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Clark's Truck Sign – The Saga Continues

By Phyl Newbeck

Special to the Mountain Gazette

Suddenly the birthday wishes were no more. The State of Vermont told Clark's Truck Center that the LED sign outside the commercial establishment at the corner of Route 15 and Orr Road could no longer provide information about local events or congratulations on personal milestones; the sign could only be used for time, temperature and internal matters. However, since Jericho regulations prohibited the sign from being used to advertise commercial wares, there was a fear that it would have to revert back to the simple time/weather display it had shown for many years.

Flash back to 1986 when the business originally known as Underhill Garage moved to its current location. Owner Wilma Clark wanted to take their illuminated 18" clock with them but her son, Randy H. Clark pointed out that it would not be visible because the new location was set back from the road. He explained the concept of a sign that would display the time and temperature and his mother was sold on the idea, adding a bronze plaque to commemorate her late husband and business founder, Elwood Clark.

The sign erected that August flashed both the time and temperature for six seconds each. It lasted over two decades before wearing out. Clark did some research and found that newer signs were made with LEDs (light emitting diodes) and could be used for purposes beyond time and temperature. The problem was the zoning regulations had not caught up with technology and LED lights were not included in the Jericho guidelines. After presenting his case to the Jericho Planning Commission (by way of full disclosure I should note that I chair the Planning Commission) the regulations were rewritten to allow for the new technology. One caveat was that the sign could not be used for commercial gain by the Clarks. Although the new sign was expensive, Clark and his wife Kitty decided it was worth the price. The first message it bore was birthday wishes to their second son.

Soon, community members saw the opportunity to promote local events on the sign, as well as birthdays, anniversaries and graduations, offering money for the opportunity to do so. Clark had been a trustee of the North Underhill Cemetery Association (NUCA) since the age of 16. Rather than charge a fee for use of the sign, he asked people to voluntarily give a donation to the NUCA for the personal wishes; community events

were free. His goal was to raise \$4,000 for the organization and that goal was surpassed in June of 2010. Since, then donations have gone to the newly established Clark's Community Help Fund which has donated money to local causes such as a family whose house burned down and a carpenter who lost his tools in a fire.

After learning of Clark's plight, Chair of the House Transportation Committee, Patrick Brennan proposed a change to the Vermont sign law allowing personal and off-site related messages and changing the minimum duration of messages (other than time and temperature) from the current 15 minutes to five seconds. The committee compromised on five minutes and the bill passed with unanimous approval. When the bill got to the floor of the House there was a good deal of opposition. "A bunch of people think we'll end up like Las Vegas," said Brennan, "but the signs are already there and permitted and five minutes isn't that different from 15 minutes. The personal messages section was allowed to stay in the bill, but the change in timing was not. The new guidelines became part of the transportation bill that passed the House.

The Senate is now taking up the transportation bill, but Brennan is not optimistic they'll keep the change. "I wasn't trying to change the billboard law," he said, "just clarify some grey areas for signs." Noting that LED lights are expensive, Brennan said he doesn't expect a change in the law to lead to a proliferation of flashing signs and admits to being disappointed at the outcome of the bill. "(Representative) Adam Howard (of Cambridge) and I took this one a little personally," he said, "and we got beat up."

Clark is frustrated with the current turn of events. He is thankful for the backing of the community, noting that he received almost 400 e-mails of support. He praised Jericho's Representative George Till, as well as Howard with having been supportive of his efforts. Clark was able to provide a lengthy presentation to the House Transportation Committee and laments the fact that a state advisory committee known as the Vermont Travel Information Council only allowed him 15 minutes with many members of the council not returning his phone calls. He said any argument that the sign creates unsafe traffic conditions can be refuted by the fire department's accident log. In 2008, before the sign was installed, the Underhill Jericho Fire Department (UJFD) responded to three major accidents at that intersection. In 2009



Clark Truck Center's controversial sign sits on their front lawn and is visible to motorists traveling on Rt. 15, Orr Road and Browns Trace. PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

there were none and in 2010 there was only a minor accident with no injuries resulting. There have been no accidents requiring the presence of the UJFD this year.

Clark believes the changes to the law would have had a better chance of passage if the Travel Information Council had testified in his favor. He noted that an opinion from the state Attorney General's office indicates that exceptions can be made to the sign law including, specifically "signs of a public service nature as determined by the travel information council." Clark interprets that to mean that the Council can recommend exceptions to the law but notes that they have refused to do so.

John Kessler, Chair of the Council, believes the sign is a question of legislative policy over which the Council has no jurisdiction. "We just administer state statutes," he said. "I would hope most Vermonters would be troubled if they thought a little body that meets once every two months and isn't democratically elected would make policy." Kessler noted that the original law banning billboards was written in the late 1960s. Although it was based on aesthetic concerns, safety and engineering were also factors. Referring to the anti-billboard law Kessler said "we have a legacy that is envied by every state in the country."

Kessler hopes the legislature will make a decision "for the good of the state," and not be swayed

by emotion. "This is a decision with far reaching impact to other parts of the state," he said. "If they change the course, they must decide what is gained and what is lost. When an issue becomes affected by emotion and a large policy interest is considered in the context of one isolated example, that's a risky way to make state policy." Kessler recognized that a bill went through the house to change the law but was halted, in part, he believes, by the Chair of the Natural Resources Committee. Since the initial law originated in that committee, Kessler thinks they should have been involved in the current bill.

Clark has compiled a packet of information including a memorandum from the U.S. Sign Council. Kessler, however, said the USSC is not an impartial entity but a trade association of sign manufacturers. Kessler noted that Clark's Trucking is not prohibited from putting up birthday and anniversary messages, but they are restricted to doing so more often than every fifteen minutes. He believes it is important to look at the larger context and envision what a thoroughfare like Williston Road would look like with multiple flashing signs. Clark is waiting to see if the Senate takes up a bill to change the law and continues to hope that the situation can be resolved during the current legislative session. The sign is important to him and his family and, he believes, to his community. "I've been living and breathing this," he said.

Jericho gymnasts do well at USA Gymnastics Junior Olympic Vermont State Championships



USA Gymnastics Junior Olympic Vermont State Championships student athletes Sophia Rossi and Taylor Bevins hold trophies won at the competition on Saturday and Sunday, March 26 and 27 at Winooski High School. PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Congratulations to Jericho residents Sophia Rossi and Taylor Bevins. Both girls competed in USA Gymnastics Junior Olympic Vermont State Championships held on Saturday and Sunday, March 26 and 27 at Winooski High School.

Sophia, a home schooled 6th grader, competed in Level 5. She placed 2nd on Uneven Bars scoring a 9.375, 5th on Vaulting scoring a 9.05, 7th on Balance Beam scoring a 9.075 and 8th on Floor Exercise scoring a 9.05. Her All-Around score of 36.55 placed her 4th in the 11/12 age group. Sophia and her Level 5 teammates at Champlain Valley Gymnastics won the Level 5 Vermont State Team Championship scoring a 111.1.

Taylor Bevins, a 2nd grader at Jericho Elementary School, competed as a Level 4 in the 6/7 age group. Competing in her first state meet, Taylor placed 2nd in the All-Around scoring a 32.275. Her Level 4 team placed 2nd out of 7 teams, scoring 112.025.

Both girls train at Champlain Valley Gymnastics located in South Burlington.

Mountain Gazette Way to Go Week Challenge

In 2010, the Jericho Energy Task Force threw down the gauntlet and the other four towns covered by the Mountain Gazette took up the challenge. In 2011 we'll try it again. Bolton, Cambridge, Jericho, Underhill and Westford will all compete against one another in the Mountain Gazette Way to Go Week Challenge from May 16 to 20. The goal is to see which town can have the greatest percentage of residents commuting in other than single occupancy vehicles for at least one day during the week.

In 2010, 51 residents of Jericho stepped out of their single occupancy vehicles, followed by 14 in Westford, 12 in Underhill, 11 in Bolton (giving Bolton the highest percentage of alternative commuters by population) and six in Cambridge. Carpooling was the most popular form of alternative transportation in each town, followed by bicycling, telecommuting and riding the bus. Jericho residents estimated they saved over 5,000 miles by stepping out of their single occupancy vehicles. In Bolton that number was almost 1,500, followed by 1,200 in Westford, 1,100 in Underhill and 900 in Cambridge. The most mileage saved by a single commuter was an impressive 308 miles by a Westford resident.

Underhill Gravel Pit Task Force to meet

The Underhill Selectboard has appointed seven people to the Underhill Gravel Pit Task Force: Dan Close, Seth Friedman, Michel Morin, Luana Nedich, David Rogers, Lea VanWinkle and Mike Weisel. The overall task of this group is to evaluate and determine best options for the town's procurement of sand and gravel. In doing so, the task force will evaluate:

1. The proposed gravel pit area bordered by New Road and Pleasant Valley Road.
2. The feasibility of the town operating a gravel pit at that location or in any other area of the town.

The Jericho Energy Task Force will host a kickoff event at the Community Center in Jericho on Wednesday, May 18 from 6:30 to 8:00 AM with free coffee from the Village Cup and baked goods. Stop by and get a raffle ticket for a grand prize donated by Earl's Cyclery and Fitness; a bike computer that also counts your carbon savings. Commuters who contribute a paragraph or two to the Jericho Energy Task Force on why they use alternative transportation (send your submissions to enerjer@gmail.com) are also entered into the drawing.

Sponsoring organizations for the Mountain Gazette Way to Go Week Challenge are the Jericho Energy Task Force, and the Underhill and Westford Energy Committees. Contact persons for each town are:

- Bolton** - Steve Barner - sbarner@gmavt.net
 - Cambridge** - Phillip Bellizia - pbellizia@gmail.com
 - Jericho** - Phyl Newbeck - phyl@together.net
 - Underhill** - Roger Frey - dukeofearl1@comcast.net
 - Westford** - Patrick Haller - phaller@veic.org
- Register at <http://www.waytogovt.org/>

3. The most economical way (distance, vendor, etc) to purchaser quality sand and gravel for the town's needs.

The task forces first meeting will be Thursday April 28, 2011 at 7:00 PM Underhill Town Hall Kitchen!

The task force hopes to complete its work within 6 months. Information about the task force's work will be periodically posted to the town website, the Front Porch Forum and the Two Towns Website. If you have any questions about the task force, please call Faith Brown at 899-4434 ext 1.

NEWS BRIEFS

POLICE REPORT



On Thursday April 14, 2011, Vermont State police were called to Bolton to investigate the **theft of a vehicle**. A red 2008 Chevrolet HHR with Vermont Life Systems logos on each side was taken early Thursday, said police. Vermont Life Systems is on Vermont 2A in Bolton. The license plate number is ERC163. Anyone with information about the theft is asked to call the Vermont State Police in Williston at 878-7111.

On Thursday April 7, 2011, at approximately 1:30 PM, the State Police were called to a **residential burglary** at 17 West Hill Drive, located in the Cambridge. At the time of the burglary the home owner was gone. Taken from the residence were a 22 caliber pistol, a Wii entertainment system, a desk top computer, a printer, and a jewelry box containing about \$3,000 worth of jewelry. Anybody with information is asked to contact the State Police. Case# 11A101482.

The Vermont State Police are investigating several **thefts in the Waterville** area. Most of these thefts involve the removal of small electronics change or other valuables from unlocked vehicles. In one instance a seasonal home was burglarized and power tools were reported missing.

The Vermont State Police would like to remind citizens to remember to lock their vehicles when not with them, and especially overnight as it is believed this is when the thief or thieves are going through the vehicles.

To report suspicious behavior or if you have information please contact the Vermont State Police at 878-7111.

COURT REPORT

March 8, 2011, **Michael J. Prescott**, 46, Westford, VT, charged with vehicle operation – license suspended in Williston, VT on January 30, 2011; pleaded guilty; sentenced to 29 to 30 days.

March 16, 2011, **Louis J. Murray**, 52, Jericho, VT, charged with DUI, third offense or subsequent, felony, in Williston, VT on December 31, 2010; amended to DUI, second offense, misdemeanor; pleaded guilty; sentenced to 18 to 24 months, suspended but five days, probation.

March 23, 2011, **Rita O'Neil**, 36, Westford, VT, charged with domestic assault in Colchester, VT on January 20, 2011; amended to disorderly conduct – fight, etc.; pleaded guilty; fined \$50; charged with unlawful mischief \$250 or less in Colchester, VT on January 20, 2011; pleaded guilty; fined \$50.

RICHMOND COURT REPORT

March 9, 2011, **Christopher N. Cole**, 47, Richmond, VT, charged with DUI, second offense, in Williston, VT on January 26, 2011; pleaded guilty; sentenced to four to 12 months, suspended but 60 hours, probation.

March 16, 2011, **Daniel Muir**, 27, Richmond, VT, charged with escape custody – furlough, felony, in Burlington, VT on April 22, 2010; pleaded guilty; sentenced to 23 to 24 months, concurrent; charged with petty larceny \$900 or less in South Burlington, VT on April 21, 2010; pleaded guilty; sentenced to six to 12 months, concurrent.

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The Distinctiveness of April

By Suzanne Kusserow
Senior Guest Columnist

I once believed that April was the high suicide month of Vermont. I subsequently have been corrected by a learned Sociology professor, who knows his statistics: "Every month in Vermont has about the same rate of suicide. There is no increase in spring." But I can understand how this myth arose. Spring is a time of budding and growing; the snows melt, vanquished by an ever-warmer sun; chickadees chortle their spring song. April is robust, bursting forth with energy and warmth, the red maple blossoms exploding into a blue sky. And now: everything is uncovered. The lawn is swimming in ridges of sand and dead leaves; the garbage the dogs tore into is festooned on bushes, captured in decaying snow banks; and their uninhibited toilet habits seem to have covered the size of the Fenway Park outfield. We found some of our chores and obligations hidden in snow; our work was generally within a circumscribed area: the house. Now, it is all here in front of us, and for some who had felt protected by winter, that 'cover' is now, literally and figuratively stripped away.

I feel very much like a fat person who has hidden all year in bulky winter clothing, now being stripped naked....the Beast in the midst of Beauty. Botticelli nicely outfitted Venus ("Venus Arising from the Waves") with pleasantly-stuffed curves on hips and legs. Since she was naked, and not the least shy about it, she did not have to worry about trying to fit Winter's excesses into a swimming suit. The unfair contrast between art and reality is imaginatively supported by Venus being surrounded by other beautiful, meaningfully-shaped women, who, too, seem to have no concerns about stepping out of the sea shells in which they stand, and float gently into the waves, nicely supported by both their bulk and their lack of concern with sporting the latest fashions.

So, it is no wonder that we face this opening of our world with both joy and bitterness. There is so much to be done: the outdoor projects, the ones we gave up on last fall, are now staring us in the face, like Calvinist preachers. Jobs are a cruel contrast of the need to create a

polite public appearance vis-a-vis the lingering aspects of hibernation. Remember when the most sensible choice was cuddling down in front of the fire, with *your* definition of a good book? As for spontaneous expressions of joy, (some momentary insanity of dancing barefoot in the new sprouts of grass) they are humbled by the thought of dragging the hose from the garage, unkinking the atherosclerotic knots created over winter, since you have inadvertently found the favorite bathroom of the dog next door.

Are there any solutions to the April dilemma, its schizoid ability to present the pros and cons of a mud-splattered spring? We know it will be followed quickly by a dazzling, brief summer, when even the firmest of resolutions are melted by the sun on the pond (C'mon, Venus, dive in!) and the family tradition of searching for Monarch cocoons among the Milkweeds, and the slight crispness to the August evenings, like a good white wine. I have tried following a five-year plan, for necessary repairs and rebuilding. But what does one do when, each year, the neatness of such a schedule is thwarted by the increasing amount of rain coming in through that leaky roof, a losing battle is being waged with the tomato blight, and plebian weeds seem to have made friends with even the most haughty of my beloved flowers.

Perhaps there are some important words we should weave into our vocabulary: Procrastination is a good one; it can extend anything, and do it with infallible logic.

Acceptance is always good. It has a mature feeling to it, not like its pejorative cousin, rationalization. Discovery of self: "I feel it is best to allow ideas to come unbidden, spontaneously; they represent what I truly am." How could anyone possibly call this person 'disorganized'?

And lastly, peaceful observation can actually be translated to: collecting data for my new research project on the rate of growth of grass, when left uninhibited; sounds so much better than the Puritanical use of the word laziness.

Let me know if you have other words; I am compiling them into a dictionary that can be used in any situation where the mores of society might actually try and push you away from that cozy winter fire!



Why are we tolerant of trash?

By Bernard Paquette

Walk and see dirty, disgusting, degrading affronts to our city's image.

Walk to work or walk around the block in your community neighborhood and challenge yourself to count the number of pieces of litter in a square block or even within one hundred feet. Look at the community's highly shopped and respected storefronts and ask yourself why there is trash in front of some of these businesses.

Why are we tolerant of trash on our sidewalks, streets, parking lots, yards- our city? Much of the litter on the streets ends up in our waterways. This non-phosphorus pollution is polluting our cherished waterways and overall landscape. Our discarded plastic is killing birds, marine and other wildlife.

Everyone can easily participate in this cause. Everyone can pick up a piece every day. Consider carrying an empty grocery bag with you on neighborhood walks. Notify business owners of the opportunity to improve their business facade by removing trash from the parking lot. Businesses can create litter patrols whereby their crews periodically remove litter along the street where the business is located.

We can grow an attitude of intolerance for litter just as we can grow pride and activism for attributes like Lake Champlain.

If enough people join in on a regular basis, well to quote Arlo Guthrie in Alice's Restaurant song, "And friends they may think it's a movement."

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Nature deficit disorder

By Dr. Lewis First, First with Kids

With winter ending and spring on the way, parents have been getting off the couch asking me what they should be doing to get their children to do the same thing. It turns out that the indoor use of technology combined with our own lack of familiarity with nature has led to children spending less and less time enjoying the outdoors and more time restricted to the computer screen.

Yet there is evidence to suggest that being away from enjoying nature, particularly in our beautiful part of the country, can result in children who are less physically fit and who have an increased risk of obesity from sitting indoors for hours on end in front of a video game or computer. Not getting outdoors to enjoy nature and the surroundings we live in has also been associated with increased feelings of stress, anxiety and depression, as well as trouble paying attention - resulting in a condition now being referred to as "nature deficit disorder."

So how do we treat nature deficit disorder? The National Wildlife Federation recommends a "green hour" of unstructured play outdoors. You can find a lot of ideas on how to make this hour a highlight

at www.nwf.org. Perhaps if your children are older, take them with you on a creative adventure each day to try to identify birds or unusual plants or flowers in the neighborhood. Putting in a bird feeder or hiding something special under movable rocks or at the base of trees or bushes to create a daily treasure hunt can get your children to log-off and head-out. In fact, trees, bushes, and flowers are the best kind of toys for play activities because unlike action figures or collectibles, your child can imagine them to be anything.

So, what can parents do to combat nature deficit disorder? Be a role model: if you get excited about going outside to explore the environment, so will your children. Encourage your child's school teacher to do the same thing with their class with perhaps monthly nature field trips. Restrict online time outside of school work to no more than 1-2 hours a day, to leave more time for unstructured imaginative play outside.

Hopefully, tips like this will feel natural to you and your children when it comes to overcoming nature deficit disorder this year, and enjoying what the outside can give to our children and to ourselves.

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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Saturday April 23

Volunteer Work Day, 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM. Help us prepare the Museum for the 2011 open season! Do windows, clean nest boxes, work on trails (weather permitting), prepare materials for visitors and school groups, add bird sighting data to online databases, and much more. Lunch will be provided. Please let us know you're coming by calling 802 434-2167 or emailing us at museum@birdsofvermont.org. (Rain date for outdoor projects: May 7)

Charles Andros, former NH/VT Apiary Inspector, will hold a beekeeping workshop from 1:00-3:30 PM at 18 MacLean Road, Alstead, NH 03602. Look for the "BEE" sign on the south side of Walpole Valley Road. Topics of discussion will be early spring management: locating apiaries, equipment, handling bees, feeding syrup and supplements, making nuclei, reversing, requeening, and mite controls. Bring a veil, if you have one, as we shall be opening some colonies. We'll be inside if it is a rainy day. Water and chair may also come in handy. Registration required. email: lindenap@gmail.com or call 603-756-9056."

Friday April 29

Casino Event, University Mall, 5:00 - 9:30 PM. Games include blackjack, roulette, the wheel of fortune, and craps. Proceeds to benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation, Vermont Chapter. Center court, \$3 admission, 18+. Bring in this ad for FREE admission! Register for fun prizes.

Saturday April 30

Soup n' chocolate supper, Brick meeting house, Rt. 128, Westford, 5:00 – 7:00 PM. All you can eat Soup, Chili, Salad, Artisan Bread, and Chocolate Desserts. Benefit UCW White Church Preservation fund. Adults \$8, children \$5 (over 5 years) \$25 max for family

Sunday May 1

Museum Opens for the Season: the Year of the 500th Bird, Birds of Vermont Museum, Huntington, 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM. Come in and discover our 500th Bird. Is it a goose? A shore bird? A small waterfowl? Is it still in progress or is it in the exhibited collection? See other new carvings; enjoy older and more familiar ones. Free for members. Non-members: \$6 adults, \$5 seniors, \$3 kids. Discounts available—ask when you arrive. Questions? Please call 802 434-2167 or email us at museum@birdsofvermont.org.

The Westford Volunteer Fire Department's annual Tag Sale will take place on Green Up Day, from 9:00 AM- 2:00 PM at the

Westford Town Garage on Cambridge Rd. Hot dogs, beverages, and baked goods will be available to purchase from the Westford Auxiliary. Come find bargains and good things to eat while supporting a volunteer fire department. Any questions, call Susan, 878-7573

Friday May 6 & 7

Rummage Sale, Grace United Methodist Church, 130 Maple Street, Essex Jct., Friday May 6, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM and Saturday May 7, 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM. Church office 878-8071.

Saturday May 7

2nd Annual Bike n' Boat Swap, Cambridge Rotary, 360 on Main Street, Cambridge, 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM. Drop off bikes and non-motorized boats and accessories on Friday May 6 from 5:00-7:00 PM. All goods should be in usable condition. Kids' bikes are always needed. Proceeds benefit Rotary district 7850 tsunami relief fund. Call 343-2372 for more information.

Carving Demonstrations, Bird Museum of Vermont, Huntington, Saturdays, May 7, 14, 21, 28, 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM. Come watch a wood carver at work. Ask questions, collect fresh ideas, learn a new technique. Upstairs in the museum workshop. Appropriate for all ages. Free with museum admission.

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Pie for Breakfast, Cambridge Area Rotary at Cambridge 360 in Cambridge Village (2 doors down from Kinney Drugs), 9:00 AM-Noon, \$5 for all the pie you can eat and coffee you can drink.

ONGOING EVENTS

ADULT ACTIVITIES

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

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

Chittenden County Stamp Club, First Wednesday of the month 6:15-8:30 PM. GE Healthcare, 1 IDX Circle, South Burlington, VT. Everyone is welcome to come learn about stamp collecting, postage history, cachets, postcards and postage stamps or a variety of other knowledge. Lainey Rappaport (802) 660-4817.

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

Green Mountain Chapter of the Embroiders Guild will meet on May 11 at 9:30 AM at the Pines Senior living community, 7 Aspen Dr, South Burlington. First meeting is complimentary. Contact number 879-0198.

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

Mt. Mansfield Scale Modelers gather on the third Thursday of the month from 6:30 to 8:30 PM. Modelers encompassing all categories of interest and skill levels are welcome. Brownell Library, Kolvoord Community Room, Lincoln Street, Essex Junction. Next meetings Thursday December 16, 2010; Thursday January 25, 2011; and Thursday February 24, 2011.

The women of the United Church of Underhill meet on the second Saturday of each month (March 12) 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 presents two classes in April to help you in your search for your ancestors. Donations are appreciated for the classes. Vermont French Canadian Genealogical Society is located in Fort Ethan Allen, Colchester. We can help you get started in finding your ancestors, even those that are not French Canadian. We have the complete Vermont Vital Records so you don't need to drive to Middlesex to access that information. Come see us on Tuesdays from 3:00 to 9:30 PM and Saturdays 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Parking and entrance on Hegeman Ave. across from the State Police. Please visit our website <http://www.vt-fcgs.org>, or call 802-238-5934 for more information.

Beginning Genealogy - Saturday, April 16, from 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM - Sheila Morris will teach you how to get started with this very rewarding hobby. You do not need to have French-Canadian ancestors to get started with our resources. Bring as much information as you can about your grandparents; births, marriages, deaths and where they lived. Afterwards our volunteers can help you get started.

The Civil War-Scott Tower will give a presentation on the different resources he uses to research a Civil War soldier's records and personal history. He will also do a slide show on the different battlefields and historic sites he has recently spent two weeks touring. Please join us on Saturday, April 30, 2011 from 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM.

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

"MUSIC WITH MIA" weekly musical story time at University Mall. Kids can enjoy music, stories, and sing-a-longs with local singer/song-writer Mia Adams. Located in center court, Mondays at 10:30 am. Free. This series goes through March 28, 2011. For more information, please call 863-1066 x11.

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.

Wednesday: Bolton's Smilie Memorial School 8:15 - 10:15 AM and Richmond Free Library 8:45 - 10:15 AM

Thursday: Huntington's Brewster Pierce Memorial School 3:00 - 5:00 PM.

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

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

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

SENIORS/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.

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SENIOR INFORMATION

CVAA Senior Meals

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.

Friday April 22 – United Church, Hinesburg, 12:00 noon. Roast pork au jus, apple sauce, stuffing, vegetable medley, whole wheat rolls, ice cream.

Monday April 25 – Covenant Church, Essex Jct., 12:00 noon. Spaghetti with meatballs, tossed salad, Italian bread, banana pudding.

Tuesday April 26 – Ponderosa, Williston, 11:00 AM check in, 11:15 AM lunch. All you can eat buffet.

Wednesday April 27 – JP’s Restaurant, River road, Essex Jct., 10:30 AM check in, 11:00 AM lunch. Roast pork dinner.

Thursday April 28 – Holiday Inn, So. Burlington, 11:00 AM check in, 11:30 lunch. Turkey dinner.

Friday April 29 – United Church, Hinesburg,

12:00 Noon. Roast pork au jus, apple sauce, stuffing, vegetable medley, whole wheat roll, ice cream.

Monday May 1 – Pizza Hut, Susie Wilson Road, Essex Jct., 10:30 AM check in, 11:00 AM lunch. All you can eat Pizza buffet.

Tuesday May 3 Ponderosa, Williston, 11:00 AM check in, 11:15 AM lunch. All you can eat buffet.

Wednesday May 4 – Elks, North Ave. Burlington. Featuring Fiddler Bonnie tucker, 10:00 AM check in, 11:00 AM lunch. Maple cheddar chicken.

Thursday May 5 – Bridge Street Café, Richmond, 10:30 AM check in, 11:00 AM lunch. Hamburgers.

RECIPES BY MARIAN TOBIN

Maple Syrup Gingerbread

1 cup maple syrup
2 cups flour
1 teaspoon baking soda
½ tsp. salt
1 cup sour cream
1 egg
1/12 tsp ginger
Sift dry ingredients together, mix beaten egg, cream and syrup in separate bowl. Combine with dry ingredients. Stir well. Turn into greased pan, 9” square. Bake 350° oven about 30 minutes. Serve with whipped cream.



We Need to Talk helps family members begin the conversation of driving safety with older drivers

People over age 65 are the fastest-growing population in the United States. By 2030 more than 30 million older drivers will be on our roads. While statistics indicate that older drivers are safe drivers with good driving records, medical conditions, medication usage and age-related changes (physical and mental function) can increase the risk of crashes and injuries. Copley Hospital invites caregivers, families and concerned friends to attend *We Need to Talk*, a seminar that addresses concerns of older drivers. The seminar is designed to help adult children and friends learn to talk with their loved ones about limiting or giving up driving. *We Need to Talk*, a collaboration of Copley Hospital and AARP will be held May 3 at 10:30 AM in the Hospital’s Lobby Conference Room. More information on this free class is available online at copleyvt.org/WellnessClassesandEvents, or by calling 802-888-8369.

We Need to Talk was developed by AARP based on information created jointly by The Hartford and the MIT AgeLab. Participants will learn the right time to start the conversation, recognizing warning signs, and how to develop a transportation plan that will still allow their loved one to get out and remain connected to their community. The class is being facilitated by AARP and Copley Hospital volunteer Dave Peters. The seminar will be held again at Copley on May 21.

Copley Hospital Wellness Center has been working in collaboration with AARP for more than ten years, offering programs that include the *55 Alive Mature Driving Class*. More information on *We Need to Talk* and other upcoming classes offered by Copley Hospital is available online at www.copleyvt.org or by calling 802-888-8369.

Clutter Barn Tag Sales

The dates for the end-of-the-month Clutter Barn tag sales are May 28, June 25, July 30 and August 27. Harvest Market is September 24 and 25.

The Clutter Barn is sponsored by the United Church of Underhill and is located adjacent to the Church on the green in the Village of Underhill Flats, Route 15.

Your donations may be dropped off on Saturdays between 8:30 AM and 12:00 noon except for Tag Sale days. We accept clean, working household items, books, toys, games, puzzles and spring and

summer clothing. Please, no fall and winter clothing until August; and no computers, TVs, telephones, exercise equipment, large appliances, large rugs, magazines, National Geographic’s, textbooks, encyclopedias, building or plumbing materials, tires, rims, roof carriers, child car seats, truck tops or truck racks.

The Barn will be closed on Saturday, July 2. For further information, call Kathy Williamson (899-3122) or Sharon Damkot (899-3572).

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

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

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

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

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.

SPORTS ACTIVITIES

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

Zumba - Wednesday evenings, 6:00 PM, Jericho Community Center. For more info contact Lori Preiss at 899-0343 or visit 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.vtcfdids.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 Congrega-

tional 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, jquinninv@aol.com

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

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

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

Village of Jericho, Inc. – Please be advised that the Board of Water Commissions of the Village of Jericho, Inc. will hold its next monthly meeting Tuesday May 17, 2011, 7:00 PM.

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

THRIFT SHOPS & FOOD SHELVES

The **Heavenly Cents Thrift Shop** located just east of the Five Corners in Essex Jct. on Rte 15, the hours are from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM on Tues. and Wed., 4:00 to 8:00 PM on Thurs. Please check us out.

Westford Food Shelf, open on the third Saturday of every month, 8:00 – 10:30 AM, United Church of Westford. All are welcome. Fresh produce, meat, and non-food items available.

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17th Annual Jericho - Underhill Open Studio Tour, Saturday May 28 and Sunday May 29 from 10 AM to 5 PM. 16 Artists will open their studios to visitors for sales and demonstrations: Betsy Chapek, John Connell, Sally Duval, Russ Fellows, Bruce Gilbert-Smith, Mary Hill, Irene Lederer LaCroix, Mimi Mathieu, Ken Morris, Grace Nelson, Carl Newton, Britt Nielsen, Lynn Ann Powers, Kristin Richland, Marcia Rosberg, Dianne Shullenberger. Tour Map and 16 Artist Displays available at Tour Headquarters.

Michael Smith's new show, **Rural Pop Art and Other Behavioral Oddities** opens at the **Emile A Gruppe Gallery**, in Jericho, will hang through Sunday, April 10. Rural Pop Art is a contrast to pop art generated by urban popular culture during the '60's; combination of acrylic and mixed media, features bright colors and unusual presentations of commonly known objects and themes, which are familiar to the more rural world.

Idoline Duke and Gowri Savor, **East Gallery, Helen Day Art Center, Stowe, Vermont**, now - April 17. Join us this winter at the Fleming Museum of Art for an incredible new line-up of exhibitions, programming and events as we celebrate life and spectacle under the big top. *Under the Big Top: The Fine Art of the Circus in America* - now through May 22.

MUSIC/DANCE

Fairfax Community Theatre Company presents **Doo Wop Hop** - community dance. Dust off your poodle skirts and blue suede shoes for an evening of dancing, refreshments, contests, raffle, and children's activities. Saturday May 7 from 6:00-9:00 PM, Bellows Free Academy Fairfax. Tickets at the door: \$10 per person, 2 for \$15, families (3 or more) \$20, seniors & students \$8, children under age 5 are free. For information call 324-5637 or visit online www.fctvt.org.

The **Richmond Climate Action Committee**, whose mission is to move Richmond towards a sustainable energy future through education and action, is pleased to announce our spring Film Series. The monthly films explore different aspects of the global climate change crisis - from ocean acidification with its disruption of the entire salt-water food chain, to the politics of denial in the US and the progress of alternative energy elsewhere.

Thursday April 21 - Katie Trautz and the Tall Boys at 7:30 PM at the Bee's Knees in Morrisville.

THEATER/FILM

All films will be shown in the **Richmond Free Library Community Room**, starting at 7:00 PM and lasting until about 9:00 PM. Admission is free. Some screenings may have childcare provided - please call us at 434-4415 ahead of time if this is of interest. All films are suitable for grade 7 through adult.

The dates and film titles are as follows:

May 15, 2011 - "Everything's Cool" - Examines the media strategies that have resulted in the US government's failure to take decisive action on global warming.

June 15, 2011 - "The Suzuki Diaries" - David Suzuki and daughter Sarika travel to Europe to visit inspiring people and projects that give hope for a sustainable future.; and "Weather Report" - A report from the frontlines of climate change in Kenya, India, Canada, the Arctic, China and Montana where people's lives have already been dramatically altered.

July 14, 2011 - "Dirt: the Movie" - The story of the Earth's most valuable and underappreciated source of fertility, from its miraculous beginning to its crippling degradation. This film will be presented in cooperation with the Chittenden Solid Waste District.

Please visit the Richmond Climate Action Committee's website www.richmondclimateaction.net for more information about the group, the film series or our other projects.

Lyric Theatre Company, a non-profit organization which is one of New England's largest volunteer community theatre groups, is pleased to announce events relating to our fall 2011 production of the hit Broadway musical **HAIRSPRAY!** It's 1962, and pleasantly plump Baltimore teen Tracy Turnblad has only one desire - to dance on the popular **Corny Collins Show**. When her dream comes true, Tracy is transformed, and she must use her newfound power to vanquish the reigning Teen Queen, win the affections of heartthrob Link Larkin and integrate a TV network - all without denting her 'do! **HAIRSPRAY**, is Broadway's musical-comedy phenomenon that inspired a major motion picture and won eight 2003 Tony Awards, including Best Musical. It is a show about social injustices, defying discrimination, and loving yourself for who you truly are.

Kick-Off/Information Meeting for Lyric Theatre Company's production of **HAIRSPRAY**, Wednesday April 20, 7:00 PM, South Burlington High School, Dorset Street, South Burlington.

Meet members of the Artistic and Production Team for Lyric Theatre Company's fall 2011 show

- **HAIRSPRAY!** The Artistic Team is looking for strong singers and dancers of all ages, who aren't afraid of a little aerosol. They will be casting around 30 people of every race, shape and size in this fantastic musical comedy. Lyric's sets, lights, costumes, props, special effects, make-up and hair will transport the audience to 1962 Baltimore, home of Tracy Turnblad and the Corny Collins Show. Visit the Lyric web site for character descriptions, audition details, paired readings, and information about diverse opportunities for involvement in behind-the-scenes roles with the production: www.lyrictheatrevt.org.

Auditions for Lyric Theatre Company's production of **HAIRSPRAY**, Monday-Thursday April 25-28, 6:00 PM, the Schoolhouse, 8 Catkin Drive, South Burlington VT

Come Audition for **HAIRSPRAY!** Be a part of the show that is about social injustices, defying discrimination, and loving yourself for who you truly are, set in 1962 Baltimore. The Artistic Team is looking for strong singers and dancers of all ages, who aren't afraid of a little aerosol. They will be casting around 30 people of every race, shape and size in this fantastic musical comedy. Registration begins at 5:45 pm each night, and while not required, you can choose to pre-register by emailing fredankt@comcast.net. The audition process involves singing, dancing, and reading. Scripts will be available for perusal in most community libraries in Chittenden County beginning in early March. Lyric Theatre is an Equal Opportunity organization and encourages every one of all races and sizes to audition for age appropriate roles. **Hairspray** is fairly unique in its specificity for ethnicity and body types. Visit the Lyric web site for character descriptions, audition details, audition forms, and information about diverse op-

portunities for involvement in behind-the-scenes roles with the production: www.lyrictheatrevt.org.



Emile A Gruppe Gallery presents Book Arts Guild of Vermont "Big Ideas, Small Books" an exhibit of small artist books and bindings. Artists reception Sunday, April 17 from 1:00 - 4:00 PM. Show will hang through May 22, 2011 www.emilegruppegallery.com

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LIBRARY NEWS

DEBORAH RAWSON LIBRARY, UNDERHILL

Art for April will feature watercolors by Theresa Rivers. The board of Trustees will meet Thursday April 21 at 7:00 PM. This meeting is open to anyone that would like to attend. The silent auction item is donated by Underhill Hair Styles. It is a certificate for a shampoo, cut, blow dry, manicure and pedicure. You can have a spa day all at once or separate it into two visits. The item will be awarded April 30 at 8:00 PM. Stop by to bid. The library will be closed Sunday April 24.

A New Book Discussion group coming together this spring: Our book for consideration is *An Ethical Compass*, edited by Elie Wiesel (2010), and the discussion leader is Michael McKnight. The subtitle of this book is *Coming of Age in the 21st Century*. It is a collection of challenging essays written by college students over the past twenty years. Each essay was selected as a prize winner in the annual Elie Wiesel Foundation's Ethics competition. They cover the gamut of topics relating to finding a moral or ethical compass in our fast-moving world. Of the many essays in the book, Professor McKnight has selected ten as the best of the best. We will be reading and discussing two each week for six Mondays started on April 18, 6:30 - 8:00 PM. Group size is limited to twenty and books will be supplied without charge by the library. So, sign up at the library soon. A few spaces are left.

The Friends of DRML will meet Thursday April 27 at 1:00 PM. Please consider joining this volunteer organization that benefits the library.

On Tuesday May 3 at 6:00 PM the Friends of the Library are hosting Nancy Patch from the Nature Conservancy. She will present a *Wise on Weeds* program on invasive plants. We will meet at 6:00 PM at the library. The program will be a walk outside and then a formal presentation inside the library. Learn to identify and remove non-native invasive plants. Invasive species, along with climate change and habitat loss, represent the greatest threats to the diversity of life on earth. Ecologists estimate that invasive species have contributed to the decline of 49% of imperiled or endangered species in the U.S.

The library is hosting a special Mother's Day music program on Sunday May 8 at 2:00 PM. Sheesham and Lotus are performers that use a wide array of custom built instruments. This program is great for all ages. They were performers at the 2010 Champlain Valley Folk Festival. Sheesham and Lotus remain dedicated to bringing you the finest in old-time quality and strive to keep the music as fresh as can be. Lotus says, "We are always experimenting with new sounds and configurations of instrumentation, whether it is a combination of simultaneously played crazy instruments or a new arrangement of a tune... We like to keep trying new things."

Preschool Story Times for Spring: Stories, songs, fingerplays, snack and craft for preschoolers and their caregiver. Drop in, no registration needed: Wednesdays 11:00 AM, April 27, May 4, and 11; Thursdays 10:00 AM, April 28, May 5, and 12.

On Wednesday May 11 rather than our regular format we will have *Funky Monkey Music Jam* presented by Mia Adams. Following the program we will have snacks but no craft that day.

On Thursday May 12 rather than our regular format we will have Elise Doner presenting movement and dance activities. Following the program we will have snacks but no craft that day.

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

FAIRFAX LIBRARY, FAIRFAX

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

JERICHO CENTER, LIBRARY

Home school event - Monday May 2, 1:00 - 3:00 PM, come join us for May: Flora of the Forest Floor. Learn about wild edibles, medicinal plants, wildflowers and deciduous trees with teacher Rachel Rose. Students should come dressed for the woods, rain or shine, with a water bottle, sunscreen, bug spray and journal or camera. It will be held indoors if it rains and is for grades 3 and up. Contact the library at 899-4686 for more information.

Writers' Club - The writers' club moves back to every other Monday, 6:30 - 8:00 PM. All ages are welcome. For current dates and more information, please contact the library.

Plant Sale coming - Our annual Spring plant sale will be coming in just over a month. More details will follow in our next update. Keep the library in mind as you start to uncover your garden and look to divide or thin things out.

Used Book Sale - Thanks to everyone who supported the library through donations and purchases at our used book sale. We raised over \$330 for the library. We have also stocked our used book rack with leftovers, including recent releases, kids books, and classics.

Volunteer help for the Summer Reading Program - Are you okay with glitter and glue? Comfortable working with children? The Jericho Town Library is looking for Summer Children's Program Teen Helpers to help facilitate/photograph up to 50 programs celebrating international culture during June and July. Teen Helpers, ideally in 5th grade and up, can sign up for as many programs they are interested in helping at. Time commitment of a Teen Helper varies but would typically be no more than four hours a day. A Teen Helper has three main areas of responsibility: before, during, and after each program. Before a program: Show up 15 minutes early to help set-up; be briefed on program activities that they will be helping with. During a program: help the Summer Children's Program Coordinator; greet participants; help the children with the program activities; take pictures; and overall ensure everyone has fun. After the program: clean-up; de-brief how the program went with the librarian and Summer Children's Program Coordinator. Contact the library at 899-4686 for more information.

General information reminder - The board of trustees meets regularly on the first Thursday of each month at 5:00 PM at the library and the public is always welcome to attend. The next meeting is April 7.

Library hours are Monday 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM, Wednesday 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM and 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM, Friday 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM, and Saturday 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM. For more information, call the library at 899-4686, email

Jerichotownlibrary@gmail.com, or visit the library website at www.jerichotownlibrary.org.

VARNUM MEMORIAL LIBRARY, JEFFERSONVILLE

The Libri Foundation is a nationwide non-profit organization which donates quality, hardcover children's books to small, rural public libraries in the United States through its BOOKS FOR CHILDREN program. The Foundation supports the concept that children who learn to enjoy reading at an early age continue to read throughout their lives. In order to develop a love of reading, children must have access to books which stretch their imaginations, touch their emotions, and expand their horizons. For many children in rural areas, the local public library is the primary source of reading materials, and the Libri Foundation helps to expand the options of those children.

Established in 1989, the Libri Foundation has the sole purpose of helping rural libraries acquire children's books they could not otherwise afford to buy. Since October 1990, the Foundation has donated over \$4,600,000 worth of new children's books to more than 3,000 libraries in 49 states, including Alaska and Hawaii.

The Varnum Memorial will be celebrating the Libri Foundation and its BOOKS FOR CHILDREN program on April 14, from 9:00 AM to noon with a Story Party. All are invited to come enjoy books from the Libri Foundation, and make origami books of their own.

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

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

WESTFORD LIBRARY, WESTFORD

Continuing in April: Free individualized computer tutoring for ages 50+ by appointment only; offered in collaboration with Champlain Valley Agency on Aging. Americorps member Colin Hunt offers personalized help with all your computer questions; everything from "How do I turn this thing on?" to "How do I use the Internet and email?" and more. Call Victoria at 878-5639 to setup an appointment.

Thursday April 21 - No Storytime. As always, families are welcome to enjoy the craft supplies and other activities in the Children's Area.

Thursday April 21 - 1:00 - 3:00 PM: Homeschool gamers. Bring your own games or enjoy the library's selection. Hosted by Matt Taylor.

Friday April 22 - 6:00 PM: Strategy and Board Games for Teens and Adults. Hosted by Matt Taylor.

Thursday April 28 - 11:00 AM: Early Literacy Storytime. Stories and activities utilizing early literacy concepts for ages birth-preschool. Theme: Rain.

New Additions to the Collection: Adult Fiction: *Fifth Witness* (Connelly), *Troubled Man* (Mankell), *Saturday Big Tent Wedding Party* (McCall Smith), *The Discovery of Witches* (Harkness), *Once Upon a Time There Was You* (Berg), *The Paris Wife* (McLain), *The Revenge of the Radioactive Lady* (Stuckey-French), *The Tiger's Wife* (Obreht).

Adult Nonfiction: *Be Different: Adventures of a Free-Range Aspergian with practical advice for Aspergians, Misfits, Families*

Northwestern Medical Center PSAs

Composting: An Overview
Saturday, May 7, 2011
9:00 to 10:00 a.m.

An overview of Composting includes a presentation of what composting is, why it is important, and how it works as well as the various types of composting available to backyard composters. At completion of the presentation, attendees will be able to determine a composting method that best suits their individual time and needs to help them improve their gardens, the soil and the environment.

Location: Northwestern Medical Center, Conference Room 1

Speaker: Rita B. Langlais, UVM Extension Master Gardener and UVM Extension Master Composter

Pre-registration required: Call 524-1234 to register

Diabetes and You

This self-management educational program is a five part, ten hour group education program, plus telephone follow-up sessions for people with diabetes and their families.

The program is accredited by the American Diabetes Association.

Thursdays, May 12, 19, 26 & June 2, 9, 2011
3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Location: Richford Health Center

Facilitator: Deb Robertson, RN, BSN, CDE, Northwestern Medical Center

Program Charge: Call for pricing information

Pre-registration Required: Call 524-1031 to register or email drobotson@nmcinc.org

Program Size: Limited to 15 be supplied.

and Teachers (Robison), *Rise Up Singing: The Group Singing Songbook* (Blood).

Teen: *Geektastic* (Black), *Knife of Never Letting Go* (Ness), *Med Head* (Patterson), *Monstrumologist* (Yancy), *101 Places Not to See Before You Die* (Price), *Burned* (Cast).

Juv: Fiction: *Bone Handbook* (Smith). Nonfiction: *Justin Bieber: First Step 2 Forever* (Bieber).

2012 DCFs are here. *The Grimm Legacy* (Shulman), *Hero* (Lupica), *The Strange Case of Origami Yoda* (Angleberger), *Stuck on Earth* (Klass), *Driven: A Photobiography of Henry Ford* (Mitchell), *Kakapo Rescue: Saving the World's Strangest Parrot* (Montgomery).

Summer Reading Program Sneak Preview: International Fair - Music, food, costume, language, and art from Poland, Cuba, Ecuador and Puerto Rico. Which do you want to represent? International Games on the Common - bocce, croquet, escargot (hopscotch), and board games including mancala, backgammon, and chess. Cricket, anyone? International Art Projects, Read with JR and, of course, the library float in the July 4th parade. Help bring the world to Westford this summer. Contact Victoria at 878-5639.

The library is open Wednesday 1:00 - 7:00 PM, Thursday 10:00 - 6:00 PM, Friday 12:00 noon - 6:00 PM, and Saturday 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM. We can be reached at 878-5639, westford_pl@vals.state.vt.us, and www.westford.lib.vt.us. Our catalog is available via our website.

DOROTHY ALLING MEMORIAL LIBRARY, WILLISTON

Offsite program: Maple Tree Place, Williston, Beginning English Conversation and Children's Story Time. Thursdays, May 5-26, 11:30 AM-12:30 PM. Language instruction for adults, stories and activities for children. Learn basic English to help you get out and about in your community. We will begin the series with introductions and move on to cover topics such as telling time, asking for directions, and shopping. We will tailor the classes to fit the needs of the participants. Presented by ELL Instructor, Cam Sato. Location: Bookmobile at Maple Tree Place, Williston, VT. Call 878-4918 to register. Story Hour: Tuesdays, 11 am, May 3 and 10. No story hour on May 17-31. Summer Story Hour will start in June. Stories and a craft. Ages 3-5. No pre-registration.

Music with Raphael: Mondays, 10:45 am, (except Monday, May 30), Thursdays, 10:30 am, and Saturday, May 14 at 11 am. Come sing, dance, and clap your hands with Raphael and his guitar. Children participate and experience traditional and original folk music. Up to age 5 with a caregiver. No pre-registration. Limit: one week-day session per week per family.

Babytime Playgroup: Wednesdays, 10:30 AM-12 noon (except for the 1st Wednesday of each month- May 4). May 11-25. For infants and toddlers. Sponsored by Building Bright Futures of Williston. Call Marjorie Von Ohlsen for more information at 658-3659.

Food For Thought Teen Library Volunteers: Thursday May 12 noon from 4:00-5:00 PM. Gr. 7-12 Teen Advisory Group. Pizza, discussion, and library projects for teens. New members welcome.

Baseball Card Trading Day. Tuesday May 10, 3:00 PM. Baseball fans get together and share their favorite cards. Up to Gr. 8.

Saturday Music with Raphael: May 14, 11 am. Sing and dance with Raphael and his guitar. Up to age 5. No pre-registration. Dorothy Alling Memorial Library, 21 Library Lane, Williston, VT. www.williston.lib.vt.us



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RICHMOND HUNTINGTON NEWS

DEA and Richmond Police to hold Taking Back Unwanted Prescription Drugs program

On April 30 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM the Richmond Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) will give the public another opportunity to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs.

Last September, Americans turned in 242,000 pounds—121 tons—of prescription drugs at nearly 4,100 sites operated by the DEA and more than 3,000 state and local law enforcement partners.

This initiative addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. Medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse, and abuse. Rates of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are alarmingly high, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs.

Four days after last fall's event, Congress passed the Secure and Responsible Drug Disposal Act of 2010, which amends the Controlled Substances Act to allow an "ultimate user" of controlled substance medications to dispose of them by delivering them to entities authorized by the Attorney General to accept them.

Huntington Public Library

An Evening for Book Lovers - We are making plans for a special night of festivities featuring local author Amy Seidl reading from her soon-to-be published book Finding Higher Ground: Adaptation in an Age of Warming.

Audubon Storytime - We will once again join forces with staff from the Green Mountain Audubon Center to present a fun program for young children all about birds.

Art Gallery - We are pleased to offer local artists and photographers an excellent space for showcasing their work. On display through May are watercolor paintings by Terry Boyle.

Planet Huntington - We would like to thank to Rebecca and Terry Ryan for coordinating Planet Huntington, our popular travel slide show series.

Maple Bank Fundraiser - Once again the Friends of the Library are holding a maple bank fundraiser.

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New Adult Books: Don't Blink and Toys by James Patterson; Memory & Dream by Charles de Lint; A Discovery of Witches by Deborah Harkness; The Jungle by Clive Cussler; The Odd Sea by Frederick Reiken; Swamplandia by Karen Russell; Sing You Home by Jodi Picoult; The Grand Design by Stephen Hawking; Delicious Diabetic Recipes by Rano Polak, MD; Pies, Pies, and More Pies by Goren; When the Killing's Done by T.C. Boyle; One of Our Thursdays is Missing by Jasper Fforde.

New Intermediate Books: Max by James Patterson; Lulu and the Brontosaurus by Judith Viorst; Daisy Dawson at the Beach by Steve Voake; Liar Liar by Gary Paulsen; Octavia Boone's Big Questions about life; the Universe and Everything by Rebecca Rupp; The Strange Case of Origami Yoda by Tom Angleberger; The Grimm Legacy by Polly Shulman.

New Picture Books - Clever Jack Takes the Cake by Candace Fleming; Art & Max by David Wiesner; Nabeel's New Pants by Fawzia Gilani; A Sick Day for Amos McGee by Philip Stead; Bats At the Ballgame by Brien Lies; The Legend of the Golden Snail by Graeme Base; What In the Wild by David M. Schwartz; A Pig Parade is A Terrible Idea by Michael I. Black; Even Monsters Need Haircuts by Matthew McElligott; Who Stole Mona Lisa? By Ruthie Knapp; Fancy Nancy Aspiring Artist by Jane O'Connor; Silverlicious by Victoria Kann; Born Yesterday by James Solheim; Diary of a Baby Wombat by Jackie French.

Storytime - We currently address the six early literacy skills, as adopted by the Vermont Department of Libraries. These six pre-reading skills are ones a child can start learning from birth.

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(Lewis) Autumn (Delorme) and Cyril Lewis had a son, Cooper Joseph, on Friday, April 1, 2011 at Fletcher Allen Health Care in Burlington, VT.

RICHMOND

(Ross) Jolene (Becker) and Henrik Ross had a daughter, Harper Mary, on Tuesday, March 22, 2011 at Fletcher Allen Health Care in Burlington, VT.

Steven Bouffard joins Copley Hospital as Director of Respiratory Services

Copley Hospital is pleased to welcome Steven Bouffard, RRT, RCP. Bouffard joins Copley as Director of Respiratory Services, overseeing the hospital's Respiratory Department including Neurodiagnostic Testing. "We are delighted to have Steve as part of our team; his skills and experience are a welcome asset to Copley," says Senior Director of Operations Greg Ward.

Bouffard will oversee a staff of 10 therapists providing all respiratory services at Copley Hospital including respiratory care, pulmonary function testing and neurodiagnostics, which are tests that analyze and/or monitor nervous system functions. These tests include Electromyography (EMG) and nerve conduction studies, Electroencephalography (EEG) and Electrocardiography (ECG). Sleep Studies are conducted on site, in collaboration with physicians Veronika Jedlovsky, M.D. and David Alsobrook, M.D. of Northern Vermont Center for Pulmonary/ Sleep Medicine.

Previously, Bouffard served as a District Manager for Genesis Healthcare, responsible for 40 skilled nursing facilities in New England; Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts and Vermont. Responsible for the daily operations of respiratory services, he ensured safe patient admissions and was responsible for providing respiratory/pulmonary education training to more than 1,000 nurses and nursing personnel. Prior to Genesis Healthcare, Bouffard served as District Director for Kindred Healthcare, responsible for 16 transitional care units and skilled nursing facilities.

A graduate of University of Albuquerque, Bouffard received his Associate of Science in Respiratory Therapy. He also holds a BS in Resource Management from Troy State University, FL.

LACiNg up for cancer honors and remembers our shining stars

Community members are asked to lace up for LACiNg Up. This year's LACiNg Up for Cancer, a walk that benefits Lamoille Area Cancer Network (LACN), is scheduled for Saturday June 25 at the Peoples Academy track. Event Chair Kathy Demars describes this annual event as one of community support, community spirit and community service, and encourages your involvement. "Whether you choose to support LACiNg Up by becoming a corporate sponsor, forming a team, donating product for the community BBQ or an item for our silent auction, volunteering, or stopping by the day of the event you will be making a difference," says Demars. LACN is a local not-for-profit organization that helps area cancer patients by providing grants of financial assistance. For many recipients these grants come at a time when that support is greatly needed. Mark your calendars for LACiNg Up For Cancer 2011 - Peoples Academy track on Saturday June 25 from 11:00 AM - 11:00 PM.

The community spirit of helping local cancer patients began eleven years ago with a small group of cancer survivors set out with one goal in mind - to help other cancer patients in our community. Today, because of their determination, and your support, LACN has provided more than \$1 million dollars in grants.

LACiNg Up's planning committee has set the bar high with a goal of raising \$125,000. Demars said that while the goal is an aggressive one, so too is our community when it comes to neighbors helping neighbors. Fundraising efforts recently kicked off with letters to area businesses asking for their sponsorship support. Demars said the next step is soliciting teams of walkers. "Last year our 71 teams raised over \$100,000 through walker sponsorships and the sale of luminary bags." Demars explains that luminary bags are white bags decorated in honor or memory of someone touched by cancer. A candle is placed in each bag and at dusk these candles are

lit. With each walk there is a theme. The theme for this year's walk is Shining Stars; as every cancer survivor, including those who are no longer with us, is a shining star. Event highlights include an opening ceremony followed by an emotional and uplifting survivor lap and throughout the day teams compete for recognition of best dressed based on special theme laps, and everyone can bid on a variety of items at the silent auction tent. Kids are entertained with face painting and other fun activities, a community bbq with ice cream and cookies following ready walkers and guests for a video of past walks before fireworks light up the sky.

If you are a business or individual and want more information on the LACiNg Up for Cancer contact Kathy Demars at 888-7720 or Jill Baker at 888-8302. Remember, everyone is touched by cancer - your support will make a difference.

Ally Massage opens in Underhill

A new business that just opened in Underhill, Ally Massage, operated by Charlotte Brodie, offers a 90-minute massage that blends elements of the Swedish and Esalen traditions. The result is a massage that is gentle enough to relieve stress while thorough enough to relax sore muscles. Ms. Brodie's goal is to be an ally to the inherent healing and relaxation capabilities of the body, thereby promoting healthiness, rejuvenation and a sense of well-being. Ally Massage is open by appointment only, by calling 899-2833.

Next time you check the 7-day forecast, remember, it takes 30 days for a new flood insurance policy to take effect. So no matter how many sunny days appear to be on the horizon, there's no time to waste. Fact is, rainstorms can cause flood damage hundreds of miles from the coast. To find out how to protect your home against flooding, call 1-800-427-2297 or visit floodsmart.gov today.



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Upcoming Public Forums

Underhill ID, Underhill ID Elementary, April 26 at 6:30 p.m.

Richmond, Richmond Elementary School, April 27 at 6:30 p.m.

MMSUD, MMUHS, April 28 at 6:30 p.m.

Underhill Town, Underhill Central School, May 3 at 6:30 p.m.

Bolton, Smilie Memorial School, May 4 at 6:30 p.m.

Huntington, Brewster-Pierce Memorial School, May 17 at 6:30 p.m.

Jericho, Jericho Elementary School, May 11 at 6:30 p.m.

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Chittenden East Supervisory Union



OBITUARIES



Hazel E. Urie, 80, of Urie Road, Cambridge, VT, passed away peacefully Sunday morning, April 10, 2011, at The Manor in Morrisville. Hazel was born September 1, 1930, in Wolcott, VT, the daughter of the late Frank and Alice Dutton Eldridge. Growing up, she was an avid horsewoman and showed their horses at the local fairs. Hazel graduated from Barton Academy and went on to graduate from Perry Normal School in Boston, Mass. She taught at Thayer School on North Avenue in Burlington, VT and briefly substituted at Cambridge Elementary, Cambridge, VT. For many years she was Treasurer of the Cambridge United Church. On June 28, 1953, she married Ralph L. Urie and in 1955 they purchased a dairy farm in North Cambridge, aptly renaming it "Ring O'Hills Farm" where they raised their three children. They both loved farm life and nature with Hazel working

alongside Ralph on the farm, helping with everything from barn chores to milking to haying in the summer. The farmhouse always had a homey feel and the smells of Hazel's home cooking and baking were always present, along with little bouquets of flowers and unusual plants that Ralph collected for her. Her warm, loving smile and cheerfulness will be missed by all who knew and loved her. She now joins Ralph who predeceased her on July 14, 2010, and their beloved son, Brent, who predeceased them both on April 30, 2009. She will be dearly missed by her daughters, Annie Cook and her husband, Maurice of Fletcher, and Donna Safford and her husband, Scott of Jeffersonville, VT; grand-daughter, Heather Safford Shannon and her husband, Ryan of Broomfield, Colo.; sister, Helen Millican and husband, John Hall of Eastham, Mass.; her extended family members, Lori Goodyear and daughters, Morgan and Erica, and many nieces and nephews. The family would like to thank the warm and caring staff at The Manor for the excellent care they provided Hazel during her stay there. In lieu of flowers, donations may

be made in Hazel's memory to The Manor's Making Dreams Come True Program, c/o The Enrichment Dept., 577 Washington Highway, Morrisville, VT 05661. Visiting hours were held on Saturday April 16, 2011, at the home of Maurice and Annie Cook in Fletcher from 1:00 to 5:00 PM. There was no funeral service. Directions to the Cooks' home: From Route 15 in Cambridge, turn onto the Pumpkin Harbor Road at the "Wrong Way" bridge for 4.5 miles. At the stop sign, turn left for .6 miles. At the second stop sign, go straight onto School Road for .6 miles, and then turn left onto Oustinoff Road. Or, from Route 104 in Fairfax, at the blinking light turn onto Fairfax/Fletcher Road for 5 miles. At stop sign, turn right onto School Road for .6 miles, then left onto Oustinoff Road. It is the green house on left at the end of the road. Call (802)849-6046 with questions. Online condolences may be made at www.minorfh.com.

Michael T. Grennan of Jericho, VT passed away after a sudden illness on Monday April 4, 2011, in Las Vegas, Nev., where he was working for a client. He was born in Hartford, Conn. on June 15, 1955, to John Patrick and Rita (Hackett) Grennan. He attended Bristol, Conn. schools and graduated from the University of Florida. Mike worked as an accountant for Coopers and Lybrand in Hartford, Conn. and for Briggs Keyes which became part of Urbach, Kahn and Werlin in Burlington, VT. He spent the remainder of his career as a business consultant, becoming very close to clients in Florida, Tennessee and Nevada. While working in Burlington, VT, he was on several boards, including Fanny Allen Hospital and the Sarah Holbrook Center. He married Janet Burbank of Jericho, VT on August 19, 1978. They met while Janet was teaching horseback riding and Mike was leading hiking and biking trips at Camp Jewel in Connecticut. Together, Mike and Janet had three dearly loved children. Mike was an active, outgoing person. His favorite activities were basketball, backpacking and spending time at the lake. He hiked the Adirondacks, the White Mountains and the entire Long Trail. He was proud of his three children and was an active dad, going on field trips, and coaching many of their sports teams. Florida was special to him; he returned at intervals throughout his life and always rooted for the 'Gators'. With Mike frequently traveling for work, time at home revolved around cooking together in the kitchen, talking, laughing and enjoying his family's company. Mike will be sadly missed. He is survived by his wife, Janet; and his children, Todd of Brooklyn, N.Y., Brett of Jericho, VT and Sierra of Lake Placid, N.Y. He is also

survived by his sister, Jill Wensky and her husband, Arnie; sister-in-law, LuAnne Henry; step-mother, Betty Grennan; and aunts, an uncle, cousins, nieces, a nephew, and grandnieces. In addition, he is survived by Janet's siblings, Linda and Vic Brenner, Kay Fay, Fred and Peggy Burbank, and their children and grandchildren. Besides his parents, he was predeceased by his brother, Jack. A gathering of family and close friends was celebrated Mike's life at 1:00 PM on April 9, 2011, at 27B Packard Road in Jericho, VT. A mass for Mike was celebrated, concurrently with ones for his parents, in Connecticut on May 22, 2011. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Jericho Food Shelf, P.O. Box 65, Jericho, VT 05465.



Lisa Sue Hathaway, 41, Westford, VT passed away on Tuesday, April 5, 2011, at Fletcher Allen Health Care in Burlington surrounded by her loving family. She was born in Westford, VT on July 27, 1969, daughter of Edmund and Rose (Erpelding) Hathaway. Lisa was a proud graduate of The Essex Special Ed program in

1992. The family would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the staff of Onion River at Howard Community Services. Affectionately called "Sunshine" by many, she had a smile that would light up your day. Her amazing sense of humor and contagious laugh will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her. She is survived by her parents, Edmund and Rose Hathaway of Westford, VT; her two brothers, Scott Hathaway of Fairfax, VT, Timothy Hathaway and wife Michele of Fairfax, VT; three sisters, M. Lynn Morrill of Duxbury, Cheryl Collins and husband James of Michigan, Dawn Morrill and husband David of Westford, VT; and many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews. Visiting hours was held on Thursday April 7, 2011 from 5:00 to 8:00 PM at A.W. Rich Funeral Home - Fairfax Chapel. A memorial service was held on Friday, April 8, 2011 at 11:00 AM at A.W. Rich Funeral Home - Fairfax Chapel with the Reverend Julian Asucan officiating. Inurnment will be private and at the convenience of the family. Memorial contributions may be made to the Onion River Program in care of Howard Center, 208 Flynn Ave. Suite 3J, Burlington, VT 05401. Arrangements are by John D. Workman, A.W. Rich Funeral Home - Fairfax Chapel, 1176 Main Street, Fairfax, VT 05454. The family invites you to share your memories and online condolences by visiting www.awrichfuneralhomes.com.

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Rosemary P. Hill, 62, a longtime resident of Jericho, VT died Monday April 4, 2011, at Fletcher Allen Health Care in Burlington, VT. Rosemary was born in Colchester, VT on October 7, 1948, the daughter of Eva (Rotella) Pecor and the late Frank Pecor. She was predeceased by her husband, Gordon Hill Sr. Rosemary was employed for many years as a school bus driver with the Chittenden East School District and the South Burlington School District. She is survived by her son, Robert H. Carpenter and his wife Dawn of Richmond, Va.; her mother, Eva Pecor; her stepchildren, Bruce and Monica Hill and their two sons, Gordon and Donna Hill, Jr. and their two sons, and Mark Hill and his daughter; close friends, William Sanderson, Connie Taylor, and Elaine and Darlene; many other close friends and extended family. Rosemary's family wish to offer their sincere thanks to the staff of the Medical ICU and Baird 4 for their care and kindness. Family and friends met on Friday April 8, 2011 from noon to 1:00 PM with funeral services began at 1:00 PM at the LaVigne Funeral Home and Cremation Service, 132 Main St. in Winooski. Interment will follow at Underhill Cemetery.

Margaret Mary (Blaisdell) Myott Mickel or Peggy, 67, Jeffersonville, VT passed away at her home in Jeffersonville on Sunday April 3, 2011. She was born in Burlington, VT on March 10, 1944, daughter of the late Abbie Blaisdell. Following in the footsteps of her mother, she was well known for her phenomenal baked goods. She was loved by all and loved nothing more than sitting down to a good meal with family and friends telling her corny jokes. She loved her furry friends and they loved her. She will be missed by all who knew her. Peggy is survived by her two sons, Jonathan Draper and companion Alison Hicks of Johnson, VT; Todd Draper, her daughter, Jody Myott, both of Jeffersonville, VT; nine grandchildren, Megan, Joel, Mariyah, Abigail, Rachel, Joshua, Shane, Taylor and Justin; five great-grand- children; many friends; her special canine companion, "Lulu"; and her best friend, Nancy. She was predeceased by her loving husband, Dan. Visiting hours were held on Friday April 8, 2011 from 5:00 to 8:00 PM at A.W. Rich Funeral Home - Fairfax Chapel. Funeral services will be held on Saturday April 9, 2011 at 11:00 PM at the Second Congregational Church in Jeffersonville, VT with Reverend Lynda Hadley officiating. Memorial contributions in Peggy's memory can be made to the North Country Animal League, 16 Mountain View Meadow Rd., Morrisville, VT 05661. Arrangements are by John D. Workman, A.W. Rich Funeral Home - Fairfax Chapel, 1176 Main Street, Fairfax, VT 05454. The family invites you to share your memories and online condolences by visiting www.awrichfuneralhomes.com.

William John Robert "Bill" Winston, 60, passed away at his home in Cambridge, VT on Tuesday March 29, 2011. There were no visiting hours held. A memorial service was held at A. W. Rich Funeral Home - Fairfax Chapel, on Sunday April 3, 2011, at 4:00 PM with Reverend Elizabeth Griffin officiating. Inurnment will be private and at the convenience of the family. Arrangements are by John D. Workman, A. W. Rich Funeral Home - Fairfax Chapel, 1176 Main St., Fairfax, VT 05454. The family invites you to view further information and share your condolences by visiting www.awrichfuneralhomes.com. Memorial contributions in Bill's memory can be made to the American Cancer Society, 55 Day Lane, Williston, VT 05495-1460.

ENGAGEMENT

MASI - STEPHENSON
Mark and Mary Stephenson of Jericho, VT announce the engagement of their daughter, Melanie Stephenson, to Joseph Masi, son of Susan and Guy Senesac of Richmond, VT and Robert and Deborah Masi of Lexington, NC, (formerly of Vergennes, VT). A May 2012 wedding is planned.

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Winnie Omwa is from a small town in western Kenya called Kendu Bay. There 70% of girls do not finish primary school. Thanks to the Kenya Self-Help Project that recognized her academic potential in the 8th grade, she was able to be matched with an American sponsor who went on to fund her secondary school education. Now, with the help of a local women's group called the Mountain Mamas, she is in a three-year program at the University of Nairobi to become a journalist.

There will be a benefit on Sunday May 15, 4:00 PM at the Covenant Community Church, Rt. 15, Essex, to help pay for Winnie's college tuition and raise awareness of the plight of the girl child in emerging countries.

Kathleen Dodge from Burlington, the founder and director of the project, will show a video about the scholarship program and the girls' empowerment program. Kate Connell, an intern for the project, will read from her journals. Dr. Jane Okech, Associate Professor in Counselor Education & Counseling at UVM, will discuss girls' educational prospects in Kenya and share her own experience as an educated Kenyan woman.

Come to enjoy and explore a tasting menu that will feature savory indigenous dishes. There will be a raffle of lovely pieces of African art donated by Creative Women of Burlington and Weaver's Nest of Stowe.

Reservations are requested by May 8. Your reservation will be assured by sending your minimum, tax-deductible donation of \$20 per person to Sally Duval, 98 Sleepy Hollow Rd., Essex Jct., VT 05452. Please make checks out to Kenya Self-Help Project.

For more information, contact Nancy at 899-4960, Jane at 899-5415 or Caroline at 899-2222.

Mount Mansfield - the crowning glory



The mountain can be seen from every direction and is the crowning glory of the our area. Picture taken on Oak Hill Road in Williston.

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JERICHO

(Flores, Shumski) Julia Flores and Scot Shumski had a daughter, Eva Samira Shumski, on Sunday, March 20, 2011 at Fletcher Allen Health Care in Burlington, VT.

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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Browns River Middle School "Mathlete" Matthew Ellison going to national competition



Third Place Individual in State-Matthew Ellison, Browns River Middle School, receiving trophy from Jack Lawlor, State MATHCOUNTS Coordinator and Lecturer in the UVM Department of Mathematics and Statistics. PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Browns River Middle School students, Matthew Ellison and Sani Hadzic, competed against the top "mathletes" in the Northwest Region of Vermont at the University of Vermont. Matthew scored as a top individual and was invited to compete at the state competition at Vermont Technical College in March. Browns River Middle School is proud to announce that Matthew Ellison won 3rd place in the state. The top four individuals in the state advance to the national competition in Washington, DC, May 5-8, 2011. Good luck Matthew!

Questions similar to this target 6th, 7th and 8th graders who are at a crucial stage in developing and sustaining interest and ability in math. A sequence starts with the term 2222. Each succeeding term is found by adding 1010 to the previous term. What is the sum of the sixth and seventh terms? (Ans: 15,554).

Approximately 40,000 students, and more than 6,000 schools from all 50 states, the District of Columbia, U.S. territories and Department of Defense and State Department affiliate schools participate each year. Presidents Obama, Bush, Clinton, Bush, and Reagan have all recognized MATHCOUNTS in White House ceremonies. The MATHCOUNTS program has also received two White House citations as an outstanding private sector initiative. MathCounts is a nationwide program designed to recognize students for their accomplishments in mathematics.

Burlington Technical Center announces third quarter honor roll

The following MMU High School students earned an A- or better in their Burlington Technical Center programs placing them on the Burlington Technical Center Honor Roll for the third quarter: Wade Kirschbaum, Aviation Technology; Mitchell Strait, Computer Systems; Nathan Ceffalo*, Criminal Justice; Rebecca Christie, AP Design & Illustration; Rebecca Christie, AP Design and Illustration; and Henry George*, Electronic Recording Arts. * indicates A+

COLLEGE NOTES

Hailey J. Ward of Jericho, VT will attend Interlochen Arts Camp in Interlochen, MI, a summer arts program for aspiring artists in grades 3-12. Hailey, daughter of Scott and Sarah Ward, will study vocal arts at the camp. She has been studying violin, voice, and piano since she was six years old, and is currently in grade 8 at Browns River Middle School in Jericho, VT where she sings with the Chamber Choir and has held multiple roles in the school's musical productions. Hailey has completed four years in the Vermont Youth Orchestra Association in Strings and Sinfonia.

Green Mountain Bicycle Club offers introductory group rides

This spring and summer, the Green Mountain Bicycle Club (GMBC) will be offering free introductory group rides for new riders. On the first and third Saturdays in May, June, and July, experienced cyclists will help those new to the sport learn how to ride safely in a group. The pace will be determined by the ability of the new riders, so no one will be left behind.

All rides will leave from the dirt parking lot at Dorset Park in South Burlington at 10:00 AM. The distance will be determined by those who show up but will average between 12 and 20 miles. Riders must wear helmets and have bikes in good working condition. Those under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. "Cycling is fun and good for you," said co-touring leader Leslie Carew. "This is a perfect opportunity for those just getting into the sport to spend time with experienced cyclists in a low-key atmosphere. Come out and ride with us."

For more information contact GMBC Advocacy Chair Viola Chu at hviolachu@gmail.com.

IBM volunteers visit Browns River Middle School for Engineers Week



Top and Right: Contest winners beam.



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Helicopter design inspired by history.



Browns River engineers talk design with UVM Professor Mike Rosen.

On March 25, engineers, mathematicians and scientists from IBM visited Browns River Middle School in Jericho as part of IBM's 2011 Engineers Week outreach. IBM volunteers worked with seventh graders in three classrooms on "Get Smart about Water" – an activity to analyze and interpret water data they gathered in their community, and to contribute to a project to document or define water quality in the Lake Champlain watershed. Following that engineering challenge, the students heard from the IBM volunteers about the advantages of becoming an engineer and the interesting work that engineers can do. The activity was repeated with fifth, sixth, and eighth grade classes in the first two weeks of April.

Engineers Week volunteers share a common desire: to help grade school and high school students discover the exciting worlds of engineering and technology. Their goal is to relate practical applications of math, science, and engineering to the world around them. IBM's Engineers Week workshops are a key part of IBM's commitment to helping Vermont's students make these connections. This year's workshops include topics on water quality, understanding and working with wind and solar energy generation, and creating electrical circuits.

In 2010, 156 IBM technical professionals visited 53 schools and spoke with over 6400 students through classroom visits, electricity demonstrations, and regional career fairs. In 2011, IBM's centennial year, the company is focusing on its history of and commitment to service by encouraging each employee to pledge at least eight hours of volunteer service during 2011. Engineers Week is part of that volunteer service opportunity.

The National Engineers Week Foundation, a formal coalition of more than 100 professional societies, major corporations and government agencies, is dedicated to ensuring a diverse and well-educated future engineering workforce by increasing understanding of and interest in engineering and technology careers among young students and by promoting pre-college literacy in math and science. Engineers Week also raises public understanding and appreciation of engineers' contributions to society.

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PEOPLE NEWS/SPORTS

Daniell Allendorf - MMU Dance team

Mount Mansfield Union High School's dance team was crowned State Champions in Hip Hop and took third place in Jazz at the State Dance competition held Saturday February 19, 2011 at Vergennes Union High School.

Danielle Allendorf, a senior at MMU and a member of the team, knew she wanted to participate on the dance team every since she went to watch her older brother play basketball and the team performed. "My brother is 5 years older than I am, I saw the dance team perform at half-time during basketball games," said Danielle. Allendorf tried out her freshman year. She made the varsity team as a freshman and is a senior this year.

"It's been nice to be on the team all four years. We've gotten better and better," said Allendorf. There have been changes in the four years Danielle has been on the team. "We started with Rose Bedard as the new coach my freshman year and each year she has learned more about how the competitions work," Danielle stated.

Each year more girls try out. The team has gone from eight or nine girls to almost thirty girls, and they have a JV team as well.

The team participates in three tournaments a year and the state championships as well as half-time performances at both boys and girls basketball games.

Allendorf feels, "We are almost like a family." The girls have morning practices, and are bound by friendships and Saturday practices that bring the team closer together. "I really feel that I have formed lasting friendships," Allendorf stated.

Each girl has to apply herself academically and adhere to the schools policies on drugs, drinking and smoking to be able to stay on the team.

Allendorf is looking forward to going to UVM in the fall. "I'm not too serious about continuing dance at UVM. I may take some



Mount Mansfield Union High Dance Team was crowned State Champions in Hip Hop and third place in Jazz at the State Dance competition held February 19, 2011 at Vergennes Union H.S.

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classes or join a club. But I won't try out for the dance team; it takes a lot of time out of your daily schedule." She said. She is looking into business classes.

Danielle is the daughter of Grant and Susan Allendorf of Jericho.

for their final performance the Vermont State Competition which was held in Vergennes. Mt. Mansfield placed 3rd in Jazz and were later announced STATE CHAMPIONS for the Hip Hop category.

The team is led by coach Rose Bedard and assistant coach Jacki Chace.

2011-2012 MMU Dance Team Roundup

This season the Varsity Dance Team of Mt. Mansfield Union High School finished with the best record in school history. Nine seniors, Mahailah Duncan, Larissa Russin, Samantha Bright, Marie Mendincino, Jakie Longe, Jackie Meshako, Sophia Kimball, Lena Capps, and Danielle Allendorf showed great leadership and dedication throughout the years led the cougars to victories competition after competition.

The Dance Team placed 3rd in Hip Hop in early January at the Middlebury Competition. A week later they came in 2nd in both and Jazz and Hip Hop at Colchester's Frosty Footwork, and finished 1st in Hip Hop at the final local competition held in South Burlington.

For the final two weeks of their season, the team worked hard and prepared

Green Mountain Bike Club schedule

All riders with the GMBC must wear helmets and obey the rules of the road. Please do not ride two abreast if there is traffic in either direction. For mornings with questionable weather, please call the ride leader to make sure the ride is still taking place. Ride leaders are obligated to go to the starting point and provide maps but may choose not to ride if the weather is miserable. Riders below the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent. The letters E,M and S describe the route: E stands for Easy, M for Moderate and S for Strenuous.

Sunday May 1. Ride: Covered Bridges of Chittenden County - 23 (E), 30 (E/M) and 36 (M) mile options of rolling hills through Shelburne and Charlotte with the longer ride going through Ferrisburgh. All rides stop at the Old Brick Store in Charlotte for a tasty treat. Visit up to four covered bridges in Chittenden County. Co-sponsored by the Vermont Bicycle and Pedestrian Coalition. Meeting Time: 9:45; Meeting Place: Dorset Park, South Burlington (Please note, there is a possibility the starting point may have to be moved). Leader: David Jacobowitz - 578-8803 / David.Jacobowitz@uvm.edu; Co-Leader: Art Michalek - 716-308-4391 artmichalek@yahoo.com.

Saturday May 7, Ride: Introductory Ride for new riders. We will go 12-20 miles at a leisurely pace for folks new to road cycling. Our goal is to teach new cyclists the rules of the road and how to ride in a group. Meeting Time: 10:00AM; Meeting Place: Dorset Park, South Burlington, dirt parking lot; Leader: Viola Chu - 735-5359 / hviolachu@gmail.com.

Sunday May 8, Ride: Vergennes Voyager - Vergennes Voyager - 26 mile rolling (E) or 39 mile flat to rolling (E/M) rural ride running along Otter Creek to Middlebury for a bakery stop. The longer ride rolls out by Kingsland Bay State Park before heading south to Middlebury. There may be a short unpaved section, but no big hills. Meeting Time: 9:45; Meeting Place: Vergennes High School, east parking lot; Leader: John Bertelsen - 864-0101 / jo.bertel@gmail.com; Co-Leader: Karla Ferrelli - 864-0101 / karla.ferrelli@gmail.com.

Sunday May 15, Ride: St. Albans Explorer - Light, rolling hills with beautiful views by the lake. The 35 mile (E/M) route goes to St. Albans Bay Park and returns, while the 50 mile (M) route continues on to Swanton and back. Meeting Time: 9:45; Meeting Place: Georgia Park and Ride - For those coming from the Burlington area, we suggest carpooling at the Colchester Park and Ride at Exit 17 off I-89 or perhaps meeting at UVM or Dorset Park in South Burlington. Leader: Kerry Crosby - 578-3249 / crosbykn@comcast.net; Co-Leader: Donna Leban - 865-2839 / lightspd@comcast.net.

Saturday May 21, Ride: Introductory Ride for new riders. We will go 12-20 miles at a leisurely pace for folks new to road cycling. Our goal is to teach new cyclists the rules of the road and how to ride in a group. Meeting Time: 10:00; Meeting Place: Dorset Park, South Burlington, dirt parking lot; Leader: Dorothy Pumo - 735-1836 / dpumo5@gmail.com.

Sunday May 22, Ride: Rouse's Point Rouser - one of our flattest rides. The 60 mile (M) loop heads up from Grand Isle over the Rouse's Point Bridge and down through scenic, low-traffic lakeside roads in New York and returns via the Grand Isle Ferry. The short ride (50 miles - E/M) circles Isle LaMotte and returns on the Vermont side. Meeting Time: 9:15; Meeting Place: Grand Isle Ferry Parking Lot. Those coming from the Burlington area may consider carpooling from UVM or Dorset Park, South Burlington. Leader: Phyl Newbeck - 899-2908 / phyl@together.net; Co-Leader: Matt Kuivinen - 881-9045 / mattkui@earthlink.net.

Saturday May 28 (Marathon weekend), Ride: Kingsland Bay - A nice spring ramble. The 35 mile (EM) ride rolls from Shelburne through Charlotte to Kingsland Bay Park and returns. The 46 mile (M) ride heads towards Vergennes and climbs to Monkton Ridge, returning through Hinesburg. Meeting Time: 9:15; Meeting Place: Shelburne Village Shopping Center; Leader: Amy Otten - 878-4070 / amyotten@netscape.com, Co-Leader: Ralph Kilmoyer - 878-4070.

Congratulations on outstanding performances

A big congratulation to the MMUSIC Northwest Music District students who on March 3 and 4, thirty-nine students from the instrumental department attended a two day music festival. This is after an audition process back in December. What a treat to hear them at the final concert last Friday. We are so proud and honored to have these fine musicians in the MMUSIC program. They all got to work with other professionals and gain experience with new music, meet new friends and of course show the BFA Fairfax community what great students we have at Mount Mansfield.

MMUSIC congratulates Quinn Parker-Trombone and Daniel Shank-(Piano accompanist) for a fantastic, wow and amazing scholarship performance.

Mater Christi students present Our Prayer for Peace

Mater Christi School students recently presented a show called "Our Prayer for Peace." The students performed skits, instrumentals, songs, ballet, gymnastic and tap dances, poetry and Firefly/Shadow dances to a delighted audience. Part of the backdrop consisted of the 1000 paper cranes made by the students and these will be sent to the Peace Monument in Hiroshima in time for Children's Day on May 5. Shown l. to r. Top row: Dan



Wagner, South Burlington; Sally Hoerr, Colchester; Piper Oren, Charlotte; Caroline Provost, South Burlington; Lena von Buren, Colchester. Middle row: Sr. Joanne LaFreniere, show co-director; Molly Palmer, Burlington; Taylor Williams, Essex Junction; Sarah Sem, Jericho; Paige Hauke, Colchester; Paige Tremblay, Milton; Sarah Stearns, Burlington; Carolyn Cutting, Ferrisburgh; Adriana Formel, Winooski; Megan Collins, Burlington; Laura Ospina, Williston; Abbe Kind, Essex Junction; Maggie McNeil, Colchester; Margaux von Buren, Colchester; Ms. Kristen King, show co-director. Front row: Ariel Salmon, Essex Junction; Miranda Orcutt, Swanton; Ryley MacKay, South Burlington; Darcy Lavoie, Burlington; Liam Hariri, South Burlington; Michaela Forgione, South Burlington; Warren Ouelette, Shelburne; Emma Forgione, South Burlington; Audrey Lynn, St. Albans; Cate Beattie, St. Albans.

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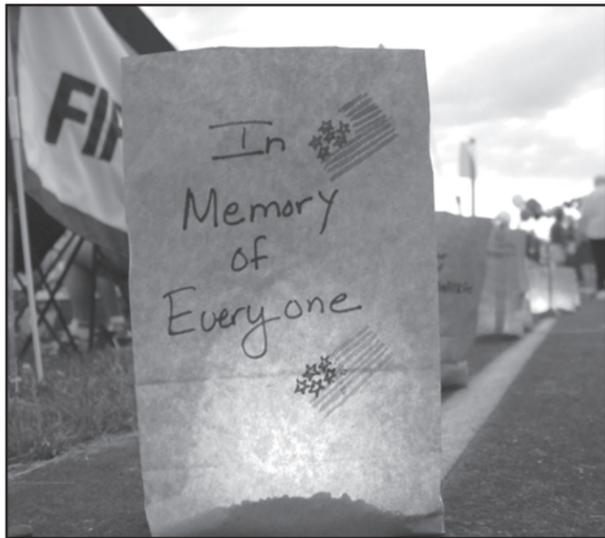
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- A request by the Estate of Edit Powel an adjustment in the boundary of the River District. The property is located at 20 Cilley Hill Road and is in the Village Center District.

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Richmond, Vermont – On April 30 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. the Richmond Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) will give the public another opportunity to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs. Bring your medications for disposal to the Richmond Police Department at 211 Bridge Street in Richmond. The service is free and anonymous, no questions asked.

Last September, Americans turned in 242,000 pounds—121 tons—of prescription drugs at nearly 4,100 sites operated by the DEA and more than 3,000 state and local law enforcement partners.

This initiative addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. Medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse, and abuse. Rates of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are alarmingly high, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet. In addition, Americans are now advised that their usual methods for disposing of unused medicines—flushing them down the toilet or throwing them in the trash—both pose potential safety and health hazards.

Four days after last fall's event, Congress passed the Secure and Responsible Drug Disposal Act of 2010, which amends the Controlled Substances Act to allow an "ultimate user" of controlled substance medications to dispose of them by delivering them to entities authorized by the Attorney General to accept them. The Act also allows the Attorney General to authorize long term care facilities to dispose of their residents' controlled substances in certain instances. DEA has begun drafting regulations to implement the Act, a process that can take as long as 24 months. Until new regulations are in place, local law enforcement agencies like the Richmond Police Department and the DEA will continue to hold prescription drug take-back events every few months.

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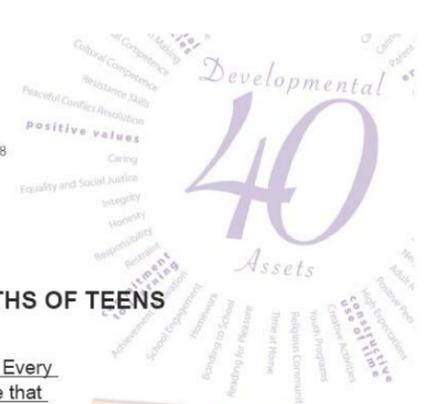
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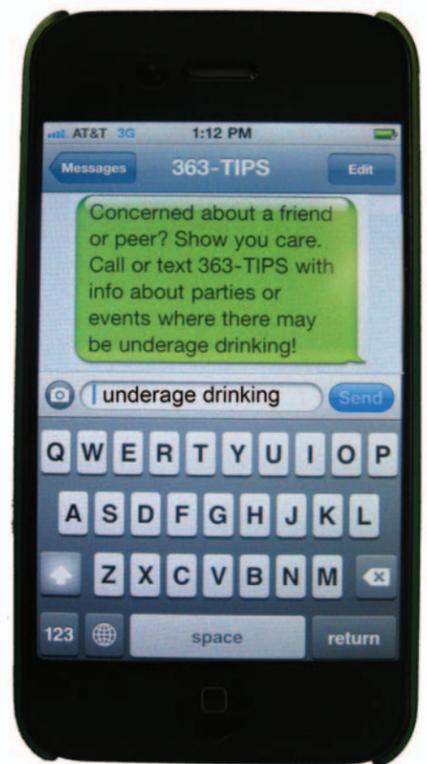
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