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MMU Crash Demo: Don't drive while you drink...or text

By Richard Mindell
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In a cold, steady rain that soaked both students and members of the Underhill Jericho Fire Department and Essex Rescue, the message about drinking, texting and other forms of distracted driving was made abundantly clear last Friday afternoon at the high school on Browns Trace Road.

Students, many dressed in summer clothing, huddled together to stay warm while they stared at two partially destroyed cars that had been salvaged from recent accidents in Chittenden County. Inside the cars students from the Vermont Team Leadership Program pretended to have been injured in the accident that members of Essex Rescue and the Underhill Jericho Fire Department had staged for the demonstration, called Mock Crash. MMU student A.J. Grimaldo played the driver of the car that had been hit. He was unconscious when emergency responders arrived at the scene. Ashlei Melendy played a passenger in the same car and was pronounced dead at the scene.

The other car in the demonstration was filled with students going to the prom. Hannah Lister played the driver who was supposed to be drunk and high on marijuana. Laurel Cole played one passenger and Kristina Cyr played the other. Laurel was conscious when the emergency responders arrived but Kristina was not. Members of Essex Rescue and the UJFD went through the same procedures they would use when they come upon an accident in which there are serious, if not life-threatening injuries.

The Mock Crash demonstration is put on every other year at Mount Mansfield Union High School. Other high schools in the area have put on similar demonstrations, sponsored by Essex Rescue, including Essex, Burlington and Rice High Schools.

Sarah Mabley is a Student Assistance Program counselor and, along with Grace Ekwuabu, is an adult advisor to the Vermont Team Leadership Program. Sara noted that there are two messages Mock Crash tries to deliver to students. First, they want kids to witness firsthand what happens as a result of a collision between two vehicles. "We want them to think about the aftermath," Mabley said. "We want them to understand how many people it affects."

Second, members of Essex Rescue and the UJFD want kids to see for themselves what can happen to them if they drive drunk, stoned or while texting. The hope is, even if just a few of the kids get the message they will have a positive impact on their friends and classmates. "A common theme of Mock Crash is looking out for one another," Mabley added. The idea is to teach kids how to help each other make better choices – in all situations, not just drinking and driving. Mabley believes this is a critical component to the demonstration. "Young kids listen to each other more than anyone else. They have the greatest potential to help each other make good decisions." The school does a follow-up through the advisory classes to discuss the demonstration.

Despite the rain, the sight of the two, badly damaged cars and the familiar faces on the victims seemed to have had an impact on most of the students. That's exactly what members of Essex Rescue and the UJFD had in mind. "Members of Essex Rescue are passionate about getting this message across to students," Sara Mabley said. And she didn't hedge on the rain being a problem.

"You know, she said. "The purpose of Mock Crash is to show students what really happens in an accident. The rain was a little distracting but it's supposed to simulate real life."

Seeking gardeners with physical limitations

Gardening can be difficult – if not impossible – for people with physical limitations. However, for people with disabilities, there are many benefits to gardening, like inviting socialization, relieving stress, encouraging relaxation and restoring self-esteem.

To make gardening easier for people with a disability, the VT Center for Independent Living's Agrability program has partnered with the United Way of Lamoille County and RSVP and the Volunteer Center to provide raised beds at the Community Garden located at the Oxbow in Morrisville.

It's almost time to plant; so if you would like to use one of these raised beds, please contact Tom Younkman at 888-2180 soon.

UID School Girls on the Run celebrate successful season



Fifteen girls from UID School celebrated the end of the Girls on the Run season. They shared many memories during the 10 week season, even through the early snow and all the spring time rain, they had 13 girls successfully complete the 5K Event in Essex on Saturday, May 21. The girls also raised money doing a change round-up that will be donated to assist tornado victims in the US. The girls that participated from UID were: Emilia Rowe, Brooke Putzier, Sadie Tosch, Emily Burbank, Emily Cueto, Cassy Bourdeaux, Cassidy Kilpeck, Abigail Sandy, Madeline Daly, Johanna Kolok, Grace Zelazny, Gretchen Dreibelbis, Sohaila Shiffert, Lily Cheatham and Lindsey Rusnock. Great job girls and keep on running.

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Underhill Trails Committee prepares to follow new mission statement

A new mission statement, new members and a new direction has helped get the Underhill Trails Committee off to a great start in 2011. Our mission, which is to provide guidance on the development and use of trails within Underhill with an emphasis on respecting property owners, sustaining the environment, and strengthening relationships within the community, helps us clarify exactly what will be keeping us busy over the next year. Our goals are to: Educate the public in regard to trail etiquette, the development of trails and the appropriate use of private property; Provide a forum where trail users/developers and property owners can voice their opinions and receive assistance with the development or closing of trails on private property; Reroute the Crane Brook Trail off private property, and construct a trail exclusively on town owned land. Education is our first goal, and we will begin to accomplish this by publishing monthly articles like this one, whose purpose is to educate Underhill residents on using sustainable trail practices on private and public land.

One of the recurring themes we have heard from landowners in Underhill at our meetings is that the use of the trails on their land is a privilege. Land owners maintain the right to post their property at any time, and that is why it is essential that we strive to meet their expectations of how their trails should be used. Your trails committee is working from the foundation that we must respect land owner's wishes, lest they no longer allow recreational use of their land. We want to promote successful private trail use, and this can be achieved when we conduct ourselves in a manner that is compatible with our expectations of life in a small town.

As representatives of the town of Underhill, we do not have jurisdiction over the use of trails on private land. We can, however, act as a resource for land owners and trail users who want to create an atmosphere of cooperation. The committee has produced an extensive handbook full of guidelines for creating, maintaining and using trails on public and private land. That handbook can be accessed online at www.underhillvt.gov by following the menu to Boards, Commissions and Committees, Committees, then Trails Committee and then Underhill Trails Handbook.

The Committee is looking forward to this coming year, and as always we invite you to attend our meetings on the third Tuesday of each month at the Underhill Town Hall at 7pm.

Watch next month for an article on building, repairing, removing and permitting trail bridges.



The old Richmond Creamery is one piece of property under consideration as the site for the Richmond Community Senior Center.

Plans move forward for Richmond Community Senior Center

By Brenda Boutin
Mountain Gazette Staff

As Vermont's senior population increase worries about housing, health care and program funding are issues that are being addressed by the legislature, senior care agencies and communities.

But when Rep. Anne O'Brien was elected to office three years ago she was surprised when her constituents began asking about creating some sort of socialization solution for the senior population in the Richmond Huntingdon area. It came to her attention that there were many seniors living in isolated situations.

Being a baby boomer herself with elderly parents, she took a hard look at the aging population in her district and started meeting with folks to see if there was an interest in forming a planning group.

"Our first meetings were held at Richmond Terrace," O'Brien said. "It was a place where seniors had easy access to the meeting." She and the group spent time brainstorming about the issues facing seniors, and how to address the needs of the area not just Richmond and Huntingdon but Bolton, Jericho and Underhill as well. Question like "What can we do?" and "What do others do?" topped their list.

It became obvious early on that the group needed to be more organized. "We needed some expertise in many areas," O'Brien stated. O'Brien started talking to groups and organizations and came up with a list of names of people who had skills in finance, fundraising, and grants writing.

The group tossed around ideas for the location of the Senior Center. They looked at the old creamery building and the Preston's barn, they thought about purchasing land and building or renovating an existing home.

"We were advised that we needed to become a non-profit organization with a board of directors," she said. "That would allow us to fundraise."

The board organized with Mary O'Neil, chairman, Melita DeBellis, vice chair, Molly Dugan, treasure Anne O'Brien, secretary and Catherine Coggio, member. Other participants include Dennis White, Irene Budziak and Gencie Gray.

The committee has just finished applying for a Federal Planning grant.

The board took a trip to the Charlotte Senior Center and was very pleased at the reception and information they received. "We liked their model," O'Brien said. The center is a hub of activity for many local seniors. They serve other communities as well as Charlott.

According to O'Brien, "Our mission is to develop and maintain an active senior citizen program in the greater Richmond area that creates an atmosphere which provides opportunities for socialization, encourages older adults to use their skills, develop their potential, apply their wisdom and experience, and continue their involvement in the community. We will create senior programs that will be inviting, enjoyable and will include nutrition, recreational activities, entertainment, educational, informational programs, health and wellbeing programs, designed to sustain independent living and foster lifelong learning and growth."

Fundraising is one of their main goals; Irene was the Jonesville Store owner and lives at Richmond Terraces. She and Gencie

Gray personed the table all day at Town meeting to sell raffle tickets on the quilt they made. That project raised over \$800. Irene also did the town wide yard sale table to benefit the Richmond Community Senior Center last week

They group posted an online survey and asked questions to establish the community interest in developing a Senior Center. They had a total of 63 responses to the survey and they came from people who live in Bolton, Richmond and Huntingdon. 90% of those responding agreed or strongly agreed that there is a need for a Senior Center in this area. 65% said they would be interested in volunteering for the Center activities.

No concrete plans have been made. Ideas are still flying around as to the location, the fundraising and how the center will serve the seniors and the rest of the local community as well. "We are looking hard at being self-sustaining," O'Brien reported, "We could offer reception space for weddings or have a community kitchen and rent space to local entrepreneurs. We do not want to look at the voters for funding."

The Richmond Community Senior Center would welcome donations from the community. "Contributions to our fund would be terrific," O'Brien stated. Checks can be made out to Richmond Community Senior Center, c/o Molly Dugan, Treasurer, Richmond Community Senior Center Fund, P. O. Box 508, Richmond, Vermont 05477.

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Merchants Bank installs solar tracker in Jericho

Merchants Bank recently installed a 4200-watt AllSun Tracker at its Jericho branch — the first solar energy generator located at a company branch.

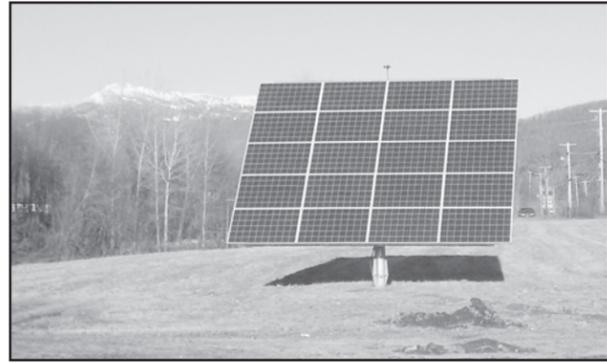


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Installed by AllEarth Renewables, Inc. of Williston, the Vermont manufactured solar tracker will provide 15 percent of the power used by the branch and save about \$900 in energy costs yearly.

“Our site worked well for it,” Stacie Griffiths, president of the Jericho branch, said of the installation in an open meadow near the bank. Griffiths said the solar panels have become a conversation piece in the community, and the response has been positive. “They’re really curious about what it does and how it works,” she said. “It’s made people more aware.”

Jericho Energy Task Force to present *Kilowatt Hours*

On June 11, the Jericho Energy Task Force will present the movie *Kilowatt Hours* at the Deborah Rawson Memorial Library, starting at 6:30 PM. This award-winning film can help citizens take an active role in energy conservation by showing how simple changes can result in hundreds of dollars saved on home energy costs for families, and millions of dollars for businesses and communities.

We’ll have a post-movie discussion about energy initiatives in

POLICE REPORT

On May 20, 2011, at approximately 7:03 PM, the State Police were called to assist Department of Corrections, Community Correctional Officers at 123 Cambridge Glen Road, Cambridge, VT in regards to one of their clients who was in possession of marijuana. Upon arrival of the Trooper the person who was in possession of the marijuana was identified as **Alan Wescott**. Wescott was issued a citation to appear in the Lamoille County Court for possession of marijuana. Wescott was cited to appear in Lamoille District Court on June 22, 2011 CASE #: 11A12078

Lamoille Outpost Vermont State Police are investigating an ATV crash involving **Daniel J. Bonath**, 39, of Jeffersonville, VT. On May 21, 2011, at approximately 6:20 PM Vermont State Police, Lamoille Outpost, was notified by E 911 of a single ATV, Suzuki King quad four wheeler, crash with injuries at the intersection of Edwards Road and Cliff Reynolds Road in the Town of Cambridge, VT.

Upon arrival to the scene, State Police were advised by a rescue personal member that they knew the operator and identified him as Daniel Bonath. At this time State Police were also advised Bonath did not have a helmet on at the time of the crash and would be transported to Fletcher Allen Emergency Room for a possible head injury and laceration to his left leg.

Upon further investigation, it was found that Bonath had been drinking alcoholic beverages prior to the crash and was processed for DUI / refusal while at the ER.

Anyone who may have witnessed the ATV on the roadway prior to the crash or witnessed the crash is asked to contact Sr. Tpr. Michelle LeBlanc at 878-7111. CASE#: 11A102096

On Monday May 16, 2011, at 9:18 PM, Vermont State Police went to 422 VT Rt. 15 in Cambridge on an unrelated matter while there contact with **Mary Frasier**, 46, of Cambridge, was made and an investigation showed that she was in violation of conditions of release. She was cited to appear in Lamoille County District court on June 29, 2011 and released. CASE #: 11A102026

present *Kilowatt Hours*

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If you’d like to learn more about the Jericho Energy Task Force, please join us at our monthly meeting on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM at the Jericho Town Hall or email us at enerjericho@gmail.com.

LACiNg Up helps area cancer patients

This year’s *LACiNg Up for Cancer* walk is scheduled for Saturday June 25. This annual community walk benefits Lamoille Area Cancer Network (LACN), a not-for-profit grassroots organization located in Elmore. Of the monies raised through corporate sponsorships, walker sponsorships, sale of luminary bags and silent auction 100% stays local helping community members - family, friends, and neighbors - undergoing treatment for cancer. Event Chair Kathy Demars notes that last year’s walk raised more than \$140,000. “This year’s goal is \$125,000,” she states. Since the first walk in 2003 Demars notes that thanks to the support of our community *LACiNg Up For Cancer* has contributed nearly \$700,000 to LACN. For more information on this June 25 walk contact Kathy Demars at 888-7720 or Jill Baker at 888-8302.

In addition to raising money, the event is also a time to celebrate survivorship, honor survivors and remember loved ones who lost the battle to cancer. “It’s an event for the community, put on by the community,” says Demars.

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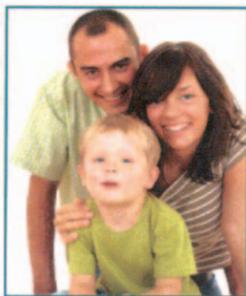
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COMMUNITY COLUMNS

Bird fever, you should catch it

By Bernard Paquette

A recent trip to California presented me with an opportunity to join the local Audubon society representatives on a bird walk through Tecolote Canyon Natural Park in San Diego. The canyon has about 6.5 miles of trails. After short introductions of about 15 birders, we started our walk onto dry dirt packed trails lined with tall yellow flowers resembling daisies. Green shrubs, tall grasses, palm trees and various deciduous trees, provide a green and clean safe haven for birds and other wildlife.

Quickly the varying degrees of birding skills becomes apparent as individual birders spot and identify birds while others ID birds by ear, and novices like myself ask questions about the birds we see and listen and learn from those more practiced and knowledgeable. Birders I have met enjoy sharing their bird sightings and identification information with others. No particular skill is required to spot and enjoy birds other than maybe patience and observation. Thus, no matter the skill of each birder, everyone can have the opportunity to feel the excitement and shared pleasure of spotting and identifying a different bird.

Stardom fever helped us in our quest, not our brashness but that of some of the less frequently sighted birds. Blessed are those birds that though rarely seen out in the open, proclaim their tantalizing beauty by perching in open view atop a high branch singing to a captivated audience while turning occasionally to be sure we accurately identify them by their unique body, wings, tail, and bill shape, and size. In addition, allowing us to have a few minutes to observe their behavior.

Over thirty different bird species presented themselves to us that day. Some such as the California Thrasher (with a long decurved bill), Orange Crowned Warbler, and Black-headed Grosbeak were not rare sightings for those residing in California, but new and exciting birds for me to see. Other sightings were admirable, not so much the bird species but what the bird was doing. Like the Western Kingbird snatching a butterfly out of the sky, landing on a branch and eating its captured meal.

Learning the bird's stories is just part of the adventure of birding with others. The naturally occurring camaraderie that develops from a shared cooperative venture also promotes new friendships. This along with the peace and contentment nature offers us if only we take the time to visit with her.

One member of our group spotted maybe the day's most prominent bird, a Black-chinned Hummingbird. A fever of excitement arose as a second member of the group locked in on the sighting. Now both members tried to steer our remaining eyes to the unusual but thankfully patient small bird, resting on a limb in heavy brush not twenty feet away. Finally, in what seemed an eternity only one member had not yet found the cause for our excitement. We would not let him give up and continued to provide directions; follow that crooked large limb than look right by the clump of dead leaves...finally a cry of wow and the group was in unison in spotting the male Black-chinned Hummingbird.

About 50 million people enjoy bird watching every year. Bird watching is the fastest growing recreational activity in the world. Birders can observe upwards of 296 bird species regularly seen in Vermont.

What does birding and eradicating litter have in common? Year round opportunity for walking at a leisurely pace, living in the moment, learning to observe our surroundings, sharing with others what we see and find. Both activities encourage stewardship-maintenance and protection of our environment.

For more information on birding in Vermont, see the Green Mountain Audubon Society's website at, http://greenmountainaudubon.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=8&Itemid=3

Knees

By Suzanne Kusserow
Senior Guest Columnists

Well, I have written about hearing aids, aging, and meditation of Mt. Mansfield as a worthy substitute for climbing it. So, I guess the next step is to write about the current thing to fall apart: knees. I have been with my knees for quite a while, but not particularly aware of them. Mostly it has been a positive relationship, except for a bout of Osgood-Slatter syndrome (swelling of the head of the tibia) in my teens, probably triggered by running and an inherited trait from my Dad. It is characterized by knees that are bulky and knobby, and looks a little like the visual metaphor my granddaughter used to describe my present knees: "They look like candy apples on a stick, Gram." From this description, you can surmise that, once you have knobby knees, they have adopted you for life.

So, I have taken my knees quite nicely with me, up and down the mountains of the Alps, Africa, Andes, Scotland, Nepal and New Zealand. But lately, they have started to complain, a soft annoyance at the start, but now humming along into the area of serious complaint. I seem to be tied together with bailing twine (are you old enough, and rural enough, to remember that useful substance?) and I notice the slightest elevation; even the sidewalks up Church Street are inspiring (i.e. I deep-breathe my way up). And when I reach a curb, I need to calculate its height and, therefore, which leg to use to surmount this obstacle with the least amount of weakening. And the word 'obstacle' has new meanings: uneven ground, stones, stairs of all sorts, alighting gracefully from a car. (The word gracefully here means that I would rather stand and look critically at the rear bumper for a few moments, instead of staggering off like a drunken hippopotamus (never seen one, but it sounds so descriptive!) I also note that I need to think ahead: is this a store in the 'lingering' category? Will I be staying long enough to stop and browse, change my pace, disrupt my rhythm? If so, I will pay for it, when I speed up (a relative phrase) to leave. Or, will I be sitting, which brings in a whole new dimension? Standing up and starting off again, requires forethought: will I need to speed up considerably to get to the dentist on time...or should I call him and say the car broke down and I will be late? Are there some exhibits near to my projected rising, so that I can pretend to be reading the latest poster on Global Warming, while my knees groan and become reluctantly committed to moving again?

Yes, there is pretense involved. I was once the poster child of good physical strength; lifting 100 lbs. of horse feed was done without thought. So, I need to 'cover my tracks' both literally and figuratively, now that my knees have told me that even 50 lbs. will require a dose of ibuprofen later on. I try not to look relieved when I can sit down; I mask it in interest in watching passers-by, going over my lengthy and time-worn list of do-what-you-can-whenever-you-can-downtown. My knees signal their gratitude by sighing down into my shins and settling the ache into my ankles. I do smile a lot; people like to see an old lady smile. It seems to soothe their indecision about whether they should offer help, pass by looking very driven, or simply accept the extension of someone else's life into old age, whose smile relieves them of any feelings of personal connection.

And there is the constant preaching: You know, Sue, if you lost a few pounds your knees would be eternally (or at least for the next year or two) grateful. And of course there is the statistic that every time you take a step you are putting four times your weight on your knee. I will not tell you what my calculations add up to; do your own multiplication. All I can say is that it is not a good number to recite when you are trying to go to sleep and your knees don't seem to like any position you try.

But, as long as I can reach a lopsided contract with them...i.e...keep going, with whatever preamble I need to do so...I will trust them to

remember the good old days, when we were friends. There was a recent article in the AARP magazine, which quoted a physical therapist saying paternalistically that knee replacement was "uncomfortable, but could be controlled by proper medication". The next issue had several responses/letters which destroyed this inexperienced and naïve statement; one of them simply said: "You've got to be kidding; it hurts like Hell." I have a friend who used the Scotch Courage method: Take a very stiff Scotch, wait until you feel warm and pleasantly relaxed, and then destroy it by fitting yourself into this little machine which bends your knee into positions that Genghis Kahn recommended in his manual: "Ancient Methods of Torture". Then later you can take a pain medication to relieve the suffering you have just created, knowing that, if you don't do this, your knees will withdraw into permanent uselessness. Someday in the future, you will be glad you did this.....but not now!

So thank you, knees, for all the miles we have put in together. Just continue, for a little while longer, to get me to the Country Store, chat with Owen behind the counter, grab my morning cup of coffee, and walk slowly back up the hill. It is surprising how much you hear and see when you slow down: a pair of rose-breasted grosbeaks debating their new home, the nubbins of Ostrich Ferns, the pounding of the overly-full Mill Brook through the gorge behind Tedford's, the tips of Red Maple branches reddening against a blue sky, Jen Kennedy's Bloodroot, pure white translucent petals dropping into the dark earth.

Don't worry knees; you can rest when we get home.

Easy to digest advice on picky eaters

By Dr. Lewis First
First with Kids

Parents have been picking my brain in regard to how to handle their picky eaters. Well, let me provide more than a mouthful of information on this topic that will be easy to digest.

Picky eating is a common, normal childhood behavior.—Recent studies suggest that even toddlers who are considered "good eaters" will need to try a new food at least 10 times before they will say they like it.—Other studies suggest that children who are extremely picky have relatives who also demonstrated this behavior, suggesting it may be an inherited trait in some families.

That being said, if you want to get your child or toddler to try a new food, I have some suggestions:

Set a good example. If you show your child you are willing to enjoy trying a new food with them, they are more apt to eat that food.

If it is a food you dislike, don't express that or your child will mimic that behavior.

Let your child know the benefits of trying a new food in terms of things that will appeal to them.—For example, if your child is interested in sports and professional athletes, tell them that eating yogurt or cheese is something athletes do to make their bones stronger.

Consider holding a "food inventing contest" where you invite children to mix up fruits, vegetables, spreads, tortillas, rolls, lunchmeat, and a food they have not tried into a tasty and creative snack.—If they like the snack they make, they may be more apt to like the new food they tried as well.

If your child likes a particular topping - like peanut butter - consider putting that onto a new food to entice them to try it.

Just because a child refuses a new food doesn't mean they won't try it several days or weeks later.—It's also important to not call a lot of attention to the fact that a new food has appeared on the plate.—The more you make a production of trying a new food, the more your child is apt to refuse it. A solution to the control issue is to offer your child a choice of 2 to 3 new foods, and that way they are making the decision of what to try instead of you making it for them. Finally, one of my favorite tips is to have your child eat with friends who are not as picky. When your child sees a friend eating new foods, they will probably try that food too even when they won't do it for you.

Hopefully, tips like this will whet your appetite when it comes to getting your child to be less picky about—trying new foods.

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COMING EVENTS

Friday June 3

Community Prime Rib Dinner, VFW POST 6689, 73 Pearl St., Essex Jct., VT, 6 PM - 7:00 PM. Prime Rib, mashed potatoes, veggie. \$10 (children \$5). Sponsored by the Men's Aux. Post 6689 - 878-0700 for more info.

Sunday, June 5

Community Breakfast, VFW POST 6689, 73 Pearl St., Essex Junction, 9:00 - 11:00 AM. Menu includes Eggs any style, Pancakes, Bacon or Sausage, Home fries and Toast. Adults, \$7, Children, \$3. Sponsored by the Ladies Aux. Post 6689 - 878-0700 for more info. Please note: There will be no breakfast in July, see you the first Sunday in August.

Saturday June 5

Annual Underhill Plant Sale, Underhill Town Hall in Underhill Center. Auction-style sale 9:00 - 9:30. Arrive early to bring and to select plants. Great plants at low prices, including digging rights. Blueberry plants will also be available for \$5. The plant sale benefits natural resource education and protection of the Underhill Conservation Commission. For questions, contact Faith Ingulsrud at 899-4155 or faith@thirdculture.com.

Saturday June 11

4th annual Concert for the light, North Avenue Alliance Church. Doors will open at 5:00 and the concert will begin at 6:00. Admission is free and a free-will offering will be taken during intermission.

Friday June 3

Richmond Farmers Market, Volunteers' Green, Bridge Street, 3:00-6:00 PM. Featuring Fletcher and Bob Hill from 5:00 to 6:00; fresh seasonal lettuce, turnip greens, scallions, rhubarb, radishes, eggs and meats, fresh baked pies, breads, pastries, tarts, cookies, bagels, samosas, tamales, burritos, Bosnian foods, grilled burgers, fresh kettle corn, zucchini relish, lemonade, tea, jams, bicycle powered smoothies, canned veggies, honey and maple syrup; bring home a bouquet of fresh cut flowers for the table. Some of our crafters this year will feature jewelry, photos, knit goods, birdhouses, cards, candles, soaps, lotions, hand painted shirts and chill collars. For further information, contact Carol Mader at 434-5273 or cmader@surfglobal.net. The Richmond Farmers' Market participates in the Farm to Family Program and accepts EBT and Debit cards.

Friday, June 10 -

Richmond Farmers' Market, Volunteers' Green, Bridge Street, 3:00-6:00 PM. Featuring Longford Row. The Youth Booth: At the second Market of each month, area youth with an entrepreneurial

flair are invited to set-up and sell items that they have either made, baked or grown. There is limited space at these Markets so contact Carol Mader, Market Manager at 434-5273 for information. For further information, contact Carol Mader at 434-5273 or cmader@surfglobal.net. Check out our website at www.RichmondFarmersMarketVT.org. The Richmond Farmers' Market participates in the Farm to Family Program and now accepts EBT and Debit cards.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

KIDS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SENIORS/COMMUNITY MEALS

Jeri-Hill XYZ Seniors meet at the Town Hall in Underhill

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Reservation concerning proposed merger To the Editor,

I have some reservations concerning the proposed merger of the districts within CESU; some of which are as follows:
The merger committee has stated that a benefit of being one district is the ease in which a teacher being riffed from one school could move into a job opening in another school. I see this as one of the main disadvantages of merging. As a board member at Underhill Central School, I want to hire the best person possible for any openings we might have. Under the proposed merger we would be forced to take somebody from within CESU who applies, provided he/she has the proper qualifications, before we could do a wider search. Under the current system, a teacher within CESU could still apply for any openings that might occur at UCS but the board could hire somebody outside of CESU if that person was a better fit for our school.

I see the roles of the elementary boards changing under a single school board. As it is now, I can (and do) occasionally stop by the school and talk with the faculty and staff in a casual way. If we are one district with 9 schools, that is no longer feasible. The board members become almost totally dependent on the building principals and the central office. While I trust and have faith in our principal and administration, I like to be able to keep in touch with the personnel at the school directly.

It has been mentioned how it took years to implement Spanish instruction at UCS and that under a single district it would have been done throughout CESU all at the same time. One can argue that we may have been too slow in implementing Spanish at UCS, but we were able to start Spanish instruction when the majority of the board thought it was the appropriate time. We will lose that local control if this merger votes passes.

Although I have looked, I have not found any data that shows that a merger would be likely to improve our student performances. A merger will not reduce costs in any significant way. The savings would be about 1%; at most. Most of the proposed savings can be done now, under the current system.

There are some good ideas in the document produced by the merger committee and they have my thanks for all the hard work that they put in on a volunteer basis. Most of these ideas can be implemented under the current system.

I would ask people to think carefully before voting. If this vote

passes there will be no going back to our current system which while cumbersome is effective.

Sincerely, Tony Julianelle, Underhill

Vote yes to RED

To the Editor,

On June 7, citizens of the Bolton, Huntington, Jericho, Richmond, Underhill, and Underhill ID school districts will vote whether to create a K-12 Regional Education District (RED). The report of the Voluntary Merger Planning Committee (VMPC) may be found at <http://www.learnaboutmerging.com/>.

I believe that the report issued by the VMPC did not fully address two important considerations:

The inefficiencies inherent in the Chittenden East Supervisory Union waste time and resources.

Central office staff spends much of their time doing the same tasks over and over again. For example, the superintendent, business manager, and individual school boards are responsible for developing and implementing eight budgets that are voted on annually. The time commitment required to support this and many other redundancies keep the business office and administration from spending more time monitoring and controlling spending.

The superintendent and assistant superintendent attend meetings three to four nights a week (during the school year) discussing many of the same topics over and over again. An additional one to three hours are spent preparing for and following up on necessary tasks after each meeting. This redundancy prevents the top leadership from spending more time on program development, implementation, and increasing student performance.

The current governance structure confuses many citizens. In education, we are often told that schools should operate more like business. I believe that few businesses would succeed if the executives reported to eight different governing boards, which sometimes try to move the organization in very different directions. Strategic planning becomes impossible. Decision making is always slow and cumbersome.

Many citizens do not understand the complicated governance structure of the supervisory union. Citizens and parents often attend school board meetings to discuss a problem only to be told that a different board has jurisdiction over their concern.

The proposed RED would act much like the current Mount

Mansfield Union District School Board (MMUSD). Two thirds of current Chittenden East Supervisory Union students attend a school overseen by the MMUSD, a district which has operated under a merged model for over forty years. This large board, which serves all students in grades five through twelve, works very well. Parents and staff have easy access to the MMUSD school board and committees. Evidence of student success is readily available in the Annual Report. Student performance is among the very best in the state.

Over the last two decades, school board members from our five towns have seen the wisdom of streamlining school management in the Chittenden East Supervisory Union. As mentioned in the planning committee report, many education functions are already centrally organized with minimal loss of local control and significant savings. Creating a more efficient K-12 school district will assist school leaders, parents, and community members to continue to improve one of the finest school systems in Vermont.

Please review the material prepared by the Planning Committee and vote on June 7.

Submitted by Jim Massingham, former CESU Superintendent of Schools

Vote NO on RED merger

To the Editor

Please vote no to merging the school districts on June 7. I believe creating one large district is a mistake for the following reasons.

I have heard that Vermont has the highest number of school districts per capita in the country. The legislature encouraged a reduction of the number of districts. I believe the high number is a good thing. Instead of the 15 members of the proposed Regional Education District, we now have 45 community members involved and working to improve the schools on the various school boards. Since when is less community involvement a good thing? Forty-five heads are better than fifteen when there is work to be done. I believe Central Office will become overloaded and will have to hire another administrator, at great expense, to do the work that had been done by citizen volunteers.

Currently, if we have a problem or question for our school board we can go to a board meeting and discuss it with a small board made up of members of our town. Under the RED we would face a large 15-member board where Richmond's representatives would number 4 and Huntington would have 2. Our voices would be diminished. And if we did not like the direction of the board, we could not even vote on the election of most board members.

It any not save any money. The monetary incentive promised for the first few years are not because of any real savings. It is a tax shift paid by state taxes we all pay. It is little more than a bribe to get voters to go along with the idea. After the first few years our taxes could easily rise.

Under this proposal we are agreeing to be legally responsible for the bonded indebtedness of the other districts. At a time when so many people are working to reduce their personal indebtedness incurred when the economy was better, this proposal increases the amount of money we are legally responsible to pay back.

If this passes and in a few years we want to leave the district, it will be difficult or impossible to do so because of this combined debt we will have agreed to pay.

After four years, the Regional Education District can force school closure in towns against the will of the people of those towns.

There are some good things that could come out of this process of studying whether or not to merge, such as increased cooperation between schools. These can be instituted without merging the districts.

Please vote NO!
Gary Bressor
Richmond

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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

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

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

SUPPORT GROUPS

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

Alzheimer's support group, third Wednesday, 9:30 - 11:30 AM, The Arbors, 687 Harbor Rd., Shelburne. Free education for individuals and families in the early stages of Alzheimer's disease

and related dementias. For information and to register, contact Nicole Houston, 985-8600.

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

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

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

TOWN GOVERNMENT & ORGANIZATIONS

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

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

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

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

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

Village of Jericho, Inc. - Please be advised that the Board of Water Commissions of the Village of Jericho, Inc. will hold its next monthly meeting Tuesday June 21, 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.

Brian Aucler joins Sunrise Physical Therapy



Sunrise Physical Therapy is proud to announce the addition of physical therapist Brian Aucler. Brian is a graduate of Boston University where he received his Doctorate of Physical Therapy. He worked at Lahey Clinic in Massachusetts, specializing in outpatient physical therapy and has a strong background in Orthopaedics. His undergraduate degree was from St. Lawrence University, with a major in Neuroscience.

Brian joins physical therapists Pam Sills and Kari Callahan. "He brings new energy to our clinic and allows us to better accommodate scheduling needs of our patients, including evening hours Tuesday and Thursday," according to owner Pam Sills.

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Facts about the Proposed Chittenden East School Boards Merger – and why I am voting for it.

To the Editor,

On June 7, voters in all Chittenden East Supervisory Union towns will be asked to approve a merger of the existing 8 boards that comprise CESU, and create a new Regional Education District (RED). To help voters become informed on this issue,

the Voluntary Merger Planning Committee has held a series of meetings in all CESU towns over the past two months. We've also set up an informative web site <http://www.learnaboutmerging.com> so that voters can get all the reports and data associated with this initiative.

Before I tell you why I strongly believe this merger is in the best interest of our students, taxpayers and communities, let's review a few facts about the environment that CESU operates in today.

The Big Picture

Public K-12 education in Vermont faces some serious challenges.

Vermont's population is already the "greyest" state in the nation, and the state's Housing Authority has forecast that grades 1-12 enrollment will continue to decline, to under 80,000 by 2016, compared with the peak of about 95,000 students statewide in the late 1990's. CESU has seen its enrollment drop by over 9% since 2005 alone. Declining enrollments mean that per student costs increase even if local school boards do a good job controlling their budgets. In fact, Vermont ranks among the highest in the nation in per student costs, a direct reflection of its small school population.

Meanwhile, the outlook for funding of public education in the state is very uncertain. Vermont spends about \$1.4 billion annually on education. Of that, almost 27% comes from property taxes paid by state residents. However, Vermont ranks among the highest in the country in combined state and local taxes. Almost 19% of education funding is a direct transfer from the State's General Fund. Yet, this year, the Shumlin administration cut the state's transfer by \$23 million to close a \$175 million budget gap. While \$19 million of this cut was offset by the last of the federal Recovery Act money, this cushion won't be available next year, and the Joint Fiscal Office is predicting another budget shortfall of at least \$70 million.

What's Right with the Present CESU Structure – and What's Not

Make no mistake, there's much to like in the way CESU operates right now. Our students do quite well on statewide and national assessments in most academic areas. Over the past decade, CESU has made solid progress in equalizing learning opportunities by adopting a common core curriculum and offering a range of services which local boards have been able to opt in to. A number of key elements of our educational program, including Special Education and Transportation are centralized at the Central Office level. We have a high level of community involvement in CESU schools, and our build-

ings double as community centers hosting a wide range of events. We have phenomenal community involvement as seen through the large numbers of volunteers in our classrooms, improving our grounds, fundraising and assisting in staff and administrator hiring.

At the same time, our present governance structure – with 8 school boards, overseeing just under 3,000 students, has some significant flaws. Most importantly, despite all the progress CESU has made over the years in equalizing learning opportunities, significant differences exist in areas such as class sizes, technology availability, and equity in specialized programs. For example, multi-age 3-4 classes can range from 14 students in one building up to 24 in another, while straight grade classes can vary from 13 students in one school to 20 in another. It took 10 years to get Spanish language instruction in all CESU schools, as each individual board opted in at varying times, resulting in significant student knowledge disparities that are still apparent in the high school. Meanwhile, despite the fact that CESU negotiates a single collective bargaining agreement with both teachers and staff, individual teachers are officially employed by the school at which they work. As a result, small changes in enrollment, due to a few families moving in or out of a district, create inefficient utilization of teacher and staff resources. This is problematic as employee salary and benefits account for 80% of school budgets.

Another key problem with the present system is the ongoing effort and expense required to account for each K-4 board opting in for shared services at varying rates, while preparing separate audited financial statements and annual reports for 7 of the 8 CESU boards. The ongoing stream of monthly meetings (at least nine, plus committees) can be a tremendous burden on the Central Office staff in terms of meeting preparation, attendance, and reporting.

What the Proposed RED Can Do

The Regional Education District, if approved by voters on June 7, would be administered by a single 15 person board, elected on a proportional basis in each CESU town. The RED does not instantly solve all the daunting challenges public education faces. It does, however, open the door to a number of possible solutions. Among them, the RED board could redraw district lines to equalize class sizes. This action has been taken by the MMU board regarding the lines between Camels Hump and Browns River Middle Schools; ensure that each CESU building benefits from the same level of technology support and resources; shift staff among buildings in response to enrollment fluctuations, thus reducing the volatility of local school budgets; consider moving 5th grade to the elementary schools, giving these buildings a much-needed boost in enrollment while freeing up space in the middle schools for Central Office functions for which \$100,000 in rent is paid each year; designate certain buildings as pilots for innovative new program, and have buildings specialize in particular kinds of educational programs and innovations; operate with a unified budget, and Central Office would prepare one annual report and audited financial statements, saving the wasteful cost of multiple audits; and apply for federal and private grants for which many of our districts are currently ineligible or at a disadvantage due to size.

Finally, if the RED vote passes on June 7, CESU taxpayers will receive four years of property tax relief under the provisions of Act 153, while the RED could receive up to \$150,000 in funds to both study the impact of the merger and implement it.

I strongly believe that bringing our governance structure into the 21st century by creating the new RED is in the best interests of CESU's students, taxpayers and staff, and I urge you to vote "Yes" on June 7.

Robert Letovsky, Chair, Underhill ID Board
Chair of the Voluntary Merger Planning Committee

Current system of school boards working

To the Editor,

In the area know as the Chittenden East School District there are several elementary schools with their own school boards composed of local people who know and live in their own towns and who know intimately their local schools and community problems.

I believe that the proposal for one unified board to be responsible for all the schools in the Chittenden East District would severely limit control and leadership in our local schools.

Bolton is not Underhill or Jericho and needs Bolton residents to lead the Bolton Elementary School, as do all of the other local schools in our district.

I believe that our current system of school boards is working and I hope that the vote for a Regional Education District will be defeated on June 7, 2011.

Robert P. Northrop,
Underhill

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SENIOR NEWS

Gert Hunt – 53 years of hair care in Underhill and Jericho

By Brenda Boutin
Mountain Gazette Staff

Gert's Hairstyles sits along Park Street in Underhill, VT where it has been a community fixture since 1965. Beautician Gert Hunt now 74 continues to provide service to customers she has known for over 53 years.

Gert is a local lady, who was raised on a farm on Orr Road in Jericho, VT. She was born on July 27, 1937, the last child of Albert and Dorothy Hunt. She graduated from Jericho High School in 1955. There were 13 students in her class.

She continued her education by attending the Sheldon Academy on Church Street in Burlington, VT. "It was run by Dorothy Wood," Gert said. "It was the only school of cosmetology in Vermont at that time."

"I was kind of an only child," she stated. Hunt has two siblings a sister and brother who are much older. "There weren't any other kids in the neighborhood to play with."

Gert was happy living on the farm. She loved all of the animals especially the cats, tame or wild. "I entertained myself with the animals and my surroundings." She said. "We always had a dog." Gert was a member of 4-H and showed her bull Shasta at the Champlain Valley Fair in Essex Junction.

Gert showed off her baking skills at the fair as well garnering first prize and best of show ribbons.

After graduating from cosmetology school, Gert worked her two year apprenticeship in a salon in St. Albans. She attained her state license and opened her own shop in a rented space in the general store owned by Mert and Grace Mills. The Mills' had a store on Route 15 where Jolley's is now located. "I worked there for seven years," Gert said. The Mills' needed to expand the store and so Gert purchased land on Park Street in Underhill and built her salon.

"This area has changed a lot," Gert commented. "There was a movie theater, the GAR hall where dances were held, a drug store and three grocery stores." The only remaining business on the street is Jacob's Market.

Hunt likes to work and enjoys the seniors who come in. "A lot of my senior ladies have been with me since we were young." She smiles. Her very first customer was Dr. Town's wife. "She came in every Wednesday at 9:00 AM." Mrs. Town has passed away but Gert still has ladies who keep their time worn schedules. Loraine Dwyer comes in on Wednesdays at 8:00 AM and Gert makes a house call on Marion Haylette as she is wheelchair bound.

Gert does not limit her skills to her old customers; new ones are always welcome. "I have some men and boys who have stayed after my last stylists left." Gert said. "I don't get many young girls though."

Like most hairdressers, Gert is a good listener. "I never wanted my salon to become a place for gossip." She said. "I've seen folks through a lot of hard times."



Gert Hunt on the porch of the farmhouse with bunnies and a chick. PHOTOS CONTRIBUTED



Gert with a pie that she exhibited at the Champlain Valley Fair. She took first place and Best in Show.



Gert's hairstyles is a fixture on Park Street in Underhill. PHOTO BY BRENDA BOUTIN

Stop in for a new hair do and enjoy her dynamic company.

LEGAL NOTICE

WARNING SPECIAL MEETING Underhill Town School District June 7, 2011

The legal voters of the **Underhill Town School District** are hereby notified and warned to meet at the **Underhill Town Hall** on the **7th day of June, 2011**, to vote by Australian ballot between the hours of 7:00 am, at which time the polls will open, and 7:00 pm, at which time the polls will close, upon the following articles of business:

Article I. Shall the **Underhill Town School District**, which the State Board of Education has found necessary to include in the proposed regional education district to be named the Chittenden East Regional Education District, join with the Bolton School District, Huntington School District, Jericho School District, Richmond School District, Underhill Incorporated School District and Mount Mansfield Union School District, which the State Board of Education has found necessary to include in the proposed regional education district, for the purpose of forming a regional education district, as provided in Title 16, Vermont Statutes Annotated, upon the following conditions and agreements?

(a) Class of Schools. The regional education district will offer education to students in Kindergarten through Grade Twelve, and will offer Pre-K education as determined by the regional education school board.

(b) Board of School Directors. The regional education district board of school directors will be closely proportional to the fraction that its population bears to the aggregate population of the regional education district. The initial composition of the Regional Education District Board of School Directors will be based upon the year 2000 Federal Census, and shall be recalculated promptly following the release of each subsequent decennial census. However, at no time will a combining/forming town/district have less than one board member on the regional education board. Subject to the previous sentence, each proportionality calculation shall be rounded to the nearest whole number.

(c) Apportionment of Expenses. Pursuant to the provisions of Act 130 of the 2004 General Assembly and related provisions of Title 16, Vermont Statutes Annotated, the proposed regional education district will receive revenue directly from the State of Vermont Education Fund and therefore allocation of town, incorporated, or union district income and expenses will no longer be necessary to be accounted for separately, except in so far as is necessary to effectuate the return of net proceeds of the return of any real property.

(d) Assumption of Debts and Ownership of School Property. The regional education district will assume all capital debt of member school districts for both principal and interest that is owed at the time of the formation of the regional education district. Any and all operating deficits and/or surpluses of any of the combining/forming districts shall become the property, and/or the obligation, of the regional education district effective on the date of the creation of the regional education district.

No later than July 1, 2012, the School Districts of Bolton, Huntington, Jericho, Richmond, Underhill Town, Underhill Incorporated, and Mount Mansfield Union, will convey to the Chittenden East Regional Education District all of their school-related real and personal property, for One Dollar, and the regional education district will assume all capital debt associated therewith, effective the creation of the regional education district.

In the event that, and at such subsequent time as, the regional education district determines that any of the real property, including land and buildings, conveyed to it by one or more of the following forming districts: Bolton – Smilie Memorial School, Huntington – Brewster Pierce Memorial School, Jericho – Jericho Elementary School, Richmond – Richmond Elementary School, Underhill – Underhill Central School; is or are unnecessary to the continued operation of the regional education district, and its educational programs, the regional education district shall convey such real property, for the sum of One Dollar, and subject to all encumbrances of record, to the town in which it is located. The conveyance of any of the above school properties shall be conditioned upon the town owning and utilizing the real property for community and public purposes for a minimum of five years. In the event a town elects to sell the real property prior to five years of ownership, the town shall compensate the regional education district for all capital improvements and renovations completed after the formation of the regional education district and before the sale to the town. In the event a town elects not to acquire ownership of such real property, the regional education district shall, pursuant to Vermont statutes, sell the property upon such terms and conditions as established by the Chittenden East Regional Education District Board of School Directors.

In the event that, and at such subsequent time as, the regional education district determines that any of the real property, including land and building, conveyed to it by the Underhill Incorporated School District, is or are unnecessary to the continued operation of the regional education district, and its educational programs, the regional education district shall sell the real property. The net proceeds (sale price less expenses, discharge of all associated debt, etc.) from the sale of such property, shall be placed in a reserve fund for the sole purpose of reducing the school tax rate in the former Underhill Incorporated School District for a period of up to three years.

In the event that, and at such subsequent time as, the regional education district determines that any of the real property, including land and buildings, conveyed to it by the Mount Mansfield Union School District is or are unnecessary to the continued operation of the regional education district, and its educational programs, the regional education district shall, pursuant to Vermont statutes, sell the property upon such terms and conditions as established by the Chittenden East Regional District Board of School Directors.

(e) Final Report. The provisions of the Revised Final Report approved by the State Board of Education on **April 19, 2011**, which is on file in the **Underhill Town Clerk's** office, shall govern the regional education district.

The legal voters of the **Underhill Town School District** are further warned and notified that an informational meeting will be held at **Underhill Central School** in the Town of Underhill on **May 31, 2011** commencing at 6:30 pm for the purpose of explaining Article I.

John LaRue
P. Geiss
School Directors

Andrew Rosacker
Anthony Julianelle

Received for record this 4th day of May, A.D., 2011.
Sherry Morin, Town Clerk



Gert and Ruben Canepa at their second wedding ceremony at Jericho Congregational Church.

Hunt calls herself a late bloomer. She married her husband Ruben Canepa in 1998 and lost him to cancer in 2004.

"I want to work as long as I am healthy," Gert said. "I still enjoy making pies, mowing my lawn, and gardening." She still lives in the farmhouse on Orr Road and attends Jericho Congregational Church. "I live a simple life. I'm happy. I believe a person should live life by the Golden Rule."

So the next time you need a trim or a perm, or even a spot of color; give Gert a call.



Gert and Shasta

Bert Lindholm – Guardian of Jericho residents of yore

By Phyl Newbeck
Special to the Mountain Gazette

When Bert Lindholm moved to Jericho with his wife Myrna in 1965, eight years after graduating from UVM with a degree in mechanical engineering, he saw a community in flux. Lindholm said that in the 1800's, Jericho was a thriving community of over 5,000 people thanks to the railroad, eleven functioning mills and a vibrant agricultural economy. However, the population ebbed steadily through the mid 1900's thanks in part to deforestation from lumber harvesting and sheep farming. Lindholm said the population declined to roughly 1,200-1,500 at its lowest.

"When we came to Jericho, the town was just halfway through a transition," said Lindholm. "In the 30's 40's, and 50's, on 75 to 150 acres, you could have a comfortable lifestyle, growing your own food, boiling your sap and if the land produced enough you paid



your taxes. Jericho was basically a true farming community but little by little, building was expanding and professional folks like teachers were moving this way." Lindholm was part of that new wave of residents, working at IBM for 26 years in five different departments starting with industrial engineering and ending with facilities development. When he was offered a lucrative early retirement buyout, he reviewed his family's history of longevity and decided to take the offer.

"When we came to Jericho the town was half farmers and others who lived and worked in town, but a good section of folks that were moving in had new and different ideas," he said. "Sometimes politics were a little touchy as to whether a vote would pass in favor of something new." Several major changes did take place. Shortly after Lindholm moved to town the high school moved out of the Community Center and Mount Mansfield Union High School was built. During the transition, the elementary school kids studied in the Congregational Church and the Jericho Town Library until a new school was built on Route 15. Lindholm said that at one point the school superintendent rented a room in the library even though there was no running water and very little heat in the winter.

Initially, Lindholm and his family purchased the Menard property on Browns Trace (now owned by the Hook family). Charlie Menard had to give up milking cows when the state required farmers to install bulk milk cooling tanks, a change which Lindholm said ended many local creameries. In doing renovations to the house, Lindholm still recalls a question from Elwood Pratt, a local Jericho Center builder, whom he had hired for the job. Pratt asked: "Do you work inside or out?" The question was designed to elicit whether Lindholm worked in Jericho or was part of the new breed of residents. In 1989, Lindholm and his wife moved from Browns Trace to Bolger Hill Road. Lindholm's four children have all left the state, something he considers emblematic of the times. One resides in Pennsylvania, two are in Maine, and one is about to make the move from Guam to Hawaii.

After he retired from IBM, Lindholm did some real estate work but decided he wasn't enough of a people person for the work (most who know him would disagree

with that assessment). "I got comfortable with retirement," he said, "so I gave up my license." Retirement for Lindholm, however, is not about hammocks and rocking chairs; it's about meetings. For over 40 years, he has been very much involved in the civic affairs of his town. Chief among these duties is the 14 years he has spent on the Board of the Jericho Center Cemetery Association (JCCA) where he currently serves as president. When Lindholm first joined the board, there were five other members but three died within a three year period and the other two weren't able to shoulder the entire burden themselves. Lindholm had been a hobby farmer so he had all kinds of equipment and volunteered to help out. He got some neighbors and friends involved and soon a new Board of Directors was established.

"The cemetery has projects and I'm a project oriented fellow," is how Lindholm explains his continued involvement. "The cemetery is one large landscape and garden project, with many chores to be accomplished. We are always looking to hire local kids for help with spring and summer clean-up activities." Lindholm said the three busiest days at the cemetery are Mother's Day, Memorial Day and the Fourth of July. Providing a tour of the cemetery he pointed out the oldest section with headstones dating back to the 1790's. Some newer additions to the cemetery are more whimsical. The Desso family has a carving of their iconic store; one new stone is a naturally found boulder, instead of cut granite; and a deceased fisherman has the words "here, fishy, fishy" carved in stone. Some monuments honor Civil War veterans with others dedicated to those who served in the Korean War.

Lindholm is involved in more than just projects. Shortly after the turn of the century when the cemetery's neighbors decided to subdivide and sell their land, Lindholm helped work out an agreement to purchase the abutting area if funds could be raised. At that point, the 5.5 acre cemetery was nearing capacity. In 2003 the cemetery board was able to purchase three acres and Lindholm believes they have sufficient space for the next fifty years. Roughly 4.5 acres of the cemetery are currently in use. Lindholm said approximately five plots are sold annually and between four and nine people are buried each year. Cemetery upkeep costs over \$7,500 annually with 40% coming from the town and 60% coming from a trust fund established for such uses.

In making preparations for the purchase of the adjoining land, the Board approached the Jericho Selectboard for financial assistance. The majority of purchase funds came from local donations from Jericho families and their friends. Now, the cemetery has a regular line item in the town budget. The Board has also increased the price for lots and the maintenance fee. When Lindholm joined the Board the bylaws listed an annual fee of a mere fifty cents. The Association's staying power is evident; it was recently honored by the State of Vermont for having successfully operated as a non-profit corporation for over 100 years. Lindholm said he has heard stories that early cemetery association meetings which took place in the basement of the Congregational Church were attended by gentlemen in black ties and swallow tail coats.

Lindholm is also on the Vermont Board of Cemetery Associations which discusses the various issues which can complicate matters for local cemeteries. In addition to recording the purchase of plots and the burial of individuals, the Board must make sure that the burial is in accord with the wishes of the decedent and his/her family. A recent case involved a Connecticut resident whose son wanted her cremated remains buried with her grandfather. The Board checked with other family members to ensure they were not contravening the wishes of those who might want her closer to home. All requests for burial must be approved by the board; to date, none have been disapproved.

Lindholm served 17 years on the Jericho Planning Commission (JPC) and is now in his 13th year as the Jericho representative to the Chittenden Solid Waste District (CSWD). When Lindholm joined the JPC Jericho had no zoning or subdivision regulations. "There were only two developments in town," he said, "and people thought they were nice and wouldn't all developers do the same thing." Shortly thereafter, a developer who earned the nickname "Two Nail" for his shoddy workmanship bought the Packard farm, building houses using lumber that had been stored improperly, thereby alerting citizens to the dangers of poor development. Lindholm credits "Two Nail" with helping to get the first zoning regulations passed. At that time the whole town had to vote to approve the Zoning and Planning Regulations, so there was some lively great discussion about the issues.

Lindholm has less than fond memories of the first two Jericho Zoning Administrators who seemingly gave permits to anyone who requested one. During his time on the JPC, he was passionate about not letting Jericho's hillsides be subdivided into multiple small lot sites. Regulations were enacted requiring road frontage, and others were drafted to deal with issues like setbacks. These days, with so much of the town fully developed, Lindholm believes Jericho should spend more time looking at infrastructure improvements such as municipal sewer, septic systems, and improving the road structure and traffic control.

In addition to his Planning Commission, Cemetery Board, and Solid Waste District work, Lindholm served as Justice of the Peace from 1983 to 2000 and 2003 to 2006. For a decade he was the auditor of the Union School Board. Lindholm's wife Myrna is no slouch when it comes to civic involvement, either. She served almost three decades as a trustee for each of Jericho's current libraries. Lindholm hopes to continue his work with the CSWD and the JCCA. At 77 he worries a little that there hasn't been much new blood on the JCCA board; in fact, two members are directly related to previous members who have since died. "We don't know where the next set of folks will come from," he said. "We'll welcome anyone who would like to come and work with us."



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Roland Pigeon – I thank God I could make a living with the education I had

By Brenda Boutin
Mountain Gazette Staff

Everyone who lives in or drives through the quaint little hamlet of Westford, Vermont has seen the fleet of buses stabled along Route 128 across from the town green. But only those who have ridden those busses in the last 50 years have experienced Roland Pigeon, the school bus driver.

"I tried to treat each child as if he was my own," Pigeon was quoted as saying. And it seems that that style of busmanship was appreciated by the students.

"I remember one year on the last day of school," Roland said with an ever widening smile creeping across his face. "There was this little boy who sat behind me every day. As he was getting off that last day of school, he turned and handed me a folded piece of paper and said 'Have a good vacation, Mr. Pigeon.'" Pigeon found a one dollar bill folded inside the paper.



"I think he still has it," said Nettie his wife. "It's in his jar of stuff from the kids."

Roland Pigeon arrived in Richford, Vermont in 1929 in the rumble seat of a 1928 Chevy. He had been born in St. Joachin, Que., Canada, in 1921 to Emile and Dorilla Pigeon. The Pigeon's purchased a farm on Covey Road in Westford, VT.

Pigeon had completed 2 years of school in Canada but had to repeat first grade in Westford until he understood English well enough to advance. "School was good," He said. "Got A's after I learned English." He explained that school was about the same as it had been in Canada.

As a kid Pigeon enjoyed fishing, playing ball and music. "We use to have a May Day celebration in Canada," he said. "I learned songs for that." His first musical instrument was a small black flute that he received one Christmas.

Pigeon quit school in the seventh grade, age 16, to work on the family farm. "My teacher took me aside," Pigeon recollected. "She told me 'since you're not going to high school; you're going to have to make your own world.'"

Pigeon started to learn to play music when he was fourteen or fifteen. "I never had any lessons," he stated with that infectious grin. "I taught myself to play." Roland taught himself to play the banjo, guitar, accordion, and his fiddle. "I can read a little music," he smiles. But most songs are just learned.

"Times were hard and I found that I could make a little money playing music." He said. Roland played at kitchen tunks, for family gatherings and parties. "I played on New Year's Eve for a Canadian family, made \$5.00 for the evening and had to play until every guest had gone. Sometimes it was three in the morning."

The Pigeon's had around 30 cows, 5 or 6 heifers and horses. Roland's pride and joy was a horse he'd been with from conception to death. "I went when Dad had the mare breed and I trained that horse. It was so gentle." He said. "He lived to around twenty-nine years." The painful memory still showed for an instant in his eyes.

Pigeon joked about cooking but on Sunday when the family went to church, one of the kids stayed behind to prepare dinner. "I'd have to pare and cook the potatoes, make something for meat and then maybe bake a cake for desert." He said.

Pigeon's daughter Luane recalls her father telling about getting his aunt and uncle up for breakfast. "Oh yeah," Roland said. "My mother said, 'I wish they would get up. Breakfast is ready.'" Roland decided to honor his mother's wishes and set off a 2" firecracker under their bed. "Scared my uncle so, he stood right up in bed."



Roland chuckled, "Scared me too."

Another story creeps into Roland's mind and as he reminisces a little more of his mischievousness is laid before the listeners, "One time," he said. "I decided to harness a 2 year old heifer to an old buggy and take her for a drive. I convinced my sister to help me." It turns out that the heifer had other ideas and when she was hooked up to the buggy she bolted and broke one of the driving shafts from the buggy. "I had to chase her until I could get that harness of her." Roland stated. He did put the buggy back in the barn and at some point was sure he had to tell his father.

He had a band called *Roland and the Happy Ramblers* and in 1946 started his bus business.



In the early 1940's he needed to utilize a horse drawn open cart to bring the rural school children to the Westford School.

He carried Westford student for 50 years. In 1968 Roland was able to buy the family farm on Covey road. Roland worked hard to be a successful farmer; but like today a man had to do more than milk cows to be a success. Pigeon cut wood, hauled hay and sawdust, moved people and fixed cars.

Like many of the other farmers of his time, Pigeon relied on his own ingenuity, "Sometimes I couldn't get a part for a piece of machinery, so I made my own." Pigeon would use the old part as a pattern and would create the part he needed.

"I use to do custom farming." He said. According to Roland, custom farming was where you would hire someone to come in and do all of your spring work: plowing, harrowing and planting.

"I also did some fishing, hunting and trapping." He said.

"I met Nettie at a dance in Eden." He stated. He went to see her the next day and they had dinner with his family that night. Nettie

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The Unified K-12 District question: Should the towns of Bolton, Huntington, Jericho, Richmond and Underhill merge their districts including Underhill ID and MMU to create one unified union school board, which under new law would be called a Regional Education District (RED)?

The local school boards conducted a comprehensive study to understand the effects of this change. After careful consideration, the RED Study Committee now needs residents to become informed and to vote on the school district unification proposal. The committee asks that you review the facts and make your own conclusion. The direction of our schools depends on you becoming an informed voter.

Please take the time to learn the facts by reading the Study Committee's Final Report today at www.LearnAboutMerging.com

Be informed and vote on June 7, 2011

CHITTENDEN EAST SUPERVISORY UNION

SENIOR NEWS

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Burnor lived in Waterville. There wasn't a long courtship. Roland wanted to marry in October but Nettie held out for November 6, her sister's birthday. It turned out to be a gorgeous November day with the temperature of 74 degrees. They wed in St. Mary's church in St. Albans, VT. They will celebrate 63 year of marriage this fall.

Roland and Nettie raised three children: George, Dayle and Luane. They have 10 grandchildren: Stefanie, Justin, Shauna, Jordan, Anna, Danielle, Susan, Sarah, Benjamin, and Samuel.

Roland acquired his American citizenship at the age of 86. "I've worked with my green card all these years." He said.

Pigeon recently celebrated his 90th birthday and at a community wide celebration he was shown the communities appreciation for all that he had given.

Roland was a well-known country fiddler who played for over 60 years, playing throughout Franklin and Lamoille County at square

dances and community events. "I remember playing a benefit in Underhill or Jericho for another band." He said. "They'd stop to fix a flat and the tire blew off the rim."

He was a mentor to many of today's country music talent. Over 20 musicians appeared at the birthday celebration playing favorite tunes and singing. The crowd participated in the cutting of the large birthday cakes. Family and friends came from as far as Arizona. The Reverend John Nutting of Elmore served as the Masters of Ceremony.

Pigeon has finished rebuilding a 1949 Farmall tractor that he purchased back in 1950. "It sat in the back yard for 25 years." He said.

Pigeon is on to his next great adventure, open heart surgery. So, wave when you see him and keep him in your prayers.

LEGAL NOTICE

WARNING SPECIAL MEETING Jericho School District June 7, 2011

The legal voters of the **Jericho School District** are hereby notified and warned to meet at the **Jericho Elementary School** on the **7th day of June, 2011**, to vote by Australian ballot between the hours of 7:00 am, at which time the polls will open, and 7:00 pm, at which time the polls will close, upon the following articles of business:

Article I. Shall the **Jericho School District**, which the State Board of Education has found necessary to include in the proposed regional education district to be named the Chittenden East Regional Education District, join with the Bolton School District, Huntington School District, Richmond School District, Underhill Town School District, Underhill Incorporated School District and Mount Mansfield Union School District, which the State Board of Education has found necessary to include in the proposed regional education district, for the purpose of forming a regional education district, as provided in Title 16, Vermont Statutes Annotated, upon the following conditions and agreements?

(a) Class of Schools. The regional education district will offer education to students in Kindergarten through Grade Twelve, and will offer Pre-K education as determined by the regional education school board.

(b) Board of School Directors. The regional education district board of school directors will be closely proportional to the fraction that its population bears to the aggregate population of the regional education district. The initial composition of the Regional Education District Board of School Directors will be based upon the year 2000 Federal Census, and shall be recalculated promptly following the release of each subsequent decennial census. However, at no time will a combining/forming town/district have less than one board member on the regional education board. Subject to the previous sentence, each proportionality calculation shall be rounded to the nearest whole number.

(c) Apportionment of Expenses. Pursuant to the provisions of Act 130 of the 2004 General Assembly and related provisions of Title 16, Vermont Statutes Annotated, the proposed regional education district will receive revenue directly from the State of Vermont Education Fund and therefore allocation of town, incorporated, or union district income and expenses will no longer be necessary to be accounted for separately, except in so far as is necessary to effectuate the return of net proceeds of the return of any real property.

(d) Assumption of Debts and Ownership of School Property. The regional education district will assume all capital debt of member school districts for both principal and interest that is owed at the time of the formation of the regional education district. Any and all operating deficits and/or surpluses of any of the combining/forming districts shall become the property, and/or the obligation, of the regional education district effective on the date of the creation of the regional education district.

No later than July 1, 2012, the School Districts of Bolton, Huntington, Jericho, Richmond, Underhill Town, Underhill Incorporated, and Mount Mansfield Union, will convey to the Chittenden East Regional Education District all of their school-related real and personal property, for One Dollar, and the regional education district will assume all capital debt associated therewith, effective the creation of the regional education district.

In the event that, and at such subsequent time as, the regional education district determines that any of the real property, including land and buildings, conveyed to it by one or more of the following forming districts: Bolton – Smilie Memorial School, Huntington – Brewster Pierce Memorial School, Jericho – Jericho Elementary School, Richmond – Richmond Elementary School, Underhill – Underhill Central School; is or are unnecessary to the continued operation of the regional education district, and its educational programs, the regional education district shall convey such real property, for the sum of One Dollar, and subject to all encumbrances of record, to the town in which it is located. The conveyance of any of the above school properties shall be conditioned upon the town owning and utilizing the real property for community and public purposes for a minimum of five years. In the event a town elects to sell the real property prior to five years of ownership, the town shall compensate the regional education district for all capital improvements and renovations completed after the formation of the regional education district and before the sale to the town. In the event a town elects not to acquire ownership of such real property, the regional education district shall, pursuant to Vermont statutes, sell the property upon such terms and conditions as established by the Chittenden East Regional Education District Board of School Directors.

In the event that, and at such subsequent time as, the regional education district determines that any of the real property, including land and building, conveyed to it by the Underhill Incorporated School District, is or are unnecessary to the continued operation of the regional education district, and its educational programs, the regional education district shall sell the real property. The net proceeds (sale price less expenses, discharge of all associated debt, etc.) from the sale of such property, shall be placed in a reserve fund for the sole purpose of reducing the school tax rate in the former Underhill Incorporated School District for a period of up to three years.

In the event that, and at such subsequent time as, the regional education district determines that any of the real property, including land and buildings, conveyed to it by the Mount Mansfield Union School District is or are unnecessary to the continued operation of the regional education district, and its educational programs, the regional education district shall, pursuant to Vermont statutes, sell the property upon such terms and conditions as established by the Chittenden East Regional District Board of School Directors.

(e) Final Report. The provisions of the Revised Final Report approved by the State Board of Education on **April 19, 2011**, which is on file in the **Jericho Town Clerk's** office, shall govern the regional education district.

The legal voters of the **Jericho School District** are further warned and notified that an informational meeting will be held at **Jericho Elementary School** in the Town of Jericho on June 6, 2011 commencing at 7:00 pm for the purpose of explaining Article I.

Karen Glitman
Andrew Davis
School Directors

Susan Lillich
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Received for record this 3rd day of May, A.D., 2011.
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Above: Roland Pigeon is still a fixture in the town of Westford.

Left: Much younger Roland Pigeon.



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RECIPES BY MARIAN TOBIN

Asparagus Cheese Soufflé

2 tablespoons butter or margarine
2 tablespoons flour
½ tsp salt
1 cup milk
½ cup shredded cheese
4 eggs separated
2 ½ cups diced cooked asparagus

Blend melted butter and flour stir in milk. Cook over low heat, stirring constantly until smooth and thick. Add cheese. Remove from heat, stir until cheese has melted. Beat egg yolks until light, and then add hot cheese sauce, beating constantly so mixture will not curdle. Add salt (if using) and asparagus. Beat egg whites stiff and fold in. Bake in buttered casserole in 350° oven for about 40 minutes or until puffed and set.

This is not only pretty to see but very good to eat.



CVAA Senior Meals

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

Thursday June 2 – Bridge Street Café, 10:30 AM check in, 11:00 AM lunch. London broil.

Friday June 3- Hinesburg meal site, 11:30 AM.

Monday June 6 – Pizza Hut, Susie Wilson Road, Essex Jct., 10:30 AM check in, 11:00 AM lunch. All you can eat pizza buffet.

Tuesday June 7 – Ponderosa, Williston, 11:00 AM check in, 11:15 AM lunch. All you can eat buffet.

Wednesday June 8 – Essex Grill, Essex Jct., 10:30 AM check in, 11:00 AM lunch. Baked ziti, garlic bread, fresh tomato, dessert.

Thursday June 9 – Holiday Inn, So. Burlington, 11:00 Am check in, 11:30 AM lunch. Turkey dinner.

Friday June 10 – United Church, Hinesburg, 12:00 noon. BBQ riblets, mashed potatoes, summer vegetables, whole wheat roll, fruit mousse.

Monday June 13 – Covenant Church, Essex Ctr. 12:00 noon. Spinach and ham quiche, corn chowder, whole wheat roll, Mandarin oranges.

Tuesday June 14 – Pizza Hut, Susie Wilson Road, Essex Jct., 10:30 Check in, 11:00 AM lunch. All you can eat pizza buffet.

Wednesday June 15 – Dutch Mill, Shelburne, 10:30 AM check in, 11:00 AM lunch. Baked stuffed chicken.

Thursday June 16 – Ponderosa, Williston, 11:00 AM check in, 11:15 AM lunch. All you can eat buffet.

Show your respect, give a Senior a helping hand, drive them to a meal.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

JUST MARRIED

MCCARTNEY-CHASE

Jessa L McCartney, daughter of Regina McGah Wilson of Sandown, NH and Edward McCartney of Marlow, NH and Capt. Clay S. Chase, son of Jack S. and Christine B. Chase of Jericho announce their marriage on September 22, 2010. A formal military wedding was held on March 5, 2011 at the Middlebury Inn in Middlebury, VT. Both graduated from the University of Vermont.



Clay is a Captain in the US Army and Jessa is an Engineer with Allscripts. They reside in Fayetteville, NC.

SHELDRAKE - WASHBURN

Amanda Jo Sheldrake, daughter of Roger and Holly Sheldrake of Bolton, VT, and Scott Allen Washburn, son of Cheryl and William Simmons of Centennial, Colo. and Christopher and Kim Washburn of Parker, Colo., were united in marriage March 26, 2011.

The Rev. Matthew Syrdal officiated at the double-ring ceremony at Boulder Country Club, where a reception also was held.

Lisa Carter was the maid of honor. The bridesmaids were Kelly Marcotte, Sarah LaFrance and Sam Washburn. The bridesman was Timothy Sheldrake.

Mark Washburn was the best man. The ushers were Zach Warkentin, Brian Johnson, Chris Hardy and Mark Rockwood. The couple took a honeymoon trip to Africa.

Mrs. Washburn graduated from Mount Mansfield Union High School and University of Colorado at Boulder. Her husband graduated from Smokey Hill High School and University of Colorado at Boulder.

The couple resides in Louisville, Colo.

COLLEGE NOTES

Hilary Elizabeth Martelle, daughter of Mary and Robert Martelle of Underhill VT, has been named to the dean's list at New Hampshire Technical Institute in Concord NH. She is majoring in Paramedicine and a graduate of Mount Mansfield Union High School.

Lily Penney, a resident of Jericho, VT, was awarded Dean's List honors for academic achievement during the Spring 2011 semester at St. Mary's College of Maryland.

Heather L. Cutler, Class of 2012, of Waterbury, was presented with the Mary Reklis Award at Moving-Up Day ceremonies held recently at St. Lawrence University in Canton, New York. She is majoring in Physics.

At a banquet on May 13, **Samantha R. Merrill**, class of 2012, daughter of Mark and Susan Merrill of Jericho, VT, won the John D. Donoghue Award, presented to "the student, faculty member or administrator who has provided strong support, leadership and commitment to one of the college's student publications." Merrill is a 2008 graduate of Mount Mansfield Union High School in Jericho.

The following local residents graduated May 14 from Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI): **James Charles Hogan** of Cambridge, VT, was awarded a Master of Science degree in Civil Engineering; **Brianna Carmel Ledwith** of Jericho, VT, was awarded a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemical Engineering with High Distinction; **Alexander L. Meyer-Lorentson** of Jericho, VT, was awarded a Bachelor of Science degree in Aerospace Engineering with High Distinction.

Keene State College has released the Dean's List for the spring semester 2011. Among the 1,450 students named to the Dean's List are: **Kaitlin L Filipek** of Jericho, VT and **Andrew Joseph Hodgdon** of Waterbury, VT.

Trevor Steven Audet of Duxbury, VT was awarded a Bachelor of Arts degree in English Communications during Salve Regina University's 61st commencement on Sunday May 15. Audet is a member of Chi Alpha Sigma national college athlete honor society.

Bryant University held its 148th Commencement on Saturday, May 21. Among the graduates is the following local resident: **Erin Wry**, of Underhill, Bachelor of Arts in Communication.

The following local residents graduated from Saint Michael's College: **Allison Joy Altman**, daughter of Fred Altman of Jericho, earned a Bachelor of Arts, cum laude in Elementary Education and History; **Nina Sofia Hurley**, daughter of Matthew and Eija Hurley of Jericho, earned a Bachelor of Science, summa cum laude in Business Administration and Accounting; **Lydia M. Southworth**, daughter of Brian Southworth and Kathleen Driscoll of Jericho, earned a Bachelor of Arts, cum laude in Psychology.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

JERICO
(Stermole) Sarah (Russell) and Louis Stermole had a son, Colby David, on April 26, 2011 at Fletcher Allen Health Center, Burlington, VT.

RICHMOND
(Daub) Jacqueline (Faillace) and Brian Daub had a son, Liam Joseph, on May 7, 2011 at Fletcher Allen Health Center, Burlington, VT. Hashinaga, Adriana (Hidemi) and Henry Bush had a son, James Akira Bush, on April 28, 2011 at Fletcher Allen Health Center, Burlington, VT.

WESTFORD
(Stockwell) Jennifer (Strandberg) and Kevin Stockwell had a son, Andrew James, on May 4 at Fletcher Allen Health Center, Burlington, VT.

ENGAGEMENTS

DOUGLAS - NEVARES

Tyler Douglas, son of Leanne Gratton Crewdson and stepson of Ed Crewdson of Jeffersonville, and Nicolas Nevares, son of Jorge and Dolores Nevares of Houston, Texas, announce their engagement. A June 9, 2012 wedding is planned.

ALBRIGHT-CRANDALL

Dr. and Mrs. David Albright of Albuquerque, N.M., and Dr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Crandall of Underhill announce the engagement of their children, Katrina Marie Albright and Drew Robert Crandall. A September 4 wedding is planned.

OBITUARIES



Scott C. Sommer of Underhill, VT passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday May 17, 2011, in Fletcher Allen Hospital surrounded by family and friends. He was born on May 16, 1957, and had just celebrated his 54th birthday. He graduated from Mount Mansfield High School in 1975 and from Paul Smiths College with a degree in forestry in 1977, after graduating he worked as a Youth Conservation Corps leader for the State of Vermont. He was currently employed by North Woods Joinery in Jeffersonville, VT, as a timber framer. He was an excellent wood worker and excelled at building custom houses including the house he built for his sister which involved very intricate work fitting huge white pines into the frame. He loved to hunt and enjoyed the outdoors and nature and would go for daily hikes or snow shoeing adventures through the woods in his backyard enjoying the sights and sounds. In his youth he hiked Mt. Mansfield frequently and knew the mountain intimately. He was also an excellent downhill skier having learned with the best at the Underhill Ski Bowl. He was a big history buff of the American Civil and Revolutionary Wars. He was a very active participant in Warner's Regiment Revolutionary War reenactment group and Hanaford's Volunteers Fife and Drum Corps. He was a past member of the Revolutionary War reenactment groups Herrick's Rangers and the British unit the 29th Regiment of Foot. He was also a past president of the Vermont Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. He loved archeology and participated in many digs in New York at French and Indian and Revolutionary War sites. He loved the history of Underhill and spent many hours researching archives for information. He was President of the Underhill Historical Society for many years. He was very instrumental in bringing about the restoration of the Old School House in Underhill Center. He was also an officer in the North Underhill Cemetery Association and was the unofficial grounds keeper of the Sand Hill Cemetery in Underhill Center. Scott was a great father; he loved living and wanted to share his experiences with his children including them in many of the activities he enjoyed. Recently Scott and Dillon built a black smith's shop together, black smithing being one of the many talents Dillon learned from his father. Another project was the restoration of a 1931 Model A Ford pickup that Scott had learned to drive on. Dillon looks forward to finishing it in the future. Cassidy learned a

great appreciation of nature from their walks together collecting fiddle heads this spring and photographing wild flowers. He was predeceased by his mother, Ruth Logan Sommer in 1994. He is survived by his wife Lisa and their two children, Dillon and Cassidy; his father, Gerd; his sister, Lori and her husband, Cole Tierney; many aunts, uncles, cousins and many many friends. He was a loving, kind and gentle person whose presence on this earth will be greatly missed, he will live on in the hearts of all who knew and loved him. There was a memorial service on Saturday May 28, 2011, at 10:00 AM at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church on RT 15 in Jericho, VT. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to an account for the benefit of his children: The Dillon and Cassidy Sommer Education Fund, Merchant's Bank, attn: Lisa Benjamin, 364 Main St., Winooski, VT 05404.

A memorial service for **Dr. James Chapman**, who died on February 8, 2011, was held at the recital hall in the Music Building at the University of Vermont on Saturday June 11, at 2:00 PM. Professor Chapman, known to his friends as Jim, had a long and illustrious career as a professional musician. Starting in his teens as a



church organist in his home town of Manistee, Mich., he went on to earn Bachelor and Master Degrees at the University of Michigan and a Doctorate at New York University. While serving as instructor at Flora Macdonald College in North Carolina, he was drafted into the army and served as an organist and choir director for the US Army Far East Command Center in Tokyo during the Korean War. After the war, he started studies for the doctorate

and was organist and choir director in Forest Hills, N.Y. He joined the faculty at Middlebury College in 1958 and while there, received a prestigious Danforth Fellowship to complete his doctorate. He accepted a position in the Music Department at the University of Vermont in 1968 where he remained until his retirement. He was chairman of the department for many years. During much of this time he was also in charge of music at St. Paul's Cathedral in Burlington. For almost 50 years, Jim inspired, mentored and taught students of music. The University Choral Union was founded and directed by Dr. Chapman shortly after his arrival at UVM. This group was soon recognized around New England for a level of excellence that led them to participate in concerts in Washington, DC and New York City and to tour England and Paris. Dr. Chapman and the Choral Union were key members in the establishment of the Vermont Mozart Festival. In collaboration with Dr. Betty Bandel, Dr. Chapman studied the music of early Vermont composers and with the Choral Union released three albums which showcased their work. A more detailed account of his professional accomplishments was published in the Burlington Free Press on Feb. 10. He is survived by his son, James G. Chapman Jr.; his granddaughter, Ruth Claire Chapman; his friend and longtime partner, Philip Cook; his sister-in-law, Sally Snyder Chapman; nieces, Mary Cole, Joan Gardner, Gwynn Gist, Elizabeth Richert and Lynn Chapman Macintyre; nephews, Peter Chapman and Patrick Gardner; and numerous grandnieces and grandnephews. Following the program, the celebration of Jim's life continued at Poker Hill Gardens, 49 Bill Cook Road in Underhill, VT, with refreshments and a pot luck buffet. Call Phil at 802-899-9928 or Chip at 603-995-6184 for more details. We would like to thank the staff at the Vermont Respite House for their excellent care during Jim's final days. Donations in Jim's memory may be made to Vermont Respite House, 99 Allen Brook Lane, Williston, VT 05495 or to Native American charities, or to veteran's groups. We also thank Stephen Gregory and Son, 559 Falls Road, Shelburne, for their services.

Graveside services for **Edna M. Pollard**, who went to be with her Lord on March 5, 2011, were held on Wednesday May 25, 2011, at 1:00 PM in the Underhill Cemetery.

Timothy A. Whitehouse, 48, of Jericho, VT, died on Tuesday May 17, 2011, in Fletcher Allen Health Care. He was born in Burlington on September 6, 1962, the son of Leonard Whitehouse, Sr. and Mary C. (Centerbear). He graduated from Burlington High School, Class of 1980. Tim was a Persian Gulf War veteran serving with the US Air Force from 1983-1991. He was currently a supervisor with Rhino Foods, where he had worked for the past twenty years. Tim was predeceased by his father, Leonard Whitehouse, Sr.

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in 1988; and his brother, Michael Whitehouse in 1997. Tim is survived by his three children, Vanessa Roy and husband, Adam, and their daughter, Calli, Timothy Whitehouse, II, and Tyler Whitehouse; his ex-wife, Tammy Whitehouse; his companion of eight years, Lisa M. Luchini and her children, Krista and Bradley Luchini; his mother, Mary C. Whitehouse; and his brothers, Patrick Whitehouse and wife, Sandy, and Leonard Whitehouse, Jr. and wife, Joni. Tim is also survived by numerous aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews, and lifelong friends. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Saturday May 21, 2011, at 10:00 AM in St. Mark Church with burial to follow in New Mt. Calvary Cemetery. Visiting hours were held on Friday May 20, 2011, from 4:00 to 7:00 PM at the Ready Funeral and Cremation Service South Chapel, 261 Shelburne Rd., Burlington. To send online condolences to the family, please visit www.readyfuneral.com. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Tim's memory may be made to the Ronald McDonald House, 16 So. Winooski Ave., Burlington, VT 05401.

Harriet P. Thompson, 92, of Williston, formerly of Jeffersonville, VT, died peacefully Monday May 16, 2011, in the Burlington Health and Rehabilitation Center following a short illness. She was born in Marlboro, N.J. on January 21, 1919, the daughter of William and Minerva (Holmes) Preston. She was the youngest of 10 children in the Preston family, and has been predeceased by all. Harriet graduated from Freehold, N.J. High School and attended Drexel University in Philadelphia, Pa.; going on to continue her education, she graduated from Scudder School in New York City. On October 12, 1940, she married James A. Thompson in the Old Dutch Reformed Church in Marlboro, N.J. She was employed at Saugerties, N.Y. High School for several years, and after moving to Vermont in 1965, she volunteered at Second Chance in Morrisville for many years, was a volunteer ski instructor for the children's ski program at Smuggler's Notch and worked at Special Olympics events at the Notch, and ran and helped run the library in Jeffersonville for many years. She was a longtime member and volunteer at the Second Congregational Church in Jeffersonville, and belonged to the Crescendo Club in Jeffersonville. She is survived by her husband of over 71 years, James (Jim) of Williston, VT; two daughters, Hallery Brunet and her companion, John Willis, of Williston, VT and Bette Anderson of Olympia, Wash.; four grandchildren, James Brunet of Jacksonville, Fla., Jodie Donohue and her husband, Brian, of Summerville, S.C., William Brunet and his wife, Shirley, of Essex Junction, VT and Robert Brunet of Waco, TX; two great-grand-children, Aaron and Logan Brunet of Essex Junction, VT; and numerous nieces and nephews. A celebration of her life will be held on Saturday May 21, 2011, at 1:00 PM in the Williston Federated Church. Burial will be at the convenience of her family. Visiting hours were held on Friday May 20, 2011, from 5:00 to 8:00 PM in the Ready Funeral and Cremation Service, Mountain View Chapel, 68 Pinecrest Drive, Essex Junction. To send online condolences to her family, please visit www.readyfuneral.com. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Williston Fire Department, 645 Talcott Rd., Williston, VT 05495.

Donald E. Porter, born July 10, 1942, died May 8, 2011. Born and raised in Scarsdale NY. Military US Air Force 1960-1964. Career: 24 years Pitney Brothers Service Technician with territories in NY and Vermont Agway in Williston, VT. Founder and president of Scarsdale Volunteer Ambulance Corp.

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From the Statehouse

A TOUGH BUDGET
By Rep. Martha Heath

The legislature adjourned on Friday, May 6 thus ending this year's session a week earlier than scheduled and saving the state money in the process. It was the most orderly adjournment I've seen in my 19 years in the legislature.

As chair of the House Appropriations Committee, much of my focus for the session was on crafting a budget for the state. The House and Senate negotiated the differences in their versions of the budget bill in about a week and the FY12 budget passed in the House on a voice vote on the last day of the session. It is the fourth in a series of difficult budgets caused by the Great Recession whose effects have been felt both nationally and within the state. The state's revenues are beginning to slowly climb. They have not, however, grown enough to fill the gap created by the end of federal ARRA funding. The state was fortunate to have these ARRA funds to create jobs, make much-needed improvements to transportation and telecommunications infrastructure and create a bridge for those of our neighbors who are most in need of government services. This year, with those revenues gone, the state was faced with a \$176M gap between projected revenues and projected expenditure need. The FY 12 budget that passed fills that gap and once again Vermont passed a balanced budget.

The \$176M gap is filled with a combination of cuts, particularly in Human Services, \$12M in savings related to state employee contracts and positions, revenue enhancements, a reduction in the general fund transfer to the education fund and the use of available of carry forward dollars.

The final budget makes changes to the governor's original proposal. It does not move the Catamount health insurance program into the state's Medicaid system because the legislature felt it would have created too great a burden for the state's health care providers. The impact of the state's financial situation on the elderly, disabled and those who receive important home and community based service was lessened by reducing proposed cuts to the Choices for Care program, mental health services, and developmental disability services by 50%. Furthermore it appears that there may be enough money carrying forward in Choices for Care to avoid any cuts at all to that program. Cuts to tobacco programming and to the student assistance program counselors also received a 50% restoration. Funding was restored for the administration of regional conservation districts that assist farmers and protect water quality. These changes were accomplished by making different cuts in the budget and finding other funding sources. The final budget, when all funding sources are considered, is 3.6% lower than the final FY11 budget.

The conference committee on the budget also focused on saving money to address the FY13 budget. Federal cuts may need to be covered, especially in programs like low income fuel assistance. Furthermore there is again a projected gap between expected revenues and expected expenditure need. The estimate is about \$70M. While this number is considerably lower than the \$150M the state faced for FY11 and the \$176M for FY12, it will be challenging to address since it will be the fifth year in a row when we will be looking to reduce spending. The budget is expected to reserve at least \$15M, after filling the budget stabilization reserve, to address FY13 shortfalls.

The final FY12 budget reflects the state's difficult fiscal reality. With the dark cloud of potential cuts at the federal level looming and the reality of a slow economic recovery facing the state, it is a responsible, balanced proposal that meets the challenge of filling the projected budget gap while retaining essential services for the state's citizens.

If you have questions or comments about the state budget or other legislative issues please don't hesitate to contact me by calling me at 893-1291 or by e-mailing me at mpheathvt@gmail.com I truly appreciate hearing from you.

Red Cross names gallon pin recipients

American Red Cross Blood Services announces gallon pin recipients: John Irving, Jericho, 41 gallons and William Duval, Cambridge, 7 gallons.

Chittenden East Supervisory Union Parents

In our School district we have a very low retention rate from 8th grade instrumental music to 9th grade instrumental music. Please help by taking a MMUSIC survey. Your input will help build and keep our music program/s healthy. Thank you for taking the time in helping with this. Please use this link to do the survey: Survey will close by June 23. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/MMUSICinstrumentalsurvey>

Fisher receives scholarship

Halley C. Fisher, of Richmond was awarded the National Merit Northeastern University Scholarship. Fisher is a senior at Mount Mansfield Union High School.



The four sister Jackie and Mary Ellen both live in Canada and Carol and Debbie, in VT.

ART

Emile A Gruppe Gallery presents an exhibition of paintings by the Four Sisters, with an artist reception on Sunday June 5 from 3:00-5:00 PM. The show will hang through July 17.

The Four Sisters are true siblings who love to paint together, each adding her own personal approach to subject matter. It is a unique situation, being sisters who not only share a common passion for creating art, and waste no time on sibling rivalry, preferring to experiment with new approaches and encourage each other in their work. Their combined talent and experience includes oil, pastel, watercolor, sculpture, acrylic, etching, silkscreen, and stained glass.

Their art can be found in various galleries in Canada and the United States. They have had great success in being accepted into juried shows at the Bryan Memorial Gallery in Jeffersonville, Vermont, and galleries in Canada.

Several years ago they successfully pooled their talents to exhibit their artwork as a group, known as The Four Sisters, both in Vermont and Canada. They continue to exhibit their works individually as well. Jackie and Mary Ellen both live in Canada and Carol and Debbie, in Vermont. They believe that art shouldn't be work, it should be fun.

Gallery hours are 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM Thursday through Sunday or by appointment (802) 899-3211. www.emilegruppegallery.com.

Habitats for artists:

A call to artists for creating art in public, using a 6'x6' studio in downtown Morrisville for 10 weeks this summer. HFA is a collective project that uses the idea of the artist's studio as a catalyst for mutual engagement between artists and communities.

Applicants should be comfortable working in the public and have an active interest in engaging with community. As part of this residency and project, documentation in the form of still photographs, short videos, audio, and written text will be collected from the artists. Check out artist *Simon Draper's projects* on his blog. Helen Day Art Center is the overall coordinator for this project. A small stipend may be available for Artists in the Morrisville studio.

For more information contact Rachel Moore, curator, at: hfavt2011@gmail.com or Steve Ames, at Steve@RiverArtsVT.org.

Bryan Memorial Gallery presents paintings by Peg Racine now through June 26, 2011. Brandon Vermont artist Peg Racine is the featured artist in Bryan Memorial Gallery's Middle Room for the spring season through June 26. Exhibit features over 30 landscape paintings in oil.

Bryan Memorial Gallery at 180 Main Street, Jeffersonville, VT, is open daily from 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM. Participating artists can be viewed at www.bryangallery.org. For more information, call 802-644-5100.

MUSIC

Concert, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church on Route 15 in Jericho. Sunday, June 5, 4:00 PM. **Annalise Rose Shelmandine** is presenting a concert of Jazz classics, Folk ballads, and her own compositions. Elizabeth Dillon will be accompanying on the piano with Julian Chabot on guitar. Other young musicians from the area will join Annalise.

One of New York's most visible singer-songwriter-musicians will perform a benefit house concert as part of the concert series "Music at Moose Meadow" to benefit the Eleva Chamber Players. The intimate concert will take place on Thursday, June 16, at 6:00 pm at the Moose Meadow Lodge in Duxbury. Admission is by donation (\$25 - \$250 per person) and includes the concert and a dinner buffet. Space is limited and reservations are required. Visit Eleva's website at www.elevachamberplayers.org or call 802-244-8354 to reserve. All proceeds from house concerts benefit Eleva's educational programs and orchestral performances.

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 date and film title are as follows:
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.

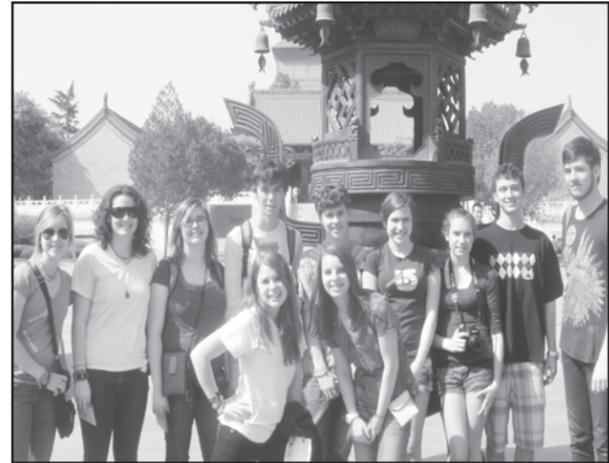
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BRMS students hold art show

On Saturday May 21, 2011, Inspirations Arts and Crafts Supplies, located in the Essex Shoppes and Cinemas, hosted an art show reception for 41 talented students from Brown's River Middle School. In all, 73 pieces of artwork from different media were displayed and captured the attention of everyone. Art Teacher Robert Brunelle Jr. was on-site to welcome parents and patrons as the students displayed their creative expressions. The event raised money donated to the Brown's River Middle School which purchased equipment for the schools art department



Student art at Inspirations Arts & Crafts Supplies.

Students say thank you to Cambridge Rotary



Winter Wellness participants came to Cambridge Area Rotary to thank them for their support of the program. Students read poems and essays they had written about their experiences. The 4th, 5th and 6th graders of Cambridge Elementary were given 3 days of skiing, snowboarding, x-country skiing or snowshoeing at Smugglers Notch Ski Area through the sponsorship of the Cambridge Area Rotary and Height of Land publications. It's been a great team effort and the smiles of the students say it all.

PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

China on the cutting edge

By Sunni Dutcher

Heading to China over April break was something I had been preparing for and dreaming about for many months, the language, the food, the thoughts of busy foreign streets consumed my days. I sparked up an interest in history and culture of China in the time of the Great Wall and Tang Dynasty period, I knew of course, that China was a very different place now from its past, however I wasn't totally prepared for the gap between what my daydreaming had illustrated, and what I actually experienced. China is one of those places undergoing huge changes, especially in cities, technology is a new language being quickly adapted, new modern buildings are constructed everywhere and the people are letting go of old Eastern traditions. I was thinking of old China while knowing I'd be visiting a country on the edge of modernization, but once there, I breathed in the air of a country over the edge.

We traveled in cities, Shanghai, Xian, and Beijing; Xian being the most rural of the three. We saw everything from the very streets at night to the crazy traffic 100 stories below us from the world's second tallest building. We saw street vendors peddling their steamed dumplings, and people praying within Buddhist temples. The experience we gained by going to such a drastically different place in the world is unmatched. Being young, I thought it was important to make sure that I am able to have worldly knowledge and understand cultures more, for me, China was a good place to start. I knew so little about the culture and country, but I also was very curious about it. I really enjoyed getting to travel to china, especially with the school, it was an amazing opportunity, and I can't wait to travel again!

Gregory Martin (teacher chaperone of the trip) has been leading educational travel trips for over 14 years. He's taken students to Greece, Crete, Italy, Monaco, France, Holland, Switzerland and China. Next year's adventure he travels with students to Costa Rica.

Ariel Culupa inducted into National Honor Society



Fr. Bernard W. Bourgeois, principal of Rice Memorial High School in South Burlington is proud to announce that Ariel Culupa, a resident of Jericho was recently inducted into the Rev. Raymond A. Adams Chapter of the National Honor Society. Qualifications for induction include following the four pillars of the school: Character, Scholarship, Leadership and Service. Also included with these qualifications is a 90% + grade point average and more than 36 hours of community service. Ariel is the daughter of Frank and Susan Culupa.

Green Mountain Bike Club June rides

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

Saturday, June 4 - Introductory Ride for new riders. We will go 12-20 miles at a leisurely pace for folks new to road cycling. Our goal is to teach new cyclists the rules of the road and how to ride in a group. Meeting Time: 10:00 AM; Meeting Place: Dorset Park, South Burlington, dirt parking lot, Leader: John Bertelsen - 864-0101 / j.bertel@gmail.com.

Sunday, June 5 - Hinesburg Hollow - This route travels south through Huntington to Hinesburg Hollow. The short route is 25 miles (M) and returns to Williston via North Road while the long one is 47 miles (M/S) and continues through North Ferrisburgh to the Lake and back through Hinesburg. Meeting Time: 8:45 AM; Meeting Place: Williston Central School; Leader: Tom Kennedy - 735-5359 / etomkennedy@gmail.com; Co-Leader: Viola Chu - 735-5359 / hviolachu@gmail.com.

Sunday, June 12 - Grand Isles Flats and Picnic - A 30 mile (E/M) ride circles Grand Isle via the west and east shores and includes some dirt. The 60 mile (M) option goes to the Shrine at Isle LaMotte before returning. Afterwards, meet at Helen's camp for a picnic on the shore of the Almost Great Lake. Hot dogs will be provided, but please bring your own beverage and something to share with the group. PLEASE CHECK WITH LEADERS BEFORE COMING. RIDE MAY BE CHANGED SUBJECT TO FLOODING. Meeting Time: 8:45; Meeting Place: Folsom School, South Street in South Hero - Those coming from the Burlington area may consider carpooling from the Colchester Park and Ride, Exit 17 off I-89, UVM or Dorset Park in South Burlington. Leader: Amy Otten - 878-4070 / amyotten@netscape.com Co-Leader: Helen Douglas - 862-7722 / bikehelen@sbcglobal.net.

LEGAL NOTICE

**WARNING
SPECIAL MEETING
Underhill Incorporated School District
June 7, 2011**

The legal voters of the **Underhill Incorporated School District** are hereby notified and warned to meet at the **Underhill ID Elementary School** on the **7th day of June, 2011**, to vote by Australian ballot between the hours of 7:00 am, at which time the polls will open, and 7:00 pm, at which time the polls will close, upon the following articles of business:

Article I. Shall the **Underhill Incorporated Town School District**, which the State Board of Education has found necessary to include in the proposed regional education district to be named the Chittenden East Regional Education District, join with the Bolton School District, Huntington School District, Jericho School District, Richmond School District, Underhill Town School District, and Mount Mansfield Union School District, which the State Board of Education has found necessary to include in the proposed regional education district, for the purpose of forming a regional education district, as provided in Title 16, Vermont Statutes Annotated, upon the following conditions and agreements?

(a) Class of Schools. The regional education district will offer education to students in Kindergarten through Grade Twelve, and will offer Pre-K education as determined by the regional education school board.

(b) Board of School Directors. The regional education district board of school directors will be closely proportional to the fraction that its population bears to the aggregate population of the regional education district. The initial composition of the Regional Education District Board of School Directors will be based upon the year 2000 Federal Census, and shall be recalculated promptly following the release of each subsequent decennial census. However, at no time will a combining/forming town/district have less than one board member on the regional education board. Subject to the previous sentence, each proportionality calculation shall be rounded to the nearest whole number.

(c) Apportionment of Expenses. Pursuant to the provisions of Act 130 of the 2004 General Assembly and related provisions of Title 16, Vermont Statutes Annotated, the proposed regional education district will receive revenue directly from the State of Vermont Education Fund and therefore allocation of town, incorporated, or union district income and expenses will no longer be necessary to be accounted for separately, except in so far as is necessary to effectuate the return of net proceeds of the return of any real property.

(d) Assumption of Debts and Ownership of School Property. The regional education district will assume all capital debt of member school districts for both principal and interest that is owed at the time of the formation of the regional education district. Any and all operating deficits and/or surpluses of any of the combining/forming districts shall become the property, and/or the obligation, of the regional education district effective on the date of the creation of the regional education district.

No later than July 1, 2012, the School Districts of Bolton, Huntington, Jericho, Richmond, Underhill Town, Underhill Incorporated, and Mount Mansfield Union, will convey to the Chittenden East Regional Education District all of their school-related real and personal property, for One Dollar, and the regional education district will assume all capital debt associated therewith, effective the creation of the regional education district.

In the event that, and at such subsequent time as, the regional education district determines that any of the real property, including land and buildings, conveyed to it by one or more of the following forming districts: Bolton – Smilie Memorial School, Huntington – Brewster Pierce Memorial School, Jericho – Jericho Elementary School, Richmond – Richmond Elementary School, Underhill – Underhill Central School; is or are unnecessary to the continued operation of the regional education district, and its educational programs, the regional education district shall convey such real property, for the sum of One Dollar, and subject to all encumbrances of record, to the town in which it is located. The conveyance of any of the above school properties shall be conditioned upon the town owning and utilizing the real property for community and public purposes for a minimum of five years. In the event a town elects to sell the real property prior to five years of ownership, the town shall compensate the regional education district for all capital improvements and renovations completed after the formation of the regional education district and before the sale to the town. In the event a town elects not to acquire ownership of such real property, the regional education district shall, pursuant to Vermont statutes, sell the property upon such terms and conditions as established by the Chittenden East Regional Education District Board of School Directors.

In the event that, and at such subsequent time as, the regional education district determines that any of the real property, including land and building, conveyed to it by the Underhill Incorporated School District, is or are unnecessary to the continued operation of the regional education district, and its educational programs, the regional education district shall sell the real property. The net proceeds (sale price less expenses, discharge of all associated debt, etc.) from the sale of such property, shall be placed in a reserve fund for the sole purpose of reducing the school tax rate in the former Underhill Incorporated School District for a period of up to three years.

In the event that, and at such subsequent time as, the regional education district determines that any of the real property, including land and buildings, conveyed to it by the Mount Mansfield Union School District is or are unnecessary to the continued operation of the regional education district, and its educational programs, the regional education district shall, pursuant to Vermont statutes, sell the property upon such terms and conditions as established by the Chittenden East Regional District Board of School Directors.

(e) Final Report. The provisions of the Revised Final Report approved by the State Board of Education on **April 19, 2011**, which is on file in the **Jericho Town Clerk's and Underhill Town Clerk's** office, shall govern the regional education district.

The legal voters of the Underhill Incorporated School District are further warned and notified that an informational meeting will be held at Underhill ID Elementary School in the Town of Jericho on **May 31, 2011** commencing at 6:30 pm for the purpose of explaining Article I.

Robert Letovsky
Leslie Kanat
School Directors
Andrea Sandy
Jessica Dion

Received for record this 3rd day of May, A.D., 2011.
Peter Macone, District Clerk

Colpey honors employees

Copley Health Systems honored four employees for excellence and recognized many others for their years of service during the organization's annual Employee Awards Banquet. Claire Hancock of the hospital's Patient and Family Services Department received a standing ovation by colleagues when named Employee of the Year. Registered Nurses Susanne Fitzgerald and Pam Stengel were recognized with the Edward French Memorial Award and Emergency Room Technician Tammy Lurvey was honored with the Goddard Family Award. Copley President Mel Patashnick described Copley's staff as the strength of our community hospital, saying "There would be no Copley without each and every one of you." He continued by stating, "Our patients, their families and the communities we serve are extremely fortunate to have such a dedicated team of professionals providing expert personal care close to home."

The highlight of the banquet was when Patashnick named Case Manager Claire Hancock as Employee of the Year. Patashnick described Hancock as one who embodies the Copley family, stating "Claire is a skilled mediator and great mentor. In addition to serving as a valuable resource to our medical staff, hospital staff and community at large, she continually goes above and beyond for our patients and their families." Hancock has been working in the Patient and Services Department since 1986.

In keeping with tradition and on behalf of the medical staff, Dr. Joel Silverstein, Chief Medical Officer, presented the Edward French Memorial Award and the Goddard Family Award. In his opening remarks he noted, "Each year the task of naming recipients for these awards proves to be a difficult undertaking as there are so many worthy staff deserving of the recognition."

The Edward French Memorial award is presented in recognition of nursing excellence. This year the medical staff chose to honor two nurses. Dr. Silverstein described Birthing Center nurse Susanne Fitzgerald, RN as someone whose presence is cherished by the entire Birthing team, noting "In addition to her love for working in the Birthing Center, Susanne has a special talent for caring for the extra small newborns." Fitzgerald has been a nurse in the Birthing Center since 1989. When awarding the honor to surgical nurse Pam Stengel, RN, Dr. Silverstein extended gratitude saying, "Pam is a natural leader bringing out the best of people. She never hesitates to go the extra mile for her patients and colleagues." Stengel has been a

member of the Copley family since 1995.

The Goddard Family Award recognizes excellence in a non-nursing position. As Dr. Silverstein recognized Emergency Room Technician Tammy Lurvey as this year's recipient, he described her as a treasured resource to the physicians, nursing staff and visitors. "Tammy knows Copley inside and out. Her peers describe her as one who knows how to get things done," said Dr. Silverstein. In addition to her work at Copley, Lurvey has served more than 20 years as a local EMT and 10 years as a Medical Examiner.

During the event, Copley also recognized and thanked employees for their years of service. The following individuals were recognized for commendation:

5 Years of Service: Hallie Barney, Ann Boyea, Marliese Carlson, Meaghin Carpenter, Louise Chauvin, Amanda Cookson, Susan Deluca, Debralee Dorain, Vin Faraci, Rita Foss, Joan Fox, Jennifer Holton-Clapp, Bryan Huber, MD, Richard James, MD, Jared Jewett, Christopher Ladue, Adam Lesure, Gordon Lewia, Josh Lussier, Chantal Marcoux, Barbara Maxfield-Barry, Kristy Mayhew, Eamon O'Brian, Michelle Paige, Melvin Rowe, Guy Ruohonen, Peter Shaw, Dennis Smith, Treva Southworth, April Tuck, Nella Wennberg, and Harve Wheeler

10 Years of Service: Steve Cothalis, Jenifer Dean, Jeffery Dearborn, Kevin Dorain, Judith Douglass, Andrew Duff, Stacey Duff, Cheryl Flood, Sarah Foy, Liam Gannon, MD, Krista Gravel, Iwona Hemenway, Melissa Hollen, Virginia Jaret, Valerie Lane, Barbara Larabee, Alden Launer, Michele Lesoine, Laura Luneau, Susan Menne, Neil Nigro, MD, Charlotte Royer, Kate Simone, and Stacy Wein

15 Years of Service: Manley Allen, Jill Baker, Doreen Bartlett, Anita Fletcher, Rassoul Rangaviz and Amy Shopland

20 Years of Service: Mary Delaricheliere, Carol Ferrante, Susan Hammer, Linda Leahy, Donna McConnell, and Ralph Perry

25 Years of Service: Pamela Allen, David McLane, and Frank Potter

30 Years of Service: Debra Dewey and Betsy Harper

35 Years of Service: Leila Cross, Dale Porter, and Jane Sprague

40 Years of Service: Sandra Hamel and Judith Stancliff

Copley is proud of the commitment and quality of its staff; people helping people in the true spirit of a community hospital.

Hillary Fay awarded 4-H scholarship

Hillary Fay of Westford, a ten year 4-H member, has been awarded a \$750 educational scholarship by the Chittenden County 4-H Foundation. She has received recognition during her 4-H career for work with horses, leadership, community service, public speaking, performing arts, and visual arts. Hillary has earned the honor of representing Vermont 4-H in out of state contests on eleven occasions. In the fall Fay will attend Vermont Technical College where she will be part of the equine studies program.

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF JERICHO DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Jericho Development Review Board will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, June 23, 2011 at 7:00 PM** in the Jericho Town Hall to consider the following:

- 1 A request by Nathan and Rachel Perkins for a dimensional waiver to construct an addition. The property is located at 189 Plains Road in the Agriculture Zoning District.
- 2 A request by James and Barbara Adams for Final Plan Review of a two lot PUD/subdivision. The property is located at 67 Bolger Hill Road in the Rural Residential and Forestry Zoning Districts.
- 3 A request by Fritz and Teri-Beth Garrison for sketch plan review of a dimensional waiver to construct a garage. The property is located at 39 Hanley Lane in the Agriculture Zoning District.
- 4 A request by the Jericho-Underhill Library District for a site plan amendment for a parking lot expansion. The property is located at 10 River Road in the Village Center Zoning District.

All interested persons may appear and be heard. Written materials may be viewed in the Zoning Office during regular business hours.

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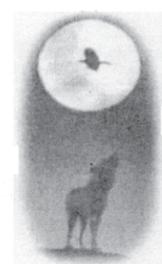
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Elementary School

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The Jericho Elementary School is seeking an energetic and hard working person to join our school food service staff. The person needs to have basic knowledge of food preparation, be capable of lifting 50 pounds and basic knowledge of safety and sanitation in a kitchen setting. This position is four hours per day, four days per week. Please apply on-line at Schoolspring.com or call 434-2128 for an application. On-line application must include: profile, letter, resume, references. Three verbal contacts as well as hard copies of three written reference letters will be required for verification at the interview level. Visit our website www.cesu.k12.vt.us for information about our schools. EOE M/F

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DEBORAH RAWSON LIBRARY, UNDERHILL

The Deborah Rawson Memorial Library Board of Trustees will change the date of their June meeting to Thursday June 23 at 1:00 PM. There will be a special meeting with Rob Geiszler, area coordinator for the VT Libraries system.

Summer Reading Clubs at the Deborah Rawson Memorial Library - Summer reading logs will be available at DRML beginning June 1. Pick up your reading log, as described below, and get a jump start on your reading.

Prereaders may pick up a *Read to Me Log* and keep track of the stories read to you. Each time you visit the library have your log stamped and your name will be entered into a drawing for a collection of books.

Readers may pick up a *One World Many Stories Reading Log* and record the books that you read during the summer reading program. Bring the log with you when you visit the library and we will stamp it and enter your name in a drawing for a savings bond donated by the Merchants Bank. Additionally, at the DRML there will be drawings for T-shirts at some of our events; be sure to bring your reading log each time.

Drawing for a Gift Certificate to University Mall - If you are a student 12 or older, we encourage you to sign up for your *Teen Reading Record*. Each time you attend a library program, volunteer at the library, or report on a book you have read we will mark your card and enter your name in the drawing for a \$25.00 gift certificate to the University Mall. The drawing will be held at the end of August.

Saturday - June 4 - 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM - Edging Workshop, a repeat of a very popular workshop presented by our very talented local gardener - Bernadette Howard. Demonstration will be followed by hands on edging. Bernadette will circulate and assist where needed. Please bring tools.

The Jericho Energy Task Force will present the movie *Kilowatt Hours* on Saturday June 11 at 6:30 PM at the library. Follow filmmaker Jeff Barrie as he searches America's cities, towns and countryside for solutions to the great energy problems of our day. Kilowatt Ours provides simple, practical, affordable solutions and shows how we can save electricity, save money and make a difference for the planet and ourselves. For more information contact: Larry Lamb 899-4863

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 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 May, our book was *The Voyage of the Narwhal* by Andrea Barrett - which many said we had already read before as a club (Whoops says book club coordinator). It certainly contained a lot of interest about Arctic exploration. The June 14 book will be *Possession* by A. S. Byatt.

The Board of Trustees will meet on Thursday June 23 at 2:00 PM. This is a change from the regular schedule. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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.

ESSEX FREE LIBRARY, ESSEX

The Friends and Trustees of the Essex Free Library will be holding their annual Book, Bake and Plant Sale on Friday and Saturday June 3 and 4.

The sale of books, all in excellent condition, will begin Friday at 3:00 PM and continue until 6:00 PM. Plants and baked goods will be sold on Saturday from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM with the book sale continuing until 3:00 PM. The plants have been donated by local gardeners and have happily proven their ability to survive and thrive in Vermont. Plant donations and baked goods will be accepted up until the Saturday morning of the sale.

All the proceeds from this sale will benefit the library's Summer Reading Program whose theme this year will be "Carry out a good book". For information or directions, please call the library at 879-0313 or check our web site at www.essex.org.

FAIRFAX LIBRARY, FAIRFAX

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

HUNTINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

We have been fortunate to have Jean Evans working part-time at the Huntington Public Library for the past seven years. Jean's position has been funded through a federal grant. Sad to say, she will be leaving at the end of June.

In order to continue to maintain the Library's hours of operation, Jean's shifts at the Library will need to be filled by others in the community. Ideally, competent volunteers who can take on a regular shift or two would be ideal, but we know that some people cannot afford to volunteer and the Library Trustees are willing to pay for the service to try to keep the Library open..

If you are interested, stop by the Library and talk with Anne or Wendy. They will have a short form for you to fill out regarding available days and hours as well as task choices.

JERICHO CENTER, LIBRARY

The Summer Reading program schedule will be announced in the next few weeks. The theme for this year is *One World, Many Stories* and we have lots of events on tap between the last week of school and the end of July. A special registration session will take place on Saturday, June 18, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM across from the library on the green (or inside in the case of rain). If you would like to be on contact for schedule announcements and updates, you can join our library mailing list by sending an email to ckiegle@comcast.net. You can find the Jericho Town Library on the web at www.jerichotownlibrary.org and from there; you have access to the entire card catalog for the library as well as that of other local libraries, including Richmond Free Library, Brownell Library, and Dorothy Alling Library.

You can also find the library on line at Facebook now, too. Just search for "Jericho Town Library" to find us. Thanks to everyone who came out to support the library through donations and purchases at our Spring Plant sale. It helped to raise \$340 for the library.

The writers club continues every other Monday, 6:30 - 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 June 2.

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

VARNUM MEMORIAL LIBRARY, JEFFERSONVILLE
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 June 2 11 am: Early Literacy Storytime. Stories and activities utilizing early literacy concepts for age's birth-preschool. Theme: Flowers.

Friday June 10, 11:00 AM - Tai Chi for Arthritis for Ages 50+ . This program contains all the essential principles of Tai Chi that support the improvement of flexibility and balance. Led by CVAA AmeriCorps member Colin Hunt. Class meets June 10, 15, 17, 22, 24, 29, and July 1, 6, 8, 13, 15, 20, and 22. Contact Colin with questions at 865-0360 or Victoria at 878-5639 to join wait list.

Wednesday June 15, 6:00-7:00 PM - Book Discussion: The Polish Officer (Furst).
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Children at the Underhill I.D. School partner with Master Gardner Susan Adams and Trish Kargman to prepare plants for the local food shelf. Want to help - contact sadams@gmavt.net or 899-2742. We plan to work in the garden Wednesday evenings and Saturday mornings throughout the summer and would love to have you join us. Also consider adding a few plants in your garden to support this great project.

PHOTOS CONTRIBUTED



Yea for the youth! Cassie Boudreau and cousin Alyanna join master gardeners Susan Adams, Karen Hess, Judith Hurley and Head Librarian Holly Hall to open the Deborah Rawson Memorial Gardens for another season. Besides lovely perennial garden we will again be preparing vegetable for our local food shelf. Want to help? Contact sadams@gmavt.net or 899 2742.

ing early literacy concepts for age's birth-preschool. Theme: Feeling Silly.

Thursday June 9, 11:00 AM - Early Literacy Storytime. Stories and activities utilizing early literacy concepts for age's birth-preschool. Theme: Flowers.

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Thursday June 16, 11:00 AM - Early Literacy Storytime. Stories and activities utilizing early literacy concepts for age's birth-preschool. Theme: Dads.

Friday June 17, 11:00 AM - Tai Chi for Arthritis for Ages 50+ . This program contains all the essential principles of Tai Chi that support the improvement of flexibility and balance. Led by CVAA AmeriCorps member Colin Hunt. Class meets June 10, 15, 17, 22, 24, 29, and July 1, 6, 8, 13, 15, 20, and 22. Contact Colin with questions at 865-0360 or Victoria at 878-5639 to join wait list.

Saturday June 18, 10:00 AM - Registration Begins for "One World, Many Stories" Summer Reading Program. See brochure or website for details. For Teens Only....Enter the drawing for a U Mall gift card. One entry per book read 6/18-7/28. Check out our Teen Reads section for ideas. Summer Reading Program On-going Fun: Find the "world" or send us a postcard to win a prize. Stop by to view the world maps display.

Wednesday June 22, 11:00 AM - Tai Chi for Arthritis for Ages 50+ . This program contains all the essential principles of Tai Chi that support the improvement of flexibility and balance. Led by CVAA AmeriCorps member Colin Hunt. Class meets June 10, 15, 17, 22, 24, 29, and July 1, 6, 8, 13, 15, 20, and 22. Contact Colin with questions at 865-0360 or Victoria at 878-5639 to join wait list.

Wednesday June 22, 6:00 - 7:00 PM - Read with JR the *Newfie*, a Delta and therapy dog. For 1-3rd graders. Permission slip required. Call for details.

Thursday June 23, 11:00 AM - Early Literacy Storytime. Stories and activities utilizing early literacy concepts for age's birth-preschool. Theme: Animal Sounds around the World.

Thursday June 23, 5:00 - 6:00 pm: Family Sing-along with Preschool Teacher and Westford Resident Beth Peloquin. Sing-along favorites from near and far.

Friday June 24, 11:00 AM - Tai Chi for Arthritis for Ages 50+ . This program contains all the essential principles of Tai Chi that support the improvement of flexibility and balance. Led by

CVAA AmeriCorps member Colin Hunt. Class meets June 10, 15, 17, 22, 24, 29, and July 1, 6, 8, 13, 15, 20, and 22. Contact Colin with questions at 865-0360 or Victoria at 878-5639 to join wait list.

Friday June 24, 6:00 PM - Strategy and Board Games for Teens and Adults. Hosted by Matt Taylor.

Wednesday June 29, 11:00 AM - Tai Chi for Arthritis for Ages 50+ . This program contains all the essential principles of Tai Chi that support the improvement of flexibility and balance. Led by CVAA AmeriCorps member Colin Hunt. Class meets June 10, 15, 17, 22, 24, 29, and July 1, 6, 8, 13, 15, 20, and 22. Contact Colin with questions at 865-0360 or Victoria at 878-5639 to join wait list. 6/29: 6-7pm: Float Building. Help build a float for the world's best (and possibly shortest) parade. Meet at the Town Garage on Monday, 7/4, to ride on it.

Thursday June 30, 11:00 AM - Early Literacy Storytime. Stories and activities utilizing early literacy concepts for ages birth-preschool. Theme: Clothes from Around the World.

Saturday July 4, Town Parade. Meet at the Town Garage on Monday, 7/4, a half-hour before the parade begins to ride on the library's float. Afterwards, check out the library book sale.

New Additions to the Collection:
Adult Fiction: *Crooked Letter*, *Crooked Letter* (Franklin), *Caleb's Crossing* (Brooks), *Night Road* (Hannah), *A Game of Thrones* (Martin), *The Land of Painted Caves* (Auel), *My New American Life* (Prose), *Silicon Jungle* (Baluja), *Sixkill* (Parker), *The Snowman* (Nesbo), *The Tragedy of Arthur* (Phillips), *Treason at Lissan Grove* (Perry).
Adult Nonfiction: *Bossypants* (Fey).

Teen: *The Secret Story of Sonia Rodriguez* (Sitomer), *Hunger* (Kessler), *King of the Screwups* (Going), *Mockingbirds* (Whitney), *Tales of the Madman Underground* (Barnes), *Cirque du Freak #4: Vampire Mountain* and #5: *Trials of Death* (Shan). *Graphic Novel: Yummy - The Last Days of a Southside Shorty* (Neri), *I Kill Giants* (Kelly).

Juv: Picture Book: *Bats at the Beach* (Lies), *Goodnight Tiptoe* (Dunbar), *Born Yesterday* (Solheim), *If You're a Monster and You Know It* (Emberley), *How Do Dinosaurs Say I Love You?* (Yolen), *Our Grandparents* (Ajmera), *Hello Baby* (Fox), *A Beach Tail* (Williams), *The Loud Book* (Underwood), *Jump* (Fischer), *The Trucker* (Samuels), *Old Bear and His Cub* (Dunrea), *A Bedtime for Bear* (Becker), *Balancing Act* (Walsh), *Duck.Rabbit* (Rosenthal). *Graphic Novel: Baby Mouse - Mad Scientist* (Holm), *Bone - Tall Tales* (Smith).

DVD: *The Painted Veil*, PBS: *Circus*, *Fixing the Future*, *Faces of America*, AFI 100 - *The Searchers*, *Turner Classics Sci-fi Including 2001 a Space Odyssey*, *Soylent Green*, *The Time Machine*, and *Forbidden Planet*.

The library is open Wednesday 1:00 - 7:00 PM, Thursday 10:00 AM - 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.

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