Chittenden East Wolverines 2014 Division 1 NVYFL champions



The Chittenden East Wolverines celebrate the Division 1 NVYFL championship on Sunday, November 2, 2014.

PHOTO BY ABBY HALLOCK

By Coach Jim Driscoll

The Chittenden East Wolverines traveled to St. Johnsbury on Sunday, November 2 to take on the Colchester Catamounts on a cold blustery day with winds coming hard out of the north, but by halftime the sun was out and the winds had calmed and the Northeast Kingdom was a beautiful sight for the Wolverines as they led 26-0. The Wolverines went into the game as the favorites and the number one seed coming off one of the best seasons any Wolverine team has had, and there have been a lot of good teams in years past.

Led by a defense that took great pride in shutting down the opponent, Coach Hallock's defense was at its best all day, giving up only two first downs and never letting Colchester cross midfield the entire game. The front line of Mark Howland, Patrick Burke, Tucker Tarrant, Zachary Korth, and Harrison Nicholson was relentless in pursuit of the football all day long and constantly were in the Colchester backfield making plays. Howland and Burke were so imposing that Colchester tried to avoid them as much as possible. Tarrant's pressure up the middle made things really difficult for everyone

this year and he had one of his best games on Sunday. They really play off of each other and they formed a fraternity that was special to watch. If you watched them practice you would know why they played so well.

The linebacker play of Jehric Hackney and Riley Amerosa was as good as it gets at this level of football. Jehric sees the field and flies to the football with a passion that anyone watching would admire. Sunday, he was all over the field and Riley wasn't letting anyone up the middle. The cornerback play of Bryce DiNardo, Jaden Elsinger, and Noah Townley was outstanding all year long, shutting down the pass and making some big time tackles when needed.

Our safeties were always on top of things, calling out formations and making plays. Silas Diamond, Josh Martelle, and Matt Wixson were unflappable all year at that position. Eric Riley, Curran Robinson, Danny Weidman, and Isaiah Litchfield all played key roles throughout the year on defense as well. This group of 8th graders only gave up six points all year and held Colchester scoreless on Sunday. It is a pretty amazing statistic and I salute them for their accomplishment and for the respect that

they displayed throughout the year for their opponents. I always told them, when you stop playing hard, that tells me you have lost respect for the game and your opponent. They never stopped playing hard this year and last Sunday they brought a little extra to the table.

Our offense had a great day. We were able to move the football on the ground and through the air when we needed to. The offensive line was tremendous all day and the running of Bryce DiNardo, Silas Diamond, Jaden Elsinger, and 7th grader Dominic Lewis was special to watch. They all hit the line of scrimmage hard and each back has their own special qualities. Bryce always sets the table for us with his passion and toughness. This skill set was obvious early and often on Sunday as he played a tremendous game, making one impressive run after another. Silas has tremendous speed and toughness off the edge and is a great receiver. Silas and Bryce complement each other so well. Jaden's blocking and big run capability made this backfield even more impressive. Jaden started the scoring on Sunday with a fake 8 hammer 5 that went 30 yards for a touchdown. We were really fortunate to have the talent of Dom Lewis

to give the backs a rest. His speed is something I marveled over all year long.

Then there is our Quarterback Asa Carlson. Asa's command of the huddle and knowledge of the game impressed me all year long. He has one of the best releases throwing the football I've seen at this level of play. Asa made several beautiful throws this year to Harrison and Silas that provided balance to the offense. The beauty of this offense was you just couldn't key on one person. They could all make plays and they did on Sunday, racking up 45 points on their way to the 2014 Northern Vermont Youth Football Championship.

I especially want to thank all of my 7th graders, who had a great year themselves. They battled all year long in practice and were loved dearly by their 8th grade teammates. It was a wonderful year with great kids who loved to play and practice, and also realized how lucky they were to have the opportunity to play this wonderful game.

Thank you parents for your support all year long both on and off the field!

A special thanks to Mills Riverside Park for providing the Wolverines with the most beautiful place in the world to play!

Jericho Library welcomes Colleen Korniak as new librarian

By Phyl Newbeck
Special to the Mountain Gazette

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Colleen Korniak is excited about the opportunities that await her as the new librarian for the Jericho Town Library. She sees the position as a perfect way to combine her love of kids and the written word.

This is Korniak's first experience with a community library but she believes she's up for the challenge. She worked for four years at the library at SUNY Plattsburgh while obtaining a degree in social psychology, and followed that with a position as a research and writing tutor at Vermont Law School's library while obtaining her legal studies and mediation certificate at Woodbury College. Since moving from Montpelier to Huntington, Korniak has also volunteered at the Starksboro library.

Korniak has a background in non-profit administration, including both grant writing and grant administration. For the last five years she has been involved in the school garden movement, working as a writer/educator for the National Gardening Association to develop a curriculum to help start and sustain school gardens, and writing a gardening newsletter for children which had 3000 subscribers around the world. Prior to that she was a program director for *Food Works*, where she helped develop school/community teaching gardens with an emphasis on food and kitchen literacy and food access.

There is already a pollinator garden in front of the Jericho Town Library and Korniak would like to add a food and/or herb garden, something which will be dependent on grant funding and volunteer assistance. Another goal is the establishment of a card catalog with seeds for local gardeners, which she hopes to start

in February or March. Korniak has spent a decade as a family herbalist after attending the Vermont Center for Integrative Herbal Studies. "I have a fascination with health care, particularly with plants and the language of botany," she said. "Herbalism is a way to expand on that interest."

Korniak hopes to continue current library programming and perhaps add some new events. She raves about the Wednesday morning story time with Elizabeth Bernstein and Derek Burkins, and looks forward to continuing the library's summer programming. She is open to new ideas for both children and adults and plans to send out a community-wide survey after the holidays to see what kinds of programs would be welcomed. In the meantime, she's weeding out damaged books and those which haven't been checked out in a while and hoping to replace them with new releases, as well as old favorites. "You can relive your childhood at the library," she said. "It's great to see a child take out a book that you loved when you were a child."

Korniak praised the library trustees for their help with her transition. "They are so quick to take an idea and bring it to fruition," she said. "They are a hard-working board and they've given me nothing but amazing support." Korniak recognizes that space is a challenge for the library. She's hoping to use some creative interior design to help grow the collection. Korniak noted that several of the residents who volunteered over the years have been unable to return to the library so she's hoping a new cadre of volunteers will come forward.

Korniak said she's happiest about the opportunity to do some hands-on work with kids. "I love their enthusiasm and energy and questions," she said. "They don't have the filters we have



Colleen Korniak is the new librarian for the Jericho Town Library.

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so it's easier to understand what they want." When Korniak was young, her local library was the hub of her community and she's hoping to replicate that in Jericho, noting that a school bus drops kids off in front of the building and many come right in before heading home. "This is such a sweet library," she said. "It's wonderful that so many kids can walk here."

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Champlain Valley Horse Show Association results



Kira Clokey of Jericho and Madeline Green of Essex were presented with Year End Awards handed out by The Champlain Valley Horse Show Association at the Capital Plaza in Montpelier on Oct. 26, 2014. Both girls train with Brad Giroux of Giroux Performance Horses out of Brigham Hill Stables in Essex, VT.

KIRA CLOKEY & RENNOS PRETTY PENNY

English Equitation Champion, Open Pleasure Champion, Senior English Champion, English Horse/Pony Championship, Paint Horse Year End Award, English Pleasure Horse Reserve Champion

MADELINE GREEN & I GOTTA LOTTA PIZZAZZ

Quarter Horse Year End Award, Green Horse Champion, Halter Horse/Pony Champion, Model Championship Reserve Champion, Walk/Trot Horse/Pony Reserve Champion

OBITUARIES



Paul Arthur Bradley, Huntington, VT passed away unexpectedly Wednesday, October 29, 2014, in his home. He was born in New Haven, VT on August 25, 1943 to Charles Bradley and Minnie Stokes. He leaves his wife and best friend of 47 years, Rita Stevens Bradley; children Penny Bradley and husband Kelly May of Starksboro, VT, and Peggy Bradley and fiancé Paul Zugaro of Huntington; grandchildren Kaci Bradley of Burlington, VT, Ashli Earle and husband Tristan Earle of Starksboro, Samantha Farmer of Huntington,

and Tyler Petherick of Jonesville, VT; great-grandchildren Kristi BradleyPresser, Bella Presser, Adrianna Earle, Peyton Farmer, Zander Earle, Matthew Bradley, and Emma Petherick; siblings Leon Bradley and wife Theresa of Hinesburg, VT, Anna Baker of Westford, VT, Helen Vartuli of Grand Isle, VT, and Mary Moody of Huntington; half brother William Bradley and wife Joy; and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his sisters Lois Hall and Betty Colby. He served in the Army National Guard, and retired from a long career as a respected mechanic and welder. His family was always his first priority. For the last three years of his life, he was the sole caretaker of his beloved wife. He enjoyed cooking for, playing with, and teaching his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. He spent many peaceful hours in the woods and at ponds and streams, as he was an avid hunter and fisherman. He also enjoyed bowling, gardening, and playing horseshoes. In keeping with his wishes, there will not be a service or viewing hours. A celebration of his life will be announced at a later date. We would like to say a special "Thank You" to the Richmond Rescue for all their help and caring. In lieu of flowers, we ask that any donations be made to the Richmond Rescue. He and his stories will be dearly missed, as he is now one of Heaven's new Angels



Richard Milton Hover, 77, of Jeffersonville, VT passed away after a long battle with cancer on Wednesday, November 5, 2014 in Vermont Respite House in Williston, VT, with his loving family by his side. Visiting hours were held on Sunday, November 9, 2014 at Lamoille Valley Church of the Nazarene. Funeral services were held on Monday, November 10, 2014 at Lamoille Valley Church of the Nazarene. Burial followed in the family lot in Mountain View

Cemetery, Waterville, VT. The family invites you to view a full notice and share your memories by visiting www.awrfh.com. Memorial contributions in Richard's memory may be made to Ithiel Falls Camp, P.O. Box 316, Johnson, VT 05656.

Richard Henry Frick Jr., 67, of Jericho, VT, a truly kind and compassionate man with wide-ranging intellectual interests and a love for good food, cool jazz, and fine wood-working, died peacefully Wednesday, November 5, 2014 from brain cancer, with his wife at his side. Richard, his wife Jennifer Hands Frick, and their son William Oliver Frick, moved to Jericho in 2002 from his native California, where he had been a technical writer in the aerospace industry, first at



Hughes Aircraft and later at Boeing Satellite Systems. Since retirement, Richard made many friends working in hardware

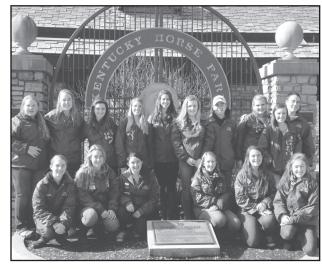
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Vermont 4-H excels in national competition



The Vermont delegation to the Eastern National 4-H Horse Roundup, November 7-9, toured the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington while in Kentucky. Delegates included (back row, from left): Courtney Bronson, Shoreham; Lexy Brooks, Whitehall, NY; Emma Pearson, North Hero; Alexis Walker, Essex Junction; Rachel Scibek, Colchester; Ashley Scott, Milton; Kyle Scott, Milton; Katelyn Patenaude, Derby Line; Kaelyn Jenny, Essex Junction; David Gringeri, West Haven; (front row) Catherine Thrasher, Rupert; Madison Wood, Kirby; Ruth Snow, Northfield; Morgan Quimby, Underhill; Holly Weglarz, Hartland; Kassidy Wyman, Cambridgeport.

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Nearly 300 4-H'ers from 24 states gathered in Louisville, KY Friday-Sunday, November 7-9, 2014 for the Eastern National 4-H Horse Roundup, including 16 Vermonters who earned a place on the University of Vermont (UVM) Extension 4-H delegation as winners at state competitions.

The roundup, considered the largest national 4-H horse program contest in the country, was hosted by the North American International Livestock Exposition at the Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center. Participants qualified for one of the six contests - hippology, horse judging, horse quiz bowl, team demonstrations, public speaking, and individual presentations.

Vermont's Communications Team was named the reserve champions in the communications competition, losing the championship by only one point. In team demonstration Ashley Scott, Milton, and Morgan Quimby, Underhill, placed seventh. Coaches included Cathy Leathersich, Underhill.

The Vermont 4-H Horse Quiz Bowl Team finished seventh. David Gringeri, West Haven; Emma Pearson, North Hero; and Kaelyn Jenny and Alexis Walker, both from Essex Junction, were

on the team. Norma Katz of Springfield was their coach.

In the judging contest, the Vermont team finished fourth in performance classes and seventh overall.

The hippology competition had several phases including a written exam, judging, team problem solving, and stations, where contestants were asked to answer questions on horserelated topics such as breeds, nutrition, anatomy and horse health. Vermont finished first by a wide margin in team problem solving, sixth in judging, and tenth in stations. The team placed ninth overall in the hippology competition.

While in Kentucky, the Vermont delegation visited Churchill Downs in Louisville, home to the Kentucky Derby, and the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington.

Mary Fay of Westford, the 4-H horse program middle manager, accompanied the state delegation.

For more information about 4-H horse activities, contact Wendy Sorrell, UVM Extension 4-H livestock educator, at 800-571-0668, ext. 2, or wendy.sorrell@uvm.edu.

thankful for something special: the gift of their friendship with a New York City child. Each summer, close to 4000 inner-city children visit suburban, rural, and small town communities across 13 states from Virginia to Maine and Canada through The Fresh Air Fund's Volunteer Host Family Program. By volunteering as a host family for summer 2015, the spirit of Thanksgiving can continue in your home throughout the year.

"I get to see new things that I don't get to see in New York City. The best part was having game night once a week. The

Fresh Air children are boys and girls, from 6-18 years old, who

old and stay for one or two weeks. Children who are re-invited by host families may continue with The Fresh Air Fund through age 18 and can enjoy extended trips. Over 65% of all children are re-invited to stay with their host families, year after year. Through the eyes of Fresh Air children, families often rediscover the beauty of their own communities.

The Fresh Air Fund, an independent, not-for-profit agency, has provided free summer experiences to more than 1.8 million New York City children from low-income communities since 1877. For more information on hosting a Fresh Air child next summer, Fund online at www.freshair.org.

LUNG FORCE Walk announced for June 25 In May 2014, the American Lung Association launched LUNG FORCE [www.LUNGFORCE.ORG], and is bringing the movement to Vermont with its inaugural LUNG FORCE Walk Burlington slated for Thursday, June 25, 2015 at Oakledge Park. The community is invited to walk with survivors, caregivers, patients, and their families.

Registration for LUNG FORCE Walk Burlington opened on November 1 at lungforce.org/walk to coincide with Lung Cancer Awareness Month. There is no cost to register for the Walk; however, those who register during November - Lung

Cancer Awareness Month - will receive a turquoise LUNG FORCE bracelet. Those who make a \$25 self-pledge at the time of registration will receive a LUNG FORCE key chain. Locally and across the nation, LUNG FORCE will educate and empower patients and healthcare providers, focus public policy on addressing the disease and its causes, and raise critical funds for research into better detection and targeted treatments for lung cancer. The American Lung Association is proud to have CVS Health as LUNG FORCE's national presenting sponsor.

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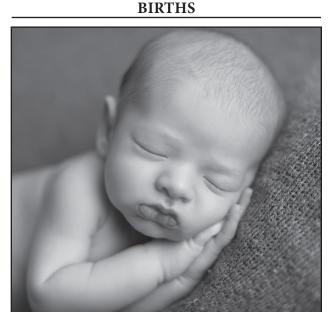
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Tracy (Thigpen) and Andy (James Anderson) Parker's baby boy Lincoln Anderson Parker was born on Tuesday, September 23, 2014 at Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas, TX. Lincoln's grandparents are Colleen and Joseph Parker of Waxahachie, TX, Sara and Brian Riley of Underhill, VT, and Robert and Sarah Thigpen of Jericho, VT.

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Welcome Home!

CAMBRIDGE

(Prescott) Sloane (Irwin) and Tyler Prescott had a daughter, CeCelia Grace Prescott, on Sunday, October 12, 2014 at Fletcher Allen Health Care in Burlington, VT.

(Stygles) Darla (Brown) and Ken Stygles had a daughter, Abigail Jane Stygles, on Monday, October 6, 2014 at Fletcher Allen Health Care in Burlington, VT.

FAIRFAX

(Albright) William and Beth Albright had a daughter, Axley Jem Albright, on Saturday, October 11, 2014 at Fletcher Allen Health Care in Burlington, VT.

(Lantagne, Raymond) Amanda Leigh Chmura and Curtis Clarence Raymond had a son, Salem Francis Raylen Lantagne, on Friday, October 24, 2014 at Northwest Medical Center in St.

(Matton) Jillian (Pecor) and Trevor Matton had a daughter, Kendall Lee Matton, on Thursday, October 16, 2014 at Fletcher Allen Health Care in Burlington, VT.

JEFFERSONVILLE

(Neumeister, Rooney) Kayla Neumeister and Ian Rooney had a son, Malcolm Richard Rooney II, on Friday, October 24, 2014 at Northwest Medical Center in St. Albans, VT.

JERICHO

(Hevrin, Waite) Megan Waite and Corey Hevrin announce the birth of their daughter, Sayah Jakori Hevrin, on Friday, October 31, 2014 at Fletcher Allen Health Care in Burlington, VT.

(Shea) Katelyn (McLaughlin) and Rob Shea gave birth to a baby girl, Emma Isabella Shea, on Wednesday, October 29, 2014 at Fletcher Allen Health Care in Burlington, VT.

RICHMOND

(Wood) Sheena (Superneau) and Barry Wood had a daughter, McKenna Marie Wood, on Friday, October 17, 2014 at Fletcher Allen Health Care in Burlington, VT.

WEST BOLTON

Sarah (Kellerby) and Benjamin (Courtemanche) Courtemanche had a son, Cody Samuel Courtemanche, on Thursday, October 16, 2014 at Fletcher Allen Health Care in Burlington, VT.

Thanksgiving is a word of action: Host a Fresh Air child next summer This November, many families in Western Vermont are old and stay for one or two weeks. Children who are re-invited to the children who are re-invited to the

live in New York City. Children on first-time visits are 6-12 years

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COMMUNITY COLUMNS

With whatever we have left

By Scott Funk

VT Aging in Place advocate.

Years ago, I heard a story about the great violinist, Itzhak Perlman. I often share it during the talks I do about aging. Here is

Mr. Perlman was playing a concert at Carnegie Hall. Just as he got settled in and began, one of the strings on his violin snapped with a loud, "twang." The audience immediately became restless because they understood this would cause a long delay in the performance.

Due to polio in his youth, Mr. Perlman moves slowly. It would take a while for him to make his way backstage. Then, there would be a wait for the violin to be restrung. Finally, there would be his slow return to the stage. All the while, the audience would be stuck in their seats, waiting.

The unease within the hall built until calm began to spread from the front seats of the auditorium. Row by row the audience quieted as people realized the violinist was not leaving the stage; instead, he was still sitting there, head bowed in concentration.

Finally, Carnegie Hall was silent and Mr. Perlman began to play without the missing string. Those in attendance that night insisted it was one of the greatest concerts they had ever experienced. After he had taken his bows and the applause had died down, Mr. Perlman stood and made this statement, "It is the challenge of the artist to do as much as he can with whatever he has left.'

And so it is for those of us who are aging. Just like the violinist with the missing string, our challenge is to do as much as we can with whatever we have left. This is a matter of courage and will. Both flow from the closest thing there is to a fountain of youth. That fountain is a love of life and the desire to experience more of it.

Aging is a remarkable passage through time. Our bodies are wearing out, our usefulness is often challenged, and yet, deep inside is the unwrinkled soul we have always been, eager to have another

Maybe that is where our resilience comes from, for no matter what is thrown at us, we bounce back. We don't always bounce back as high as we used to, but still back we come. On we go, making the most of what we have left.

The other day, I was in the shack of an 83 year old man. He had no hot water, hardly any furniture, and suffered from a skin disorder, which he described in a matter of fact way, like it was just a normal part of life. All alone, preparing to face the harsh, Vermont winter, with just enough wood split to make it to spring, he talked about the glorious beauty the snow always brings to his mountain.

As I looked into his wrinkled face I thought of Itzhak Perlman preparing to continue his concert at Carnegie Hall with one broken string. There are so many brave souls scattered across the hollows and hills of our Green Mountains, each simply doing what needs to be done with what they have left.

Aging in Place, it doesn't happen by accident. Sometimes it is a long, tough haul and you have to muster the courage to do it, for that is the business of living.

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at Lowe's in Essex, and he found great satisfaction as a math tutor encouraging young people to believe in themselves. His white hair and beard and twinkling blue eyes also made him a great Santa Claus. Born in Los Angeles on May 28, 1947 to Louise Baldwin and Richard H. Frick Sr., Richard graduated from Westchester High School, UCLA, and Loyola Law School of Los Angeles. His intellectual curiosity kept him a life-long learner, his sense of humor and storytelling made him a movie buff, he enjoyed jazz, golf, billiards, and bridge, and his devotion to woodworking showed in his finely crafted pieces. Richard also reveled in good food: exploring new restaurants, recipes, and roadside stands for exotic tastes or just a yummy burrito and a bottle of Diet Coke. In addition to his wife and son, Richard leaves his sister Ann Gardner Campbell and family of Corona del Mar, CA; brother-in-law John P. "Jack" Hands and family of Barrington, RI; sister-in-law Susan Hands Taylor and family of Lincoln, MA; mother-in-law Virginia Rutter Hands; his cat, Toby; and devoted friends in California and Vermont. His parents; his uncle William O. Frick; and his father-in-law John P. Hands Sr. predeceased him. Friends are invited to gather for a celebration of Richard's life at 3:00 PM on Saturday, November 29, 2014 (the Saturday after Thanksgiving) at the Mount Mansfield Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 195 VT Rt. 15, Jericho, VT 05465. In gratitude for the care and kindness of the staff and volunteers of Vermont Respite House, the family asks that any donations in Richard's name be made to Vermont Respite House, 99 Allen Brook Lane, Williston, VT 05495. The family invites you to share your memories condolences by visiting www.awrfh.com.
Our dear Margaret "Maggie" Bernice (Ford) Stone of

Richmond, VT passed away peacefully on Thursday, November 6, 2014, in the Vermont Respite House after a long and beautiful life. Margaret was born in Compton, Quebec, on August 29, 1922. Her family moved to East Charleston, VT in 1928. She graduated from Orleans High School, and nursing school at Brightlook Hospital in St. Johnsbury, VT. A graduate of UVM, she taught nursing and, in later years, worked at Aesculapius Medical Center. Margaret married Fred Stone in 1950 and together they raised



two daughters, Elaine and Dorothy. She was an active volunteer for the Richmond Rescue, the VNA, and a devoted member of the Richmond Congregational Church. She loved her faith, her family, and her profession. Margaret is survived by two daughters, Elaine (Greg) Carpenter of Fairfax, VT and Dorothy Stone (Zacciah Blackburn) of Richmond and Ascutney, VT; grandchildren, Amos Parker of Lee, NH, Ben (Liz) Parker of Montpelier, VT, Caitlin (Michael) Woodard of

Copper Mountain, CO, Elliot Smith (Carrie) of Nederland, CO, and Ian Carpenter of Fairfax; great-grandchildren Forrest and Fisher Woodard and George Parker; brother Albert Ford of East Charleston: many nieces and nephews; and two special cousins, Russell and Robert Nichols of Compton, Quebec. She was predeceased by three sisters, Mabel Schenk, Marion Petell, and Dorothy Farrell; and brother, George Ford. The family would like to express their gratitude for the wonderful care she received at the Vermont Respite House. A memorial service will be held on Monday, November 24, 2014, at 10:00 AM at the Richmond Congregational Church. Interment will be at Riverside Cemetery in Stowe, VT at a later time. Donations may be made in her name to Richmond Rescue, P.O. Box 404, Richmond, VT 05477.

Death

By Sue Kusserow Special to the Mountain Gazette

I went to an old friend's memorial gathering, an evening both a moment and a life ago. And I cried... not audibly, not great gulps when a memory hits, but thousands of tears that went down my cheeks without comment or notice. I haven't cried in a long time; we become jaundiced and fatalistic as we grow older, and realize the futility and fear of slipping out of our roles, our visible, accustomed, emotional 'skins.' I was not asked to do anything for anybody. I was 'free' when I came; I was not asking myself to play a role of kindness, of support, of duty. And I was not asking others to play that role for me. Sorrow is held in one's heart as

the glue that keeps the past in place, and at times like this, the

patterns often leak, and run the dark and the light one into the

I did not cry when I lay down beside her, held her motionless hand, stroked the flaccid muscle of her cheek, talked quietly about anything and nothing, as she drifted in and out of being. Life was still there, albeit in small quantities. I remember a study done by an anthropologist, titled: "Death Without Tears." When an infant is born in the slums of Sao Paulo, where the infant mortality rate is one of the highest in the world, the newborn may be judged by the church father, or an elderly midwife, to be unable to sustain life. It is put in a corner and left. "Do not cry, mother," says the priest. "That will wet the wings of the little one and it will be unable to fly up to heaven." So the mother is given a practical and magical meaning to the hiding of one's grief, to stuffing mourning into a religious edict.

We have our own incantations, that try and extrapolate our losses into acceptance. But it doesn't work. True, we know death is a natural phenomenon, part of the falling of the leaves, the dead

chickadee that hit the window, earth cracking in a long drought, a dog confused because he can't walk anymore. But no other creature lives with the future the way we do. Somehow, humans feel we deserve more than that; we have done more, tried harder, deserve more than such a blunt ending. And yet we know that in the grand scheme of things we have only the same amount of choice as the red leaf turning brown and dropping. Our awareness, our humanity gives us insight we often don't want.

I am "OK" now... am following the accepted patterns... a link of habits... led and supported by kind people, in a service where words are said and not heard. What is heard and felt is the connection of people to each other, each in a different way, with a different past, but united by the same inevitable ending. The power of the words comes as the connection we feel with the writer, the reader, the stumbler-

through-grief, who says: "Yes, I know you... and you know me." The final benedictions are given by people who have made their calling and work and profession into a bargain with death, and with their beliefs, the have jumped the hurdle of impossibility.

Ski/snowboard sale supports free days for kids at Smuggs

In support of its Winter Wellness Days program, the Cambridge Area Rotary is excited to invite you to its 5th Annual Ski and Snowboard Sale, Saturday-Sunday, November 22-23 at the Cambridge Elementary School in Jeffersonville. Individual drop off and vendor set-up is on Friday, November 21 from 6:00 8.00 PM. The sale opens to the public Saturday 8.00 AM -5.00PM, and Sunday 10:00 AM – 12:00 noon.

Winter Wellness Days affords all grade 4-6 students the opportunity to get out skiing, snowboarding, cross country skiing, or snowshoeing, three full days each winter. And it's

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Do I feel better having joined the league of mourners, mourning for ourselves as well as our friend? Will returning soon to the bustle of lists and errands snap the 'real world' back into place and habit?

We see death in so many guises: a blessed release from pain;

- gentle guide to the certainty of green pastures;
- a fight, a battle where we are given credit for bravery against absolutely certain odds; the forgetfulness of aging that mercifully dims our vision;

the sharp edges of youthful memories that scrape the heart.

We often capitalize both Life and Death, giving words: them the beginning and ending, the Hallelujah and the Amen, the joy and the sorrow, the crazy mix of logic and emotion that juggles our thoughts. We have a small amount of control in our choice of rebellions and acceptances. The only choice we don't have is to stay longer on this beautiful, this troubled



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"An Historic Church Proclaiming an Eternal Message" On the Green in Jericho Center, VT Sunday Services at 8:00 AM & 11:00 AM Nursery care provided Sunday School at 9:30 AM for all ages Fellowship at 10:30 AM Youth group 6:15 PM Sundays in Sunday school building Signing for the deaf upon request 899-4911;

officejcc@comcast.net; www.jccvt.org

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Deacon: Peter Brooks Religious Ed. Coordinator: Laura Lynch Wells, 899-4770 Parish Secretary: Theresa Gingras Phone: 802-899-4632, email: stthomas5@myfairpoint.net, Website: www.stthomasvt.com

UNITED CHURCH OF UNDERHILL

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men, women and youth Streaming audio sermons: www.becauseyoumay.com

VT receives "A"

on premature birth report card

Vermont was one of only five states to receive an "A" on the March of Dimes 2014 Premature Birth Report Card, with a preterm birth rate of 8.1 % in 2013, the lowest in the country and well below the March of Dimes goal of 9.6 %.

The national preterm birth rate fell to 11.4 % in 2013, the lowest in 17 years, but despite this progress, the nation still has one of the highest rates of preterm birth of any high-resource

The March of Dimes is investing in a network of prematurity research centers, to find solutions to this too common, costly, and

Here in Vermont the March of Dimes has supported Centering Pregnancy programs and a statewide Late Premature Infant Quality Improvement Initiative that help women have full-term pregnancies and healthy babies. In our state, the rate of late preterm births is 5.8 %, the rate of women smoking is 20.2 %, and the rate of uninsured women is 7.3 %.

The Report Card information for the U.S. and states is available online at *marchofdimes.org/reportcard*.

Premature birth, birth before 37 weeks of pregnancy, is a serious health problem that costs the United States more than \$26 billion annually, according to the Institute of Medicine. It is the leading cause of newborn death, and babies who survive an early birth often face the risk of lifetime health challenges, such as breathing problems, cerebral palsy, intellectual disabilities, and others. Even babies born just a few weeks early have higher rates of hospitalization and illness than full-term infants. At least 39 weeks of pregnancy are important to a baby's health because many important organs, including the brain and lungs, are not completely developed until then.

For information on the March of Dimes' efforts to combat births, see www.marchofdimes.org/mission/ prematurity-campaign.aspx. The World Prematurity Network, (WPN), a global coalition of consumer and parent groups working together to raise awareness and prevent premature birth in their countries, has a web page at www.efcni.org/.

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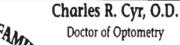
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COMING EVENTS

Thursday, November 20 Drink the Harvest, 7:00 PM, Phoenix Books, 191 Bank St., Burlington. Discover a new way to enjoy the harvest and nourish your family with Nan K. Chase, co-author of Drink the Harvest: Making and Preserving Juices, Wines, Meads, Teas and Ciders. Plus, enjoy samples of delicious drinks featured in the book! (While supplies last.) Gardeners will appreciate this new range of options for enjoying the harvest. Do-it-yourselfers will get a kick out of this whole new range of things to make. Parents looking for nourishing treats and anyone concerned with health and wellness will love these nutritious and additive-free recipes. Free. For information, www.phoenixbooks.biz or 802-448-3350.

Friday, November 21

Calling All Young Writers! 6:00 – 8:00 PM, Phoenix Books, 21 Essex Way, Essex. Write into the night with the support of fellow young writers. Dress up as a favorite book character, too! This write-a-thon will be coordinated by Browns River Middle School librarian Joyce Babbitt, and is inspired by NaNoWriMo (National Novel Writing Month). To learn more about the NaNoWriMo Young Writers Program, visit *ywp. nanowrimo.org*, but don't worry: absolutely all young writers are welcome, whether you're participating in NaNoWriMo or not. See you there! Free. For information, *www.phoenixbooks.biz* or 802-872-7111.

Saturday, November 22 Christmas Cupboard Craft Fair, 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM, Underhill I.D. School, Jericho. This community craft fair features many talented

local crafters displaying their unique creations.

Holiday Bazaar, 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM, Winooski United Methodist Church, cor. West Allen and Follett St. (across from police station), Winooski. Crafts, bake sale, white elephants. Serving homemade baked beans, chili, cornbread. Information, 355-3139.

Saturday-Sunday, November 22-23

5th Annual Ski and Snowboard Sale, Saturday 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM, and Sunday 10:00 AM – 12:00 noon, Cambridge Elementary School, Jeffersonville. Cambridge Area Rotary sponsored sale supports its Winter Wellness Days program; proceeds go toward giving grade 4-6 students three full days at Smuggler's Notch, free, for skiing, snowboarding, cross country skiing, or snowshoeing. Individual drop off and vendor setup is on Friday, November 21 from 6:00 – 8:00 PM. The sale is open to the public. For more information about the sale, visit *RotaryCambridge.org* or call or email Nanci, 802-343-2372 or lepsicslodge@gmail.com

Thursday, November 27

Free Community Thanksgiving Dinner, 12:00 – 3:00 PM, Catalyst Church on Raceway, 100 Raceway Rd., Jericho. Hungry, lonely, family far away, new to the area, empty nesters... All are welcome to a fabulous feast with all the fixins' including many pie options! Musical entertainment provided. For information, 899-2949, *Catalystvt.org* or

heather.m.sheppard@gmail.com.
Saturday, November 29
Christmas Craft Show, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM, Grace United Methodist

Chirshinas Craft Show, 3-300 AM = 3-300 FM, chief Methodist Church, 130 Maple St., Essex Junction. Soup/sandwiches, baked goods, VT maple syrup, all kinds of crafts, and of course Grannie's Attic. For more information call Ann, 879-7943, or the church office, 878-8071.

Indies First: Vermont Authors, 11:00 AM = 5:00 PM, Phoenix Books, 191 Bank St., Burlington. Catch the indie holiday spirit! An all-star cast of local authors including Don Bredes, Sarah Dillard, Sarah Healy, Amy, Huntington, Ron Krupp, Thea Lewis, Tracey Campbell Healy, Amy Huntington, Ron Krupp, Thea Lewis, Tracey Campbell Pearson, Peter Shea, Chris Tebbetts, Dana Walrath, and Marcia Wells are coming to Phoenix Books Burlington to show their support for indie

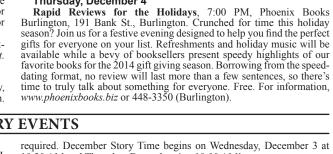
bookstores, and they're ready with expert holiday gift giving advice! Check our website for the complete schedule of author-booksellers. Free. For information, www.phoenixbooks.biz or 802-448-3350.

Bird Monitoring Walk, 8:00 – 9:45 AM, Birds of Vermont Museum, 900 Sherman Hollow Rd., Huntington, Join experienced birders on the monthly bird monitoring walk, last Saturday of the month. Best for adults, older children, and somewhat more experienced birders. Dress for adults, older children, and somewhat more experienced birders. Dress for

the weather and bring binoculars. Co coa, coffee, and tea afterward in the museum. For information, 802-434-2167, museum@birdsofvermont.org, or http://www.birdsofvermont.

Sunday, November 30 Meet the Grinch! 11:00 AM, Phoenix Books Essex, 21 Essex Way, Essex; 2:00 PM, Phoenix Books Burlington, 191 Bank St., Burlington.

DEBORAH RAWSON LIBRARY, UNDERHILL



LIBRARY EVENTS

An art exhibit of the paintings of Walt Scheffley will be held at DRML through Sunday, November 30. The display will include the Underhill Historical Society's collection of Mr. Sheffley's detailed and playful paintings. There will be an art reception of this display on Sunday, November 9 at 2:00 PM in the DRML fireplace room. Walt Scheffley lived in Underhill Center from 1953-1999 with his wife Patricia (Osborne) Scheffley and their four children. Walt, an industrial design graduate from the University of Pennsylvania, worked many years as a draftsman for the internationally renowned landscape architect Dan Kiley of Charlotte. Mostly self taught, Walt began painting in the late 1950s, but when his wife became ill in 1973 he began to devote more time to his art. Scheffley's paintings were known for their detailed witty scenes of Vermont everyday life, which often included his friends and neighbors. Never taking his art seriously, he would paint on odd canvasses such as masonite and circular slabs from tree trunks, with everyday latex house paint. Walt now lives in Minneapolis near one of his children. The exhibit is co-sponsored by the Underhill Historical Society and DRML.

In November we will be raffling off a selection of gift baskets donated by community members. You may purchase raffle tickets to put your name in for the basket you would like to win. Gift baskets make

wonderful hostess or holiday gifts. Stop in and check them out!

The DRML Board of Trustees will meet on Thursday, November 20 at 7:00 PM in the meeting room. This meeting will be a budget hearing to discuss a proposed budget for fiscal year 2015. All are welcome.

Join us for Family Movie Night on Friday, November 21 from 6:30 0.00 DM Plan to bring the who ole gang to DRMI for a fam

movie. Bring your pillow and blanket and we'll provide the popcorn! Baby Time! Saturday, November 22 at 10:30 AM. Infants and babies up to 18 months are introduced to the wonders of language with nursery rhymes, songs, finger plays, and board books. This is a great time for parents and childcare providers to connect, chat, and share ideas. Older

siblings welcome. No registration required. Story Time for Little Ones! Drop in for fall stories, projects and a nutritious snack! Wednesday, November 26 at 10:30 AM. No registration required. December Story Time begins on Wednesday, December 3 at $10:30~\mathrm{AM}$ and Thursday, December 4 at $10:00~\mathrm{AM}!$

The McNamara family of Underhill with the Grinch, when he

Children and kids-at-heart will get to meet Dr. Seuss's meanest and greenest creation when the Grinch himself visits Phoenix Books. All ages

are welcome to bring a camera and get a photo taken with the Grinch. Grow your heart three sizes by bringing a nonperishable donation for our

local food shelf. Free. For information, www.phoenixbooks.biz or 872-7111 (Essex) or 448-3350 (Burlington).

Cider Monday, all day, Phoenix Books Essex, 21 Essex Way, Essex, and Phoenix Books Burlington, 191 Bank St., Burlington. What's made from squished micro soft apple products? Delicious, hot apple cider. We'd

like to invite you to ditch your digital shopping cart and join us in person at Phoenix Books to enjoy a free cup of hot cider (while supplies last). Cider Monday is a new tradition being started by lots of small businesses

in New England, and it's our way of thanking you for choosing to shop indie and support a strong local economy this holiday season. Free. For information, www.phoenixbooks.biz or 872-7111 (Essex) or 448-3350

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visited Phoenix Books in Essex in 2013.

Monday, December 1

Thursday, December 4

We will be CLOSED on Thursday, November 27 and Friday, November 28 in observance of Thanksgiving. We will resume regular library hours on Saturday, November 29.

Looking ahead to the holidays? On Tuesday, December 2 from 6:30 – 8:30 PM you can learn how to make your own Holiday Swag or arrangement with fresh and fragrant greens and trimmings. The workshop is taught by Horticultural Therapist Donna Covais and will cost \$45 per participant. Call 899-4962 to reserve your spot; space is limited.

Parlez-vous Français? French Conversation Group will meet Thursday, December 4 at 6:30 PM. Join the group for casual conversation and some cultural exchange! For more information call Henry at 899-3349. À bientôt!

Come play Magic: The Gathering, Friday, December 5 from 6:30 -8:00 PM. In this trading card game, you play the role of a Planeswalker—a powerful wizard who fights other Planeswalkers for glory, knowledge, and conquest. No registration required.

Music Sunday will take place on Sunday, December 7 at 2:00 PM! Love graphic novels? A comic book about comic books?! "Understanding Comics: The Invisible Art" is the book we'll use and read to look at the details of how comics and graphic novels work: how they're composed, read, and understood. Our book is more than just a book about comics, it gets to the heart of how we deal with visual languages in general. All participants will receive the book "Understanding Comics" by Scott McCloud to read, discuss, and create their own comics/graphic novel 4:00 PM, November strips. Remaining meetings are Fridays, 3:00 and December 5 and 12. Please stop in, call 899-4962 or email Thad (drmlthad@gmail.com) to sign up so books can be ordered.

For more information on the programs and services available at DRML, visit www.drml.org. You can also find us on Facebook and follow us on

Deborah Rawson Book Lovers (DRBL) is an adult book discussion group that meets every month at the library. New members are always

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thanks voters in Bolton, Huntington

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Rep. Tom Stevens, Waterbury

Ashe thanks voters

To the Editor,

I want to sincerely thank the people of Bolton, Jericho, Underhill, and Westford for your support in the recent election. Since my first election to the Senate six years ago, I've done my best to represent each Chittenden County community with the same enthusiasm and close attention as my own hometown. I will continue to keep you posted on my Senate efforts with updates in the Gazette and in direct calls and emails with you. Please stay in touch, and thanks again.

Tim Ashe, State Senator, Chittenden County

ADULT ACTIVITIES

Toastmasters of Greater Burlington, 2nd and 4th Wednesdays 7:00 PM Holiday Inn, 1068 Williston Rd., S. Burlington. Are you hoping to develop your speaking and leadership skills? Ace a job interview? Ignite your career? Come and join us!

Yoga, Tuesdays, 6:30 – 8:00 PM, Collins-Perley Sports Complex, St. Albans. For information including cost, 802-527-1202.

Contra Dance, Shelburne Town Hall, Shelburne, Monthly dances presented by Queen City Contras, http://www.queencitycontras.org. Admission charged.

Chittenden County Postage stamps and post card club, 1st Wednesday of the month 6:15 – 8:30 PM, A IDX Circle GE Healthcare Building. South Burlington Information email: Laineyrapp@yahoo.com or call me at 802-660-4817

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

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

Essex Art League meets the 1st Thursday of the month, from 9:00 – 11:00 AM, at the Essex Junction Congregational Church, VT Rt. 15. The meeting agenda includes a business and social time, and features a guest artist presentation. A detailed calendar, listing featured speakers, is published on the League's website: www.essexartleague.com.

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 3rd Thursday of the month, 6:30 - 8:30 PM. Modelers encompassing all categories of interest and skill levels are welcome. Brownell Library, Kolvoord Community Room, Lincoln Street, Essex

The Women of the United Church of Underhill meet on the 2nd Saturday of each month, 8:00 AM at the Church located at the park, VT Rt. 15, Underhill Flats. Women interested in sharing Christian prayer and discussions are welcome. Contact Julianne Nickerson at 899-3798 for more information.

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

The Underhill Historical Society meets at the Underhill Town Hall on the 2nd Monday of the month, 6:30 PM. Anyone welcome

HEALH EVENTS & GROUPS

Al-Anon meetings, Jericho United Methodist Church, Thursday mornings 10:00 AM, and Saturday mornings, 10:00 AM.

Alcoholics Anonymous meeting, "Women's Big Book" group meets Thursdays, 6:00 - 7:00 PM, United Methodist Church, VT Rt. 15, Essex Jct. across from Grange Hall.

Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting "Wing It" group meets Sundays, 11:00 AM, Maple Leaf Farm, Stevensville Rd., Underhill. Open Speaker meeting followed by a Brunch (\$10 charge for the brunch).

Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting, "The Firing Line" group meets Wednesdays, 7:15 - 8:15 PM, Maple Leaf Farm, Stevensville Rd., Underhill. Open Step meeting.

Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting "The Firing Line" group meets Saturdays, 8:00 - 9:00 PM, Maple Leaf Farm, Stevensville Rd., Underhill. Open Speaker

Discussion meeting. **Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting**, "Keep It Simple" group meets Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, 8:00 – 9:00 PM and Saturdays, 6:30 – 7:30 PM,

United Church of Underhill, Underhill Flats. 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.

Brain Injury Support Group - offer survivors and family members, caregivers, friends and the community a place to come and receive valuable resources and information about brain injury. The support group is a place to share experiences in a safe, secure and confidential environment. Monthly meetings: 4th Fridays at the YMCA in Winooski 11:00 AM – noon; 1st Wednesdays at Fanny Allen in Colchester, 5:30 - 7:30 PM; and 2nd Tuesdays at the Saint Albans diner in Saint Albans. Call the BIAVT help line, 877-856-1772.

Foot Clinics – Having trouble trimming your own toenails? Franklin County Home Health provides foot clinics around the county that can help. Call 802-527-7531 for an appointment and cost information. Cost: \$20.

ONGOING EVENTS

Healthy Weight Support Group, Mondays, 12:00 – 12:30 PM, Northwestern Medical Center, Conference Room 3, St. Albans. Support group for those working on weight management. Combines behavioral and nutritional strategies to increase physical activity and decrease calorie intake. Provides techniques to help manage eating behaviors. Come 15 minutes early for weight check. Kay Tran, Registered Dietitian, MS, CDE, & Leslie Gardzina, Registered Dietitian. No registration required, just drop in.

International Cesarean Awareness Network supporting mothers and families recovering from or learning about cesareans and VBACs. For more information email ICANvt@gmail.com or call Jessilyn at 802-363-5499

Overeaters Anonymous meets 6:00 – 7:00 PM Wednesdays, Jericho United Methodist Church, VT Rt. 15, Jericho.

Champlain Valley Prostate Cancer Support Group meets 6:00 - 8:00 PM, 2nd Tuesdays, Hope Lodge, 237 East Ave., Burlington. Newly diagnosed? Prostate cancer reoccurrence? General discussion and sharing among survivors and those beginning or rejoining the battle. For information contact Mary L. Guyette RN, MS, ACNS-BC at 802-274-4990.

TOPS Chapter 145 meets Thursdays 6:15 PM, Eagles Club, VT Rt. 109, Jeffersonville. Weigh-in 5:15 – 6:00 PM.

Healing Circle Breast Cancer Network, support group for women with breast cancer, monthly meetings 1st Tuesdays 5:30 PM, Northwestern Medical Center, Conference Room #1. RSVP at 524-8479.

Lamoille Home Health & Hospice: Offering Hospice Volunteer Training. Health care professionals share their knowledge and passion for hospice. Please contact Charlene at 888-4651 or ccamire@lhha.org for more information.

Franklin County Prostate Cancer Support Group, monthly, 1st Tuesdays, 5:15 – 7:00 PM, Northwestern Medical Center Conference Room #2, St. Albans. This support group offers men opportunities to educate themselves and each other; share and learn from each other's experiences; offer support to each other, a spouse or partner; and advocate early detection of prostate cancer. For more information, Fern Mercure, 524-0719.

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

KIDS

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

Mondays: Jericho Community Center, 9:30 – 11:00 AM Wednesdays: Richmond Free Library, 8:45 - 10:15 AM Fridays: Underhill Central School, 9:30 – 11:00 AM

Fridays: Huntington Public Library, 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM

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

SENIORS/COMMUNITY MEALS

Community Soup & Bread Supper, $1^{\rm st}$ Thursday of the month, 4:30-7:00 PM, Covenant Community Church, 1 Whitcomb Meadows Lane, Essex (across from John Leo's on VT Rt. 15 near the Jericho/Underhill line). Eat in or take out. Variety of soups, breads, and sweet dessert. Stop in on your way home. Stay to eat with family and friends or pick up to take home! Donations gladly accepted. Call Pastor Pete Norland, 879-4313 for more information.

Jeri-Hill XYZ Seniors meet at the Town Hall in Underhill Center on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month. All seniors are welcome. Dinner served at 11:30 AM. For information, Bette Workman, 899-4446, Loreen Teer, 899-1363 or Doug Keith 899-2582.

Johnson Community Meal - 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month, 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM, United Church, Johnson. Come for a hot meal and get to know your neighbors. Meal will be followed by community gathering. For 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, monthly on the 2nd Monday. Lunch 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. 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 monthly on the 3rd Tuesday, 12:00 noon at the Community Baptist Church, Huntington Center.

St. Jude's Church, Hinesburg, senior meals held on 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month with bingo games afterward. Everyone is welcome including caregivers. Dinners \$4 per person. For information call Ted Barrette, 453-3087. Starksboro First Baptist Church, Starksboro senior meals, 4th Thursday of

the month, 11:30 AM. Call Brenda Boutin, 802-453-6354 for more information. (No meals in November and December.)

"Good Food for All" free dinners, 2nd Thursday of the month, United Church of Underhill, VT Rt. 15, Underhill Flats, 5:00 – 7:00 PM; and on the last Thursday of each month at Calvary Episcopal Church, VT Rt. 15, Underhill Flats, 5:00 – 7:00 PM. Everyone in the communities is invited.

SPORTS ACTIVITIES

Ongoing Pilate classes, Dakini Studio, Underhill, Mondays and Thursdays, 6:00 PM. Register at 899-4191. For more information and other scheduled classes. www.dakinistudio.wordpress.com

Qi Gong, the ancient Chinese art of movement, classes: Saturdays 9:00 - $10:\!00$ AM, 562 VT Rt. 15, Johnson; Saturdays 11:00 AM - noon, River Arts, Morrisville; and Sundays 11:15 AM - 12:15 PM, Artful Cup, Jeffersonville.

Zumba, Tuesdays, 5:30 PM, Red Brick Church, Westford, with Heather Sanders, \$5, first class free; Saturdays, 9:15 AM, BFA, Fairfax, \$5; Sundays. 9:00 AM, Meeting House, Fletcher, \$5; with Kathy Bourdeau Mondays, 7:30 PM, BFA, Fairfax, \$5; Wednesdays, 7:00 PM, BFA, Fairfax, \$5.

Zumba Fitness, Monday evenings only, 5:30 – 6:30 PM, River Arts Center, Morrisville. Certified instructor Karen Machia. No registration required, drop in. 888-1261 or www.riverartsvt.org for more details.

SUPPORT GROUPS

CFS, Fibromyalgia, Lyme Disease, Chemical Sensitivity and Gulf War Syndrome, 1:00-3:00 PM, monthly, 3^{rd} Thursdays, The Bagel Cafe, Ethan Allen Shopping Center, Burlington. For information, www.vtcfids.org, Lainey at 802-660-4817, or 800-296-1445 ask for Rik

Alzheimer's support group, monthly on the 3rd 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, 3rd Sunday, 3:00 - 5:00 PM, Second Congregational Church of Jeffersonville Community Room, Jeffersonville. Special topics, guest speakers, resource information; playroom for kids, fenced side yard for outdoor play. For information, Terry Holden, 644-2759 (Jeffersonville) or Tina Karl, 888-3430 (Hvde 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, monthly on the 3rd 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

 $\textbf{Cambridge Area Rotary} \ meets \ on \ 1^{st} \ four \ Thursdays \ of \ the \ month, \ upstairs \ at \ 158 \ Main \ restaurant, \ Jeffersonville, \ 7:00-8:00 \ AM. \ For \ information, \ Susan \$ Lassiter, 644-6600 or Slassiter@unionbankvt.com

Westford Fire Department, Mondays, 7:00 PM, at the fire station next to the

Town Garage. For information, email John Quinn, jquinninvt@aol.com. Jericho-Underhill Water District meets 1st Monday of the month, United Church of Underhill, Underhill Flats, 7:00 PM. For information, 899-4076 or

899-3810. Jericho Historical Society, monthly on 2nd Thursdays, 7:30 PM, Old Red Mill. Jericho

Jericho Underhill Park District Board meeting, 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 7:00 PM, Deborah Rawson Memorial Library project room, Jericho. Residents of Jericho and Underhill always welcome. 899-2693 for information.

Jericho Energy Task Force meets monthly, 2nd Thursdays, 7:00 – 8:30 PM, Jericho Town Hall, VT Rt. 15, Jericho.

THRIFT SHOPS & FOOD SHELVES

Clutter Barn: Donations are accepted on Saturdays, 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM, through September 13. The Clutter Barn is located in Underhill Flats, between the Brick House and the United Church of Underhill.

Essex/Jericho/Underhill Food Shelf, 3rd Saturdays, 9:00 - 11:30 AM, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, VT Rt. 15, Jericho. Meat, dairy, produce, pantry items, pet food, and some non-food items. All are welcome

Westford Food Shelf, open monthly, 3rd Saturdays, 8:00 – 10:30 AM, United Church of Westford. All are welcome. Fresh produce, meat, and non-food items

The Heavenly Cents Thrift Shop, just east of Five Corners, Essex Jct., VT Rt. $15,\,10:00\,AM-3:00\,PM$ Tuesdays and Wednesdays; $4:00-8:00\,PM$ Thursdays.

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welcome to drop in on any meeting – always the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM – Tuesday, December 9. For more information about book club, contact Christine Staffa at *Christine@cstaffa.com*.

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.

JERICHO CENTER LIBRARY

Thank you to all who have responded to our fund raising letter. We will be using the money to refurbish the upstairs of the library, where much of our children's programming takes place. Donations are still being accepted, and thank you in advance for your contributions.

In the last issue of the Mountain Gazette we introduced our new library director, Colleen Korniak. She would enjoy meeting you, so stop by the library and say hello. Also, many libraries thrive on volunteers, and ours is no exception. No huge time commitment is necessary; whatever you can offer is appreciated. Talk to Colleen about how you can help.

Jericho Town Library's annual Open House is December 7 from 3:30 - 5:00 PM. Our patrons will have an opportunity to meet and visit with

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Nonrenewal of Saxton Hill School's lease

To the Editor,

The Jericho Historical Society was made aware of the State of Vermont developing new regulations for septic systems ast winter. The Old Red Mill complex owned by the Jericho Historical Society borders the Brown's River, a wet land, the Winooski District Park, and the Champlain Water District's pipe line that carries water under the Brown's River to Jericho residences. Each of these conditions has specific requirements for septic systems. As a result of this the Board became concerned about our present styptic system and what options we would have should the present leach field fail. A review of the history of the septic systems that have been on the property since the nineteen seventies was done from the notes in the archives. It showed that every leach field on the property experienced failure. A copy of this report was given to the representative from the Saxon Hill School at the September 11, 2014 meeting.

In 1990 the leach field that serviced the Saxon Hill School failed and the affluent was pumped to a backup leach field on top of the hill behind the school. In 2010 the leach field that serviced the Mill House and Old Red Mill failed and a pump station was put in to pump waste to the same replacement leach field at the top of the hill as used by the School. This septic system did not comply with the 2010 specifications, but the Society was allowed to use it because the system had been grandfathered in.

The backup leach field has now been used by the school for 24 years and by the Mill House and Red Mill for 4 years. Should this leach field fail there is no room for another leach field to be

The Old Red Mill is a National Historic Site and the Jericho Historical Society is the steward of this site and it is their responsibility to protect the site and keep it open to the public. The consequences of the present leach field failing are far reaching. The entire site would have to be shut down immediately. This shut down would involved the Saxon Hill

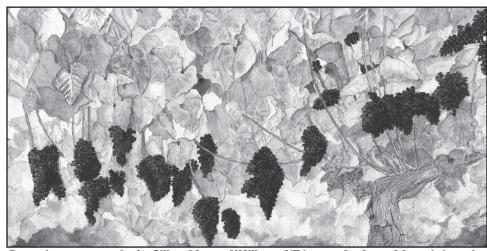
School, the displacement of two families, the Champlain Water District, the Wilson "Snowflake" Bentley Museum, and the Old Red Mill Craft Shop. The Board has been advised that the process to develop a new

septic system will involve a permitting process, an engineering design process, and an installation process that would likely require a year and possibly more and be very expensive even exceeding \$100,000. In order to avoid this scenario the Board is taking every step possible to reduce the use of the leach field and is converting its rental space to uses with the least possible impact on the leach field. As a result of this decision the Board voted to not renew the lease of the Saxon Hill School which will run out May 31, 2015. It did vote to extend the lease to June 2015 which allows the school to finish the present school year. The representative of the Saxon Hill School was made aware of this possibility at the September 2014 Board meeting. Shortly thereafter the Jericho Historical Society received a call from The Good Shepard Lutheran Church in Jericho offering to rent its preschool space to the Saxon Hill School. The space had been used as a preschool but is now vacant. She said there was also plenty of off road parking for the school, and a safe playground away from traffic for the children. She also said that the preschool area would remain vacant and that Saxon Hill School could spend the year moving in at its convenience. She was thanked for the call and advised to contact the Saxon Hill School directly.

The Jericho Historical Society takes its role as stewards of a National and State Historic Site very seriously. Countless hours of work and time have gone into raising funds for the restoration of the Old Red Mill and the Mill House as well as hours of manual work donated to restoring and maintaining the buildings. We recognize that our decisions may not always be popular but all of the decisions made by the Board are governed by what actions we determine will best protect the site and maintain it for future generations.

> Ann Squires President, Jericho Historical Society

ART / MUSIC / THEATER



Grapevines, a watercolor by Gilbert Myers of Williston, VT is part of a show of the artist's work at the Gruppe Gallery in Jericho.

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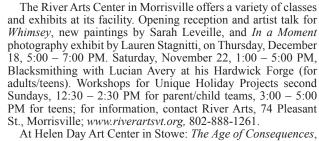
At the Emile A. Gruppe Gallery in Jericho, an exhibition of watercolors by Gilbert Myers of Williston, through December 31. Gill has retired form his practice of elder law but continues his passion for art in painting and giving. In 1980, Gill helped to build a church for the Yucatan Indians and supports the church with the sale of his art work. For more information, contact the gallery. Emile A Gruppe Gallery, 22 Barber Farm Rd., Jericho. Gallery owner Emilie Alexander. Gallery hours: Thursday-Sunday, 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM or by appointment. Information, www.emilegruppegallery.com or 899-3211.

Bryan Memorial Gallery, 180 Main St., Jeffersonville. *Land and Light* exhibition through Sunday, December 28. Call to artists for *GEMS* to become members and submit to its annual exhibition of artwork in a small format, exhibiting through Sunday, December 28. Membership required. Specs, entry form,

and information available at *www.bryangallery.org*. For information, 802-644-5100.

The Fleming Museum has Kara Walker's exhibit, Harper's Pictorial History of the Civil War (Annotated), in the museum's Wolcott Gallery through December 12. Civil War Objects from the UVM Collections more than 34.000 Vermonters, almost 10% of the population, went to war. From quilts made for soldiers' fundraisers to prized uniforms to fragments of hardtack (a Civil war ration), Vermonters donated family heirlooms to the Fleming, reflecting their wartime experiences. Civil

War Era Drawings from the Becker Collection - Joseph Becker was an artist-reporter who documented the Civil War, observing and drawing on the battlefields, in military encampments, and on the move, sending drawings back to the newspaper for publication. In addition to documenting the war, artist-reporters also submitted drawings of a wide variety of aspects of 19thcentury American history and culture, often providing more detail, drama, and emotion than the then-new technology of the camera. Most of the drawings were turned into engravings for publication in Frank Leslie's Illustrated Newspaper but the drawings themselves have never been published. The tour of this exhibition, organized by the McMullen Museum of Art at Boston College, is the first opportunity for scholars and the general public to see selections from this important and previously unknown collection. The Robert Hull Fleming Museum, 61 Colchester Ave., Burlington; 802-656-0750.



At Helen Day Art Center in Stowe: *The Age of Consequences*, through Sunday, November 23. Matthew Christopher photographs abandoned spaces in America. His work questions the path of this country by reminding the viewers of decayed industries, churches, and mental health facilities. Also through November 23, *Unrest: Art, Activism, & Revolution* curated by Rachel Moore, featuring international artists from around the world. Helen Day Art Center, 90 Pond St., Stowe, 802-253-8358, *www.helenday.com*. Hours: Wednesday-Sunday, 12:00 – 5:00 PM, and by appointment.

MUSIC

Full Circle: Medieval, Renaissance, Celtic, and Holiday Music: On Saturday, December 13 from 1:00 – 3:00 PM, Phoenix Books Burlington (191 Bank St.) customers can browse for gifts while they enjoy live holiday music from many countries and many times. Full Circle is a group of five women who play a mixture of medieval, Renaissance, Celtic, folk, and holiday music on recorders, tin whistle, harp, guitar, hammered dulcimer, percussion and voices. Their recordings will be offered for sale at the store. Saturday, December 6, the VSO offers Saturday Masterworks, a five-concert series at the Flynn Center for the Performing Arts in Burlington. All Flynn concerts begin at 8:00 PM and are preceded at 7:00 PM by Musically Speaking, a free pre-concert discussion that provides entertaining insight into the evening's program. For information including tickets and cost, contact Amy Caldwell (802) 864-5741 ext. 16 or go online to www.vso.org or www.flynntix.org.

The Music of J.S. Bach: Arias and Orchestral Works — on Sunday, November 23 at 3:00 PM at the Episcopal Cathedral, 2 Cherry St., Burlington, the Capital City Concerts' Bach Festival Chamber Orchestra performs the music of J.S. Bach including the Concerto for Violin and Oboe in C minor, BWV 1060, and the Orchestral Suite No. 2 in B minor, BWV 1067 for flute and strings. Internationally renowned soprano Hyunah Yu, whom The Baltimore Sun praised for her "lovely voice with diamond purity," will sing arias with orchestral accompaniment. Accessible; free parking. For information including tickets and cost, 802-864-0471 or 802-864-7183, Martin Poppe, Poppe@ CathedralArts.org.

Heavenly Light - on Sunday, December 7 at 3:00 PM at the Episcopal Cathedral, 2 Cherry St., Burlington, the 40-voice Vermont Choral Union, Jeff Rehbach, director, sings of hope for peace and heavenly light shining through darkness. The program presents 13th-century polyphony from medieval Europe; soaring Renaissance counterpoint by Josquin, Gabrieli, and Tallis; resonant settings of Orthodox and Roman liturgies for the Advent and Christmas seasons; and chorales and carol settings from the time of Bach through the Edwardian era. The program includes Poulenc's exquisite Quatre Motets pour le temps de Noël, a new work written for the Choral Union by Vermont composer Michael Close, and carols sung a century ago by British and German troops during the Christmas truce in the early months of World War I. Accessible; free parking. For information including tickets and cost, 802-864-0471 or 802-864-7183, Martin Poppe,

Poppe@CathedralArts.org.
Cathedral Arts presents free, informal noontime concerts on Tuesdays, 12:00 – 1:00 PM at the Episcopal Cathedral, 2 Cherry St., Burlington. Bring a bag lunch; coffee and tea provided. December 2: Catamount Winter Concert – UVM Catamount Singers, Erin Grainger, Director. The University of Vermont's select choir presents a concert of seasonal works. This concert begins at 12:15 PM. January 13, 2015: Young Artists Concert – This annual showcase recital presents gifted young Vermont musicians. January 27: Sharing Our Songs – Area singers and pianists present a program of classical song, including art song,

musical theater, and opera arias.

Choral Services at St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral, 2 Cherry St., Burlington. – Information: 864-0471. Tickets available at

the door and in advance at Flynn Regional Box Office, 802-863-5966 or www.flynntix.org; or Hopkins Bookshop in the Cathedral, 802-658-6223. Accessible. Free parking at the Cathedral or two hours free in city lot at Macy's. Evening Prayer in the style of the Community of 18, Monday, March 30, and Sunday June 7. Candlelight, chanted prayer, meditation, silence, in the manner of the French monastic community. The Great O Antiphons of Advent, Sunday, December 14, 5:00 PM. This festive candlelit service features Advent hymns and carols, choral music, readings of prophecy and fulfillment, and prayers. Judith McManis' silk chancel hangings deepen the experience. The Cathedral's Music Director, Mark Howe, conducts.

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Shelburne Players present *Wait Until Dark* at the Shelburne Town Center on Friday-Sunday, November 20, 21, 22. Tickets are \$15 and \$12, available at Shelburne Supermarket or can be reserved at *www. shelburneplayers.com.*

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For a complete job description, go to www.jerichovt.gov and click on Employment Opportunities, or contact Paula Carrier at pcarrier@jerichovt.gov or (802) 899-9970 ext 3. To apply, please send a cover letter, resume and list of three references by December 1, 2014, to Todd Odit, Town Administrator, via email at todit@jerichovt.gov or via mail at P.O. Box 39, Jericho, VT 05465. The Town of Jericho is an equal opportunity employer.

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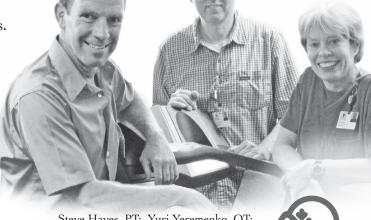
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CVAA – Help seniors in Addison, Chittenden, Franklin, and Grand Isle Counties remain independent through one-on-one visits in settings of their choice. Activities may include friendly chats, balancing a checkbook, playing cards/games, shopping, outings, etc. References and background check required. Contact Bev Hill at 865-0360 or email bev@cvaa.org.

Ethan Allen Residence - Become a buddy to a senior and visit, go for walks, attend Ethan Allen sponsored events, go out to lunch, and share a lifetime of wisdom. References and background check required. Contact Carolyn Stevens at 658-1573 or email cstevens@ethanallenresidence.org

Keeping It Clean - Ethan Allen Residence needs volunteer dishwashers to join the kitchen crew any any evening from 5:00 - 6:30 PM. They also need a group to help with fall garden clean

composting, etc.). Contact Carolyn Stevens at 658-1573 or email *cstevens@ethanallenresidence.org*. A Clear Path – CVAA invites volunteers to help

seniors get out of their homes after a snowfall of 3 inches or more. Volunteers will be matched with seniors for whom they can clear driveways and/ or walkways. Dependability and courtesy a must. Contact Bev Hill at 865-0360 or email info@cvaa.

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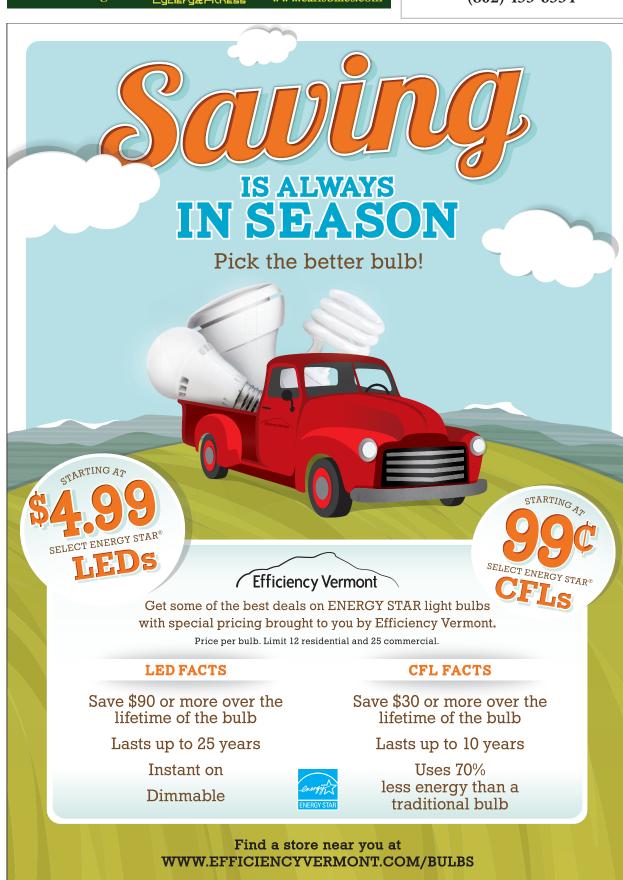
Friday, December 5 at Browns River Middle School in Jericho is Kid's Night Out! Designed for 7th and 8th grade students, class will begin with a yoga practice that incorporates partner and group poses. The practice will end with breath work, key poses for focus and sleep, and a sweet savasana. You will build strength and flexibility in your mind

and body through this empowering practice.

The event starts at 6:00 PM with practice beginning promptly at 6:20 PM. We will end at 8:00 PM. Cost is \$7. A healthy snack and tea will be provided. Please let us know of any food allergies or restrictions.

Please register by Tuesday, December 2 at 802-560-8802 or bewellvermont@gmail.com. Registration will be closed after 16 spots are filled.

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The Vermont Youth Volleyball Association recognized two Jericho students from Vermont Commons School in South Burlington as members of the statewide All-League team for the 2014 season: Nora Hill, Middle, class of 2015, and Mason Hill, Middle, class of 2017. PHOTOS CONTRIBUTED

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our new librarian, as well as neighbors and friends from the community. Dennis Pearson will provide his famous punch, accompanied by sweet treats baked by the Board of Trustees! Children's crafts are from 3:30 - 4:15 PM, followed by stories and music with Elizabeth and Derek, respectively. We are requesting that only one parent accompanies children upstairs, as it can become very overcrowded. Santa arrives around 5:00 PM and will light the tree on the Green, marking the beginning of the holiday season.

As part of the weekend festivities, Tracey Campbell Pearson will be reading and signing two of her newest books, The Elephant's Story and Tuck In Time, on Saturday, December 6, from 10:00 - 11:00 AM, at the library. At this special event, you will be able to purchase Tracey's books and enjoy visiting with a renowned children's book author and illustrator.

Library board meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month, starting at 7:15 PM. The next meeting is December 2.
Library hours are: Monday 1:00 – 7:00 PM; Wednesday 10:00 AM

1:00 - 5:00 PM; Saturday 10:00 AM - noon. For more information call 899-4686, go online to www.jerichotownlibrary.org, or email Jerichotownlibrary@gmail.com.

VARNUM MEMORIAL LIBRARY, JEFFERSONVILLE Hours: Mondays and Tuesdays 12:00 - 7:00 PM, Wednesdays 3:00 -

7:00 PM, Thursdays 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM, and Fridays 2:00 - 5:00 PM, Saturdays 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM.

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Babytime Playgroup: 6:00 – 7:30 PM, first Wednesday of each month. Playgroups are designed for children birth to 2 years and their caregivers. Age appropriate toys, stories and finger plays. For information call 876-7555. Sponsored by Building Bright Futures.

Preschool Music: Mondays, 11:00 AM with Peter Alsen, and Thursdays, 10:30 AM with Derek Burkins. Up to age 5 with a caregiver.

No pre-registration. Limit: one session per week per family. Spanish Musical Playgroup: Saturday, November 22, 10:30 AM. Non-Spanish speakers welcome! Spanish rhymes, books, and songs for children birth to age 5. Includes a craft activity and snack. Music with Constancia and crafts with Natasha. Sponsored by Building Bright

Dorothy Alling Memorial Library, 21 Library Lane, Williston. 802-878-4918, www.williston.lib.vt.us