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Torrential rain wreaks havoc on area roads in Cambridge, Jericho and Underhill



The Underhill town road crew were given permission to lift the Jeep back onto the driveway with a backhoe. PHOTO CONTRIBUTED



Harvery Road suffered major washout damage. PHOTO BY SARA RILEY

Roads turned into rivers, cutting their own courses as Ronald Troy Jones found out early Wednesday morning at his Fitzsimonds Road home in Underhill. PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

**By Brenda Boutin
Mountain Gazette Staff**

Once more the towns of Jericho, Underhill and Cambridge have been hard hit by storms. Torrential rain and wind pounded the area on Tuesday April 26. Lightning struck a man in Richmond. The Lamoille, Browns Rivers, Winooski and every small stream exploded from their banks causing flooding not seen by most folks in a generation.

Flooding and washouts have been reported throughout Underhill according to Interim Town Administrator Faith Brown. This new disaster comes on top of a winter with heavy snow and devastating windstorms which have already stretched the budget with overtime, salt and sand cost. The town road crew worked diligently to repair all of the road damage within one day.

Underhill roads sustained significant damage in the rain and flash floods last week. The Road crew has all roads passable and has begun work to repair roads, the most extensively damaged first. Rod Fuller, Road Foreman, estimates that town has \$150,000 in damages. Repair costs and pic-

tures are being collected and will be submitted to Vermont Emergency Management. Road repair could take up to 2 months to complete. Roads that need repair include: Irish Settlement, Fuller, Deane, Paul Cook, Maple Leaf, Beartown, Krug, Tupper, Cilley Hill, Sam Ward, Repa, Mullen, Barrett Lane, Maple Ridge, Mountain, Upper Stevensville and Howard, Park Street, Sugar Hill and Pleasant Valley Road.

If you are aware of other damage, please notify the Interim Town Administrator or the Town Clerk at 899-4434.

Please understand that the road crew is work-

ing as quickly as possible. In addition to repair, the road crew is trying to keep up with routine spring time maintenance like grading. Please have patience and keep us informed of any issues or concerns.

Flood Insurance Information Meetings

Flood insurance options will be discussed at five meetings in Chittenden County during April and May. These meetings are particularly important for the owners of older structures that have been newly identified as being in a high flood hazard area.

Flood Insurance Information Meeting Wednesday May 11, 7:00 PM, Underhill Town Hall, 12 Pleasant Valley Road.

For more information on flood hazards in Vermont visit <http://www.vtwaterquality.org/rivers.htm>. Flood insurance information is available at www.floodsmart.gov.

and uttered the phrase Holy Crap!" Said Jones. "Overnight half of my driveway had washed away due to the blockage of the culvert up the

CESU Teachers union, board agree on contract

**By Ted Tedford
Special to the Mountain Gazette**

The teachers union and the Chittenden East Supervisory Union (CESU) negotiating committee have reached a tentative two-year agreement, but neither side would reveal details.

"We are so pleased that we have reached a settlement," said Portia Senning, a member of the committee representing the Green Mountain Chapter of the National Education Association, the teachers union.

"It's fair to the community, the kids and the taxpayers," she said. "We're happy there was no fact-finding." Senning is a teacher at Underhill Central School.

Neither she nor Robert Letovsky, chief negotiator for the Chittenden East Supervisory Union, would reveal details of the settlement, pending a vote by the school board and the union, a vote by the teachers was scheduled May 3, too late for this issue of The Mountain Gazette. The contract must be ratified by the individual school boards in the CESU.

This contract runs through June 30 2013. It follows a contract that was ratified by both sides last December that covered the last school year and this school year, ending June 30. Those negotiations became stymied and a fact-finder was called in to move negotiations along.

During talks on that contract, the school board's negotiators insisted teachers negotiate annually for a step increase when a contract has expired, instead of a guaranteed step increase. The teachers

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Merger discussed at meetings of schools in Chittenden East

**By Ted Tedford
Special to the Mountain Gazette**

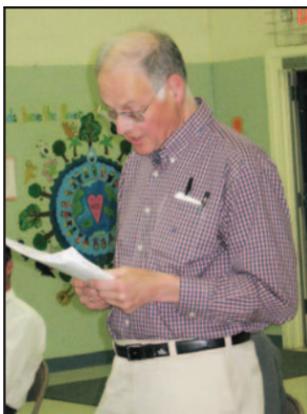
Concerns expressed by a few of the handful of Underhill I.D. School District voters centered on whether a merger with other school districts in the area would create efficiencies or save money.

The meeting was the first of seven being held at all the school districts within the Chittenden East Supervisory Union by the CESU Voluntary Merger Committee.

Peter Mitchell of Underhill said he opposes the plan that would merge seven school boards with 45 members to a

Peter Mitchell of Underhill expresses his concerns about forming a Regional Education District in the Chittenden East Supervisory Union at the first meeting at the Underhill I.D. School April 26.

PHOTO BY TED TEDFORD



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Ripley succeeds David Sullivan as Underhill forest fire warden

**By Ted Tedford
Special to the Mountain Gazette**

It's the changing of the guard — or the guardians of Underhill's forests.

After 35 years, David Sullivan of River Road has stepped down as the forest fire warden in town.

He is succeeded by Parker Ripley, 25, of Sugar Hill Road, a

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Parker Ripley and David Sullivan, Sullivan's replacement as Underhill's forest fire warden, visit at Sullivan's home on River Road. PHOTO BY TED TEDFORD

NEWS BRIEFS

COURT REPORT

March 28, 2011, **Olivia Clemons**, 21, Underhill, VT, charged with DUI, first offense, in Colchester on March 7; pleaded guilty; fined \$300.
 April 1, 2011, **Jesse Palker**, 27, Westford, VT, charged with reckless endangerment in Burlington on July 17; pleaded guilty; sentenced to nine to 12 months, suspended but 13 days, probation.
 April 5, 2011, **Lewis Morris**, 60, Underhill, VT, charged with DUI, third offense or subsequent, felony, in Williston on October 22; pleaded guilty; sentenced to one to three years, concurrent; charged with vehicle operation — license suspended in Williston on October 22; pleaded guilty; sentenced to one year, concurrent.

RICHMOND COURT REPORT

March 31, 2011, **Elliott Wilkinson-Ray**, 24, Richmond, VT, charged with DUI, first offense, in Williston, VT on December 4, 2010; pleaded guilty; fined \$600.

Jericho highway garage energy efficiency retrofits

The Town of Jericho, Vermont is seeking a qualified contractor to conduct energy efficiency retrofits at the Jericho Highway Garage. Funding for these retrofits is provided by an Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant from the Vermont Department of Public Service, through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The Garage is located at 508 Browns Trace in Jericho, Vermont. The Highway Garage will be opened for self directed site visits on May 9, 2011 from 7:00 AM to 12:00 PM and on May 10, 2011 from 12:00 noon to 3:00 PM. All proposals must be received by the Town no later than 4:30 PM on Wednesday May 25, 2011. Questions about the project should be directed to Seth Jensen, Jericho Town Planner, by mail, by phone 899-2287 ext. 104 or email sjensen@jerichovt.gov. The Complete Request for Proposals is available upon request, and can be viewed on the Jericho Town Website www.jerichovt.gov under "Projects and Studies, Highway Garage Retrofits"

POLICE REPORT

On April 25, 2011 at 12:45 AM Richmond Police, Williston Police and Vermont State Troopers responded to an apartment complex in Richmond for a reported Domestic Assault. The investiga-

tion revealed that **Tidridge** was intoxicated and belligerent. Tidridge assaulted the home owner and had to be restrained by other parties in the residence and a neighbor. Tidridge was placed into custody for Domestic Assault, Violation for Conditions and Unlawful Mischief. Tidridge was lodged on \$1,000 bail at the Chittenden Regional Correctional Center. This was Tidridge's second arrest in less than 8 hours.

On April 19, 2011 at approximately 4:45 PM Trooper Ambroz attempted to pull over a motorcycle on VT Rte 117 in Richmond for a speeding violation. The motorcyclist fled the area and refused to stop while traveling southbound in excess of 100 MPH. Richmond Police Officers were able to get to the intersection of US Rte 2 and VT Rte 117 in an attempt to stop the fleeing operator. The operator, **Jonathan Palermo**, DOB: 11/26/85, finally pulled over at a gas station just before reaching US Rte 2 in Richmond. He was driving a 2010 Honda CBR 1000 without insurance or a motorcycle endorsement on his license. Palermo was arrested for Attempting to Elude, Negligent Operation and will be issued several traffic tickets for the multitude of infractions he committed. Any operators who witnessed this erratic operation and wish to provide a statement are asked to contact Trooper Ambroz at 878-7111. Palermo will answer to the charges on June 14, 2011 in Chittenden District Court.

On February 3, 2011 the Vermont State Police began an investigation into an embezzlement of funds by **Susan Lewis**, age 37 of Richmond, Vermont. Investigation showed that Lewis' ex-husband had passed away in February 2009 leaving their, then, 7 year old child with a life insurance trust of \$100,000. As the child's legal

guardian and sole trustee of the trust, as ruled by the court in May 2009, Lewis was the only person who had access to the money. In the provisions as outlined by the Vermont Probate Court, money from the trust could only be used for the educational and healthcare needs.

Investigation showed that Lewis withdrew the entire \$100,000 from the trust set up for the child, who has special needs, within a ten month time period. Lewis has little account of how the money was spent. Lewis admitted to police she was careless with the money and used the money on a cruise and other trips with friends. Investigation also showed that little, if any, of the money was used on the care if Lewis' child.

Lewis was issued a citation to appear in court for the crime of Embezzlement. Lewis is scheduled to be arraigned on May 10, 2011. CASE #: 11A100597

Stolen Credit Cards: The Essex Police Department is investigating the use of a stolen credit card on April 5 and April 9, 2011. The stolen card was used at multiple convenience stores in South Burlington, Williston, Richmond, Jericho, Jeffersonville, and Fairfax on April 5, 2011; and in multiple convenience stores in Burlington and South Burlington on April 9, 2011.

Surveillance video obtained from some of the convenience stores shows a thin, white male suspect who appears to be in his forties, possibly having a mustache. On both dates the suspect is seen wearing a red or orange zip up jacket with black sleeves and shoulders. The suspect is also wearing a yellow or tan hat on both days. The suspect's vehicle is a black Volkswagen sedan with an unknown Vermont license plate. Please see attached photos of suspect and vehicle for further detail.

The Essex Police Department is requesting public assistance identifying the suspect in this incident. Anyone with information regarding this suspect or crime is asked to contact Detective Morgan Lawton of the Essex Police Department at (802)879-4923.

On Monday April 4, 2011, Mary Anderson, Principal of the Cambridge Elementary School in Cambridge called the State Police on the behalf of one of her students. The student had come to school on March 31, 2011 and placed his skateboard just outside the front entrance at approximately 8:10 AM. Another parent then exiting the school noticed the skateboard, picked it up and carried it away. Principal Anderson was able to determine that this other parent was a **Charles Burgess**. The incident was recorded on the schools security camera system.

Upon locating Charles Burgess, 22, in the town Waterville, Burgess advised that he was in the possession of the skateboard and advising after seeing the board there for the past several days thought that the skateboard was abandoned. Burgess continued and advised that the skate board was sitting outside at his apartment in Jeffersonville and was just a misunderstanding and poor judgment on his part. This officer reacquired the skateboard and brought it back to the school where the juvenile positively identified his board with a big hug and smile.

Burgess is being cited in Lamoille court for the possible offence of Larceny.

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Carry it with you

By Bernard Paquette

Main Street, the artery. A roadway used by pedestrians and cars, residents and visitors. Across her skin are tracks of rubber from tires and sneakers. Caressing her sides is a band of grass or mounds of snow depending on the season. Overreaching her expanse, bowing tree limbs throwing shadows upon the placid route.

Ah, what activity she sees! Oh, what iniquity she suffers. If she could curse, surely her asphalt would spew with disdain. She endures the effect of sourly actions of carelessness, and the purposeful act of degradation. If she could speak, what words would she choose to utter to those who make use of her passageway?

At 6:00 AM, Joe throws a cigarette out his car window – a toxic deposit soon to enter the waterways. Her first ever utterance is guttural but succinct; “The world is not an ashtray”. Joe nearly slams into the car ahead in shock, and then ponders upon his poor roadside manners. Another commuter, Susan, consumes her latte and spots a candy wrapper on the car floor. She silently curses her teenage son for his sloppiness as she tosses her empty coffee cup toward the curb. Susan fails to hear the street call out with firmness “Litter-it’s in the bag-carry one in your car”. Now at 7:00 AM, students are heading to school. A small group stops for a fast food breakfast to eat along the way. Knapsacks and pockets apparently are full as wrappers sail like kite tails behind the students and across the sidewalk and roadway. “Rubbish” the main street artery cries out. “What a load of rubbish- now give a hoot and don’t pollute” she admonishes the startled students. Later around 10:00 AM, Mary and Shawn traverse to market. They note the plastic bags, store flyers, and other trash on the ground in front of the store. Yet they show a surprising apathy toward the unsightly problem. Main Street cannot keep silent and speaks up. “Tell the storeowner the welcome mat is diminished by a trashy facade”. Mary and Joe are startled into an attitude of intolerance of litter. They decide they will alert the store manager of the opportunity to make the store more inviting by maintaining a litter-free parking lot and entrance. Somehow, the ride home seems more pleasant to both Mary and Shawn. Evening comes, supper wraps up. A pleasant walk is welcome relief from a long day. John, Francis, and their dog Snoopy head out the door with poop scoop bags and two empty grocery bags. John and Francis have come to think of themselves as neat people. Not because they have, a dog named Snoopy, but because they pick up trash off the sidewalk and street as they walk. Their neighborhood is clean year round because John and Francis pick up after themselves and others. John and Francis attribute the sound to wind as a gentle voice expresses pride, “These are neat people-they must care about how their neighborhood looks”.

Yes, a good many people of all kinds and persuasions pass by our town every day. Some may even hear a mysterious voice decrying, “Be part of the solution-carry your trash with you!”

Join your group on Green Up Day Saturday May 7. Collaborate with those whom make Vermont a special place and Green Up Day a day to remember.

CPR Should Be Compulsory for Parents

By Dr. Lewis First
First with Kids

Parents have been asking me whether it’s worth learning CPR. You bet your child’s life it is! So let me tell you more about this important topic.

If you come upon someone who falls to the ground because their heart is weak or even stops, the odds of that person surviving are lower if you don’t know how to do CPR. Put another way, if you and at least 70% of the country learned CPR (although I would love to see 100% of us learn it), it is estimated that a minimum of 20,000 lives could be saved every year.

What is CPR? It stands for cardiopulmonary resuscitation - some long words but learning it is as simple as ABC. Or I should say C-A-B because of some recent recommendations by the American Heart Association. If you find that an infant or child appears unresponsive to any kind of stimulation, such as rubbing the chest or pinching fingers or toes, follow these three steps:

1) C is for Circulation: keep circulation going by doing chest compressions when the heart is too weak to do it itself. The name of the game with compressions is to push hard and fast - more than 100 times a minute similar to the beat in the old Bee Gees song “Staying Alive” - for you fans of the film *Saturday Night Fever*.

2) A is for Airway: if after 30 compressions, your child is not responding, then make sure your child’s airway is open by gently lifting up their chin while keeping their forehead down with your other hand, and of course remove anything that might be in the way.

3) B is for Breathing: if there is still no response from compressions and opening the airway, learn how to do rescue breathing. The recommended ratio for compressions to breaths is 30 compressions to 2 breaths.

If you have not been trained in CPR, the American Heart Association recommends calling 911 for help and then at least initiating hands-only CPR if the victim is an adult, given that most adult emergencies involve a heart problem. But since the heart is usually in good shape in a child, and because breathing problems remain the leading cause for needing CPR in children, it is important to know how to do the airway and breathing techniques as well, and that means learning CPR.

I can keep writing about CPR but that is nowhere near as effective as you taking a course to learn it. Places like the Red Cross or your local hospital or even some schools often offer a course several times a year. Even if you are certified, it is a great idea to get recertified every two years to learn about new advances or changes in CPR, as there have been over this past year.

Hopefully, you’ll find this week’s information to be life-saving when it comes to recognizing the importance of learning how to properly do CPR.

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.



Shown in the picture are Representative Bill Frank, Andrea Hook, Gail Schermer, Orelyn Emerson and Julia Blake, representing the Community Center of Jericho, and Lawrence Miller, Secretary of the Agency of Commerce and Community Development.

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Community Center completes successful fund-raising campaign

The Community Center in Jericho has reached its fund-raising campaign goal. \$82,000 has been raised to restore the old building so that the Center can keep operating, most of the funds coming from residents of Jericho and surrounding communities, with help from a couple of grants and some businesses! A year after the discovery of major damage to the foundation and walls, the intimidating goal was reached. Local residents made generous donations, some offered fund-raising events, some wrote grant applications, others coordinated the drive, and the Preservation Trust of Vermont offered valuable advice throughout the process.

On April 20 the Vermont State Division for Historic Preservation held a ceremony in the Statehouse for recipients of their 2011 grants, including the Community Center. The State awarded \$14,400 to the Community Center, based on a grant written by Gail Schermer and Mary Jane Dickerson. The governor attended the award ceremony and each recipient was given a large plaque. The Community Center was one of 16 grant recipients out of 42 applicants.

At the Center’s annual Green-Up Day potluck breakfast, the people of the community will be honored for rescuing this vital community treasure. It was quite a feat! Many thanks to all the people who helped make this campaign a success.

The Community Center’s mission is to serve Jericho and neighboring towns by providing a historical setting for a variety of group activities and events that enhance the “sense of community” among the people who live here. The Community Center strives to strengthen residents’ sense of belonging to, caring about, and enjoying the community.

The Committee which oversees the Community Center welcomes anyone interested in volunteering with the work of the Center. Call 899-2366 for more information.

Yankee Magazine names Gerard’s Bread and Richmond Victorian Inn to 2011 “Editors’ Choice” List

Yankee Magazine’s *Travel Guide to New England*, on newsstands April 26, has named 3 local establishments in Vermont as “Best of New England — Editors’ Choice” winners for 2011. This designation is awarded by *Yankee’s* editors and contributors, who name select restaurants, lodgings, and attractions in New England to the exclusive list

“Our ‘Best of New England’ issue is about where we live and play and raise our families. These places happen to be the cities and villages, the beaches, mountains, and forests, where visitors from around the world come to spend precious vacation days,” says editor Mel Allen. “We’ve filled our pages with the places we want to see, and have seen, and will see again. Immerse yourself in these

places to visit, as beautiful as any in the world, plus more than 250 ‘Bests,’ our recommendations for inns, shopping, sights, restaurants, adventures, and what-have-you.”

Editors’ Choice : This year’s *Travel Guide* features 288 “Best of New England — Editors’ Choice” selections. The listing for each establishment includes a description, address, phone number, and Web site, if available. The “Editors’ Choice” establishments from Vermont included businesses and locations from our immediate area.

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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 & Sunday May 7 & 8

Annual Spring Sale – Benefit Binghamville Methodist Church at the Fletcher Union Meeting House, 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM Saturday; 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM Sunday. Rummage only. Talbes include: food, plants, books, and huge rummage sale. Soup and sandwiches available. For information or to donate call Charles Tinker or Dennis Getty at 849-2120.

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.

The Westford Volunteer Fire Department's annual Tag Sale, 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

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.

Sundays, May 8, 15, 22, 29

Sundays for Fledglings, Bird Museum of Vermont, Huntington, 2:00 to 2:45 PM. Kids are invited to hike, create, explore, carve, act, write, or investigate with us on Sunday afternoons. Designed for 1st through 4th graders, but all are welcome.

We focus on birds...but amphibians, mammals, trees, ferns, forests, insects, and other natural community members may be included. Activity details will be posted at the museum and online each week. We are often outdoors, so dress appropriately. Free with admission; donations accepted. Pre-registration strongly encouraged. Call (802) 434-2167 or email

museum@birdsofvermont.org.

Sunday May 8

Country Breakfast, St. Thomas Knights of Columbus Council #7810 from 8:00 to 11:00 AM in the parish hall. The buffet style breakfast will include juice, fruit, eggs, pancakes, sausage, bacon, home fries, and coffee or tea. The cost is by donation. All are welcome! Give Mom a break from cooking on Mother's Day! Please come and bring the whole family to this delicious Country Breakfast. You may call the church office at 899-4632 if you have any questions.

Wednesday May 11

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

Friday May 13

Spring tag and plant sale, Calvary Episcopal Church, Route 15, Underhill, will hold a Spring Tag and Plant Sale on Friday May 13 from 9:00 AM until 3:00 Pm, and on Saturday May 14 from 9:00 AM until 1:00 PM. The sale will feature children's and adult clothing, toys, games, books, household items, furniture, jewelry and some great bargains. Plants of all kinds: seedlings, thinnings, flowers and vegetables will also be sold. For more information, please call 899-2326.

Graphic Novel Readers and Creators, Phoenix Books & Café at Essex Shoppes & Cinema, at 5:30 PM. Free. Get together to discuss graphic novels past and present, talk about the graphic novel you're reading now or the one you're working on, network with other readers, writers and artists, or just come to gab about comics in general. No style or genre will be ignored. If you're a creator, be ready for real critiques. Facilitator Rick Evans is a graphic designer and comic book fan living in Underhill. More info: www.phoenixbooks.biz or 872-7111.

Family Dance - Young Traditions will hold a Family Dance on Friday, May 13 from 6:30 to 7:30 PM at the Edmunds Middle School, 299 Main Street, Burlington, VT. Mary Wesley will call and music will be provided by The Irregulars. All are welcome, all dances taught, no partner or experience necessary. Admission is free. Please bring clean, soft-soled shoes for dancing. Dance Info: 802-999-9357.

Queen City Contras at 8:00 pm at the Edmunds Middle School, 299 Main Street, Burlington, VT. Members of Mad Robin Callers Collective will call. Music will be provided by David Boulanger and Paul Marchand. All are welcome, all dances taught, no partner or experience necessary. Beginners' session at 7:45 PM. Admission is \$8.00 adults. Under 12 free. Please bring clean, soft-soled shoes for dancing. Dance Info: 802-371-9492 or 802-343-7165.

Saturday May 14

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

Walk for Williams - benefiting the Williams Syndrome Association and raising awareness, Oakledge Park in Burlington, 9:00 AM registration, 10:00 AM walk. Register online at walk4williams.org.

Beekeeping workshop, Charles Andros, former NH/VT Apiary Inspector, from 1-3:30 PM on Saturday, at 18 MacLean Road, Alstead, NH 03602. Look for the "BEE" sign on the south side of Walpole Valley Road. Topics of discussion: finding queens, requeening and 2-queen colonies, pollen collection, swarm control, supering, and bee venom therapy. 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.

Tuesday May 17

A reading and autographing, Bill Schubart at 6:00 pm, Phoenix Books & Café at Essex Shoppes & Cinema. Free. More info: www.phoenixbooks.biz or 872-7111

Saturday May 21

Annual Plant Sale by the Burlington Garden Club from 10 AM - 2 PM at the Bloomtime Festival at the UVM Horticulture Research Center, 65 Green Meadow Drive, South Burlington, VT (turn at the traffic light at Ford/Toyota on Shelburne Rd.) Over 1,000 plants and quality items from local businesses, nurseries and Garden Club members will be available for purchase. The proceeds will go to benefit scholarships and civic projects. Information: 372-4058 or www.bgcvt.org.

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

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SENIOR INFORMATION

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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/songwriter 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.

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

Pilates - 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.vtcfids.org or Lainey at 802 660-4817 or 800-296-1445 ask for Rik

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

Approach Autism With Advocacy, Recovery & Education (AAWARE) in the Lamoille Valley, third Sunday, 3:00 – 5:00 PM, Second Congregational Church of Jeffersonville Community Room, Jeffersonville. Special topics, guest speakers, re-

source information; playroom for kids, fenced side yard for outdoor play. For information, Terry Holden, 644-2759 (Jeffersonville) or Tina Karl, 888-3430 (Hyde Park.)

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

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

TOWN GOVERNMENT & ORGANIZATIONS

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

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

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

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

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

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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RECIPES BY MARIAN TOBIN

Bean Soup
1-1/2 cups dry beans (yellow eye, soldier, or black)
7 cups water
Ham bone or pieces
1 small onion chopped
2 stalks of celery chopped
1 teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon black pepper
Boil beans in water for 5 minutes. Remove from heat. Let soak in cooking water one hour or overnight. Add remaining ingredients. Simmer covered until beans are soft, 2 or 3 hours. Remove ham bone, partially mash beans before serving before serving. Serves six.



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. 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. Transportation may be available if needed. Reservations are required for these meals and may be arranged ahead of time by calling 865-0360.

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

Friday May 6 – Hinesburg meal site.
Monday May 9 – Covenant Church, Essex, 10:30 AM check in, 12:00 noon lunch. Sloppy Joes with bun, macaroni salad, toss salad, fruit filled cookie.

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

Wednesday May 11 – JP's Restaurant, River Road, Essex Jct., 10:30 AM check in, 11:00 AM lunch. Ham.

Thursday May 12 – Holiday Inn, So. Burlington, 11:00 AM check in, 11:30 AM lunch. Turkey dinner.

Friday May 13 – United Church, Hinesburg, 12:00 noon. Chicken stew, Harvard beets, biscuit, fruited Jello and topping.

Monday May 16 – Covenant Church, Essex, 10:30 AM check in, 12:00 noon lunch. Salisbury steak, new red potatoes, stewed tomatoes, pumpernickel bread, tropical fruit.

Monday May 16 – Papa Nicks, 3:00 PM. Lemon Chicken.

Tuesday May 17 – T-Bones, Hampton Inn, Colchester, 10:30 AM check in, 11:00 AM lunch.

Wednesday May 18 – Colonial Room, Essex Jct. Education Center, 11:30 AM check in, 12:00 noon lunch. Baked ham dinner.

Thursday May 19 - Hut, Susie Wilson Road, Essex Jct., 10:30 Check in, 11:00 AM lunch. All you can eat pizza buffet.



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REVIEWS

ART

The **Essex Art League** will hold their May meeting on Thursday May 5 at 9:00 AM. This meeting will feature watercolor and negative painting by Lynn Cummings. Ms. Cummings is a Watercolor painter residing in Vermont. Her love of color and nature is evident in her brilliant florals, botanicals and landscapes. Lynn has a master's degree in education and teaches watercolor workshops. She is a board member of NVAA, and a member of Mary Bryan Gallery,

Helen Day Art Center and the Rehoboth (DE) Arts League. This interactive program will offer a comprehensive negative-painting experience. Bring watercolor paints if you have them; the Art League will supply paper. For information, please contact Ms. Cummings at: Lynn.Cummings@uvm.edu.

The League meets the first Thursday of the month, from 9:00-11:00 AM, at the Essex Junction Congregational Church on Main Street. A yearly calendar of meetings is available on the Essex Art League's website.

For more information on the Essex Art League's programs and exhibitions please visit the website at www.essexartleague.com.

First Friday Art Walk and Art Map at the galleries and art venues staying open late to welcome walkers and share Burlington's incredible art scene. With five new venues added for May, the walk will be better than ever. Take a guided tour or make your own. Pick up your copy of Art Map Burlington, First Friday Art Walk's official publication, and your guide to art in Burlington or check out www.artmapburlington.com to see a list of participating venues. Got questions? Call 802-264-4839 or send email to info@artmapburlington.com.

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.

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.fctcv.org.

Saint Michael's Playhouse announces 2011 season of professional summer theater, June 22 to August 7: The Drowsy Chaperone, June 22 - July 2; I'll Be Back Before Midnight, July 6 - July 16; Boeing-Boeing, July 20 - 30; The Marvelous Wonderettes, August 3 - August 13. Box office opens May 2; for information call (802) 654-2281. Visit www.saintmichaelsplayhouse.org for more information.

May 26 to 28 Jericho's own Meredith (Myers) Gordon and Andy Gordon along with Jamie Losch will be performing **Potato Sack Pants Theater Presents: Character Flaws: A Sketch Comedy Night!** Meredith and Andy were a huge success at our Mount Mansfield High School Alumni production in January and many of you have asked about their upcoming performance. The event will be held at the Off-Center Center for the Dramatic Arts, 294 N. Winooski Ave. Suite 116C on Thursday, Friday or Saturday at 7:30 PM.

LIBRARY NEWS

DEBORAH RAWSON LIBRARY, UNDERHILL

Art for the month of May will feature the creations by the students of Anne Joppe-Mercure from the Underhill Central School.

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." This concert is free and appropriate for all ages.

The board of trustees will meet Thursday May 19 at 7:00 PM.

Sunday May 22 will be the last Sunday the library is open until September.

The library will be closed Tuesday May 24 so that staff can attend the Vermont Library Conference.

The silent auction item for May is a delightful dragonfly garden stone created and donated by Chris Cleary. Stop by the library starting May 1

to see it and bid. Bids will be taken until May 31 at 8:00 PM.

Thank you to all that have sent in a donation so far in response to our appeal letter. The library truly appreciates the support.

The Friends of DRML will meet Tuesday May 31 at 7:00 PM. Everyone is welcome.

Movie Night. On May 6 at 6:30 PM, come join us for a showing of "UNDER OUR SKIN" an eye-opening, award winning documentary about LYME DISEASE. Discussion to follow. Call 899-1868 if you have questions.

Deborah Rawson Book Lovers (DRBL) is an adult once-a-month general interest book club that meets the second Tuesday of every month at 7:00 PM at the library. Books are borrowed in sets from Essex Free Library and distributed monthly. New members are always welcome. Contact Christine Staffa at christine@cstaffa.com for more information. In April, our book was *The Handmaid's Tale* by Margaret Atwood - deemed 'creepy' by all of us, but not without its enthusiastic fans. The May 10 book will be *The Voyage of Harwhal* by Andrea Barrett.

Game night for adults is Wednesday May 11 at 6:30 PM. Do you love to play board games or card games? Please join us for an evening of game fun. There will be a variety of games to choose from. If you have a favorite game, bring it and a friend. If you are new to the area this is a great way to meet people also.

On Thursday May 12 at 6:30 PM Evergreen Erb will give a presentation on identifying birds. This program is cosponsored with the Jericho Underhill Land Trust.

Saturday - May 14 - 9:00 AM - 12:00 noon - Waking Up the Gardens. The Master gardeners will begin at 9:00 AM inside planning the layout of the vegetable garden; define a map, time line for planting, 10:00 AM, plan to work outside, raking, clean up, create garden paths, create plots, perhaps some early planting lettuce, cabbage, onions; minor pruning, spreading mulch. Come for any or all of the morning. Please bring tools.

On Sunday May 15 at 7:00 AM meet at the Mills River Park parking lot to go on a bird walk with Evergreen Erb as our guide. Bring binoculars if you have them. This event is also co sponsored with the Jericho Underhill Land Trust.

Join George Till and Bill Frank on Tuesday May 17 at 6:30 PM for a legislative update and discussion.

On Wednesday May 25 at 6:30 PM Robin Schulte, volunteer at the Root Center, will give a presentation on energy efficient agriculture. Come learn how geodesic structures heat themselves with passive solar heating even in winter.

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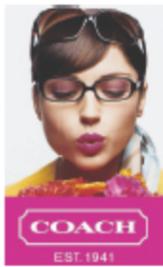
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learn how aquaponics systems within a geodesic dome act as a low maintenance, year round, food generator, learn how you can use these systems in your backyard. Please call the library to register 899-4962.

The mystery book group will meet Tuesday May 31 at 7:00 PM to discuss *Fer-de-lance* by Rex Stout. Join us for a lively discussion.

On Wednesday May 11 at our 11:00 AM story time we will have Funky Monkey Music Jam with Mia Adams. Following the program we will have snack but no craft.

On Thursday May 12 at our 10:00 AM story time we will be hosting Elise Doner presenting movement and music activities. Following the program we will have snack but no craft

After School Wii Fun - Join us for snacks and enjoy playing Wii games with your friends. For students in grade 5 and up. Thursday May 12, 2:45-3:00. Advance registration required. Call: 899-4962

Baby Time. Join Leah Rowe for board books, lap rhymes and songs appropriate for babies 18 months and younger. Siblings welcome. Thursday May 19th 10:30 am. Drop in, no registration needed.

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

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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.bfafairfax.com/pages/communitylibrarynews.html>. 802-849-2420.

JERICHO CENTER, LIBRARY

The annual Spring plant sale will be held on Saturday May 21. We will use the same format as in prior years. Start arriving at the Jericho Center Green across from the library at 8:30 AM to donate plants and start browsing. The sale begins promptly at 9:00AM, rain or shine.

Here is how it works. People bring donations, including perennials, annual seedlings, seeds, or digging rights for people to come by and dig out of the garden later. No houseplants please.

The sale starts at 9 with people selecting plants round by round until selecting is done. This usually takes just a few minutes. Purchase prices are \$5 for the first round, \$4 for the 2nd, \$3 for the 3rd, \$2 for 4th, and then \$1 for each selection after that.

Contact Linda Campbell at 899-2798 with any questions. Thanks again to Linda for running this annual event.

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

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 May 5.

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

VARNUM MEMORIAL LIBRARY, JEFFERSONVILLE

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

Upcoming Events:

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

Thursday May 5, 1:00-3:00 PM: Homeschool Gamers . Bring your own games or enjoy the library's selection. Hosted by Matt Taylor.

Wednesday May 11, 6:00-7:00 PM: Book Discussion: *The Samarai's Garden* (Tsukiyama).

Thursday May 12, 11:00 AM: Early Literacy Storytime. Stories and activities utilizing early literacy concepts for ages birth-preschool. Theme: Kevin Henkes Stories.

Saturday May 14, 1:00-3:00 PM: Welcome Baby Tea. For Westford babies born June 2010 - March 2011. Parents - "Check out" the book dedicated to your child, enjoy light snacks, and meet other young families. Look for your personal invitation in the mail and RSVP to Tara Genzlinger (taragenzlinger@gmail.com). Cohosted by the Westford Public Library and Building Bright Futures.

Thursday May 19, 11:00 Am: Early Literacy Storytime. Stories and activities utilizing early literacy concepts for ages birth-preschool. Theme: Community Helpers.

Thursday May 19, 1:00-3:00 PM: Homeschool Gamers . Bring your own games or enjoy the library's selection. Hosted by Matt Taylor.

Thursday May 26, 11:00 AM: Early Literacy Storytime. Stories and activities utilizing early literacy concepts for ages birth-preschool. Theme: The Zoo.

Friday May 27, 6:00 PM: Strategy and Board Games for Teens and Adults. Hosted by Matt Taylor.

New Additions to the Collection: Adult Fiction: *The Informationist* (Stevens), *Started Early Took My Dog* (Atkinson), *One of Our Thursdays is Missing* (FForde). Adult Nonfiction: *How to Brew* (Palmer), *Starting and Running Your Own Small Farm Business* (Aubrey). Juv: Nonfiction: *Of Thee I Sing: A Letter to My Daughters* (Obama).

Spring Cleaning - A Better Book Sale. The Library is currently accepting donations of gently used books, audio books, and movies for the July 4 sale. DVDs, children's books, and audio books on CD are especially appreciated. No textbooks, encyclopedias, magazines, or Readers' Digest condensed books. Please be prepared to wait a few minutes while the items are sorted for sale suitability.

Summer Reading Program Sneak Preview....Read with JR the newfie, a Delta and therapy dog. For grades 1-3. Signed parent permission slip required. Call Victoria at 878-5639 for details.

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.



Stone recognized by Book Arts Guild

Nancy Stone, Williston artist and co-founder of the Book Arts Guild of Vermont, was recognized at the recent opening of the Book Art Guilds' show "Big Ideas Small Books, an exhibit and sale of small artist books and bindings currently showing at the Emile A Gruppe Gallery in Jericho, Vermont through Sunday May 22. The Guild will also be offering workshops in book bindings in May at the Gallery www.emilegruppegallery.com.



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Upcoming Public Forums:

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

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agreed, but remain on a salary schedule, or index, that moves them one step up the salary scale each year.
However, teachers got a general increase equal to the money in the salary index.
Both sides began negotiations earlier this year soon after the last contract was agreed upon last December.

Flooding continued from page 1 —
problem as we saw truck after truck arrive to work on our road. Unfortunately we were at a loss on how to get our Jeep out of the hole. I had unfortunately posted some of the pictures I had taken on face book for my friends to see and as a result we had many visitors that Honalee had to take care of to make sure that they did not get too close and have an accident. Wonderful job staying on top of that hon. After multiple calls to the Insurance company (who I will not name since they are unable to defend themselves in a print forum) I was informed that since there was no flood rider on the homeowners policy that they were not responsible for any damage incurred.

"At this point it was after two in the afternoon and we were afraid that being unable to move the Jeep that the town of Jericho workers would have to leave and focus on other troubled areas. At this point Doug Syple got permission to try and lift the tail end of our Jeep out of the hole and push it forward out of the way to fill in the massive hole in our driveway. Gratefully we accepted his offer and with the help of Roger Miller hooked a chain from his bucket loader to the trailer hitch on my Jeep. With skillful grace they moved the vehicle out of danger without causing any further damage. They both said that they had never attempted this before but handled it like true professionals.

"I will be taking my Jeep in for my mechanic to give it the once over to make sure that there is no lasting damage from it dropping into the hole, but my eternal thanks to these two guys who came to our aid when we needed it most."

Jericho's road crew worked just as hard and accomplished more than anyone could expect in one day from the group of dedicated men. Many area residents express their gratitude on Two Town and on Front Porch Forum.

The Lamoille River flooded downtown Cambridge, leaving one family stranded on their own island. They had to be transported out by a large truck. Flooding at the "Wrong Way Bridge" was higher than it had been in years. The Lamoille flooded Jeffersonville as well.

According to David Severance, Emergency Management Officer for Cambridge, "This is the most rain, the highest snow melt in recent year, and total flooded area since 1997." Both villages were hit hard by near flash flood conditions as the rivers exceeded their capacity quickly.

Homes in the North Main Street area had flooded basement. The water in Jeffersonville came up Old Main Street to the door of Manns Meadow, the senior complex and low income housing. All residents had to be evacuated. "Water entered the electrical connections to the underground transformer for the housing complex and we had to cut off the electric to the senior and the low income housing," said Severance.

The entire area had to be evacuated. "It took some convincing to get the folks to leave Manns Meadow." Many of the residents were moved to the condos at Smuggler's Notch Resort. All totaled 115 people from the two villages were evacuated.

Many roads in Cambridge are still being repaired. Two roads were under mined, one along River Road toward Fairfax, and the second being Lower Pleasant Valley Road. Flooding caused the banks to deteriorate and slide down embankments. Engineers are being called in to do test boring and to advise the town on how to repair the roads so that this does not occur again.

"We are currently assessing damages to the roads, to the infrastructure and to private property. Our one-quarter of a million dollar damage estimate is very preliminary." Stated Severance.

Severance believes that the weather patterns have change over the last few years. The area has experienced some unexpected occurrences such as a tornado in the past. "Weather patterns are creating more significant storms with heavy snow falls that are followed by higher temperatures and rain. The snow melt and flash flooding creates a perfect storm scenario." Severance continued, "The water table is high now and there are more storms in the forecast. We could be in trouble again. I don't anticipate more of what we've just experienced. I hope everything works out."

"I want to thank our emergency response groups both volunteer and private. They did yeoman's work for long hours and got us through; people answer the call without hesitation." Severance went on to say, "The Red Cross came in and helped to feed the responders and arranging housing of the evacuees."

Jericho's road crews worked diligently to make all roads passable in the shortest amount of time possible.

According to Todd Ovitt, town administrator for Jericho, "We have a very preliminary estimate of \$50,000. But we don't have all of our bills in." The town had to hire outside help to replace culverts. G.W. Tatro replaced the culvert on Raceway and Allen Ward, an excavator, came on to do ditching and road fill. "We are well over our road budget," explained Ovitt. "It has been an amazing five or six months starting with the wind storms in December 2010 continuing through today."

Ovitt went on to explain that the major problems were where narrow dirt roads were not ditched and had a steep grade causing washouts.

Residents of both Jericho and Underhill used the electronic media to praise their own road crews for the selfless efforts.

The Underhill Jericho Fire Department lent a hand in pumping water from approximately seven basement, provided assistance in road closures and detours. "We couldn't get all the water out of the basements," Todd Fischer, Fire Chief said, "We can only go done to within three inches of the floor. But that makes it manageable for a sumpump." The department fielded around 30 volunteers during the crisis.

Livy Strong, Chairman of the Mills Riverside Park board, said, "The Park beyond the covered bridge is closed until our insurance agent can come and assess the damage and we can make repairs. The high water in the Browns River last Tuesday night scoured the river banks and damaged the cement abutment on one side. There is now a three inch crack before the bridge which has caused us to close the park for the time being. It's very sad indeed."

Westford and Bolton fared well except for the Duxbury road on the backside of the Winooski in Bolton which sustained some major damage.

Chittenden East School closed their schools because of the flooding and washout. It is reported that one person exclaimed that he had to detour on a detour to get to a detour.

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HEALTH NEWS

Bursitis/Tendonitis

By Mary Kintner, C.D., R.N.

The prefix "itis" means inflammation. Inflammation is characterized by swelling, redness, heat and pain. Tendons are fibrous tissues that attach muscles to bones. Tendonitis is inflammation of the tendons. Symptoms of tendonitis are sharp pain with movement, usually swelling is minimal because there is minimal blood flow in the area of tendons. Bursa are fluid filled sacs found around and in joints. Their function is to promote motion, minimize friction and cushion the bones and soft tissues around joints. Bursitis is inflammation of the bursa and is characterized by a dull, persistent ache that increases with movement; swelling is more pronounced in bursitis than tendonitis.

Bursitis and tendonitis have similar causes: over use, sudden excessive use and arthritic spurs. These conditions can occur at any age but increase with age and activity. Shoulder problems are common from activities involving reaching, knee problems are common with kneeling, bunions are common due to poor fitting shoes, hip problems can be due to imbalances of the feet, the knees or the pelvis.

Prevention is the best medicine, always! Stretching, strengthening and warming up joints before activity helps prevent injury. And if you feel pain in an activity, stop! Pain is your body's warning system.

May is Skin Cancer Detection and Prevention Month

Skin cancer is the most common of all cancers, accounting for nearly half of all cancers in the United States, but it is preventable. The American Cancer Society offers common sense recommendations to protect your skin from the sun.

Follow these general guidelines to reduce the harmful effects of sun exposure:

- Avoid the sun between 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM
- Seek shade: Look for shade, especially in the middle of the day when the sun's rays are strongest. Practice the shadow rule and teach it to children. If your shadow is shorter than you, the sun's rays are at their strongest.
- Slip on a shirt: Cover up with protective clothing to guard as much skin as possible when you are out in the sun. Choose comfortable clothes made of tightly woven fabrics that you cannot see through when held up to a light.
- Slap on sunscreen: Use sunscreen and lip balm with a sun

tem.

If you have gotten hurt, think R.I.C.E. – Rest, Ice, Compress, Elevate. Immobilization by taping or splinting or by becoming inactive may be necessary to allow healing during the initial acute care phase. The acute phase lasts typically 24 – 48 hours. Consult a healthcare professional if pain is severe, joint function is lost or if pain persists more than 2 weeks. After the initial phase of care the rehabilitative phase of care begins. The goal is to increase range of motion, stretching, strengthening and to minimize adhesions (scar tissue that limits motion.)

Good nutrition plays an important role in the management of tendonitis and bursitis. First, as always, avoid processed foods; these create an inflammatory state in the body. Vitamin C helps repair collagen - the matrix of soft tissues like the tendons and bursa. While healing, taking 500 – 1000mg of Vitamin C three to four times per day can be helpful. Vitamins A, C and E plus the minerals selenium and zinc all promote healing and function as antioxidants. Antioxidants are the nutrients that help prevent free radical damage. Bromelain, an enzyme found in pineapple has been used since the 1950's to hasten healing and reduce pain because it helps minimize swelling. Curcumin, the yellow color of the spice turmeric- a component of curry, is also used for controlling inflammation. Flavanoids are found in the pigments of fruits and vegetables. Flavanoids help promote and strengthen

collagen repair, decrease swelling, reduce free radicals production, inhibit enzymes that destroy collagen and reduce the release of inflammatory chemicals. Essential fatty acids (EFA) are also helpful in the management of bursitis and tendonitis because they help create the body's own anti-inflammatories called prostaglandin 1 and prostaglandin 3. These are found in deep sea fish and flaxseed oil as well as borage, linseed oil and walnuts. I recommend taking fish oil supplements to ensure adequate EFA intake.

Many people use medications to treat bursitis and tendonitis. Commonly used products are non-steroidal anti-inflammatories (NSAIDs) sold under the names aspirin, ibuprofen, naprosyn, Feldene and Voltarin. While these medications provide short term relief, I don't recommend them for several reasons. They interfere with chondrocytes, cells that create cartilage. These drugs decrease the production of glycosaminoglycans (GAGs) which maintain water content bone cartilage. NSAIDs also upset the gastrointestinal tract, alter bleeding times, can cause dizziness and ringing in the ears (tinnitis). Finally they can "mask" symptoms meaning that you do not feel pain and consequently do more than you should.

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protection factor (SPF) of 15 or higher. Apply a generous amount of sunscreen (about a palmful) and reapply after swimming, towel-drying dry, or perspiring. Use sunscreen even on hazy or overcast days.

Slap on a hat: Cover your head with a wide-brimmed hat, shading your face, ears, and neck. If you choose a baseball cap, remember to protect your ears and neck with sunscreen.

Wrap on sunglasses: Wear sunglasses with 99% to 100% UV absorption to provide optimal protection for the eyes and the surrounding skin.

Follow these practices to protect your skin even on cloudy or overcast days. UV rays travel through clouds.

Avoid other sources of UV light that can damage your skin, such as tanning beds and sun lamps.

In addition, continue to check all over your skin, preferably once a month, noticing changes in the patterns of moles, blemishes, freck-

les, and other marks on your skin. Basal cell and squamous cell skin cancers can look like a variety of marks on the skin. The key warning signs are a new growth, a spot or bump that's getting larger (over a few months or 1 to 2 years), or a sore that doesn't heal within two months.

Be sure to get your skin checked by your doctor as part of a routine cancer-related checkup. Basal cell or squamous cell cancers are highly likely to be cured if detected and treated early. Melanoma, the most serious type of skin cancer, is almost always curable when it is detected in its early stages.

Some people are more likely to get skin cancer than others. These conditions increase the risk: fair skin, older age, male gender, previous skin cancer, reduced immunity, and smoking.

Know your risk factors. Be vigilant and take these steps to protect yourself and your children. For more information visit www.cancer.org.

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single board with 15.

"The I.D. School is a good school with good standards. Why change it?" Mitchell asked. Students from the Riverside area of Jericho and Underhill Flats attend the school.

Mitchell said there does not appear to be any financial savings by merging all the boards into one, to be called a Regional Education District (RED), and he questioned why the CESU administration has not thrown its support behind the merger. "Why can't we do it in the present structure?" he asked. He said he is satisfied with present system of boards for each of the districts within CESU.

"This is not about the money," said Robert Letovsky, head of the merger committee and chairman of the I.D. School Board. He told Mitchell he never said it was about money, but a way to find efficiencies.

One of the slides shown during a presentation at the meeting stated there would be a savings of about \$300,000 to \$400,000 each year with the merger and that taxes in the five towns would be reduced on a sliding scale over four years.

He pointed out that of the 3,000 students in CESU, 2000 attend Mt. Mansfield Union High and the two middle schools which are controlled by one 15-member board with representation from the five towns, Bolton, Huntington, Jericho, Richmond and Underhill. That board does not look on students from any one town, but as part of the MMU School District, he said.

Mitchell said he favors local boards, but CESU Supt. John Alberghini countered that it is difficult to get people to run for school board. He said he cannot remember when there was a contest for a school board position in any CESU district since he has been with CESU.

One school board member asked about losing local board control over teacher hiring. Tony Juliannelle of the Underhill Town School Board said he the new board would require a local school to hire a teacher it designates whether that teacher was competent or not. "It's detrimental," he said. "It ties the hands of the school board." Peter Booth, former I.D. board member said he was concerned about that situation as well.

Letovsky said Julianelle's question was hypothetical since the plan to form a Regional Education District has not yet been approved by voters. That will come in June 7 when voters in each of the five towns vote on the proposal. All towns must agree to form the RED or the plan will not go forward.

At the meeting was Lindsay DesLauriers, project manager of the Vermont Family Network, who said that organization helps communities improve partnerships with their schools as part of the National Network of Partnership Schools. That group would absorb the first year charge of \$400 and then charge \$200 a year. The group provides grants to cover costs of the service.

Asked after the meeting, Mitchell said he is still opposed to the merger plan. "But," he said, "I learned there are two sides to it," he added.

Similar meetings were held in Bolton, Richmond and Mount Mansfield Union High School. The last two meetings will be held in Jericho May 11 and Huntington May 17. The committee also plans to meet with the select boards in all five towns.

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COLLEGE NOTES

Nicole F. Villeneuve, daughter of David and Brenda Villeneuve of Jericho, VT will receive her PhD in Pharmaceutical Sciences (Pharmacology/Toxicology) from the University of Arizona, College of Pharmacy on May 13, 2011. Nicole has published six first author manuscripts and co-authored 6 other manuscripts in top journals such as Molecular Cell, PNAS, Molecular and Cellular Biology, Antioxidants and Redox Signaling and Carcinogenesis. She also received "Outstanding Student Poster Presentation" at the Mountain West Society of Toxicology Regional Meeting in Tucson, AZ 2010; "Excellent Poster Presentation" at the International Conference on Biomedical and Environmental Science and Technology (iCBEST) in Beijing, China 2010 and the NIEHS Training Grant in Toxicology and Toxicogenomics (2008-2010). Nicole is a 2000 graduate from Mt. Mansfield Union High School in Jericho, VT and a 2004 graduate from the University of Vermont, Burlington, VT. She currently resides in Tucson, AZ. and works as a post doctoral research associate at the University of Arizona in Tucson.

Maura Spillane, a sophomore at Connecticut College and Jericho resident, recently performed a voice recital sponsored by the Connecticut College Department of Music. Spillane is a 2009 graduate of Mount Mansfield Union High School, and the daughter of Philip and Mary Spillane of Jericho.

ENGAGEMENTS

BIBB - MILLER

Stefan John Bibb, the son of Andrew and Mary Bibb of Jericho, VT and Dana Brette Miller, the daughter of Nancy Miller of Huntingdon, PA and the late Dr. David Miller, announce their engagement. A summer 2012 wedding is planned.

PERRON - SCOTT

Janet Perron and Jason Scott became engaged December 23, 2010.

Janet, a 2003 graduate of Lamoille Union High School, received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Communications from Castleton State College in 2007 and is employed at Maxim HealthCare in Mobile, Alabama.

Jason, a 2001 graduate of Mount Mansfield Union High School, received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Environmental Protection from Massachusetts Maritime Academy in 2005 and is an Officer in The United States Coast Guard in Mobile, Alabama.

December 31, 2011 is the date for their wedding vows and celebration of love.

Jari and Mike Perron of Jeffersonville, VT and Nancy and Floyd Scott of Underhill are thrilled that Janet & Jason found each other and wish them a lifetime full of love.

OBITUARIES

Lyman Sprout - A Celebration of His Life

Lyman Sprout was a complex personality. He was something special to everyone he met. He was a husband, father, grandfather, postal employee and friend. He also was a fisherman who lived and breathed fishing the rivers around Orleans, Vermont. Hundreds of people knew him as the guy who had "TROUT" on his license plate. Many of his friends knew him as one of the best fishermen on any river.

We will celebrate Lyman's life on Saturday May 7, at 11:00 AM at the falls in Orleans where the rainbows jump. A gathering will follow at the Legion Club where stories, food and a toast will be offered. Please plan on being there.

Mary Bernice Ward passed away at home in Richmond, VT, on April 20, 2011. She was born Mary Bernice Dietz on October 27, 1920, in Wharton, N.J., the second daughter of Julia Faye (Henderson) and Henry Frederick Dietz. A country girl at heart, she was unhappy when the family moved to Jersey City, N.J., in 1933. At 17 she met, and four years later married, Alexander Hamilton Ward (Ham). He predeceased her in February 2010 after 68 years of marriage. Bernice found it difficult to carry on without him. She was so proud of the house Ham built in Gladstone, N.J. Her happiest memories remain there. A wonderful mother, homemaker, gardener, cook; she made a little seem like a lot. She enjoyed being outdoors and grew sad as the limitations and weakness of 90 years no longer permitted that. She worked at the Peapack Gladstone Bank for many years. Her love of family sustained her. In 1981, she and Ham moved to Vermont to be near their daughter and her family. Bernice volunteered at the Richmond Free Library and catered to her grandchildren. She spent countless hours driving to orthodontist appointments and offering poolside treats. Bernice is survived by her daughter, Ellen Ward of Richmond, VT; and three grandchildren, Julie Springer and her husband, Charlie, daughter, Elizabeth and son, Samuel, of Gorham, ME, Lisa McCormick, who lived with and was part of a wonderful team of caregivers caring for her Grandma for the last several months of her life, and Brian McCormick and his fiancée, Katie McGowan, of Sheffield, Mass. She was also predeceased by her sister, Lois Faye Moser of Scotch Plains, N.J. in November 2008. A memorial service was held on Monday April 25, 2011 at 2:00 PM in Gifford Funeral Home, 22 Depot St., Richmond, VT. A burial will be held when winter releases Vermont from its icy grip. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Richmond Rescue, 216 Railroad St., Richmond, VT 05477; the Hospice Program of the VNA, 1110 Prim Rd

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of his annual vacation with his wife Harriet on Treasure Island. He was much loved and will be missed by many. Son of Ila (Kenyon) and John William Riggs, he lived for most of his life only a few buildings from where he was born on October 28, 1918, in the house which is now John's Shoe Shop North. He was valedictorian of his 1936 Richmond High School graduating class. He earned his B.S. degree from UVM in 1940, was elected to Phi Beta Kappa and graduated cum laude with special honors in mathematics. He received Master's degrees from UVM and the University of Chicago and his doctorate from the latter. He was married February 6, 1943, and leaves his wife of 68 years, Harriet Wheatley Riggs, and their three children and their families, Linda Riggs Abbott and her husband, David, of Montpelier, VT; their daughter and her husband, Sarah and David Murphy, and their children, Luke and Grace, of Chicago, IL.; Bruce and Melanie Riggs of N.Y., and their children, Aaron of N.Y. and Marcail of Conn.; and Kent and Helen Riggs, and their children, Ryan, Evan and Alicia, of Essex Jct. Heath was one of eight children. Three siblings died in infancy. He leaves two sisters and their husbands, Claire and Franklin Moran of Md., and Jean and Richard Glissman of Fla.; as well as sisters-in-law, Lois Riggs of Essex Jct., VT; and Christine Riggs of So. Burlington, VT. Heath's brothers, Murray and Frank, predeceased him. He also survived by his brother-in-law and his wife, Donald and Carol Wheatley of Glover, VT; and by cousins, nieces and nephews. Heath and Harriet were host families to many students from foreign countries. He was "Dad" to Prem Dhotre of Nepal, now of Fla. Also remaining in touch is Cecil Caruth of Tobago. Heath loved to travel, taking his family, and sometimes a neighbor's child, on tent-camping vacations all over North America. He visited all the states and Canadian provinces and several foreign countries. Pursuing the adventure of travel, he became a private pilot in 1941. Professionally, he was Director of Admissions and Records at UVM, a Research Assistant at the University of Chicago and Director of Educational Research and Services for the Southern Regional Education Board in Atlanta. He returned to Richmond in 1953 as a member of UVM's Math faculty where he taught until his retirement in 1984. For several summers, he was also on the faculty of UVM's National Science Foundation Summer Institute for math teachers. He studied computers at M.I.T. and then introduced the first computer at UVM on Feb. 1, 1960. The computer was so large it took a big room in Waterman building to hold it. He then served as consultant to the Computing Center. On Sabbaticals, he did post-doctoral study at the University of California at Berkeley and NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center in Maryland. At the latter, he learned the mathematics of orbiting into space, then developed and taught a new course at UVM, "The Mathematics of Space Flight." Heath felt it was important to give back to the community in which he lived. For five years, he was chairman of the Richmond Civic Club which worked with the Village Trustees on a plan to combine two water systems and several sewer systems in the village, leading to a sewerage treatment plant. In the 1950s, he was a school director (part of the time as chairman) of Richmond public schools and served on two school study committees to form a union high school. Later, he was on the Mt. Mansfield Union School Board. He was the first chairman of the Richmond Zoning Committee which drew up Richmond's first zoning ordinance. For 22 years, he was a member of the town recreation committee (part of the time as chair) which had the vision, with others, to turn a corn field and land along the Winoski River into a recreational park for Richmond families. He was on the local Planning Commission for three years (one year as chair) and for 27 years was Richmond's representative on the Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission, serving two years as chair. When Heath first retired from UVM, he joined the Richmond Rescue for six and a half years. He was a charter member of the Richmond Historical Society, being president two years during the Round Church's early restoration. As an RSVP volunteer, he was a longtime guide at the Church, including last summer. He was a member of the Richmond Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, serving as Sunday School teacher, assistant treasurer, moderator, trustee and deacon. He enjoyed singing and for about 65 years he sang in church choirs wherever he lived. He was a charter member of the Williston/Richmond Rotary Club and was made an honorary member when he could no longer attend meetings. He also was a member of the Chittenden County and Vermont Historical Societies and of the UVM retirees and alumni fundraising committee. Friends and relatives were invited to attend a celebration of Heath's life at 3:00 PM on Saturday April 30, 2011, at the Richmond Congregational Church. After the service, the family will

greet guests downstairs. Refreshments will be served. In lieu of flowers, those who wish may make a memorial contribution to Richmond Rescue, P.O. Box 404, or to the Richmond Historical Society, Box 453. Condolences may be sent to his widow at P.O. Box 47, Richmond, VT 05477.

JUST MARRIED

FOXMAN - SHERMAN

Leah Foxman, daughter of Paul and Sheryl Foxman of Williston, VT, and Philip Sherman, son of David and Julie Sherman of Plymouth, Minn., were united in marriage June 27.

James Sherman, grandfather of the groom, officiated at the double-ring ceremony at The Ponds at Bolton Valley, where a reception also was held.

Kali Foxman, sister of the bride, was the maid of honor. The bridesmaids were Ruth Gelbtuch and Lauren Cane, friends of the bride.

The groomsmen were Jeremy, Ian, and Caleb Sherman, brothers of the groom, and Michael Kushnick, friend of the groom.

Mrs. Sherman graduated from Champlain Valley Union High School and Emory University. She is a student at the Pardes Institute of Jewish Studies in Jerusalem, Israel. She will attend the Simmons School of Social Work in Boston, Mass. in the fall. Mr. Sherman graduated from Indiana University. He is a student at the Rabbinical School of Hebrew College in Newton, Mass. and is currently studying in Jerusalem as part of the five-year program.

The couple is living in Israel and will return to Boston in the fall.

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RICHMOND

(Van Duyn) Maggie (Turner) and Jim Van Duyn had a son, Emmet Turner, on Wednesday April 20, 2011 at Porter Medical Center, Middlebury, VT.

Smilie Memorial School to hold yard, plant, and bake sale

Bolton's Smilie Memorial School is holding their annual Yard Sale, Plant Sale, and Bake Sale on Saturday May 21 from 9:00 AM until 2:00 PM. Community members can drop off items for us to sell or set up their own space to sell items. The cost to rent a spot is just \$15.00 and all proceeds benefit the Artist in Residency Program at Smilie for the 2011 school year. There will be crafters, vendors, food, and fun kids activities. Please contact Brenda Phillips at 802-434-5468 or by email at bphillips@gmavt.net for more information. Items donated should be in good selling condition and please no furniture. Come by and purchase your flowers and vegetables for the summer grown by the students and volunteers at Smilie. Smilie Memorial is located on Route 2 in Bolton Vermont just past the Bolton Valley Access Road on the left.

Richmond Area Business Association Scholarships offers scholarships

Do you have a son or daughter planning to attend college next year and is a member of MMU's class of 2011? Let them know about the Richmond Area Business Association's (RABA) Entrepreneur/ Trade scholarships that are given to two eligible MMU seniors every year. RABA has been able to give two \$1500 scholarships the past few years. The money for the scholarships is raised during our Holiday Market Silent Auction in December. If you have contributed an item to the auction, or won an item, you have contributed to the scholarship.

Last June we were pleased to provide scholarships to Melaney MacKay of Richmond, and Owen Rachampbell of Huntington. In 2006 one of our winners was Michael Adams, entrepreneur and owner of Green Mountain Mustard.

The deadline for applications is May 13. Applications can be found online at the RABA website, www.richmondvermont.com. Applications can also be found on the MMU webpage or at Student Services. The scholarships will be awarded in June during honors night.



Local students from your area performed to a sold-out audience this past weekend: Seth Evans-Diffenderfer a ninth grader from Jericho, Nora Hill an eighth grader from Jericho, and Lauren Howe a seventh grader from East Fairfield.

Vermont Commons students performed Guys and Dolls

In partnership with the Very Merry Theatre, the Vermont Commons School proudly presented Guys and Dolls to a sold-out audience at the Main Street Landing's Waterfront Theater, 60 Lake Street in Burlington, last weekend on Friday, April 29 and Saturday, April 30. The musical performance featured talented teens from grades 7-12. This zany musical was directed by Trish Denton with original choreography by Jane Beaumont-Snyder. Vermont Commons' Music Director Brian Lynam was the maestro of a live orchestra pit. Ben Patrick, Vermont Commons' Director of Visual and Performing Arts and Artist in Residence, organized the performance.

This was not your average "High School Musical." The production featured large song and dance numbers. Audience members were taken on a thrill ride throughout Runyonland, a fictional Broadway setting in the 1940s. They found themselves in the company of gangsters, gamblers, world-wise missionaries, and dazzling

showgirls in the streets, sewers, and even bar-brawling Havana. The captivated audience envisioned holding onto their fedoras and donning their mink stoles during a classy evening of toe-tapping show tunes, such as Luck Be a Lady, Sue Me, and more! It was a classic show enjoyed by all ages! Admission was \$5 for students and \$10 for adults.

Vermont Commons School is an independent, college preparatory day school in South Burlington, Vermont, for motivated students in grades 7-12. Our students experience a unique blend of academics and global immersion, master fundamental academic disciplines, grasp the profound interdependence of the natural and human systems they inhabit, and graduate with the values, knowledge, skills and commitment necessary to become ethical and engaged ecological citizens.

UCS garden receives \$1,000 mini-grant

By Megan Meadows

The Underhill Central School Community Garden (UCSG) is the proud recipient of a \$1,000 mini-grant from the Friends of Burlington Gardens, a local nonprofit that supports community and school gardening efforts throughout Vermont. Funding will be used to purchase specific items such as tools, compost, tilling, signage and additional fencing. More than 100 school gardens applied for the 40 available grants.

Through the helping hands of many community and parent volunteers, construction began on the UCSG last spring. The Garden now serves as an active education center for grades K-4. With a goal

of teaching students where healthy fruits and vegetables come from, the UCSG provides a hands-on environment for children to participate in growing their own food. It also supplies produce for the school's lunch program and the local community food shelf as well as organized student "taste tests."

The school's Garden Committee is currently working on the implementation of an outdoor classroom, a school-wide composting program and the construction of a storage shed. Plans are also underway for spring planting. Special thanks go to Jericho Settlers' Farm, High Mowing Organic Seeds and Jerihill Home Center for their generous seed donations.

Throughout the growing season, the Garden's 14-raised beds, hand crafted stone walls; flowers and natural fencing provide a beautiful addition to the school grounds. It will be among those featured in the upcoming Underhill/Jericho Garden Tour. If you are interested in getting involved with the UCSG, please contact Carol Sullivan at cmsully7@comcast.net or Cindy Stotz at cindystotz1@myfairpoint.net. Visitors are welcome at any time.

CVA 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.

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

Friday May 6 – Hinesburg meal site.

Monday May 9 – Covenant Church, Essex, 10:30 AM check in, 12:00 noon lunch. Sloppy Joes with bun, macaroni salad, toss salad, fruit filled cookie.

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

Wednesday May 11 – JP's Restaurant, River Road, Essex Jct., 10:30 AM check in, 11:00 AM lunch. Ham.

Thursday May 12 – Holiday Inn, So. Burlington, 11:00 AM check in, 11:30 AM lunch. Turkey dinner.

Friday May 13 – United Church, Hinesburg, 12:00 noon. Chicken stew, Harvard beets, biscuit, fruited Jello and topping.

Monday May 16 – Covenant Church, Essex, 10:30 AM check in, 12:00 noon lunch. Salisbury steak, new red potatoes, stewed tomatoes, pumpernickel bread, tropical fruit.

Monday May 16 – Papa Nicks, 3:00 PM. Lemon Chicken.

Tuesday May 17 – T-Bones, Hampton Inn, Colchester, 10:30 AM check in, 11:00 AM lunch.

Wednesday May 18 – Colonial Room, Essex Jct. Education Center, 11:30 AM check in, 12:00 noon lunch. Baked ham dinner.

Thursday May 19 – Hut, Susie Wilson Road, Essex Jct., 10:30 Check in, 11:00 AM lunch. All you can eat pizza buffet.



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Registration now open for the 4th annual FJG Race to the Top of VT

The Catamount Trail Association (CTA) is proud to announce the return of Fleischer Jacobs Group (FJG) as the title sponsor of the Race to the Top of Vermont (RTTOVT) for the third consecutive year. Mitch Fleischer, president of FJG, has extended his commitment to the Catamount Trail Association and announced his desire to continue his support for this top-level event. "We have really enjoyed our relationship with the CTA. The exposure we get from our sponsorship fits well with the wellness aspects of where health insurance and healthcare need to go in the future."

After a very successful event in 2010 with 700 participants, the FJG Race to the Top of Vermont has turned into a significant fundraiser for the Catamount Trail Association in its effort to protect and manage the 300-mile Catamount Trail. The CTA has named Mobius and Vermont Works for Women/Girls Move Mountains as the two non-profit beneficiaries of the FJG RTTOVT. Mobius is dedicated to finding caring adults to mentor youth. Vermont Works for Women/Girls Move Mountains, mission is to help women and girls recognize their potential and explore, pursue, and excel in work that leads to economic independence and self-confidence.

The race will be on Sunday August 28 and will be limited to 800 participants. Competitors will either mountain bike or run while a hiking class will once again be available for the non-competitive participants. World class runners and mountain bikers from over 24 states and Canada will converge at the Stowe Mountain Resort in their quest to set new course records. The current course records for runners are held by Andrew Gardiner of Wellesley, MA (34:48.6) and Kasie Enman of Huntington, VT (40:12.0). The current mountain bike course records were set by Nathan Ringquist of Stowe, VT (36:12.0) and Marilyn Ruseckas of Warren, VT (43:26.7). The course record for the fastest team is 1:57:34.7 and was set by a team of three runners made up of Kasie Enman, Eli Enman, and Ray Webster.

This 4.3-mile race is considered to be one of the most demanding hill climbs in the East. A shaded gravel road with numerous switchbacks over the first three miles opens to spectacular above tree line views over the last 1.5 miles. Greeted by spectators and event volunteers, racers will reach the finish line having climbed a congratulatory 2,550 vertical feet. All participants will be treated to a BBQ and awards party with over \$14,000 in raffle prizes and awards following the race.

All would be participants are urged to enter early since registration will be full at 800 people. For more information, please visit: www.catamounttrail.org for race details and entry form or call (802) 864-5794.



Mobbs Farm Committee Trail to hold work day May 14

Love the trails at Mobbs Farm? Give back to your community and come out to help clear the trails! After a rough winter, the trails at Mobbs Farm could use some TLC. The Mobbs Farm Committee is hosting a trail work day on Saturday May 14 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 noon.

Participants will haul and rake brush from the many trees that came down in the December 2010 storm. Meet at the Fitzsimonds road parking area (please carpool and leave the travel lane clear). Bring leaf rakes and handsaws if you have them. Wear work gloves and sturdy shoes and don't forget water and a snack. Thanks to Fellowship of the Wheel, our Chittenden County based bike club, for joining the effort and providing tools. The Fellowship is also offering all volunteers a FOTW tee, riding socks, or pint glass and each participant will also receive 1 raffle ticket to their year-end raffle of outstanding prizes.

Questions? Contact Heather Furman 899-1303 or heather@cragvt.org. Thanks!



Copley Hospital Auxiliary gifts \$15,000 to Copley Hospital for patient room décor. Pictured (l to r) Copley Hospital's Leah Hollenberger with Copley Hospital Auxiliary Board Members Lois Keith, Judy Shanley and Judy Grosvenor. Shanley is holding a plaque that will be displayed outside the patient rooms.

Copley Hospital Auxiliary gift helps improve patient care environment

The Copley Hospital Auxiliary has helped Copley Hospital raise the funding needed to finish a patient care environment improvement project. The Auxiliary donated \$15,000 to finish the patient room redecorating project on the Medical Surgical floor. "With their gift, we will be able to finish the last five rooms," said Leah Hollenberger, Copley Hospital Senior Director of Development, Marketing and Community Relations.

"Since the late 1970s the Auxiliary has given Copley Hospital more than \$750,000," continued Hollenberger. "We are extremely fortunate for the Auxiliary's on-going and generous support." Funding from the Auxiliary has helped Copley upgrade its birthing center, rehabilitation department and create the Center for Outpatient Services. Most recently their support funded a "GlideScope" for the hospital's emergency department, helped purchase new lights for the Operating Suites and furnished the Sleep Medicine Clinic's sleep study bedrooms.

For more information on how you can make a gift to Copley, contact Hollenberger at 802-888-8301 or online at copleyvt.org.

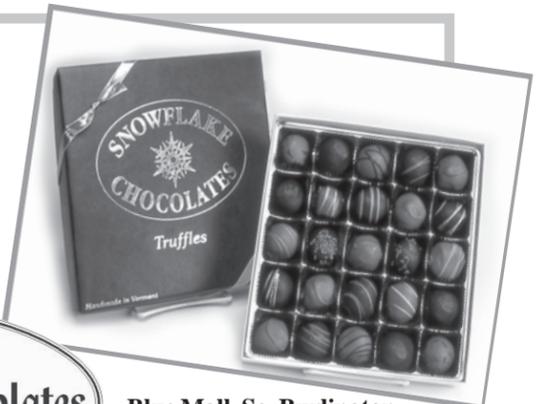
Brewster Pierce Memorial School to hold kindergarten registration

Huntington children who will be 5 years old before September 1, 2011 officially be registered for school by May 11, 2011 if they intend to enter Kindergarten in the fall. The Kindergarten program at Brewster Pierce is an all-day program from 7:50 AM - 2:30 PM. Families intending to register their child(ren) are invited to attend a 45-minute session scheduled for May 11, 2011 at 3:15 PM. here at school. Please call the school to register for this event or send an email stating your intention to attend to susan.vandervliet@cesu.k12.vt.us.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Jericho Development Review Board will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, May 26, 2011 at 7:00 PM** in the Jericho Town Hall to consider the following:

- A request by Steven Burke/The Village Cup for a boundary line adjustment and site plan approval for a kitchen expansion. The property is located at 30 Vermont Route 15 in the Village Center Zoning District.
- A request by Charlotte Reback and Ruud Vekemans for a variance or dimensional waiver to construct a garage/carport. The property is located at 105 Hanley Lane in the Agriculture Zoning District

All interested persons may appear and be heard. Written materials may be viewed in the Zoning Office during regular business hours. Seth Jensen, Town Planner, Town of Jericho.

Copley Hospital recognizes volunteers for service



At Copley Hospital's annual Volunteer Appreciation event, a number of volunteers were recognized for their hours and years of service to our community hospital. Pictured with Copley Health Systems Board Chair Elizabeth Rouse (third from right) and Leah Hollenberger, Senior Director Development, Marketing and Community Relations (far left) are Joyce LaRow, Hyde Park; Eleanor Mercia, Morrisville; Liz Raymond, Morrisville; Elinor Brayton, Morrisville; Mac Manning, Morrisville; Ann Harwood, Stowe and Irene Wilkins, Morrisville.

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Copley Hospital recognized more than 110 volunteers at a special volunteer appreciation breakfast held April 25th. Health System Board Chair Elizabeth Rouse and Leah Hollenberger, Senior Director Development, Marketing and Public Relations, expressed their gratitude to the volunteers who provide valuable service to Copley. Hollenberger thanked the many individuals who dedicate their time and energy to do so much for so many while serving as ambassadors for Copley and the communities we serve. "We thank you all for your time and dedication, more than 15,500 hours is a tremendous gift to our community hospital," she said. Volunteers representing the hospital, Gift Shop and Second Chance Thrift Store participated in the event. Several members from the Copley Hospital Foundation Committee were also present to honor committee member John Merrill for his outstanding service to Copley. Special tribute was paid to volunteers who achieved milestones for their annual hours and years of service. Those recognized include: Rosemary Arnold (Morrisville) for her 553 hours donated to both the Hospital and Second Chance Thrift Store; Jean Roberts (Craftsbury) for her 526 hours in the hospital's Health Sciences Library; Midge Lechevalier (Morrisville) for her 474 hours in Outpatient Services; Joyce LaRow (Hyde Park) for her 448 hours between the hospital Information Desk and Second Chance; Eleanor Mercia (Morrisville) for her 389 hours between the Gift Shop and Second Chance and Ann Harwood (Stowe) for her 389 hours donated at the hospital Information Desk. Liz Raymond of Morrisville

was recognized for her more than 12,000 hours in total assisting with the Gift Shop bookkeeping and weekly inventory at Second Chance. Those receiving a round of applause for their many years of service included Mac Manning, Elinor Brayton and Sue Osborne. Manning, who currently assists in the hospital's Purchasing and Receiving Department, celebrates 33 years of service; Brayton for her 30 years in the Gift Shop and Osborne, who is diligent with consignment tracking, for her 28 years at Second Chance. Volunteers provide support to Copley Hospital in a variety of ways including: clerical support in our Center for Outpatient Services; knitting hats, blankets and sweaters for our newborns; delivering mail; assisting in our Health Sciences Library; tending to Copley's beautiful flower gardens, staffing the Gift Shop or Second Chance Thrift Store and assisting with special projects and events. "Regardless of their role, volunteers are a vital part of Copley," said Hollenberger. "Their dedication to our community hospital is truly an asset."

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