

Big things happening at Little Smilie School

By Phyl Newbeck
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The little school at the bottom of the Bolton Valley Access Road is going strong. By a vote of 178 to 70, Bolton residents approved a Town Meeting Day bond vote to put a new roof on the building and make other physical repairs. Smilie School Board Chair Andrew Pond was pleased by the wide margin, particularly since this was the third bond vote in Bolton in the last three years. "The town has always been pretty supportive of the school," he said. In addition, in a surprise move, a motion made on the floor provided the school with an extra \$5,000 to investigate ways to save money.

Bond Vote

Pond said the roof has needed repairs for some time but the school did not want to overburden voters who were faced with a bond vote in 2010 to rebuild the Notch Road and another vote in 2011 to repair the fire station. In addition, Pond recognizes that Smilie is a somewhat expensive school by state standards with costs roughly \$2,000 per pupil more than the state average.

The majority of the bond money will be used to repair the portion of the roof built in 1959. Additional support will be added to comply with standards for snow load, the membrane on leaking sections will be replaced, and insulation will be added. The latter should prove to be a cost saver. Another cost-saving measure to come from the bond will be the replacement of the control system which governs heating throughout the building. Pond said the system is so antiquated that an outside vendor is required to change the settings in each room. The new system will allow changes to be made from within, as well as remotely, which should cut down on the school's energy bills. Lastly, bond money will go towards replacing the gymnasium floor. Moisture issues have caused tiles to pop up creating safety problems and adding to maintenance costs. Exterior landscaping will also help prevent moisture issues in the future.

Garden Grant

Another exciting change at Smilie is the receipt of a grant from Fletcher Allen Health Care to install a garden with 8 to 10 raised beds for organic produce. The grant provided funds to build the garden, as well as to hire a Garden Manager for the summer and harvest months. Aside from the Garden Manager, the garden will be run largely by volunteers and students. The goal is to have students watch the seeds they plant transformed into food, as well as to foster better eating habits. Smilie already has a small greenhouse in which lettuce is grown for the lunch program, as well as a compost program to create the organic soil for the greenhouse. The garden will also be used for as a teaching school for various disciplines including math, writing and science. The beds will be built on May 4 from 3:00 to 7:00 PM and May 5 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM by volunteer parents and community members.

According to Food Services Director David Horner, leftover starter plants from the annual plant sale used to be donated to other schools

but this year, those tomatoes and peppers are destined for the new garden. In addition, Horner is hoping to plant carrots and storage crops since the growing season doesn't mesh with the school schedule. Horner has been slowly introducing the students to new, healthy foods and recently experimented with a number of whole grains. He makes kid-friendly recipes and asks the students for their opinions. The foods they like become part of the regular menu. Right before vacation, Horner introduced the students to ramps and he will teach them about fiddleheads after spring break. "We just keep plugging away," he said. "It's a work in process."

Master Gardener Virginia Haviland said Horner has improved food offerings in the Smilie cafeteria and she hopes the new garden will give him the opportunity to do even more. Haviland, a pre-school assistant, coordinates the annual plant sale at the school. Twice before she has written grant applications with garden components but this year she was thrilled to receive the grant from Fletcher Allen. Haviland believes the garden will be able to supply a good deal of food for students and expects that leftovers will be brought to the food shelf or the Bolton Senior Dinner. She praised parents and community members for volunteering to help with the project.

Merger Question

One issue the School Board is still wrestling with is the idea of a merger. Last year, a vote to merge Chittenden East elementary school boards into one Regional Education District (RED) failed, although Bolton voters had approved it. Pond said there has been discussion about allowing some of the school districts in Chittenden East to merge but letting those who aren't interested to stay solo, but for now the legislature hasn't allowed that. The school might use the extra \$5,000 added to the budget to hire a consultant. They have discussed the possibility of retaining Ray Proulx who recently did a study for the Underhill I.D. school district; another district with declining enrollment.

Smilie's enrollment has ebbed and flowed. In 2000-01 there were 64 kids but the number rose to 83 the following year. For several years starting in 2003-4, enrollment stayed in the 70's, rising to 81 in 2008-09 but dropping into the 60's for subsequent years. Next year, enrollment is expected to be 62 students, unchanged from this year. Pond recalls that when his son, now a sixth grader, attended Smilie, there were two separate classes for kindergarten and first grade students. Now, having shifted to multi-age classrooms, there is less than one per grade. Nevertheless, Pond is optimistic about the future of the Smilie School. He expects any study conducted to show that the current operation of the school is not too cost-prohibitive to maintain. "I've lived in Bolton a long time," he said "and this has always been a great little school. Even with bumps in enrollment and questions on merging, the town has always been supportive of keeping it here. The bottom line is Smilie is a great place to go to school."

LCPC seeks nominations for Marvin Awards

The Lamoille County Planning Commission (LCPC) is seeking nominations for its annual Jim Marvin Awards for Excellence in Project Design and Excellence in Community Service.

The Community Service award recognizes citizens for their dedication and commitment to benefit the community. Recent recipients include Lea Kilvadyová, Joanne Harrison, Gloria Wing, Barbara McAllisterand, and Doug Molde. Project Design award recognizes projects that benefit overall community design. Recent recipients include the Welch Round Barn on Route 12 in Morrisville, Town of Wolcott rail station renovation project, Melben's Restaurant in Morrisville, Union Bank and partners in Morrisville,

and Boyden Function Hall in Cambridge. The awards will be presented at the LCPC annual meeting on June 26, 2012.

Jim Marvin was a dedicated volunteer from Johnson whose unending energy and desire to learn served as a model and challenged us to better our communities as a place to work and live. A list of past recipients and additional information about the awards are available on the LCPC web site at www.lopevt.org. Nomination forms are available on the website, at the LCPC office, 52 Portland Street, Second Floor, Morrisville or by calling 888-4548. Nominations must be received by 4:00 PM on Monday May 21, 2012.



Vermont Gymnastics participants left to right Sophia Rossi and Taylor Bevins.

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Rossi and Bevins on USA Junior Olympic 1st place team

Congratulations to Jericho members of Champlain Valley Gymnastics 1st place teams at USA Gymnastics Junior Olympic State Meet, Sophia Rossi and Taylor Bevins. The competition was held March 31 and April 1 at Windsor High School.

Sophia is a Vermont USA Gymnastics Level 5 State Team Champion. She assisted her team in scoring a 112.075 at the state competition edging out the second place team by more than 2 points. Sophia, a home schooled 7th grader, competed in the level 5, 12 year old age group. She is the

Bar Champion, scoring a 9.725. She also placed 2nd on Vault and Beam and 4th on Floor. Sophia is the All-Around Champion scoring a 37.225.

Taylor is a Vermont USA Gymnastics Level 4 State Team Champion. Her team scored a 110.275 edging out the second place team by .45 points. Taylor, a 3rd grader at Jericho Elementary competed in the Level 4, 8 year old age group. Taylor placed 2nd on Bars, 3rd on Vault and Beam, 6th on Floor and 4th in the All-Around.

Both girls train at Champlain Valley Gymnastics in South Burlington.



Cooks at a recent dinner at the United Church of Underhill, from left: Mary Hill, Marge Douglass, Sharon Damkot, Edna Anair, Rachel Burroughs, Fran Elizarde.

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Food for all suppers open to everyone

The United Church of Underhill and Calvary Episcopal Church are working together to offer free suppers to everyone in the Underhill/Jericho community.

On the second Thursday of each month, the United Church of Underhill, located at the park on Route 15 in Underhill Flats, sponsors a free supper at the church from 5:00 - 7:00 PM. The Calvary Episcopal Church offers their free soup-and-bread supper on the last Thursday of each month at the church on Route 15 in Underhill

Flats, again from 5:00 - 7:00 PM.

These meals are meant for everyone in the community -- stop in after work, come with the whole family, bring neighbors and friends. It's a great way to catch up with what our friends and neighbors are doing, and you don't have to cook to enjoy the food and fellowship.

All meals are served at no cost to those attending; however, if anyone would like to make a donation to *Food for All*, profits will be used to help support the local food shelf.

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NEWS BRIEFS



Donna Spaulding and Joanne Fitzgerald visited Cambridge Area Rotary to give an overview of the program, Central Vermont Adult Basic Education. CVABE offers free and individualized academic services to adults and teens 16 years and older. They work from seven different centrally located centers or that other community based sites. They have had great success with people needing to pass their GED or learn a few basic computer skills.

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Haiku

By Suzanne Kusserow
Senior Guest Columnist

Haiku is a Japanese poetic form, based on a strict rules of line structure (5,7,5) and a juxtaposition of two opposite ideas.....very much like what we would call an extended oxymoron. The word haiku means "cutting" which implies that a word, often a single word, cuts into the two paradoxical phrases and somehow puts them 'at ease' and thus unites them. The strict form has eased in the modern world, and especially in English translations, since the two languages have little in common to bring the two disparities evoked to a common, sometimes startling, meaning. The limited number of words structurally allowed, makes each one either a burst or a bust, when the two are put together. Over the years, I have tried writing simplified versions of haiku. A couple of these have obvious botanical references that denote their origin in Zimbabwe, where I taught for a year. See what you think.

The Moon and Venus come close
In the Spring sky
A mere million miles between them.
True Love

Croaking Crow
You squat
among golden Cassia blossoms.
Beauty and the Beast

Frangipani
Floating in cool white wine
Echoes the sunset.
Evening

Sun on dew-emeralds
Loves them into rising.
Fresh breath:
Morning

Young girls
Walking on newly-sprung hips,
Quickening manes of dancing fillies.
Blossoming

Into my lazy ears
Tiny waterfalls of silver notes
Part the purple dawn.
First bird

In small waters
of puddles and brooks,
Invisible sopranos
sing of Spring.
Peepers.

Fat tail of an otter
Paws splayed to compass points
Love wrapped in fur.
Sleeping Dog

The mountains yawn
Tossing off bed-sheets of dirty-gray clouds
Rose-blushing as they rise.
Vermont morning

The full moon
Woke me last night.
Clouds dialing on a golden face.
Heavenly alarm clock

POLICE REPORTS

On April 16, 2012 at 11:18 AM the Vermont State Police initiated an investigation into a road-rage incident that occurred on I-89 North in South Burlington and then continued on the I-89 Northbound Off-Ramp at Exit 15 into Winooski. The preliminary investigation revealed the incident began on I-89 North near Exit 14 after words and gestures were exchanged between **Michael Babcock**, 45 of Winooski, VT, James Phelps, 66 Huntington, VT and Phelps' passenger. As a result of this interaction Babcock stopped his vehicle in the passing lane of I-89 North, which ultimately blocked Phelps' vehicle from continuing. Babcock then exited his vehicle and confronted Phelps. During this confrontation Phelps was struck several times. Phelps and his passengers were able to leave the scene and exited I-89 North at Exit 15. While stopped at the traffic light (at the intersection of the off-ramp and Route 15) Babcock approached Phelps' vehicle again and a second physical confrontation ensued. During this encounter Phelps was struck several more times. NOTE: At the time of these incidents Babcock had his two 4 year-old children in his vehicle. On April 17, 2012 Babcock was issued a citation to appear in Chittenden Superior Court on June 26, 2012. Case #: 12A101344

On Sunday April 29, 2012 at approximately 2:06 AM Vermont State Police observed a vehicle in the parking lot of the Lucky Spot gas station, which was closed. Upon speaking with the operator and only occupant in the vehicle, **Megan Towle**, 35, Richmond, VT, it was found that she was intoxicated and also had a criminally suspended driver's license in the State of Vermont. Towle was arrested for these offenses and transported to the Williston State Police Barracks for processing. Case #: 12A101510

On Sunday April 29, 2012 at approximately 5:00 PM Vermont State Police out of the Williston Barracks responded to an **abandoned vehicle** in a remote location off Lee River road in Jericho, VT. Further investigation revealed the vehicle was stolen out of Putnam, New York. Anyone having information regarding the stolen vehicle is requested to call the Vermont State Police at 802-878-7111. Case#:12A101518

On April 26, 2012 the Vermont State Police began an investigation into domestic assault which occurred in Huntington, VT. The female victim was allegedly choked and had her life threatened by **Jamey V. King**, 41 also of Huntington. King committed this crime in the presence of three young children before fleeing from the home. King drove back to his home and when Troopers attempted to speak with him regarding the incident he refused to answer the door. On April 27 a search warrant for King's home was granted along with a \$75,000 warrant for his arrest for first degree aggravated domestic assault. King is a convicted felon and is prohibited from owning any firearms. On April 28 the State Police executed a search warrant on his home in an attempt to seize any firearms he may have access to and to arrest King. Several handguns, rifles, and shotguns were taken from the home. As the State Police made their way to his remote hunting camp on the family property King fled on foot into the woods near Main Road and Moody Road. The Vermont State Police searched for several hours for King but were unable to locate him. Anyone having any information regarding Jamey King and where he may be hiding please contact the Vermont State Police at the Williston Barracks at 878-7111. Please do not attempt to apprehend him yourself. King is fully aware the State Police are looking for him and aiding him will result in charges of accessory and harboring a fugitive.

On Saturday April 21 at approximately 4:17 AM, Vermont State Police and Lamoille County Sheriff's Department responded to a 911 call in Cambridge, VT. Upon arrival it was discovered that the victim was assaulted by her live in boyfriend, **Erik Smith**, 32 of Cambridge, VT. The victim received medical treatment by Cambridge rescue and refused to be transported to the hospital. Smith was arrested and charged with 1st degree Aggravated Domestic Assault. Smith was lodged at Northeast Correctional Center in St. Johnsbury. Smith was cited to appear in Lamoille District Court on April 23, 2012. Case #:12A101412

On Saturday April 21, 2012, **Eli Hersh** was cited and release for Unlawful Trespassing. On Friday April 19, 2012 VSP received a report of an individual leaving the residence by a realtor attempting to sell the residence. The realtor took the plate down and called VSP later that day. Hersh was contacted and asked to come to the barracks to provide a written statement. Hersh admitted to being in the residence which he no longer lived in. Hersh will appear in Franklin District Court on May 29, 2012 at 1:00 PM. Case #: 12A201596

On Sunday April 22, 2012 at approximately 12:43 AM Vermont State Police drove upon what was believed to be a disabled motor vehicle stopped partially in the roadway heading south and just over the crest of a hill on Vermont Route 2A near Pinecrest Circle, Williston, VT. At the time of this incident it was raining with a mix of sleet. Upon speaking with the operator and only occupant in the vehicle, **Jody LaClair**,

48, of Richmond, VT, it was found that she was intoxicated. LaClair was arrested for Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicating Liquors and transported to the Williston State Police Barracks for processing and released on a citation. LaClair was cited into Chittenden County Court on May 10, 2012. Case #: 12A101423

On April 22, 2012, Vermont State police responded to a residence on VT Route 116 in Bristol, VT for a reported domestic assault. It was reported to police that a female and male had been assaulted by **Shad Hance**, age 39 of Jericho, VT, causing injury to two people. Hance subsequently left the residence in Bristol traveling northbound. The Vermont State Police at the New Haven Barracks contacted the Williston Barracks asking for troopers to be on the lookout for the Hance's vehicle as the male was known to reside on Morgan Road in Jericho, VT. Troopers located the vehicle believed to be involved in the domestic incident as it pulled into the Hance's driveway. When troopers approached the vehicle they found the vehicle operator deceased in the vehicle. Essex Rescue responded to the scene. Hance was pronounced deceased in his vehicle. Detectives with the Bureau of Criminal Investigation are investigating the case. The Chittenden County State Attorney and the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner were contacted. Upon initial review, the cause of death has been determined to be a self inflicted gunshot wound to the head. The decedent's body was transported to the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner for further review. The victims of the assault sustained minor injuries. Case #12A101424

UNDERHILL JERICHO FIRE DEPARTMENT

By Kitty Clark

- EMERGENCY CALLS: (calls from March 39 - April 26)
- March 30, 6:10 PM, Lift Assist on Ridge Road, Jericho
 - April 2, 3:21 PM, EMS in Jericho
 - April 3, 4:26 PM, Several grass fires in the area of Lee River & Twin Meadows, Jericho
 - April 4, 7:47 AM, Electrical fire, 3 Outlook Lane, Jericho
 - April 7, 2:16 PM, Alarm activation, 126 Fitzsimonds Road, Jericho
 - April 11, 6:55 AM, Report of heavy smoke from chimney near 1100 VT RT 15, Westford
 - April 12, 5:42 PM, Carbon Monoxide Alarm, 12 Autumn CT, Jericho
 - April 13, 8:18 AM, EMS, Jericho
 - April 15, 10:46 PM, Lift Assist, Foothills, Jericho
 - April 16, 10:55 AM, EMS, Jericho
 - April 17, 12:32 PM, EMS, Jericho
 - April 17, 12:39 PM, EMS, Underhill
 - April 18, 6:22 AM, Report of gray smoke from chimney near 1100 VT RT 15, Westford
 - April 20, 9:20 AM, Burning without permit, 154 VT RT 15, Jericho
 - April 20, 9:29 AM, EMS, Jericho
 - April 20, 1:07 PM, EMS, Underhill
 - April 24, 8:34 PM, Carbon Monoxide Alarm, 9 Twin Meadows, Jericho
 - April 26, 9:53 PM, One vehicle accident, intersection of Barber Farm & Browns Trace, Jericho

SAFETY MESSAGE: A reminder that those batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors need to be changed twice a year and be sure to check them at least once a month. Practice Fire Safety Everyday.

Harvest Market Clutter Barn opens for donations on May 5

The Clutter Barn, sponsored by the United Church of Underhill, operates out of the previously named "Gifford Building" adjacent to the church at the park in Underhill Flats. Its mission is to offer gently used merchandise for sale to the members of the community and beyond at attractive prices. Volunteers from the church are on hand at the Clutter Barn on Saturday mornings from 8:30 AM to noon to receive donated items that are then sorted, priced, and arranged in categorized areas throughout the building. On the last Saturday of each month, May through August, the Clutter Barn hosts a tag sale (donations not accepted on these days) where enthusiastic shoppers are sure to find that special item for which they've been searching -- and many other treasures. The really big sale is the week-end of Harvest Market, Sept.29 and 30.

Opening day for the 2012 season is Saturday, May 5, and volunteers will be waiting to receive donations from 8:30 AM to noon. Go to www.unitedchurchofunderhill.com and click on Clutter Barn to see a list of items not accepted at the Clutter Barn; they include computers and computer equipment, baby cribs, printers/photocopy machines, baby car seats, telephones/fax machines beds, TV's, tires, large exercise equipment, tire rims, large furniture, automobile roof carriers, large rugs, truck caps, building materials, truck racks, plumbing materials, microwave ovens, magazines, and convection ovens. Please limit clothing donations to spring and summer articles only, until August. Questions or information, contact Sharon Damkot (899-3572), Kathy Williamson (899-3122) or Betty Wilson (899-5878).

Zeus is on the mend.

Zeus has recently been rescued by Save Our Strays. He is 3 years old, well behaved, neutered male who is good with other dogs. He has had surgery for entropion (an eye lid condition).

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Green Up Day Field Guide

Learn more about the litter found in our community in the Vermont edition of *A Field Guide to Litter*. Note to teachers: guide is appropriate for ages 4-99. Recommended reading for those seeking *Detritus Debris Degree*. This field guide is an introduction to familiar species of urban trash found on city streets, sidewalks, lawns, stream banks, and hanging from trees. The guide lists the common name, followed by the scientific name.

1. Redeemable bottle or can (**Lost Nickel Wrap**). Cans often rusty, crushed, flattened, or otherwise mangled. Bottles may be broken; handle with care-gloves recommended. The occasional mouse or other small creature could be expired inside the container. To avoid gross odors, seal container in plastic garbage bag and dispose of properly as soon as possible.
2. Non-Redeemable bottle or can including water bottles (**High Profit Water**). Bottled water is much more expensive than tap water. The quality may be poorer. Then to add injury to insult the plastic bottle becomes litter.
3. Take-out food wrappers or drink containers (**Fast Wrap**). Urban litter is often high in food wrappings (coffee and drink cups, burger wrappers, chip bags etc.). Fast food does not have to equal fast litter.
4. Plastic non-food packaging (**Oil Wrap**) Manufacturing of plastic requires oil. If we leave pieces of plastic on the ground long enough will it turn back to oil, seep into the ground and diminish our oil crisis?
5. Cardboard or paper non-food packaging (**Tree Wrap**) My theory is someone witnessed cardboard sailing off the back of a truck hauling uncovered waste or spilling from an uncovered recycle bin and then came up with the idea of the Frisbee.
6. Cigarette package (**Iron Lung Wrap**). Here is where one can have some empathy or at least understanding of an act of littering. A smoker likely has lung damage that affects their ability to carry themselves about. It is probably difficult for them to carry their empty cigarette package to a trashcan.
7. Automobile parts, including tires (**Heavy Trash**). Johnny Cash could have filled his lunch box with one piece at a time by picking up heavy trash and then building himself that 59, 60, 69, 70 Cadillac from the car parts littered on stream banks and in wooded areas.
8. Clothing and any cloth material (**People Wrap**) If the Salvation Army ever runs out of unmatched shoes, pink bras, as well as sweaters, shirts, and other apparel they need only join a Green and Clean litter brigade to gather materials to replenish their stockpile.
9. Cigarette butts (**Toxic Time Bombs**). At busy intersections, accumulations of butts make the road an ashtay. Not only are they aesthetically putrid, but these chemical dispensing filters keep on giving for years releasing their nasty elements into the environment-air and water- and sometimes fish and other aquatic life mistake them for food.

10. This line Open for your Field Guide entries. Hurry, deadline for national publication of "A Field Guide to Litter" is quickly approaching. **Send me your Green Up day photos and tell me about your clean up event for publication on my website.**

Bernie Paquette lives in South Burlington. His website [http://litterwithastorytotell.blogspot.com/posts Green and Clean Vermont short stories, essays and pictures](http://litterwithastorytotell.blogspot.com/posts/Green%20and%20Clean%20Vermont%20short%20stories,%20essays%20and%20pictures). Contact Bernie Paquette at litterwithastorytotell@yahoo.com.

Co-op solar hot water program in Chittenden county

In response to concerns about rising fuel costs and greenhouse gas emissions, the Energy Co-op of Vermont has launched the Co-op Solar program as a simple and affordable way for residents and small business owners in Chittenden County to save money and make a smart environmental choice. "It may be the best investment you can make for your home and planet," says John Quinney, general manager at the Energy Co-op.

By partnering with Vermont-based Sunward Systems, the Energy Co-op has been able to secure a deep price discount on the solar hot water heaters. With state and federal incentives, typical installation costs are reduced by more than 50%. With optional, low interest loans from VSECU, Co-op Solar systems can be installed with no money down. Over the lifetime of the system, many homeowners can save more than \$20,000.

Co-op Solar also makes the entire process straightforward. By taking care of the permitting process and selecting certified installers, the Co-op relieves any headaches that homeowners may have had in the past. A risk-free, no obligation solar site assessment is currently being offered to see if solar is right for your home or business.

While the Co-op Solar program is open to all residents and small businesses in Chittenden County, the program is scheduled to end on June 30th.

A public info session will be held on May 9th at the Red Brick Meeting House in Westford at 7pm. Other community events are taking place throughout the county. For more details on event dates and the program, or to sign up for a free site assessment, call the Energy Co-op of Vermont at (802) 860-4090 or visit <http://www.Co-opSolar.net>.

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SONSHINE

From the United Church of Underhill

The United Church of Underhill is located at the park on Route 15 in Underhill Flats. Everyone is invited to attend worship services and Sunday School at 10:30 AM on Sunday mornings. The church is a federation of the United Church of Christ and the United Methodist Church, and served by Rev. Kevin Goldenbogen. For information or questions, the church may be reached at 899-1722 or www.unitedchurchofunderhill.com.

The next "Food for All" dinner at the United Church will be held on Thursday May 10, from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. The dinner is free and open to everyone and anyone in the communities of Underhill and Jericho. It's a great chance to eat out with your family, neighbors, and friends, and catch up on what's going on in their lives and in the area. If you wish, a donation may be made at the time of the dinner, which will help support the local food shelf.

The United Church Clutter Barn, a venue of the Old Fashioned Harvest Market, will open for donations on Saturday May 5, from 8:30 AM to noon. Donations will be accepted every Sat. morning through August, except for the last Saturday of each month, when all donated items will be for sale. Please see the article elsewhere in the newspaper for more information and a list of items that cannot be accepted.

A Roast Beef Benefit Dinner and Silent "Service" Auction will be held at the church on Saturday May 12, starting at 6:00 PM. Proceeds from the dinner and auction will be used to help 15 people from the church on a mission trip to the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota on July 21-27. They will spend a week of learning and serving, as they participate in various work projects across the reservation, helping to rebuild relationships, homes, and lives. The volunteers from the church will be working with re-member, a non-profit organization which works with the Oglala Lakota Nation on Pine Ridge Reservation. Tickets for the dinner are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 10, and may be reserved by calling Roland Burroughs at 899-4481 or the church at 899-1722.

Get ready for Vacation Bible Camp this summer on August 20-24 from 9:00 - 11:30 AM at the Jericho United Methodist Church, in conjunction with the United Church of Underhill and the Essex Center Methodist Church. All children in our communities are invited to participate in "Operation Overboard" as we Dare to Go Deep with God. Adult assistance is also needed as leaders for groups of children, and for snacks, mission, crafts, and discovery. Please contact Julianne Nickerson at 899-3798 for more information and to register. There is no charge for Vacation Bible Camp.

Correction

On Saturday May 5 from 12:00 - 4:00 PM, Richmond will be holding the second annual Richmond Chocolate Walk, to benefit CHMS OM teams. Designed as a fun event to encourage residents and visitors to discover and enjoy Richmond's retail and dining establishments, the Chocolate Walk works in the following way.

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HEALTH NEWS

Blood drive to be held May 15

Area residents and visitors alike are encouraged to give blood on Tuesday May 15, at the United Christian Assembly on Raceway Road in Jericho. Donor hours are 1:00-6:00 PM. The need is constant, the gratification is instant. All presenting donors will receive a coupon for a free Burger King Whopper Value Meal or a fresh Garden Salad. Participants are asked to bring a can of baked beans, or a can of fruit or vegetables, to support the local E-J-U Ecumenical Food Shelf.

NEW KIDS IN TOWN

HINESBURG

(Gay) Stephanie (Nalette) and Brent Gay had a daughter, Quinn Lyllian, on March 20, 2012 at Fletcher Allen Health Care, Burlington, VT.

JEFFERSONVILLE

(McKinney) Ashley (Wolff) and Patrick McKinney had a son, Maxim William, on March 31, 2012 at Fletcher Allen Health Care, Burlington, VT.

(Rodriguez) Shelly (Houle) and Ramon Rodriguez had a daughter, Nikko Dominga, on March 28, 2012 at Fletcher Allen Health Care, Burlington, VT.

(Stout) Cassandra and Robert Lawrance Stout had a son, Jayden Edward Lawrance, on March 23, 2012 at Fletcher Allen Health Care, Burlington, VT.

JERICHO

(Elmergreen) Melinda (Guyton) and Robert Elmergreen had a son, Benji Lee, on March 20, 2012 at Fletcher Allen Health Care, Burlington, VT.

(Marston) Tammy (Chagnon) and Brian Marston had a daughter, Makaylee, on March 21, 2012 at Fletcher Allen Health Care, Burlington, VT.

RICHMOND

(Tully) Julie (O'Grady) and Eric Tully had a daughter, Ava Rose, on April 5, 2012 at Fletcher Allen Health Care, Burlington, VT.

UNDERHILL

(Fullem) Leah (Staniels) and Michael Fullem had a son, Brendan Michael, on April 2, 2012 at Fletcher Allen Health Care, Burlington, VT.

(Hanley) Dusty (McKinstry) and James Hanley had a daughter, Abigail Theresa, on April 10, 2012 at Fletcher Allen Health Care, Burlington, VT.

Local residents John Finlay and Robin Pesci honored by Kidsafe Collaborative

Underhill resident John Finlay, of the Vermont Defender General's Office, has received a KidSafe Collaborative Outstanding Service Award. John was among a distinguished group of seven professionals and volunteers in our community who help keep children safe from abuse and neglect and strengthen families. For his work as a Public Defender, he was honored with the Outstanding Professional Award.



Richmond resident Robin Pesci, LICSW, has received a 2012 KidSafe Collaborative Outstanding Service Award. Robin was recognized with the Outstanding Promising Professional Award for her work as the Director of First Call, a 24 hour crisis line at HowardCenter. was among a distinguished group of seven professionals and volunteers in our community who help keep children safe from abuse and neglect and strengthen families.

The awards were presented at KidSafe's 23rd Annual Awards luncheon on April 10. The event recognizes the work of individuals and teams making a significant difference in the safety of children and families in Chittenden County.

For more information: www.kidsafevt.org.

OBITUARIES



Katrina Marie Brehm, 49, of Jericho, crossed the finish line of her greatest marathon on April 20, 2012, surrounded by her close friends and family. She will always be remembered as a beautiful and caring wife and mother. She died feeling no pain or fear. Katrina was born April 12, 1963, and has always called Vermont her home. Katrina was the devoted wife of Richard Brehm and mother of Samantha Brehm. Katrina, Rick and Sam called Jericho their home. Katrina

proudly served as a Green Mountain Boy in the Vermont Air National Guard and retired as a Chief Master Sergeant in 2007, after a long and distinguished career. Most recently, Katrina served with the Department of Homeland Security. Serving her state and nation meant the world to her. Katrina loved living in Jericho. She could often be seen running the back roads in preparation for her next race. She cherished spending time with family and friends, whether hosting pool parties, skiing or going for long walks with Zoey (the family dog). Katrina packed a lot of love and living into her 49 years. She lived life to its fullest. She was a mentor, friend, sister and wife. But, without a doubt, her most cherished title of all was "Momma." The bond between Katrina and Samantha will never be broken. Throughout her life, the friendships she made and bonds she created will live on forever. We are forever grateful to "The Crew from Jericho," for all the love and support they have given throughout our lives. Katrina is survived by her husband, Rick, and daughter, Samantha Brehm; sisters, Diane Daily and husband, Tim, of Omaha, Neb., and Terri Poulin of Brattleboro; brothers, Mark Poulin of Barre, Alexander Poulin of Madison, Ala., Anthony Poulin of South Burlington, Patrick Poulin and wife, Vern, of St. George, David Poulin of Essex, and Peter Poulin of Gorham, Maine; and many nieces and nephews. Katrina will be greatly missed by her mother-in-law, Frances Brehm of Scotia, N.Y.; sister-in-law, Lee (Brehm) and husband, Anthony Vilardi, of Clifton Park, N.Y.; brother-in-law, William and wife, Mary Brehm, of Scotia, N.Y.; brother-in-law, Robert and wife, Maryellen Brehm, of Schenectady, N.Y.; and many nieces and nephews. Katrina was predeceased by her parents, Fernand and Patricia Poulin; and her brother, Andrew Poulin. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, April 24, 2012, in St. Lawrence Church, Essex Junction. Calling hours will be held on Monday, April 23, 2012, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Ready Funeral & Cremation Service Mountain View Chapel, 68 Pinecrest Dr. in Essex Junction. To send online condolences to the family please visit, www.readyfuneral.com. In lieu of flowers, please honor Katrina's memory by telling those closest to you that you love them. If you wish to do more, please consider a donation to the American Cancer Society. Words cannot express the sadness we feel in losing Katrina. We have been truly blessed to have her in our lives. We are grateful for the love and support of our family and friends. "It's always a good day to be a Brehm." We love you Momma.

Lucille Theresa Boutin, 85, of Essex, VT, passed away on April 26, 2012 at Fletcher Allen Health Care in Burlington, VT with her loving family by her side. Lucille was born on May 2, 1926 in Burlington, VT, the first daughter of Arthur and Maria (Allard) Martel.

Lucille started school in St. Pea, P.Q., Canada completing the fifth grade before moving to Vermont. She attended school in Monkton, Huntington, Burlington, Colchester and Ferrisburg, VT.

She quit school when the family moved to Richmond.



Lucille met Victor Joseph Boutin at Holy Rosary Church in Richmond, VT where they were married on March 29, 1947.

Lucille enjoyed many happy times with her large family and many friends. She is survived by seven of her children: Shirley Hunter and husband Gary of Apex, NC; Linda King and husband Frank of Swanton, VT; David Boutin and wife Brenda of Starksboro, VT; Rane Boutin and wife Anne of Goffstown, NH; Mary Hutchison and husband Bruce of Portland, ME; Andrew Boutin and wife Gabriel and Patrick Boutin of Essex Jct., VT; daughter-in-law Nancy Boutin of Essex Jct. VT; as well as 20 grandchildren: Frank, Steven, Scott, Tonya, Matthew, Shawn, Mark, Sandy, Chad, Brad, Cole, Jill, Tyler, Julie, Eric, Elliot and Kayla; 16 great-grandchildren and a sister, Mary Anne Ruggles, of Oklahoma City. She is predeceased by her husband Victor Joseph Boutin, who passed away on August 1, 1983, and son Steven Victor Boutin, who passed away on July 2, 2010.

Lucille will be remembered for her love of her family, having a smart wit and great sense of humor. She loved her dog Muffin. She had a terrific talent for creating beautiful oil paintings, especially of her beloved Vermont. We will all miss her delicious home-made pork meat pies. Lucille had made many friends at the Green Mountain Nursing Home, especially caretaker Lisa Booska, during the last 2 years.

Visiting hours will be on Tuesday May 1, 2012 from 4:00 to 7:00 PM and a funeral prayer service will be held on Wednesday May 2 at 10:00 AM at Corbin and Palmer Funeral Home, 9 Pleasant Street, Essex Junction, VT.

Memorial contributions can be made in her memory to the Green Mountain Nursing Home Activities Fund, 475 Ethan Allen Avenue, Colchester, VT 05446.

COLLEGE NOTES

Champlain College's Division of Information Technology & Sciences honored the following students for their outstanding efforts within their field of study this past academic year.

Ethan Fleisher a senior from Jericho, VT received the Peer Nominated Outstanding Student Award for Computer & Digital Forensics.

Derek Izor a senior from Waterbury, VT received the Outstanding Student Award in Web Development & Design for Computer Information Technology.

Thomas Francis a sophomore from Underhill, VT received the Excellence in Game Programming Award.

Jeffersonville's **Moriah LeGrand**, a senior Writing, Lit and Publishing at Emerson College, has achieved high academic standing and will be inducted into the Gold Key Honor Society at a ceremony on Wednesday, April 18, at the Tufts Performance and Production Center's Semel Theater (10 Boylston Place, Boston).

Vermont Technical College celebrated its third annual Student Honors Convocation on April 12, 2012, honoring top students for their scholarly and athletic successes. Students, their award(s), and their hometowns are:

Crystal L. Sorrell, Equine Science Massage Underhill, VT

Crystal L. Sorrell, Equine Science Most Improved: Equitation Underhill, VT

Kathleen M. Davies, Phi Theta Kappa candidate Richmond, VT

Kiah L. Duncan, Equine Science Massage Underhill, VT

On Saturday, April 14th, Governor Peter Shumlin addressed the 81 graduates in Vermont Department of Labor's Electrical and Plumbing Apprenticeship Programs at a ceremony held on the Vermont Tech Randolph Campus. Students from our area are: **Brandon Ellis Linder**, Electrical Huntington VT; **Paul L. Domina**, Plumbing Jericho VT; **Shad W. Hance**, Electrical Jericho VT and **Corey Westall**, Electrical Westford VT.

Warts and All:

Tips & Tricks on Wart Removal

By Dr. Lewis First, M.D.

Parents have been hand over foot asking me lots of questions about their child's warts. Well let me see if I can do more than *skin* the surface on this topic.

Warts are tiny skin infections caused by a strain of human papilloma virus (HPV) – but not the same strain that causes genital warts and increases one's risk for cervical cancer in teens and adult women. The HPV strain that causes common warts results in small, hard bumps on your skin with a rough surface – similar in texture to a cauliflower. They are usually found on the fingers, hands, arms and feet in children and are painless except for those on the feet. More than 50% of children will get a wart at some time. They are usually passed from person to person by simply sharing towels, or from close contact between children who may have open scratches or cuts, allowing the virus to spread easily into someone else.

The good news is that warts can be treated and will go away even without treatment, although this may take weeks to months or even years. Over-the-counter medications are available which contain mild acids that will slowly peel off the dead skin cells of

the wart and eventually cause it to disappear. One of the most recent discoveries in wart treatment involves the use of duct tape. A few studies suggest that wrapping the wart in duct tape for 6 days a week for 4 to 8 weeks, followed by one day of soaking and paring down the wart with an emery board or pumice stone, may be just as effective as the over the counter acid medications. The duct tape method is thought to work by revving up the body's immune system, as the tape mildly inflames the wart, but more evidence is needed to determine just how effective this therapy can really be.

If over-the-counter and duct tape methods don't work, other measures recommended by our child's physician may involve other prescription medications,

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COMING EVENTS

Friday May 4

Join the Jericho Energy Task Force at 7 on May 4 at the Deborah Rawson Memorial Library for *Bag It*, the final film of our spring movie series. This award-winning documentary started out as film about plastic bags but evolved into an investigation into plastics and their effect on our waterways, oceans, and ourselves. There will be a post-move discussion about what we can do locally about this issue. *Bag It* was featured at several film festivals across the country including a showing in Honolulu sponsored by singer/songwriter Jack Johnson.

Bag It will be shown free of charge and some refreshments will be provided. We'll bring the apple cider but since this is a waste-free event we encourage you to bring your own mugs. For more information, contact Larry Lamb at 899-4863 or lbamb@hotmail.com.

Saturday May 5 & Sunday May 6

Annual Spring Sale, Bingham Methodist Church, Fletcher Union Meeting House from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Rummage only. Sale tables include: food plants, books, White Elephant, and a huge rummage sale. A soup and sandwich lunch will be served throughout the day. Rummage will be accepted after April 15 for information or to donate items, call Charles Tinker and Dennis Getty at 849-2120.

Saturday, May 5

Monkton Boy Scout Troop 525 will be holding their annual Spaghetti Dinner and silent auction on May 5. The dinner is from 5:00- 7:00 PM. And the silent auction is from 5:00 to 6:30 PM. Prices are \$8 for adults and \$5 for children under age 10. The proceeds from the dinner will go to the Eric Davis Memorial Scholarship fund. Silent auction proceeds will help boy scouts go to high adventure camps. Contact Russ Baker at 453-4859 for more information.

Monkton Town-Wide Yard Sale, from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the Monkton Volunteer Fire Department and throughout Monkton. Table space available (10'x10') at \$10 each at the fire station inside and outside. Vendors welcome! Maps will be available at the fire station for area yard sales in town. Sponsored by the Monkton Community Coffeehouse. For more information or to participate, contact Kathy Boyer at 453-6067 or e-mail weg@gmavt.net.

Community Open Mic, Jericho Community Center, open mic 7:30 PM. All performers are welcome to join us: storytellers, musicians, poets, and more. If you are interested in signing up for a performance slot, please contact Laura Markowitz at 879 - 4606 or lmarkowitz2408@gmail.com. Join us for a relaxing and fun night with friends and neighbors to share desserts and enjoy some great local talent. Refreshments will be served starting at 7:00 PM.

Bicycle and boat swap sponsored by the Cambridge Area Rotary, Main Street Cambridge at the Cambridge 360, Drop off Friday May 4 from 5:00 - 7:00 PM, and Saturday morning by prior arrangement, sale Saturday May 5 from 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM, pick-up Saturday May 5 from 2:00 - 3:00 PM.

Pie for Breakfast, Cambridge Area Rotary Club kick off for Green Up Day, 360 Cambridge, Cambridge Village, 9:00 AM to noon. Club members supply delicious home-baked pies of every description, and portions are sold with coffee as a delicious treat to start the day.

Silent Auction, St James Episcopal Church, Essex Junction 6:00 to 10:00 PM. Anything but silent, this lively fundraiser will include musical entertainment, hors d'oeuvres, and a cash wine & beer bar. Auction items include gift certificates to area businesses, handmade items, artwork, a fishing trip, and more. Admission is \$10 at the door - over 21 only, please.

Sunday, May 6

Annual Breakfast, Monkton Volunteer Fire Dept., 8:00- 11:00 AM. Prices are \$8 adults; \$5 seniors and children under age 8. Serving egg casserole, scrambled eggs, French toast, English muffins, bacon, sausage, desserts, coffee, juice, milk. Contact Charlie Huizenga, Sr. for more information at 877-2888.

Community breakfast, from 9:00 - 11:00 AM at the VFW Post 6689, 73 Pearl Street, Essex Junction (across from Big Lots). Sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary. This is a monthly event, on the 1st Sunday of each month. All are invited, both members and non-members! Adults \$6 and Children \$3. Call 878-0700 for more information.

Thursday May 10

When to Worry About Your Child's Worries, Browns River Middle School Library, 7:00-8:00 PM, presented by David C Rettew, MD, Associate Professor of Psychiatry and Pediatrics, Director, Pediatric Psychiatry Clinic, UVM College of Medicine. Free admission. For more info or to RSVP online (optional) go to: <http://support.childmind.org/drettwew>.

Business Plans for Consultants - Open Forum, Meeting begins at 8:00 a.m. - arrive early for networking opportunities

Saturday May 12

Community Food Drive, United Way of Lamoille County and U.S. Postal Service, Drop food at Post Office lobby or hang on.

Bolton Community Yard/Plant/Bake sale, 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM at Smilie Memorial School on Route 2. Donations for the Yard Sale can be dropped off at Smilie April 30-May 11 between 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM. You can reserve your own spot at the sale for just \$15! For more information contact Brenda at 434-5468 or bphilips@gmavt.net.

Invasive plant talk and walk, Milton Municipal Building, 1:00 to 3:00 PM. Invasive plants pose a serious threat to the health of Vermont's woodlands and waterways. In this two hour workshop, Donia Prince of The Nature Conservancy will explore some of the ways that invasive terrestrial plants degrade ecosystems and disrupt Vermont's forest economy, and offer some practical ways that individuals and communities can help. Combining an indoor presentation with a walk on town lands, you will learn to identify common invasive terrestrial plants, and strategies for controlling them using nonchemical means. Sponsored by the Milton Conservation Commission. For more information please call 893-1186.

Sunday May 13

Magic show, 2:30 PM, Mountain Mamas of Jericho, Underhill fundraising event, Covenant Community Church, Rt. 15, Essex. Master Magician Tom Verner will present a magic show to delight all ages with a special guest appearance by mime artist Janet Fredericks, "La Fleur." Following the magic show, light refreshments will be served after which there will

be an opportunity for a limited group of 12, ages 12 and over, to participate in a special Magic Workshop. Six tricks will be taught and magic kits provided. For additional information, phone Jane Banks at 899-5415 or Polly Connell at 899-2375.

Cambridge Area Rotary exchange student

Mariano Eduardo Ramirez Lara, the current exchange student hosted by Cambridge Area Rotary and one of his host mothers, **Vanessa Sciortino** at a recent Rotary meeting. Mariano is from Mexico and is currently attending Lamoille Union High School. He will be returning home at the end of June. PHOTO CONTRIBUTED



Warts

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freezing off the warts or laser surgery, but that is rarely necessary.

Can warts be prevented? Not really, but the chance of your child getting one may be reduced if they wash their skin regularly and well, especially after they get a cut or scratch. Wearing flip flops in public showers and locker rooms and around public pools may protect against warts that show up on the bottom of the foot.

Hopefully you'll find these tips rewarding when it comes to knowing more about how to deal with warts.

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.

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COMING 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 email: Laineyrapp@yahoo.com or call me at 802 660-4817

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.

Drop in Watercolor Painting, Every 3rd Saturday, 9:00 - 11:00 a.m., at the River Arts Center in Morrisville. An opportunity to refine your watercolor skill set or learn new techniques if you're a beginner. Bring your own materials, no registration required, drop in. Suggested donation \$8. Call 888-1261, or visit our website: www.riverartsvt.org for more details. Join us.

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.

Micah's Men of the United Church of Underhill meet on the 3rd Saturday of each month at the church at 7:30 AM. For more information call 899-1722.

Mt. Mansfield Scale Modelers gather on the third Thursday of the month from 6:30 to 8:30 PM. Modelers encompassing all categories of interest and skill levels are welcome. Brownell Library, Kolvoord Community Room, Lincoln Street, Essex Junction. Next meetings Thursday December 15, 2011; Thursday January 19, and Thursday February 23, 2012.

The Women of the United Church of Underhill meet on the second Saturday of each month at 8:00 AM at the Church located at the park on Rt. 15 in Underhill Flats. Women interested in sharing Christian prayer and discussions are welcome. Contact Julianne Nickerson at 899-3798 for more information.

The VT-French-Canadian Genealogical Society - Do you have more time in the summer to start finding your ancestors? Do you need help filling in those blank spaces in your family tree? We have resources such as the VT Vital records to help with that and we can help anyone get started. The VT French-Canadian Genealogical Society library is located on Hegeman Avenue, Fort Ethan Allen, Colchester. We're open Tuesdays 3:00 to 9:30 PM and the following Saturdays, July 9 and August 13. We will be closed September 3. Parking and entrance across from the State Police. Please visit our website <http://www.vt-fcgs.org>, or call 802-238-5934 for more information.

Smugglers Notch 55+ Club meets every Wednesday at Smugglers Notch for a social time then break into groups to ski. We start with a brief organizational meeting, coffee and rolls, and then we head out to the trails in self-selected ability groups, gather informally throughout the summer for a wide variety of outdoor activities. Membership benefits include various discounts at Smuggs. For more information call Deborah at 644-5455 or just attend a meeting at the Morse base lodge starting at 9:00 AM every Wednesday.

HEALTH EVENTS & GROUPS

Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting, "Wing It" group meets Sundays - 11:00 AM at Maple Leaf Farm on Stevensville Road, Underhill - it's an Open Speaker meeting followed by a Brunch (there is a \$10 charge for the brunch)

Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting, "The Firing Line" group meets Wednesdays, 7:15 PM - 8:15 PM at Maple Leaf Farm on Stevensville Road, Underhill - it's an Open Step meeting

Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting, "The Firing Line" group meets Saturdays, 8:00 - 9:00 PM at Maple Leaf Farm on Stevensville Road, Underhill - it's an Open Speaker Discussion meeting

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.

Statewide Quit Line, Telephone Smoking Cessation Counseling. Call 1-877-YES-QUIT (1-877-937-7848). Free.

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.

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.

Mondays: Jericho Community Center 9:30-11:00 AM
Wednesdays: Richmond Free Library 8:45-10:15 AM
Thursdays: Bolton's Smilie School 9:00-11:00 AM the 1st three Thursdays of the month

Fridays: Underhill Central School 9:00-10:30 AM

Huntington - Thursdays 10:00-12:00 at Huntington Public Library

Also: Welcome Baby Group: for families with children birth-walking age. Thursday 10:00-11:30 at Richmond Free Library.

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

Early Literacy Storytime, Thursdays, 11:00 AM at Westford Public Library. Stories and activities utilizing early literacy concepts for age's birth-preschool. Drop-in; no registration needed. We welcome new families! For more info, contact Victoria at 878-5639 or westford_pl@vals.state.vt.us, or visit our website www.westford.lib.vt.us and click on Events @ Your Library.

SENIORS/COMMUNITY MEALS

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.

Johnson Community Meal - Every 2nd & 4th Wednesday, 11:30AM-12:30pm at the United Church in Johnson. Come for a hot meal and get to know your neighbors. The meal will be followed by a community gathering. For more information, please contact: Ellen Hill: 635-1439, ellen.hill@jsc.edu.

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.

Starksboro First Baptist Church, Starksboro - senior meals, fourth Thursday of the month, 11:30 AM, call Brenda Boutin at 802-453-6354 for more information.

"Good Food for All" free dinners, 2nd Thursday of each month at the United Church of Underhill, Rt. 15, Underhill Flats, from 5 - 7 p.m., and on the last Thursday of each month at Calvary Episcopal Church, Rt. 15, Underhill Flats, 5 - 7 p.m. Everyone in the communities is invited.

SPORTS ACTIVITIES

Ongoing Pilate classes at Dakini Studio in Underhill. Mon and Thurs at 6:00 PM call 899-4191 to register. Find more information and other scheduled classes at dakinistudio.wordpress.com.

Zumba, Fairfax - Tuesdays 7:00-8:00 PM and Saturdays 9:00-10:00 AM. Contact Pam Adams 370-4437 or pamaj68@aol.com.

Zumba Fitness, Monday evenings only, 5:30 - 6:30 PM, at the River Arts Center in Morrisville. Zumba Fitness with certified instructor, Karen Machia. No registration required, drop in. Call 888-1261, or visit our website: www.riverartsvt.org for more details.

ZUMBA(r) Fitness with Lori Mondays 5:30-6:30 PM, Underhill Town Hall, Wednesdays 6:00-7:00 PM, Jericho Community Center. For more info contact Lori Preiss 899-0343, lori@greenmountainzumba.com or check out my website www.greenmountainzumba.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; playroom 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 & 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.

Westford Fire Department, Mondays, 7:00 PM, at the fire station next to the Town Garage. For information, email John Quinn, jquinnvt@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.

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

Jericho Water District next meeting is Tuesday May 15, 2012 at 7:00 PM, RT 15, Jericho at the Red Mill.

THRIFT SHOPS & FOOD SHELVES

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NEW KID IN TOWN

Notes from Montpelier

By Rep. Bill Frank

In my last article I noted that the legislative session is fast nearing an end and as I write this article the annual backlog of bills on both the House and Senate calendar seem never ending. Conference committees have been formed, are meeting and agreements will be reached on the differences between the two bodies. We will be meeting on Saturdays until we complete the session which is now expected about May 5.

Each session there are controversial bills that move through the legislature and this year was no exception. A bill that addresses the issue of childhood immunizations required for school attendance was introduced in both the House and Senate. Under current law, a child must have nine immunizations before they can attend school, either public or private. A parent can ask for an exemption from any or all of the required immunizations for medical, religious or philosophical reasons. The Senate voted to remove the philosophical exemption and the House voted to preserve it. Many of you wrote to me to share your thoughts and views on this and I thank you. Your notes were helpful in making my decision on how to vote on the bill S.199.

I am a strong supporter of immunizations and requiring them for school attendance. My child received all the required vaccines prior to starting school. Usually when I study a bill I first asked myself the question "Is there a problem and if so do we need a new law to solve it?" The rate of immunizations in the state has dropped in recent years and this could be dangerous not only to children attending school but the teachers and other adults that are in the school building. But will eliminating the philosophical exemption increase the rate? I feel a better way is to improve the way we calculate the rate of immunizations and make sure people know the importance of immunizations and why they are safe, i.e. education. There are nine immunizations required for school attendance and a parent may ask for an exemption from any of them. If an exemption is asked for all nine or for only one immunization the child is considered not immunized. We should report rates by individual immunization. We also need educate parents on the need for immunizations and the risks of not having them. Before removing the philosophical exemption I would like to see if these ideas help increase the immunization rate. The House version of the bill includes these two ideas which I support and voted for. More details of the House version are on my web site.

In 2010 the Supreme Court ruled in the Citizens United case that money equated with speech. This ruling allows corporations to make unlimited contributions to the new political action committee dubbed the "super PAC". Super PACs cannot give money directly to a political campaign but as we have seen they spend it on promoting a candidate or cause and in negative ads against a candidate. This has changed political campaigns but I don't think in a positive way. I really disagreed with the decision and support an effort to change the ruling through an amendment to the U. S. Constitution.

At Town Meetings this year in Underhill, Jericho, Bolton and 61 other Vermont towns we passed and to a resolution urging the United States Congress to proposed amendments to the U. S. Constitution to overturn this decision. Last week the Vermont State Senate and House of Representatives passed similar resolutions that will also be sent our Congressional Delegation. Thank you to all who helped get these resolutions passed.

Remember Vermont's Green Up Day is the first Saturday of May, May 5. For information on how to participate contact your town's coordinator: Jericho - J. Brooks Buxton, 434-8699, buxtonmidwest@gmail.com; Underhill - Barbara Yerrick, 825-8871, barbara_yerrick@antiochne.edu; Bolton - Deborah LaRiviere, 434-5075, deborah@townofboltonvt.com. Or just go out and clean up your neighborhood.

As always I like to hear from you, either at my next Legislative update evening at the Deborah Rawson Memorial Library; by email: Bill@RepBillFrank.com; on Facebook: [facebook.com/RepBillFrank](https://www.facebook.com/RepBillFrank); phone my home: 899-3136; or mail: 19 Poker Hill Rd, Underhill, 05489.

Kids explore Science Camp vacation week

During school vacation week, 14 Lamoille County youths gathered at Lamoille Union Middle School in Hyde Park for a 4-H Science and Leadership Camp. The day camp, held April 17-19, was sponsored by University of Vermont (UVM) Extension and open to all kids in grades 5-8.

Participants included Ava Cochran and Sarah Wilson, both from Eden; Abby Cote, Hyde Park; Hope Ferris and Jade Steel, both from Jeffersonville; Bailey Towle and Elliot Ferriman, both from Johnson; Gabby White, Lake Elmore; Levi Carlson and Heather Walker, both from Morrisville; Ryley Borghoff, Grady Cashin, Mason Huffman, Madison Wilson, all from Stowe.

The group worked together and participated in different activities to build on leadership skills such as communication, teamwork, cooperation, trust, listening and patience. Those skills were then used in science activities including building a water-balloon tower using only raw spaghetti and masking tape or a balloon-powered car using basic materials.

Afternoons were devoted to outdoor games and building and programming LEGO® MINDSTORMS® NXT robots. At the end of the three-day camp, all youths were able to program their robots to complete a complex course involving turns and bridges.

When asked what they learned about science and leadership, one camper responded, "I learned that a good leader can communicate with everyone." Others commented that "I learned how to program a robot," and "I learned that working together is important in reaching a goal."

The camp was facilitated by Lindsay Jones, UVM Extension



Campers at the 4-H Science and Leadership Camp, April 17-19, at Lamoille Union Middle School in Hyde Park worked in teams to create robots. Front row (L to R) Mason Huffman (Stowe), Ryley Borghoff (Stowe), Madison Wilson (Stowe), Abby Cote (Hyde Park); Back row (L to R): Hope Ferris (Jeffersonville), Jade Steel (Jeffersonville), Sarah Wilson (Eden), Ava Cochran (Eden), Gabby White (Lake Elmore), Heather Walker (Morrisville), Levi Carlson (Morrisville), Bailey Towle (Johnson), Grady Cashin (Stowe), and Elliot Ferriman (Johnson). PHOTO COURTESY OF UVM EXTENSION 4-H

From the Statehouse

By Martha Heath

The End is Near

Adjournment is near yet not as near as we would like. House Speaker Shap Smith set a schedule to adjourn on April 27th. This adjournment date would have been two weeks early and would have saved the state approximately \$450,000. As of this writing on 4/20, it appears the goal is not achievable. Many bills are backed up in the Senate and will not be moved into conference committees until the middle of next week. Our hope now is to adjourn at the end of the first week in May. This would still save the state approximately \$225,000.

While my committee, House Appropriations, waits for the Senate version of the budget, we have taken testimony on a variety of topics that will affect the state in future years. Last Thursday we met with Secretary of Administration Jeb Spaulding along with representatives from each of the offices of our congressional delegation. We had a good conversation about the federal budget situation and what Vermont can expect. There is a great deal of uncertainty at this time. The consensus seems to be that federal budgets are not likely to be passed until after the fall election. In the meantime, we urged Vermont to plan for cuts and to begin to prioritize programs that rely on federal dollars. It is clear that Vermont will not have the capacity to backfill all potential federal cuts.

On Friday the members of the House who represent Essex Town and Essex Junction met with the Commissioner of Buildings and General Services and the Secretary of Commerce and Community to Development to discuss the state owned property in Essex known as "617". Also present at the meeting were the Town Manager Pat Scheidel, the assistant Town Manager Trevor Lashua, and Greg Morgan who heads the volunteer economic development effort for the town. We agreed that it would be in the best interest of all parties to market the building with the hope of putting it to use to create jobs in Essex and to get it back on the tax rolls. Hopefully one of these strategies will pay off in the near future.

Recently the House debated an immunization bill that had started in the Senate. Presently Vermont is one of about 20 states that allow parents to claim a philosophical exemption from vaccines. The Senate bill would have ended this exemption. (Vermont also allows a religious exemption which is rarely used. 49 states allow this exemption.) The House Health Care Committee proposed a different version of the bill. After listening to hours of testimony they came to the conclusion that Vermont would better accomplish its goal of increasing immunization rates by using a different set of strategies. The bill requires parents claiming an exemption to file a form every year instead of just once. An educational effort will be undertaken by the Department of Health, particularly in areas of the state with low vaccination rates. Furthermore, each school will be asked to post immunization rates for its school population.

The debate on the immunization bill was very interesting. Many of us are old enough to remember diseases like polio that caused so much harm but are now rarely seen in the United States. Some saw it as a parental rights issue. Personally, I voted for an amendment that would have abolished the philosophical exemption. If choosing not to vaccinate was a choice that would affect only one's own child I would have felt differently. In fact, choosing not to vaccinate presents potential danger to others particularly very young children and those whose immune systems are deficient. The amendment failed and the House version of the bill passed by a wide margin. The bill is now in a conference committee where the House and the Senate will have to try to work out their differences.

I am pleased to hear from my constituents with comments or questions about the issues being considered by the legislature. Please don't hesitate to contact me at mpheathvt@gmail.com or calling me at 893-1291



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Masooma Rahmaty is currently an international student from Afghanistan at Mt. Mansfield Union High School. Masooma will give a presentation on Afghanistan Thursday May 3 at 6:30 PM.

The Jericho Energy Task Force at 7:00 PM on Friday May 4 at the Deborah Rawson Memorial Library for Bag It, the final film of our spring movie series. This award-winning documentary started out as film about plastic bags but evolved into an investigation into plastics and their effect on our waterways, oceans, and ourselves.

The Deborah Rawson Book Lovers (DRBL) meet the second Tuesday of every month at 7:00 PM at the library for book discussions. May 8 we will meet for *Atonement* by Ian McEwan. Upcoming books this summer will be *Ada Blackjack* by Jennifer Niven, a true story based on an Inuit woman's diaries; and *Doctor Zhivago* – the date for this epic Russian novel still To Be Determined.

Vermont Poet Laureate, Sydney Lea will be at the Deborah Rawson Memorial Library Thursday May 10th at 6:30 PM. Mr. Lea has been described as “a man in the woods with his head full of books, and a man in books with his head full of woods.” His affection for story, moreover, an affection derived in no small measure from men and women elders in New England, colors his poetry, just as a relish for the musical properties of the word colors his prose. His lifelong passion for the natural world informs almost his every utterance.

Do you love to play Scrabble? Come to the library on Monday May 14 from 6:30 to 8:30 PM to play Scrabble with fellow enthusiasts. Bring a friend and a Scrabble board or just join a table with others.

The Friends of DRML will meet Wednesday May 16 at 10:00 AM. Please join us.

The board of Trustees will meet Thursday May 17 at 7:00 PM. The last open Sunday until September is May 20.

The library will be closed Tuesday May 22 so that staff may attend the Vermont Library Association Conference.

Want to learn more about birds? Join Evergreen Erb and Maeve Kim at the library on Thursday May 24 at 6:30 PM for a slide show and talk about bird watching. On Sunday May 27 at 7:00 AM, join Evergreen and Maeve on a bird walk at Mills Riverside Park. This event is co sponsored with the Jericho Underhill Land Trust.

On Wednesday May 30, at 6:30 PM, you are invited to the Deborah Rawson Memorial Library in Jericho to hear Dave Mullin, Executive Director of Green Mountain Habitat for Humanity, speak about this wonderful organization. You will learn something of its history, building projects past and present, and most importantly the many ways you can support GMHFFH through volunteer opportunities. This event is co sponsored with the United Church of Underhill.

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.

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FAIRFAX COMMUNITY LIBRARY

May Events at the Fairfax Community Library:
PJ Story Hour is on Thursday May 3rd at 6:30 PM with Success by Six, Come to the library in your PJs for a story. For ages 0-6.

On Saturday May 5 from 10:00 – 11:00 AM we will be hosting our monthly Breastfeeding Clinic & Support group for those who are thinking about breastfeeding, are currently breastfeeding, or those who have wisdom to share with others. The clinic will be led by Mari Stuart-Bullock, IBCLC, from the Home Health Agency of Franklin County. This is a monthly event that takes place the first Saturday of every month.

Are the mosquitoes and black flies already starting to bug you? On Wednesday May 9 at 3:30 - 4:45 PM, town librarian Debbie will be leading kids in making their own natural herbal bug spray to keep away those pesky ones during the spring and summer. Please pre-register by calling the library by May 7th, 849-2420. FREE for the first bug spray, but if you wish to make more than one there is a fee of \$4.00. All ages, under 7 requires accompanying adult.

Thursday May 10, 6:30 PM is the book discussion for “Mean Spirit” by Linda Hogan. The discussion will be led by Cheryl Heneveld. Swing by the library to pick up your copy of the book.

Join us for an after school craft on Monday May 21 from 2:45-3:45 PM. We will be engraving and decorating tin ornaments by reusing pie tins. For ages 5 and up.

Read to a Dog. Every other Wednesday afternoon, Rainbow, a beautiful Newfoundland and registered therapy dog, will be at the Fairfax Community Library listening to children reading. In May, Rainbow will be visiting on Wednesday May 16 and May 30 from 3:30 to 5:00 PM. Open to school aged children of all reading levels. Sign up in advance for a 15 minute time slot.

In our second Spring Gardening workshop on Thursday May 3 from 6:30 – 8:00 PM, Extension Master Gardener Kelly Wakefield will be speaking about those pesky weeds and how to prevent them. She will also cover watering and harvesting tips and end of season tasks. All ages and levels of gardening experience are welcome. Please sign up at the library or call 849-2420.

In our third and final Spring Gardening workshop on Thursday May 24 from 6:30 to 8:00 PM, Extension Master Gardener Kelly Wakefield will be sharing her knowledge of easy care shrubs and perennials. She will discuss pruning, design, and as a special treat, rain gardens. All ages and levels of gardening experience are welcome. Please sign up at the library or call 849-2420.

Fairfax Community Library Story Hour; Tuesdays from 9:30 - 10:30 AM. Join us for stories, crafts and activities. For ages 0-6.
May 1 - Earth Day/Green Up Day (music w/Christy),
May 8 - Mothers Day
May 15 - Spring, May 22 - Feelings (music w/Christy),
May 29 - *SPECIAL* Farmer and Educator Virginia Holliman presents: Dairy Land Comes to the Library.

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COLLEGE NOTES

Area students receive recognition at Champlain College award dinner - Champlain College's Division of Information Technology & Sciences honored the following students for their outstanding efforts within their field of study this past academic year.

Ethan Fleisher a senior from Jericho, VT received the Peer Nominated Outstanding Student Award for Computer & Digital Forensics.

Derek Izor a senior from Waterbury, VT received the Outstanding Student Award in Web Development & Design for Computer Information Technology.

Thomas Francis a sophomore from Underhill, VT received the Excellence in Game Programming Award.

12:00 to 7:00 PM, Wednesdays and Fridays 3:00 to 7:00PM, Thursdays 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM, Saturdays 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. School Year Preschool Story Hour: every Monday 11-noon.

WESTFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

Upcoming Events:

Thursday May 5 – 11:00 AM, Early Literacy Storytime. Stories and activities utilizing early literacy concepts for ages birth-preschool. Theme: Growing.

Friday May 4 – 11:00 AM, Tai Chi for Arthritis for Ages 50+. Class is full.

Tuesday May 8 – 2:00 PM, Tai Chi for Arthritis for Ages 50+. Summer Session: 5/8, 5/15, 5/22, 5/29, 6/5, 6/12, 6/26, 7/3, 7/17, & 7/24. This program contains all the essential principles of Tai Chi that support the improvement of flexibility and balance. For newcomers and experienced practitioners. Led by CVAA Americorps member Paige McCormick.

Wednesday May 9 - 10:30 AM-noon, Whole Foods...Whole Person Workshop for Ages 50+. Whole foods: Learn about traditional methods of soaking & fermenting. Reiki: Two Reiki Masters will discuss this Japanese energy therapy which promotes relaxation and stress relief. Discuss the chakra system and learn ways to self-balance and promote wellbeing through positive energy exchange. Led by CVAA Americorps member Paige McCormick. Sponsored by CVAA. Contact Paige for more info 1-800-642-5119 or pmccormick@cvaav.org.

Wednesday May 9 – 6:00-7:00 PM, Book Discussion: Outliers (Gladwell).

Friday, May 10 – 11:00 AM, Early Literacy Storytime. Stories and activities utilizing early literacy concepts for ages birth-preschool. Theme: Weather.

Friday, May 10 – 6:30 PM, Mah Jong. All skill levels welcome... We are happy to teach new players. Contact Beth Pelouquin at bethpelouquin@gmail.com.

Tuesday May 15 – 2:00 PM, Tai Chi for Arthritis for Ages 50+. Summer Session: 5/8, 5/15, 5/22, 5/29, 6/5, 6/12, 6/26, 7/3, 7/17, & 7/24. This program contains all the essential principles of Tai Chi that support the improvement of flexibility and balance. For newcomers and experienced practitioners. Led by CVAA Americorps member Paige McCormick.

Thursday May 17 – 11:00 AM, Early Literacy Storytime. Stories and activities utilizing early literacy concepts for ages birth-preschool. Theme: Fables & Legends.

Tuesday May 22 – 2:00 PM, Tai Chi for Arthritis for Ages 50+. Summer Session: 5/8, 5/15, 5/22, 5/29, 6/5, 6/12, 6/26, 7/3, 7/17, & 7/24. This program contains all the essential principles of Tai Chi that support the improvement of flexibility and balance. For newcomers and experienced practitioners. Led by CVAA Americorps member Paige McCormick.

Thursday May 24 – 11:00 AM, Early Literacy Storytime. Stories and activities utilizing early literacy concepts for ages birth-preschool. Theme: Quiet & Noisy.

Thursday May 24 – 6:30 PM, Mah Jong. All skill levels welcome...We are happy to teach new players. Contact Beth Pelouquin at bethpelouquin@gmail.com.

Tuesday May 29 – 2:00 PM, Tai Chi for Arthritis for Ages 50+. Summer Session: 5/8, 5/15, 5/22, 5/29, 6/5, 6/12, 6/26, 7/3, 7/17, & 7/24. This program contains all the essential principles of Tai Chi that support the improvement of flexibility and balance. For newcomers and experienced practitioners. Led by CVAA Americorps member Paige McCormick. 5/31: 11 am: Early Literacy Storytime. Stories and activities utilizing early literacy concepts for ages birth-preschool. Theme: Soldiers.

New Additions to the Collection: Adult Fiction: *The Wolf Gift* (Rice), *Ten Thousand Saints* (Henderson), *Arcadia* (Groff), *The Expats* (Pavone), *Fatal Grace* (Penny), *I've Got Your Number* (Kinsella), *Monday Mornings* (Gupta). Adult Nonfiction: *House of Stone* (Shadid), *American Sniper* (Kyle), *Decoding Gardening Advice* (Gillman), *Great Northern Express* (Mosher), *Quiet: The Power of Introverts* (Cain). Teen: *Green Mountain Book Awards: Revolution* (Donnelly), *Suite Scarlett* (Johnson), *Anna and the French Kiss* (Perkins), *Ghostopolis* (Tennapel). *Torn* (Hocking). Juv: 2013 DCF Books. *The Cheshire Cheese Cat* (Deedy), *Titanic Sinks* (Denenberg), *Addie on the Inside* (Howe), *Heart and Soul* (Nelson), *The Flint Heart* (Paterson), *When Life Gives You O.J.* (Perl), *Drawing from Memory* (Say), *Okay for Now* (Schmidt), *Wonderstruck* (Selznick), *The Running Dream* (Van Draanen). Fiction: *Flyte* (Sage). Picture Book: *Zoozical* (Sierra), *Homer the Library Cat* (Lindbergh). DVD: *Game of Thrones* (Season 1), *The Iron Lady*, *Crazy Stupid Love*, *A Better Life*, *Warrior*. Juv: *Toy Story*, *Eyewitness Planets*.

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

CESU Meetings

Tuesday May 7, CESU Spring School Directors' meeting, 6:30 PM, CHMS.

Thursday May 9, Jericho School Board meeting, 7:00 PM, Jericho Elementary School.

Friday May 10, MMU Board meeting, 7:00 PM, MMUHS.

Tuesday May 14, CESU Policy Committee meeting, 6:30 PM, Central Office.

Green Mountain Folklore Society meeting May 19

The Annual Spring Meeting of the Green Mountain Folklore Society will be held on Saturday May 19 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM, at The Congregational Church in Richmond VT. This site is handicapped accessible.

We start the day at 9:00 AM with a social hour, coffee and donuts available. Then we have the GMFS business meeting. Followed by our famous Gabfest, everyone gets a chance to tell & record a story about Vermont folklore.

Our afternoon program will feature Howard Coffin, Vermont Civil War Historian and Author. Co-sponsored by The Vermont Humanities Council Speakers Bureau.

The morning meeting and the afternoon program are free and open to the public. We would like to invite local folks to come and share their folklore stories with us.

A Ham Dinner will be available at noon for \$12.00. Dinner reservations must be prepaid & received by May 12, 2012. Please make your check payable to GMFS, and mail to: GMFS, P O Box 394, Williston. For more information call 802-879-1925

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ART / MUSIC / THEATER

ART/PHOTOGRAPHY

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Bryan Memorial Gallery presents Land and Light and Water and Air, its annual juried landscape exhibition, in the Main Gallery, from May 4 to July 8. The exhibit features 100 New England landscape paintings by 78 artists from all parts of the country. The exhibition includes cash awards and the Alden Bryan Memorial Medal for Best of Show.

On Sunday, May 6, the Bryan opens its doors to celebrate the exhibit. The Artists Roundtable will start at 2:00 PM, and the Artists Reception will take place from 3:00 to 5:00 PM. Awards will be announced at 3:30 PM. The events are free and open to the public.

Bryan Memorial Gallery is located at 180 Main Street, Jeffersonville, VT, and is open Thursday through Sunday, from 11-4, and by appointment at any time. Participating artists can be viewed at www.bryangallery.org. For more information call 802-644-5100.

The Bryan Gallery in Jeffersonville is featuring the landscapes and still lifes of Vermont artist Andrew Orr. Orr's work will be in the Middle Room Gallery for the spring season, from May 4 to July 8.

Please join us on Sunday May 6 for the Artist's Roundtable at 2:00 PM, and the Artist's Reception from 3:00 to 5:00 PM.

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Art 21 Season 6 Previews, Student Art Show / Impressed Vermont Printmakers 2012, Thursdays May 10, May 24, June 7 and June 21, 2012, first showing at 12:30 PM, second showing at 6:00 PM. Helen day Art Center, mail@helay.com. Donations welcome.

Vermont Artist, Mary Hill, will lead a Mother's Day weekend workshop creating colorful banners for the porch and garden Saturday May 12, 9:00 to 11:00 AM at the **River Arts Center** in Morrisville, VT. The workshop, part of the spring schedule of classes offered at River Arts, invites participants to tap into their creative muse with acrylics and canvas. River Arts, a nonprofit organization dedicated to enriching the community through the arts is located at 74 Pleasant Street, Morrisville, VT. Registration for spring programming has begun. For more information, call 888-1261, or visit their website at www.riverartsvt.org.

Vermont writer, Julia Shipley, will lead "Where Poems Come From", Saturday May 26, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. For teens and adults of any level, the focus of this class will be to provide a rope bridge over the abyss of "I don't know how to write poetry into River Arts, a nonprofit organization dedicated to enriching the community through the arts, is located in Morrisville, VT. Registration for spring programming has begun. For more information, call 888-1261, or visit their website at www.riverartsvt.org.

First Friday Art Walk, May 4, 5:00 to 8:00 PM, Citywide, Burlington. Art is all around at the art venues staying open late to welcome walkers and share Burlington's incredible art scene.

Winners announced for Northwest Regional 4-H Day

More than 100 4-H'ers from Addison, Chittenden, Franklin and Grand Isle Counties took part in the Northwest Regional 4-H Day, April 21, in Vergennes. The youths, ages 8 to 18, demonstrated skills and knowledge learned through 4-H club projects in a number of categories ranging from action exhibits and illustrated talks to technology, stage presentations and photographs. The University of Vermont Extension 4-H event was open to the public.

The top exhibitors in each category qualified to continue onto 4-H State Day, May 19 in Barre, which will feature outstanding 4-H'ers from throughout the state, all winners at other regional 4-H events. The 4-H club members and groups selected from the northwest region, listed alphabetically by category, are:

ACTION EXHIBIT: Flying Hooves, Colchester (May Contain Nuts); Flying Hooves, Colchester (Whoopie Pies); Midnight Riders, Hinesburg (Get Your Polo On); Prancing Ponies, Shelburne (Is Your Horse Healthy?); Sky Riders 4-H Club, Brandon (Fruit Smoothies)

FASHION REVUE: Riley Janeway, Sally Matson, Merrick Mendenhall, Eva Paradiso (all of Burlington)

ILLUSTRATED TALK: Jackson Chairvolotti, Grand Isle (Small Engine Air Filter); Madeline Chairvolotti, Grand Isle (Knitting)

PHOTOGRAPHY: Hannah Carroll, Jeffersonville; Kira Clokey, Jericho; Alex Coyle, Ferrisburgh; Brooklyn Currier, New Haven; Kaelyn Jenny, Essex; Aidan Quimby, Westford; Morgan Quimby, Westford; Shea Tomlinson, Colchester

POSTER: Karrie Ayer, Vergennes; Renee Bolduc, New Haven; Tiffany Couture, Colchester; Jennifer Dickinson, Colchester; Eva Joly, Essex; Hannah Lang, Essex; Karissa Livingston, New Haven; Linden Malmgren, Jericho; Natalie Malmgren, Jericho; Julia Neeld, Williston; Faith Ploof, Essex; Brooke Putzier, Jericho; Grace Rowley, Milton; Audrey Teague, Jeffersonville

Poker Hill School hires new director

The Poker Hill School Board of Directors is pleased to announce the hiring of Katie Amadon as the Director of Poker Hill School and full time. She has been a full time teacher and director in training for the 2011-2012 school year. Poker Hill School is a wonderful place for children to grow and learn, and Katie is a perfect match for our community.

Katie came to Poker Hill School from The Lund Family Center where she served as the Children's Treatment Coordinator for four years. As the coordinator, she developed and ran an extensive program for families and children including parenting classes; family education; child and parent assessment; and referrals to community services. Before beginning her work at Lund Center, Katie taught in preschool programs in several different settings in Vermont, Washington D.C., and East Africa. Her undergraduate degree is in Early Childhood Education from the University of Vermont, awarded in 2000. Her Masters degree is in Social Work from Wheelock College, awarded in 2006

Katie grew up in Brookfield, Vermont before moving to Burlington to attend the University of Vermont. Katie has lived on Poker Hill Road for several years and is very excited to continue working with children and families in her own community.

Pick up your copy of Art Map Burlington, First Friday Art Walk's official publication, and your guide to art in Burlington throughout the city or check out www.artmapburlington.com to see a list of participating venues. First Friday Art Walk and Art Map Burlington is sponsored by The Fleming Museum of Art, Kasini House, Main Street Landing, and Opportunities Credit Union. Got questions? Call 802-264-4839 or send email to info@artmapburlington.com.

Attention Photographers! The **Community Center in Jericho** will again be creating a Barn Calendar for 2013, as a fund-raiser. If you have a good photo of a Jericho barn, especially in winter or fall, please submit it for consideration. 4x6 photos are needed by June 15, and if the judges select your photo we prefer that you have a digital file for it. Photos must be horizontal to fit onto the 8 1/2 x 11 color calendar. Names of photographers will be included on the calendar. If you have questions, email JerryLaskyVT@gmail.com or juliavblake@comcast.net. Send photos to Julia Blake, 18 Leary Rd., Jericho, VT 05465.

The **Gallery at River Arts** is pleased to present **OCCUPY Space**, work by Harriet Wood at the River Arts Center in Morrisville, VT, through May 25. An opening reception will be held on April 26, 5:00 - 7:00 PM.

20th Annual Jericho-Underhill Open Studio Tour, Saturday May 26 and Sunday May 27 from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM, 15 Artists will open their studios to visitors for sales and demonstrations: Gwendolyn Evans, Russ Fellows, Toby Fulwiler, Bruce Gilbert-Smith, Dennis Grage, Chris Gluck, Mary Hill, Irene Lederer LaCroix, Ken Morris, Carl Newton, Kristen Richland, Marcia Rosberg, Dianne Shullenberger, Gerald Stoner, Dana Walrath. Tour Map and 15 Artist Displays available at Tour Headquarters

Letting Go a new exhibition of acrylic paintings by Michael Strauss continues at the **Emile A Gruppe Gallery**, through April 29. Strauss's paintings are reminiscent of the era of the California colorists, bold and vibrant. Also on display are paintings on glass with similar motifs, which radiate with (when) the sun streaming through them. Gallery hours are Thursday through Sunday from 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM or by appointment 899 - 3211 www.emilegruppegallery.com.

Beginner Adult Watercolor One Day Workshop on Saturday May 12 at the Community Center in Jericho with Vermont Artist Kathleen Berry Bergeron 10:00 AM-3:30 PM. \$70. Call for info or to register 899-4628.

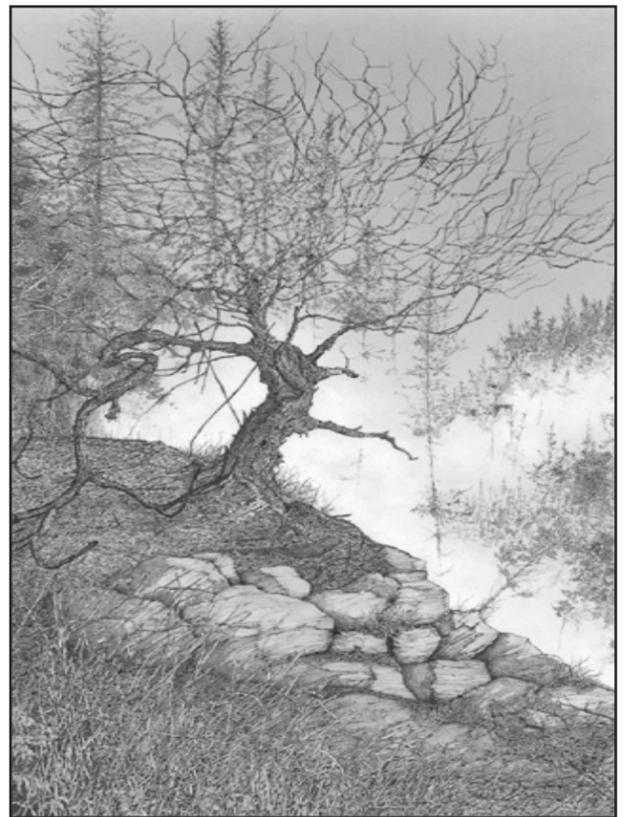
MUSIC/DANCE

Queen City Contras will hold its regular dance as part of the Young Traditions Weekend on Friday, May 11 at 8:00 PM at Edmunds Middle School Gymnasium, 299 Main Street, Burlington VT. Mary Wesley will call. Music will be provided by Ethan Hazzard-Watkins and Max Newman. All are welcome, all dances taught, no partner or experience necessary. Beginners' session at 7:45 AM. Admission is \$8.00 adults. Under 12 free. Please bring clean, soft-soled shoes for dancing. Dance Info: 802-371-9492 or 802-343-716.

THEATER/FILM

Green Candle Theatre Company, www.greencandletheatre.com, The Napoleon 2012, an Original Comedy; conceived of and directed by Aaron Masi, and designed and implemented by a wildly inspired group of Vermont artists. May 5 - June 9, 2012 Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays, Evening shows, 8:00 PM; Saturdays, Matinees, 2:00 PM. Off Center for the Dramatic Arts, 294 North Winooski Avenue, Burlington, VT 05401, www.offcentervt.com, tickets on sale now www.flynntix.org. For more information visit greencandletheatre.com.

PUBLIC SPEAKING: Erin Bundock, Shelburne
QUILT: Caitlyn Kerrigan, Burlington
STAGE PRESENTATION (GROUP): Flying Hooves 4-H Club, Colchester (dance); Starry Nights 4-H Club, Jericho (instrumental); Starry Nights 4-H Club, Jericho (synchronized swimming)
STAGE PRESENTATION (INDIVIDUAL): Tiffany Couture, Colchester (singing); Audrey Teague, Jeffersonville (singing); Heidi Walko, Williston (flute)
TABLETOP EXHIBITS: Jarod Bushey, Addison; Raymond Bushey, Addison; Kira Clokey, Jericho; Jennifer Dickinson, Colchester; Feathered Friends 4-H Club, South Burlington; Caraline Flaherty, Colchester; Mary Guyette, Williston; Rachel Guyette, Williston; Eva Joly, Essex; Faith Ploof, Essex
TECHNOLOGY: TJ Beaumier, Fairfax; Jackson and Madeline Chairvolotti, Grand Isle; Flying Hooves 4-H Club, Colchester
 To learn more about the UVM Extension 4-H program, visit www.uvm.edu/extension/youth or call the State 4-H Office toll-free at (800) 571-0668.



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SENIOR NEWS

Recipes by Marian Tobin

Butterscotch pie filling

- 1 ½ cups milk
- 1 ½ cups brown sugar
- 3 tablespoon flour
- Pinch of salt
- 2 egg yolks
- Butter the size of a walnut
- 1 teaspoon vanilla

Cook on top of stove until thickened (on medium heat) stirring all the time. Pour into baked pie shell. Make meringue with egg whites. Bake about 15 minutes until brown.

This recipe was given to me when I was first married in 1941.



CVAA

The Champlain Valley Agency on Aging offers an ongoing series of special meals for groups of seniors at a variety of restaurants in the area. The schedule is listed below. All seniors are welcome to join the group and enjoy lunch with neighbors and friends. Participating seniors must be at least 60 years old, or the spouse of someone at least 60 years old. Suggested donation for meals is \$3 at Covenant Church and United Church; for meals at other sites, \$5. Transportation may be available if needed. Reservations are required for these meals and may be arranged ahead of time by calling 865-0360.

Thursday May 3 – Bridge Street Café, Richmond, 10:30 AM check in, 11:00 AM lunch. Beef stew.

Monday May 7 – Covenant Church, Essex Ctr., 12:00 noon. Chicken and biscuits, mashed potatoes, spring vegetables, sugar cookie.

Tuesday May 8 – Pizza Hut, Susie Wilson Road, Essex Jct., 10:30 AM, 11:00 AAM lunch. All you can eat pizza buffet.

Wednesday May 9 – Elks Club, North Avenue, Burlington, 10:00 AM check in, 11:00 AM lunch. Chicken Marsala.

Thursday May 10 – Holiday Inn, So. Burlington, 11:00 AM check in, 11:30 AM lunch. Turkey dinner.

Friday May 11 – United Church, Hinesburg, 12:00 noon. Beef, potato & pea casserole, whipped squash, marble rye bread, banana cream pie.

Monday May 14 – Covenant Church, Essex Ctr., 12:00 noon. Shepherd's pie, creamed spinach, pumpernickel bread, pears.

Tuesday May 15 – NEW Ray's Seafood, Essex Jct., 10:30 AM check in, 11:00 AM lunch. Haddock.

Wednesday May 16 – JP's Diner & Deli, 10:30 AM check in, 11:00 AM meatloaf.

Thursday May 17 – Dutch Mill, Shelburne Road, 10:30 AM check in, 11:00 AM lunch. Chicken.

BRMS sock hop raises fund

On April 14, the Browns River Middle School performing arts program hosted a sock hop fund raiser with several bands donating their time to support the fund raiser. Among the bands who played were *Best Enemies* (made up of several BRMS students; Finn Doner, Patrick Thompson, and Jacob Davis), *King Me* (Led by Shawn and Shelby King), *Hidden Drive* (led by Joe Casilli and Lynn Sullivan), *Second Breakfast* (led by Willy Bresee), and *42 is the Answer* (led by Dave Tisdell and Rebecca Karwan). BRMS student Joey Casilli played with *42 is the Answer*.

The fund raiser was for acoustic tile to improve the sound in the gym.

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF JERICHO – DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Jericho Development Review Board will hold a public hearing on **Thursday 24 May 2012 at 7pm** at the Jericho Town Hall to consider the following:

- A request by Matthew Martelle for a Site Plan review and Conditional Use Approval. This application is for construction of an approximately 2,400 sf residential/commercial building, which would be used to operate an auto detailing business (Matt's Wash & Wax). The parcel is located at 127 VT Route 15 in the Village Center District.

All interested persons may appear and be heard. Additional information related to this application may be viewed at the Jericho Planning and Zoning Office during regular business hours.

Jennifer Murray

Planning and Development Coordinator, Town of Jericho



Full cast of BRMS production's of "Willy Wonka Jr."

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West Side Story the Classic Hit

Vermont Commons School proudly performed *West Side Story* in partnership with Very Merry Theatre with two sold-out shows at the Main Street Landing's Waterfront Theater this past week on April 17 and 18. This 50-year-old musical classic featured talented actors and actresses from grades 7-12. The cast of Jets and Sharks performed the 1950s version of the *Romeo and Juliet* storyline against the New York City backdrop. The rival teenage gangs are of different backgrounds with the Sharks from Puerto Rico and the Jets from a white working class neighborhood. The musical theater unfolds the romance between a Jet named Tony and his love Maria, who is the sister of the Shark's leader Bernardo. The cast of police officers, a glad hand dance coordinator, and Shark and Jets dancers and singers created hoopla on the dark alley streets of the Upper West Side.

The captivated audience was swept away as the timeless theme of forbidden love unfolds into tragedy with toe-tapping dancing and classic songs including, *America, I Feel Pretty, Maria, and Tonight*. The timeless lyrics are from composer Stephen Sondheim and music by Leonard Bernstein. Vermont Commons Director of Visual and Performing Arts and Artist in Residence, Ben Patrick produced the performance, while Brian Lyman the Choral Director was maestro of a live orchestra pit. The musical was directed by Mr. Don Wright from Very Merry Theatre. The encore performances were enjoyed by the cast and audience alike!

Students improve wildlife habitat within their schoolyard

Brown's River Middle School (BRMS) students and teachers in Jericho, VT are working to improve the quality of wildlife habitat within their schoolyard. On Wednesday May 2, from 9:00 AM to noon, they will plant approximately 400 native trees and shrubs on the school property along the Brown's River. The tree planting project is a component of the Schoolyard Habitat Program operated by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program. "The Schoolyard Habitat program is about getting students outside into nature and restoring habitat on school grounds that benefits wildlife while also being a place for students to learn and explore." – Ryan Crehan, Fish and Wildlife Biologist, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Upon completion of the planting, BRMS will have restored approximately 2.6 acres and 1,000 feet of stream frontage. The restored buffer will be maintained as wildlife habitat by the school and used as an outdoor classroom for learning, discovery, creativity and celebration. The tree planting is just one component of a multi-year project to improve the wildlife habitat and learning potential within the schoolyard.

"The students are excited about planting trees!" says BRMS 7th grade teacher Maria Germano who initiated the school's engagement in the program.

Directions: From Burlington take route 15 east to Jericho; turn right onto River Rd, ¼ mile turn right into Brown's River Middle School. The planting will take place behind the school along the river.

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YARD SALE

Friday and Saturday, May 25 and 26 - The Mexico Mission Trip Team of the Jericho Congregational Church will be hosting a church-wide yard sale on the grounds of the United Pentecostal Church (across from Jericho Town office) from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM on Friday and 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM on Saturday. All proceeds will help the team with their mission trip to Mexico this summer.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Public Meeting

**Town of Underhill Selectboard Meeting
Friday May 04, 2012 at 8:00 am
At the Underhill Town Hall, 12 Pleasant Valley Rd, Underhill, VT**

The Selectboard will hold a meeting to review drafts of Town Policies and Job Descriptions. Additional information for this public meeting may be obtained at the Underhill Town Hall.

Town of Underhill, Vermont

Notice of Ordinance Establishing a Stop Sign

On April 26, 2012, the Selectboard of the Town of Underhill, Vermont, adopted an ordinance establishing a Stop Sign pursuant to 23 V.S.A. § 1008, 24 V.S.A. § 2291(4) and 24 V.S.A. Chapter 59. This notice is published pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 1972 to inform the public of this ordinance and of the citizens' right to petition for a vote to disapprove this ordinance.

Summary of Ordinance

Statement of Purpose

The purpose of this ordinance is to regulate traffic in order to protect the public health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the Town of Underhill by erecting a stop sign on the following highway for the regulation of traffic at the following intersection:

Sandhill Road – Northbound traffic at the intersection with Irish Settlement Road.

Full Text

The full text of the Ordinance is available at the Town Clerk's office at 12 Pleasant Valley Road, Town of Underhill, Vermont and may be examined during regular office hours.

Citizens' Right to Petition for Vote

Title 24 V.S.A. § 1973 grants citizens the right to petition for a vote at a special or annual Town Meeting to disapprove the ordinance adopted by the Selectboard. To exercise this right, citizens must present to the Selectboard or the Town Clerk a petition for a vote on the question of disapproving the ordinance signed by not less than five percent (5%) of the Town's qualified voters. The petition must be presented within forty-four (44) days following the date of the adoption of the ordinance.

Unless a petition requesting a vote is filed pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 1973, the ordinance establishing a stop sign shall become effective sixty (60) days from the date of said adoption.

Person to Contact

Additional information pertaining to this Ordinance may be obtained by contacting the Underhill, Town Clerk, at the Town Office located at 12 Pleasant Valley Road or by calling (802) 899-4434 during regular office hours.

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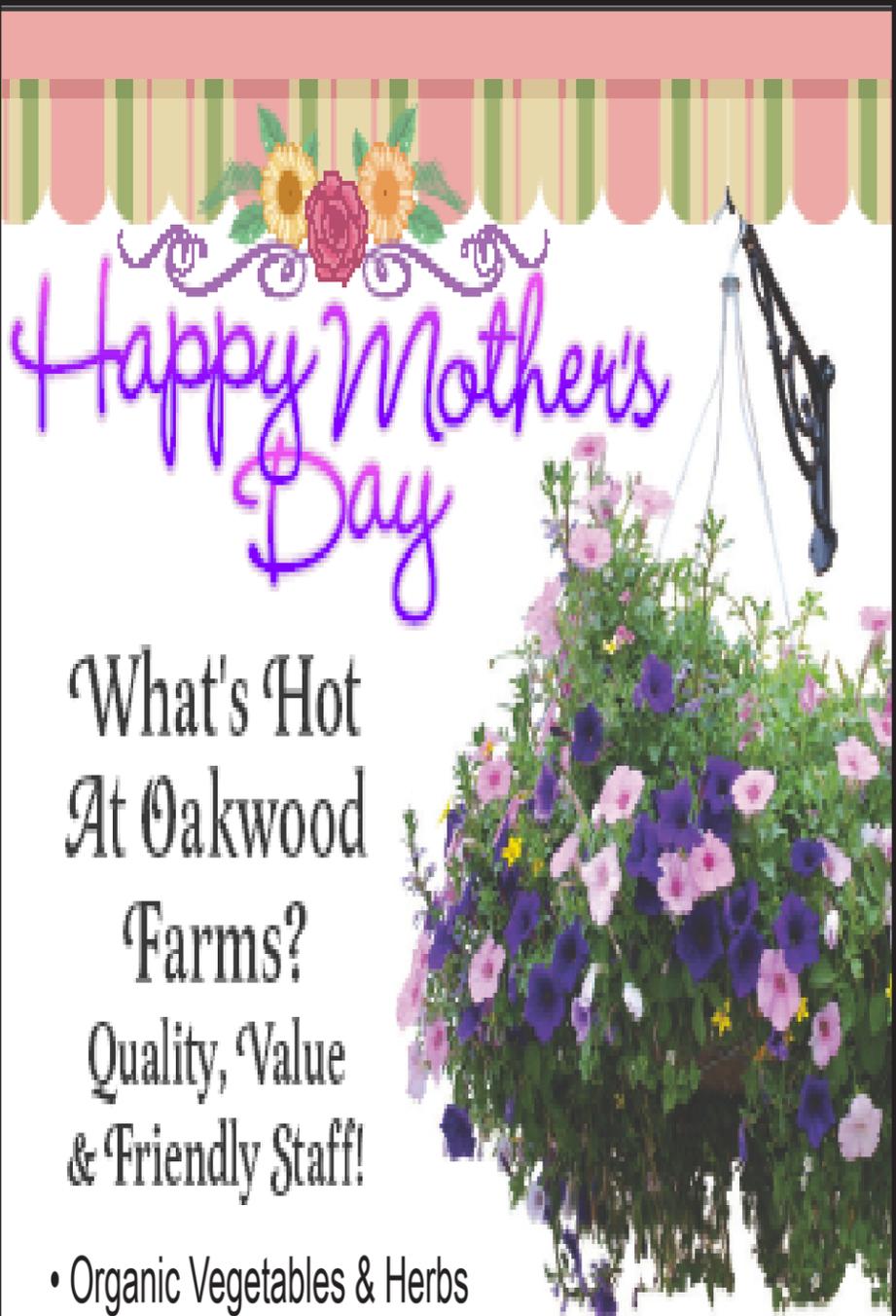
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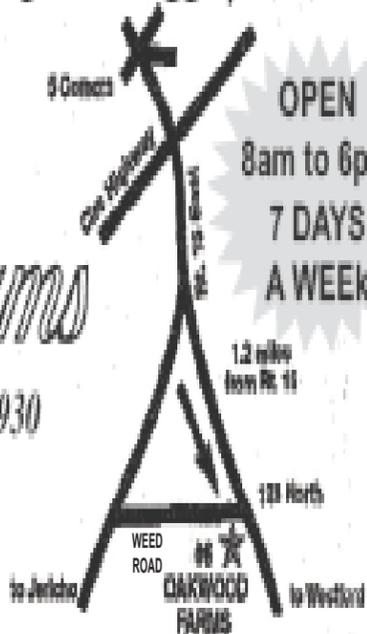
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COUGAR SPORTS

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Mount Mansfield girls Lacrosse to measure each win by a lock of hair, one inch at a time

By Richard Mindell
Special to the Mountain Gazette

How do you measure a high school girls lacrosse team's success... why, one inch at a time, of course. So it will be this year for the MMU girls lacrosse team as it tries to regain its lofty status of one of the top programs in the state. The Cougars won state titles in 2003 and 2004, and have finished first in the NVAC five times. Last year the Cougars were 15-3 but MMU stumbled on their way to another state title and lost in the semi finals to Middlebury High School, 15-11.

This will be a rebuilding year for the Cougars. MMU lost eight starters from last year's team and they will be difficult to replace, especially Kim Liberty and Haley Fisher. Liberty scored an amazing 221 goals as a Cougar and Fisher scored 76 goals and had 21 assists in her senior year at MMU. But the cupboard isn't totally bare. The Cougars return three starters from last year's team, seniors, Emily Jacobs (goalie), Courtney Charland (wing) and Emily Shand (defender), as well as five other players who saw significant time in 2011, including Allie Meshako, Rebecca Ohler, Ashley Bridgeton, Danielle Scanlon, and Emily Charland. Juniors, Zoey Walsh, Lisa McKenzie and Lexi Vorski will add depth to what could be a deep Cougar bench.

Head coach, Dan Linde will rely a great deal on an outstanding sophomore class that could land as many as five or six kids in the starting lineup. There's Maureen Bowie, who saw varsity action last year and scored four goals against Rice. Coach Linde calls Bowie a great passer and an even better defender. "She's one of the best passers I've ever had," Coach Linde said. Then there's Ellie Penfield-Sear, who Coach Linde said is a superb defender. "Everyone wants to score goals but Ellie loves to play defense." Add to that pair, Jessica Glen, who Linde describes as the fastest player on the team, Alley Chivers, who Linde said has the ability to become one of his top two or three players, and Hope Dennison and Kelly Baldwin, who could both start at attack.

Like the other programs at MMU, the Girls lacrosse team can attribute its success to its emphasis on teaching core values to its players as well as developing athletic skills. "We've developed a great culture at MMU lacrosse," Coach Linde said. As part of that experience the girls lacrosse team travels to Florida once every three years to participate in a high school tournament at the Disney World sports complex. Last year Coach Linde's squad had an opportunity to scrimmage against several of the top high school lacrosse teams in the country, including games against nationally ranked teams from Pennsylvania, Virginia and New York. It was an eye-opening experience, according to Coach Linde. "We were a very strong team last year, but we got destroyed. Those teams were great. Our girls held their own but they were able to see the next level of lacrosse."

Coach Linde admits this year will be a challenge. It's a short season and the youngsters, as talented as they may be, will take time to develop. Still, there's hope, especially when you consider the rewards. The girls had hoped to persuade Coach Linde to allow them to shave his head if they won the state title this year. Coach tried to be realistic and suggested an alternative.

Coach Linde has long hair, to be more

specific, Coach Linde has very long hair that he often wears in a pony tail. To provide a little extra incentive to his players, Coach has agreed to allow them to cut off an inch of his locks every time they win a game this season. Therein lies the conundrum. While Coach Linde likes his hair just the way it is, he'd undoubtedly trade his locks for another state title. If his seniors and juniors can help bring along some of the baby talent on this Cougar squad, his players may have their wish. Lather up?

Lacy, Suder, Wesson, Coach Davis take home the hardware

MMU senior, 6-1 Tom Lacy, was named Vermont Metro Division High School Player of the Year last week after leading the Cougars to the 2012 Vermont Division I title at UVM's Patrick Gym. Lacy's teammate and fellow senior, 6-8 Eric Suder, was named to the second team all-Metro team, and senior guard, 5-11 T.J. Wesson was named Honorable Mention. MMU head coach, Jeff Davis, was named Metro Division Coach of the Year.

MMU Nordic Ski Awards

Eight MMU student/athletes have been selected to the 2012 All-Vermont Nordic Skiing first team for their efforts this past season, including senior, Nick Shallow, junior, Ben King, sophomore, Ben Hegeman, and freshman, Bill Harmeyer, as well as junior, Anna Rand, sophomore, Molly Shallow, and freshmen, Molly Larson and Lydia Pecott.

MMU Wrestlers finish 15-1 and excel in states. The MMU varsity wrestling team surprised a lot of people this year, especially their coach, Harley Brown, by finishing the season with a fine 15-1 record. "At the beginning of the season I didn't have high expectations and this team wrestled together and improved every week," Coach Brown said.

Four MMU freshmen had exceptional seasons, led by Carter Kittell (132 lb weight class), who finished fourth in the state tournament, Ben Bliss (106), who led the Cougars with 44 victories and finished third in the state tournament, Michael O'Conner (140), and Justin Fischer (152). Senior, Trevor Morrill, also had another fine year. Trevor finished second in the states and ended his career at MMU with over 100 victories. Sophomore, John Sirois, also had an excellent season finishing fourth in the states in the 182-lb class.

Junior, Brendan Giroux (145), "really turned it on after recovering from an early-season knee injury," Brown said. Giroux lost in the finals and finished second in the state tournament. Fellow junior, Sean O'Conner, filled in for the injured Calvin Ring and, according to Coach Brown, "did a great job for us in a very difficult weight class." Another Cougar junior, Micheal Pearce (275), in just his second year of wrestling, defied the odds by taking third in the states. Pearce entered the tournament unseeded and unranked. "Michael surprised everyone with his performance in the states," Coach Brown noted... "except his coaches."

Congratulations to the entire MMU wrestling team for their exceptional effort this season, and to Tom Lacey, Eric Suder, TJ Wesson and Coach Davis and his staff and to all the kids on the MMU Nordic Ski team, especially those kids who were selected to the 2012 All-Vermont Nordic Ski team. Way to go, Cougars.

Next Issue: Girls softball, Boys lacrosse

Mobbs Farm committee spring trail work day May 12

The Town of Jericho Mobbs Farm Committee will once again hold their annual Spring Trail Work Day on May 12 from 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM. Thankfully this year we did not see the tremendous wind-storm damage of last year, but there are still a number of projects and trail maintenance tasks to complete to prepare the trails for the summer season. We will be removing the remains of one of the old bridges that will soon be rebuilt, improving the trails from the soon to be opened new parking area, raking trails and pruning branches, and taking care of a few remaining wet areas. Please meet at the Fitzsimons Road parking area at 9 am. Tools and snacks will be provided, but please wear



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