three member selectboard cannot formulate an acceptable town budget in time for a regular town meeting. The current financial situation surrounding the Green Mountain National Golf Course, which evaded scrutiny by such a board for the last several years, is, by itself, reason to question the sufficiency of a three man board. In addition the selectboard must now also take on overseeing revenues from the 1% option tax, the fate of economic development commission, consideration of development of a municipal water system and review of the town's zoning regulations. Thus the time has come to expand the selectboard to five members.

By expanding to five members the selectboard could split into committees of two members to examine key issues and make a recommendation to the full selectboard for formal action. This would allow a more thorough and quicker examination of the issues by providing an opportunity to raise questions and secure answers prior to the full selectboard hearing. Such committee meetings would be open to the public. The public would also not

have to sit through an entire selectboard meeting to face an issue they are concerned about. Thus public participation would be enhanced.

Congress, state legislatures and many organizations operate in this manner. Most towns in Vermont have a five member selectboard. In considering the towns that have a three member board one should compare the issues and budgets facing these towns as compared to the town of Killington.

Furthermore the town Planning Commission has 7 members, Zoning Board of Adjustment has 5 members, the Recreation Commission has 5 members, Sherburne Fire District #1 has 5 members and the Library Board of Trustees has 5 members. Considering the scope of issues the selectboard must deal with in comparison to what the above organizations face, expanding the selectboard to five members appears to be the most reasonable, prudent and necessary course of action.

Accordingly, in order to best insure an acceptable budget and that the aforementioned issues are most appropriately addressed for the 2012 town meeting, the expansion of the selectboard to five members must be accomplished at the May 9th, 2011 meeting.

Sincerely,
David A. Rosenblum

Dear Editor:

The Rutland County Humane Society wishes to thank all who helped make our fifth annual "Spring for the Animals" auction on Thursday April 7 a successful fund raiser. All proceeds will be used to help the animals who need our care until they can find a new home.

Our appreciation goes to the over one hundred businesses and individuals who provided a wide variety of wonderful items to be auctioned off.

We also want to thank the volunteers who pitched in to get the event set up and worked hard to make the evening go smoothly including Woodchucks' Revenge who provided the music.

Finally, thank you to all those who attended. We hope you enjoyed the evening as much as we did.

Gretchen Goodman, Executive Director
Rutland County Humane Society

Attention People of Windsor County:

TAKE BACK DAY

It is imperative, that you find you old medication bottles hanging out in your kitchen, bathroom or bedroom. This is what you need to accomplish. You were taking these medications once written by a physician and dispensed to you by a pharmacist for various and sundry ailments. You got better and maybe you did not use up all the medication. Now you have bottles and bottles of pills that are of no use to you or anybody else. You need to take ownership of your old medication that in the wrong hands and for the wrong reason has become POISON!!

The epidemic or plague is upon us. Children are dying

by taking poison, which at one time might have saved your life. Do something on Saturday April 30, 2011. Dispose of ALL your old medication bottles at the Woodstock Sherriff's Bldg. (across from Woodstock Sunoco and Angkor Watt).

If you do this important action, not only will you will feel better, but you will have done a mitzvah (a good deed). A message from the Windsor County Pharmacists and Vermont Pharmacists Association.

Enjoy,
James Marmar RPh
Woodstock Pharmacy

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**GREAT ESCAPE TICKETS
ONLY \$20.00!**

Join The Great Escape and Six Flags Friends
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Attending Guests Receive:

- A fun-filled day of UNLIMITED Rides, Shows and Attractions
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- Opportunity to upgrade to a season pass for an additional \$34.99 + tax!
- A special 'Com Back' ticket to return any day in the 2011 season for just \$15 + tax more.



For more information contact Josephine or Bart (802) 775-6862

PEGTV Killington Office Relocating to Mountain Times

PEGTV, Rutland County's public access television station, will be moving its Killington office from the ERA Mountain Real Estate building in Killington to the Mountain Times office building at 5465 Route 4 (Sherburne Flats), Killington. The move is expected to be completed by May 1.

Local PEGTV VIP producers will be able to sign in/out for equipment at the new office during all normal Mountain Times business hours:

9 a.m.- 4 p.m., Monday-Friday, and most Saturday mornings from 9 a.m.-noon.

The space is being donated by The Mountain Times as a public service.



Rutland Report

by Lani Duke

Come see local talent on stage at Encore Theatre's Spring Talent Show at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, April 28, at Rutland High, 22 Stratton Rd. Expect to see a "variety of singing, dancing, new plays and improvised scenes." Call 770-1134 for more information.

An April 29 through May 1 Spring Fling with rides, games, and food enlivens the corner of Wales and Washington streets in Rutland, sponsored by Center Lodge #34 and the Rutland's Salvation Army Food Cupboard. Money raised benefits the scholarship these two organizations support. Call 353-1538 for more info.

Restaurant and lodging industry pros are invited to a hospitality seminar at the Holiday Inn Friday, April 29, 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Experts and colleagues discuss how to improve your property's "greenness" and boost its image. Register through the Vermont Small Business Development Center, 728-1423.

The Mentor Connection benefits from a Wii and Kinect dance competition from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. Friday, April 29, at the Knights of Columbus Gym. Prizes, food and beverages are available. Call 775-3434 for details.

Professional opera singers Marnie Breckenridge, Rosalie Sullivan, Alex Mansoori, and Dmitri Ribero perform well-known Italian arias and art song, accompanied by world-class pianist William Hicks, at the 17th annual Night of Italian Opera, 8:00 p.m., Friday, April 29, Tuttle Hall Theater, College of St. Joseph, Rutland. A silent auction begins at 7:00 p.m. Call 776-5264 for reservations.

Violinist Bella Hristova joins the growing roster of the Passages at the Paramount series, with a Friday evening performance at 8:00 p.m. The 26-year-old Bulgarian has been studying her art for 20 years, and is currently working on an Artist Diploma with Jaime Laredo at Indiana University. Call 775-0903 for tickets.

Vermont Sports Medicine sponsors an annual 5K run/walk to benefit Kids on the Move, Saturday, May 30, in Rutland. Call Kelley Paquin, 802-775-1300, to find out more.

Saturday, the big screen at the Paramount fills with The Best Years of Our Lives, a 1946 look at what happens when combat veterans reintegrate in civilian life, starring Fredric March, Myrna Loy, Dana Andrews, Virginia Mayo and more. Showings are at 3:00 and 7:00 p.m. Call 775-0903 for tickets.

Rutland celebrates the first of May on Sunday with the forty-eighth Loyalty Day Parade through the downtown. Activities start at 11:00 as the VFW Ladies Auxiliary

serves lunch at 15 Wales St. VFW Post 648 organizes the other events, including not only the 2:00 p.m. parade but also subsequent music and dancing. Call 775-0722 to find out more.

Trinity Church, 85 West St., offers a seat-and-eat on the front lawn to watch the Loyalty Day parade and enjoy its third annual chicken BBQ. Serving begins at 11:30 a.m. Call 775-4368 for specifics.

There's also an opportunity to do some walking on your own Saturday. The first annual Cairo Shriners 5K Run/Walk begins at 12:00 noon from 51 Washington St. Call 747-3400 to find out more.

Dartmouth prof Peter Saccio explores the way Shakespeare's play Henry V speaks to our time, using clips from Laurence Olivier's 1944 portrayal and Kenneth Branagh's 1989 production. The Vermont Humanities Council event is at 8:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 4, in the Rutland Free Library. To learn more, call 773-1860.

Bluesman Guy Davis performs at The Brick Box of the Paramount Theatre, 30 Center St., Thursday, May 5, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Call 775-0903 for info.

Start the yard sale season early with the May 5 and 6 rummage sale at Grace Congregational Church, 8 Court St., Rutland. Hours are 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Thursday, following by a 9:00 a.m. to noon bag sale on Friday.

Matt Soroka and Shelley Lutz talk about sound nutrition for athletes at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, May 5 in the Dana Recreation Center. It is the first of a series of three discussions sponsored by the Rutland Recreation and Parks Department, aimed at spring sport athletes. Subsequent talks are on injury prevention and performance enhancement by Matt Gammons of iSport and Vermont Orthopedic Clinic on May 12, and on strength training by iSport trainer Tyler White on May 19.

Downtown businesses have until 4:30 p.m., Monday, May 16, to turn in completed applications for Downtown Rutland Partnership grant funds to help improve their business marketing strategies. Applications are available at the DRP office, 103 Wales St., and online.

The Vermont Women's Fund has given the Rutland Region Workforce Investment Board (RRWIB) a grant to develop a program for young women age 15-25, who are in transition from adolescence to adulthood, and require additional support in that process. Offered in collaboration with Stafford Technical Center, the Three Steps Forward program covers personal assessment and life/career planning; education, training and skill development; and work experience.

Rutland Volunteer Wins CVPS-Zetterstrom Environmental Award

Michael Smith, whose vision and leadership turned a largely forgotten, bedraggled forest into a 300-acre city park crisscrossed by one of the nation's top trail systems, received the 2011 CVPS-Zetterstrom Environmental Award today at a Statehouse ceremony.

The award, named for famed osprey advocate Meeri Zetterstrom, includes a \$2,500 cash award to support continued improvements in the park.

A team of CVPS employees with environmental responsibilities selected Smith from 18 nominees. Committee members were moved by Smith's long-term commitment, energy and determination.

"There are so many parallels between Michael and Meeri," Young said. "Their goals were different, but Michael and Meeri both made the betterment of our environment and the opportunity for others to enjoy it their central focus in life."

Smith originally biked and hiked in the park with his dog Rembrandt while creating some of its earliest trails, however conservation efforts began in earnest in 2002, after a proposal was made to put a road through the tract to facilitate development of nearby land. Smith led the successful opposition to a city easement, and later the creation of the Pine Hill Partnership, a non-profit group that has worked with the city to protect and formalize the property as a true park.

Smith has devoted thousands of hours to the effort, designing and pickaxing the 16-mile sustainable trail system. He has designed and constructed bridges across sensitive areas, and created interpretive information about the forest. In the process, Smith has educated thousands of schoolchildren and adults about conservation issues while using volunteer labor for virtually all of the improvements.

Tim Upton, CV's environmental affairs manager, said Smith's story was inspirational. "Oftentimes people see a problem and wish 'someone' would do something about it," Upton said. "Smith is that 'someone,' who first helped preserve the park and then set about improving it. Along the way he inspired a movement, with the end result being a spectacular, accessible natural area at the heart of the City of Rutland."

Bats in Need of Help from Vt. Homeowners

The Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department is asking Vermont homeowners to give special considerations in dealing with bats at their residences this summer.

Populations of the once common little brown bat that is typically found in buildings have plummeted due to a disease known as White-nose Syndrome. As the bats return to their summer colonies this month, the department asks that homeowners consider methods to address conflicts with these animals that do not harm the bats.

"The bats that have survived the disease are now leaving caves and mines and migrating to their summer range," said Scott Darling, the department's bat expert. "These maternity colonies are usually in an attic, barn, or under roof shingles."

Populations of the little brown bat have been reduced so greatly that homeowners may want to wait and see how many bats they have left in their residence before removing them. "The numbers of bats present may be so low that the concerns people once had may now be insignificant," said Darling.

The Vermont Agency of Natural Resources is currently in the process of listing the little brown bat and the northern long-eared bat as state endangered because of the loss of an estimated 90% of the populations of these two species in the three years since the disease was first diagnosed in Vermont. As part of the listing proposal, approaches are being evaluated that will maintain the ability of homeowners to properly respond when a rabies exposure risk has occurred. (1-800-4RABIES)

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for more information about the parking plans for the Special Town Meeting on the Town's website, www.killingtontown.com, starting May 2nd. Interested parties may also contact Kathleen at 422-3241 for additional information.

Loan Documents for Water System Feasibility Study Approved: The Board approved Water Planning Note for \$19,500, payable to the State of Vermont, Water Supply Division, in five installments of \$3,900 on April 1, 2016 through 2020.

Contract for Audit Services: The Board approved the award of the bid for the Town's annual audit to RHR Smith.


Request for bids for mowing along the Killington Road and road paving will be issued on April 26 and will be due May 18, for consideration by the Board at its meeting on May 23.

Reminder: The Selectboard seeks applications from volunteers to fill the following vacancies: Zoning Board

of Adjustment; Rutland Regional Planning Commission; and Energy Coordinator

Next Meetings: Special Town Meeting – Monday, May 9, 7:30 p.m., Sherburne Elementary School; Informational Meeting on Reappraisal – Tuesday, May 10, 7 p.m., Town Offices; Joint Selectboard/School Board Meeting – Friday, May 20, 11:45 a.m., Killington Elementary School; Selectboard Meetings – Monday, May 23, Monday, June 6 and Monday, June 20

These Highlights are based on my observations of Select Board meetings. The Select Board Highlights are intended to be a short summary of Select Board meetings to help communicate matters pending before the Select Board in a timely way. The Select Board Highlights are not comprehensive minutes, and are not reviewed or endorsed by the Board before they are distributed. Highlights are available via e-newsletter as well: sign-up on the Town's website, www.killingtontown.com.



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TOWN OF KILLINGTON
Informational Meeting on Reappraisal
Town Offices Conference Room
Tuesday, May 10, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

The Board of Listers will hold an informational meeting on reappraisal on Tuesday, May 10 at the Town Offices. Notices of changes of appraisal will be sent to property owners by May 13. The Listers will also be available to answer questions about the reappraisal and resulting property values weekdays, Monday, May 16 – Friday, May 27. Property owners may appeal the value of their property by submitting a letter of grievance before May 27th. Grievance hearings will be held Friday, May 27th through Sunday, June 5th, 9 a.m. – noon and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. daily. For additional information about the reappraisal, please contact the Listers' Office, 422-2248.



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TOWN OF KILLINGTON
Special Town Meeting
Sherburne Elementary School
Monday, May 9, 2011 • 7:30 p.m.

The Warning for the Special Town Meeting is available on the Town's website, www.killingtontown.com, and is available upon request from the Town Offices, 2706 River Road, 422-3241. The Warning is also posted in public places in the Town of Killington, including the Post Office, the Sherburne Memorial Library and the Town Offices.

The Selectboard's revised General Fund budget proposal is also available on the Town's website and at the Town Offices.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Apr. 28 - Woodstock. Hand in Hand community meal, Thurs., 5-7pm. This Week: Hero's Day (Barbados). Social Hall, N. Unitarian Chapel Society. All welcome, donations accepted. 457-9272.

Apr. 30 - Pittsford. Rummage & Bake Sale, 9am-noon, St. Alphonsus Parish Hall. Clothes, shoes, purses, bag sale. 483-6893.

Apr. 30 - Rutland. Women of Trinity Church hold rummage & bake sale, 9am-1pm. Fill a bag \$3. Children's toys, books, trash and treasures.

Apr. 30 - Rutland. Christ the King School's annual rummage & bake sale, 8-2pm, in the gym. 773-0500 for info.

Apr. 30 - Belmont. Roast Pork Supper at Odd Fellows H all. Seatings 5pm til gone. Benefits Mt Holly VFD Auxiliary. All you can eat, home style. \$10 adults, under 12 \$5. 259-3445.

Apr. 30 - Pittsfield. Pittsfield Federated Church hosts Spaghetti Dinner, 6:30pm at the Town Hall. Door prize, proceeds church Handicap Access Project.

May 1 - Rutland. When the Rabbi Danced: Music of Jewish Life from the

Shtetl to the Resistance. 7pm, Rutland Jewish Center. Holocaust Remembrance Day. Robert DeCormier presents one of his final concerts with Counterpoint. Free. RSVP only - 773-3455.

May 5 - Hubbardton. Hubbardton Sr Connection luncheon at Town Hall, 12 noon. Suggested donation: \$3.25 age 60+, \$4.25 under age 60. All welcome. RSVP, 273-2953. This week, chick, corn chowder, turkey subs, salad/dressing, cc cookies.

Ongoing

Mons. - Rutland. Rutland Kiwanis Club meets at South Station Restaurant 6:30pm. All welcome. 773-6251.

Mon.-Sat. - Wallingford, Hands for Hope Thrift Store open, 9am-6pm Mon-Fri & Sats, 9am-2pm.

Mons. & Weds. - Brandon. Meals-On-Wheels delivered to Brandon Senior Citizen Center, except holidays. \$3. Age 55+. 247-3121 to sign up or come by.

Tues. - W. Bridgewater. Blanche & Bill's hosts Aunt Francie's Southern Kitchen community dinner each week, 5:30pm til food runs out. \$12.50/ person, family style.

Tues. - Brandon. Lions meet at Brandon Senior Center, 7pm. 1st & 3rd Tues. of the month.

Weds. - Brandon. Cub Scouts - Wolf Den 123 meet at Brandon Senior Center, 3-4pm.

Thurs. - Hubbardton. Hubbardton Senior Connection program lunch every 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month, at Hubbardton Town Hall, 12:00 noon. All welcome. \$3.25/seniors, \$4.25 anyone else.

Thurs. - Rutland. Vt Christian Riders from Motorcyclists for Jesus Ministries meeting 3rd Thurs. of month, Denny's Restaurant. 6pm. 483-2540 or Email Bikingforj@Msn.Com.

Thurs. - Danby. Christian Reading Room @ Danby Congregational Church parsonage open Thurs., 4:30-7pm. Check out, reference or personal study books & computer reference material. 770-2976.

Thurs. - Rochester. Acapella singing group meets Thurs., 5-6pm, Federated Church of Rochester. Practice spiritual music to sing to ill folk. Come & sing! 767-3012.

Thurs. - Rochester. Green Mountain Interfaith Group sponsors Spiritual Cinema Circle 2nd & 4th Thurs., 7-8:30pm, Park House. 767-4905.

Fris. - Rochester. 1st & last Fris. of month, Rochester Federated Church invites parents & kids for Play Group. Birth - 2 yrs. 10:30am-noon, nursery rm. above Fellowship Hall.

Killington - Saturday Worship, Roman Catholic Mass, 4pm. Our Lady of the Mountains. 457-2322, call for Holy Day schedules.

Killington - Sunday Worship, 9:30am, Church of Our Saviour (Episcopal). Small, welcoming, inclusive. 422-9064.

Killington - Sunday Protestant Service, 9am, Sherburne United Church of Christ, Rt. 4. All Welcome. 422-9440.

Mendon - Community Church, (50 Rte 4 East) Communion 1st Sunday of each month; Sunday worship 9:30am; Children's church 9:45am; Fellowship 10:30am; Adult study time 11am. Rev. Ronald Sherwin, 459-2070.

Pittsfield - Sunday Worship, 9am. Pittsfield Federated Church. Rt. 100 N. Communion Service 1st Sun. each month. Bible Study Weds. Eves 7pm. Rev. Dr. Howard Gunter, Pastor. 746-8698.

Chittenden - Sunday Worship, 11am. United Methodist Church of the Wildwood. Open hearts, open minds, open doors. Rev. Shirley Oskamp. 483-2909.

Rutland - Unitarian Universalist Church, 117 West Street, Rutland, VT. 802-775-0850. Sunday Services Begin at 10:30 a.m. Rev. Erica Baron.

Rutland - Sunday Service, children & adult religious instruction 9:30am. Sat., 5:30pm worship. Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. 773-9659.

Rutland - Weekend Catholic Mass, Christ the King, Sat. 5:15pm, Sun. 7:30, 9:30, 11am. Immaculate Heart of Mary, Sat. 4:30pm, Sun. 8am, 10:15am. St. Peter, Sat. 5:15pm, Sun. 8:30, 10:30am.

Rutland - Sunday Worship Services, 10:30am, First Baptist Church of Rutland City. Sunday School Classes, 9am for all ages. 773-8010.

Rutland - All Saints' Anglican Church welcomes new members. Services at Messiah Lutheran Church Suns., 4pm & Thurs. 8:55am & most holy days.

Brandon - Sunday Services: 10am, Adult Bible Study, 5+ Sunday School, Nursery. 11am, Worship service. Wed. Services: 6:30pm, Adult Prayer & Bible Study, Youth Groups 5+. Brandon Baptist Church. 247-6770.

Rochester - Federated Church of Rochester invites everyone to Bible Study Tues., 10:30am in French Rm. & 6pm Weds. at parsonage & Thurs., 7pm at Mather's on Kirby Dr. 767-3012.

Fair Haven - Our Lady of Seven Dolours Mass Times: Saturday 4:30pm. Sunday 9am.

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NEWS FROM THE PITTSFIELD/STOCKBRIDGE VICINITY AND THE HINTERLANDS BEYOND



by *Johnnie Goldfish*

Your secret blessing is that no matter where you go in time and space, you only ever have to be yourself, as courageous, vulnerable, bold, or afraid as you may feel to find yourself among friends. You are kind of like chocolate to other people when you are just being yourself. And you are non-fattening.

The Route 100 Snow Travelers present the 2nd Annual Valley Idol Competition on Saturday, April 30 at the Rochester School Auditorium. For more information call Donna at 234-9242.

Riddle: There are nine coins that appear identical, but one is lighter than the others. Using a balance scale, how would you be able to determine which coin is the light one in two weighings? You do not need a scale to figure this out. Answer below.

The Federated Church of Rochester is collecting beach towels and bath towels for Camp Agape. Camp Agape is for children who have an incarcerated parent and the camp is free for those families. If you would like to submit a child's name please write Josh Cheney at jcheney@yahoo.com. The towels can be dropped off at the church.

Hunting Report: A savvy reader asked for it; There is room for all of God's creatures, right next to the mashed potatoes and gravy.

The Stockbridge/Gaysville Historical Society will meet on Thursday, April 28 at 7 pm in the Belcher Library on Route 107. New members are welcome.

The Farm Report: Do you want to volunteer doing something you love? Consider donating an occasional hour to maintain the perennial garden at the Rochester Public Library.

The good ladies of the Pittsfield Federated Church invite you to a Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, April 30 beginning at 6:30 pm at the Town Hall. This is an all you can eat until the food runs out event. There will be at least one door prize and all proceeds will benefit the church Handicap Access Project.

Family Matters Report: Walk at Lunch Day sponsored by Blue Cross Blue Shield is Wednesday, April 27 and you can celebrate spring and your life by going out everyday, or any day. You taught them to walk, now take them for one.

The Farm to School Network sponsored by the Rochester School will have a meeting on Thursday, April 28 at the Rochester Elementary School. Their motto is Bring-

ing farm, school, and community together. A Farm Fling event is being planned for mid-June. For more information please call Jennifer Kennett at 767-1819.

A May Day Fun Run will take place on Sunday, May 1 at the Rochester School playground. For more information call Norm Christiansen at 767-9320.

The Peace Report: If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other. - Mother Theresa.

On Sunday, May 1, the BMW Motorcycles Owners of Vermont will meet for breakfast at Tozier's on Route 107. If you want to ride with some true motorcyclists and experience riding in parts of Vermont you might not readily discover on your own, you are invited by the guys and gals (on any brand motorcycle) to come meet and eat with the BMWMOV beginning with coffee at 9 am.

The 4 Year Old Love Report: or What does love mean to a 4-8 year old: My mommy loves me more than anybody. You don't see anyone else kissing me to sleep at night. - Clare, age 6.

Back to Basics Equine Awareness, a connected riding clinic, will take place on May 14 and 15 at the Sable View Natural Horsemanship Development Center in Stockbridge. Registration in advance is required. For more information please call Leslie Chadwell at 802-558-3747.

The Friendship Report: (Not for sissies or willy-nilly friends), By popular demand this report is finished.

This year the Vermont State Parks and Campgrounds will be taking two night reservations. To book your camping vacation visit the Vermont State Parks website or call 1-888-409-7579. Reserve your spot in your favorite campground or go discover something new, they go fast.

Riddle solution: Step one: Put three coins on each side of the scale. Step two: If unequal weight, for the 2nd weighing, from the lighter batch put one coin on each side of the scale. If the coins are the same, the one left out is the coin. If one is lighter then that is the one. Now if the initial weighing (step one) of three coins per side was equal, you take two of the unweighed coins, if equal the one left out is the lighter and if one is lighter than one is lighter. My eyes are crossed and my brain hurts, but it works.

Thought for the Week: "What man's mind can create, man's mind can control." - Thomas Edison, (screwed a light bulb in by himself).

Send your good news to johnniegoldfish@yahoo.com.

Killington Arts Guild

by *Betty Little*

Remember: on Tuesday May 3 from 3-7 pm there will be a May Mixer at Cabin Fever Gifts on Route 4 opposite the Killington access road, sponsored by Base Camp Outfitters, Cabin Fever Gifts and the Killington Arts Guild. The mixer is for members of the Killington Chamber of Commerce including members of KAG. This will include Disc Golf at 3 PM (733-0166); opening of a new art show - Art Mix - in the KAG Gallery, 5pm to 7pm; and Extreme Killington, a video by cinematographer Stefan Beaumont at 6pm. A delectable selection of food and beverages will be available. Call 802-433-3852 for more information.

KAG members can bring art, poetry, photography, crafts and other treasures for Art Mix. Cabin Fever Gifts is closed on April 26th and 27th, but open April 28th and 29th to receive your work.

Bev Anderson is heading a Committee to plan for the 250th anniversary of the Town of Killington (Sherburne). That celebration will begin on July 8th and continue for many months. Ann Wallen, past president of KAG is serving on that committee and will seek ways in which The Guild can participate and support the celebration. At the KAG Annual Meeting, Sally Curtis asked that people who have memorabilia about the Killington Arts

Guild be in touch with her. The Board will be working on history.

There will be an Art Hop in Rutland May 13th. The Hop is held the second Friday night of the month and is open until 8pm. Mary Fran Lloyd reminds other Killington Arts Guild Members and Friends to drop by at Art and Antiques on Center to see an Abstract Art Show. Hours are Monday through Saturday, 10am to 5pm.

Killington Music Festival, Music in the Mountains Summer Concert Series will be held July 2-August 6, 2011. The festival brings world-class chamber music to Central Vermont for the twenty-ninth season. Plan to attend.

Thanks to John Little who was a copy editor for this column, for the Killington Arts Guild papers and for this writer. He was her husband, friend and supporter. Both skied many years at Killington before retiring to the Alpine Village at Pico where they lived nine years before moving to Rutland. John's heart will always in the mountains. Thanks to the Mountain Times for giving him space.

For information about the Killington Arts Guild membership, programs, workshops, call 802-422-3852. To contribute to this column send material to vttag@aol.com.

Pfenning Now President of Veteran's Museum

Bernie Pfenning, born in Killington, VT and currently residing at the Villages at Dorset Park in South Burlington, has been elected president of the Board of Directors of the Vermont Veterans Militia Museum & Library at Camp Johnson, Colchester, VT.

The 4,000 square foot museum has been in existence since the 1970's and displays memorabilia from the Revolutionary War to the Iraq War. The museum is open to the public Tues. - Thurs. Special tours anytime for schools and organizations. Admission is free. For info call 802-338-3360.

Proctor Place



by Stacy Bates

The National Honor Society is sponsoring a Blood Drive at the Proctor High School Gym on Thursday, April 28th, 1-6pm. The American Red Cross will be accepting walk-ins or by appointment, call 1-800-RED CROSS. All presenting Donors have a chance to win 2 Boston Red Sox Tickets and to be honored on the field as the Blood Donor of the Game.

On May 10 at 6:30pm, the PES will be holding their spring concert for grades K-2. On May 12 at 6:30pm, grades 4-6 will hold their spring concert along with any instrumental performances. Both concerts will be held in the PES multi-purpose room.

Proctor Elementary School wants to extend a big thank you to community members who are saving Box Tops and Campbell's Labels for Education for them! You may drop these items off at school in the front office during midweek or mail them to PES, 14 School St, Proctor VT 05765. You can also sign up to support your school through Price Chopper's "Tools for Schools" by registering your Advantage Card on through their web site, or for the "Hannaford Helps Schools" program by dropping cash register slips into the towers at their store during the appropriate campaign in the Fall. Every little bit counts!

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First Annual Rummage Sale at the Union Church of Proctor will be May 21st, with clothing of all seasons and sizes. Donations may be dropped of a Union Church any time before May 7th. All donated clothing must be in a condition which can be sold. If you have specialty clothing items which may have to be sold at a high value, please call 459-0075.

The annual Sunshine Run is May 7th and we need student and adult volunteers as well as runners. If you would like to volunteer please sign up in the PHS office or call Stephanie Gerome at 802-247-3115 or 802-247-3214. Please note the phone number has been changed.

Proctor participates in Green Up Day! The 41st Annual Vermont state-wide clean up will take place Saturday, May 7, 2011. Proctor Participants can drop in at the Co-op in the Marble Museum court yard from 8am to 3pm. The Co-op will have suggested clean up routes and trash bags, and maps will be available. Bag pick up will also be available. Afterwards you can join them for a BBQ with hotdogs and hamburgers (of the meat and veggie variety) at noon. Call for more info at 459-2777.



ARIES: March 21 – April 20: You've been sweating bullets over too many things. When the core of our internal and external reality goes into a tail spin, anxiety becomes our constant companion. If this is uncomfortable for you, it might be time to check in with yourself just to see how much you really need to worry about. Most of this could be swept clear with a little downsizing, some prioritizing, and enough sense to realize that you have gotten over involved with things that have nothing to do with your growth or your fulfillment. Simplify everything. Too much nothing has got you by the balls.

TAURUS: April 21 – May 20: The atmosphere is filled with energies that make you wish you had a better handle on what to do next. When the rug keeps getting pulled out from under us certainty becomes oxymoronic. Don't expect to have it all figured out; life isn't that simple for any of us anymore. Traditional methods, standard procedures, and what you take to be the most sensible thing, won't work for you now. The best you can do is keep the radar tuned to the channel that broadcasts your higher self and stay flexible enough to move wherever, whenever, and in whichever direction it calls you to go.

GEMINI: May 21 – June 20: Before you decide to sign up for anything take the time to look at who you're dealing with. What seems like such a great idea will turn out to be three times harder than it looks. You've already got way too much going on. Do yourself a favor and let someone else be the one who winds up holding the bag and/or playing the Little Red Hen. Your need to be overly capable would be put to better use if you poured all of that energy into your own work. At a time when your lessons involve bringing your gifts to fruition it makes no sense to yoke them to a lesser purpose.

CANCER: June 21 – July 20: Something has to change or this isn't going to work. When you're dealing with people who either don't know what they're talking about or aren't experienced enough to know how to take charge, it becomes necessary to call them on it and set a few standards. There's too much riding on your latest venture for you to let someone else decide how it comes together. At the personal level just the opposite could be true. If it's time to play the hard ass in your outer life, it's time to soften up about just about everything that relates to love, kids, and your internal affairs.

LEO: July 21 – August 20: You have finally figured out how to get this to work in a way that serves you too. For such a long time it's been about someone else getting more out of the deal than you do. After looking at all of the stuff that stood between you and making the most of this you see that it was your attitude that made it a chore instead of a joy. As it stands now you have a new lease on the situation and the potential seems endless. With your ability to see the forest for the trees and a willingness to turn this into a dream come true it looks to me like you can create just about anything you want.

VIRGO: August 21 – September 20: Your energy level has got to be a little higher than usual. This could be good or bad, depending on how you handle it. The desire nature looks like it needs a little more of whatever keeps you going and your need to be the center of attention could be an issue. Either influence could lead you to go overboard with people and things that do little to further your interests. If your internal regulating mechanisms have been educated to stop the madness whenever your ego wants to let it rip you'll be a lot better off than you will if you decide to throw all of your caution to the wind.

LIBRA: September 21 – October 20: You're feeling boxed in by too many demands and are beginning to rethink choices that were made a few years ago. At that time the most sensible thing to do was settle in, settle down, or settle for something that you were sure would pan out. Things have changed drastically and what seemed like the answer then has basically painted you into a corner. Don't get too hung up wondering how you're going to manage it. As taxing as this is, if you remain open to anything, it'll morph into an opportunity, or attract circumstances that miraculously clear things up.

SCORPIO: October 21 – November 20: There's no way you're going to figure this out overnight. It's for sure that something has to change but you're not sure you know what you want. If the voice in your head had anything to say about it you would already be out of here, but your sense of duty seems to have the upper hand. Others are a little confused. For so long you've been totally OK with this and they can't understand is why all of a sudden you need to reclaim yourself. It doesn't have to be a problem. If they love you enough they will give you carte blanche to be and do whatever you want.

SAGITTARIUS: November 21 – December 20: Something has clicked and you've realized that you've got a good thing going; what you don't seem to realize is that there are other options. The idea that you need to stick with any particular program is only appropriate when conditions support it. Right now, the desire to establish something lasting and permanent seems to make sense – but seeing as we're in the middle of a paradigm shift, the sensible, seemingly most practical thing to do may not even apply. Check your bearings before you decide to sink more energy into what could be a dead end.

CAPRICORN: December 21 – January 20: Borrowing trouble where there is none is something the mind gets into whenever we don't give it something better to do. You're up to your eyeballs in worries that contradict your belief in the idea that life goes better when we realize that everything is in divine order. Part of you is totally aware that you're not walking your talk. The solution to this is simple; why worry when you can pray? If the power of focused intent has anything to say about the extent of your troubles why don't you use your mind to envision something other than whatever it is that's making you nuts?

AQUARIUS: January 21 – February 20: You're not entirely sure what to do next but it's pretty clear that something's needs to shift. It could be your attitude; it could also be that it's time to move or rearrange your priorities. Part of you thinks you can keep the status quo ticking but as time goes on, it'll become more and more obvious that you're beating a dead horse. You'd be wise to diversify your options now; and while you're at it, it would be good to take a long look at how your need to hold steady is totally out of synch with the fact that others have had it up to here with the same old thing.

PISCES: February 21 – March 20: You keep wondering about the one that got away without realizing that maybe their departure was one of your luckier breaks. Doubts about your relationship skills shouldn't over ride the fact that it isn't always your fault when things fall apart. In this particular instance, as in most of the others, you saw what you wanted to see or you settled for less. As far as love goes, your biggest problem comes from wanting it so much you jump into anything. The next time you decide to hook up make sure you check people's credentials and integrity level before you let them in.



Vermont History Day was held April 2 in Barre. Students conduct historical research and create unique presentations on their findings. Each year students win awards for their work. Mark Hudson, Executive Director of the Vermont Historical Society, presents the Vermont History Award, Senior Division to Mikayla McCormack, Jacob Petrini, Sarah Salatino, and Emily Tabor of Proctor Jr./Sr. High School for their exhibit, *The Debate Between Workers and Management at the Vermont Marble Company*. Their teacher is Gregory Mott.

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Tips For Dealing With A Car Recall

by Tom Krisher • AP Auto Writer

Most cars and trucks get recalled at some point in their lives. So don't be surprised if a letter arrives telling you to bring in your vehicle for repairs. Recalls address safety problems, even if they are minor.

Last year, for example, automakers called back more than 20 million vehicles in the U.S. That's the most since 2004. Just last week, a recall of the Ford F-150 pickup ballooned to 1.2 million vehicles.

Do not be alarmed if your car or truck is recalled, but do take action.

1. Do the repairs

In a recall, you'll get a letter telling you to bring your vehicle to a dealer for free repairs. Sounds simple, right? Yet 30 percent of owners never take the time to get the work done. Recalls don't mean every affected vehicle will have a problem, but why take a chance? Take the F-150 recall. The air bags could inflate unexpectedly even if there's no crash, mainly on 2004, 2005 and some 2006 models. It's only happened 269 times, but what if it goes off while you're driving?

"The bottom line is it's a free repair. Get it done. It may save your life," says Clarence Ditlow, executive director of the Center for Auto Safety.

2. Be aggressive

Recalls are reported by the news media, but it takes a month or more after that for car companies to mail out letters to owners, and to send parts and instructions to dealers. If your car shows signs of the problem, don't wait for the recall letter. Call your dealer and have the prob-

lem checked. In the F-150 case, a warning light is supposed to come on before the air bag deploys.

3. Check for recalls

When automakers announce recalls, they search state databases to find owners. But if you've moved a lot or have a used car, they may not find you. It's a good idea to search the National Highway Traffic Safety

Administration database for recalls. Go to www.safercar.gov. Click on vehicle recalls and plug in the year and model of your car. If you find one, call your dealer or the automaker's customer service line and ask if it was fixed. They can tell from your vehicle identifica-

tion number, which should be on your state registration documents and is on the top of a car's dashboard. You can also use the number to search for your car on many automaker websites.

4. Get e-mail alerts

NHTSA will alert you by e-mail when your car is recalled. You can sign up on the agency's website.

5. Other repairs.

Things often go wrong with cars that aren't big enough to cause a recall. Automakers issue "technical service bulletins" to dealers telling them to fix cars when they come in for other repairs. It's difficult for a consumer to check for the bulletins, but some information is on websites set up by car enthusiasts, said Jeff Bartlett, deputy autos editor at Consumer Reports. Otherwise, a dealer and some larger independent car repair garages can get the information.



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Nissan's Revamped Quest Minivan Back In Game

by Frank A. Aukofer

Like a sleepy homeowner who manages to unlock the door after fumbling with his key, Nissan has finally gotten the tumblers to drop and gained parity with the leading minivan manufacturers.

The instrument of this achievement is the 2011 Quest, once an oddball contender against the big guys in the field: Honda Odyssey, Toyota Sienna, and Dodge Caravan and Chrysler Town and Country.

When the previous generation Quest arrived in 2004, it was touted as a sporting alternative to the competition. But it had a quirky interior design with all of the instruments mounted above the center stack. The driver looked through the steering wheel at a storage compartment cover.

It proved so unpopular that, after three years, Nissan did a running redesign and moved the instruments back to traditional locations. Still, sales continued to decline and the company went so far as to ax the 2010 model, promising to revive the Quest later.

Now it's here, and the result is so mainstream and family-friendly that it runs wheel to wheel with its two major import competitors, the Odyssey and Sienna.

However, the Quest's new slab-sided styling bears more of a resemblance to the American contenders, the Chrysler Town and Country and the Dodge Grand Caravan. But the Nissan designers added enough curves

here and there to give the Quest a distinctive look, particularly when viewed from the rear.

Nevertheless, Nissan does not regard the Quest as a direct competitor to the Chrysler minivans because the brands attract different groups of buyers. The Quest is aimed squarely at its Japanese counterparts, the Odyssey and Sienna.

The three are so close in dimensions, interior space, weight, power and fuel economy as to be almost indistinguishable in specifications. For example, the Quest and Odyssey each are 16 feet 11 inches long, with the Sienna just three inches shorter. All use 3.5-liter V6 engines, with 260 horsepower in the Quest, 248 in the Honda and 266 in the Toyota.

Nissan scored a coup in one respect. The second- and

third-row seats fold to deliver a flat floor for maximum cargo carrying. On both the Odyssey and Sienna, the second-row seats must be removed for maximum cargo.

The Quest's is a solution similar to that on the Chrysler minivans, which offer a so-called Stow 'n' Go feature where the second-row seats fold into the floor. However, those seats are necessarily fairly thin, while the Nissan's second-row seats are plush by comparison because the seatbacks simply flip down. That makes for a higher load floor, which produces a bonus of a hideaway cargo bin under the folded third-row seat, where the third rows on the Odyssey and Sienna fold into and fill the well.

The designers paid particular attention to the interior, and especially the first- and second-row seats, which are supportive but have so much extra padding they almost squish when you sit in them. Third-row passengers, however, are consigned to harder and flatter surfaces along with a shortage of hip room if three people are exiled back there.

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GM Says Japan Quake Could Still Bring Output Cuts

DETROIT (AP) — General Motors says it still could be hurt by parts shortages caused by the earthquake in Japan.

But the company doesn't expect the shortages to have a big impact on its financial results for the year.

GM said in a statement Wednesday that it still could be forced to temporarily suspend production at factories around the world. It also may change production schedules.

But the company says it will make the best use of parts that are in short supply.

So far GM has seen little impact from the March 11 earthquake and tsunami that damaged many auto parts plants in northern Japan.

The damage has forced Japan-based automakers such as Toyota, Honda and Nissan to temporarily close plants or run them at half the normal output.



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sions. Nissan has been a leader in CVTs, which have no shift points because they use belts and pulleys to vary the power delivery.

The tested SL model added a load of equipment, including one-touch power sliding side doors, 18-inch aluminum alloy wheels, tri-zone automatic climate control, leather upholstery and trim, power rear hatch, rear-view monitor, Bluetooth connectivity, heated front seats, eight-way power driver's seat with lumbar adjustment, garage-door opener and heated outside mirrors.

To make things more family friendly, the sliding side doors have tiny buttons in the door handles. A touch of the button sends the door sliding open or closed; you do not need to pull the handle. It works the same way for the powered rear hatch. Out back, on the tested SL model, another touch of a button folds the third-row seats.

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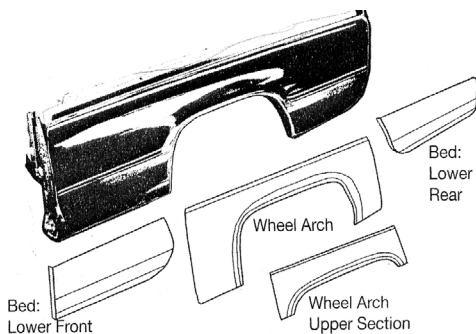
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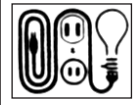
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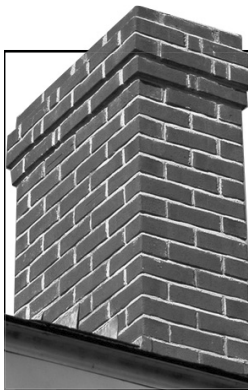
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View From Ludlow

by Ralph Pace

Black River Academy Museum (BRAM) will be featuring its annual "5K Walk for Local History" on Saturday, April 30. The walk registration opens at 10 AM and the actual walk (about 3 miles in length) starts at 10:30 AM from Black River High School. The walk will travel through Ludlow Village with a refreshment stand at the fire house on Rte 103. Advance registration is available by contacting BRAM at 802-228-5050. The first 100 registrants will receive a commemorative T-shirt for the occasion.

The Thursday, May 5, FOLA (Friends of Ludlow Auditorium) will continue its "1st Thursday" movie program with the screening of the award-winning movie, "Secretariat", the story of that world-famous horse that captured the Triple Crown along with the heart of the nation. The feature will start at 7 PM at the Ludlow Town Hall Auditorium. As a special treat, at 6:45 PM, FOLA will show an Academy Award-winning short feature. The movies are free.

The following Saturday, May 7, will be Annual Vermont Green-Up Day. In Ludlow, the participants will start the day at West Hill at 9:30 AM for their assignments. At the completion of the clean-up activities, around 1 PM, they will be feted with a barbeque at West Hill. It's a tradition that has enabled the area to enjoy clean highways and byways and, at the same time, renew friendships with neighbors.

On the evening of Saturday, May 7, starting at 6:30 PM, LPC-TV will sponsor a "Kentucky Derby Gala" at the Pot Belly in Ludlow. The event will mark the kick-off of LPC's capital drive fund to help ready its new studios in the Ludlow Community Center complex. We're told that the event will feature food and drink appropriate to the "running for the roses" as well as an opportunity to select your own horse and see how it fares in one of the races from Churchill Downs. Should be a fantastic evening. Advanced sale tickets are \$25 and may be secured from a number of area businesses or by call 802-228-8808. Tickets at the

door will be \$30.

On May 13-14, the eighth grade class from Black River Middle School will be presenting a play at the Ludlow Auditorium in Town Hall. The play, "People of the Past", will begin at 7 PM. Admission is \$5.00 for adults and \$2.00 for students. What is interesting about this production is that the script for the play was written by the students themselves. Using the resource materials at Black River Academy Museum, the students selected people of the past from Plymouth, Ludlow, and Mt Holly, researched them and prepared a written script about them. It should be a very interesting evening.

The call has gone out from Black River Good Neighbors (BRGN) for clothing, utensils, furniture, and other items in good condition for its forthcoming Spring Rummage Sale at Fletcher Farm. The three day event will take place on Friday, May 20 through Sunday, May 22. Members of BRGN and friends are preparing for the sale in anticipation of a large turnout. The rummage sales, which occur in the spring and fall, are major fund raisers for BRGN in supporting its efforts to help the needy in the area. BRGN provides assistance to people in Cavendish, Ludlow, Mt Holly, Andover, and Plymouth.

Recently, the local news and event program, That Was The Week That Was (TW3), welcomed Bob Kottkamp of Ludlow to discuss Advanced Directives (AD). Ads are essentially a combination of a living will with a restricted power of attorney that enables a person to state what actions they wish to be taken in the event of serious health problems. The program concentrated on the procedures put in place by the State of Vermont to enable Ads to place on the Internet so that care-providers, hospitals, and medical people could determine the wishes of an individual with an AD registered on the site. The program may be viewed as a video at LPC's web site.

(If you have any comments or news about the Ludlow or Black River area, contact Ralph Pace at ralphpace@tds.net.)

Vendor Spaces Available!

Vendor spaces along historic Main Street for Poultney's 2011 Annual Town Wide Yard Sale events are available for rent now! They are available on a first-come, first serve basis.

The yard sale event dates are Saturday, June 4th and Saturday, October 8th.

To select and rent a vendor space, call Mary Lee Harris, (802) 287-4114 at Stitchy Women or stop by the shop at 144 Main Street Wednesday thru Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The space rental prices are \$20.00 payable to Poultney Area Chamber of Commerce. One may sign up for both

the June and October events for \$30.00.

Both yard sale events are open from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. - rain or shine!

Town Wide Yard Sale is a long-standing event sponsored by Poultney Chamber of Commerce. Throughout the day during these events, many businesses, organizations and house sites throughout virtually every street and roadway in the community offer goods and wares for sale to eager shoppers. Town Wide Yard Sale Day is always a day of fun in which great deals, interesting merchandise, food selections and surprises of all sorts can be found. It is also a great day to walk the streets and visit with friends, longtime ones as well as new ones.

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Lakes Region News

by Lani Duke

Poultney is a great place to be for the music lover this weekend. The Green Mountain College/Community Concert Band presents its annual spring concert Friday evening at 7:30 in Ackley Hall, while singer/songwriter Phil Minissale starts playing around the fire-pit between Ackley and Sage Hall half an hour later. The Green Mountain College Music Department presents a concert of vocal music at 7:00 p.m. Saturday evening in Ackley Hall.

Castleton State College's Chamber Singers present (and wait tables for) a Night in New York benefit, beginning with cocktails and including formal catered dinner of regional Italian cuisine and entertainment from Broadway and jazz standards. Proceeds are for the Collegiate Chorale Italy Tour. Call 468-6033 to see if there might be a place at the table for you on stage Friday, April 29 (RSVPs were due April 22).

Castleton Community of Promise are guest chefs at the Castleton Community Center pot luck supper, April 29. They plan a baked ham entrée. Entertainment comes from Skip Fenton and members of the Castleton School Band. I hope you've made your reservation already – it was due by noon Wednesday, April 27.

Join in the clean up at Castleton Community Center Saturday morning, 9:30 to 11:00, getting the walking trail and grounds ready for spring and summer activities. Help is coming from area high school student volunteers in the CSC Upward Bound program.

Help out the Benson eighth grade class by taking part in a basket raffle 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Saturday. The event includes a bake, book and rummage sale, with proceeds going to support the class three-day "civics camp" in Washington, DC. The eight students need about \$1,500 more for the trip, joining a group of students from Florida and led by professional educators from the non-profit educational organization Close Up. To find out more and/or donate, call class advisor Elizabeth Moyer, 537-2491.

Have a pancake breakfast at the Eureka Masonic Lodge in Fair Haven from 8:00 to 11:00 a.m., Sunday,

May 1. Enjoy pancakes, French toast, scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, hash, home fries, maple syrup, coffee, tea, orange juice.

Rutland antique dealer Tom Conway visits the Castleton Historical Society for an antiques appraisal program at 2:00 p.m., Sunday, May 1 in the Higley House Museum, Main Street, Castleton. Proceeds from his valuations benefit the society. Find out more by calling Holly Hitchcock, 468-5105.

Take your pick of concerts Monday evening. The Green Mountain College Jazz Band performs for the college community on the Ackley Stage at 6:00 p.m. The Castleton State College Wind Ensemble presents its end-of-year concert, combining percussion and pops in the Casella Theater at 8:00 p.m.

Reserve your spot for Poultney's town wide yard sale, scheduled for June 4 (and again October 8). Cut your costs by registering for both. Call Mary Lee Harris, 287-4114.

Celebrate local emerging Farm-to-School programs and initiatives at a Vermont FEED workshop held Thursday, May 5, 3:00 to 7:30 p.m., Green Mountain College. The meeting is designed for farmers, food service professionals, teachers, parents, students, and other community members interested in gathering ideas, resources, and support for community-based Farm-to-School efforts. The program is supported by Food Works at Two Rivers Center, NOFA-VT, and Shelburne Farms. Call 434-4122 for info.

The first annual "Arty Soup Event to Support the Visual Arts" at Poultney High raised more than \$800 for the PHS art program. Thanks to Green Mountain College seniors Frank Riley and Katie McCauley for finding grant funds, organizing, creating, cooking, and leading the event. And thanks to the eighth graders who made 151 pinch pot bowls for the event.

Poultney's public library hosts a poetry writing contest in honor of the town's 250th anniversary. Stop by the library for rules and registration; do it quickly because the deadline is 1:00 p.m. Saturday, April 30.

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Killington-Pico Rotary News

by Janina Curtis

Each Wednesday the Killington Pico Rotary Club meets at the Summit Lodge from 6PM – 8PM for a full dinner, fellowship, and a guest speaker. We are actively seeking new members who are interested in serving their local community and beyond. It's a great opportunity to get involved and meet new people. If you are interested in learning more about Rotary International, call 422-5499 to make a reservation to attend a dinner meeting. Upcoming programs are:

Apr 27 - Howard Shaffer - American Nuclear Society; "Vermont Pilot Project"

May 4 - Mandy Vellia, 2010-11 - Intern at Marsh-Billings Rockefeller National Historical Park; "Vermont's Invasive Species"

The Killington Pico Rotary Club is pleased to announce the following disbursements of our fund-raising proceeds for 2011: Sherburne Public Library, Killington Community Humanitarian Efforts, Killington Mountain School, Killington Music Festival, Killington Art Guild, Red Sox/Mass General Veterans Foundation, Killington Active Senior Meals, W.U.H.S. S.A.D.D. Program, Vermont Adaptive Ski and Sports, IDIC-15 Race, Little Red School House Program, United Way, Salvation Army, Make-A-Wish Foundation/VT, Rotary Foundation, Shelter Box USA, Koman Race for Cancer and Rutland Area Visiting Nurses and Hospice. The members of the club wish to thank all the supporters of our 2010-2011 fundraising projects which included the RAVNAH golf tournament, Dutch pancake breakfast, Christmas tree sale, football chance tickets, sale of Adirondack ski chairs, and Ice-Out Contest.

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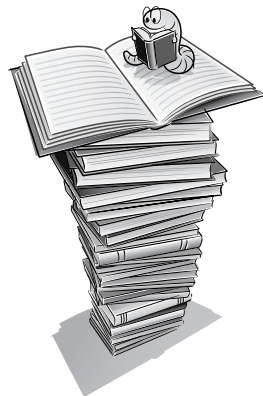
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Rebuilding Credit...It Can Be Done!

by Steve Bucci

Dear Debt Adviser: I am paying debt settlements on my credit cards from several years ago. I fell behind because of unemployment. Currently, we do not use credit cards. We pay all of our bills with a debit card. It feels great to pay directly and on time. Plus, we are not accumulating any more debt. How long does a debt settlement stay on a credit report? I have heard that it's seven years. Also, does this mean we will never be able to get loans or credit at reasonable rates? How will debt settlement affect our ability to finance a car or obtain student loans? -- Sue

Dear Sue: In most cases, negative items are removed from your credit report seven years after the first date of delinquency. In your case, think back to the date you first fell permanently delinquent on the debt that got charged off. This is the start date of your seven years. (A bankruptcy may remain on your credit report for 10 years, however.)

You mention that the accounts you are settling are already several years old, so you won't have to wait seven more years for their removal. From your letter, I'm estimating it will be more like four years or so.

As far as future credit, paying the past due accounts in full would be best. But paying an agreed-upon settlement amount is better than paying nothing.

Here's a hypothetical illustration of how lenders will feel about you. Let's say you have a cousin who borrowed a thousand dollars from another relative. You happen to know that the relative was only repaid \$500, and the cousin long ago missed the repayment deadline. Now the cousin is asking you for a \$1,000 loan. What would

you do?

Your priority should be to add positive information to your credit report once you have completed settling all your accounts. Here are some thoughts on how to do that.

You say you are strictly using your debit card for purchases and bill paying. I understand your pride in paying cash, and appreciate your determination not to get into credit card trouble again. However, debit card purchases are not reported to the credit bureaus. So this record of on-time payments doesn't make it to your credit report.

If you don't have any revolving or installment accounts -- other than a mortgage -- consider opening one of each. You can get the positive reporting on your credit report with a secured credit card. Secured cards are issued with a low credit limit, based on the amount of money you have deposited in a savings account with the bank issuing your card. A low limit will help you refrain from overspending.

Shop around for a secured card with no annual fee that reports to the credit bureaus. Likewise, you can open a passbook savings account and take out a passbook installment loan from a lender that reports to the bureaus. That will also get some positive reporting for your credit score.

The key to improving your credit is to make on-time payments as agreed, on the credit card and the loan. The more time that elapses from your old credit troubles and the more positive information you add to your credit report, the more likely you are to receive affordable rates and terms for new loans in the future.

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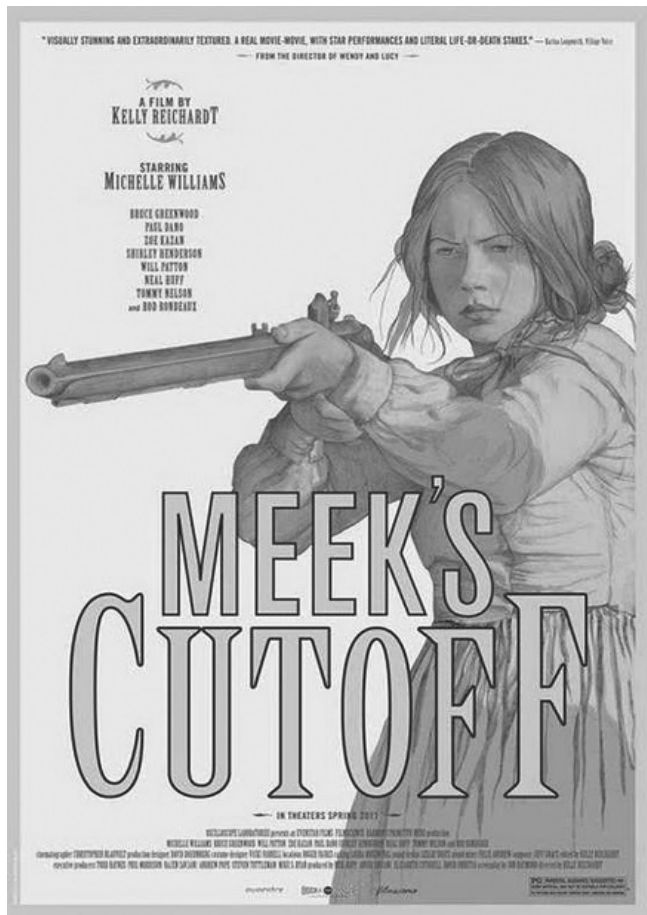
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“Meek’s Cutoff”

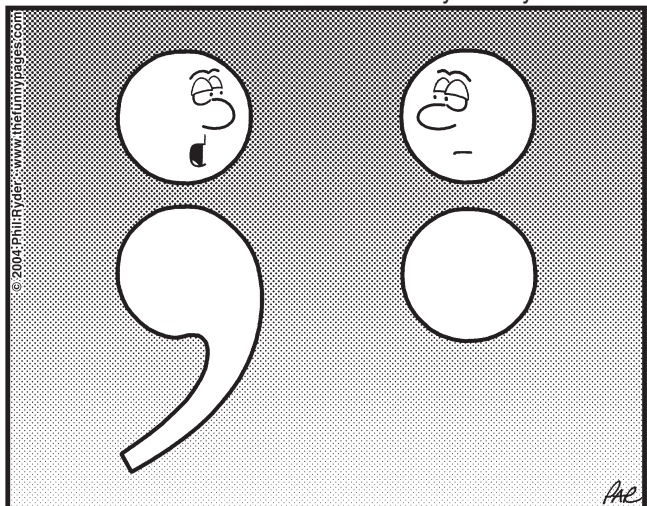
by Christy Lemire, AP Movie Critic



The journey is always the destination in road-trip movies. Director Kelly Reichardt takes that idea to an intriguing extreme: Her characters may not even wind up anywhere, but because of her naturalistic approach and deliberate pacing, we're surprised to find we've experienced more than we could have imagined. This is true of her last two features, “Old Joy” and “Wendy and Lucy,” but especially of her latest and most powerful film yet, this stripped-down Western. Reichardt trusts her audience, encourages her viewers to feel comfortable in the stillness and the quiet, and to draw their own conclusions from an ending that's as profound as it is enigmatic. Working with her frequent collaborator, writer Jon Raymond, Reichardt follows three families who are following a guide along the Oregon Trail in 1845. Mr. Meek, played by a charismatic and unrecognizable Bruce Greenwood, talks a big game. But it becomes increasingly clear that they're lost and the families become increasingly frustrated. The tension quietly percolates, and “Wendy and Lucy” star Michelle Williams, as one of the wives, Emily Tetherow, is the least capable of hiding her annoyance. The excellent cast includes Paul Dano, Zoe Kazan and Will Patton. PG for some mild violent content, brief language and smoking. 104 minutes. Three and a half stars out of four.

THE JOKE'S ON YOU

by Phil Ryder & YOU



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“Water for Elephants”

by David Germain, AP Movie Writer



There are times you should just keep on ignoring the elephant in the room, and this is one. Reese Witherspoon and Robert Pattinson's adaptation of Sara Gruen's bestselling novel about romance and intrigue in a Depression-era circus plods along at a pachyderm's pace. Witherspoon and Pattinson are a three-ring snooze-fest together, bringing little passion to a love story supposedly so fiery, it

blows the roof off the big top. Pattinson's a destitute ex-veterinary student who falls in with circus folks, where he and the show's star (Witherspoon) fall in love while making friends with an elephant. The movie's star attraction is Christoph Waltz, who won an Academy Award as a gleefully psychotic Nazi in “Inglourious Basterds” and here delivers another wicked performance as Witherspoon's hubby, the cruel, jealous circus ringleader. Waltz commands every moment that he's on screen, highlighting how dull fellow Oscar-winner Witherspoon and “Twilight” heartthrob Pattinson are. Director Francis Lawrence (“Constantine,” “I Am Legend”) throttles down from action flicks and sputters through this treacherous love triangle (or love quadrangle, if you throw in the elephant). PG-13 for moments of intense violence and sexual content. 121 minutes.

Two stars out of four.

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Each block is divided by its own matrix of nine cells. The rule for solving Sudoku puzzles are very simple. Each row, column and block, must contain one of the numbers from “1” to “9”. No number may appear more than once in any row, column, or block. When you've filled the entire grid the puzzle is solved.

This week's solution on page 26

1	2	3	4	5		6	7	8	9		10	11	12	13
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ACROSS

- Browning's Ben Ezra, e.g.
- Did laps, say
- Air Force heroes
- ___ squash
- Assistant
- “Shake a leg!”
- Vetoes
- Clash of clans
- Cut, maybe
- Having no depth or scope
- An area planted with conifers
- And others, for short
- “Back in the ___”
- Aura
- History Muse
- “... or ___!”
- Minute hairlike projections on mucous membranes
- Use of the present tense when narrating past events (2 wds)
- Of or relating to odors
- Quaker's “you”
- “___ the night before ...”
- Forgo (2 wds)
- Home, informally
- French novelist Pierre
- Hypnotic state
- Quantities too small to be measured
- “American ___”
- ___ Strip
- Con men?
- Prefix with phone
- Anger (pl.)
- Jungle climber
- Exclamation used to capture someone's attention inconspicuously
- Valley
- Off-color

DOWN

- Incurred (2 wds)
- Drupelets, as on a blackberry
- Confine (2 wds)
- Ornamental embroidery or braiding
- Undisturbed
- Call at first base
- German breaded veal (2 wds)
- Scorched
- Highway divider
- End of a prayer
- Conclusion
- “... there is no ___ angel but Love”: Shakespeare
- Undertake, with “out”
- A device for amplifying microwaves
- Antipasto morsel
- Buttonhole, e.g.
- Atomizer output
- Expelled from the mouth, as with air
- Arm bone
- Takes a seat
- Hack
- “Mona ___”
- Doctrines
- “Miss ___ Regrets”
- A fencing sword with no cutting edge
- Eyes
- Breaks
- Anthropoid ape
- Attempts to do something
- Beauty pageant wear
- Thin sac around the embryo (pl.)
- Area of South Africa
- Country singer Black
- English exam finale, often
- Bad day for Caesar
- A drink containing beaten egg (pl.)
- Apartment
- “___ on Down the Road”
- Babysitter's handful

Solution on page 26

Home & Garden

Ask the Home Team

Q. With summer coming, my husband and I are starting our annual debate about putting a whole-house fan in the attic hatch. I grew up with one and I think they're a low-energy way to cool. He thinks they're wasteful. Can you settle this once and for all?

A. Before I answer your question, I want to point out that in many Vermont houses, the need for mechanical cooling can be eliminated or reduced with a few home improvements and some simple cooling techniques. The first step is a comprehensive job of air sealing and properly-installed insulation, which also will reduce heating-fuel use in the winter. Then, take low- or zero-energy cooling actions, like creating a cross breeze by opening windows in the cool part of the day (with or without window fans), closing windows before the day heats up, and shutting window coverings to keep out direct sunlight. More energy-saving cooling tips are available at www.encyclopedia.com.

Let's assume, though, that you and your husband have done all these things and you're still too hot in the summer. In that case, an attic-hatch fan can be an effective way to cool a house by bringing in air through open windows when it's colder and less humid outdoors than indoors. To be effective, this fan needs to be installed in an attic with a well-sealed floor and sufficient attic venting. Without these elements, a whole-house fan can actually push hot attic air down into the house through unsealed cracks or gaps in the attic floor.

As for energy use, an attic-hatch fan, like a window fan, can be an energy saver when compared to air conditioning. But the cost of operating an attic-hatch fan is only part of its energy story. By installing this fan, you'll open a gap between your living space and the attic. So, a thorough job of sealing that gap is needed to avoid increasing heating costs in the winter. A good start is to have a well-insulated fan and a sealed cover with a motorized opener. If, as can often be the case, you're unable to thoroughly close the gap made by an attic-hatch fan, the cost of winter heat loss may make this fan as wasteful as your husband thinks it is.

- Kathleen for The Home Team

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Help Protect Wildlife In Your Own Backyard

(StatePoint) America has a long history of protecting its wildlife heritage. From the endangered bald eagle in the 1970s to the Kemps Ridley turtle threatened by the 2010 Gulf oil spill, Americans have shown a remarkable ability to rally and rescue species and the habitats they need to survive.

But families needn't travel to distant locations to safeguard wildlife. There are many things you can do in your backyard to help local wildlife like birds, butterflies, squirrels and others.

Spearheading conservation on both local and national levels through the decades has been the National Wildlife Federation (NWF), which celebrates its 75th anniversary this year. The NWF has played major roles in reviving the country's diminishing gray wolf population, purchasing land where grizzly bears, wolves and bison can roam freely, and leading efforts to reduce global warming to protect Arctic polar bears.

Like many American movements, the NWF's efforts have been successful because of the commitment of individuals to help something they love, in this case our nation's wildlife. For example, thousands of wildlife enthusiasts have created certified wildlife habitats in their own backyards.

Here's what you can do in your backyard to create such a habitat:

– **Food Sources:** Planting native plants or hanging feeders for butterflies, hummingbirds and squirrels, are easy ways to make your habitat a five-star restaurant for wildlife. You can also stock feeders

and incorporate plants with nuts, berries, nectar, suet, or fruits, depending on the wildlife native to your area. *EDITOR'S NOTE: Remember to remove feeders until October to avoid the risk of potential nuisance bear food foraging. They're smart... they will keep coming back!

– **Water Source:** Wildlife need sources of clean water for drinking, bathing and reproduction. You will need one water source in your wildlife habitat, such as a natural pond, lake, river or spring, or a human-made feature such as a bird bath, butterfly puddling area or rain garden.

– **Cover:** Wildlife need places to hide to feel safe from people, predators and weather. Native vegetation is a perfect cover for terrestrial wildlife, while structures such as birdhouses can attract specific bird species. A pond can double as a water source and home for fish and amphibians.

– **Places to Raise Young:** Creating a wildlife habitat is about creating a place for the entire life-cycle of a species, from courtship to mating to raising offspring. Many habitat features that serve as cover can double as locations where wildlife can raise their young.

– **Sustainable Gardening:** Use natural mulch which can conserve water and cut down on weeds. Reduce chemical fertilizers and pesticides. These and other environmentally-friendly practices will be more welcoming to wildlife and better for the planet.

So get started! There's no time to lose when protecting America's wildlife for generations to come.

Spring Cleaning the Water Garden

by Dr. Leonard Perry, UVM Extension Professor

If you have a water garden, other than a large pond, spring is the time to evaluate if it needs cleaning, and to do so then before life in it fully resumes. If there is sediment build up on the bottom (a half inch or more) and leaves floating on the top, and the water is murky, cleaning will help keep fish healthier and unwanted algae from growing.

Evaluate your water garden after spring thaw occurs. If you have been diligent about pruning plants and skimming, you'll only need to drain the pool or pond every three to five years. If you like pristine clear water, then cleaning yearly may be needed. Never drain it more than once a year, however, and ideally when temperatures are below 55 degrees F. Water gardens have beneficial bacteria that keep algae in check, and below this temperature they aren't yet established. Cleaning out the water when warmer may disrupt this balance, with the water going "green" before the bacteria build again to sufficient numbers.

If you have a simple plastic tub with no fish as I do, you can simply drain and clean it, before refilling. I just use a pail to get most the water out, then a plastic dust pan, scoop or old sponge for the rest. If you had any plants left in over winter, remove them to a place out of sun and keep moist (a tray or pan with water works well, or moist newspapers over the top) for the short time you'll need for cleaning. If you had water plants that love warmer temperatures, and didn't hold them over winter indoors in pans of water over 50 or 60 degrees F, they may need replacing.

Depending on the amount of decomposed debris, you probably can use a net to clean small pools. For larger ponds, or where a lot of debris has settled at the bottom, you will need to pump the water out with an existing or submerged pump, or by siphoning. If you have small fish, place some screen over the hose or pump to keep them from being sucked out. You can transfer most of the old water to a clean garbage can, children's wading pool, or large buckets to be used for watering plants. Or, merely water lawns and garden beds with the nutrient-rich water.

As you lower the water level, carefully remove the plants. If you have fish in your pond, pump the water level down to about six inches, then catch them with a net. Put the fish in holding containers of the "old water," covering these with netting to discourage predators, and if koi to prevent them from jumping out. Keep fish out of direct sun, and get your cleaning done soon so they can be reintroduced the same day. They're weak after a long

winter, so you want to minimize stresses on them.

Once the pond is empty, quickly rinse the walls. Some prefer to use a forceful nozzle on a hose, rather than pressure washer, to try to leave some of the algae on the sides and rocks. This will help your pond "ecosystem" reestablish more quickly. If you have rocks and gravel buried in sediment, you may need to remove them and clean out the sediment before replacing. With the water out, check liners and hoses for leaks and repairs, and clean or replace filters.

After washing, pump the remaining water out, or use a wet/dry shop vacuum. Then refill with clean water, adding a neutralizer chemical (according to label directions), if you have fish, to hasten dechlorination. If you did a thorough cleaning, or did so during warm temperatures, you may want to jump start your beneficial bacterial with a commercial microbe product.

Replace the plants, giving those that need it a trim first, repotting or dividing them if the pots are bursting at their seams. You can add fertilizer to pots, granular mixed with the soil or special pond tablets pushed into it. If you have fish, use fish-safe fertilizer pellets.

When the water temperature stabilizes, you can return the fish to the pond. Check first to make sure they are healthy, with no visible signs of disease or parasites, in which case you'll want to quarantine them. There should be no more than a three to five degree difference in temperature between the old and the new water to prevent shock to the fish.

It's a good idea to add some hiding places for fish and frogs in the pond as a guard against predators. Pond walls that slope straight down from the sides, as opposed to gradual slopes with shallow areas, which wading birds like, also help prevent predators from cleaning out your fish. An owl or heron decoy placed near the pond may help, just remember to move it often to simulate the real thing.

Plants will keep water clear as they absorb the nitrate buildup that naturally occurs in ponds. However, throughout the summer, you will need to regularly prune plants both to control algae and enhance the appearance of the water garden. One rule of thumb is that the pond surface should be 60 to 70 percent filled with plants, maximum. Periodic skimming and netting also will keep your water feature attractive, and minimize spring cleaning next year.

Follow these steps and your water garden will be a low-maintenance and beautiful asset to your landscape, not a high-maintenance eyesore. Check local complete garden centers for plants and supplies.

Paws & Claws

PET PERSONALS

ELISHA - 1 year old. Spayed Female. Domestic Medium Hair Himalayan mix. What a pretty girl I am! I came in with 2 of my friends because my previous owner had too many of us.



MONTI - 3 year old. Neutered Male. Labrador Retriever mix. I am a quick study. . . I know sit, down, shake, high-five and sit pretty! I can catch a ball in mid-air and I love to play fetch!



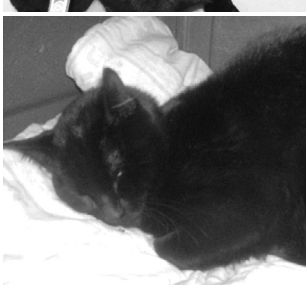
SKYLER - 6 year old. Neutered Male. Domestic Short Hair Gray. I am a beautiful gray boy. My owner passed away, which was very hard, so now I must seek my next chapter in life.



BLUE - 4 year old. Spayed Female. Labrador Retriever/Great Dane mix. I'm a beautiful lady who has a very shiny, soft coat! I'm a playful gal who is especially fond of squeaky toys.



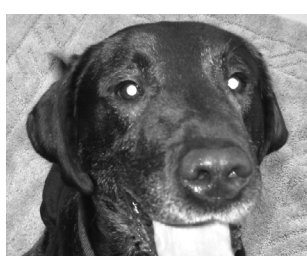
ECHO - 1 year old. Neutered Male. Domestic Short Hair Black. I am a silky little panther that was found as a stray in Rutland. Boy I don't want that Echoing through my mind anymore.



OTIS - 2 year old. Neutered Male. Labrador Retriever mix. I am extremely talented! I know Sit, Down, Shake, Drop and Roll Over! I'm a well mannered guy who loves to play and do tricks!



JETTA - 5 year old. Neutered Male. Labrador Retriever mix. I am a big handsome fella with cool brindle markings accenting my black coat. I know SIT and SHAKE!



CAIRO - 1 year old. Neutered Male. Domestic Medium Hair Black Tiger. I was a stray boy but I promise I did not travel all the way from Cairo, Egypt. I've been a long way, but boy, not that far.



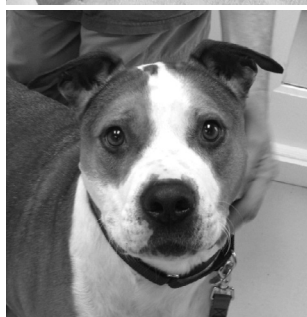
RED - 5 year old. Neutered Male. Redbone Coonhound mix. I'm a handsome, active fella who is fun to be with! I love being with people! I'm a high energy dog who needs a lot of exercise and play time.



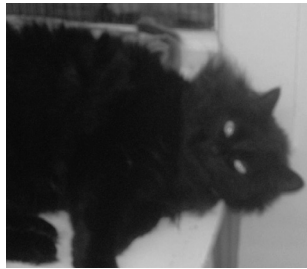
SIMBA - 2 year old. Neutered Male. Domestic Long Hair Black/Gray Tiger. How can a guy like me, with such a regal name, be a stray? Well, I was. Then a nice guy from Poultney came to my rescue and brought me here to the shelter.



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NAR Chief Economist Lawrence Yun said, "Despite extraordinarily tight credit conditions for purchasing a second home, the market share for vacation and investment homes held steady," he said. "A sizeable number of buyers made deals with all-cash offerings."

All-cash purchases have become prevalent in the second-home market in recent years: 59 percent of investment buyers paid cash in 2010, as did 36 percent of vacation-home buyers.

With an overall decline in home sales during 2010, the volume of 543,000 vacation-home sales was down 1.8 percent

from 553,000 in 2009. Investment purchases fell 7.8 percent to 867,000 in 2010 from 940,000 the previous year. Primary residence sales declined 5.6 percent to 3.81 million from 4.04 million in 2009.

Foreclosure or trustee sales accounted for 17 percent of investment purchases and 11 percent of vacation-home sales in 2010, compared with 5 percent of primary purchases. "Second home buyers purchased more distressed homes at discount than did buyers of primary residences," Yun said.

The median vacation-home price was \$150,000 in 2010, down 11.2 percent from \$169,000 in 2009, while the median investment-home price was \$94,000, which is 10.5 percent below the \$105,000 median in 2009. By contrast, the median primary residence price declined a relatively modest 4.5 percent to \$176,700 last year from \$185,000 in 2009.

The typical vacation-home buyer in 2010 was 49 years old, had a median household income of \$99,500 and purchased a property that was a median distance of 375 miles from his or her primary

residence; 31 percent of vacation homes were within 100 miles and 41 percent were more than 500 miles.

"The fall in home prices has opened opportunities for more families to enter the second-home market – the median income of investment buyers today is lower than it's been in recent years," Yun said. While the median income of vacation-home buyers in 2010 is slightly above 2007 when it was \$99,100, the median income of an investment-home buyer is 5.7 percent below \$92,900 in 2007.

Currently, 40.7 million people in the U.S. are ages 50-59 – a group that dominated sales in the first part of the past decade and established records for second-home sales. An additional 43.8 million people are now in the primary buying demographic of 40-49 years old, while another 40.4 million are 30-39.

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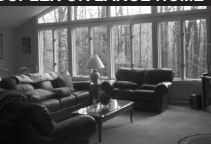
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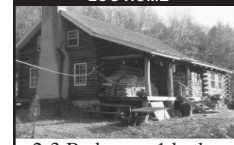


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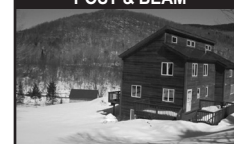
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