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Historic GAR Hall fire still under investigation

By Ted Tedford

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State fire officials are investigating the cause of a fire that destroyed the historic Grand Army of the Republic building on GAR Place, Jericho last week.

The fire broke out sometime during the early hours of Wednesday February 24, according to Jim Carter, who with his wife, Susan, owned the 118-year-old building erected in 1892 by Jericho and Underhill veterans of the Civil War.

Carter said he had gotten up around 2:00 AM. "I saw light shimmering off the walls" of his house directly across GAR Place. When he looked out the window across the road the two-story building was engulfed in flames. He woke his wife and called 911.

The Underhill-Jericho Fire Department responded. "They were here in 15 minutes and did everything they could, but it was hopeless," Carter said.

Cause of the blaze was investigated by the Assistant State Fire Marshal Stan Baranowski, and State Police Detective Sgt. Matt Nally. Carter said the cause is undetermined, but he expects one or both of the investigators to return this week to probe the remains further.

"There wasn't any electricity or heat or any solvents in the building," said Carter, a retired social studies teacher who taught history in Winooski and Essex High School.

Carter said he is baffled by the fire. "There wasn't any lightning or brush fires or solvents in the building. We don't have any enemies. We have lived here for 43 years."

A long-time history buff, Carter and his son-in-law John Monks of Lincoln had been restoring the building that in the late 1800s and early 1900s was a focal point for veterans, their families and members of the community, not only in the Riverside section of Jericho and Underhill Flats, but elsewhere in both towns. "John must have put in a thousand hours working on it," said Carter, who bought his home in 1958.

He and his son-in-law had moved the building eight feet from its original site on a dry stone foundation to an eight-foot deep poured cement foundation.

Carter said he and his wife spent \$30,000 renovating the old structure and had insured it for \$50,000. Carter said he had hoped to make the building available for wedding receptions, parties and dances, as it was used in the past.

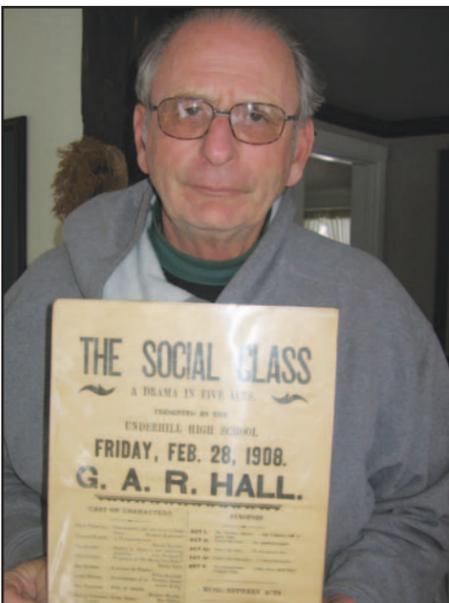
He bought the building a year ago for \$50,000 from Randy Clark, owner of Clark's International Truck Center. Clark is also former chief of the Underhill-Jericho Fire Department. The Clark family had owned the building for 52 years and used it for storage. In one photo of the building, its windows on both floors had been boarded up and an overhead garage door replaced the original entry door.



Above left: Members of the L.H. Bostwick Post 69, Grand Army of the Republic, pose in front of the G.A.R. building in Jericho around the end of the 1890s, or early 1900s.



Upper right: This is how the G.A.R. building in Jericho looked as a storage place before the fire that destroyed it November 24.



Lower left: Jim Carter holds a 1908 poster advertisement for a play that was held at the G.A.R. Hall in Jericho.



Lower right: These are the remains of the 118-year-old G.A.R. Hall in Jericho that burned the day before Thanksgiving.

PHOTOS BY TED TEDFORD

Jericho and Underhill veterans of the Civil War formed the L.H. Bostwick Post 69 in 1883 in honor of Capt. Lucius H. Bostwick, a native of Jericho who served less than a year in the war, dying of disease in Washington, D.C. They held their meetings at the School House on Route 15, now the home of Green Mountain Foam.

Five years later, the veterans decided to build their own hall and bought a 40-by-60-foot piece of land from one of their own, Daniel W. Morehouse, a veteran of the 1st Vermont Cavalry, in June 1889. They erected the 30-by-50-foot building in three months, mostly by labor donated by the post's members. The post's women's auxiliary, the Women's Relief Corps, held dinners and bake sales to support the project. Within a short time the

group had paid off the \$3,000 cost of erecting the building.

Morehouse and many of the post's members are buried in the Underhill Cemetery on Park Street, not far from GAR Place.

"On the day of the dedication in September 1889 there were parades and baseball games and suppers and dances," said Gary Irish of Jericho. Irish has been doing research with Betty Moore on an update of the Underhill Town History.

Irish said the post members added a stage to the second floor of the building 10 years after the building was erected for performances that included traveling acts and dances. The veterans sometimes hired orchestras for Burlington to play for dances.

Every Memorial Day, the Post ran a service for veterans at the cemetery and later they congregated at the building for dinner, said Kathleen Lamphere, 91, who lives on North Underhill Station Road. She and her late husband belonged to the American Legion. She still belongs.

Her 1934 graduation from Eighth Grade stays firmly in her mind. "One of the boys fainted and fell over the flowers and the greens onto the floor," Lamphere said. She said she attended proms and other dances at the building.

"It's too bad," Lamphere said. "I feel sorry for Jim. He put such much into it."

Carter said he thought about rebuilding. "It just wouldn't be the same," he said.

Jericho's Autosmith is growing

By Phyl Newbeck

Special to the Mountain Gazette

John Burke opened the Autosmith on Route 15 in Jericho in the late 1980's. When he moved to Addison in 2006, he sold the shop to J.D. Bugbee who has been slowly but surely growing the business ever since. Bugbee worked for Burke for five years and was happy to have the opportunity to buy the auto repair establishment from his previous employer. The two to three man shop has now grown to five employees and Bugbee is hoping to hire another technician in the spring.

Some of the changes at Autosmith aren't immediately obvious to customers. When Bugbee took over, Burke was still keeping records by hand. Bugbee initially worked with QuickBooks but eventually transitioned to a program designed exclusively for the automotive industry. Other changes only evident to those who know a thing or two about auto repairs are the upgraded equipment. Bugbee has added state of the art alignment machines and computer diagnostics. Autosmith now has a website, complete with employee biographies, photos of cars for sale, descriptions of services performed, and a survey form for customers.

The car sale portion of Autosmith is slowly growing. Bugbee got his resale license three years ago and has been featuring cars at the front of his lot. However, the largest part of the sales business comes from going to auctions and buying

specific cars that meet customers' requirements. Without the overhead costs of a car dealership, Bugbee can provide lower prices for grateful customers. Autosmith generally purchases a dozen cars at auctions annually and sells another one to two dozen used cars on site. Bugbee recently received approval from the Jericho Development Review Board to display and sell cars on neighboring property, closer to Route 15. He is still in negotiation with the local homeowners' association and is going through the Act 250 process.

Autosmith has always provided shuttle service for customers who live close by, but they recently added the option of loaner vehicles. Often, the loaner is one of the used cars for sale on the property but at the urging of his wife, Bugbee recently purchased a Prius which can be offered to customers for a day, overnight, or even for the weekend. Buying the Prius has served two purposes: one is to fit in with an environmentally aware community, but the other is to offer tangible evidence that Autosmith is capable of working on hybrid cars. The Prius, which has Autosmith's name and logo on the side, is by far the most popular loaner car. In customer satisfaction alone, Bugbee believes it has paid for itself.

Another change to Autosmith is that they are now offering towing services, having purchased a flatbed truck. "We're trying to focus on customer retention," said Bugbee, "and this way we can keep everything in house. Before, we'd have to call an-

other company and it might take a few hours which inconvenienced us and our customers." The truck was purchased this summer but towing services haven't been advertised much. Bugbee expects that word will spread and they will be busier in the winter.

In addition to adding new staff members, Bugbee has urged veteran employees to attend continuing education classes and upgrade their status. One C mechanic has completed a two year course and risen to the level of B, soon to move up to A. "The key to everything," said Bugbee "is having good employees." Bugbee isn't through expanding the business. He hopes to add two more bays for a total of six which would allow him to hire another technician. In addition, he is considering adding a detail service with washing, waxing and vacuuming. Back when Bugbee was an employee, he occasionally got sent home at noon because there wasn't enough work. Now, he almost never sends his employees home early. "Maybe once a year someone can leave at 2:00 PM," he said, "but we're more likely to be working overtime instead. We're busier than we used to be."



PHOTO BY PHYL NEWBECK

Going from technician to owner was a difficult transition, but Bugbee seems to have settled nicely into his new role. "The most satisfying thing," he said "is seeing the direct impact between what I do and my customers and employees. Getting customer feedback that we have a good business and have done a good job makes it all worthwhile."

Autosmith is located at 5 South Main Street, just off Route 15 in Jericho. Their hours are 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday and 7:00 AM to noon on Saturdays during the fall and spring. Their number is 899-2886 and their website is <http://www.autosmithvt.com>.

NEWS BRIEFS

POLICE REPORT

On Monday November 15, 2010, at 9:37 PM, State Police, Richmond Rescue and Underhill/Jericho Fire Department were dispatched to a single vehicle crash which occurred at the above location. The caller reported that the vehicle went airborne during the crash. Investigation revealed that the vehicle was traveling West on Vermont Route 117 and went off the north side of the road. After leaving the road the vehicle struck the bank on the edge of the south end of Barber Farm Road which caused the vehicle to go airborne across Barber Farm Road and into the lawn on the opposite side of the road. The operator, **Anton S. Vorobiev**, 26, Pomona, NY, was transported to FAHC of treatment and was later processed at the Williston State Police Barracks for suspicion of operating under the influence of alcohol. An evidentiary breath sample revealed his BAC was more than 1.5 times the legal limit nearly three hours after the crash. Vorobiev was cited to appear in Chittenden County District Court, Burlington, VT, on Monday December 6, 2010 for operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol. Case# 10A104709

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Thank You To the Editor,

As many of you know our family and this community received a devastating blow on this past Wednesday, November 24 morning with the fire in the G.A.R. Hall that we owned. We would like to thank all of you that called, e-mailed or stopped by our house to pass along your condolences or share your memories of the Hall. She was a Grand Old Lady. We would also like to thank the Underhill-Jericho Fire Department for the incredible talent in putting out the fire and not allowing it to spread to other buildings. Honorary Chief Randy Clark was particularly helpful to our family. The Hall can never be rebuilt but the spirit of this community can never be extinguished. Be thankful and be well. *Jim and Sue Carter, Jericho*

UNDERHILL JERICHO FIRE DEPARTMENT

By Kitty Clark

EMERGENCY CALLS:
 November 15, 6:37 PM - Responded to 30 Beaverbrook Road, Underhill for chimney fire
 November 15, 9:39 PM - Responded to the area of 260 Barber Farm Rd. and RT 117, Jericho for a one vehicle accident
 November 18, 8:40 AM - Silent Alarm for Sq51 only to check an outside burn near 95 VT RT 15, Jericho
 November 18, 1:14 PM - Responded Mutual Aid to Cambridge for a structure fire
 November 18, 4:55 PM - EMS
 November 24, 2:11 AM - Responded to 10 GAR Place, Jericho for a structure fire
 November 24, 7:00 AM - Service Call to 10 GAR Place to meet with Fire Investigator
 November 24, 3:01 PM - Responded to a two vehicle accident, Intersection of VT RT 15 and Griswold Street, Jericho
 November 16, Tuesday night training, Apprentice training on Rescue 1, and Pumps II training and training on the use of hand lines and advancing lines using water from a hydrant.
 November 20, a group of Cub Scouts visited the fire station and learned about how important it is to have a fire escape plan and to practice it often. Firefighter Cal Caswell put on his gear with SCBA tank and explained why they wear it and not to be afraid of a firefighter. Then the scouts where shown the fire trucks and the importance of each of them.
 November 23, Tuesday night training, members of the UJFD welcomed back Firefighter Travis Hale from his tour of duty in Afghanistan. Following the drill which was guided tour of the Maple Leaf Farm, cake was enjoyed in Travis' honor.

SAFETY MESSAGE: Clothes dryers are the cause of many house fires each year. Safety Tips: do not operate the dryer without a lint filter and clear lint filters before each use and remove accumulated lint from around the drum. Make sure that the dryer is plugged into an outlet suitable for its electrical needs as overloaded electrical outlets can result in blown fuses or tripped circuit breakers. Turn the dryer off when leaving the home. Keep the dryer area clear of combustibles like boxes and clothing. Dryers should be installed and serviced by a professional. Have gas powered dryers inspected by a professional regularly to ensure the gas line and connection are intact.

Please remember to "Practice Fire Safety Everyday"

Stonewall workshops announced

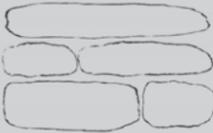
A series of stone wall building workshops has been announced for this fall and winter in Hinesburg. Participants in the one-day workshop learn the basic techniques for building dry-laid stone walls, with a special focus on stone native to Vermont. The hands-on workshops are held in warm greenhouses and led by Vermont stonemasons trained through Britain's Dry Stone Walling Association. The workshops are organized by Charley MacMartin of Queen City Soil & Stone.

Participants in previous workshops included homeowners and area landscapers looking to strengthen their stone work skills. Jim Flint, Executive Director of Friends of Burlington Gardens noted, "Charley MacMartin is not only a skilled stone artisan, but he's also a patient, caring, and inspiring educator."

Upcoming workshop dates include Saturday December 11, 2011, and Saturday January 8, 2011. The workshops continue through March 2011. The price for the one-day workshop is \$100, and space is limited.

For the complete schedule and registration information, contact Charley MacMartin at (802) 318-2411 or click on the workshop link at www.queencitysoilandstone.com.

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RICHMOND HUNTINGTON POLICE REPORT

Friday November 26, 2010, **Paul R. Snyder Jr.**, 36 years, of Richmond, VT was charged with stealing approximately \$47,000 from Gardener's Supply Company in Williston, VT. Snyder had been employed with Gardener's since March 2010 as a customer service lead and has allegedly been stealing money during many of his work shifts since April 2010. The scheme included electronic transfers of approximately \$27,000 to his personal debit card(s). Snyder is scheduled to be arraigned on January 3, 2011.



On November 18, 2010 at 3:45 PM, State Police conducted a motor vehicle stop of a Chevy truck on Main Road Huntington, VT, for speeding and for the vehicle not being inspected. During the stop it was found that the operator and owner of the truck, **Tyler Pratt**, 26, Shoreham, VT, was in possession of marijuana-misdemeanor. He was cited into Chittenden County District Court and subsequently released. Case #: 10C203333

On November 18, 2010, 4:54 PM, State Police conducted a motor vehicle stop of a Chevy truck on Main Road in Huntington VT for a defective headlight. During the stop, the operator and owner of the truck, **Kelly T. Husk**, 28, Middlebury, VT, was found to be in possession of marijuana. He was cited into Chittenden District Court and subsequently released. Case# 10C203336

RICHMOND HUNTINGTON COURT REPORT

Thursday October 14, 2010, William M. Rublee, 23, Huntington, VT, charged with vehicle operation, license suspended in Richmond on Friday August 6; amended to disorderly conduct, obstructs vehicular or pedestrian traffic; pleaded guilty; fined \$500.

Red Cross presents gallon pins

Local readership area received their gallon pins from American Red Cross Blood Services, New England Region recently. They are: Michael Gilbar, 19 gallons, Jericho; Ramon Astillero, 61 gallons, Jericho; Sheryl Asper, 1 gallon, Jericho; and Timonhy Durbrow, Underhill, 64 gallons.

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 December 19

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9:00 AM

December 19

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4:00 PM

December 24

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7:00 PM

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COMMUNITY COLUMNS

Head-off Problems with Lice

By Dr. Lewis First

With school back in session, I find myself trying to head-off so many questions about head lice. What are they? They are tiny reddish brown insects about the size of a sesame seed that love to live on the scalp of your child, bite into the scalp, cause itching and scratching and eventually lay their yellowish-white eggs or nits right on the hair shafts. They differ from a speck of dandruff in that they are tougher to remove from the shaft of the hair. If you are concerned that your child may have head lice, let me provide some hair-raising information on the topic. First, head lice do not indicate a lack of hygiene or sanitation on the part of the person who gets them. They are acquired by direct contact with an infected person's hair transmitted by sharing combs, hats, and other hair accessories - something that can happen frequently among children at school. They are usually present for 4-8 weeks before you can actually see them. Although parents are concerned with figuring out where the lice infection came from, usually it cannot be determined, and the focus should be on treatment rather than trying to identify which child is responsible for an outbreak. Treatment usually involves the use of an over the counter shampoo that contains 1% of the anti-lice agent permethrin. After applying the shampoo as directed, you then comb out your child's hair with a fine-tooth comb to remove the now dead nits or eggs. The treatment is repeated 7-10 days later to kill any remaining eggs that may have hatched after the initial treatment and/or did not respond to the

Inspiration

By Suzanne Kusserow
Senior guest columnist

The theme for the next Mountain Gazette is 'inspiration' says Brenda Boutin, our esteemed leader. I function best when I have established a definition...and in this case, it is hard. Inspiration is a high-level abstraction word; it covers a vast array of possible meanings. Other high-level abstraction words are: freedom, responsibility, justice, love, etc. May I give a small semantic lecture here? Take a piece of paper; think of the word, water, and then quickly sketch what first comes to your mind, when you 'hear' this word. Some possibilities are: glass of water, raindrop, waterfall, ocean waves, sprinkler (used as a verb: water the garden), lake, well, etc. How many variations there can be to this one word! Yet, the word water is considered a low-level abstraction word, supposedly easy to define, and then easy to transfer that meaning to someone else. You can imagine the lack of consensus possible when we try to use a high-level abstraction wordinspiration, for example! So, I am back to definitions. Inspire: to draw in breath, as in a gasp when the sun setting over Lake Champlain glows deep rose and purple. To be inspired, by the bravery of someone who is dealing with so much in her life, that a smile seems impossible...yet, she does. Inspiration: as reversely defined in a sweet and truthful drawing hanging on the wall of the Underhill Central School: "I was inspired by nothing. I just like the way the pumpkins looked, sitting on a stone wall." So, by such an omission, we realize that it is not a daily phenomenon, but requires a stimulus of some sort....an object we consider beautiful, an act of courage, particularly when it is a daily act, and therefore somewhat hidden due to its mundane disguise. It creates a feeling within us; inspirations are human responses, which are personalized to the individual. We cannot create

Needle drop and living fossils

By Duncan McKee
The North Country Gardener

RUNAMOCK FARM—Autumn is whipping by, and the first real hints of winter have come to the North Country in the form of a few flurries here and there, and several hard frosts. As much as this writer hates to see the end of the warm weather, I am resigned to the fact that there is no point in grumbling about it. The time has come to start planning next year's gardening and landscaping projects. Recently a reader sent me an email expressing concern that one of her evergreen shrubs appeared to be shedding its needles, and wondering if this was a reason to be concerned about the health of the plant. After getting a few more details, it was readily apparent that the answer was no. A lot of folks are not aware that evergreen needles change color in the fall too, just like deciduous trees. Usually this process is so subtle that it usually goes unnoticed, however when it is noticed, it sometimes will cause alarm to the owner. Although most conifer trees are considered to be "evergreen", their needles don't live forever. What makes them evergreen is that their leaves persist more than one year before falling. Since new needles are added every year, there is always an overlap between green needles and those that are due to fall. Older needles on the inside of evergreen trees are shed each fall after they turn yellow, brown or reddish tan in color. Sometimes this natural process is very subtle and goes unnoticed because only the inner most needles area affected. Pine trees can hold their needles for two to five or more years, depending on the species. Spruce trees generally hold onto their needles longer than pine trees do, approximately five to seven years. One evergreen tree that is noticeable as it loses its leaves in fall is Eastern White Pine. This tree only holds its needles for two years which leaves less growth at the tip of branches to hide the needles as they are shed. Combined with the soft texture and open structure of the tree makes fall needle shed easily seen. Fall needle drop is a natural condition and is not a sign of disease or insect infestation; however, any factor that increases stress on evergreen trees will intensify the autumn needle drop. Stress factors include drought, root damage, herbicide injury, and disease or insect damage. As mentioned previously, natural needle drop occurs only on the inner needles, but if entire branches or needles at the tips of branches are dying, then something else is occurring. A knowledgeable nurseryman or a local extension agent can examine a sample of the affected branches for diagnosis. A close inspection of any brown foliage should also be done to eliminate the presence of fungal leaf spots, spider mites, aphids or other potential pest problems. There are a few types of conifers that shed all their needles EVERY year. These deciduous conifers include the Larch, Bald Cypress, and the Dawn Redwood. The Larch with its golden yellow and the Bald Cypress and Dawn Redwood with their bronze hues can add great beauty to the fall landscape. Such trees are unusual enough in

first treatment. Clothing or bed linens should be washed in hot water and hair care-items boiled or thrown away. If the medication does not work, it may be because it is not lice at all but a bad case of dandruff, or the instructions for the shampoo were not followed carefully. There is some evidence to suggest that some lice are resistant to the usual anti-lice shampoos and in these cases your child's doctor can prescribe a different medication that should work. Lice have usually been present for a month or more by the time they're discovered, and because they present little risk to others and carry no health risks except for scalp irritation, a child with lice detected in school should remain in class but be discouraged from having direct head contact with others. No healthy child should be excluded from or allowed to miss school because of lice, and that's not just my opinion but that of the American Academy of Pediatrics as well. Of course the best way to deal with head lice is to prevent them from occurring by telling your child not to share combs, brushes, hair ties, or hats with other children and not to lie on bedding, pillows, and carpets that have been used by multiple children who might be carrying untreated head lice. Hopefully, tips like this will do far more than simply scratch the surface of your child's scalp when it comes to dealing with head lice. Lewis First, M.D., is chief of Pediatrics at Vermont Children's Hospital at Fletcher Allen Health Care and chair of the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Vermont College of Medicine.

them for someone else; we generally cannot transfer them; they are private realizations of blessings that have caused us to draw a deep breath when something hits our minds...hard....so that we gasp, we 'inspire'. It is usually not used in the negative sense; that is the province of the emotion of grief, of mourning for what once might have been inspiring, but now is lost. So, what has been my inspiration? Music is a central theme, both literally and figuratively. I started to play the violin when young, and really became inspired when I started to play in an orchestra and found the depths of Brahms, the melodies of Schubert, the dances of Kachaturian, with all of us joined in the same harmonies, following a thin line of notes that sternly disciplined us, each with the other and with the struggles of the composers who had put their mind-melodies onto paper. Although I long ago lost my touch with the violin, I have had singing all my life. I followed my dad's deep booming bass voice through the hymns of church; I knew most of the popular songs of my day (which no one would recognize now!); I understood Brahms' dedication to his mother in his German Requiem; I rejoiced with the love of life that Schubert showed in his lieder; and I have learned almost all the alphabet afresh, through singing with kids. My voice is old and quavering, but not my spirit. We all revive that through long trips, singing with the radio; in finding old lullabies coming back to us, through our grandkids. And for those of us who combine nature with music, we have the drumming of rain on a metal roof, the soft howl of the wind through tall pines, the rasping meow of a fox, the playful chuckles of crows as they gather in swirling groups to play. We all have things that inspire us; and though they are different, they unite us by letting us rise above the muddle of human quarrels and for a moment, to gasp and say: "Wasn't that truly inspirational!"

some areas that more than one story has been told about people removing such trees after they were mistakenly determined to be dead. The Bald Cypress occurs from Delaware on south, so there is no need to discuss it here. However, the North Country is a great climate for the American Larch, also known as the Tamarack Larch, and it becomes most noticeable in the fall when the needles turn a light golden yellow, enhancing the twisted and contorted branches of the tree. This tree should not be confused with the European Larch, notably featured in "How to Recognize Different Types of Trees From Quite a Long Way Away," by Monty Python's Flying Circus. The Dawn Redwood, Metasequoia glyptostroboides, is not yet commonly found in the northeastern United States, but is hardy in the North Country. The story of the Dawn Redwood is an interesting one, and having gained a great deal of first-hand experience with the trees while living in Maryland several years ago, has made it one of this writer's favorites. As the only examples of the tree existed in fossils, it was long believed to be extinct, but in 1944, a botanist exploring some very old growth forests in the deep interior of China, found a stand of the trees and brought out seeds which were put into cultivation here in the United States. The trees thrived and proved to be an

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extremely vigorous and fast growing tree, doing well in damp or swampy conditions and reaching a height of 200 feet. Dating to the Mesozoic Era, roughly from 67 million to 250 million years ago, the tree is considered one of the few true living fossils. Whether or not it was a food source for any dinosaurs is unknown, although if you wish to try feeding it to your dinosaur is strictly up to the reader. It is, however, considered a species that is critically threatened in the wild, and as cultivation is still rather limited, the more propagation, the better. Dawn Redwood trunks are remarkably straight and the tree grows in a tall, slender, pyramidal shape. As the tree matures, the trunk develops large buttressed roots, ripples, and boles, giving the tree even more visual interest. They are very hardy and extremely care-free. With their cinnamon colored, exfoliating bark and deciduous nature, Dawn Redwoods make quite the conversation piece. The needles turn a lovely cinnamon-bronze in fall, and in spite of their large size, produce cones the size of marbles. So, if you wish to have your own living link to prehistoric times, this could be the tree for you. In the meantime, it's time to feed my dinosaur. Until next month, keep your tools clean and happy gardening.

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The Mountain Gazette takes full responsibility for the error and apologizes to the folks at Jerihill.

Corrected email address
Nate Guay
Outdoor Services
802-279-1367
email: snowguay@yahoo.com

Correction: Dave Eaton is no longer a Justice of the Peace for Jericho.

EVENTS

COMING EVENTS

Friday December 3
6th Annual Benefit Cambridge Christmas Show. Cambridge Elementary School in Jeffersonville, 6:30. Admission is by donation. This year's recipient is the "Cambridge 360". This is a gently used appliance and furniture store located on RT. 15, Cambridge. This store is to be the source of sustainable funding for a future CAMBRIDGE COMMUNITY CENTER.

Friday & Saturday, December 3 & 4
Creative Women's 6th annual Holiday Studio Sale, Chace Mill, 1 Mill Street, Burlington, right before the bridge to Winooski. Friday 12 noon – 6:00 PM, Saturday 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM. Vermont-based importers of hand-woven, lovely home and women's accessories from Ethiopia, Mali, Swaziland and Afghanistan along with 5 other Chace Mill Businesses (CanPaint, Rich Frog, Urban Moonshine, Flashbags, Nelson Parker Photography) Creative Women will be selling "First, Seconds, and Samples".

Saturday December 4
Burlington Farmer's Market, Memorial Auditorium, 11:00 AM– 1:30 PM.
The Greening of Aiken harvest, Jericho Research Forest. See

www.greenforestry.org for recent photos, 9:00 AM-noon, when we will be having the latest edition of our "First Saturday Forest Walk & Fire" series. Logger Bill Torrey will be on site to demonstrate his forwarder. Fire and flatbread as usual. More details to follow.

Christmas Bazaar, St. Ann Catholic Church, 41 Main St., Milton, 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM. Decorated fresh balsam Wreaths; White Elephant Table; Crafts; Bake sale including: homemade donuts, pies, baked beans and candies; Silent Auction and a Raffle with many prizes. Come enjoy Lunch with a variety of Homemade Soups.

Underhill Central School Arts and Craft Fair, from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM in the multipurpose room. Admission is free to the public. Come and support local artists and crafters just in time for the holidays.

Children's Christmas Gift making workshop, United Church of Underhill, 7 Park Street, Underhill, 1:00-4:00 PM. Children grades k-6. Several gifts will be handmade and wrapped. Please call Julianne Nickerson 899-3798 or email jnicker@cheerful.com to sign up by November 28, 2010.

Sunday December 5
Santa at Jericho Center Tree Lighting
 Jericho Town Library will hold its annual Open House and Tree Lighting celebration from 3:30-5:00 PM with snacks, music, crafts, stories and a visit from Santa to light the Holiday Tree on the Jericho Center Green. Everyone is invited.

Country Breakfast, St. Thomas Knights of Columbus Council #7810, 8:00 to 11:00 AM in the Parish Hall. The buffet style breakfast will include juice, fruit, eggs, pancakes, sausage, bacon, home fries, and coffee or tea. The cost is by donation. Proceeds from the breakfast will be used for donations to organizations such as the Wheelchair Association, Care Net, etc. Please call the church office at 899-4632 if you have any questions.

Open House, Rice Memorial High School, 1:00 – 3 PM at 99 Proctor Avenue, South Burlington. December 10, 2010

Saturday December 11
Christmas Bake, Craft and Food Sale, Greek Orthodox Church, Corner of Ledge Rd., & So. Willard St., Burlington, 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Greek Pastries, Spinach Pie, Chicken Souvlaki and Beef Gyro Dinner. 862-2155.

Sunday December 12
Mt. Mansfield Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, the red barn on Rt. 15 in Jericho across from Packard Rd., Full Circle Holiday Performance. Songs and melodies for the holidays from many times and places sung and played on recorders, harp, hammered dulcimer, guitar and percussion. The afternoon will end with a carol sing-along. Members of the ensemble are Maeve Kim, Beth London, Linda Rodd, Susan Reit and Mary Ann Samuels. For more info, call Maeve at 899-4327.

The Vermont Folklife Center and Young Tradition Vermont jointly present "Nowell Sing We Clear", 4:00 -6:30 PM at the are \$25 for adults and \$15 for children under 12 years of age. Tickets are available at the Flynn Box Office, 802-86-FLYNN, or www.flynnitix.org and at the door.

Sunday December 19
The Very Merry Theatre, 333 N. Winooski Ave. (behind Pho Hong Restaurant), Burlington, 4:00 PM. Full Circle Holiday Performance. Songs and melodies for the holidays from many times and places sung and played on recorders, harp, hammered dulcimer, guitar and percussion. The afternoon will end with a carol sing-along. Members of the ensemble are Maeve Kim, Beth London, Linda Rodd, Susan Reit and Mary Ann Samuels. For more info, call Mary Ann at 658-0832.

A Christmas Concert, Westford Music Series, UCW White Church, featured artist Annalise Rose, The Concert is Free and is open to all ages of the public. Refreshments.

ONGOING EVENTS

ADULT ACTIVITIES

Chittenden County Postage stamps and post card club meets every first Wed. of the month 6:15 -8:30 PM, A IDX Circle GE Healthcare Building. South Burlington Information e-mail: Laineyrapp@yahoo.com or call me at 802 660-4817

Serious writers: meet other writers and exchange critiques of your work. Friendly bunch. Village Cup, Jericho, Thursdays at 9:15 AM. Call Ted Tedford 899-4447 for information.

The Essex Art League holds monthly meetings at the First Congregational Church, 39 Main St., Essex Jct. For information, 862-3014.

Chittenden County Stamp Club, First Wednesday of the month 6:15-8:30 PM, GE Healthcare, 1 IDX Circle, South Burlington, VT. Everyone is welcome to come learn about stamp collecting, postage

history, cachets, postcards and postage stamps or a variety of other knowledge. Lainey Rappaport (802) 660-4817.

Eagles Auxiliary #3210 holds bingo at the club house on Rt. 109 Friday nights. Doors open at 5:30 PM. Bingo starts at 7:00 PM. For more info contact Sally at 644-5377.

Handbell ringers, Tuesday evenings, United Church of Underhill. All are welcome at rehearsals. Two ensembles; opportunity for small groups/shorter time periods. We ring a variety of music in a variety of settings and look forward to new faces joining us. Beginners welcome! Call Roger, 899-3106, for information.

Mt. Mansfield Scale Modelers gather on the third Thursday of the month from 6:30 to 8:30 PM starting Thursday September 16. Modelers encompassing all categories of interest and skill levels are welcome. Brownell Library, Kolvoord Community Room, Lincoln Street, Essex Junction.

Recorder players come and get together for fun and free to play early music - baroque, dance, folk tunes on recorders. Group meets every Saturday 2:00 – 4:00 PM at Presto Music Store in the Blue Mall on Dorset Street in South Burlington, but also have interest in getting a group started in the Underhill area. Interested folks contact David at info@prestomusic.net or by phone at 802 658-0030.

Vermont French Canadian Genealogical Society is located in Fort Ethan Allen, Colchester. We can help you get started in finding your ancestors, even those that are not French Canadian. We have the complete Vermont Vital Records so you don't need to drive to Middlesex to access that information. Come see us on Tuesdays from 3:00 to 9:30 PM and Saturdays 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Parking and entrance on Hegeman Ave. across from the State Police. Please visit our website <http://www.vt-fcgs.org>, or call 802-238-5934 for more information.

The Green Mountain Chapter of the Embroiders Guild will meet on December 8 at 9:30 AM at the Pines Senior living community, 7 Aspen Dr, South Burlington. First meeting is complimentary. Contact number 879-0198.

HEALTH EVENTS & GROUPS

Alzheimer's Support Group - Free educational support group series for families coping with a loved one with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias. This series gives caregivers the opportunity to better understand and develop strategies for the future. Held monthly at The Arbors at Shelburne. For more information and to register, contact Nicole Houston, Director of Family Services, The Arbors at Shelburne, 985-8600.

Overeaters Anonymous meets 6:00 – 7:00 PM Wednesdays at the Jericho United Methodist Church, VT Rt. 15, Jericho. **TOPS Chapter 145** Jeffersonville meets 6:15 PM on Thursdays at the Eagles Club, Route 109, Jeffersonville. Weigh-in 5:15– 6:00 PM.

Healing Circle Breast Cancer Network, support group for women with breast cancer, meets first Tuesday of every month at 5:30 PM, Northwestern Medical Center, Conference Room #1. RSVP at 524-8479.

Franklin County Prostate Cancer Support Group, first Tuesday of each month, 5:15 – 7:00 PM, Northwestern Medical Center Conference Room #2, St. Albans. This support group offers men opportunities to educate themselves and each other; share and learn from each other's experiences; offer support to each other, a spouse or partner; and advocate early detection of prostate cancer. For information, Fern Mercure, 524-0719.

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Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting, "Keep It Simple" group meets Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, 8:00 – 9:00 PM and Saturdays, 6:30 – 7:30 PM at the United Church of Underhill, Underhill Flats.

Pilates Class Schedule, Wednesday evenings at 6:30 PM at MMU. Monday evenings at 6:00 PM and Saturday mornings at 9:00 AM at Dakini Studio. Call Lisa Timbers at 899-4191 for more information or visit her website at <http://timbers.wordpress.com>

KIDS

Playgroups are free of charge and open to all children birth through age 5 and their caregivers. At playgroup you will find stories, songs, crafts, free play, local events & information, and more. It is a wonderful opportunity to play with the children in your life, meet other playmates, and connect with other parents and caregivers. Playgroups follow the school calendar. Come to any or all groups that fit your schedule. For more information on any of the playgroups, please contact Heather Lebeis at 899-4415 or underhillplaygroup@yahoo.com.

Monday: Jericho Community Center 9:30 - 11:00 AM.

Wednesday: Bolton's Smilie Memorial School 8:15 - 10:15 AM and Richmond Free Library 8:45 - 10:15 AM and Huntington's Brewster Pierce Memorial School 3:00 - 5:00 PM.

Friday: Underhill Central School 9:30 - 11:00 AM.

Bolton Family Play Night, in the Smilie School gym, usually the first and third Fridays, 6:00 – 7:30 PM. Free. Mostly unstructured play with the school's equipment. Contact Tim Grover, 434-4180.

Kids' Yoga, 3-5 years & 6 years and up. Toddler tumbling and new moms' groups. The Well, 644-6700.

SENIORS

Jeri-Hill XYZ Seniors meet at the Town Hall in Underhill Center on the first and third Wednesday of each month. All seniors are welcome! Dinners are served at 11:30 AM. For information, please call Bette Workman, 899-4446, Loreen Teer, 899-1363 or Doug Keith 899-2582.

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Westford Senior lunches – Join Westford Seniors for lunch at the Red Brick Meeting House on the Common the second Monday of each month. The next senior luncheon is on Monday, September 13. There is no lunch in July or August. Lunch is served at 12:00 noon with a short meeting or presentation following. Call 878-7405 or 879-7382 for information or for a ride.

Bolton Up and Downtown Club meets the last Thursday of the month at the Bolton Fire station Suggested \$3.00 donation. Meal at 5:00 PM. Open to adults 60 and over. Contact Doris Wheelock at 434-3769.

Huntington senior meal site – The Huntington Senior meals are served the third Tuesday of each month at 12:00 noon at the Community Baptist Church in Huntington Center.

St. Jude's Church, Hinesburg, senior meals held on second and fourth Wednesday of each month with bingo games after the dinners. Everyone is welcome including caregivers. Dinners are \$3.00 per person. For information call Ted Barrette at 453-3087.

SPORTS ACTIVITIES

Pliates - Wednesday evenings at 6:30 PM at MMU. Monday evenings at 6:00 PM and Saturday mornings at 9:00 AM at Dakini Studio. Call Lisa Timbers at 899-4191 for more information or visit her website at <http://timbers.wordpress.com>

SUPPORT GROUPS

CFS, Fibromyalgia, Lyme Disease, Chemical Sensitivity and Gulf War Syndrome, 1:00 to 3:00 PM every third Thursday at: The Bagel Cafe, Ethan Allen Shopping Center Burlington, VT call or visit website www.vtcfids.org or Lainey at 802 660-4817 or 800-296-1445 ask for Rik

Alzheimer's support group, third Wednesday, 9:30 – 11:30 AM, The Arbors, 687 Harbor Rd., Shelburne. Free education for individuals and families in the early stages of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias. For information and to register, contact Nicole Houston, 985-8600.

Approach Autism With Advocacy, Recovery & Education (AAWARE) in the Lamoille Valley, third Sunday, 3:00 – 5:00 PM, Second Congregational Church of Jeffersonville Community Room, Jeffersonville. Special topics, guest speakers, resource information; play-room for kids, fenced side yard for outdoor play. For information, Terry Holden, 644-2759 (Jeffersonville) or Tina Karl, 888-3430 (Hyde Park.)

Veterans Job Networking, Wednesdays, 9:30 – 11:00 AM, VFW Post, Essex Jct.; 1:00 – 2:30 PM, American Legion Post, St. Albans.

Eating Disorders Parental Support Group, third Wednesday, 7:00 – 9:00 PM, Covenant Community Church, VT Rt. 15, Essex Center. For parents of children with or at risk of anorexia or bulimia. We focus on being a resource and providing reference points for old and new ED parents. For information, Peter, 899-2554.

TOWN GOVERNMENT AND ORGANIZATIONS

Cambridge Area Rotary meets on the first Thursday of the month, rotating to local restaurants, 7:00 – 8:00 AM. For information, call Anita Lotto, 793-0856, or Chuck Hogan, 644-8134.

Tim Nulty, Jericho Select Board member, at the Village Cup, first and third Wednesdays, 8:00 – 9:00 AM

Westford Fire Department, Mondays, 7:00 PM, at the fire station next to the Town Garage. Volunteer for firefighting, dispatching, radio communications, computer operations, grant writing, equipment maintenance, fire police, education, and much more. For information, email John Quinn, jquinninvt@aol.com.

Jericho-Underhill Water District meets first Monday of each month at the United Church of Underhill, Underhill Flats, 7:00 PM. For information, call 899-4076 or 899-3810.

Jericho Historical Society, second Thursday, 7:30 PM, Old Red Mill, Jericho.

Jericho Underhill Park District Board meeting, first and third Wednesdays, 7:00 PM, Deborah Rawson Memorial Library project room, Jericho. Residents of Jericho and Underhill always welcome. 899-2693 for information.

Village of Jericho, Inc. – Please be advised that the Board of Water Commissions of the Village of Jericho, Inc. will hold its next monthly meeting November 16, 2010 at 7:00 PM.

Jericho Energy Task Force meets the third Wednesday of every month from 7:00 to 8:30 PM at Jericho Town Hall.

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LIBRARY NEWS

The Board of Trustees will meet Thursday, December 16 at 7:00 PM.

Join Representatives Bill Frank and George Till on Tuesday December 28 at 6:30 PM for an update and a chance to ask them questions.

Library will be closed Friday, Saturday and Sunday December 24, 25, and 26. The library will close at 2:00 PM on Friday December 31.

Preschool Story Times: Stories, songs, fingerplays, snack and craft for preschoolers and their caregiver. Drop in, no registration needed: Wednesdays at 11:00 AM, December 8; Thursdays at 10:00 AM, December 2, and 9.

Evening Story Time for Families: Parents with older preschoolers and children in kindergarten through second grade are invited to join us for seasonal stories, craft and light refreshments. Thursday, December 2, 6:30 PM. Registration required. Call: 899-4962.

Gingerbread Houses: Come and create a candy house using graham crackers, decorative icing and small candy pieces. To add to the building supplies, participants are requested to each bring a bag of small candies to be shared with the group. We will provide everything else needed and a wholesome after school snack. For students in third grade through middle school. Students in grade 2 are welcome, if accompanied by an adult willing to assist them. Tuesday December 14, 3:30 PM.

Baby Time: Join Leah Rowe for board books, lap rhymes and songs appropriate for babies 18 months and younger. This is a wonderful time for parents and childcare providers to connect with one another and to share ideas. Siblings welcome. Thursday, December 16 at 10:30 AM. Drop in, no registration needed.

Library hours: Tuesday 12:00 – 8:00 PM, Wednesday 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM, Thursday 12:00 – 8:00 PM, Friday 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM, Saturday 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM, Sunday 1:00 – 4:00 PM, closed Monday. For information on any of the library's programs, call 899-4962.

FAIRFAX LIBRARY, FAIRFAX

The library is located at 75 Hunt Street Fairfax VT 05454. Library Hours Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8:00 AM-3:15 PM, Tuesday, Thursday 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM. <http://www.bfairfax.com/pages/communitylibrarynews.html>. 802-849-2420.

JERICHO CENTER, LIBRARY

Open House and Tree Lighting: Join us at the Jericho Town Library on Sunday, Dec 5 from 3:30-5:00 PM for an open house and holiday celebration. We will have stories and crafts for kids upstairs, with music and holiday treats downstairs. The tree lighting follows at 5:15 PM on the Jericho Center Green, complete with a visit from Santa.

Holiday ornaments: Just in for the holidays, the library is selling glass ornaments that have been etched with an image of the library. The ornaments will be on sale for \$10 at the library throughout the holiday season. Special thanks to Olaf Verdonk for creating these special ornaments.

Writers' Club: The writers club continues with meetings every other Monday night, 6:30-8:00 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for December 13. All ages are welcome. For more information please contact Jill Avey at jill.avey@gmail.com.

Story Time: Story time including craft and snack is held every Wednesday upstairs at 10:00 AM. Come share the joy of books, finger plays, flannel board, and music, a special thanks goes to Elizabeth Bernstein for continuing to read and Derek Burkins for his wonderful guitar music.

Upcoming themes: December

1 – Hanukkah; December 8 - Gingerbread People; December 15 – Reindeer; December 22 - Holiday Giving.

Volunteer Opportunities: High School students needing to fulfill community service may volunteer at the library when your schedule permits. Your help is really appreciated. Call or stop by.

General information: The board of trustees meets regularly on the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM at the library and the public is always welcome to attend. The next meeting is December 2.

Library hours are Monday 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM, Wednesday 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM and 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM, Friday 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM, and Saturday 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM. For more information, call the library at 899-4686, email Jerichotownlibrary@gmail.com, or visit the library website at www.jerichotownlibrary.org.

VARNUM MEMORIAL LIBRARY, JEFFERSONVILLE

Holiday fun has arrived at the Varnum Memorial Library. Kids of all ages are invited to come and create Holiday Crafts at the Library on December 4 from 12-1:30 PM. This free event is open to all, for a chance to make ornaments and small gifts for friends and family. Materials will be provided, and if you have any that you'd like to bring to use or share, they are welcome.

On Friday, December 17, the Varnum Memorial Library will host a Christmas Reading to celebrate the holiday season. Beginning at 7 pm, come share your favorite holiday story and enjoy readings of classic stories of the season. Join your neighbors for stories, refreshments and holiday cheer.

Preschool Story Hour is on Thursdays at the Varnum Memorial Library. The Story Hour begins at 10:30 AM in the Library on Main St. in Jeffersonville. Come join the fun.

The Varnum Memorial Library is open Mondays and Tuesdays from 1:00-8:00 PM and Thursdays and Saturdays from 9:00 AM-12:00 noon. There are programs for children and adults, free Wi-Fi access, and of course books and materials to check out including the ECHO Center pass. Call 644-2117 if you have any questions.

WESTFORD LIBRARY, WESTFORD

After an energy audit performed in 2009 by Patrick Haller of the Westford Energy Committee and Ron McGarvey of Interfaith Power and Light found significant heat loss and moisture problems in the building, the library trustees sought grant funding to correct this situation. We were awarded \$12,200 from the Vermont Department of Public Service EECBG program and \$3000 from the Westford Historical Society, which allowed us to insulate the library walls and attic and install vapor barriers and a heating recovery ventilation system to address moisture issues, all while maintaining the historic integrity of the building. Building Energy, of Williston, performed the work in November, and we anticipate that the library will be warmer in winter and cooler in summer as a result. These improvements should also reduce our fuel usage and costs, as well as emissions of greenhouse gasses, thus benefitting the taxpayers and the environment.

Upcoming Events:

Friday December 2, 11:00 AM: Early Literacy Storytime. Stories and activities utilizing early literacy concepts for ages birth-preschool. Theme: Stars.

Saturday December 3, 12:30-2:00 PM: Free Individualized Computer Tutoring for Ages 50+. Offered in collaboration with Champlain Valley Agency on Aging. Americorps member Colin Hunt offers personalized help with all your computer questions...everything from "How do I turn this thing on?" to "How do I use the Internet and email?" and more. Call Victoria at 878-5639 to setup an appointment.

Wednesday December 8, 6:00-7:00 PM, Book Discussion: *The Five People You Meet in Heaven* (Albom).

Wednesday December 8, 7:00 PM, Trustee Meeting. Thursday December 9, 11:00 AM, Early Literacy Storytime. Stories and activities utilizing early literacy concepts for ages birth-preschool. Theme: Teeth.

Friday December 10, 12:30-2:00 PM, Free Individualized Computer Tutoring for Ages 50+. Offered in collaboration with Champlain Valley Agency on Aging. Americorps member Colin Hunt offers personalized help with all your computer questions...everything from "How do I turn this thing on?" to "How do I use the Internet and email?" and more. Call Victoria at 878-5639 to setup an appointment.

Thursday December 16, 11:00 AM: Early Literacy Storytime. Stories and activities utilizing early literacy concepts for ages birth-preschool. Theme: Giving.

Thursday December 23, 11:00 AM: Early Literacy Storytime. Stories and activities utilizing early literacy concepts for ages birth-preschool. Theme: Winter.

Closed Friday December 24 and Saturday December 25. Happy Holidays.

Thursday December 30, 11:00 AM: Early Literacy Storytime. Stories and activities utilizing early literacy concepts for ages birth-preschool. Theme: Librarians' Pick.

Closed December 31 and January 1. Happy New Year.

New Additions to the Library: Adult Nonfiction: *Decision Points* (Bush); Teen: *Flawless* (Shepard); Juvenile Fiction: *In the Deep - Andrew Lost #8* (Greenburg), *Ugly Truth - Diary of a Wimpy Kid* (Kinney); DVD: *Toy Story 3*.

The Westford Library is open Wednesday 1:00-7:00 PM, Thursday 10:00 AM-6:00 PM, Friday 12:00-6:00 PM, and Saturday 10:00 AM-2:00 PM. We can be reached at 878-5639, westford_pl@vals.state.vt.us, and www.westford.lib.vt.us.

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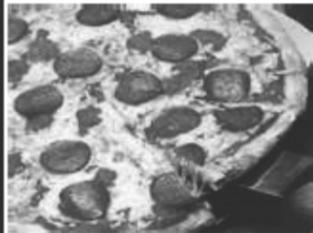
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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS



Andrea and Gail Schermer presents Susan Chinnock a with the gift certificate for \$1,000 at Hannaford's Grocery Store. Susan Chinnock of Underhill Flats is the lucky winner of the Community Center's \$1000 Hannaford's Raffle fundraiser. The money raised from the sale of raffle tickets goes to the Campaign for a Solid Footing, the effort to raise \$82,000 to restore the foundation and drainage system of the Community Center in Jericho.

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JUST MARRIED



JONES - DAUDELIN

Hilary Nicole Jones, daughter of Dean and Judy Jones of Underhill, VT and James Alan Daudelin, son of Dennis and Gail Cappuccilli of Williston, VT were united in marriage Sunday September 19, 2010. Minister Dean Thibodeau officiated at the double-ring ceremony at the Sunset Ballroom, where a reception was also held. The day was picture perfect with amazing sunset views. Vermont honey favors were provided by Vince Mulac, a Jericho, VT beekeeper. Mini-loaves of banana and pumpkin apple breads were baked by the mother-of-the-bride. Whitney Zried was maid of honor, and the bridesmaid was Sarah Jones, sister-in-law of the bride. The flower girl was Taylor Davis. Dan Linde was best man and the groomsman was Denny Cappuccilli, brother of the groom. Mrs. Daudelin is employed at FAHC, Burlington, VT, as a registered nurse. Her husband is employed at Hazletts. The couple resides in Jericho.

OBITUARIES



Donald Eric Tall of Underhill, VT, age 71, died battling an extended illness at his home on Tuesday November 23, 2010. Donald (Don) was born May 7, 1939 in Ogdensburg, N.Y. A graduate of the Ogdensburg Free Academy High School, Don attended college for a short time, and then served in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam era. Working chiefly on submarines, he was honorably discharged and afterward spent most of his career as a Nuclear Engineer. Returning to college in 1991, he earned a Bachelor's Degree in Adult

Education from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, Tenn. at the age of 55. He graduated Salutatorian of his class. He later retired as a Safety and Training Consultant in his field. A man of many interests and talents, Don was seldom without working on some project. He especially enjoyed woodworking. Inherently a teacher, he loved to pass on his experience to younger people. He was a member of the American Legion of Colchester, VT and Calvary Baptist Church of Essex Junction, VT. Don was predeceased by his parents, Eric G. and Emily Tall of Ogdensburg, N.Y.; and sisters, Marian Sayeau of Ogdensburg, N.Y. and Marilyn E. Hill of Texas. Don is survived by his loving wife, Lorraine (Lori) C. Tall, of 49 years; his son, Donald R. Tall and wife, Deanna, and their three children, Christopher, Marissa and Cassandra, all of Underhill, VT; and his son, Stephen J. Tall of Burlington, VT. He is also survived by his brother, Richard E. Tall and wife, Martha, of Payson, Ariz. Don's viewing was held at Corbin and Palmer Funeral Home on Pleasant St., Essex Junction, VT, on Tuesday November 30, 2010. Visiting hours will be from 4:00 to 7:00 PM. Funeral services were held at Calvary Baptist Church in Essex Junction, VT on Wednesday December 1, 2010 at 11:00 AM. Interment was at the Ogdensburg Cemetery, Ogdensburg, NY on December 3, 2010 at 10:30 AM. Rev. James Gangwer of Calvary Baptist Church officiated. Donations in Don's memory may be made to the VNA and Hospice, 1110 Prim Rd., Colchester, VT 05446.

Bonnie Sue Boisvert, 43, Richmond, VT, passed away peacefully on Monday November 15, 2010. Bonnie was born September 22, 1967 in Burlington, VT, the daughter of the late Benjamin and Beverley (Burritt) Boisvert. Bonnie enjoyed being around her family and friends, cheering on the UVM Lady Cats basketball team, especially May K, and being at her adult day program. She is survived by her sister, Brenda Boisvert of Richmond, VT. She was predeceased by her sister Barbara in 1987. She also leaves many aunts, uncles and cousins. The family would like to give thanks to the following people; Bonnie's cousins, Doug and Jay for being her Wii hunting buddies, friends Cherrie and Deb for introducing her to Lady Cats basketball, all of her friends at Adult Day, especially Millie, Pru, and the CL Team for all their love, understanding and support. Also a very special thanks to the following people; Rick Dooley and Julia Jacques at TCHC, Barb McKennedy at the VNA, doctors and nurses on Shep 4 for the excellent care and support during Bonnie's final days, and to the members of our family and many friends that have been there for her during these last few months. There was no memorial service, however, visiting hours were held on Friday November 19, 2010 from 4:00 to 7:00 PM at Gifford Funeral Home, 22 Depot St., Richmond, VT. Memorial contributions in Bonnie's memory can be made to VNA Adult Day Program, 180 Falcon Manor, Williston, VT 05495.

Lissa Carlino receives promotion

Lissa Carlino promoted to Addictions Treatment Counselor at Maple Leaf Farm. Lissa has an undergraduate degree in psychology and is currently enrolled in Johnson State College's Clinical Mental Health and Substance Abuse Counseling graduate program. Originally from Minnesota, she brings experience working with sexual assault survivors, developmentally disabled individuals, and as an elementary school teaching assistant. Lissa resides in Richmond, VT.



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ART

Festival of Trees and Light, Friday December 3, 5:00 – 7:00 PM featuring Carols and Hanukkah songs to celebrate the season. **Family Day**, Saturday December 4, 1:00 - 4:00 PM.

Creative holiday fun for families. All are welcome. On Friday December 3, **Helen Day Art Center** will open the 2010 Festival of Trees and Light, a celebration of the holiday season, and an opportunity to give to those in need.

The Festival of Trees and Light will feature ten holiday trees decorated by members of the community and Menorahs on display from members of the Jewish Community of Greater Stowe (JCOGS).

The opening reception is a deep seated tradition that kicks off the season with carols and Hanukkah songs by the Girl Scouts, accompanied by piano, a festive spread of hors d'oeuvres provided by the community and members of the Art Center. All are welcome.

The Giving Tree is an opportunity for members of the community to donate outerwear, food and toys for neighbors in need.

Helen Day is collaborating with Lamoille Family Center, Lamoille Community Food Share, Clarina Howard Nichols Center and Central Vermont Community Action to distribute contributions. Please bring an item to donate for the Giving Tree.

Adult Watercolor classes with Kathleen Berry Bergeron at the Community Center in Jericho Center Starting in January. Beginners and Intermediate Classes - 8 weeks \$225. Makes a great Holiday gift. 899-4628

First Friday Art Walk, December 3, 5:00 to 8:00 PM, Citywide, Burlington. Pick up your copy of Art Map Burlington, First Friday Art Walk's official publication, and your guide to art in the Burlington area or check out www.artmapburlington.com to see a list of participating venues.

MUSIC/DANCE

The **Deborah Rawson Memorial Library's** "First Sunday Music Series" of free concerts is pleased to welcome Laura Markowitz and John Dunlop for the December concert. Below is a brief discussion of these very talented artists in case you haven't already learned about them. Hope to see you there.

Please join us at 2:00 PM on Sunday December 5, Main Reading Room, Deborah Rawson Memorial Library, 8 River Road, Jericho, 899-4962.

On Saturday December 4 the **Vermont Symphony Orchestra** teams up with the Flynn Center to co-present a new work by 2010 Pulitzer Prize winning composer Jennifer Higdon. The cutting edge ensemble eighth blackbird (no, they do not capitalize their name) will perform her piece, *On A Wire*, Concerto for Saxet and Orchestra. The VSO's second Masterworks series program, led by Principal Guest Conductor Anthony Princiotti, opens with Weber's popular Euryanthe Overture and closes with the epitome of Finnish nationalism, Sibelius' Symphony No.2.

A free pre-concert discussion, "Musically Speaking," moderated by WCVT's Brian Harwood, will begin at 7:00 PM for members of the audience. The discussion will feature Jennifer Higdon and members of eighth blackbird, who will provide entertaining insight into the music, composer and musicians themselves.

For additional information or tickets, please call the FlynnTix Regional Box Office at (802) 86-FLYNN (863-5966), the VSO office at 800-VSO-9293, extension 10, or visit the VSO website at www.vso.org.

Celebrate the Holidays with the VSO— Pops and Brass Concerts to Tour the State

The annual Holiday Pops concert, under the direction of Robert De Cormier, joins the VSO Chorus with the Orchestra for a festive program entitled "Glory Hallelujah." This traditional holiday concert will celebrate the season in three locations: Barre, Burlington, and Rutland. The program sparkles with two Glorias, two Hallelujahs, three spirituals, music from the court of King Henry VIII, excerpts from "Amahl and the Night Visitors," and the time-honored audience sing-along. Guest soloists include mezzo-soprano Amy Frostman of South Burlington and soprano Susanne Peck of Middlebury College, with Robert De Cormier and Dawn Willis conducting. Performances are Friday December 10, 7:30 PM at the Barre Opera House; Saturday December 11, 7:30 PM at the Flynn Center in Burlington; and Sunday December 12, 3:00 PM at the Paramount Theatre, Rutland.

For tickets or additional information, please call 800-VSO-9293, ext. 10, or visit online at www.vso.org.

MMUHS Alumni concert is looking for musicians interested in performing on January 2 at the Deborah Rawson Memorial Library. This is the second year that the Library's "First Sunday" music series will feature an alumni concert and the artist fee will be contributed to MMU Friends of Music. Please contact Laurel Shelmandine for more information - Lshelmandine@yahoo.com.

Thursday December 2

Irish Session at the On The Rise bakery in Richmond. Fourth Thursdays. Contact 802-434-7787 or <http://ontherisebakery.net>

The Radioflyer Bluegrass and Beyond Show with John Civitello from 8:00 to 10:00 PM on WJSC 90.7, Johnson State College. Contact 635-1414.

Friday December 3

(12/3/10 through 12/5/10) Vermont International Festival from 5:00 to 8:00 PM at the Champlain Valley Exposition in Essex Junction. Non-stop multi-cultural music and dance. Presented by the Vermont Performing Arts League. Contact 802-863-6713 or www.vermontinternationalfestival.com

English Country Dance featuring The Turning Stile (Aaron Marcus and Joanne Garton) from 7:30 to 9:30 PM at the Elley-Long Music Center in Colchester. 7:00 to 7:30 PM advanced dance workshop for more experienced dancers. All dances taught, walked through, and prompted by Wendy Gilchrist, Martha Kent, Val Medve. 1st and 3rd Fridays. Contact Val and Tom Medve, valandtom@myfairpoint.net

Old Time Music Jams starting at 5:30 PM in the Billings North Lounge at the University of Vermont in Burlington. 1st Fridays. Sponsored by the UVM Old Time Music Club. Contact MichaelVerla@uvm.edu

International Folk Dancing with Ben Bergstein and Louise Brill from 8:00 to 10:00 PM at North End Studio in Burlington. 1st and 3rd Fridays starting in April 2010. Contact ben@vpal-us.org or 802- 863-6713.

Saturday December 4

Green Mountain Stomp Swing Dance featuring the Starline Rhythm Boys from 7:00 to 11:00 PM at the Town Hall in Shelburne. Contact 802-343-1475 or www.greenmountainswingdancing.com

Sunday December 5

Laura Markowitz and John Dunlop at 2:00 PM in the Reading Room at the Deborah Rawson Memorial Library in Underhill. Sponsored by friends of the library. Contact Lshelmandine@yahoo.com

Irish Session hosted by Allen and Jamie from 3:00 to 6:00 PM at the Bee's Knees in Morrisville, Last Sundays. Contact 802-888-5984.

Friday December 10

Make a Joyful Noise. Benefit concert for the Devlin Family featuring students and alumni at 6:00 PM in the McCarthy Arts Center at Saint Michael's College in Colchester. Contact Cathy Hurst churst@smcvt.edu

Saturday December 11

Christmas Ceili and Bake Sale with the McFadden Academy of Irish Dance from 4:00 to 6:30 PM in the International Commons at St. Michael's College in Colchester. Benefits the 16th Burlington Irish Heritage Festival. Contact www.vtishfestival.org

CCV Community Choir and Queen City Larks directed by Amity Baker with Carolyn Wood at 7:30 PM at the First Congregational Church Chapel in Burlington. Contact amitybaker@gmail.com

Sunday December 12

Northeast Fiddlers Association Fiddle Meet (jam starts at 12 noon) and annual Christmas party at the Canadian Club in Barre. Usually 1st Sundays, with exceptions. Contact www.nefiddlers.org

Full Circle (Maeve Kim, Beth London, Linda Rodd, Susan Reit and Mary Ann Samuels) at 4:00 PM at Mt. Mansfield Unitarian Universalist Fellowship in Jericho. Contact 802-899-4327.

United Christian Assembly hosts Angel Food Ministries

Angel Food Ministries, a non-profit organization dedicated to providing affordable, high-quality food, is offering relief and joy to families in Jericho, Underhill, and beyond. Angel Food provides individuals and families with fresh, brand name food for a fraction of

the retail price. By purchasing food in bulk, directly from some of the top suppliers in the country, food is discounted by up to 50 percent of retail.

Angel Food Ministries' service is available to anyone. There are no income requirements; we accept cash, debit/credit cards, and SNAP/EBT. There are no limits to the quantity of boxes per individual, nor are there any applications or qualifications for eligibility.

The local host site is United Christian Assembly, located at 100 Raceway Road in Jericho. Go to our website at: www.ucavt.org, and follow the 'Angel Food' link, or go directly to the Angel Food website at: www.angelfoodministries.com to check out the menu for the month. Orders can be made on-line using a credit or debit card, or by calling the Church at 802-899-2949 for cash or EBT/SNAP transactions. Distribution of food takes place at the Church on the fourth Saturday of the month. Be sure to specify the Jericho site when ordering, and note the ordering deadline dates.

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SENIOR INFORMATION

Local senior meals

CVAA Senior Meals

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Friday December 17 – United Church, Hinesburg, 12:00 noon. Chicken and biscuits mashed potatoes, fall vegetables, chocolate pudding.

Monday December 20 – Covenant Church, Essex Ctr., 12:00 noon. Beef stroganoff, egg noodles, Brussels sprouts, blueberry muffins, peaches.

Tuesday December 21 – T-Bones, Hampton Inn, Colchester, 10:30 AM check in, 11:00 lunch. Meatloaf.

Wednesday December 22 – Ponderosa, Williston, 10:30 AM check in, 11:15 lunch. All you can eat buffet.

Thursday December 23 – Dutch Mill, Shelburne Road, Shelburne, 10:30 AM check in, 11:00 AM lunch. Stuffed baked chicken.

Friday December 24 – No meals Happy Holidays

Monday December 27 – No meals Happy Holidays

Tuesday December 28 – Pizza Putt, South Burlington, 10:30 AM check in, 11:00 AM lunch. Spaghetti and meatballs, salad, beverage, dessert.

Wednesday December 29 – Dutch Mill, Shelburne Road, Shelburne, 10:30 AM check in, 11:00 AM lunch. Roast Pork dinner.

Thursday December 30 – Holiday Inn, So. Burlington, 11:00 AM check in. 11:30 AM lunch. Turkey dinner.

Friday December 31 – No Meals, Happy New Year

Boa Constrictor visits

Good Shepherd Preschool

"I can't believe my eyes!" exclaimed one student, "Oh my goodness!" shouted another at the fascinating sight of Smudge, a six-foot long Columbian Red Tailed Boa Constrictor. Students at Good Shepherd Preschool in Jericho were treated to special visitors from Ivana Iguana Wisdom and Rescue, November 3.

Jo Ann Nichols, a licensed wildlife and exotic reptile rehabilitator who operates Ivana Iguana, brought several of her reptile friends to meet the Pre-K students. She shared interesting facts about the native habitat of the reptiles in her care, as well as introduced the children to 7-month-old Columbian Red Tailed Boa Constrictors Ramon and Noodle, Pierre the green iguana, turtles Sweet Jane and Seaweed, and of course Smudge, who left a huge impression.

The children sat thoughtfully through Nichols' presentation, with stuffed reptiles and animals at their sides to keep their hands occupied while she showed them an up close view of the live reptiles. The 4- and 5-year olds were very curious about 6-year-old Smudge, the workings of his forked tongue and how often he eats. They were astonished that he has yet to attain his maximum length of about 12 feet.

The students were interested to observe Pierre the iguana, as he was quite nervous at the outset of the visit, and that he has three eyes. The Good Shepherd students also investigated Nichols' collection of shed skins, and each selected a turtle scute as a souvenir of the visit.

Before their visit was finished, Nichols left the children with the following message: please do not bring in wild animals to have as pets; leave wildlife in the wild.

WELCOME HOME

Essex Junction

(Kelley) Jennifer Greenia-Kelley and Shane Kelley announce the birth of their son Langdon Hunter Kelley on Friday, October 8, 2010 at Fletcher Allen Health Care, Burlington, VT.

LOCAL MEAL SITES

Jeri-Hill XYZ Seniors meet at the Town Hall in Underhill Center on the first and third Wednesday of each month. All seniors are welcome! Dinners are served at 11:30 AM. For information, please call Bette Workman, 899-4446, Loreen Teer, 899-1363 or Doug Keith 899-2582.

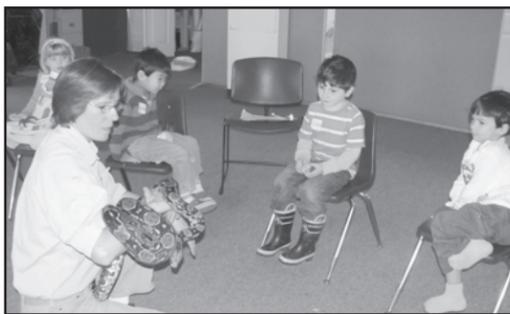
Westford Senior lunches – Join Westford Seniors for lunch at the Red Brick Meeting House on the Common the second Monday of each month. The next senior luncheon is on Monday, September 13. There is no lunch in July or August. Lunch is served at 12:00 noon with a short meeting or presentation following. Call 878-7405 or 879-7382 for information or for a ride.

Bolton Up and Downtown Club meets the last Thursday of the month at the Bolton Fire station Suggested \$3.00 donation. Meal at 5:00 PM. Open to adults 60 and over. Contact Doris Wheelock at 434-3769.

Huntington Senior Meal site – The Huntington Senior meals are served the third Tuesday of each month at 12:00 noon at the Community Baptist Church in Huntington Center.

St. Jude's Church, Hinesburg, senior meals held on second and fourth Wednesday of each month with bingo games after the dinners. Everyone is welcome including caregivers. Dinners are \$3.00 per person. For information call Ted Barrette at 453-3087.

Happy Holidays



At only half of what will be his full size of 12 feet, Smudge, a Columbian Red Tailed Boa Constrictor impresses Good Shepherd Preschoolers, November 3. PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Based in Winooski, Nichols offers several educational programs on wildlife and exotic reptiles, from children's workshops such as the one at Good Shepherd, to trainings on rescuing and handling pet reptiles during disasters.

Ivana Iguana Wisdom and Rescue is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping exotic reptiles that are abandoned, abused or stray, with the goal of finding them new homes. Nichols is licensed in wildlife rehabilitation, and she works with mammals and reptiles with the goal of returning them back to their natural habitat.

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RECIPES BY MARIAN TOBIN

Anadama Bread

- ½ cup corn meal
- 2 cups boiling water
- 2 tbsp shortening
- ½ cup molasses
- 1 tbsp salt (if desired)
- 2 packages dry yeast
- ½ cup warm water
- 7 or 8 cups white flour

In large bowl, combine corn meal and boiling water. Add next 3 ingredients. Cool to lukewarm. Sprinkle yeast into ½ cup warm water. Let stand until dissolved. Stir into cornmeal mixture. Add flour to make stiff dough. Knead until smooth. Place in a greased bowl, cover with a towel. Let rise until double in bulk. Punch down again, let rise about 45 minutes. Divide in half and knead into two loaves. Use 10x5x3 inch pans. Bake at 450° for 15 minutes, reduce heat to 375° and bake about 30 minutes longer. Remove and rub with butter.



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Rotary makes donation to Cambridge Area Food Shelf

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Shelf monthly with donations from a weekly raffle.

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Free parenting workshop offered

Good Shepherd Preschool in Jericho welcomes Scott Noyes for a free parenting workshop, *Positive Discipline – That Works!* Wednesday December 8 at 6:30 PM. Learn about teaching children how to behave rather than reinforcing inappropriate choices. This talk, which is open to the public, includes: why not use punishment, humorous vignettes illustrating eight management techniques and a discussion of the challenges in implementing this philosophy. Noyes has been professionally working, playing, writing and talking about children for over 20 years. He is also the author of several books, including *Positive Discipline – That Works!* now in its fourth printing. No child care will be available. In order to maintain open, adult conversation, please make alternate child care arrangements. For additional information or to register call 899-3989, or visit us at www.gspvt.com.

MMU After Dark courses available

The Business Principles class at MMU will be organizing and running the MMU After Dark program starting after the first of the year in January and running through the week of February 14, offering a variety of evening courses to the CESU community and beyond. They will offer over nine classes at MMU including computers, photography, personal training, wood working, and much more. Tuition is \$75 plus a supply fee if applicable.

Please check out the web page at: <http://www.mmu.k12.vt.us/activities/afterdark/2010-2011%20AD/afterdark.html> (or from the MMU web page, first on the list of quick links) for more details and registration information.

LEGAL NOTICE

WARNING

Voters of Westford Fire District No. 1

Notice of Annual Meeting

The voters of Westford Fire District No. 1 (WFD#1) are hereby notified as provided in WFD#1 Bylaws Section 2.3 that the Annual Meeting of WFD#1 will be held:

Tuesday, January 11, 2010, 7:00 PM at Westford

Library

The following matters of business will be considered and acted upon:

Article 1 - Election of Officers:

- Clerk
- Treasurer
- Collector of Taxes
- one Prudential Committee Member

Article 2 – Officers’ reports

Article 3 - Approval of budget

Posted by Order of WFD#1 Executive Board on this date: December 02, 2010

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Thursday, November 18, 2010 at 7:00 pm

The Jericho Underhill Library District will hold its official budget hearing on Thursday, November 18, 2010, at 7:00 pm. The hearing will take place in the Program Room of the Deborah Rawson Memorial Library, 8 River Road, Jericho, Vermont. The purpose of the hearing is to discuss the proposed Fiscal Year 2012 Budget.

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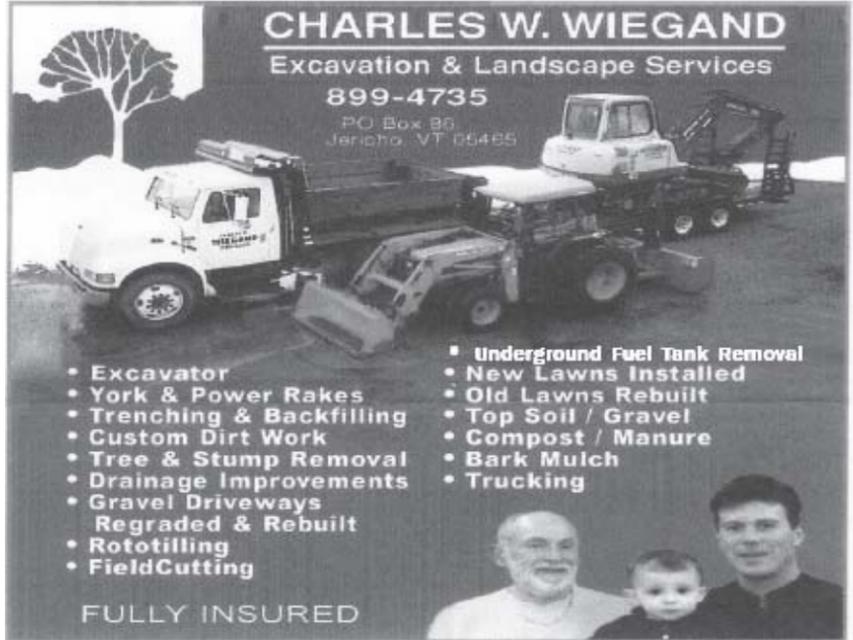
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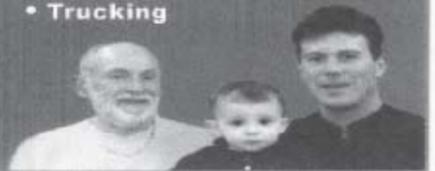
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CESU teachers hold demonstration in hopes of resuming negotiations



About 185 teachers of the Chittenden East Supervisory Union's nine schools hold a demonstration outside the Jericho Elementary School recently, urging a resumption of contract negotiations. They also demonstrated in Richmond. PHOTOS BY TED TEDFORD



Left: Group shot of Browns river Middle School students. Above: Student writers. PHOTOS CONTRIBUTED

Browns River Middle School news

The Browns River Middle School Community Building Buffet Committee goal has been to unify students, parents and staff to create a positive and fun learning environment. We sponsored a variety of first trimester events such as the 5th grade parent breakfast held in November. We are pleased with the support and attendance. We served 90 breakfasts, our parents enjoyed time with their fifth grader and had an opportunity to meet our kitchen staff and experience the lunch line. A special thank you to Jenn Wisniowski, Greg Martin and our 5th grade teachers who planned and attended the event.

We are excited to report one hundred and four students and staff members are participating in the National Novel Writing Month. Their adventure together began on November 1 with a dessert kick-off in the BRMS library. Over the past several weeks, after-school, our writers have gathered in the BRMS library for write-in sessions to keep them going for the whole month. On the day before Thanksgiving,

several writers gathered for a fun Turkey Trot where they ran and wrote. Their goal was to write over 500,000 words as a group and also reach their personal word count goal. Writers will celebrate on December 1 and will work on finishing and revising their novel before seeing their creative work in book form. We appreciate the support of our parents and Phoenix Books for their generous donations.

Are you a BRMS parent who enjoys reading and sharing good stories with other parents? Join us for our Parent Library Time every second Thursday of each month from 7:15-7:45 PM in our BRMS library. Our small circles of parents come to share books with one another and simply enjoy our community of readers. Our informal book discussion is free, fun and casual. No required reading, just come and share your latest book read. Please join us on December 9, January 13, and February 10.

We will be working on a fun bulletin board game called Fact or Fiction as a way to get our students to know our staff better. We look forward to sharing our second trimester news with you.

As you can see, our students, parents and staff are continually coming together and building strong relationships. Thank you for your ongoing support of these important community events.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who helped us to make Farrell Chiropractic's 2010 Fall food drive our most successful yet! With your help we collected 96 bags of groceries that went towards feeding 73 local families! What a way to help out the community and help yourself get healthy! Our next food drive will be held in April 2011. Details to follow in our next newsletter!

Strong start to Copley's Caring-It's What We're About Annual Fund Campaign

Every day, people come to Copley Hospital for tests and surgeries; every day, patients are treated for illness or injury in Copley's Emergency Department and every day Copley provides quality, compassionate care to everyone that walks through the hospital's door. "Caring is what we do here at Copley," says Leah Hollenberger, Senior Director of Marketing and Development. "Every year, that care is reflected back by our community with gifts to Copley Hospital's Annual Fund Campaign." The goal for this year's campaign is \$220,000. The campaign is off to a strong start, raising nearly 40% of its goal within three weeks of its launch.

cine Clinic, reducing wait times for sleep studies; providing more than \$800,000 in charitable care; a promising osteoporosis research study; offering VBACs and epidurals in the Birthing Center, welcoming new providers to the area including a urogynecologist, anesthesiologists, orthopedic specialists, and a female OB/GYN.

"Gifts to Copley's Annual Fund helps Copley stay nimble, particularly during a difficult economy and as we evolve in response to health care reform," explains Hollenberger. "Community support enables the hospital to meet the anticipated and the unforeseen health care needs of our patients and community." Gifts to Copley's Annual Fund Campaign can be made online at www.copleyvt.org or by mailing contributions to Copley Hospital - Development Office, 528 Washington Highway, Morrisville, VT 05661.

Proceeds from this year's Annual Fund will be used toward charitable care for patients unable to otherwise afford the health care they need and toward purchasing needed medical equipment. According to Hollenberger, the hospital would like to purchase several patient-lifting devices and patient transfer and repositioning devices for use in the Emergency Department, Medical/Surgical Patient Rooms and Radiology. These devices provide more comfort and safety for patients and also reduce lifting-related injuries among staff. "Last year, Copley provided \$800,000 in charitable care," says Hollenberger. "The patient lifting and transfer equipment costs nearly \$33,000 and is needed to ensure the safety of both our patients and our staff." Other equipment needs include fetal monitors for the Birthing Center and Telemetry "boxes;" both are monitoring equipment that tracks heart rates, blood-oxygen levels and breathing rates.

Former patient Carla Alexander of Hyde Park agreed to be featured in Copley's Annual Fund materials because of the care she received. Alexander is quoted, saying "My experience with Copley was awesome. Copley scheduled my chemo appointments around my time and my family. This made it easier for my kids to join me and to know everything was going to be okay. This was so important to my healing process."

Gifts to Copley Hospital's Annual Fund can be made several ways, including online at copleyvt.org, by calling 802-888-8302 or by mailing a check to Copley Hospital, Attention Development Office, 528 Washington Highway, Morrisville, VT 05661. Checks should be made payable to Copley Health Systems.

Community support has helped Copley Hospital accomplish much over this past year explains Hollenberger. Highlights of those accomplishments include the opening of Copley's new Sleep Medi-

For more information about Copley Hospital's Annual Fund Campaign or other philanthropic opportunities, contact Leah Hollenberger at 888-8301.



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