

And they're off...

By Principal Mark Carbone
 Camel's Hump Middle School

What a great opening to the 2015-16 school year! Fifth graders have started to settle into the middle-school routine and bus schedules are being ironed out. Afternoon practice is underway for soccer, field hockey, and x-country running teams. With the warm weather, the students have really been working up a sweat! Intramurals have also started for "Rock Band," "Artists Inc.," and mountain biking – to name a few.

A number of field trips are planned for this fall. Team Sequoia will go to the Rivershore Preserve on Cochran Road, the Burlington Water and Wastewater Treatment Facility, and Rubinstein Lab at the ECHO Center. Polaris heads to the Audubon, then Mount Philo; Phoenix will explore the Shelburne Museum and Lessor's Quarry; Teams Polaris and Pride will travel to Little River State Park; Navigator will visit a granite quarry and Summit has an overnight camping trip to Grand Isle State Park.

We are excited about the upcoming *Punkin' Chuckin'* on Saturday, October 24, 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM. Come and witness pumpkins in flight! We hope that you and your family will join in the fun and support the continuation of the PROSPER Program; a seven-week program for 6th grade students and their families to assist both through the challenges of adolescence.

The community garden has flourished! Students in the Nutrition and Health classes have harvested cukes, beets, cherry tomatoes, onions, cilantro, basil, zucchini, and carrots. During picking, one of the students was heard commenting, "I LOVE THIS CLASS!" Students were treated to fresh salsa they prepared from their bounty.

Please remember to use the circle in front of Richmond Elementary to pick up and drop off students – it is not safe to drop youngsters off in the parking lot. Thank you.



The harvest from the CHMS community garden – students in the Nutrition and Health classes picked cukes, beets, cherry tomatoes, onions, cilantro, basil, zucchini, and carrots. Students were treated to fresh salsa they prepared from their bounty.

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For more information, please call 434-2188 or email mark.carbone@cesvt.org. The next MMMUSD school board meeting will be held on Monday, September 21 at Smilie Memorial School, and the following meeting will be held on Monday, October 12. The public is welcome, and encouraged, to attend.

Westford/Essex School District merger

By Phyl Newbeck
Special to the Mountain Gazette

It was ten years ago that the town of Westford created a study committee to consider merging its school district with neighboring Essex and Essex Junction. When the proposal was put to the voters, they were overwhelmingly opposed to the idea. Martha Heath, a long-time member of the school board, believes that times have changed and she's hoping that Westford voters will be more open to the idea of a merger this year.

Heath ticked off a number of reasons why the committee believes it would be advantageous for the districts to merge. "There are incentives from the state that will lower tax rates if you merge," she said, "and that's a pretty big reason." Heath noted the legislature is trying very hard to convince districts to merge, so if Westford chooses not to do so the state may force a merger with another district, particularly if Essex and Essex Junction vote to consolidate. The Westford School has been suffering from declining enrollment, but the tax rate has been protected thanks to a Hold Harmless provision in state law. This year, the legislature passed a bill which would eliminate that protection for districts that haven't merged or at least considered merging, which would lead to either higher taxes or cuts in programs. Without the Hold Harmless provision, Heath said tax rates would have been slightly more than seven cents higher than their current rate this year.

Heath acknowledges that a major stumbling block for some Westford residents is the loss of unlimited school choice, which they currently enjoy. Essex High School would only have twenty slots for students who wish to go to other public schools at no cost and those slots would be available by lottery. Private schools would no longer be acceptable alternatives. The merger articles of agreement allow students who are currently attending other high schools to be grandfathered in, with the district continuing to pay their tuition. On the positive side of the ledger, Heath believes it is likely that transportation to Essex High School would be extended to Westford residents after the proposed merger.

Heath noted that despite the study committee's attempt to publicize the process, they have received very few comments from residents so she is unsure where people stand. She hopes the public will attend an informational meeting on Thursday, September 17 at the Westford School prior to voting on Tuesday, November 3. "I think it's a lot more likely that Essex Town and Essex Junction will vote yes this time," she said, "and Westford would eventually be voted to a different district and we have no idea what that could be."

The study committee does not envision the closing of any schools as a result of the merger. There may be some job losses on the administrative level but there will also be some efficiencies in staffing that may offset the need for layoffs. Heath gave the example of a French teacher who works for both Westford and Essex and has two different contracts. That would change under the new system and other areas where there is duplication could be made more efficient such as the audit process, which would be reduced from five audits to one, and the consolidation of databases. "We think it would be good for students because resources can be shared," she said, "and there would be a seamless K-12 curriculum."

Heath is hopeful voters will understand the proposed unified district and support the idea. "I think it's possible that the tax situation is such that people will realize we have to do things to retain the quality of education at a price people can afford," she said, "and so far this is the only viable option that's available."

An informational meeting will be held at the Westford School on Thursday, September 17 at 7:00 PM.

Clutter Barn news

With grateful thanks to our church members and friends, members of our local and extended communities, and our many dedicated volunteers, the Clutter Barn is reaching the end of another successful year of service as a mission of its sponsor, the United Church of Underhill. Your donations of gently used items, your support as Tag Sale shoppers, your endless energy, and your continuous prayers are essential keys to keeping our doors open during the summer months.

Although the Clutter Barn will be closed this Saturday, September 19 – sorry, we can't take any more donations this year – we will be open again on Saturday, September 26 and Sunday, the 27 for the grand end-of-season annual event, the United Church of Underhill Old Fashioned Harvest Market. In its 41st year, this Market offers two days of fun and excitement, attracting folks from far and near to enjoy entertainment, great food, kids games, 70+ vendors, THE CLUTTER BARN – and much more.

The tables and shelves at the Clutter Barn are overflowing with what we believe is our largest inventory ever! In addition, our traditional tents will be set up outside, rain or shine – though we do pray for the latter! – offering books, toys, electrical appliances, pillows, pocketbooks, vases, gadgets and tools every man needs, and treasures and surprises too many to list! A holding area is provided for those who wish to shop and then enjoy the many other venues, and our volunteers are eager to assist you.

The outdoor area will open at 8:00 AM on Saturday and 10:30 AM on Sunday. The building will open after the parade announcing the 41st Old Fashioned Harvest Market, about 9:30 AM, on Saturday. On Sunday, we invite everyone for worship in the church sanctuary at 10:00 AM. The barn will open after worship, about 10:30 AM.

Contact Sharon, 899-3572, Kathy, 899-3122, or Betty, 899-5878 for more information.

Stowe Charities Inc. gifts Copley Hospital \$12,000



Stowe Charities Inc. gifts Copley Hospital \$12,000 as a result of this year's Stowe Wine & Food Classic. Their donation is dedicated to outfitting two Chemotherapy/Infusion Suites in Copley's Center for Outpatient Services. Pictured shaking hands are Stowe Charities President Tyler Rowden and Copley's Oncology Nurse Practitioner Susan Hooper. Also pictured (from left) are Copley's Vice President of Community Relations Leah Hollenberger, Stowe Charities Board member Greg Paus, LNA Jody Cote, Stowe Charities board member Donna Cox-Davies, Certified Oncology Nurses Pam Stengel, RN, and Sandy Grace, RN.

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This year's Stowe Wine & Food Classic again provided an extraordinary celebration of good food, exquisite wines, and refreshing craft beer, thanks to the hard work of Stowe Charities, Inc. The Stowe-based not-for-profit organization has donated the \$12,000 raised by the event to Copley Hospital to outfit two Chemotherapy/Infusion Rooms in the hospital's Center for Outpatient Services. The gift enables the hospital to outfit each private room with a special reclining chair, Infusion Pump and IV pole, television, and comfortable seating for family and friends.

"Thank you, Stowe Charities, for helping Copley provide our patients with a more comfortable, and welcoming private space for their chemotherapy treatments," said Leah Hollenberger, Copley Hospital's VP of Community Relations. Hollenberger explains that often patients occupying these rooms are there for an extended period of time, so comfort and privacy are very important. While

receiving treatment, patients and family members have access to a kitchenette for beverages and snacks; the hospital's cafeteria provides a full meal if patients are there during a mealtime.

Since 2007, Stowe Charities Inc. has gifted Copley Hospital \$162,000, the proceeds of this annual event. "Stowe Charities continues to be very supportive of Copley and we are grateful for their hard work and dedication to the community," says Hollenberger. Past gifts have helped purchase medical equipment including a gamma camera and cardiac monitors, and helped ensure care is available to everyone in need by supporting Copley's Charitable Care Program. "Their support has helped save lives and is greatly appreciated."

Copley Hospital is greater Lamoille County's non-profit community hospital. Visit www.copleyvt.org or call 802-888-8888 for more information.

Jericho Little League – Successful baseball season

As summer turns into fall, it's time to reflect on a successful baseball season. 2015 proved to be a good year for the local Little Leaguers. The season began with major improvements to the baseball facility behind Jericho Elementary School, JES. It continued with 125 kids participating in the regular season. The post season also went well. The Jericho 9/10-year-old all-stars finished first in their pool, while the 11/12 all-stars won their division. The summer was rounded out with baseball players from Underhill and Jericho completing the Jericho Little League skills clinic.

2016 is poised for another good year, as it will bring the merger of Underhill and the Jericho Little Leagues. The merger will combine the players from the two towns and will strengthen the collective program. As we continue to grow our program, it will be helpful to have additional resources to further develop the players' skills. A new batting cage, home run fence, and a scoreboard are possible improvements for next season. However, they will require additional funds. As the details of the merger and the fund raising efforts become available, they will be posted to our web page, www.jerichoyouthleague.org. Or for more specific information, feel free to email me directly, drandallvt@gmail.com.

Until next spring, join me in congratulating the local little leaguers on a terrific season!



COMING EVENTS

Thursday, September 17

Fall preschool program Critter Construction, 9:00 – 10:30 AM, Audubon VT, 255 Sherman Hollow Rd., Huntington. Explore different styles of critter construction and work on creating our own cozy hideaways. No hammers or nails necessary! Register at vermont@audubon.org or 434-3068.

Roll Deep, 7:00 PM, Phoenix Books, 191 Bank St., Burlington. Join Major Jackson for a reading and book talk about his new poetry collection. Major Jackson is the recipient of a Guggenheim Fellowship, among other honors. He teaches at UVM and is the poetry editor of the *Harvard Review*. In *Roll Deep*, Jackson appropriates the vernacular notion of “rolling deep” to capture the spirit of aesthetic travel that defines these forceful new poems and brazenly announces his steady accretion of literary and artistic influences. Tickets \$3, include a coupon for \$5 off a book by the author, available at either Phoenix location (Essex, Burlington) and expire at the end of the event. Seating is limited. For information, www.phoenixbooks.biz or 802-448-3350.

Mapping Invasives for Healthy Forests, 5:30 – 7:00 PM, Birds of Vermont Museum, 900 Sherman Hollow Rd., Huntington. Invasion of the plants! Sound scary? It’s absolutely serious. Elizabeth Spinney, Invasive Plant Coordinator for VT Parks & Rec, teaches which plants are encroaching on our forests and what we can do about it. Workshop Part I: Learn and practice invasive plant ID; Receive materials about management and outreach. Workshop Part II (next spring): Learn to map invasives as part of a widely used, robust citizen science project; Each of our observation contributions help build a scientifically smart state plan. All welcome! We will be both indoors and out. Pre-registration helps us provide enough materials for each workshop. Free: 802-434-2167 or museum@birdsofvermont.org.

Saturday, September 19

Verd Mont Button Club, 1:00 PM, E. Middlebury Community House, 431 East Main St., E. Middlebury. The public is invited to attend a talk on Horn Buttons by Susan Peden. Clarisse Schechter from Bristol will be on hand with antique and vintage collectible buttons for sale after the program. Coffee and tea will be offered.

Members’ meeting starts at 10:00 AM. For information, please call Susan Peden, 802-897-2001.

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.

Beginning Genealogy class, 10:00 AM, VT Genealogy Library, Hegeman Ave., Fort Ethan Allen, Colchester. Sheila Morris will present this talk aimed at those about to start out, and those who are relatively inexperienced. She will discuss records, methods, best practices for research, and organizing your findings. For information, 802-310-9285 or www.vtgenlib.org.

Sunday, September 20

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.

Sundays 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 skillz in observation, research, and goofing around. Kids can earn a Junior Birder Badge. Perfect for kids 5-9; siblings welcome. Free with museum admission; donations welcome. Pre-registration helpful. For information, 802-4334-2167 or museum@birdsofvermont.org.

Wednesday, September 23

The Yin and Yang of Climate Crisis, 7:00 PM, Phoenix Books, 191 Bank St., Burlington. Celebrate the launch of the book with author Brendan Kelly. The first book to marry western environmentalism with Chinese medicine, the volume illustrates the many ways that our personal well-being and climate health are vitally connected. Brendan Kelly is co-owner of Jade Mountain Wellness, where he practices acupuncture and herbalism, and has been actively involved with local, regional, and national environmental issues for 25 years. Tickets \$3, include a coupon for \$5 off a book by the author, available at either Phoenix location (Essex, Burlington) and expire at the end of the event. Seating is limited. For information, www.phoenixbooks.biz or 802-448-3350.

Thursday, September 24
Neil Shepard poetry reading, 4:00 PM, Stearns Student Center Performance Space, Johnson State College, Johnson. Poet Neil Shepard, founder and senior editor of the literary journal *Green Mountains Review* and former director of the BFA in Writing Program at Johnson State College, will read from latest work, *Hominid Up*, his sixth book of poetry published by Salmon Poetry Press in Ireland. Shepard taught writing at JSC until his retirement in 2009. For information, contact Sandra Noyes, 802-635-1340 or Sandra.Noyes@jsc.edu.

Friday, September 25-27

Calvary Episcopal Church Tag Sale, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM, 372 VT Rt. 15, Underhill. For information, 899-2326.

Saturday, September 26

Itsy Bitsy Spiders, 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM, Carpenter-Carse Library, Hinesburg. The itsy, bitsy spider went up the water spout, wall, wildflower, and willow! Is there any place this spider can’t go?! Join Audubon Vermont at the Carpenter-Carse Library in Hinesburg as we explore the world of spiders. For information, vermont@audubon.org or 434-3068.

Life’s Helpers craft fair / flea market, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM, Hinesburg Fire Dept., Hinesburg. Life’s Helpers Inc sponsors this benefit event, featuring a variety of vendors with homemade jewelry, Mary K, knitted items, and homemade jams and breads; and a variety of gently used household

items, clothing, baby items, and more. Silent auction, raffle, and bake sale. A few spots still open for vendors. Information: Penny, 434-6053, or Phyllis, 434-2559.

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.

Free Museum Admission Day (and volunteer work day), all day (9:00 AM – 2:00 PM), Birds of Vermont Museum, 900 Sherman Hollow Rd., Huntington. In the spirit of Smithsonian Museums, which offer free admission every day, *Museum Day Live!* is an annual event hosted by *Smithsonian* magazine in which participating museums across the country offer free admission to anyone presenting a ticket for *Museum Day Live!* Get your ticket at <http://www.smithsonianmag.com/museumday/>. To volunteer to help with trails, signs, autumn gardening/low-key maintenance, please pre-register so there will be enough sandwiches to feed you! For information, 802-4334-2167 or museum@birdsofvermont.org.

Bird Monitoring Walk, 7:30 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.

Reading French Vital Records, 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM, VT Genealogy Library, Hegeman Ave., Fort Ethan Allen, Colchester. One does not need to be fluent in French in order to get information from vital records in the language, but one benefits from knowing a number of key words. The church records also followed a general pattern. Tom DeVarney will teach you the key words and formulas so that you can unlock the information you need. \$5; for information, www.vtgenlib.org or 802-310-9285.

Saturday-Sunday, September 26-27

Harvest Market, United Church of Underhill, Park St., Underhill Flats.

Sunday, September 27

UHS Pie Eating Contest, 2:00 PM, Harvest Market, United Church of Underhill, Park St., Underhill Flats.

The Drury Brickyard, 2:00 PM, Kolvoord Room, Brownell Library, Essex Jct. Learn more about the Drury Brickyard with speaker Hubie Norton, who has done extensive research on this brickyard that operated in Essex from 1867-1970. Entrance to the Kolvoord Room is at the back of the library, off from the municipal parking lot. More information at www.cchsvt.org.

Thursday, October 1

The Night Sister, 7:00 PM, Phoenix Books, 191 Bank St., Burlington. Join *New York Times* best-selling author Jennifer McMahon for a talk on her atmospheric, gripping, and suspenseful tale probing the bond between sisters and the peril of keeping secrets. McMahon, who has written six novels, graduated from Goddard College and studied poetry in the MFA Writing Program at Vermont College. Tickets \$3, include a coupon for \$5 off a book by the author, available at either Phoenix location (Essex, Burlington) and expire at the end of the event. Seating is limited. For information, www.phoenixbooks.biz or 802-448-3350.

Saturday, October 3

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.

Wednesday, October 7

68th annual Chicken Pie Supper, seatings at 4:30, 6:30, 6:30, and 7:30 PM, take-outs available at 5:00, 6:00, and 7:00 PM, Richmond Congregational Church, Richmond. Reservations are required and can be made online, www.rccucc.org, select the CPS link at the bottom, or 802-318-5359 between 6:00 – 10:00 PM. Large groups wishing to be seated together will want to reserve early. Adults, \$12; children under 12, \$6; preschool, free.

The Costumes of Downton Abbey, 7:00 PM, Brownell Library, Essex Jct. Middlebury College artist-in-residence Jule Emerson discusses the fashions worn in the popular PBS series. Free and open to the public. Information, 878-6955.

Saturday, October 10

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, October 11

UHS Flea Chili Cookoff, 5:00 – 7:00 PM, Old District 5 Schoolhouse, Underhill Center. Lucius Jackson Award for contribution to Underhill community and history.

4th Annual Great Pumpkin 5K Run/Walk, 9:00 AM, Westford Town Common, Westford. Open to residents of all towns! 1K Fun Run starts at 9:30 AM, 5K Run/Walk starts at 10:00 AM, with registration for both opening at 9:00 AM. Adults, \$10; kids up to age 17, \$3 – or bring two non-perishable food items to donate to the Westford Food Shelf for free registration. You can also register ahead of time by mail or in person at the Town Office, Attn. Westford Rec Dept, 1713 VT Rt. 128, Westford, 05494. Make checks payable to Westford Rec Dept. Prizes will be awarded for top male, top female, top under-18 runners, and top three walkers. Volunteers are needed for timers, food table, and results board. To help out or for information, contact 338-8235 or WestfordVTRec@gmail.com.

Tuesday, October 13

Storytime in the Nestlings Nook, 10:30 – 11:30 AM, Birds of Vermont Museum, 900 Sherman Hollow Rd., Huntington. Listen to stories about birds and more. Books followed by a craft project, music, or nature walk. Got a favorite book about birds? Share it with us! For pre-schoolers but all ages welcome. Free with museum admission; donations welcome. For information, 802-4334-2167 or museum@birdsofvermont.org.

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.

Send your event listing to mtgazette@earthlink.net.

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Caution - turkey crossing

There's a joke in here somewhere – Why did the turkeys cross the road? – I dunno, but these were among about two dozen of them I saw Wednesday, September 9 about 3:30 PM on Harvey Rd., Underhill Center below the Proctor Maple Research Center. I stopped and watched them foraging for about five minutes. They moved on and melted into the woods only when I drove slowly on up the hill.

PHOTO BY SARA RILEY

Shrinking

By Scott Funk
aging in Place Advocate

Maybe it's a coincidence, or maybe just an attitude problem, but since I turned 60 my birthdays have been ambushing me in an aging sort of way. This year I turned 66 and I am shrinking.

In elementary and middle schools, I was always one of the shortest kids. This sense of shortness continued with me even as I grew to the robust adult height of 5 foot 8 inches. No longer short, at 5' 8" I stood at the very threshold of tall and was, in fact, nearly tall, which officially starts at 5' 9".

Over many adult years, I grew into my stature. Even when not wearing cowboy boots, I projected a certain presence. Not quite tall, but certainly no longer short. I was comfortable with this stature. While hesitating to use the word "average," I was, well, average height.

Until a visit to the doctor's a few weeks ago, that is, where it was established that I am now 5 foot and barely 7 inches tall. Nay, not tall at all, for that is the ending of short. It is not the beginning of anything but getting shorter. After years of effort and growth, things have reversed! Without any indication or warning, I was diminished to a lesser portion of my former self.

This is something of an assault to my sense of "it's OK that I'm kind of grey." That my hair naturally does a kind of comb-over thing, I can accept this. Gardening is now a strenuous physical challenge, OK I get it. But I have to get smaller at the same time my ears and nose are getting bigger? Come on! What is the point of that?

First of all, I'm actually exercising and stretching on an almost regular basis. My diet has improved dramatically because my wonderful wife appears determined to make me last forever. My temper is pretty much under control and I am learning to be more sociable.

All these are excellent Aging in Place skills, but when they ask me to stand and take a bow for being so good... I will already be standing.

It isn't personal. I get that. It is just the randomness of life and the reality of gravity. Physics. I don't understand it, but I get it. Most of us are going to get shorter as we get older. Old people are short people.

Ah, there is the rub. I don't think of myself as older and certainly not old. Yet here I am, a 5' 7" person who used to be nearly tall.

Guess I'll just have to adjust to it and lower the bar in my closet so I don't have to keep tippy-toeing to reach my clothes.

Aging in Place. It doesn't happen by accident, but why does it have to happen around birthdays?

Scott Funk is Vermont's leading Aging in Place advocate

League of VT writers fall program

The League of Vermont Writers invites all writers to an open program that will take place on Saturday, September 19 at the Vermont College of Fine Arts, Montpelier. The program's three sessions focus on skill development for writers and include:

"Creating strong openings," a review by writer and editor Sara J. Henry of what makes a strong opening including the importance of pacing; choice of tense and person; finding a critique partner; the importance of revision; and writing a strong query letter.

"Narrative values, lyric poems," a discussion by VT poet laureate Sydney Lea on how the properties of conventional fiction, such as plot, character, and setting, can provide entrées for readers of poetry.

"Finding your place in 'the great conversation,'" a discussion by Katherine Quimby Johnson, writer and instructor in Champlain College's Professional Writing Program, on how writers can find their place in the writing community by reading like a writer, finding ways to study the craft, sharing work, learning from feedback, and using social media.

The program cost, which includes lunch, is \$50 for nonmembers and \$45 for LVW members. For full details about the program and registration information, please visit www.leagueofvermontwriters.org.

COLLEGE GRADUATES



Patrick Justin Sedney of Underhill, VT, son of Katrina and Damian Sedney of Underhill, graduated from the Harvard University, Graduate School of Education, Cambridge, MA on Thursday, May 28, 2015 with a Masters of Education in the MBE program. Patrick formerly worked as a volunteer for the Vermont YCC program, building bridges and trails in the Mobbs Hill Farm property in Jericho, VT. He also worked for Smugglers' Notch Resort (Cambridge, VT) and S.D. Ireland Concrete (Williston, VT). He is a 2008 graduate of Middlebury College, Middlebury, VT and a 2004 graduate of The Lawrenceville School, Lawrence Township, NJ. He has accepted a teaching position at Dexter Southfield School in Brookline, MA.

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Don't space out scheduled immunizations

By Lewis First, MD

Chief of Pediatrics at UVM Children's Hospital

With so many vaccines being required nowadays, parents have been asking me some sharp questions about whether it is beneficial to space out their child's vaccination schedule so the shots are less painful and the risks less worrisome as their child ages. Let me take my best shot and provide important information on why vaccine schedules should not be spaced out.

Immunizing when a particular vaccine is recommended to be given is the best way to protect your baby or child as much as possible from life-threatening bacterial and viral germs, which our youngest infants and children are most susceptible to getting. The vaccine dosing schedule is designed so that vaccines are given when the body's immune system will work the best at the earliest possible age.

If you're worried that giving multiple vaccines at the same time makes them interfere with each other and can be less effective, it's important to know that doesn't happen. The schedule is based on years and years of testing to determine the right combination of vaccines that can be easily handled by your infant or child's immune system.

Yet, since 25 vaccines need to be given in the first 15 months of life, some parents still want to space out vaccines so their children experience less discomfort (and for some parents less fear of their getting some rare complications from a vaccine). The data does not support the idea that children are just as well protected when vaccines are given later than scheduled, or that spreading out the shots will be safer.

In fact organizations like the American Academy of Pediatrics do not recommend spacing shots out. We do know that the risk of any kind of vaccine complication – the vast majority of which may be some pain, soreness at the site, and a low grade fever – is a better one than of getting the actual infection itself.

If you are worried about the quantity, type, or timing of a vaccine, please talk with your child's health care professional, who can work with you so you both share a common understanding of the need to immunize your child in as timely a fashion as possible.

Hopefully tips like this – and I'm not just talking needle tips – will inject just the right amount of information about why the vaccine schedule is there to be followed – and not changed – to keep your child fully vaccinated and healthy.

Organic dairy workshops on fall feeds, cow health, more

The 2015 Summer Organic Dairy Series continues this fall with three workshops, each focusing on a different success strategy for organic dairy farmers. Workshops will be held on the following dates and locations:

Monday, September 21 – Irrigation, Pasture Renovation, and Cow Health; Stony Pond Farm (Tyler and Melanie Webb), 336 Emch Dr., Enosburg Falls; 10:30 AM – 2:30 PM. Farmers will hear from the host farm about the new irrigation system, recent pasture renovations, and experience with various feed rations. A local veterinarian will discuss how to identify and treat milk fever, ketosis, and other common metabolic diseases. Fee: \$20, including lunch.

Wednesday, September 30 – Fall Feed Inventory and Land Improvements; McKnight Farm (Seth Gardner), 440 Snow Hill Rd., East Montpelier; 10:30 AM – 2:30 PM. This workshop will cover strategies for evaluating feedstock needs and action plans to ensure optimal feed quality and milk production throughout the winter. Grazing, land improvements, establishment of new seedings, and soil fertility management also will be covered. Fee: \$20, including lunch.

Friday, October 9 – Tour and field walk; University of New Hampshire Organic Dairy Research Facility and Tuckaway Farm (Dorn Cox), both in Lee, NH; 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM. Farmers will tour the first certified organic university research dairy in the country to observe the milking parlor, composting facility, wood shaving mill and other facilities, and hear from researchers about their molasses and flax meal feed trials and composting research. The workshop concludes with a field walk at Tuckaway Farm where Cox will share his experiences with cover crop and grain trials as well as recent silvopasture developments. Fee: \$20, including lunch, dinner, and transportation from Montpelier and other pick-up points, depending on registrations. Note that the day will run from approximately 7:00 AM – 8:00 PM with travel time.

For more information, visit <http://bit.ly/1d12Pk4>. To register, go to www.nofavt.org/ows or call (802) 434-4122. The deadline to register is 10 days prior to each event.

If requiring a disability-related accommodation, contact Susan Brouillette at 800-639-2130 (VT calls only) or 802-524-6501, ext. 432, at least two weeks in advance of the workshop.

The workshops were developed in collaboration by UVM Extension Northwest Crops and Soils Program (www.uvm.edu/extension/cropssoil) and the Northeast Organic Farming Association of Vermont, with funding support from Organic Valley and U.S. Department of Agriculture Risk Management Agency.

Images

By Sue Kusserow

Special to the Mountain Gazette

Hey, I'm 83. I am here by grace at this point. That means that I can flaunt my gimpy leg, repeat "What did you say?" as many times as is necessary, and with my glasses off, ask pleasantly of old neighbors: "And your name is?"

But seriously, what will I miss that clings to me in this world? There are many memories of my life, best expressed in tiny, evanescent sensors... words that recall small raindrops of time.

Read...

Close your eyes...

Come with me...

- * an apple polished red on my sleeve, crunched and dripping into my mouth
 - * purple crocus flowering beneath a pale blue sieve of dying snow
 - * the soft belly of a kitten
 - * deep dark maple syrup on a pancake, floating butter away
 - * a small dog whining for a biscuit... and love
 - * burnished-copper braids tugging at the scalp of a young girl
 - * a sunburned arm holding love
 - * rust-spotted leaf hanging dismal on a winter branch
 - * soggy mittens stripped off, hands seeking the fire
 - * a million poplar leaves dancing on pinched stems
 - * snow pushing against a closed window
 - * bloody sunset dripping into Lake Champlain
 - * velvet wrinkles on the face of my friend
 - * strong teeth in fresh bread
 - * cricket, your raspy voice punctures the night
 - * a full-body hug for shared friendships and sorrows
 - * a breeze that finds my face
 - * music that hums through my soul
- I need not dream of a Heaven. It is all here... Now.

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HEALTH NEWS

Help prepare for emergencies by donating blood

The American Red Cross encourages eligible donors to help their communities prepare for emergencies by giving blood during National Preparedness Month this September. Becoming a regular blood donor is one way to help ensure communities are prepared for any emergency, including those where blood transfusions are needed. The Red Cross also encourages the public to get prepared by making a disaster plan for their homes or work places.

A sufficient blood supply is central to ensuring

hospitals are prepared to meet patient needs in times of disaster, including the very personal ones that can happen any day. Because blood takes about 48 hours to be tested, processed, and made available for patients, it's the blood already on the shelves that can help save the day when emergencies occur.

Every two seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood, and volunteer donors are the only source of blood for patients needing transfusions. The Red Cross needs blood donors of all types –

especially those with types AB, O negative, B negative, and A negative – to give blood regularly.

To make an appointment to give blood, download the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit redcrossblood.org, or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

Upcoming blood donation opportunities:

Thursday, September 17, 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM, Heritage Automotive Group, 1600 Shelburne Rd., S. Burlington

Friday, September 18, 1:00 – 7:00 PM, UVM Waterman

Building, S. Prospect St., Burlington

Saturday, September 19, 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM, Sheraton Conference Center, 870 Williston Rd., S. Burlington

Sunday, September 20, 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM, Sheraton Conference Center, 870 Williston Rd., S. Burlington

Friday, September 25, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM, UVM Medical Center, 111 Colchester Ave., Burlington

Saturday, September 26, 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM, Essex Cinema, Essex Way (Lang Farm), Essex

Saturday, September 26, 10:00 AM – 3:30 PM, Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 7415 Williston Rd., Williston

Tuesday, September 29, 1:00 – 6:00 PM, Fletcher Elementary School, 340 School Rd., Cambridge

Wednesday, September 30, 11:30 AM – 4:30 PM, Green Mountain Power, 163 Acorn Rd., Colchester

Wednesday, September 30, 1:00 – 6:00 PM, Covenant Community Church, 1 Whitcomb Lane, Essex

Wednesday, September 30, 12:00 – 6:00 PM, CCV Morrisville, 197 Harrel St., Morrisville

Wednesday, September 30, 12:00 – 5:30 PM, Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, 728 Mountain Rd., Stowe

Copley Hospital's Nuclear Medicine program accredited

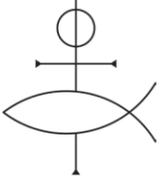
Copley Hospital's Nuclear Medicine program was recently awarded accreditation by the American College of Radiology (ACR). Accreditation is considered a "gold seal," ensuring that the program meets the highest quality of imaging and patient safety. "The accreditation demonstrates to our community that Copley is providing the nationally recognized best standard of care," says Copley's Chief Operating Officer Art Mathisen.

The process for receiving accreditation is a rigorous one. A team of board-certified physicians and other experts in the field evaluates facilities in a number of areas including image quality, personnel qualifications, adequacy of facility equipment, as well as quality control and quality assurance programs.

Nuclear Medicine is an important diagnostic tool as it can provide the doctor with information about their patient's health. The scan is designed to target a specific part of the body where there might be some abnormality or disease. A patient takes a small dose of radioactive materials before being scanned using a gamma camera. The radioactive part of the drug emits gamma rays that are detected by the gamma camera, enabling the doctor to see what is happening inside the patient's body. Copley's Nuclear Medicine program uses materials that provide the lowest radiation exposure currently possible.

The program is extremely helpful to Copley's cardiologist Adam Kunin, MD. He uses the imaging to identify coronary artery disease in patients, or to learn more about a patient's cardiac event such as if the heart is pumping blood adequately, or to assess damage following a heart attack. Nuclear Medicine is also used to evaluate gallbladder, liver, and lungs. Neurologist Jean Marie Prunty, MD uses Nuclear Medicine to help locate brain seizures caused by epilepsy and Parkinson's disease.

Copley is one of eight hospitals in Vermont with this accreditation. Copley's Digital Imaging service provides a variety of diagnostic imaging tools for providers, including CT, MRI, ultrasound, 3-D mammography and X-rays. Information about Copley's imaging services is available by calling 888-8888 or online at www.copleyvt.org.



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LIBRARY NEWS

DEBORAH RAWSON LIBRARY, UNDERHILL

Our Sunday hours began Sunday, September 13. We will be open from 1:00 – 4:00 PM.

The library will be closed the weekend of Harvest Market, Saturday-Sunday, September 26-27.

The Board of Trustees will meet Thursday, September 17 at 7:00 PM.

Barn Sale – our barn is full and ready for the Barn Sale! We do still need volunteers to help on the sale days of Saturday, September 26 and Sunday the 27th. If you have an hour or two of your time

that you could donate, we would really appreciate it! Please stop by the Deborah Rawson Memorial Library to sign up.

The silent auction item for the month of September is a beautiful hand-crafted bowl made and donated by Charles Siegchrist. The bidding will close on Wednesday, September 30 at 6:00 PM.

The art displayed in the library during September will feature the work of Willa Forrest Clark, a youth photographer. Stop in and enjoy.

The French Conversation Group resumed this month and will meet again on Thursday, the 24th at 6:30 PM. Stop in for some conversation and cultural exchange. For more information, call Henry, 899-3349.

The Mystery Book Group will meet Tuesday, September 29 to discuss Dark of the Moon by John Sanford. Please join us.

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Do you love playing games? 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, September 21 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 Parent Support Group will meet Wednesday, September 30 at 6:30 PM. Meet and connect with parents raising children and teens with behavioral challenges (ASD, ODD, ADD, etc.). Contact Elise Doner, 899-2644 or bustfeet4kids@gmail.com for more information.

September StoryHours! Drop in for stories, songs, projects and a nutritious snack! Wednesdays, September 16, 23, and 30 at 10:30 AM, and Thursdays, September 17 and 24 at 10:00 AM. No registration required.

Baby Time! Saturday, September 19 at 10:30 AM – Introduce your littlest ones (infants and babies up to 18 months) to the wonders of language with nursery rhymes, songs, fingerplays, and board books. This is a great time for parents and childcare providers to connect, chat, and share ideas with each other. Older siblings welcome. No registration required.

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 CENTER LIBRARY

Story Time: Scavenger Nature Walk with Sonja Schuyler: Join us on Wednesday, September 16 at 10:00 AM for a Story Time scavenger hunt. Meet out front of the library. Dress for a walk on the green. In the event of rain, we will not host the walk and resume with the regular story time instead.

Dungeons & Dragons: Come adventure with us! Join an ongoing adventure story and create characters under the guidance of Dungeon Master Dana VanHorn. This group meets on Wednesdays, from 5:00 – 7:00 PM. Pizza is served.

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.

Volunteers for Garden Clean-up: We could use a hand with light weeding of the library gardens. Many hands make light work. If you are interested, please contact the library at 899-4686. Thank you!

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

VARNUM MEMORIAL LIBRARY, JEFFERSONVILLE

Thursdays, September 17 and 24, 10:00 – 11:00 AM, Story time and crafts with LN. Join us for stories and crafts with our favorite stories and crafts person, LN!

The Varnum Library, P.O. Box 198, 194 Main St., Jeffersonville, 802-644-2117. 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.

WESTFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY, WESTFORD

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 storyline 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 beginning on September 18.

Book Discussions

Thursday, September 17, 7:00 PM: *Spider Woman's Daughter* by Anne Hillerman (mystery). Navajo Nation Police Officer Bernadette Manualito witnesses the cold-blooded shooting of someone very close to her. With the victim fighting for his life, the entire squad and the local FBI office are hell-bent on catching the gunman. Bernie, too, wants in on the investigation, despite regulations forbidding eyewitness involvement. But that doesn't mean she's going to sit idly by, especially when her husband, Sergeant Jim Chee, is in charge of finding the shooter.

Vermont's Flood of 1927: A New Look – The Flood of '27 is remembered as the greatest natural disaster in Vermont history. Stories of loss, tragedy, and heroism abound, and yet the flood is far more than an episode restricted to the history of a single state. This examination of the flood and reconstruction by retired Middlebury College historian Nicholas Clifford sheds light on important facets of our national history, and helps us understand better America's passage through the often anxious and difficult years of the 1920s. Wednesday, September 30, 7:00 PM.

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.

Thursday, September 17, 3:00 – 4:00 PM: Crafternoon: Fairy House. Kids ages 6+ make a fun craft after school. This month participants will create a fairy house out of natural elements. Please register.

Saturday, September 19, 10:00 – 11:30 AM: DIY SmartPhone Gloves. Bring an ordinary pair of gloves and use conductive thread to make them smartphone compatible. Please preregister.

Tuesday, September 22, 9:30 – 10:30 AM: Preschool Story Hour: Apples & Pumpkins. Snacks provided. Join us for themed stories, songs, and activities for ages 3-6. No registration necessary for story hour.

Wednesday, September 23, 3:00 – 4:00 PM: Brushbots. Kids 6+ build moving robots out of toothbrushes and tiny motors in this exciting STEAM activity. Limit 12 participants. Please register.

Thursday, September 24, 5:30 – 7:30 PM: Tea and Brushes. Back by popular demand, Julie Griffis teaches step-by-step painting in a fun, informal environment. Recommended ages 16+. Cost \$25 for materials and snacks. Please register.

Tuesday, September 29, 9:30 – 10:30 AM: Preschool Story Hour: Farm Animals. Join us for themed stories, songs, and activities for ages 3-6. No registration necessary for story hour.

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.

Preschool Yoga with Danielle, Friday, September 25, 10:30 AM. Simple yoga poses, stories and songs for children birth to age 5 and their caregivers. No pre-registration.

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.

Wednesday, September 16, Current Events Conversation. Gather with others interested in informal discussion on current newsworthy topics. Open to all. No registration required.

Library Open House, Wednesday, September 16, 6:00 – 7:30 PM. Drop in to get library cards for your family or to renew your accounts. Library cards expire every two years. Bring something showing your name and current Williston or St. George address to get a card. Learn about our services and get a tour. Have a snack and talk to the staff about your family's needs or interests.

Friday, September 18, 12:30 PM, Brown Bag Book Club. Looking to meet others who love to discuss books? Check out our *Book Group* page under *Things to do* for the list of upcoming books and meeting dates. Books may be available at the front circulation desk the month of the discussion. Coffee, tea, juice and dessert provided. Free and open to all.

Saturday, September 19, 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM, Adult Coloring. Switch off the phone, computer and TV. Come try the new coloring book trend that is helping adults. Benefit from the quiet Zen that a coloring session can bring. Books and color pencils are provided. No registration required. Adult program.

Monday, September 21, 12:30 PM, Shape and Share Life Stories. Learn to craft engaging stories from life experiences. Led by Recille Hamrell. Free and open to all adults.

Monday, September 21, 6:30 PM, Pajama Story Time. Bring kids in PJs with their favorite stuffed animal for stories with Abby Klein, a craft, and a bedtime snack. Presented by Building Bright Futures and DAML. Make a story treasure box. All ages.

Tuesday, September 22, 10:30 AM, Writing Salon. A new monthly opportunity for new or experienced writers. Write in a community that supports writers and their work. Participants are free to write whatever inspires them with the prompt provided. Paula A. Diaco, certified in Gateless Writing, will lead and provide feedback.

Tuesday, September 22, 3:30 PM, Read to Van Gogh (a cat!) Call 878-4918 to pre-register for 10-minute reading sessions. All ages. Van Gogh is registered with *Love on a Leash Foundation*.

Wednesday, September 23, 6:30 PM, Pastel Painting Workshop. Join local artist Kathryn Jarvis for a pastel painting demonstration and lesson. Learn the basics of pastels and experiment with different paper and supplies. Bring a favorite photo to work from for inspiration. Supplies are provided. Limited to 10 adults. Pre-registration is required.

Thursday, September 24, 3:00 PM, Movie Thursday: *Night at the Museum: Secret of the Tomb*. Rated PG. Running time 120 minutes. Snacks provided. Children aged 8 and younger must be accompanied by an adult.

Thursday, September 24, 4:00 – 6:00 PM, Tech Tutor. Stop by anytime during tech hours for one-on-one technology help from a local teen. Guarantee a time by making a 30-minute appointment.

Saturday, September 26, 11:00 AM, Movie Saturday: *Wild*. Rated R, a 2014 biographical drama based on Cheryl Strayed's memoir about her life and hike on the Pacific Crest Trail. Run time 115 minutes. Snacks provided.

Monday, September 28, 3:00 – 4:00 PM: After-School Games. Bring your own game or play one of ours! Grades 3 and up. Snacks provided.

Tuesday, September 29, 11:00 AM, Story Time: Apples. Join us on Tuesday, September 29 at 11am for "Apples" story time! Preschoolers are introduced to a variety of books and authors while gaining early literacy skills. Includes a simple craft activity. For children ages 3-5. No registration required.

Tuesday, September 29, 3:30 – 4:30 PM, Read to a Dog! Bring a book and read to a registered therapy dog. All dogs are registered with Therapy Dogs of Vermont. All ages. Call 878-4918 to sign up for individual sessions. 10-minute sessions.

Wednesday, September 30, 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM, United Way Survey results session. Are you age 60 or over? United Way wants to hear how Chittenden County can better meet the unique needs of our residents as they age. A small group discussion will explore the results of a recent survey in more depth. Bring a friend! All are welcome, regardless of whether they completed the survey or not.

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

BROWNELL MEMORIAL LIBRARY, ESSEX JCT.

Wednesdays, September 16, 23, and 30; 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.

Fridays, September 25, 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, September 18, 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, September 25, 6:00 – 8:30 PM: Dungeons and Dragons. Embark on imaginary adventure. Our Dungeon Master serves as the game's referees and story tellers. Grade 6 and up.

Friday, September 25, 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 like. If you wish to contact Maggie, 6maggie2@myfairpoint.net.

Mondays, September 21 and 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.

Wednesday, September 16, 6:30 – 8:00 PM, Dine & Discuss Series. Discussion leader Ed Cashman. Copies available at the Adult Circulation desk. Potluck fare: Let the book inspire you! Library provides tableware, decaf and water.

Friday, September 18, 5:00 – 7:00 PM, Teens to Farmer's Market. Two teens join the Friends table at Farmers' Market for crafts and face painting.

Tuesday, September 22, 7:00 – 9:00 PM, Brownell Library Trustees Meeting.

Wednesday, September 23, 7:00 – 8:00 PM, Friends of Brownell Library Meeting.

Friday, September 18, 6:30 – 8:30 PM, Family Movie - Free popcorn and drinks!

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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Music

SATURDAY:

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10:30 BRMS music, led by Berta Frank (Church Sanctuary)

10:45 Sebastiaan West Trio (Church Sanctuary)

11:30 Calloway Taxi (Music Tent)

12:30 Buddy Dubai and the Minor Key (Church Sanctuary)

1:30 Front Porch Foursome (Music Tent)

2:30 Gryphon & Co. (Church Sanctuary)

3:30 PW & the Arrowhead Ramblers (Music Tent)

SUNDAY:

10:30 Mr. Ed's Band (Church Sanctuary)

11:30 Jeezum Crow (Music Tent)

12:30 Cash is King (Church Sanctuary)

1:00 Rockin' Ron the Friendly Pirate (Children's Games Area)

1:30 Fairfax, Fletcher, Westford Band (Music Tent)

2:30 Michele Fay Band (Church Sanctuary)

3:30 Charlotte & Shane Brodie (Music Tent)

All kids' activities are held in the Children's Games Area unless otherwise noted

BOTH DAYS:

All day bounce house

All day fun old-fashioned games (stilt walking, ring toss, penny pitch, hoops, nail drive, bowling, dunking booth)

11-4 free hayrides

1-3 organized children's games

3:00 sawdust candy scramble

Kids' Activities

SATURDAY:

12:30 Buddy Dubai and the Minor Key (Sanctuary)

SUNDAY:

Noon pet show & parade

1:00 Rockin' Ron the Friendly Pirate

1:00 organized children's games

1:30 judging of zucchini competition

3:00 sawdust candy scramble

Food

Fresh baked cookies

Fresh squeezed lemonade

Fresh hand-cut French fries

Fresh squeezed cider and donuts

Burgers, hot dogs, soda, chips

Homemade soup, chili and baked beans

REAL maple cotton candy

Shopping

Over 100 vendors will be displaying their wares at this year's Harvest Market. Make sure to check out both the indoor AND outdoor vendor spaces for:

- Vermont crafters
- artisans
- antiques dealers
- community organizations
- ...and much more!

Check out the wide variety of items available at the Silent Auction – get your bids in by 2:00 on Sunday! ...and of course, make sure to stop by the Clutter Barn for an eclectic mix of clothing, books, toys, games, puzzles, small appliances and electronics, sports equipment, kitchen items, linens, towels, curtains AND MORE!

Competitions

SATURDAY:

8:00 Harvest Market Fun Run

12:30 Cross-cut log sawing competition (no experience required)

1-3 organized children's games

3:00 sawdust candy scramble

SUNDAY:

Noon pet show & parade

1-3 organized children's games

1:30 judging of zucchini competition

3:00 sawdust candy scramble



The nearest parking lot is next to the church – look for the sign near the fire station or at the end of Harvest Run Rd. Proceeds benefit MMU soccer.

PARKING

For free parking, park at either Browns River Middle School (on River Road, just off Rte 15) or Mills Riverside Park (on Rte 15). Free shuttle bus will run both days.

Additional parking information, including handicapped parking locations, can be found at underhillharvestmarket.com.

More information on these events, along with a printable schedule & map, can be found at underhillharvestmarket.com or pick up a schedule and map at the Harvest Market Info Booth.

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Come and Join Us September 26 and 27

Harvest Market is almost here!

Preparations for this year's Old Fashioned Harvest Market at the United Church of Underhill are well underway!

There will be a wide variety of wonderful music at Harvest Market this year, with something for everyone. Whether you're a fan of energetic kids' music, jazz, rock, Americana, Big Band, or all of the above, you'll find it at Harvest Market!

Make sure to come hungry to Harvest Market! There will be lots of great food! As you meander around Harvest Market, you can try fresh squeezed cider and donuts, fresh squeezed lemonade, fresh hand-cut French fries, homemade soup and chili, burgers, hot dogs, baked potatoes, pizza, REAL maple cotton candy, freshly baked cookies, and MORE! You can also get pies, jams, jellies, Vermont cheese, and fresh garden produce to bring home, and be sure to check out the United Church of Underhill's welcome booth in the Country Store tent for free fresh baked bread all weekend long!

There are many great activities for kids at Harvest Market. All day on both Saturday and Sunday, kids can visit the Children's Games Area to take a turn in the bounce house and to try all sorts of old-fashioned activities, such as stilt walking, a ring toss, hoop rolling, and even a dunking booth. There is also a greased pole for you to try to climb - can you get to the top?! In addition to these activities that are available all day, there are some fun races that will be held from 1:00 - 3:00 PM on both days. Stop by to join in on hoop races, sack races, a three-legged race, wheelbarrow races, and a water balloon toss. At 3:00 PM, the sawdust candy scramble begins. This popular fast-paced event is broken down into the following groups to make sure all ages have a fair shot at finding plenty of pieces of candy in the big sawdust pile: preschool and first grade; second and third grade; fourth and fifth grade; sixth and seventh grade; and eighth grade plus anyone who missed their slot. As always, all

activities in the Children's Games Area are FREE.

At 12:00 noon on Sunday, children ages 12 and under are encouraged to bring their favorite pet to show off at the Pet Show - all entries receive a prize. Additionally, if you and your kids are feeling creative, decorate a zucchini at home and bring it to the Harvest Market's zucchini decorating contest. Let your imagination fly! Kids of all ages can have fun decorating a zucchini - either store bought or home grown. Use other veggies, paint, glitter, whatever! Some zucchinis may be available to decorate "on the spot" at Harvest Market. Entries will be accepted all day Saturday and Sunday until 1:30 PM. Winners will be announced throughout the weekend. Both the pet show and the zucchini decorating contest are

held at the children's games area.

There are over 100 vendors including crafters, artisans, antiques dealers, and community organizations who have booths at Harvest Market, with something for everyone! Be sure to spend some time both inside the church and outside in the flea market area. The Clutter Barn is full of great items this year, and has a brand new set of stairs to make it easier to visit the second floor - come check it out! Many of the United Church of Underhill's volunteers at the Clutter Barn and at the food venues will be wearing new pins this year - look for them and ask for details! The Silent Auction, held outside near the entrance to the cookie factory, has a wide range of items. Make sure to get your bids

in by 2:00 PM on Sunday!

From the opening parade at 9:00 AM on Saturday morning to the mad dash to get the last box of French fries on Sunday afternoon, a weekend of fun awaits you at Harvest Market. The 2015 Harvest Market will be held the weekend of September 26 and 27 at the United Church of Underhill, located at the intersection of VT Rt. 15 and Park St in Underhill Flats. Harvest Market runs from 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM on Saturday and from 10:30 AM - 4:00 PM on Sunday, with a special worship service at 9:30 AM. Details, including full vendor listing and event calendar, can be found at www.underhillharvestmarket.com.

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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, 802-527-1202.

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, Kolvoord 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

Al-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; playground 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.

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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, jquinninv@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.

WELCOME HOME

Fairfax (Burnham) Tiffany (Lavigne) and David Burnham had a daughter, Elizabeth Katherine Burnham, on Monday, June 29, 2015 at University of Vermont Medical Center, Burlington, VT.

Jeffersonville (Lambert, Torrence) Corbett Torrence and Margaret Lambert had a son, Zander Torrence, on Sunday, June 28, 2015 at University of Vermont Medical Center, Burlington, VT.

Richmond (Peet, Foster) Jody Foster and Erica Peet had a son, Austin Thomas Foster, on Sunday, June 28, 2015 at University of Vermont Medical Center, Burlington, VT.

(Willette) Krystal (Rotond) and Peto Willette had a son, Logan Adam Willette, on Monday, June 22, 2015 at University of Vermont Medical Center, Burlington, VT.

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

COLLEGE NOTES

Colleges welcome area freshmen

Champlain College in Burlington, VT welcomes new students enrolled for the fall 2015 semester: **Ethan Brooks** of Waterbury, VT majoring in Computer Science and Innovation; **Donovan Atherton** of Jericho, VT, majoring in Communication; **Giovanni Garfield** of Bolton, VT, majoring in Early Childhood/Elementary Education; **Alex Carrier** of Jericho, VT, majoring in Criminal Justice; **Evan Hoffman** of Waterbury, VT, majoring in Computer Science and Innovation; **Alexander Klein** of Jericho, VT, majoring in Graphic Design & Digital Media; **Kellen Hopwood** of Jericho, VT, majoring in Computer and Digital Forensics; **John Angelos** of Westford, VT, majoring in Filmmaking; **Elizabeth McMurray** of Cambridge, VT, majoring in Social Work; **Nicholas Robbings** of Jericho, VT, majoring in Game Programming; **Sage King** of Underhill, VT, majoring in Business Administration.

Colby-Sawyer College in New London, NH is pleased to announce members of the Class of 2019: **Kathryn Devlin** of Bolton, VT is a Studio Art major; **Ceilidh Peden-Spear** of Jericho, VT is an Environmental Studies major.

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Underhill skier to be inducted into Maine Ski Hall of Fame

Peter Davis of Underhill, VT is one of eight Maine skiers to be inducted into the Maine Ski Hall of Fame's Class of 2015. The Maine skiers will be inducted at the 13th annual Maine Ski Hall of Fame banquet at the Grand Summit Hotel at Sunday River on Saturday, October 24. Included in the class are a ski academy headmaster, developer of a ski race timing system, ski area managers, ski program developer, a paralympic skier, and an extreme skier.

Peter Davis followed a long line of top-flight skiers coming out of Edward Little High School, where he won the Maine State Junior Nordic Championships. While at New England College he trained and competed on his own as the school had no Nordic team and qualified for the NCAA Ski Championships as an individual. His performances led to his being named to the US Nordic Ski Team.

With the induction of this class, the number of skiers recognized by the Hall of Fame since its first induction banquet in 2003 will reach 113. The Maine Ski Hall of Fame was formed to recognize those Maine skiers who have brought distinction to Maine skiing or made significant contributions to the sport. They may include competitors, coaches, instructors, ski patrollers, ski area builders, managers and volunteers. As a division of the Ski Museum of Maine, the Maine Ski Hall of Fame records the history of Maine skiing through the biographies produced for each class. Inductee biographies written in the annual program are archived in the museum and on the website, www.skimuseumofmaine.org, which also offers information on the Ski Museum of Maine and tickets to the Hall of Fame banquet.

United Way Volunteer Connection listings

By Sue Alenick, *United Way Volunteer Columnist*

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.

APPLE GLEANING: Salvation Farms needs volunteers in Hinesburg on Saturday, September 12, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM, to glean apples at a family orchard. Gleaning is harvesting food from the fields/orchards that would otherwise go to waste. These fresh, local apples will be distributed to food shelves, community meal sites, social service agencies, and schools throughout the state of Vermont for our communities to enjoy. This one day of gleaning is expected to yield between 5000-7000 pounds of high quality apples

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Copley rededicates garden, honors Egenberg and King

Nearly 60 friends of Copley Hospital gathered recently in the hospital's courtyard for a re-dedication of the Edward Wing Memorial Garden and to honor retiring Foundation Committee members John Egenberg of Stowe and Henry King of Greensboro. The garden's courtyard area was renovated when the hospital installed a new elevator, which enabled handicapped access to the garden for staff, patients, and visitors.

After having a long history of service and commitment to Copley, John Egenberg and Henry King are retiring from the Foundation Committee. As she spoke of their work on the committee, Copley VP of Community Relations Leah Hollenberger extended appreciation for their experience and mentorship in helping grow Copley's fundraising program into what it has become today. "Your service has been a tremendous gift to our community hospital," she said. Both men have been instrumental in key milestones including the recent expansion of the Copley Emergency Services Department and the current effort to build a new Surgical Suite. Over the years, Egenberg and King signed thousands of letters, made numerous phone calls to donors, provided invaluable guidance on campaign planning, and opened their homes to special gatherings. Their names are displayed on the Foundation Committee plaque recognizing their time and efforts.

Copley President Mel Patashnick provided guests with some garden history, explaining that the garden was established in 1985 following the death of Gloria Wing's father Edward Wing. Through years of hard work, Gloria and her crew took a piece of land that started as nothing and helped developed it into a beautiful garden that today provides peace and tranquility to many. For 30 years, Gloria and volunteer helpers Judy Stancliff, Shelia Darrah, and Gretchen Damon have tended to the Edward Wing Memorial Garden along with all the gardens and flower boxes on Copley's campus. "Their love for blooming flowers and bright colors help make coming to Copley a very positive patient and guest experience," said Patashnick. "So often, especially during the summer months when the gardens are in full bloom, our staff hear many wonderful comments on the gardens. These comments are because of you," Patashnick said as he looked on to Wing and Stancliff. "We are very grateful for your love of gardening."

The next time you are at Copley Hospital, please visit the Edward Wing Memorial Garden. It is a wonderful space for our community created by volunteers because of their love for our community and for our hospital.



Gloria Wing and Copley President Mel Patashnick standing next to the new Edward Wing Memorial Garden sign that is located in the courtyard at the hospital. PHOTO CONTRIBUTED



Nearly 60 friends of Copley gather for a special re-dedication of the Edward Wing Memorial Garden and honoring of locals John Egenberg and Henry King. PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

ART / MUSIC / THEATER

ART/PHOTOGRAPHY

The Emile A. Gruppe Gallery in Jericho presents an exhibition of watercolors titled *Flowers, Figures, and Fowl* by Burlington artist Annelein Beukenkamp, through Sunday, October 11. Beukenkamp has achieved the recognition of being a signature member of both the Vermont Watercolor Society and the New England Watercolor Society, and is highly respected as an instructor of watercolor. She aptly expresses her playful interpretations: "Watercolor can surprise, delight, frustrate and intimidate, but mostly it inspires me to dip into my palette of colors and interpret the world in kaleidoscopic hues." For more information, www.emilegruppegallery.com or 899-3211.

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. All 2015 Legacy Collection art is for sale. 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.

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, through Wednesday, October 14, *Exposed*, the 24th annual outdoor sculpture exhibit, throughout the town of Stowe. *Line Up – Vermont Sculpture*, an exhibition of five Vermont sculptors – Ted Ceraldi, Richard Erdman, Rodrigo Nava, Meg McDevitt, and Judith Wrend – in the gardens at the Vermont Arts Council on State St., Montpelier. 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; contact the Art Center for details. Helen Day Art Center, 90 Pond St., Stowe. Gallery hours: Wednesday-Sunday 12:00 PM – 5:00 PM and by appointment.

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.

Exhibits at the Fleming Museum of Art in Burlington: *Sex Objects: Perspectives on Gender and Sexuality* curated by UVM Art History and Anthropology students. The exhibit examines how everyday and ceremonial art and artifacts cultivate or critique society's socially constructed gender roles. Ideals about gender traits, relationships, and choices regarding physical appearance are often communicated through art and material culture. *In Grain:*

Contemporary Work in Wood. Wood, readily available throughout the world and easier to shape than metal or stone, is one of the oldest sculptural mediums. This exhibit presents a diverse group of international artists, many working in Vermont. *World Leaders & Global Citizens: Photographs by Patrick Leahy, U.S. Senator* will open on Tuesday, September 22 in an exhibit organized on the occasion of the 40th anniversary of Leahy's Senate service. The photos record candid insider views of historical moments, bringing often lofty subject matter down to human scale and depicting pain and humor, dignity and vulnerability from the haunting visage of a refugee or a world leader caught with his guard down. Fleming Museum of Art, UVM, 61 Colchester Ave., Burlington.

MUSIC/DANCE

The Burlington Chamber Orchestra begins their ninth season with their new Artistic Director and Conductor Yutaka Kono, on Saturday, October 10 at the University of Vermont Recital Hall, 7:30 PM. Tickets are on sale now through Flyntix.org or by calling 802-86-Flynn. Tickets will also be available at the door on the day of the performance. Saturday, October 10: Yutaka Kono, conductor; Warlock, *Capriccio Suite*; *Concerto: Bach for violin and oboe* with Katie Oprea and Letitia Quante; Karl Jenkins: *Passacaglia Tchaikovsky String Serenade*. 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.

The Shelburne United Methodist Church will present an organ recital on Sunday, September 20 at 3:00 PM in the church sanctuary for the 6th anniversary of the dedication of the Trillium Masterpiece Pipe Combination Organ. Designed by Rodgers Organ Company and Marshall Ogletree Inc., the instrument combines original pipe work sounds from the former Estey organ in the church with the digital voices of the Rodgers organ. The organ is a gift of Robert and Marcia Nappi in memory of their parents and to the glory of God. The recital will feature three organists: Joan Zeiter, Rev. Hyung-Kyu Yi, and Ann Rowell. Music to be performed includes works by Burkhardt, Couperin, Clerambault, Liszt, Marpurg, Pachelbel, Roberts, Rowley, and Utterback. Free and open to the public. For information, call the Shelburne United Methodist Church, 802-985-3981.

THEATER/FILM

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.flyntix.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. *Menopause The Musical* is set in a department store where four women at a lingerie sale have nothing in common but a black lace bra and memory loss, hot flashes, night sweats, not enough sex, too much sex, and more! Singing along to classic tunes from the 1960s, '70s, and '80s, the cast forms a sisterhood with the entire audience. Whether naturally occurring or thrust into it as a result of cancer treatment, *Menopause The Musical* helps women embrace and celebrate that menopause is no longer "The Silent Passage." For more information, visit www.MenopauseTheMusical.com.

CATMA team in Chittenden County includes Jericho resident

The Chittenden Area Transportation Management Association (CATMA) is pleased to announce the repositioning of its team to lead the growth of the organization and the delivery of its turnkey transportation demand management programs. In early April, CATMA publicized its name change reflecting its expanded service area to businesses and developers in Chittenden County.

"As our county experiences business growth and development, the need to better plan, coordinate and manage transportation and parking is a key aspect, which CATMA's founding Hill institutions have been doing since 1992 with proven success", says David Provost, Chair, CATMA Board of Directors and Senior Vice President, Champlain College. He adds, "As CATMA expands in the county, it is important to have a motivated skilled team in place. Our team works hard, and is always seeking creative solutions, partnerships and programs to help employees and students get to work or campus in a better way."

Katie Martin of Jericho, who has provided invaluable service to CATMA for over five years, is now Manager of Marketing and Programs. She oversees the daily management of an extensive, comprehensive suite of commuter programs, and the smooth and mindful transition of CATMA's new identity and website, including an interactive online commuter rewards program. "The efficient operation of our tailored programs is essential to reducing single occupancy vehicles and promoting healthy lifestyles. Katie's passion, industry knowledge and excellent communication techniques has also enabled our organization's members to continue demonstrating positive mode trends," says Sandy Thibault, CATMA's Executive Director.

CATMA is a non-profit membership based organization providing simple transportation solutions to improve commutes, support healthy lifestyles and reduce congestion. Learn more about joining CATMA at www.catmavt.org.

Verd Mont Button Club



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The Verd Mont Button Club meets monthly at various locations around the state. This month we are inviting interested people to join us for the afternoon portion of our meeting. Susan Peden will give a talk on the history of horn buttons. Coffee and tea will be provided.

For information contact Susan Peden: (802) 897-2001

MMUHS FOOTBALL

Defensive woes continue as Cougars fall to BFA St Albans, 57-16

By Richard Mindell
Special to the Mountain Gazette

Every sport has its truism. In baseball, good pitching will beat good hitting almost all of the time. Pitching is defense. In basketball, you're not going to win unless you defend the pick and roll... and the rim. No argument there. And in football, if you rely

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF JERICHO- DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Jericho Development Review Board will hold a public hearing at 7:00 pm on Thursday, October 8, 2015 at the Jericho Town Hall to consider the following:

- A request to the DRB by Jeffrey and Merry Baker for a 3-lot subdivision at 111 Plains Road. This parcel is in the Agriculture Zoning District.

All interested persons may appear and be heard. Additional information related to this application may be viewed at the Jericho Planning and Zoning Office during regular business hours.

Michelle Patrick
Zoning Administrator and Planning Assistant, Town of Jericho
mpatrick@jerichovt.gov

on arm-tackling, you're going to find yourself on the wrong end of a rout. The point is, in sports – all sports – you're not going to win unless you can prevent your opponent from scoring.

Nowhere was that more apparent than in last Saturday's 57-16 MMU varsity football defeat at the hands of BFA St. Albans on the Cougars' home field off Browns Trace, in Jericho. So thorough was the loss you could see it in the body language of the MMU players as they watched the points grow on the St. Albans side of the scoreboard.

Ironically, it was MMU who came out like gangbusters. On the Cougars' second play from scrimmage following the opening kickoff, MMU quarterback, Dominic Mosca, hit wide receiver, Kyle Leggett, with a beautiful 70-yard TD pass. MMU converted the two-point PAT to take an 8-0 lead. The Cougar faithful were on their feet cheering their team on, expecting this game to be a refreshing improvement on the Cougars' first two losses, a 62-0 debacle at the hands of Burr and Burton and 36-12 loss to Milton last week.

That's when the Cougar defense showed the first signs of cracks. St. Albans scored on a 10-yard touchdown pass a minute and a half later to tie the score at 8-all. On the ensuing series, Mosca rushed for 12 yards and a Cougar first down and hit Cole Preavy-Carrier with a 6-yard pass completion and the faithful were back on their feet. But the Cougars couldn't capitalize on Mosca's exploits and were forced to punt. St. Albans scored again with six minutes left in the first quarter to make it 15-8. Less than a minute later, St. Albans scored once again and suddenly it was 22-8.

St. Albans opened the second quarter with a 4-yard TD strike to make it 29-8. The cracks were turning into holes.

The Cougars ran the kickoff back to their own 35 and engineered perhaps their finest offensive drive of the season, a fifteen-play drive that saw Mosca complete passes to Preavy-Carrier, Patrick Burke and Johnny Benvenuto. Unfortunately, the drive stalled at the St. Albans 24 yard line and the Cougars came up empty. St.

Albans came right back and drove 76 yards down field and scored on a 13-yard run to push their lead to 36-8. That ended the half.

St. Albans scored on a 67-yard TD run just two minutes into the second half to take a 43-8 lead. Ninety seconds later they made it 50-8 on an 84-yard TD run.

The Cougars scored their second touchdown of the game on Mosca's 10-yard run to cut the St. Albans lead to 50-16. Freshman, Jehric Hackney, rushed three times for thirty yards on the drive.

St. Albans capped the scoring with a 3-yard TD run to make the final score, BFA St. Albans 57, MMU 16. The Cougars are now 0-3 on the season.

Players and coaches were understandably frustrated after the game. It was the third time in as many games the Cougars were unable to stop their opponents from moving the ball seemingly at will, giving up 155 points in the three losses.

"There's no defensive scheme that will make you good if you don't tackle," MMU assistant coach, Norm Lozier, said.

Even in defeat Assistant Coach, Joe O'Brien, saw a bright light. "I thought we did a lot of things better than we did last week," O'Brien said. "There were spurts in the second half when we looked really good... where we executed well."

O'Brien was particularly effusive in his praise of freshman running back and linebacker, Jehric Hackney. "He's a horse... offensively and defensively and on special teams. He never comes off the field. You wouldn't know he's just a freshman unless you looked at the roster."

This Saturday is Homecoming. MMU will take on Bellows Falls at 3:00 PM on the Cougars' home field on Browns Trace. Be there, Cougar fans.

Former Cougars in the NEWS

Brian Wilcox (MMU Class of 2009) has been named First-Team All-America by USA College Football.

Wilcox was an All-State fullback and defensive tackle at MMU. He led the Cougars to three state championship games.

Green Mtn. Bike Club rides

All riders with the GMBC must wear helmets and obey the rules of the road. Please do not ride two abreast if there is traffic in either direction. For mornings with questionable weather, please call the Ride leader to make sure the ride is still taking place. Ride leaders are obligated to go to the starting point and provide maps but may choose not to ride if the weather is miserable. Riders below the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent. E indicates an easy ride, M is for moderate, and S is for strenuous. Social rides are more leisurely versions of the mapped ride – usually the shorter route – with longer food breaks.

Sunday, September 20, Century Day. Three rides, all following the same route for the first 25 miles with a food stop in Bristol. The Metric Century is 62 miles (M) via Bristol and Vergennes. The full Century is 100 miles (S), traveling down to the Crown Point Bridge and returning through the Champlain Valley. Those looking for an extra challenge can do the Double Gap Century, which is 113 miles and includes the Middlebury and Appalachian Gaps. Meet at 7:30 AM, Wheeler lot, Veterans Memorial Park, S. Burlington. Leader Kevin Batson, 825-5816 / kevbvt@gmail.com; co-leader Lou Bresee, 658-0597 / lakelou@comcast.net. Double Gap Leader John Williams, 849-9863 / jww5@myfairpoint.net; Metric Leader David Jacobowitz, 578-8803 / davidjacobowitz00v@gmail.com.

Saturday, September 26, Meandres et Beaux Villages. A tour of pretty villages – a 60-mile (M/S) ride across the Canadian border. Bring your passport or the required customs documents. We'll stop in Mystic for brunch and pass many farms along the way. There is some dirt – about four miles total – and a couple of hills. Meet at 9:30 AM, Highgate Elementary School, I-89 north to exit 21 in Swanton, take VT Rt. 78 east to Highgate Center, then left on VT Rt. 207 North, Elementary School is on the left. Leader John Bertelsen, 864-0101 / jo.bertel@gmail.com; Social Ride Leader Karla Ferrelli, 864-0101 / karla.ferrelli@gmail.com.

Sunday, September 27, Waitsfield and Waterfalls. Enjoy a scenic tour through the countryside of Waitsfield and Warren with a visit to Moss Glen Falls. Turn around at the Falls for a 35-mile (M) ride or continue up Middlebury Gap with a stop at Texas Falls before turning around for a 60-mile (M/S) ride. A stop at the Warren Store is always popular and the general store in Hancock provides an additional respite for those on the long ride. Meet at 9:45 AM, Waitsfield Elementary School (on the left traveling south on VT Rt. 100). For those coming from the Burlington area, we suggest carpooling at the Richmond Park and Ride at Exit 11 off I-89. Leader Brian Howard, 598-3857 / bjhowd@gmail.com; co-leader Matt Kuivinen, 881-9045 / mattkui@earthlink.net.

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– we need lots of helping hands! Contact Karissa Smith, karissa@salvationfarms.org or 802-888-4360.

VOLUNTEERING OPEN HOUSE – United Way's Volunteer Connection staff will host a "volunteering open house" in Colchester at the Burnham Library, Wednesday, September 16. Stop by anytime between 4:00 – 5:30 PM to explore the wide range of volunteer opportunities available and learn about our Signature Programs for adults age 55 and over.

PICNIC TIME – Lund needs volunteers for their annual family picnic, Sunday, September 27, 10:30 AM – 4:30 PM. Volunteers will need to pass a "conflict of interest" check. Contact Jamie Tourangeau, 864-7467 Ext. 2012 or jamiet@lundvt.org.

BOOM VT – VSA Vermont is looking for help for the BOOM VT Drum Festival, Sunday, October 4, 11:00 AM – 6:00 PM. Help with setup, clean up, registration, hospitality, merchandise, workshops, and more at this festival at Fletcher Library in Burlington. Contact Heidi Pfau, 238-5170 or Heidi@vsavt.org.

LEARN ABOUT WOMEN'S MENTORING – Learn more about volunteering with **Mercy Connections** and **Vermont Works for Women** to support women transitioning from correctional facilities back into the community. Mentors can have a profound influence on supporting women as they rebuild their lives. Mentor training begins Wednesday, October 7 and runs every Wednesday for four weeks. Background check required. For information, contact Pam Greene, 846-7164 or pgreene@mercyconnections.org.

RIDES FOR SURVIVORS – Women Helping Battered Women needs volunteers to transport domestic violence survivors to appointments, job interviews, the food shelf, and other needs as they move forward. Volunteers must have a safe, reliable vehicle, a driver's license, and insurance. A background check is also required. Contact Kim Jordan, 658-3131 or kimj@whbw.org.

HELP WINOOSKI YOUTH – The **Winooski Community Services Department** needs volunteers to support several youth programs. Support free youth meals at the O'Brien Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays starting September 8, 5:00 – 6:30 PM, by helping to prep, cook, serve, and clean up for the meal. Menu, recipes, and ingredients are provided. Youth soccer coaches and

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NOTICE

Libertarian Party Town Caucus – All Libertarian Party voters of the Town of Jericho, County of Chittenden, are hereby notified, in accordance with 17 V.S.A. 2303, to meet in caucus on Thursday, September 24, 2015, at the Jericho Town Hall, 67 VT Route 15, at 6:30 PM. The agenda for this caucus is as follows: 1. Election of Town Committee; 2. Election of Officers by the Town Committee; 3. Election of County Committee Members; 4. New business. Jon R. Ojala, Jericho Libertarian Party Town Chair



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parent volunteers are also needed for Saturday games at Landry Park. Coaches will work with teams of grades K-2 or 3-5 students. Coaches must have knowledge of soccer. Parent volunteers will help distribute snacks between 10:00 – 10:30 AM and keep records of students receiving the snacks. Snacks will be provided. Training is required for the parent volunteers and background checks are required for all. Contact Paul Same, 655-6410 or vista@winooski.vt.org.

CLIMATE ACTION – 350VT is looking for volunteers to join their Climate Action Parties to work on projects such as letter writing, petitions, etc. to create a “climate movement” in Vermont. Contact Brittany Dunn, 444-0350 or Brittany@350vt.org.

HEALTH CARE SHARE – Did you know Vermont is the ninth hungriest state? By volunteering at The Farm at **Vermont Youth Conservation Corps**, you can join the effort against hunger in our state. Individuals and large groups of up to 40 volunteers are urgently needed Tuesdays and Wednesdays to help harvest, wash produce and pack Health Care Shares through the end of October. Contact Jackie Bishop, 434-3969, Ext. 113, or Jackie.Bishop@vycc.org.

HAUNTED INVENTORY – The Haunted Forest is taking a season off to reorganize and restructure the event so they can come back better than ever in the fall of 2016. Individuals or groups of volunteers are needed to inventory all of their important belongings in two trailers in Williston. Music and a pizza lunch provided! Flexible scheduling. Contact Sara Wilkins, 238-0923 or thehauntedforest@me.com.

ON THE BOARD – Burlington Partnership for a Healthy Community is looking for volunteers to serve on the Board of this organization whose mission is to reduce substance abuse rates and improve public health. Responsibilities include attending monthly meetings, helping with employment decisions, strategic planning, financial management, and project planning. Training provided. Contact Mariah Sanderson, 652-0997 or Mariah@burlingtonpartnership.org.

NEIGHBOR RIDES – The Neighbor Rides program needs volunteer drivers to use their personal vehicles to transport seniors and persons with disabilities to and from life-sustaining and enriching activities such as medical appointments, grocery stores, adult day centers, etc. Valid driver's license, registration and insurance required as well as a background check. Contact Laurie Dana, 861-7832 or laurie@unitedwaycc.org.

READY TO LEARN – Greater Burlington YMCA is beginning its 4th year of Early Learning Readiness and is again providing service-learning opportunities for community volunteers and students in Early Ed., Psychology, Social Work, and related fields. Volunteers can help plan, set up and take down activity centers, engage with participants, co-lead/lead closing circles, etc. Weekly three-hour sessions, 8:30 – 11:30 AM, two to four sessions a week. Contact Tina Boljevac, 862-9622 or tboljevac@gbymca.org.

ALZHEIMER'S WALK – Alzheimer's Association is looking for volunteers to help with this year's 2015 Walk to End Alzheimer's on Sunday, September 20 at Shelburne Museum. Volunteers can help with pre-event planning or postering or help with parking, registration, etc. on event day. Contact Jane Mitchell, 316-3839 or jimitchell@alz.org.

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Thursday, October 1, 2015

- 12:00 Flag Raising Ceremony
- 12:05 Start Reading Names
- 1:00 VFW Opening Ceremony and "From the Other Side" (Pat Boyden)
- 3:00 First Responders Memorial Service "Essex Police"
- 5:55 Stop Reading Names
- 6:00 Taps and Flag Lowering Ceremony
- 6:00 - 9:00 am VFW and Combat Vets Overnight Patrol

Friday, October 2, 2015

- 9:00 Flag Raising Ceremony
- 9:05 Start Reading Names
- 12:00 Purple Heart Memorial Service
- 1:00 Vermont National Guard Memorial Service
- 2:00 First Responders Memorial Service "Essex Rescue"
- 4:00 American Legion Memorial Service and "From the Other Side" (Pat Boyden)
- 5:55 Stop Reading Names
- 6:00 Taps and Flag Lowering Ceremony
- 6:00 - 9:00 am American Legion and Combat Vets Overnight Patrol

Saturday, October 3, 2015

- 9:00 Flag Raising Ceremony
- 9:05 Start Reading Names
- 11:00 - 3:00 VTARNG Helicopter Static Display
- 1:00 First Responders Memorial Service "Essex Junction FD and Essex Town FD"
- 2:00 Marine Corps League Memorial Service
- 3:00 Bikers Memorial Service and "From the Other Side" (Pat Boyden)
- 4:00 Vietnam Veterans of America Memorial Service
- 5:55 Stop Reading Names
- 6:00 Taps and Flag Lowering Ceremony
- 6:00 - 9:00 am VVA and Combat Vets Overnight Patrol

Sunday, October 4, 2015

- 9:00 Flag Raising Ceremony
- 9:05 Start Reading Names
- 1:55 Stop Reading Names
- 2:00 VFW Ecumenical and Closing Ceremony and "From the Other Side" (Pat Boyden)
- 3:00 Taps and Flag Lowering Ceremony

OBITUARIES



George Oliver Racine III, formerly of Jericho, VT, was born July 7, 1930 and lived in Orange City, FL, where he passed away on Thursday, July 30, 2015. George was the son of George Oliver Racine II. He was predeceased by the love of his life, Maureen (Francis) Racine who passed on June 18, 1975.

George lived in Jericho and worked as a mechanic for a Lewis Motors Volkswagen dealership in S. Burlington, VT for many years. George leaves behind his daughters Bonnie Hill and husband Dan of Williston, VT; Kelley Racine and companion Clifton LaPlant of Underhill, VT; sons David Racine and wife Tracy of Burlington, VT; and Edward Racine also of Burlington, VT. George was predeceased by his son George Racine. He had several grandchildren: Sonja, Michael, Nick, Nicole, Amanda, Matthew, Richard, and Amy; great-grandchildren Brandon, Matthew, and Layla as well as friend Lillian Racine of Orange City, FL. Funeral services are at the discretion of the family and will be held at a later date.



Irene Gertrude (Sweetser) Erno, 99, of Jeffersonville, VT passed away at Copley Hospital in Morrisville, VT on Saturday, September 5, 2015. She was born in Putney on May 2, 1916, daughter of the late John and Gertrude (Akins) Sweetser. She married Rudolph Erno, Sr. on August 25, 1932. She was predeceased by her husband in April, 1958. She liked reading, crocheting, knitting, and jigsaw puzzles. She leaves her son and daughter-in-law Rudy, Jr. and Eleanor of Jeffersonville, three daughters and son-in-law, Arlene and Carroll Jones of Cambridge, VT, Hazel Carpenter of Jeffersonville, and Priscilla Fortin of Derby, VT; many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews. She was also predeceased by her grandson Robert in 1976, brothers Carroll, Ray, John, and George, brothers-in-law Richard and Clermont. Per Irene's wishes there will be no public visiting hours or services held. Inurnment will be private and at the convenience of the family in the family lot. The family invites you to share your memories and condolences by visiting www.avorfh.com.



Richard Angelino, 73, of Downes Rd., Underhill, VT died unexpectedly on Tuesday, August 25, 2015 at the University of Vermont Medical Center in Burlington, VT. His family had been at his bedside. Born May 24, 1942 in Barre City, VT, he was the son of Libero P. and

Lucy (Batchelder) Angelino. He graduated from Spaulding High School in Barre City in 1961 and later graduated from Comerford Flight School at Hanscom Air Force Base in Bedford, MA. Dick was a long-time commercial airline captain, flying for Executive Airlines, Air New England, and People's Express, which later merged with Continental Airlines and from which he retired in May of 2002. On October 12, 1963 he married Linda C. Craig in the Barre Congregational Church. Most of their married life had been spent in Underhill. He enjoyed spending time with family and friends, playing golf, and was an avid outdoorsman and the camaraderie of the Mutuo, Inc., in Barre, and his loss will be felt forever. Besides his wife, Linda, Dick leaves two sons: James Angelino and his companion, Deborah Tilton, of S. Burlington, VT, and John Angelino and his wife, Denise, of Underhill, and five grandsons: Michael, Alex, Bryce, Oliver, and Benjamin Angelino; his aunt Mildred Batchelder and cousins Barbara Ozog, Sandra and Shirley Batchelder, and Dana and Thomas Comstock; more distant relatives and many dear friends and flying colleagues. The service to honor and celebrate Dick's life was held Saturday, September 5, 2015 in the Barre Congregational Church. There were no calling hours. Memorial contributions may be made to the University of Vermont, Children's Hospital, 111 Colchester Ave., Burlington, VT 05401, or Hope Lodge, 237 East Ave., Burlington, VT 05401, or Hope Lodge online, www.cancer.org/hopelodge/burlington. The Hooker and Whitcomb Funeral Home, 7 Academy St., Barre was in charge of the arrangements. For a memorial guestbook, visit www.hookerwhitcomb.com.

Jay Merrill Chandler, 77, passed away at his home in Richmond, VT on Thursday, September 3, 2015 surrounded by his loving family. A Celebration of Life Service



for Jay is being arranged. The family invites you to visit www.avorfh.com for further updates and to share your memories.

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