

Transportation Board to hold public hearings

The Vermont Transportation Board this fall will hold six public hearings to gather public comment about state transportation policy associated with public transportation, train travel, and highway safety, including bicycle and pedestrian safety, as well as the possible legalization of marijuana.

Working with the Vermont Agency of Transportation (VTrans) and the state's 11 Regional Planning Commissions, the Board identified these topics as ones of growing importance to many Vermonters. The Board wants to discuss these issues with the public to determine how future transportation policy can be shaped to best position Vermont to meet the needs of its many residents.

"Both nationally and in Vermont, people are driving less and seeking alternatives to the car for travel," said Nick Marro, Chair of the Transportation Board. "As a result, we want to better understand what Vermont can do transportation-wise to remain attractive as a place to live, work, and raise a family, as well as what it can do to keep its roadways safe for not only motorists but also pedestrians and cyclists."

The Transportation Board each year travels around the state to meet with Vermonters and discuss important transportation issues. Last year, the Board focused exclusively on college students and young professionals (ages 18-34) to better understand their preferred modes of travel. This year, the Board is expanding its program to include all other demographics.

Topics the Board plans to discuss include:

- Both nationally and in Vermont, people are driving less and seeking to use alternative modes of transportation. What does this mean for the state's future?
- What transportation options do people consider when choosing a place to live and work?
- How important are motor-vehicle alternatives such as rideshare, bicycle infrastructure, public transit, commuter rail, and vehicle-sharing such as Carshare Vermont and Zipcar?
- What urban transportation solutions can be adapted to rural areas?
- What should Vermont's future passenger train service look like?
- What can Vermont do to make both walking and riding a bicycle safer?
- If the state legalizes the use of marijuana, what should be done to help keep roadways safe?

At each hearing, the Board will present background information regarding each topic to set the stage for discussion and comment. Following the hearings, the Board will submit a written report to both VTrans and the Legislature. The Board also will post the report on its website.

The Board will hold public hearings on the following dates:

- Wednesday, October 14:** Rockingham Town Hall, 6:00 PM, Lower Theater, 7 Square, Bellows Falls;
- Thursday, October 15:** Northeastern Vermont Development Association, 6:00 PM, NVDA Conference Room, 36 Eastern Ave., St. Johnsbury;
- Thursday, October 29:** Essex High School Cafeteria, 6:30 PM, 2 Educational Dr., Essex Junction;
- Thursday, November 12:** La Quinta Inn & Suites, 6:30 PM, 813 Fairfax Rd., St. Albans City;
- Tuesday, November 17:** Thatcher Brook Primary School, 6:00 PM, 47 Stowe St., Waterbury;
- Wednesday, November 18:** Addison Regional Planning Commission, 6:00 PM, 14 Seminary St., Middlebury.

People who cannot attend a hearing can submit written comment by visiting the Board's website, <http://tboard.vermont.gov/>.

The upcoming hearings are being conducted pursuant to Title 19 V.S.A. § 5(d)(8), which charges the Transportation Board to work together with the Agency of Transportation to hold public hearings "for the purpose of obtaining public comment on the development of state transportation policy, the mission of the Agency, and state transportation planning, capital programming and program implementation."

For more information, contact the Board's Executive Secretary John Zicconi, john.zicconi@vermont.gov or 802-828-2942.

Scholarships available for Why Do Stories Matter? conference

Thanks to a grant from the Bay and Paul Foundations, the Vermont Humanities Council is once again offering full scholarships to qualifying educators to attend our Fall Conference, *Why Do Stories Matter?* The conference will be held Friday-Saturday, November 13-14 at UVM's Dudley Davis Center.

Vermont educators, including those in the Adult Education and Literacy system, are eligible for a limited number of full scholarships. This includes teachers as well as non-classroom instructional personnel such as curriculum coordinators or media specialists. Scholarship decisions will be based primarily on the impact of the conference on your work. Scholarships will cover the cost of the Friday evening dinner and, for those residing more than 45 minutes from Burlington, the cost of lodging at the Sheraton. For information and application, please visit <http://www.vermonthumanities.org/programs/fall-conference-2015-why-do-stories-matter/fall-conference-registration/>.

For information on the conference and to register to attend, go to <http://www.vermonthumanities.org/programs/fall-conference-2015-why-do-stories-matter/>.

Underhill family wins twice – photo contest and fun



Kimora, of Brooklyn, and Jianna, of Brooklyn, enjoyed a serene boat ride with their Fresh Air host family. Kimora and Jianna spent fourteen days with the Fortunes, of Underhill, this past July as part of The Fresh Air Fund's Volunteer Host Family Program.

PHOTO BY ADRIENNE FORTUNE

Underhill residents, the Fortune family, celebrated the pure joys of summer with The Fresh Air Fund and were among the winners of The Fresh Air Fund's 2015 Photo Contest! All winners were selected from the hundreds of pictures sent in by volunteer host families across the Northeast, reflecting the memorable experiences they shared with their New York City visitors this past summer. Categories include "Laketime Fun," "Summer Siblings," "By the Beach," and "Fresh Air Foodies."

The Fortunes' photo was determined the winner in the "Boating" category and features Fresh Air visitors, seven-year-old Kimora and eight-year-old Jianna, enjoying a relaxing boat ride in Vermont. The Fortunes' second photo was determined the winner in the "Fresh Air Foodies" category and features Fresh Air visitor, seven-year-old Kimora, practicing baking a cake in Vermont.

The Fresh Air Fund, an independent, not-for-profit agency, has provided free summer experiences to more than 1.8 million New York City children from low-income communities since 1877. For more information on hosting a Fresh Air child next summer, please contact Mary Sherman at 802-782-5426 or visit The Fresh Air Fund at www.freshair.org.

Public input sought on Clean Water Fund allocation priorities

The Vermont Clean Water Fund Board is seeking public input on proposed Clean Water Fund allocation priorities by 4:30 PM on Tuesday, October 20, 2015.

The Vermont Clean Water Fund and its board were created by Act 64, also known as the Vermont Clean Water Act, passed by the legislature during the 2015 session and signed by Governor Shumlin on June 16, 2015. The purpose of the Clean Water Fund is to provide direct financial support for actions that will reduce pollution washing into Vermont's waterways. The Clean Water Fund Board, which administers the Fund, includes representatives from the agencies of Administration, Agriculture, Farm and Markets, Commerce and Community Development, Natural Resources, and Transportation.

The Clean Water Fund Board met on September 8, 2015, and approved a draft proposal to invest Clean Water Fund revenues in State Fiscal Years (SFY) 2016 and 2017 for public notice and comment. The proposal can be read at <http://cleanwater.vermont.gov>. The Board will consider submitted comments in preparation of a final Clean Water Fund budget, anticipated to be completed in November 2015.

The public may submit electronic or written comments on this draft proposal by the deadline of 4:30 PM on October 20, 2015. Please reference the *Vermont Clean Water Fund* in your submission.

Electronic comments: please use the following email address: anr.wsmderp@vermont.gov.

Written comments may be mailed to: Attn: VT Clean Water Fund, VT Dept. of Environmental Conservation, 1 National Life Drive, Main 2, Montpelier, VT 05620-3522.

For additional information about the Clean Water Fund Board, the process, and the draft proposal, please contact Kari Dolan, manager, Clean Water Initiative Program, at kari.dolan@vermont.gov or 802-490-6113, or on our website <http://cleanwater.vermont.gov>.

Bolton Planning Commission looks for local input

By Phyl Newbeck
Special to the Mountain Gazette

The 2010 census counted only 1180 people in the town of Bolton but members of the Planning Commission are hoping that each and every one of them will provide some input into the new Town Plan. Vermont communities are required to update their plans every five years and Bolton's last plan was adopted in May of 2012. Planning Commission members have joined forces with the Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission (CCRPC) to get an early start on the next iteration.

The process started on September 30 when CCRPC Planner Emily Nosse-Leier helped the commission host a community-wide forum to introduce the planning process, over pizza. Every member of the Grand List received a postcard notifying them of the event and roughly 50 people attended. A survey developed by the commission was unveiled at that time, with paper copies distributed as well as an on-line version. To date, almost 60 surveys have been completed.

Because Bolton is a small community, they don't have a town planner and that's where Nosse-Leier comes in. The CCRPC offers services to all its member municipalities and Bolton applied to have her provide assistance on the plan. Nosse-Leier helped organize the kick-off and five subsequent neighborhood meetings. The first two, held at a barn on Duxbury Road and at Bolton Valley Resort, had 15 and 26 attendees, respectively. On Thursday, October 15 there will be a meeting at the Smilie School, followed by one at the West Bolton Golf Course on Tuesday, October 20. Nosse-Leier said that although part of those meetings will focus on specific neighborhood concerns, the rest of the time will be spent on more general issues so there is no reason why a resident who missed his/her local meeting can't attend a different one.

The meetings (and the survey) center around five basic questions: 1. What are the best things about Bolton and what do people value about living there; 2. What do they hope will stay the same; 3. What do they hope will change; 4. What ideas do they have for the future of Bolton; 5. Other thoughts.

The survey also asks a number of demographic questions and inquires how residents would describe their town in five words to a stranger.

"People who live in Bolton are very conscious of the natural beauty around them," said Nosse-Leier. "People really love living in such a beautiful rugged area and they love that so much of the town is conserved. People also seem to like that it has a small town feel and a sense of community." Based on that love for their town, Nosse-Leier is hoping lots of residents will come to the meetings and provide their input. It is too early to determine whether there will be major changes in the content of the Town Plan but she does expect alterations in the way information is presented. "We're really hoping that it will be a document people will want to read," she said. "We want it to be graphically engaging and easy to understand, regardless of your level of expertise."

Long-time Planning Commission member Steve Barner said this is the first time the town has tried this level of outreach for help in drafting the Town Plan. "I think the last time we tried to do a public meeting, two people showed up," he said, crediting the postcard mailing with having brought the event to residents' attention. Barner is impressed with the level of agreement to the five questions asked during the meetings. "It's interesting to see how easy it is to pull themes out of that," he said. "It's not all over the map. People tend to say the same thing in different ways and that helps to inform the planning process."

Nosse-Leier is pleased with the level of participation from Bolton's residents. "It's been exciting to see so many people getting involved already," she said. "We're looking forward to hearing from more residents throughout October. The Planning Commission is working hard to make sure this public engagement is successful. With so much input coming from this process, the Town Plan will truly reflect the priorities of Bolton's residents."

A link to the survey can be found at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WT6LZMZ>.

Upcoming meetings will be from 6:00 – 8:00 PM on Thursday, October 15 – Smilie School Gym; Tuesday, October 20 – West Bolton Golf Course.

Jericho Center Cemetery Tour, Saturday, October 24

Jericho Town Library presents the Jericho Center Cemetery Tour with Stuart Alexander, Saturday, October 24, 10:30 AM – 12:00 noon. Join this history tour at the town's oldest cemetery.

Located on Barber Farm Rd in Jericho Center, the Jericho Center Cemetery is full of people who helped to shape this town. Come hear their stories, learn about the lore of gravestone markings, and discuss period history in this interactive historic cemetery walk. Dr. Stuart Alexander, a 50-year resident of Jericho and admirer of her history and the people who've made it, will conduct a walking tour of the Jericho Center Cemetery.

Stuart is a member of the Jericho Cemetery Commission, of the Vermont Old Cemetery Association, and treasurer of the Vermont Cemetery Association. His home adjacent to the cemetery was built in 1797 by Lewis Chapin, who in 1804, "by reason of convenience," gave to the inhabitants of Jericho two acres, which became known as the "Old Burial Ground." He hopes to share insights provided by a cemetery into the lives of some of those remembered there, as well as general cemetery lore. Suggestions / contributions from participants will be welcome.

Available before and after in the Jericho Town Library will be a brief history of the Jericho Center Cemetery, as well as a copy of Sharon DeBartolo Carmack's *Your Guide to Cemetery Research*.

4-H NEWS

VT 4-H'ers win big at Big E horse events



Sixteen 4-H'ers were selected as part of the Vermont horse delegation to Eastern States Exposition in West Springfield, MA where they competed in various equestrian events September 23-27. From left, top row: Betsy Coburn, Castleton; Lexy Brooks, Whitehall, NY; Catherine Thrasher, Rupert; Alexis Walker, Westford; Holly Weglarz, Hartland; Emma Pearson, North Hero; Callon Fish, Rutland; David Gringeri, West Haven; Samantha Turgeon, St. Johnsbury. Bottom row: Shannon Watelet, North Chittenden; Lauren Hoddsden, Bridport; Cassidy Wyman, Cambridgeport; Chelsea Carcoba, Danville; Hailee Blades, Jeffersonville; Karli Knapp, Townshend; Courtney Bronson, Shoreham. PHOTO BY MARY FAY/UVM EXTENSION



Vermont 4-H'ers (from left) Alexis Walker of Westford, Hailee Blades of Jeffersonville, and Emma Pearson of North Hero were among the 16 4-H'ers who represented the state in 4-H horse events at Eastern States Exposition in West Springfield, MA September 23-27, 2015 PHOTO BY MARY FAY/UVM EXTENSION

Vermont 4-H equestrians proved that they could hold their own against top competitors from throughout New England at 4-H horse events held September 23-27 at Eastern States Exposition in West Springfield, MA.

The University of Vermont (UVM) Extension 4-H delegation included 12 4-H'ers and four 4-H teen leaders, selected to provide assistance at the horse show. The teen leaders also had an opportunity to compete in their own divisions.

Heading the list of achievements was the first-place finish of the Vermont 4-H Horse Quiz Bowl Team, which has taken top honors in this competition for several years in a row. This year's team members were Lexy Brooks, Whitehall, NY (member of a Rutland County 4-H club); David Gringeri, West Haven; Emma Pearson, North Hero; and Alexis Walker, Westford.

Vermont placed third overall in 4-H horse judging, based on combining the best four individual scores from delegate and teen leader horse judging for a state score. Highest overall scorers were Courtney Bronson, Shoreham; Callon Fish, Rutland; David Gringeri, West Haven; and Lauren Hoddsden, Bridport.

In the delegates' general knowledge contest (written test) four Vermonters placed in the top 10 overall. They included David Gringeri, West Haven (third); Emma Pearson, North Hero (fourth); Courtney Bronson, Shoreham (fifth); and Alexis Walker, Westford (ninth). In the teen leaders' general knowledge competition, Lauren Hoddsden, Bridport, was second; Hailee Blades, Jeffersonville, fifth; and Chelsea Carcoba, Danville, eighth.

The 4-H delegates also competed in fitting and showing classes where they were evaluated on how well they handled and presented their horse to its best advantage as well as the animal's body condition, grooming, and overall appearance. Teen leaders were allowed to borrow another delegate's horse to compete in their own division for showing.

For delegates, David Gringeri, West Haven, placed first in Western fitting and showmanship and also won the Showmanship Championship. Catherine Thrasher of Rupert placed fifth and Karli Knapp, Townshend, tenth.

The English fitting and showmanship competition was split into two groups to accommodate the large number of competitors. In the first group, Alexis Walker of Westford was first, Cassidy Wyman of Cambridgeport, second, and Callon Fish of Rutland, fourth. Placing in the top 10 in the other class were Betsy Coburn, Castleton, fifth; Shannon Watelet, North Chittenden, seventh; and Emma Pearson, North Hero, ninth.

In the teen leader showing contest, Lauren Hoddsden, Bridport, was first; Hailee Blades, Jeffersonville, ninth; and Chelsea Carcoba, Danville, tenth.

In Equitation, David Gringeri, West Haven, Holly Weglarz, Hartland, and Cassidy Wyman, Cambridgeport all came in first in their respective classes. All three competed with other first-place winners for the Equitation Championship, with David winning that honor.

Other Vermont delegates who finished first in various classes included Callon Fish, Rutland (command class, English pleasure); David Gringeri (western handiness), and Holly Weglarz, Hartland (Western pleasure)

Many of the delegates also participated in the Team Challenge, with only one 4-H'er per state permitted on each team. These four-member teams earned points for placements in various events. Vermonters on the top three teams were Samantha Turgeon, St. Johnsbury (first-place team); Karli Knapp, Townshend (second-place team); and David Gringeri, West Haven (third-place team).

Two Vermont delegates received additional recognition. Lexy Brooks of Whitehall, NY was the recipient of the Sportsmanship Award for Vermont. Chelsea Carcoba of Danville was chosen to sing the national anthem at the awards ceremony.

In addition, David Gringeri of West Haven won the Mac MacDonald Award, given in memory of a strong supporter of the Eastern States 4-H Horse Show. It is presented to the competitor with the highest combined scores in general knowledge, judging and fitting and showmanship competitions. This is the fourth consecutive year that a Vermont 4-H'er has earned this award.

To learn more about the UVM Extension 4-H Horse Program, contact Wendy Sorrell, UVM Extension 4-H livestock educator, at 802-656-5418 or toll-free at 800-571-0668, ext. 2 (Vermont calls only).

Leadership program seeks teens interested in the environment

A University of Vermont (UVM) Extension 4-H teen leadership program is now accepting applications from students in grades 7-12 who are interested in teaching younger youths about environmental topics.

TRY (short for Teens Reaching Youth) for the Environment offers

Vermonters rack up awards at Big E 4-H Dairy Show

Vermont had a strong showing at the regional 4-H Dairy Show at Eastern States Exposition in West Springfield, MA on Saturday-Sunday, September 19-20.

University of Vermont (UVM) Extension 4-H selected 30 4-H'ers to represent Vermont at the show. They competed in both fitting and showmanship classes, where exhibitors are judged on their poise and presentation and handling of their animal, and in conformation classes, where the animal is evaluated on body condition and appearance. Awards also were presented by breed for state herds, with Vermont winning first place for Brown Swiss and Holstein and fourth for Ayrshire.

Given the large number of competitors from throughout New England, several fitting and showmanship classes were held in the junior (ages 12-14) and senior (age 15 and older) divisions. The first-place winner in each group in each division then competed for grand and reserve championship awards. Joseph Real of Georgia was named Junior Grand Champion and Isabel Hall of East Montpelier, Junior Reserve Grand Champion.

Other Vermonters placing in the top five in their respective showmanship classes included:

Junior Showmanship Group 1: Ellie Bissell, Richmond (first). Group 2: Logan Tremblay, Florence (first). Group 3: Joseph Real, Georgia (first); Aislynn Farr, Huntington (fourth). Group 4: Adele Biasini, Morrisville (first). Group 5: Isabel Hall, East Montpelier (first); Group 7: Elizabeth Menard, Fairfield (third). Group 8: Matthew Ouellette, Weybridge (third).

Senior Showmanship Group 1: Cole Goodhue, Fairfield (second); Bethany Orvis, Middlebury (fifth). Group 4: Chris Girard, Lunenburg (second); Todd Howard, Greensboro Bend (third); Maggie Kirby, East Montpelier (fourth). Group 7: Nathan Fefee, Bristol (first); Benjamin Maille, Shelburne (fourth).

In the conformation classes, arranged according to age and breed of the animal, Vermont 4-H'ers placed as follows:

AYRSHIRE:
Spring Calf: Abigail Hurd, Hardwick (first)
Fall Calf: Aislynn Farr, Huntington (third); Joseph Real, Georgia (fifth)

BROWN SWISS:
Junior Champion: Ellie Bissell, Richmond; Reserve Junior Champion: Cole Goodhue, Fairfield.

Spring Calf: Adele Biasini, Morrisville (first)
Fall Calf: Matthew Ouellette, Weybridge (first)
Winter Calf: Olyvia Fortin, Newport (first)
Spring Yearling Heifer: Cole Goodhue, Fairfield (first); Nathan Fefee, Bristol (second)

Summer Yearling Heifer: Ellie Bissell, Richmond (first); Jonathan Flores-Torres, Bridport (third)
Winter Yearling Heifer: Benjamin Maille, Shelburne (second)

GUERNSEY:
Summer Yearling Heifer: Logan Tremblay, Florence (second)

HOLSTEIN:
Fall Calf: Maggie Kirby, East Montpelier (first); Julie Parent, St. Albans (sixth); Elizabeth Menard, Fairfield (eighth)
Winter Calf: Isabel Hall, East Montpelier (first); Tara Collins, Fairlee (third)

Spring Yearling Heifer: Chris Girard, Lunenburg (second); Madeleine Nadeau, Holland (third); Andrew Seward, East Wallingford (fourth)
Summer Yearling Heifer: Jacob Patenaude, Derby Line (third)
Fall Yearling Heifer: Callum Hutchins, Richford (first); Bethany Orvis, Middlebury (second)

Winter Yearling Heifer: Todd Howard, Greensboro Bend (third); Katelynn Ouellette, Vergennes (fourth)

JERSEY:
Three-Year-Old Cow: Cassie Westcom, Enosburg Falls (second)

MILKING SHORTHORN:
Summer Yearling Heifer: Kassie Niklasson, Mount Holly (third)
Fall Yearling Heifer: Sarah Flanders, West Rutland (second)

Contact Wendy Sorrell, UVM Extension 4-H livestock educator, for more information on the Vermont 4-H dairy program. She can be reached at (802) 656-5418 or toll-free at (800) 571-0668, ext. 2 (Vermont calls only).

opportunities for teens to become experts on renewable energy, waste solutions, or food systems, and gain valuable teaching experience by sharing that knowledge through school programs, afterschool programs, vacation camps, and other venues. A full day of training will be offered at UVM in Burlington for each of the program areas.

Interested teens are asked to organize a two- to four-member team to train in one of the three program areas. Team members do not have to be in 4-H, and no previous teaching experience is required. Each team will need an adult mentor, and all team members must apply for the program.

Applications can be downloaded at www.uvm.edu/extension/teenleadership. Click on Programs to access both the teen and adult applications.

Deadlines vary, depending on the program. For renewable energy, the deadline is Sunday, November 15 with training offered on Thursday, December 3. For waste solutions, deadline is Friday, November 20 with training on Friday, January 8. Applications for the food systems curriculum need to be in by Friday, December 4, with training scheduled for Wednesday, January 27.

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COMMUNITY COLUMNS

Trees

By Sue Kuserrow

Special to the Mountain Gazette

My Dad wore out three pairs of boots one summer. He was doing his botany dissertation on the growth of new plants on the lava beds of eastern Oregon. He and my Mom tented on the edge of the vast beds of coiled sharp black lava. She remembered picking blackberries on one side of a bush, only to hear snorting and grunting on the other side... a bear. She decided to leave the picking to her! Dad went on to be a Sterling Fellow in Forestry at Yale, state forester of Connecticut, and head of Forestry at University of Connecticut. And in more memorable accomplishments, at least for me, he taught me almost all I know about trees. I learned the scientific names and what they meant. "Acer is for Maple... There are many of them. *Acer rubrum* (red) is pretty self-explanatory; *Acer negundo* is Box Elder, which doesn't look very much like the usual maple, but more like an Ash. And then there's the Mountain Maple, *Acer spicatum*, the poor relation of the *Acer* family. Once you know the Latin names, no matter where you travel, you will connect with the same trees as you and I are tramping through." And there were his mnemonic devices: "Spruce: short needles; sharp... just run your fingers up a branch; square... you can roll a needle between your fingers. And firs: feathery feeling; flexible, and flat needles... it doesn't roll between your fingers." And some names were quite descriptive: "*Pseudotsuga taxifolia*... that's the lumber tree of the West: Douglas Fir. Someone thought it had false foliage that looked like a hemlock."

Is knowing the names of plants essential to their enjoyment? Not unless the names are somehow connected to their looks, their growing patterns, a long-used vernacular (Popple), or in some cases to a famous person, even politicians of the time. (*Clintonia borealis* is the small Blue Bead Lily of the woods, named after Governor Clinton of New York state.) And of course, in my case, my Dad's sincere love of the subject was transferred to me via many wonderful hikes all over the U.S. "Now there's a *Sequoia gigantea* of northern California... well-named, isn't it? And the *Liriodendron tulipifera*, or Yellow Poplar of the South. The leaves are huge (the tallest hardwood tree of North America), and the flowers are beautiful... shaped like huge tulips." So, his enthusiasm for his subject surrounded me at an early age, and I still delight in such remembrances. He was an amazing teacher, transferring his curiosity to his listeners, a quality we all try to give to our kids. Curiosity is not usually teachable by rote; it is, rather, a wonderful enthusiasm that is transferred more by a personal aura that thankfully, is often contagious.

Now is the glorious time of the trees, when they play center stage; the death of the leaves gives life and rest to the body of the tree... a beautiful way to think of transfer of power, of renewal, of glory in the changes over the past growing months. The *Acers* are at their peak: the Reds exuberant with their feet in a swamp; the magnificent mature Silvers with serrated leaves of muted yellows drifting down past the massed multitude of trunks they usually have. (See two beauties in front of an old farmhouse on Lower Valley Road.) And all other trees join in the festival! The Ashes turn either dusty brown or, at their best, a muted purple. Even the scraggiest of Grey Birches puts on a bit of color before it quickly drops its leaf load. The mountains start sporting glorious red hats as the chilly nights reach the upper elevations. The tourists ooh and ah, and of course we do, too. We can truly say we live in one of the most wonderful of seasons. And as I walk in the woods, scuffling my feet among the blanket of wet leaves and watching the wind flip a few more red parachutes to the ground, I thank my Dad for being the wonderful companion of a young girl, giving me the roots of knowledge and support; and the curiosity that turned the wings of growing up into a marvelous flight.

Leadership

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Each curriculum consists of six one-hour, interactive lessons. The renewable energy lessons, geared to grades K-3, focus on wind and solar energy. The waste solutions program, also for grades K-3, will teach kids about sustainable resource management, recycling, composting, and Vermont laws. Students in grades 3-5 will explore where food comes from, environmental impacts and sustainability, among other topics, in the food systems curriculum.

Teams must commit to teaching at least two different groups of 15 or more youths, which is a minimum 12-hour commitment plus preparation time. Teams have until August 1, 2016 to fulfill their obligation.

To learn more, contact UVM Extension 4-H Teen and Leadership Program Coordinator Lauren Traister at 866-260-5603, ext. 402 (toll-free in Vermont) or 802-888-4972, ext. 402. To request a disability-related accommodation to participate, please call by Sunday, November 15.



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The pressing issue of peer pressure

By Lewis First, MD

Chief of Pediatrics at UVM Children's Hospital

Parents have been pressing me to give them some tips to help their children deal with peer pressure. Let me see if I can decompress some of their concerns and provide some information on this topic.

Peer pressure can have both positive and negative effects on your child. If a peer of your child's teaches your child how to play a sport better, or learn to be better at a subject they are having difficulty with in school, then that is a positive benefit of having peers. Sometimes however, peers can have a negative influence and despite this, children will go along with that influence to be liked, to fit in, or to prevent being made fun of.

So what can you do to help your child deal with peer pressure? First you can talk about it openly with your child and continue to do so as they get older. Tell your child to listen to their gut: if they feel uncomfortable, then they shouldn't go further into that situation, even if their friends are okay with what's going on.

Give your children some strategies to say no to peers, such as telling them to try changing the subject, changing the plan (saying, "Let's go play basketball," instead of doing something that your child knows is wrong), or even blaming you as parents by saying, "I'll be grounded for life." You could also tell your child to simply say they are "in training" if they play a sport. If they're

Get Your Halloween Spook On at Varnum Library



Come and Get Your Halloween Spook On at the Varnum Memorial Library, Jeffersonville, on Thursday, October 29 at 7:00 PM for Alfred Hitchcock and the Art of Suspense. Join film expert Rick Winston to discuss the evolution of Hitchcock's craft, favorite themes, and inimitable sense of humor – no matter how grisly the subject matter. Free event; for information, 644-2117 or thevarnum@gmail.com. PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

told, "Everybody does it," teach them to say, "I don't care. I'm not everybody and not everybody does it."

A great idea is to arrange a bail-out code phrase that will prevent your child from losing face, such as calling home to say they are not feeling well (and probably aren't due to the stress of peer pressure).

Another idea is for your child to find a friend who believes in standing up to peer pressure as well, since two can resist pressure more easily than one.

Finally, if your child considers the situation proposed by peers to be dangerous, remind your child to seek adult help before anyone gets hurt.

Hopefully these tips will help, so your child or teen is not pressured when it comes to dealing with peer pressure.

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COMING EVENTS

Thursday, October 15

Fall preschool program *Spooky Spiders and "Boo"-tiful Bats*, 9:00 – 10:30 AM, Audubon VT, 255 Sherman Hollow Rd., Huntington. Pounce into the world of spiders by spinning a web and swoop into the world of bats by investigating echolocation. Register at vermont@audubon.org or 434-3068.

Friday-Saturday, October 16-17

Rummage Sale, 9:30 AM – 6:00 PM Friday, till 2:00 PM Saturday, Richmond Congregational Church, Richmond. Bag sale Saturday. All proceeds go to local charities. For information, contact Leta, lwatkings@gmavt.net.

Saturday, October 17

Mobbs Farm Workday, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM, Mobbs Farm, Fitzsimonds Rd., Jericho. Meet at the parking lot on Fitzsimonds Rd. to volunteer a workday for autumn projects – tasks include some trail rerouting, some culvert construction, and other fun stuff. Bring your favorite tool. There may even be lunch – working on that part! For information, terryhook@aol.com or 802-355-4943.

Vermont French-Canadian Genealogical Society Annual Fall Conference, 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM, St. John Vianney Church Parish Hall, 160 Hinesburg Rd., S. Burlington. Registration 8:30 AM. Topics include the St. Albans Raid, Québec Cadastral Records, story of Grosse Ile Inspection & Quarantine Station for European Immigrants 1832-1937, more. Displays, book sales. Lunch available for purchase. Registration \$30 at door; \$25 if you preregister on the website, www.vtgenlib.org. The VT Genealogy Library will have books for sale to help you find French, Irish, German, English, and Protestant ancestors, in addition to other genealogy-related topics. Information, www.vtgenlib.org or 802-310-9285.

Story Time, 11:00 AM, Phoenix Books, 191 Bank St., Burlington. Enjoy timeless tales and new adventures with your little ones. Wondering what we'll read? Each week, we'll choose a new picture book, a classic, or a staff favorite. We might even take audience requests! For information, www.phoenixbooks.biz or 802-448-3350.

Everyday Bicycling Workshop, 10:30 AM, Deborah Rawson Memorial Library - Local Motion will be here to offer their Everyday Bicycling Workshop. They will cover such helpful topics as what gear you do (and don't) need; how to make sure your bike is in good shape, how to ride safe and how to incorporate biking into the family lifestyle. All are welcome. Refreshments will be served and there will be freebies to take home!

Sunday, October 18

Free pancake breakfast, 8:30 AM and 10:45 AM, Grace United Methodist Church, 130 Maple St., Essex Junction. Come for a pancake breakfast with VT maple syrup, scrambled eggs, sausage, juice, coffee, and tea, with worship starting at 9:30 AM.

Sunday for Fledglings, 2:00 – 2:45 PM, Birds of Vermont Museum, 900 Sherman Hollow Rd., Huntington. Birds! From feathers to flying, from art to zoology. Develop "mad skilz" in observation, research, and goofing around. Perfect for kids age 5-9; siblings welcome. Free with admission; donations welcome. Pre-registration helpful, 802-434-2167; for information, museum@birdsofvermont.org, or <http://www.birdsofvermont.org>.

An Evening of Cuban Culture and Cuisine, 5:00 – 8:00 PM, North End Studio A, Burlington. Presented by the VT International Festival, the VT Council on World Affairs, Toni Basanta, Jorge Quintana, and the Spanish-Speaking Group of Plattsburgh. Dinner will include puerco asada, rice and beans, papas fritas, a variety of salads and delicious desserts such as arroz con leche, natilla, and various puddings. Live Cuban rhythm by Stuart Paton and friends, videos about Cuban music, and Latin dance music by DJ Toni Basanta (WWPV Radio and MMCTV) will round out the evening. All ages welcome. Tickets \$15 in advance, <http://northendstudios.org/Events.html>, or \$18 at the door.

Thursday, October 22

The Company She Kept, 7:00 PM, Phoenix Books, 191 Bank St., Burlington. Join Archer Mayor for a reading and discussion of the 26th Joe Gunther novel! Archer Mayor, in addition to writing the *New York Times* bestselling Joe Gunther series, is an investigator for the sheriff's department, the state medical examiner, and has 25 years of experience as a firefighter/EMT. He lives near Brattleboro. Tickets \$3 per person include a coupon for \$5 off a book by Archer Mayor. Coupons expire at closing the evening of the event. Seating limited. For information, www.phoenixbooks.biz or 802-448-3350.

Read for the Record, 6:00 PM, Phoenix Books, 21 Essex Way, Essex. Children and adults will attempt to break a world record by reading *Not Norman* by Kelly Bennett in homes and communities around the globe. Learn more about the national event at www.readfortherecord.com. All ages welcome. Free. For information, www.phoenixbooks.biz or 802-872-7111.

Saturday, October 24

Saxon Hill Preschool open house, 9:30 – 11:30 AM, Underhill I.D. Elementary School, 10 River Rd., Underhill. Join families, teachers, and staff for a guided visit to our new location at Underhill I.D. Bring your children, play on our playground, and explore our

classrooms. Saxon Hill School offers half-day kindergarten and preschool classes for children ages 3-6. Inspired by the Reggio Emilia teaching philosophy, Saxon Hill emphasizes play-based exploration, discovery, and learning. NAEYC accredited; Act 166 tuition approved. Come see what a parent co-operative program has to offer your family. More information at www.saxonhillschool.org.

The Backyard Homestead Book of Kitchen Know-How: Field-to-Table Cooking Skills, 2:00 PM, Phoenix Books, 21 Essex Way, Essex. Join Andrea Chesman for a book talk, demo and samples from her new book. Plus, Andrea is bringing sourdough starter for attendees who purchase a book! (While supplies last.) Andrea has written more than 20 cookbooks and contributed to many publications including the *New York Times*, *Cooking Light*, and *Vegetarian Times*. She teaches and does cooking demonstrations and classes at fairs, festivals, book events, and garden shows across the U.S. Free and open to the public. For information, www.phoenixbooks.biz or 802-872-7111.

Turkey Carving (in wood!), 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM, Birds of Vermont Museum, 900 Sherman Hollow Rd., Huntington. Carve and paint a Wild Turkey with David Tuttle of the Green Mountain Woodcarvers. Wood blank, eyes, snacks, and coffee provided. All levels welcome. Bring your tools and gloves if you have them; if you don't, let us know. Dave often brings some knives, gloves, etc. to sell. Please bring your lunch. Great for adults and teens; younger kids need parental permission and Cub Scouts could show their Whittling Chip. \$25 for Museum and GMWC members; \$35 for others. Pre-register at 802-434-2167; for information, museum@birdsofvermont.org, or <http://www.birdsofvermont.org>.

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Introduction to DNA Testing, 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM, VT Genealogy Library, Hegeman Ave., Fort Ethan Allen, Colchester. Inexpensive DNA tests have added powerful tools for genealogists. This presentation will identify what results DNA testing can provide, which tests to take, which companies to use, and what kind of answers you should expect. Privacy, cost and ethical issues will also be discussed. \$5; for information, www.vtgenlib.org or 802-310-9285.

Sunday, October 25

2nd Annual MMU Travel Club Fun Run, 11:00 AM, Wheeler Field, corner of Nashville and Stage Rds., West Bolton. A pre-Halloween event for the whole family, with costumes highly encouraged! A truly FUN run along a beautiful four-mile Jericho/West Bolton loop. Lots of great prizes awarded by bib raffle; proceeds help fund the club's service trip to Costa Rica. Preregistration, \$12, at the MMU Travel Club website, <https://sites.google.com/a/cesuvt.org/mmu-travel-club/>, click on *Fun Run* tab. Race day registration, \$15. For more information, contact Sandy.Alexander@cesuvt.org.

Wednesday, October 28

Salem Witch Trials, 6:30 PM, Deborah Rawson Memorial Library, Jericho. Stephen Nissenbaum speaks at the library; sponsored by the Underhill Historical Society.

Thursday, October 29

Historic Crimes and Justice in Burlington, VT, 7:00 PM, Phoenix Books, 191 Bank St., Burlington. Join Jeffrey Beerworth for a talk on his new book. Beerworth has worked as a police officer with the Burlington Police Department since 2007, and is currently assigned to the detective bureau. His love of history and interest in how social, cultural, and political issues affect police work in Burlington have lead him to write this book in commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the Burlington Police Department. Tickets \$3 per person include a coupon for \$5 off the book. Coupons expire at closing the evening of the event. Seating limited. For information, www.phoenixbooks.biz or 802-448-3350.

Friday, October 30

Shades of Red artists' reception, 5:00 – 7:00 PM, Jericho Town Hall, Jericho. Artwork includes photography, watercolor, oil, pastels, stained glass, and collage. Refreshments will be served.

Saturday, October 31

Bird Monitoring Walk, 7:30 – 8:30 AM, Birds of Vermont Museum, 900 Sherman Hollow Rd., Huntington. Experienced birders, walks in the woods, and bird-friendly coffee. Every month. Please bring your own binoculars and dress for the weather. Free; please pre-register: 802-4334-2167 or museum@birdsofvermont.org.

Story Time, 11:00 AM, Phoenix Books, 191 Bank St., Burlington. Enjoy timeless tales and new adventures with your little ones. Wondering what we'll read? Each week, we'll choose a new picture book, a classic, or a staff favorite. We might even take audience requests! For information, www.phoenixbooks.biz or 802-448-3350.

Using Notarial Records to Find Land Sales, 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM, VT Genealogy Library, Hegeman Ave., Fort Ethan Allen, Colchester. Quebec's Notarial records are an important source of information. You can use these records to locate where an ancestor might have purchased or sold land, initiated contracts, or had property inventoried. John Fisher will teach us how to determine which Notarial Records exist for your ancestors and how to locate them. \$5; for information, www.vtgenlib.org or 802-310-9285.

Sunday, November 1

Earl Cross Photo Exhibit, 1:00 PM, Deborah Rawson

Memorial Library, Jericho. Opening of the month-long exhibit at the library.

Wednesday, November 4

Climate of Doubt, 7:00 PM, McCarthy Arts Center, St. Michael's College, Colchester. In 2008, the presidential candidates agreed that climate change demanded urgent attention. But that national call to action has virtually disappeared. *Frontline* correspondent and host of NPR's *The Takeaway* John Hockenberry describes what altered the climate change debate. Free and open to the public. Information, 878-6955.

Thursday, November 5

Community Soup & Bread Supper, 4:30 – 7:00 PM, Covenant Community Church, 1 Whitcomb Lane, Essex. Eat in or take out a quick, easy, and delicious meal on a busy evening. Choose from a variety of hearty soups and breads and a sweet dessert. Donations accepted. Call Pastor Steve Anderson, 879-4313, for information.

Saturday, November 7

Greek Pastry Sale and Dinner Take-Out, 10:00 AM – 7:00 PM, Greek Orthodox Church, Burlington. Dinner starts at 11:00 AM and includes Chicken Souvlaki, Beef Gyro, and Flafel dinners. Pastry sale starts at 10:00 AM and includes Baklava, Spinach Pie, and Melomakrona. For information, 862-2155.

Story Time, 11:00 AM, Phoenix Books, 191 Bank St., Burlington. Enjoy timeless tales and new adventures with your little ones. Wondering what we'll read? Each week, we'll choose a new picture book, a classic, or a staff favorite. We might even take audience requests! For information, www.phoenixbooks.biz or 802-448-3350.

Autumn Bird Monitoring Walks, 8:00 – 10:00 AM, Audubon VT, 255 Sherman Hollow Rd., Huntington. Say goodbye to our migratory friends. Sharpen your eyes and tune your ears while helping us gather long-term data on bird populations. All levels welcome. Information, vermont@audubon.org or 434-3068.

Sunday, November 8

Sunday Brunch, 9:00 – 11:00 AM, VFW Post 9653, Pleasant St., Morrisville. Benefits the Lamoille County VFW Auxiliary to Post 9653. Adults, \$10; children under 10, \$5.

Thursday, November 12

Fall preschool program *Let's Talk Turkeys*, 9:00 – 10:30 AM, Audubon VT, 255 Sherman Hollow Rd., Huntington. Find out what turkeys eat for Thanksgiving! Bring your turkey feet along as we hit the trails and learn more about these wild birds. Register at vermont@audubon.org or 434-3068.

Saturday, November 14

Story Time, 11:00 AM, Phoenix Books, 191 Bank St., Burlington. Enjoy timeless tales and new adventures with your little ones. Wondering what we'll read? Each week, we'll choose a new picture book, a classic, or a staff favorite. We might even take audience requests! For information, www.phoenixbooks.biz or 802-448-3350.

Culinary Classic, 6:00 – 9:00 PM, Essex Resort & Spa, Essex. You be the Judge at the Culinary Classic when chefs from six of the area's most noted restaurants compete to be named the People's Choice and the Culinary Cup Champion. Sample offerings from Leunig's Bistro, the Farmhouse, Hotel Vermont, Butch + Babe's, Burlington Country Club, and Bluebird Barbecue. Live music, live and silent auctions, and entertainment from Game Show Vermont. Enjoy an evening of local food, local beverage, and cancer support. All proceeds benefit the Cancer Patient Support Foundation providing psychological and nutritional counseling and financial support to cancer patients and their families in Vermont and northern New York. Tickets \$75 per person, or \$130 for a couple. For tickets or more information, www.cpsfv.org or 802-488-5495.

Sunday, November 15

Free pancake breakfast, 8:30 AM and 10:45 AM, Grace United Methodist Church, 130 Maple St., Essex Junction. Come for a pancake breakfast with VT maple syrup, scrambled eggs, sausage, juice, coffee, and tea, with worship starting at 9:30 AM.

Saturday, November 21

Story Time, 11:00 AM, Phoenix Books, 191 Bank St., Burlington. Enjoy timeless tales and new adventures with your little ones. Wondering what we'll read? Each week, we'll choose a new picture book, a classic, or a staff favorite. We might even take audience requests! For information, www.phoenixbooks.biz or 802-448-3350.

Saturday, November 28

Bird Monitoring Walk, 7:30 – 8:30 AM, Birds of Vermont Museum, 900 Sherman Hollow Rd., Huntington. Experienced birders, walks in the woods, and bird-friendly coffee. Every month. Please bring your own binoculars and dress for the weather. Free; please pre-register: 802-4334-2167 or museum@birdsofvermont.org.

Wednesday, December 2

Roots of Latin Jazz, 7:00 PM, Brownell Library, Essex Jct. Using recordings and videos, world renowned recording artist, composer, and educator Ray Vega examines the contributions of Latino American musicians who helped create Latin Jazz. A Latino Americans: 500 Years of History program. Free and open to the public. Information, 878-6955.

Thursday, December 3

Fall preschool program *Fall-ing Into Winter*, 9:00 – 10:30 AM, Audubon VT, 255 Sherman Hollow Rd., Huntington. Find out what the animals at the Audubon Center do to get ready for the cold, snow, and hard-to-find food. Register at vermont@audubon.org or 434-3068.

Wednesday, December 9

Civil War Soldiers of Underhill, 6:30 PM, Deborah Rawson Memorial Library, Jericho. Sponsored by the Underhill Historical Society.

Saturday, December 26

Bird Monitoring Walk, 7:30 – 8:30 AM, Birds of Vermont Museum, 900 Sherman Hollow Rd., Huntington. Experienced birders, walks in the woods, and bird-friendly coffee. Every month. Please bring your own binoculars and dress for the weather. Free; please pre-register: 802-4334-2167 or museum@birdsofvermont.org.

Witchcraft! (in Salem, 300 years ago)

The Underhill Historical Society is sponsoring a talk on the Salem Witch Trials on Wednesday, October 28 at 6:30 PM at the Deborah Rawson Memorial Library in Jericho. The speaker will be Stephen Nissenbaum, an Underhill resident. Dr. Nissenbaum graduated from Harvard College, A.B. (1961) and the University of Wisconsin, PhD (1968). He is a Professor Emeritus from the University of Massachusetts/Amherst, where he taught early American history from 1968-2004.

Dr. Nissenbaum has written several books on witchcraft, including *Salem Possessed: The Social Origins of Witchcraft*, *Salem Witchcraft Papers*, and *The Battle For Christmas*, a story of the early Puritans banning Christmas.

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LIBRARY NEWS

CORRECTION

The *Mountain Gazette* apologizes for a mistake in the October 1, 2015 edition that resulted in confusion for the Jericho Town Library. An error in layout may have indicated to readers that JTL is open on Tuesdays, which is not the case. Jericho Town Library is open Mondays 1:00 – 7:00 PM, Wednesdays 10:00 AM – 12:00 noon and 2:00 – 7:00 PM, Fridays 1:00 – 5:00 PM, and Saturdays 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM. ~ Editor.

DEBORAH RAWSON LIBRARY, UNDERHILL

Remember, The library is now open on Sundays from 1:00 – 4:00 PM. Stop in for an afternoon of library enjoyment.

The Board of Trustees will meet Thursday, October 15 at 7:00 PM.

The Friends of the DRML will meet Wednesday, October 21 at 10:30 AM.

Bicycle Clinic – Saturday, October 17 at 10:30 AM. - Local Motion will be here to offer their Everyday Bicycling Workshop. They will cover such helpful topics as what gear you do (and don't) need; how to make sure your bike is in good shape, how to ride safe and how to incorporate biking into the family lifestyle. All are welcome. Refreshments will be served and there will be freebies to take home!

Scrabble/Bridge Night – We love playing Scrabble, and are looking for folks who love any and all games and would like to get together for an evening of fun. Join the Scrabble enthusiasts on Monday, October 19 at 6:30 PM. We have some classic choices; feel free to bring along one you like – and a friend to play, as well!

The French Conversation Group will meet on Thursday, October 22 at 6:30 PM. Stop in for some conversation and cultural exchange. For more information, call Henry at 899-3349.

The Mystery Book Group will meet Tuesday, October 27 at 7:00 PM to discuss *Rough Country* by John Sandford. Please join us!

The Parent Support Group will meet Wednesday, October 28 at 6:30 PM. Meet and connect with parents raising children and teens with behavioral challenges (ASD, ODD, ADD, etc.). Call Elise Doner at 899-2644 or email busyfeet4kids@gmail.com for more information.

Presentation on the Salem Witch Trials – Wednesday, October 28, 6:30 PM. The Underhill Historical Society will present a talk on the Salem Witch Trials. The speaker will be Stephen Nissenbaum, an Underhill resident. Dr. Nissenbaum is a Professor Emeritus from the University of Massachusetts/Amherst where he taught early American history from 1968-2004. Dr. Nissenbaum has authored several books on witchcraft: *Salem Possessed: The Social Origins of Witchcraft*; *The Salem Witchcraft Papers*; and *The Battle For Christmas*, which tells of the early Puritans' banning of Christmas celebrations. Please join us for what will certainly be an interesting and informative evening.

For Children and Families

October Story Hour! Drop in for stories, songs, projects and a nutritious snack! Wednesday, October 28 at 10:30 AM and Thursday, October 29 at 10:00 AM. No registration required.

Hand-Dipped Taper Candle – Thursday, October 15, 3:00 – 4:30 PM. Make your own candle that will be perfect to put in a carved pumpkin. All ages welcome, kindergarten through second grade, with parent, please. Please call to register.

Family Movie Night – Friday, October 16, 6:30 – 9:00 PM. Plan on a fun family night viewing *Paddington*. Wear your PJs, grab a pillow, and bring the whole gang! Arrive a few minutes early to settle in! We will provide the popcorn! Call 899-4962 for details.

Tinker Time – Thursday, October 22, 3:00 – 4:00 PM. Design and make an LED Halloween Card! You'll be creating a basic circuit and switch to light up your creepy creation!

Come rock with *Buddy Dubay & the Minor Key: Unplugged!* Join us on Sunday, October 25 from 2:00 – 3:00 PM. Formed in 2004, *The Minor Key* is a collection of young local talent led by multi-instrumentalist Buddy Dubay. The band serves as a tool for the kids to learn about various aspects of the music biz, from songwriting to recording and production. The fruit of their labors is the group's second album, *What Can We Do?* Stop in for foot tapping and finger snapping to their diverse collection of traditional and original music for families.

For information on the programs and services available at Deborah Rawson Memorial Library, visit www.drml.org. You can also find us on Facebook and Twitter.

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

JERICHO TOWN LIBRARY

Local History at JTL in October

Saturday, October 17, 10:30 AM, Jericho Center Historic Village Tour. Learn about Jericho Center's early residents and the homes they built in this informative walking tour led by Jericho resident Bob Schermer. Meet out front of Jericho Town Library.

Monday, October 19, 6:00 PM: *A Vermont Volunteer Returns*. Join award winning Civil War scholar and Jericho Center resident Robert Grandchamp as he recreates the life and times of the Vermont Civil War soldier. Robert is a Civil War living historian with the Vermont Civil War Hemlocks, a progressive living history group based in the Northeast Kingdom that portrays the men of the First Vermont Battery and Third Vermont Infantry. Robert will appear dressed as a Vermont soldier for a discussion of the clothing, equipment, food, and weaponry carried by the Green Mountain Boys of 1861. The presentation takes place at the second floor of the Jericho Town Library.

Jericho Center Cemetery Tour w/ Stuart Alexander, Saturday, October 24, 10:30 AM – 12:00 noon. Join this history tour at the town's oldest cemetery. Located on Barber Farm Rd in Jericho Center, the Jericho Center Cemetery is full of people who helped to shape this town. Come hear their stories, learn about the lore of gravestone markings, and discuss period history in this interactive historic cemetery walk. Dr. Stuart Alexander, a 50-year resident of Jericho and admirer of her history and the people who've made it, will conduct a walking tour of the Jericho Center Cemetery. Stuart is a member of the Jericho Cemetery Commission, of the Vermont Old Cemetery Association, and treasurer of the Vermont Cemetery Association. His home adjacent to the cemetery was built in 1797 by Lewis Chapin, who in 1804, "by reason of convenience," gave to the inhabitants of Jericho two acres, which became known as the "Old Burial Ground." He hopes to share insights provided by a cemetery into the lives of some of those remembered there, as well as general cemetery lore. Suggestions / contributions from participants will be welcome. Available before and after in the Jericho Town Library will be a brief history of the Jericho Center

Cemetery, as well as a copy of Sharon DeBartolo Carmack's *Your Guide to Cemetery Research*.

Jericho Town Library Needs Your Help: Do you have a few extra hours a month to volunteer? Are you handy with numbers or interested in grant writing? Jericho Town Library is looking for a treasurer and grant writer. All work can be done from home, with occasional check-in at the library. Please consider this opportunity to assist a cherished and historic community organization. For more information, please contact Barb Adams at 899-4818 or adams67@aol.com.

Library Hours: Mondays 1:00 – 7:00 PM, Wednesdays 10:00 AM – 12:00 noon and 2:00 – 7:00 PM, Fridays 1:00 – 5:00 PM, and Saturdays 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM.

For more information on news and events, please visit our website at www.jerichotownlibraryvt.org.

VARNUM MEMORIAL LIBRARY, JEFFERSONVILLE

Varnum Memorial Writers Group will meet on Wednesday, October 28, 7:00 – 8:30 PM at the library. If you have work to share, bring half a dozen copies of two double-spaced pages. If you don't – please come prepared to offer constructive feedback and questions you might have about the writing process. Free event; for information, 644-2117 or thevarnum@gmail.com.

Get Your Halloween Spook On – Come and get your Halloween spook started on Thursday, October 29 at 7:00 PM at the Varnum Memorial Library with *Alfred Hitchcock and the Art of Suspense*. "I am a typed director. If I made Cinderella, audiences would immediately be looking for a body in the coach." Alfred Hitchcock's career spanned 40 years and many film eras. The Varnum Memorial Library invites you to join film expert Rick Winston to discuss the evolution of Hitchcock's craft, favorite themes, and inimitable sense of humor – no matter how grisly the subject matter. Drawing on 12 film clips starting with his 1925 silent *The Lodger*, and progressing to his classics *Notorious* and *Rear Window*, Winston illuminates the arc of Hitchcock's brilliant career. Presenter Rick Winston co-owned Montpelier's Savoy Theater for 29 years, and has been Programming Director for Green Mountain Film Festival for 14 years. He has taught film history at Burlington College, Community College of Vermont, Goddard College, and the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute. Rick has enlightened audiences about film history and comedy throughout Vermont. This event is co-sponsored by the Vermont Humanities Council.

Tuesday, November 10, Poetry People, 7:00 – 8:30 PM at the library, Jeffersonville. Bring poems, all styles, inc. any set to music or just come and listen. Light refreshments. All ages invited. Free event; for information, 644-2117 or thevarnum@gmail.com.

The Varnum Library, P.O. Box 198, 194 Main St., Jeffersonville, 802-644-2117; thevarnum.org. Please visit Varnum Library's website, <http://thevarnum.org>.

Hours: Mondays and Tuesdays 12:00 – 7:00 PM, Wednesdays 3:00 – 7:00 PM, Thursdays 9:00 AM – 7:00 PM, Fridays 2:00 – 5:00 PM, and Saturdays 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM. Closed Sundays.

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Library Hours: Wednesday 1:00 – 7:00 PM, Thursday 10:00 AM – 7:00 PM, Friday 1:00 – 7:00 PM, Saturday 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM; website westfordpubliclibrary.wordpress.com; Email: westfordpubliclibrary@gmail.com. Like us on Facebook. 878-5639, Bree Drapa, Librarian.

RICHMOND LIBRARY

Early Bird Math is an interactive math literacy storytime for young children and their caregivers. Through books, songs, and games, children are exposed to numbers, counting, shapes, measurements, and many other early math concepts, and will enjoy a chance to play with their peers. Join Wendy in the Community Room on Fridays at 11:00 AM.

Richmond Free Library, 201 Bridge St., P.O. Box 997, Richmond, VT 05477; 434-3036; 434-3223 (fax); www.richmondfreelibraryvt.org. Open Monday and Wednesday, 10:00 AM – 8:00 PM, Tuesday and Thursday, 1:00 – 6:00 PM; Friday, 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM; Saturday, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM.

FAIRFAX COMMUNITY LIBRARY

All events are free unless noted. Pre-registration encouraged – 802-849-2420 or libraryprograms@fwsu.org.

Tuesdays, October 20, 27, 9:30 AM – 10:30 AM, Preschool Story Hour. Join us for themed stories, songs, and activities for ages 0-6. No registration necessary for story hour. Fairies! For this special day, we will make fairy houses out of natural materials. Feel free to bring in extra building materials (pine needles, twigs, acorns, bark, moss, etc.). October 27, Spiders and Halloween.

Saturday, October 17, 10:00 – 11:30 AM, Wire Wrapped Jewelry Making. Create a beautiful piece of jewelry using the wire wrapping technique to incorporate a stone into a pendant.

Tuesday, October 20, 6:00 – 7:00 PM, Hunter's Workshop: Get ready for a successful hunting season. Learn about the art of camouflage and other tricks of the trade with local hunters in this free, drop-in program.

Thursday, October 22, 3:00 – 4:00 PM, Crafternoon: Pumpkin Decorating. Kids 6+ decorate mini pumpkins for this fall craft. Must preregister.

Wednesday, October 28, 3:00 – 4:00 PM, STEM Club. At this month's STEM Club, kids 6+ will make simple electric motors with local tinkerer Ralph Lemnah. Please preregister.

Thursday, October 29, 6:00 – 8:00 PM, The Vermont Movie: *Part One – A Very New Idea*. This is the first installment of a six-part series where we will screen "Freedom and Unity: The Vermont Movie" during the fall and winter. This first segment covers the roots of what would become the state of Vermont, from its native people to the Civil War. Discussion following the movie.

Saturday, October 31, 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM, Scary Story Read Aloud. In honor of Halloween, we will have a scary story read aloud for ages 5+ and crafts for all ages. Feel free to come in costume.

On Halloween, Saturday, October 31, The library will be open from 5:00 – 7:00 PM for trick-or-treating.

Library Hours: Monday, Wednesday 8:00 AM – 5:30 PM; Tuesday and Thursday 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM; Friday 8:00 AM – 3:15 PM; Saturday 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM.

For up-to-date information about programs, visit our website www.fairfaxvtlibrary.org, where you can find a link to our interactive Google calendar. Fairfax Community Library: 75 Hunt St., Fairfax, VT, 05454; 849-2420. Program Planner Karyn

Norwood, knorwood@fwsu.org; Library News: www.bfafairfax.com/pages/communitylibrarynews.html.

DOROTHY ALLING MEMORIAL LIBRARY, WILLISTON

All events are free.

Preschool Music: Mondays at 11:00 AM and Thursdays at 10:30 AM. For children up to age 5 with a caregiver. No pre-registration. Free.

Thursday Playtime, 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM. Preschoolers and their caregivers are invited for an informal play time following the Preschool Music program. For children birth to age 5.

Tuesdays, Fall Story Time, 11:00 AM. Preschoolers are introduced to a variety of books and authors while gaining early literacy skills. Includes a simple craft. No registration necessary.

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

BROWNELL MEMORIAL LIBRARY, ESSEX JCT.

Mondays, October 19, 26, and Wednesdays, October 21, 28, 12:00 – 1:00 PM: Tech Help with Clif. Offering one-on-one technology help. Bring in your new gadget or gizmo and Clif will sit with you to help you learn its ways! Reservation required. Please call 878-6955 at least 24 hours in advance.

Tuesdays, October 20, 27, 9:10 – 9:30 AM: Story Time for Babies and Toddlers. Picture books, songs, rhymes and puppets for babies and toddlers with an adult.

Tuesdays, October 20, 27, and Wednesdays, October 14, 21, 28, 10:00 – 10:45 AM: Story Time for 3-5 Year Olds. Picture books, songs, rhymes, puppets, flannel stories, and early math activities for preschoolers.

Tuesdays, October 20, 27, 3:30 – 4:30 PM: Read to Daisy, Therapy Dog. Daisy loves to listen to kids read. She is certified by Therapy Dogs of Vermont. Daisy's owner is Maddie Nash, retired school counselor. For all ages.

Thursdays, October 15, 22, 29, 3:30 – 4:30 PM: Read to Archie, Therapy Dog. Archie loves to listen to kids read. He is certified by Therapy Dogs of Vermont. Archie's owner is Christine Packard, Chair of Brownell Library Trustees. For All ages.

Friday, October 23, 6:00 – 8:30 PM: Dungeons and Dragons. Embark on imaginary adventure. Our Dungeon Master serves as the game's referee and storyteller. Grades 6 and up.

Friday, October 30, 6:30 – 8:30 PM: Maggie's Fiber Friday for Adults. Maggie Loftus, veteran knitter, will be settled in front of the fireplace in the Main Reading Room. She invites adult knitters and crocheters to join her with their projects and engage in conversation. Bring patterns to share if you'd like. If you wish to contact Maggie: 6maggie2@myfairpoint.net.

Fridays, October 16, 23, 10:00 – 10:45 AM: Songs and Stories with Matthew. Matthew Witten performs songs about our world and tells adventurous tales. For all ages. Funded by the Friends of Brownell Library.

Friday, October 16, 3:15 – 4:15 PM: Crafternoon: Sand Art. We supply the materials, you supply the creativity. For students in grades 4 and up.

Friday, October 16, 6:30 – 8:30 PM: Family movie. Free popcorn and drinks!

Monday, October 19, 4:30 – 5:30 PM: Star Wars Club. Max Holzman leads the Star Wars Club. This session focuses on Star Wars and Lego. Bring something you've built and we'll discuss your creations. For all ages. Popcorn and drink!

Monday, October 19, 7:00 – 8:00 PM: Friends of Brownell Library Meeting.

Tuesday, October 20, 7:00 – 9:00 PM: Brownell Library Trustees Meeting.

Wednesday, October 21, 3:30 – 4:15 PM: Spooky Stories with Linda Costello. Storyteller Linda Costello celebrates Halloween with some spooky stories for the season. For students in grades 2 and up.

Wednesday, October 21, 6:30 – 8:00 PM: Mayhem of the Month Dine and Discuss Series: *The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency* by Alexander McCall Smith. Discussion leader Ed Cashman. *The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency* series tells the story of the delightfully cunning and enormously engaging Precious Ramotswe, who is drawn to her profession to "help people with problems in their lives." Copies available at the Adult Circulation desk. Potluck fare! Library provides tableware, decaf, and water.

Thursday, October 22, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM: library closed for team building meeting.

Wednesday, October 28, 7:00 – 9:00 PM: Backyard Astronomy. Want to impress your family and friends with your knowledge of the night sky? Join members of the Vermont Astronomical Society for an evening of Backyard Astronomy and learn how to enjoy the use of your library's new telescope.

Friday, October 30, 3:30 – 5:00 PM: Axis and Allies. Play a WW II game of strategy using battleships, air fleets, and submarines to decide the fate of the World. Grades 6 and up.

Friday, October 30, 10:00 – 10:30 AM: Drop-In Story Time for Kids of All Ages. Babies, toddlers and preschoolers are welcome to come listen to picture book stories and have fun with finger plays and action rhymes.

Friday, October 30, 6:00 – 8:00 PM: Magic: The Gathering. Whether you know the game or are curious to find out more, come have tons of gaming fun! Grades 6 and up.

Friday, October 30, 3:15 – 4:15 PM: Halloween Face Painting. Face painting provided free by teens! Come in costume or just as you are... All ages welcome.

Brownell Library, 6 Lincoln St., Essex Junction. Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 9:00 AM – 9:00 PM; Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday (July until after Labor Day, closed Saturdays): 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM. Call Main Desk 878-6955, Youth Desk 878-6956, Reference Desk 878-6957, or email frontdesk@brownelllibrary.org.

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History of the Mansfield Barn

Written by Gary Irish

Little is known of the early history of the farm. The land was originally part of the farm of the Joseph Brown family, Jericho's first settlers, and it is thought that Joseph Brown Jr. lived there for a time. It was later owned for many years by Hiram Day, whose first wife was Joseph Brown Jr.'s daughter Elizabeth. After Elizabeth's death in 1856, he married her sister Polly Brown. By the mid-1890s the farm was owned by Elmer and Jennie Irish, who had moved there from Underhill. By that time, there existed an old house and an old barn on the farm, in addition to the main house and farm barn. It is speculated that Hiram Day had built both the newer house and barn, likely in the mid-1800s, as the style of the house dates it to around 1850.

Disaster struck early in the morning of October 29, 1897 when according to a news article in the Green Mountain Press of November 2, "The barns on the farm occupied by Elmer Irish were burned to the ground Friday morning at 3 o'clock. Mr. Irish was going to Burlington with a load of pork, and had risen early and had lighted a lantern and was doing the morning work when he overturned his lantern on the hay, and in a moment all was afire. The livestock, with the exception of hens, were saved, and some farming tools. The things were insured."

The current barn, which replaced the one destroyed by the fire, was built in two halves. The eastern part was built in 1900, and the western half was built by the Breen Brothers of Underhill in the summer of 1905. This barn is what is known as a bank barn, and was the latest technology at the time.

It was built into a side hill, with the stable on the lower level and the hay mows on the upper level, with the side hill, or bank, making both levels accessible from ground level, and gravity delivering the hay to the cattle. After the new barn was completed, the old house mentioned above was moved from its original location to the south of the barn and attached to the western end of the barn, being used as a grain room and for storage. Likewise, the old barn mentioned above, which had escaped the fire, was moved to the eastern end of the new barn, adding to the capacity of the barn.

The old house eventually deteriorated and was torn down around the 1930s, and the old barn was taken down in the 1970s by volunteers from the Jericho Historical Society, who used the material for restoration work in the wheelhouse of Chittenden Mills. Mrs. Irish died in 1905, and Elmer married Mable Perriego in 1907.

In 1916, they purchased the Appolus Bishop farm across the road and moved there the next year. Thereafter the house on the home farm was rented out, although Mr. Irish continued to operate the farm. After his death in 1937, his son Hugh Irish continued to farm there until the place was sold to Frank and Mable Irish from North Underhill in 1944. They operated the farm along with their son Harley, who continued it until his retirement when he rented the farm to Arthur "Cub" Blades while continuing to live in the house. After Harley's death the farm was sold to Ben and Joanne, and Cub continued to rent the barn from them until the farm was sold to John



and Denise Angelino.

A barn reborn

The former "Irish Farm" was purchased by Grant and Susan Allendorf in November, 2014 from John and Denise Angelino. Major renovation of the barn started the summer of 2015, with completion estimated for May, 2016. Everything from the roof, sills, floor, and walls is slated to be either repaired or completely reconstructed. In addition to the restoration of the original building details, three bathrooms, a bar area, and a large dance floor will also be put in, making it a remarkable space for special events.

Grant has been in the wedding business since 1978 with SuperSounds Entertainment, and he has seen the impact of the wedding barn movement that has swept the nation. His vision is to make The Mansfield Barn a special setting for couples from near and far to have the Vermont barn wedding of their dreams. With the beautiful backdrop of Mount Mansfield in the distance, and the small town charm of Jericho, The Mansfield Barn is bound to be a place where memories are made.

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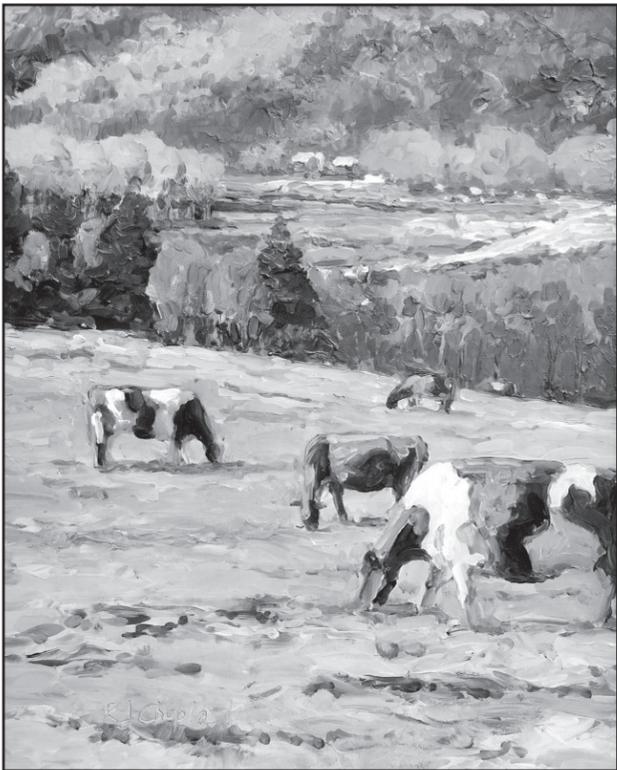
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ART / MUSIC / THEATER



On Sunday, October 18 in an artist's reception 1:00 – 3:00 PM at Emile A. Gruppe Gallery in Jericho Center, artist Robert Chapla will present his views on Plein Air painting using oil and acrylic paintings to illustrate his points on the value of painting out of doors. For more information, please call 802-899-3211.

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ART/PHOTOGRAPHY

Emile A. Gruppe Gallery in Jericho Center presents Newberry artist Robert Chapla in an exhibition titled *New Directions in Plein Air Painting*, which runs from Thursday, October 15-Sunday, November 22. On Sunday, October 18 at 2:00 PM during the artist reception, Chapla will present his views on Plein Air painting using his oil and acrylic paintings to illustrate his points on the value of painting out of doors. Reception hours are 1:00 – 3:00 PM. For more information, please call 802-899-3211 or go online to www.emilegruppegallery.com.

At Bryan Memorial in Jeffersonville through December 30, the Bryan's 2015 *Legacy Collection* features 25 living artists and 13 deceased artists whose works continue the legacy of Alden Bryan, founder of the gallery, and Mary Bryan, in whose honor the gallery was founded. Each year, Bryan Memorial Gallery chooses artists for inclusion in the Legacy Collection. The Legacy Collection also includes a subset entitled *Hidden Treasures*, which includes deceased artists' works that are owned by gallery members and available for sale. All exhibited works are oriented toward the current season, and will be changed throughout the course of the year. Bryan Memorial Gallery, 180 Main St., Jeffersonville, 802-644-5100. A preview of the exhibit can be seen at www.bryangallery.org. Gallery hours are Thursday-Sunday, 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM, and by appointment.

Visions of Vermont Art Galleries in Jeffersonville has opened *Bridges and Steel*, an exhibition of the works of two local artists, Eric Tobin and Bill Salmon. Eric's work will be a selection of covered bridge paintings he has completed over the last 15 years. And since this is the 15th anniversary of the Vermont Covered Bridge Society – which was born in Jeffersonville – Eric has agreed to donate 10% of all covered bridge original painting sales in October to VCBS. Additionally, Eric and Visions of Vermont will donate all of the proceeds of covered bridge print sales to VCBS. Bill Salmon's work of metal sculpture will be on display as part of the exhibition. Bill is a 7th-generation Vermonter and metal artist, and the proprietor of Sugarhouse Ironworks. He makes pot racks, railings, and does commission work, but is known for his delicate flower sculptures. Visions of Vermont, 100 Main St., Jeffersonville. For more information, visionsofvermont.com or 802-644-8183.

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

Helen Day Art Center's Members' Art Show will open Friday, December 4; the last day to submit work for the show is Friday, November 13. Application forms and more information are available at <http://www.helenday.com/exhibitions/upcoming>. Through Sunday, November 22, *Fractured: Works on Paper*, a group exhibition of works on paper looking at fractured space through the lens of the narrative, structure, and optics and how those de/constructions create new meaning, perceptions, and truths. Friday, December 4 through Sunday, January 3, Members' Art Show and Festival of Trees & Light, bringing together the community to share and celebrate the season through decorated evergreens, a Hanukkah display, and over 100 members' artwork. Helen Day will be running a variety of workshops and classes throughout the fall, including family and adult workshops as well as after school classes for kids age four through grade 6; contact education@helenday.com or 802-253-8358 for details. Helen Day Art Center, 90 Pond St., Stowe. Gallery hours: Wednesday-Sunday 12:00 PM – 5:00 PM and by appointment.

River Arts in Morrisville has a variety of artistic offerings for kids, teens, and adults. There are classes on stained glass, watercolor and cartooning, digital photography, drawing, felting, poetry, and more; call 802-888-1261 or go online to www.riverartsvt.org for specifics and more information including cost. For kids, in addition to a Fall Vacation Camp that will run Thursday-Friday, October 22-23, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM (contact as above for details) for ages 6-12, River Arts offers drop-in Open Gym sessions on Thursdays, 10:00 – 11:30 AM for \$5 per session, and two free ongoing programs: Kinder Arts, Fridays, 10:30 – 11:30 AM; and Music & Movement with Lesley Grant, every 1st and 3rd Tuesday (October 20), 10:30 – 11:30 AM. River Arts of Morrisville, 74 Pleasant St., Morrisville.

Island Arts Gallery in South Hero is calling for artists to submit an application for the 2016 gallery schedule. Artists interested in showing with the gallery must submit an artist statement, the

mediums employed in their works, and two to five digital images of their work to the Island Arts South Hero Gallery Committee by or before Saturday, October 31. All mediums are welcome. Please email your interest to maryjomccarthy@gmail.com on or before October 31. If you do not have Internet access, we ask that you please contact the gallery committee and make arrangements to present your work, calling Mary Jo McCarthy, 802-372-6047, or Heidi Chamberlain, 802-372-3346. The Gallery Committee will jury review your work and make the selections. Applicants will be notified by phone, mail, or email, so please include current contact information.

MUSIC/DANCE

The Burlington Chamber Orchestra's ninth season with their new Artistic Director and Conductor Yutaka Kono will continue on Saturday, January 23: Soovin Kim, guest conductor; Chamber Ensemble Piece; Haydn *Concerto*; Mozart *No. 40*. Saturday, February 20: Yutaka Kono, conductor; Mozart *Serenade No. 12*; Composition by David Feurzeig with Tom Toner, percussion; Piazzolla: *Libertango*; Beethoven *Octet*. Saturday, May 14, Kayoko Dan, guest conductor: Kuhlau: *Trylleharpen Overture, Op. 27*; Composer Winner Composition; Young Artist Competition Winner; Shubert *Symphony #6*. General admission \$25 adults, \$10 students (with ID). For more information, www.bcovt.org or contact Sharon Radtke, 802-893-4082 or bco@bcovt.org.

Cathedral Square musical programs this fall include informal, free Tuesday noontime concerts, 12:00 – 1:00 PM. Bring a bag lunch. Coffee and tea provided. October 20, Reed and Pedal, Wesley Christensen, clarinet; Claire Black, piano, Copland's *Concerto for Clarinet*, Gaubert's *Fantasia*, and Brahms' *Clarinet Sonata, No. 1*. November 3, Kevin Lawrence, violin, and Robert Rachlin, piano music for violin and piano by William Grant Still, Jean Françaix, and Eric Satie. November 17, vocal recital: Caroline Rood, soprano; Mary Jane Austin, piano; Thomas Hyde, baritone; Wayne Schneider, piano. December 8, UVM Catamount Singers, David Neiwem, director, the University of Vermont Select Choir presents a concert of seasonal works. Starts at 12:15 PM. January 12, Young Artists' Recital: This annual concert presents gifted young Vermont musicians. Ticketed Series: seniors 65+; students under 22 with ID; children under 15. Sunday, November 15, 3:00 PM, Lake Champlain Chamber Music Festival's Young Trio-in-Residence Solos, Duos, and Trios for Strings. Robyn Bollinger, violin, Wenhong Luo, viola, and SuJin Lee, cello. Admission charged. Sunday, December 6, 3:00 PM, The Vermont Choral Union O Radiant Dawn. In the winter's darkness, the mystery and wonder of a star and golden dawn. Admission charged. Information including ticket prices: www.CathedralArts.org or info@CathedralArt.org. Tickets available at the door and in advance at Flynn Regional Box Office, 802-863-5966 or online at www.flynnntix.org. St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral, 2 Cherry St., Burlington. Accessible. Free parking at the Cathedral or two hours free in city lot at Macy's. We also have permission to park at Acme Glass on Pearl St. when they are closed. Information: 864-0471.

THEATER/FILM

Lyric Theatre Company is in need of behind-the-scenes volunteers for the company's two annual productions at the Flynn Theatre. Work is going on now for the November production of *White Christmas*. Needs include costumers, set builders and painters, props, lighting, make-up, hair and more. No experience needed, training is provided for enthusiastic volunteers! Contact Marcus Certa, 654-1484 or office@lyrictheatrevt.org. GFour Productions, winner of 44 Tony Awards and 54 Drama Desk Awards, has proudly joined forces with Susan G. Komen to launch *Menopause The Musical: The Survivor Tour* benefiting Susan G. Komen in 2015. With a cast of breast cancer survivors and co-survivors, the show offers inspiration, sisterhood, and hope. *The Survivor Tour* comes to the Flynn Center for the Performing Arts in Burlington for one performance only on Tuesday, October 20 at 7:30 PM. Tickets are available at the Flynn Center Box Office, www.flynnntix.org, or by calling 802-86-FLYNN. The production will donate \$2 per ticket sold to Susan G. Komen to further its mission to save lives and end breast cancer. Greater discounts for groups of 10+ available by calling 888-686-8587 x3. For more

information, visit www.MenopauseTheMusical.com.

Shelburne Players will present the musical comedy *I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change* by Joe Dipietro and Jimmy Roberts at 7:30 PM on Friday-Saturday, November 13-14, and Thursday-Saturday, November 19-21 at Shelburne Town Center, with a Sunday matinee at 2:00 PM on November 15. Cast members have begun rehearsing for the musical revue about love and relationships. The show was nominated for the Outer Critics Circle Award as Outstanding Off-Broadway Musical in 1997. The cast includes Elisabeth Gerber and David Tilley, both of Burlington, Kyle Silliman-Smith of Huntington currently living in Burlington, and David Belvedere of Winooski. Gerry Lawrence of Shelburne is producing and Peter Espenshade, also of Shelburne, is directing. Tickets \$15; Sunday matinee and all seniors, \$12. Open seating. For more information and to reserve tickets, www.shelburneplayers.com.

Barnes Camp project wins New England Award

The Lamoille County Planning Commission (LCPC) is pleased to announce that the Barnes Camp Restoration project has been named the 2015 Project of the Year by the Northern New England Chapter of the American Planning Association. Barnes Camp is the culmination of twenty-plus year planning effort to improve public facilities in the Smugglers' Notch State Park and Scenic Highway while respecting the area's rich natural, cultural, and historic heritage.

Barnes Camp was a joint project of the Lamoille County Planning Commission and the Smugglers' Notch Partners. The Visitors Center is operated and staffed by a unique public-private partnership which includes LCPC, the VT Department of Forest, Parks and Recreation, Stowe Mountain Resort, and the Green Mountain Club.

LCPC's Senior Planner Seth Jensen, who managed the project, was presented with the award on behalf of all the partners. Jensen stated, "Barnes Camp is a project for the 21st century. The building includes green technology, Vermont timber, and historic materials including the remnants of the original rope tow that brought skiers to the top of Mount Mansfield during the 1930s and 1940s."

Executive Director Tasha Wallis of LCPC said, "With this restoration complete, Barnes Camp will now serve as the key point of contact for one of the most scenic highways in the state of Vermont and as a trailhead for the Long Trail – Vermont's 'footpath through the wilderness.'"

Barnes Camp was built in 1927 on the site of a former logging camp and was used as a warming lodge for hikers and skiers. The current restoration was predominately funded through federal funds obtained by VT Senator Bernie Sanders.

Barnes Camp has won two previous awards, the Vermont Planners Association "Project of the Year" award and the Vermont Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects' "Public Places Merit Award."



Seth Jensen receives the Northern New England Chapter of American Planning Association 2015 Project of the Year Award, recognizing efforts at the Barnes Camp by the Lamoille County Planning Commission and the Smugglers Notch Partners.

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Fletcher Elementary in Cambridge: Director and an Assistant

Founders Memorial in Essex: Assistant

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The hours are approximately 2:30 to 6pm Monday through Friday and the pay rate is \$10/hr for Assistants. We are looking for people with experience working with groups of school-age children.

The Director rate is \$15 to \$16/hr depending on education.

Email cover note and resume to Aurina Hartz at ahartz@gbymca.org

or call Aurina at 802-652-8152 if you have questions.

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HEALTH NEWS

CVAA offers Tai Chi sessions to help in preventing falls

Falls are the main reason why older adults lose their independence, and yet most falls can be prevented. If you have fallen in the past year, are fearful of falling, or feel unsteady on your feet, you may be at risk and should talk to your primary care physician about an appropriate strategy.

Tai Chi for Arthritis (TCA) is ranked in the top tier of evidence-based falls prevention programs by the Center for Disease Control and Injury Prevention. This form of Tai Chi is more upright and safe for seniors and can also be done seated. Data indicates TCA can reduce falls by 55% and recurrent falls by 70%. Benefits include improved strength, balance, and agility as well as reduced joint pain, stress, and depression. Tai chi combines deep breathing and slow, continuous movements that help anchor you in the present. It's a great respite for your busy life-style.

CVAA's falls prevention program has several sessions starting soon. New participants may join now and up to two weeks into the program:

Burlington: TCA Beginners, ongoing Wednesdays and Fridays, 10:15 – 11:00 AM, Heineburg Sr. Center

Jericho/Essex: TCA Mixed Levels, beginning Tuesday, October 13 and held on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10:00 – 11:00 AM, Covenant Church

Hinesburg: TCA Beginners, Monday, October 19 and held on Mondays and Wednesdays, 11:15 – 12:00 PM, St. Luke Parish Hall

CVAA's Tai Chi for Arthritis falls prevention programs are offered at no charge, however donations are greatly appreciated. Classes are eight weeks or ongoing as noted. Open to all age 50 and over. Classes fill quickly and some have limited capacity so please pre-register early by calling CVAA at 800-642-5119, x1019 or email taichi@cvaa.org.

New programs will be offered throughout the year. If the program you requested is no longer accepting new participants, ask to be put on a waiting list and we will contact you before the new program is announced.

Colleges welcome area freshmen

St. Lawrence University in Canton, NY is pleased to welcome members of the Class of 2019: **Lillian M. Devereux** of Jericho, VT, who attended Mount Mansfield Union High School in Jericho; **Abigail S. Russell** of Cambridge, VT.

VNA to build expanded VT Respite House

VNA of Chittenden & Grand Isle Counties has gained approval from the State of Vermont Green Mountain Care Board to build a new 21-bed Respite House in Colchester, which will replace its 13-bed facility currently located in Williston.

Vermont Respite House is the only Medicare-certified hospice home in the state. The VNA determined its current facility, which was built 25 years ago, is too small and no longer ideally suited for the provision of inpatient hospice care for the residents and families the VNA serves.

Following a rigorous population-based analysis, the VNA concluded a 21-bed facility is necessary to meet community needs. The need for inpatient hospice services is expected to increase as the population ages and more people choose hospice services at the end of life. Over the past 10 years, the number of individuals seeking hospice services in the community increased by over 50%, with Vermont Respite House experiencing a 46% increase.

The Green Mountain Care Board approved VNA's Certificate of Need for the new Respite House on September 21, 2015. Construction will begin this fall, and the project is expected to be completed by the end of summer 2016.

In addition to increasing capacity from 13 to 21 beds, the new Respite House will include larger resident rooms, each with a private bathroom, shower, and space for family to stay overnight, enhanced work and meeting space for staff and volunteers, and improved kitchen and family gathering spaces. The facility can also accommodate expansion if additional resident rooms are needed in the future.

"Vermont Respite House has been a home-away-from-home to people with terminal illness for nearly a quarter of a century," said VNA President Judy Peterson. "In that time, we've seen the need for residential hospice services grow along with an aging population and heightened awareness of the benefits of hospice care. The new Respite House will allow us to respond to this increasing demand."

Hospice is about enhancing life and living to the fullest potential, using an approach to care that considers physical, emotional, and spiritual needs. Vermont Respite House provides hospice care to individuals whose illness and health care needs make it too difficult to remain in their own homes or other settings. An inpatient hospice home such as the Respite House provides an alternative to nursing home or hospital care.

Lamoille Home Health presents free fall risk screenings

Lamoille Home Health and Hospice (LHH&H) presented a "Stay Steady Vermont" lecture on Wednesday, September 23 to educate seniors about fall prevention. One of 21 sites statewide this year, and under the direction of "Stay Steady" Event Founder Maggie Holt, PT CEEAA and Secretary of the VT Association of Physical Therapists, the LHH&H team presented this important lecture and screening to residents of Copley Terrace. Presenters included physical therapists Sherry Heckler, Joanne Rausher and Heather Ferguson, along with LHH&H occupational therapist, Amanda Shoram. The group demonstrated techniques for assessing fall risks and provided a free fall risk screening for residents.

National Falls Prevention Awareness Day, which occurs every September, was first observed in 2008, and has grown participation from 11 states to 48 states and the District of Columbia in 2014. The event seeks to raise awareness about how to prevent fall-related injuries among older adults. Statistically, one in three Americans aged 65+ falls each year. Falls are the leading cause of head injuries and broken hips in adults 65+. In 2013, the total cost of injuries from falls was \$34 billion (78% of which was paid by Medicare). The Falls Prevention Program offers techniques for elder and frail adults to help reduce their fear of falling, teach exercises that can strengthen muscles and improve balance, and foster awareness of other techniques and tips that will reduce falls in this vulnerable population. The program provides evidence-based prevention techniques, debunks myths about older adult falls, and provides information to save lives and money.

The event provided attendees a generous ratio of two therapists to two-to-three people for assessments, education, and conversation. The response was very positive and LHH&H is anticipating holding a larger, public discussion and presentation at a later date so that more people from the communities we serve can attend.

Lamoille Home Health & Hospice is Lamoille County's only nonprofit home health and hospice agency and has served the county for over 40 years. The Agency provides skilled nursing, physical, occupational and speech therapies, medical social services, personal care attendants, homemaker support, palliative and hospice care. For more information, contact Mary L. Collins, Marketing Director, LHH&H, 802-888-4651 or mcollins@lhha.org.

Say thanks to our town forests

The Vermont Urban and Community Forestry Program (VT UCF) in conjunction with Vermont Town Forest Centennial Celebration invites Vermonters to share their stories about town forests in a letter writing campaign to recognize the people, places, and personal experiences that make town forests an important part of local communities.

The Town Forest Thank You Notes campaign, part of the ongoing centennial celebration, runs through Sunday, October 23. All notes and messages of appreciation will be compiled and posted on the VT UCF web site (www.vtcommunityforestry.org). They also will be shared via social media as well as at the *Community Conservation Summit: Celebrating 100 years of Town Forests*, which will be held on Monday, November 7 in Randolph Center and is open to the public.

Messages may praise the work of an individual person, a committee, a local tree board or conservation commission, school or 4-H group, or a community. Letter writers also may describe why they love their local forests in a note addressed to the woods.

To submit a letter, use the online template at <http://go.uvm.edu/townforestthankyou>. Letters also may be emailed to Kate Forrer, VT UCF outreach specialist, at katherine.forrer@uvm.edu. To share the campaign or challenge others to participate, use the hash tag #TownForestTY.

Douglass joins Harrington Real Estate

Sarah Harrington is pleased to announce that Casey Douglass of Jericho, VT has joined the team at KW Vermont, Sarah Harrington Real Estate in Colchester. Casey recently became a Realtor and looks forward to working with buyers in her role as a Buyers Specialist. She and her husband have two children, ages one and five. Casey is also a licensed Physical Therapist and graduate of UVM. An avid horseback rider and competitor on the national level with Morgan horses, Casey has won five World Championship titles!

Reception in Jericho for Shades of Red artists

A reception for the artists participating in the *Shades of Red* exhibition at the Jericho Town Hall on VT Rt. 15 will be held on Friday, October 30 from 5:00 – 7:00 PM. The show includes photography, watercolor, oil, pastels, stained glass, and collage. Refreshments will be served. The show is sponsored by the Town Hall Art Committee.

Business Wellness Wednesday on October 21

Valley Dream Farm in Pleasant Valley is the site for the next Business Wellness Wednesday (BWW) event on October 21, 6:00 – 8:00 PM, which will also be a Quarterly Member meeting. Annie and Joe Tisbert will talk about their agribusiness and serve tasty appetizers as well as homemade ice cream, with the fixings to Build your own Sundae. BYOB.

Find out what the Chamber is about and what we've been up to lately, meet other local business owners, and consider becoming a member. We will have a raffle to win a Local Focus Gift Certificate (good at many local businesses). We will also have a Silent Action for a Smuggs Season Pass!

All Smugglers' Notch Area Chamber Area Chamber of Commerce Members are invited to attend free; non-members pay only \$5. Please RSVP to rcarter@smuggs.com by Monday, October 19, so we can prepare the right amount of food.

Fall summit to celebrate Vermont's town forests

For Vermont's town forests, 2015 is a landmark year marking 100 years since state lawmakers passed a municipal forest law that allowed for the creation of these forests. To celebrate, a day-long event packed with speakers, workshops, and networking opportunities is planned for Saturday, November 7 in Randolph Center. The Community Conservation Summit: Celebrating 100 years of Vermont Town Forests will be held at Vermont Technical College in Judd Gymnasium from 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM. It is open to the public and designed to bring together conservation commissions, forest committees, municipal officials, and community volunteers to share ideas and explore issues relating to town forests and other natural resources, including how to establish a new town forest or strengthen community involvement in existing properties.

Pre-registration is required by Monday, November 2. The cost is \$15 per person (\$12 for AVCC members) and includes lunch. To register, go to <http://go.uvm.edu/100yearstownforests>. To request a disability-related accommodation, contact Kate Forrer, 802-476-2003 or 866-860-1382 (toll-free in Vermont) by Friday, October 23.

Peter Forbes, author, conservationist and co-founder of The Center for Whole Communities, has been invited to give the keynote address. Participants also will have a choice of workshops in three concurrent sessions. Topics include protecting community-owned land, managing multiple uses and expectations for town forests, incorporating management of community forests in town master plans, forest fragmentation, conflict resolution, and the AVCC Story Library Project, among others. The AVCC annual meeting also will take place during the event, which will culminate with an ice cream social and session to celebrate and recognize 100 years of town forests.

As part of this celebration, messages submitted through the Town Forest Thank You Notes campaign will be shared. The event is sponsored by the Association of Vermont Conservation Commissions and the Town Forest Centennial Committee. The latter was convened by the Vermont Urban and Community Forestry Program, a partnership between University of Vermont Extension and the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation. For additional information, http://vtconservation.com/conservation_summit or vtconservation@gmail.com.

Portrait of a Forest: Men and Machine at VT Folklife Center

The Vermont Folklife Center will host a new exhibit, *Portrait of a Forest: Men and Machine* through January 9, 2015. The exhibit combines contemporary photographs by Weybridge photojournalist George Bellerose, with historical photographs and commentary by the logging and forest products community. Coverage ranges from solo loggers with a chain saw to multi-machine chipping operations, from backyard sawmills to state-of-the-art flooring mills.

"Unlike Vermonters of the past, many of us no longer have a direct connection to the working landscape. We see logging trucks and the occasional roadside log collection, but rarely do we have contact with loggers or fully understand their importance to the state," Bellerose said of the origin of his project. "My hope is that this documentation will help everyone better understand the challenges facing the industry today and appreciate its role in preserving a healthy forest."

As part of the 70-photograph exhibit, a panel discussion on the future of the working forest is planned. For more information about "Portrait of a Forest: Men and Machine" call (802) 388-4964 or visit www.vermontfolklifecenter.org. The Vision & Voice Documentary Workspace is ADA accessible on the first floor of the Vermont Folklife Center headquarters building at 88 Main St., Middlebury. Gallery hours are 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM, Tuesday-Saturday.

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ONGOING EVENTS

ADULT ACTIVITIES

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

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

Toastmasters of Greater Burlington, 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 7:00 PM, Holiday Inn, 1068 Williston Rd., S. Burlington. Do you want to develop your speaking and leadership skills? Ace an interview? Ignite your career? If so, Toastmasters of Greater Burlington is the place for you. You'll find a supportive learn by doing environment that helps you achieve your goals. For information, 802-782-4832.

Yoga, Tuesdays, 6:30 – 8:00 PM, Collins-Perley Sports Complex, St. Albans. For information including cost, 802-527-1026.

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

Eagles Auxiliary #3210 holds bingo at the club house, VT Rt. 109, Waterville, Friday nights. Doors open at 5:30 PM. Bingo starts at 6:45 PM. For information, contact Sally, 644-5377.

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

Mt. Mansfield Scale Modelers, 3rd Thursday of the month, 6:30 – 8:30 PM. Modelers encompassing all categories of interest and skill levels are welcome. Brownell Library, Kolyoord Community Room, Lincoln St., Essex Junction.

Smugglers' Notch 55+ Club meets Wednesdays at Smugglers' Notch for a social time, then breaks into groups to ski. Brief organizational meeting, coffee and rolls, and then head out to the trails in self-selected ability groups. Gather informally in summer for a wide variety of outdoor activities. Membership benefits include various discounts at Smuggs. Information: Deborah, 644-5455 or just attend a meeting at the Morse base lodge, 9:00 AM every Wednesday.

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

HEALTH EVENTS & GROUPS

AI-Anon meetings, Jericho United Methodist Church, Thursdays 10:00 AM, and Saturdays, 10:00 AM.

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

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

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

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

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

Alzheimer's support group, monthly on the 3rd Wednesday, 9:30 – 11:30 AM, The Arbors, 687 Harbor Rd., Shelburne. Free education for individuals and families in the early stages of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias. For information and to register, contact Nicole Houston, 985-8600.

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

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

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

Eating Disorders Parental Support Group, monthly on the 3rd Wednesday, 7:00 – 9:00 PM, Covenant Community Church, VT Rt. 15, Essex Center. For parents of children with, or at risk of, anorexia or bulimia. We focus on being a resource and providing reference points for old and new ED parents. For information, Peter, 899-2554.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

KIDS

Playgroups free of charge and open to all children birth-5 years, and their caregivers. Stories, songs, crafts, free play, local events and information, and more – an 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 information on any playgroup, contact Heather Lebeis, 899-4415 or underhillplaygroup@yahoo.com. Mondays: Jericho Community Center, 9:30 – 11:00 AM; Wednesdays: Richmond Free Library, 8:45 – 10:15 AM; Fridays: Underhill Central School, 9:30 – 11:00 AM; Fridays: Huntington Public Library, 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM.

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

Early Literacy Storytime, Thursdays, 11:00 AM, Westford Public Library. Stories and activities using early literacy concepts for ages birth-preschool. Drop-in; no registration needed. New families welcome. Information: Victoria, 878-5639 or westford_pl@vals.state.vt.us, or visit www.westford.lib.vt.us and click on Events @ Your Library.

SENIORS/COMMUNITY MEALS

Jeri-Hill XYZ Seniors meet at the Catalyst Church on the Raceway, Underhill on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month. All seniors welcome. Dinner served at 11:30 AM. Information, Bette Workman, 899-4446, Loreen Teer, 899-1363, or Doug Keith, 899-2582.

Johnson Community Meal – 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month, 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM, United Church, Johnson. Come for a hot meal and get to know your neighbors. Meal followed by community gathering. Information: Ellen Hill, 635-1439, ellen.hill@jsc.edu.

Westford Senior Lunches – Join Westford Seniors for lunch at the Red Brick Meeting House on the Common, monthly on the 2nd Monday. Lunch, 12:00 noon; short meeting or presentation after. Call 878-7405 or 879-7382 for information or for a ride.

Bolton Up and Downtown Club meets the last Thursday of the month at the Bolton Fire Station. Meal at 5:00 PM. Open to adults 60+. Contact Doris Wheelock at 434-3769.

Huntington senior meal site – The Huntington senior meals are served monthly on the 3rd Tuesday, 12:00 noon at the Community Baptist Church, Huntington Center.

St. Jude's Church senior meals, Hinesburg, 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month. Bingo games afterward. Everyone welcome, including caregivers. Dinners \$4 per person. Information: Ted Barrette, 453-3087.

Starksboro First Baptist Church senior meals, Starksboro, 4th Thursday of the month, 11:30 AM. Call Brenda Boutin, 802-453-6354 for more information. (No meals in November and December.)

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

SPORTS ACTIVITIES

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

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

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

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

TOWN GOVERNMENT & ORGANIZATIONS

Cambridge Area Rotary meets on 1st four Thursdays of the month, upstairs at 158 Main restaurant, Jeffersonville, 7:00 – 8:00 AM. Information: Susan Lassiter, 644-6600 or Slassiter@unionbankvt.com.

Westford Fire Department, Mondays, 7:00 PM, at the fire station next to the Town Garage. Information: John Quinn, jquinnmvt@aol.com.

Jericho Village Water District Board of Commissioners meet on the 3rd Wednesday of the month, 7:00 PM, Old Red Mill, Jericho.

Jericho-Underhill Water District meets 1st Monday of the month, United Church of Underhill, Underhill Flats, 7:00 PM. Information: 899-4076 or 899-3810.

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

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

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

THRIFT SHOPS & FOOD SHELVES

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

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

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

Send your news, births, weddings, obits, events to mtgazette@earthlink.net or call Brenda at (802) 453-6354.

OBITUARIES

Donald James Cerro of Underhill, VT, died of cardiac arrest in St. Albans, VT on Sunday, August 30, 2015. Don was born in Meriden, CT on August 26, 1946 to the late Mario Joseph and Kathryn L. Cerro. Don graduated from Whitcomb High School in Bethel, VT, and he served in the Vermont National Guard. His employment history included Cerro's Furniture, 3-M, and retail grocers. Don was a member of St. Thomas Parish in Underhill Center, VT. He demonstrated charitable behavior and touched lives at the church helping with fundraising, supporting the music room, and ushering. Don always exhibited eagerness to help a neighbor in need. Don very capably and industriously performed challenging projects on his property. In his leisure, he really enjoyed riding his motorcycle. Don is survived by two sisters, Geraldine Nutter of Pompano Beach, FL, and Roslyn Cerro of Golden, CO; and two brothers, Richard Cerro of Palm Beach Gardens, FL, and William Cerro of St. Augustine, FL. His eldest brother, Clifford Cerro of Pittsfield, VT, predeceased him. Don is also survived by his former wife, Deb Davis Picarello of Pittsfield, VT, sisters-in-law Theresa Cerro and Claudette Cerro, and several nieces and nephews.



Katharine Anne (Franklin) Koniuto, 73, of Underhill, VT died on Tuesday, September 29, 2015 at the University of Vermont Medical Center in Burlington, VT. She was born in Binghamton, NY on June 28, 1942, daughter of Henry S. and Grace (Heller) Franklin. Katharine was married in

Binghamton to Roger Francis Koniuto on June 29, 1963, and enjoyed a fiftieth anniversary celebration with friends and family in 2013. She graduated from St. Michael's College with a Master's Degree in Theology, and from Johnson State College with a Bachelor's Degree in Special Education. Kathy devoted her life to her family, her faith, and her community. When her children were young, she volunteered as a Girl Scout leader and regional cookie coordinator, and served for many years on the Underhill I.D. Elementary and Mt. Mansfield Union School Boards, including as chairperson. She gave inner city children the opportunity to experience the Vermont summers her children enjoyed through her participation and leadership with the Fresh Air Fund. Kathy also volunteered at the Underhill I.D. school as an aide, amusing the children with the silent clown "Zero the Hero." She brought her faith to the St. Thomas parish community in Underhill where she served as Sacristan, participated on the parish council and numerous committees, introduced adult religious education programs, and taught youth catechism. As Eucharistic Minister, she visited senior citizens in their homes, offering Communion and sharing conversation. Kathy donated nearly 100 gallons of blood to the Red Cross. She delighted in animals and wildlife ("birds and critters"), a passion she shared with her daughter Laura. She was an avid and successful photographer, and an enthusiastic seamstress and knitter. She was also a dedicated advocate for the musical arts, first as a supporter of Underhill's Hanaford's Fife and Drum Corps, and more recently, championing *Calliope*, Boston's collaborative choral/orchestral ensemble. A *Calliope* Memorial Chair will be named in her honor in 2016. Katharine is survived by her husband Roger and five children, Julia, Lisa, Maria, Robert, and Peter, and nine grandchildren Cody, Nathaniel, Carter, Katelyn, Daniel, Morgan, Meghan, Clive, and Iris, and her brother Dennis. She was predeceased by her daughter Laura, parents Henry and Grace Franklin, and her sister Mary Sevcik. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Friday, October 2, 2015 at St. Thomas Roman Catholic Church in Underhill Center, with burial following at St. Thomas Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to choral/orchestral ensemble *Calliope* (www.calliopemusic.org) or to one's charity of choice. To send online condolences, please visit www.readyfuneral.com.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Welcome Home!

West Bolton

(Newhall) Kimberly (Rinkus) and Andrew Newhall had a son, John Warren Newhall, on Wednesday, June 17, 2015 at the University of Vermont Medical Center, Burlington, VT.

Haunted Halloween Village at Smugglers' Notch Resort

On Friday, October 30, Smugglers' Notch Resort transforms its village into a Haunted Halloween Village for all ages. Families will enjoy spooky thrills and fun developed by Resort staff and students and staff from Lamoille Union High School, host of the popular local annual event "Haunted High."

This first annual Smugglers' Haunted Village will feature seasonal activities for all ages: haunted hay rides, a trick or treat trail, pumpkin painting, kids' face painting, and more. Halloween goodies like cider, cider donuts, popcorn, and candied apples will be available. Don't miss the dance party and costume contest held in the Smugglers' Notch FunZone, home of the giant inflatable slide, obstacle courses, mini golf course, and arcade games.

The Haunted Village activities will be offered Friday, October 30 from 4:00 – 9:00 PM. Parking is free in the Resort's main lot. Pumpkin painting and face painting are included in the entry fee of \$10 per adult and \$5 per child ages 6-18. Admission is free to all Smugglers' pass and badge holders, and kids 5 and under. For more information, visit www.smuggs.com/halloween.

COLLEGE SPORTS NOTES

Andrea Duncan of Underhill, VT is a member of the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI) women's cross country team, which is ranked 20th in the nation. RPI (Troy, NY) is nationally-ranked after finishing in the top four in each of its four meets, including third of 32 on October 3.

Taylor Noonan of Jeffersonville, VT was recently named to the men's golf team for the 2015 season at Castleton University in Castleton, VT. The Spartans finished third at last season's North Atlantic Conference Championship.

Daniel Palker of Westford, VT was recently named to the Castleton men's soccer team for the 2015 season at Castleton University in Castleton, VT. The Spartans went 8-10-1 last year while posting a 5-3-1 record in the North Atlantic Conference.

Haley Spittle of Waterbury, VT, recently named to the Castleton field hockey team for the 2015 season at Castleton University in Castleton, VT, was named North Atlantic Conference player of the week for field hockey for the week ending September 6, for the second time in her career after recording one goal and one assist in each of her first two games this season. She had three points in a 6-4 loss to Union and followed it up with the same stat line in a 7-2 victory over Rivier. The Spartans went 2-15 last season, while recording a 2-3 record in conference play to earn a trip to the North Atlantic Conference semifinals. Castleton returns 12 players from a season ago.

Senate update

State Senator Tim Ashe, Chittenden County

Call me old-fashioned but I still believe Vermonters are entitled to private lives. That's why I'm increasingly concerned with the deterioration of meaningful privacy in this technological age.

Privacy used to be a concern primarily for celebrities. Now, everyday Americans can find little refuge from the private companies and government agencies who keep track of our every move and transaction. Companies like Google inspect our every keyboard stroke while we're online; telecom providers like AT&T give our emails and texts to the National Security Agency; and local law enforcement use cruiser-mounted cameras to track our movement on the roadways.

Technological innovation has moved too quickly for the public to preserve privacy on terms we choose. Yes, public safety and efficient commerce require some sacrifices, but the people should set the terms of those trade-offs.

In January a Republican colleague and I introduced S.18, *An Act Relating to Privacy Protection*. While not comprehensive, the bill addresses four privacy-related topics: the use of license plate-reading cameras by police departments, the use of commercial and government drones, inappropriate access or disclosure of a person's medical records, and the release of private commercial information to government agencies.

In October, the Senate Judiciary Committee will be convening meetings to explore these and other privacy issues further. The meetings will be on Wednesday-Thursday, October 21-22 with a public hearing the evening of Wednesday, October 21. All Vermonters are welcome to attend.

If you are unable to attend but wish to express your opinion on privacy issues, please email me directly at timashe@burlingtontelecom.net.

I hope you are enjoying the beginning of autumn, and free to contact me at 318-0903 with questions or comments on this or any other state issue.

Underhill Historical Society offers history on CD

The Underhill Historical Society is offering a brand new CD on the history of the Town of Underhill and Riverside, VT. The CD is a result of six years of hard work by local historian Elizabeth "Betty" Moore and other Underhill residents. Among the chapters are articles on the following subjects:

- * Early History of Underhill, by J.J. Monahan (1886), Emily Flynn (1941)
- * History of Business and Social Life 1763-2013
- * Burlington & Lamoille Railroad in Underhill (1875-1938)
- * The Churches & Cemeteries of Underhill
- * Private Academies & Public Schools
- * The Story of Stevensville

Contact the Underhill Historical Society, P.O. Box 153, Underhill Center, VT 05490 to receive a copy of the CD. The cost is \$16 (checks allowed).

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF JERICHO- Planning Commission
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Jericho Planning Commission hereby provides notice of a public hearing being held pursuant to Title 24, Sections 4384 for the purpose of hearing public comment regarding: **Proposed 2016 Jericho Comprehensive Town Plan.**

The public hearing is scheduled for November 17, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Jericho Town Hall, located at 67 Vermont Route 15. The purpose of the proposed Town Plan is to regularly update the Town Plan, as required by the Vermont Municipal and Regional Planning and Development Act. The proposed Plan will affect all areas of the Town of Jericho.

Table of Contents: Introduction, Vision and Goals, The Jericho Community, Land Use, Natural Resources, Cultural and Historic Resources, Economic Development, Housing, Education and Child Care, Transportation, Utilities Facilities and Services, Energy, Implementation, Maps

Copies of the proposed Town Plan are available at the Jericho Town Hall, located at 67 Vermont Route 15. A digital copy may be viewed on the Town of Jericho Website at www.jerichovt.gov.

Visions of Vermont exhibit



Vermont Village is part of an exhibit of paintings of covered bridges by Eric Tobin and metal sculpture by Bill Salmon, at *Visions of Vermont, 100 Main St., Jeffersonville*. For more information, visionsofvermont.com or 802-644-8183.

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November 2015
Community Senior meals

The menus come out on the 22nd of each month for the following month. You may call Champlain Valley Agency on Aging (CVAA) at 865-0360 for information or to make reservations for the following month, on or after the 22nd at 10:00 AM. If the 22nd falls on a weekend, reservations may be made the following Monday. Reservations are on a first-come, first-serve, month-by-month basis only. Milk is served with all meals. Donations are accepted for all of these meals. Please do not contact restaurants directly about menu items; all questions should be asked of CVAA.

Monday, November 2 – Covenant Church, Essex Center, 12:00 noon. Baked stuffed chicken breast with gravy on side, carrots and peas, roasted red potatoes, mandarin oranges.

Tuesday, November 3 – IHOP, University Mall, S. Burlington, 8:30 AM check in, 9:00 AM breakfast. Two eggs, hash browns, choice of breakfast meat, pancakes, small juice.

Wednesday, November 4 – American Legion, Colchester, 10:30 AM check in, 11:00 AM lunch. Baked ham.

Thursday, November 5 – Colonial Room, Essex Educational Center, Essex Jct., 11:00 AM check in, 11:30 AM lunch. Sautéed chicken breast.

Friday, November 5 – Hinesburg Mealsite.

Monday, November 9 – Covenant Church, Essex Center, 12:00 noon. Misty Knoll chicken drumsticks, roasted root vegetables, dinner roll, fruit-filled cookie.

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

Wednesday, November 11 – Athens Diner, Colchester, 10:30 AM check in, 11:00 AM lunch. Roast pork dinner.

Thursday, November 12 – Ray's Seafood, Essex Jct., 10:30 AM check in, 11:00 AM lunch.

Friday, November 13 – United Church, Hinesburg, 12:00 noon. Soft burrito, beef & beans filling with shredded cheese and lettuce, mild salsa on the side, sour cream, plain potato chips, fresh fruit.

Monday, November 16 – Covenant Church, Essex Center, 12:00 noon. Spaghetti and meatballs, Caesar salad, garlic bread, ice cream.

Monday, November 16 – Papa Nick's, 3:00 PM. Turkey dinner.

Tuesday, November 17 – Ray's Seafood, Essex Jct., 10:30 AM check in, 11:00 AM lunch.

Wednesday, November 18 – JP's Diner & Deli, River Rd., Essex Jct., 10:30 AM check in, 11:00 AM lunch. Meatloaf.

Thursday, November 19 – Thanksgiving Celebration at the Holiday Inn, S. Burlington, 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM. Entertainment by Corey Gottfried. Turkey dinner. Ticket required, please contact Pat Long at the CVAA office, 865-0360.

Friday, November 13 – United Church, Hinesburg, 12:00 noon. Creamy macaroni and cheese and ham, Harvard beets, rye bread, fruit-filled cookie.

Monday, November 23 – Covenant Church, Essex Center, 12:00 noon. Swedish meatballs with mushroom gravy, baked potato with sour cream, peas, and onions, marble rye bread, sherbet.

Tuesday, November 24, IHOP Lunch, University Mall, S. Burlington, 10:30 AM check in, 11:00 AM lunch. Pot roast.

Wednesday, November 25 – IHOP, University Mall, S. Burlington, 8:30 AM check in, 9:00 AM breakfast. Two eggs, hash browns, choice of breakfast meat, pancakes, small juice.

Thursday-Friday, November 26-27 – closed for Thanksgiving Day holiday – no mealsite.

Monday, November 30 – Covenant Church, Essex Center, 12:00 noon. Chicken teriyaki, vegetable fried rice, stir fried vegetable blend, wheat bread, pineapple.

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SPORTS NEWS

Run For Your Life! 5k/10k trail run to fight cancer October 24

Magic Hat Brewery will host *Run For Your Life!*, a Halloween 5k/10k trail run, on Saturday, October 24 at Catamount Outdoor Family Center, 592 Governor Chittenden Rd., Williston. Registration opens at 7:30 AM; the run starts at 9:00 AM. Proceeds benefit the American Cancer Society Relay For Life Nordic Style. Costumes are encouraged in this family-fun event. Prizes will be awarded and raffled.

The money raised will fund lifesaving cancer research and patient programs and services that help people get well and stay well. Pizza provided by Ramunto's Pizza with Magic Hat Brewery on site. Registration is \$25 for adults; \$10 for kids under 12. For more information, or to register for *Run For Your Life!*, visit relayforlife.org/runforyourlifevt or find us on Facebook.

United Way Volunteer Connection Listings

By Sue Alenick, United Way Volunteer Columnist
Volunteer Now! Choose one of the options below or go to www.unitedwaycc.org/volunteer to check out more than 300 other volunteer options from local nonprofits, schools, and public partners, or call us at 860-1677.

PLAYING SPOOKYVILLE – The South Burlington Rotary Club is in need of volunteers for their Spookyville show at the Champlain Valley Expo, Friday, October 23 (5:30 – 11:00 PM), Saturday, October 24 (4:00 – 11:00 PM), and/or Friday, October 30 (5:30 – 11:00 PM). Volunteers can perform as actors or guides along a trail of spooky scenes. Contact Katie@spookyvillevermont.org.

HUGE APPLE GLEAN – Salvation Farms is harvesting apples that would otherwise go to waste. Fresh, local apples will be distributed to food shelves, community meal sites, social service agencies, and schools. Volunteers are expected to begin at 9:00 AM on Saturday, October 17 in Hinesburg. Bring a lunch, plenty of water, sturdy footwear, and clothing to be comfortable no matter what the weather, including rain. Contact Karissa Smith, 802-888-4360 or Karissa@salvationfarms.org.

MENTOR A CHILD – With Everybody Wins! Vermont, Chittenden County adults can volunteer as a reading mentor for a child one hour per week at his or her elementary school. Read with a child on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday for an hour

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Green Mountain Club – Burlington Section Outings October 2015

Saturday, October 17, Tillotson & Belvidere. We'll head up the Frank Post Trail to Tillotson Camp and on to Tillotson Peak, then go back south on the Long Trail to Belvidere Mountain, and return on the Forester's Trail. Difficult hike, moderate pace, 8.5 miles round trip, 2400' elevation gain. Contact leader by October 15: David Hathaway, 899-9982, or david.hathaway.78@gmail.com.

Saturday, October 24, Camel's Hump Loop. We'll take the Monroe and Dean Trails from Camel's Hump Road in Duxbury, then ascend the Long Trail until we hit the summit and come back down the Monroe Trail. This will be the last day of bow season for deer, so bring something orange to wear. Difficult hike, moderate pace, 7.4 miles round trip, 2200' elevation gain. Contact leader for details: Wes Volk, 355-4135, or wesvolk@gmail.com.

over lunch (days/times depend on the school). Mentors are needed at Edmunds Elementary, the Sustainability Academy, J.J. Flynn, and the Shelburne Community School. For more information or to apply online, see www.everybodywinsvermont.org or call 802-299-2665.

ACCOUNTING COACH – Our Community Cares Camp needs help with setting up budgets and using accounting software. This small nonprofit serving kids in eastern Chittenden County is looking for a volunteer with experience in accounting/budgeting, and experience with Quickbooks is a plus. Nonprofit experience preferred. Hours are flexible and based on the volunteer's schedule. Contact Marie Thomas, 434-6006 or occc@gmavt.net.

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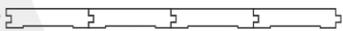
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District Jazz Festival makes second appearance

By Shane Riddell
(Grade 8 student from Jericho)

Last year was the first year that Browns River Middle School hosted the Jazz Festival for middle school musicians. After the collaboration of all of the middle schools in the Chittenden County, the best jazz singers and jazz players last year, Dave Tisdell, Browns River Middle School music teacher plans to make

Goslin, Sydney Sears, Bronwyn Towle, and Edie Watson. All of which have been recognized and chosen for their amazing choral abilities, such as their cooperation, voice, and range of notes that they can sing. Returning from Mount Mansfield Union High School is Sebastian West on piano accompanied with Craig Rettew on drums, and Colton Wheeler on bass.

Megan Beaucage was a guest conductor who controlled the chorus with great skill and great experience as students were led through many tunes. Another guest conductor for this year will be Karla Kennedy from Williston Central School, and for the band, Tim Buckingham from Shelburne Community School. The chorus will be singing *Sway*, *Ain't Misbehavin*, *Swingin' With The Saints*, *Duke's Place*, and *Ja Da*. One of the songs the singers did last year was *Chattanooga Choo Choo*, originally done by the Glenn Miller Orchestra, but has also been done by numerous other bands and orchestras, also *Take Five*, a fun song, done by the Dave Brubeck Quartet, and *Sweet Home Chicago*, first done by Robert Johnson in 1937, which appeared in the movie *The Blues Brothers*.

Admission to this Jazz Festival will be \$7, paid at the door, on Friday, November 13. The concert will be at 6:30 PM, and the performers will be served dinner at the school before the performance. Hope to see you there!

it even better. "Until last year, we didn't have a jazz festival," said Mr. Tisdell. "We had a district band and chorus, drama, and everything in between, but not jazz." He introduces jazz as a theme to his sixth grade students and hopes to give more students opportunity to participate in the jazz festival. "It feels like there is a space where jazz should be," said Mr. Tisdell. "I talked to my colleagues, and we had the space and time, so we made it happen." This year's chorus representatives are Finnian Abbey, Shane Riddell, Myah Oakes, Cooper Pinaud, Sabrina

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Vermont needs volunteers of all ages and abilities for various opportunities throughout the year. To see a full list of opportunities for both individuals and groups, visit www.specialolympicsvermont.org. Volunteers who are in regular close contact with or supervise athletes, or handle cash, must submit to a background check and complete an online Protective Behaviors course. There are also short-term, day-of-event volunteer opportunities that do not require a background check. Contact Caitlin Jenkins, 861-0278 or cjenkins@vtso.org.

COMMUNITY REPACK - Vermont Foodbank in Barre distributes more than nine million pounds of food to Vermonters experiencing hunger, and relies on volunteers to help make this possible. Come sort and pack food to be distributed to food shelves, meal sites, and individuals throughout Vermont. Volunteers must be able to stand for three hours at a time and lift 25 pounds. Contact Nicole Mitchell, 802-477-4146 or nmitchell@vtfoodbank.org.

PAINTERS & GARDNERS - Shelburne Museum needs gardeners to help clean up the Museum's numerous gardens and prepare them for winter. Tools will be provided. Painters are needed to help the Gardens & Grounds crew paint benches inside the workshop. Contact Laura Need, 985-3345 ext. 3305 or lneed@shelburnemuseum.org.

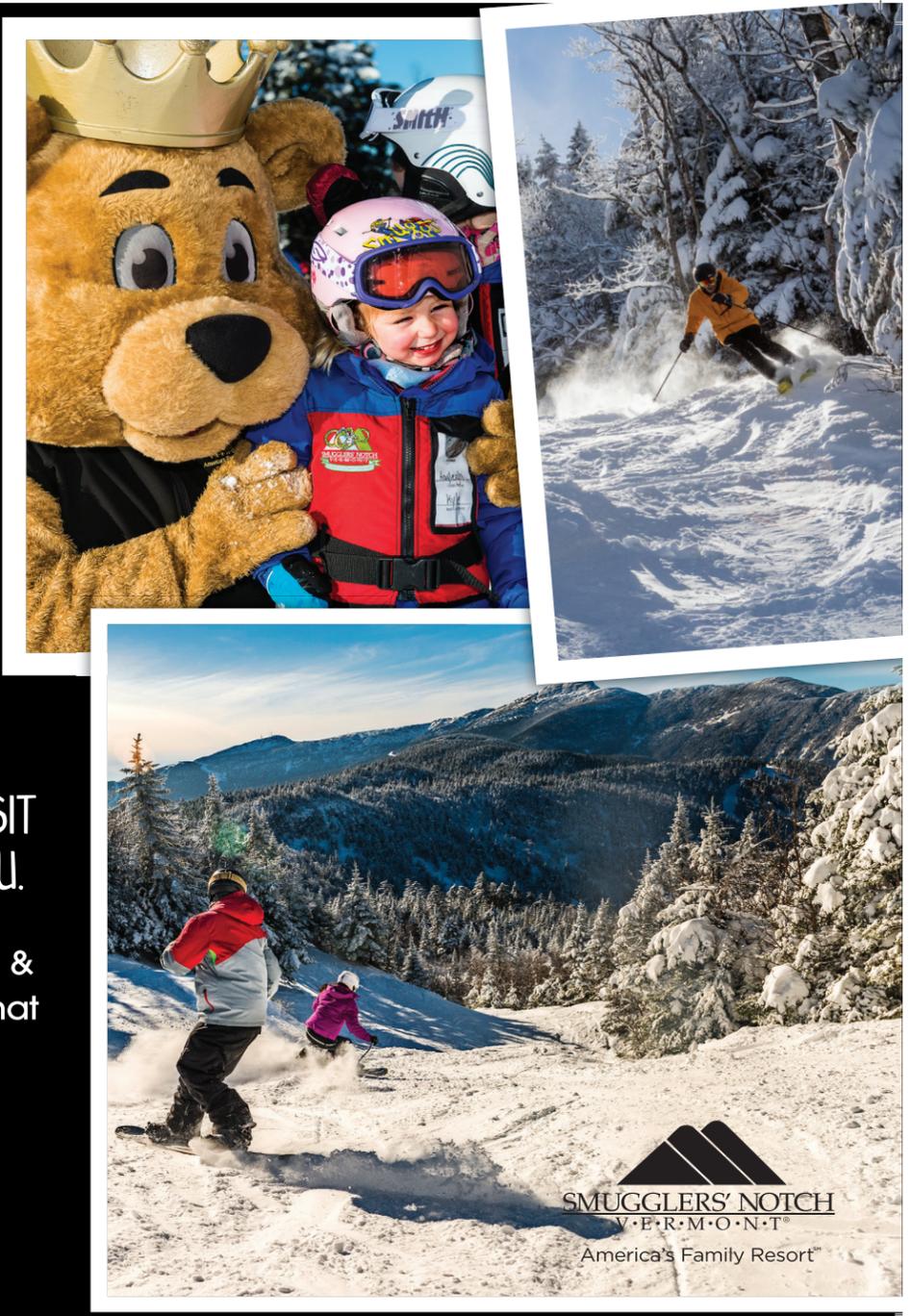


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