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Westford women take a bite out of hunger *Bobby Sweet concert to benefit food shelf project Saturday, May 3*



Lauren Curry

By Brenda Boutin
Mountain Gazette staff

It's a Vermont tradition that when times get hard, neighbors find a way to help their neighbors. Hunger in Vermont is on the rise and area food shelves are stretched to their limits. Residents of Westford have relied on food shelves in Fairfax or Essex Junction or have had to travel even farther, to the Chittenden Emergency Food Shelf in Burlington. With the price of gas rising and people working more hours, those resources aren't always accessible or enough.

There was a short span of time when Marian Stark, an elderly resident, ran a food pantry from her home. Mrs. Stark passed away a few years ago and that food shelf closed. Community members still talk about her great generosity and passion about making food available for hungry neighbors.

Compassion for those who have less or are struggling tugs at the heart of a local woman. Lauren Curry moved to Westford with her husband three years ago and now has two young children there. "I come from a single-parent family," Lauren explained. "My brother has severe multiple disabilities and isn't able to work." One of the ways Lauren's brother survives on his limited income is by using the food shelf where he lives in New Hampshire. "My brother lives in poverty. It's a complicated situation and I can't do anything to change it. What I can do is try to make a needed resource available in my own community."

Lauren's first step was to find out if other people might be interested in helping with the project. "I knew I wanted to do something here," she said. "But I knew I absolutely could not do this by myself." Curry put out a call on the Westford Front Porch Forum and quickly heard back from a number of people who wanted to volunteer time and great ideas.

"It was over the holiday season last winter, though," Lauren recalls, "and it was such a busy time for everyone. We couldn't get a meeting together. I was worried that we wouldn't be able to make it happen." But at another computer in Westford was Julia Andrews, a like-minded woman with a passion equal to Lauren's.

"When I was about ready to drop the idea," Curry stated, "I got an email from Julia. She was so committed and excited. I knew that together we would be able to get something going."

Julia Andrews, also a newcomer to Westford, was raised by a single mom. "My sister says I am the privileged child," Julia says. "Mom was single with five children when she married my Dad."

Julia's sister told her how her mother went without to raise them. "Mom would never have told me," Julia explained. "She is just that proud."

Each woman brings an area of expertise to the project. Lauren handles the financial piece, and Julia excels in marketing. "We complement each other," Lauren says. "Our lives are parallel in so many ways."

Statics show that in Vermont, approximately 23,000 households (including 21,000 children) are hungry or "food insecure." (Food insecurity is defined as a condition in which a family or an individual is unable to obtain enough safe and nutritious food from socially acceptable sources to lead an active and healthy life.) Even when enough food is available, it may be of poor quality and lack nutrients important for growth and good health. Although the number of students receiving school meals has increased dramatically since 1990, there are currently 2139 low-income children in Vermont who do not receive either breakfast or lunch at school.

"It makes my heart ache to think about parents not being able to give children the kinds or amounts of food they want to give them, or about parents who are going without to feed their children, or about elderly people missing meals because of their limited fixed incomes," Lauren continues. "We have to do something about that." Tears of compassion well up in her eyes as she speaks.

Lauren and Julia are working hard to put together a complement of businesses and people to make the project work. The United Church of Westford has volunteered to provide space to house the food shelf. Bread and Roses Farm and the Westford Farmers' Market are providing fresh produce to be given out to local residents. Other contributors to the project include Sweet Clover Market and the Westford Library, which will bring books to the pantry to be given away.

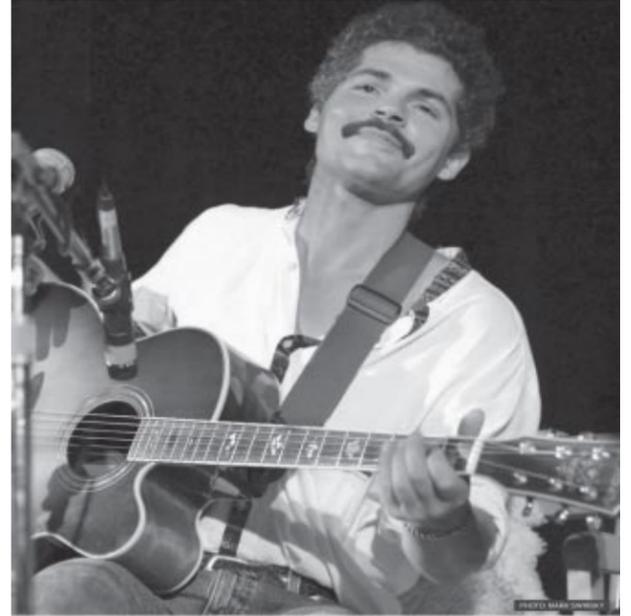
The women are hoping to open the food shelf around June 21.

"We are starting small," Curry explains. "I don't want to get in over our heads right off. Operating a food shelf in a small rural community is a tricky thing, and we want to do it well." They plan to provide good, staple food as well as nutritious alternatives. "We are also looking for ideas of what people would most like to find at a food shelf," Lauren says. "I asked my brother what he looks for. His favorites are peanut butter and honey."

They hope to be able to provide hygiene products as well as



Julia Andrews



BOBBY SWEET BENEFIT CONCERT for the WESTFORD FOOD SHELF

Saturday, May 3 7 PM
Red Brick Meeting House

Tickets: \$10/ea., plus a non-perishable food item
Tickets available at the Westford Town Library or Sweet Clover Market

food.

Fundraising is Julia's end of the project and she has put together a concert featuring Bobby Sweet on Saturday, May 3 at the Red Brick Meeting House. Tickets are \$10 each and may be purchased at the Westford Library and at Sweet Clover Market.

No bus on muddy road

By Ted Tedford
Special to the Mountain Gazette

Cilley Hill Road is back to normal, almost, after capturing a few cars in its mud – and causing at least one parent on the hill concern about whether her children would get home from school.

Sharon Leonard, who lives near the Rawson farm high up on Cilley Hill Road, said she had stopped off at Jericho Elementary School April 14 to pick up her daughter and when they arrived home, they found a message on the family answering machine that the school bus would not be going up her road. That meant her eldest daughter, who attends Mount Mansfield Union High School, would be left at Downer Lane not far from the beginning of Cilley Hill Road on the Jericho side. That would have been a long walk home along the muddy road, Mrs. Leonard said.

She said she called the high school and asked that her daughter be kept there to be picked up, which Mrs. Leonard did, bringing her home from the Underhill side of the long road, which was barely passable, she said.

The official in charge of Chittenden East Supervisor Union's buses said his office called all the Cilley Hill Road families with school children April 14 to inform them that the bus would not go up the road because of the muddy conditions.

"We have a new database so that we call families in such situations, on their home phones, cell phones, and office phones, if they have all three," Bob Magee said. Bus drivers will return a kindergarten child to his or her school if the bus can't make it through a muddy road.

Not only could a bus get stuck in the mud, it most likely would cause more damage to the road, Magee said.

Jericho's Road Crew chief Kenny Barkyoub said he and his crew "kept track" of Cilley Hill Road, and they went up there several times during the height of mud season and it was passable. Most local dirt roads are dry now, but some, like Cilley Hill, still have deep ruts.

Road crews usually wait to do work on very muddy dirt roads until they "harden up." Underhill's road crew put down loads of crushed stone on its side of the road during mud season, allowing cars to get through, carefully. Mrs. Leonard said she and her family drove home from the Underhill side when the mud was the worst.

Leonard said Jericho has not done anything to the road except for some minor work Tuesday, April 15, the day after the incident with her daughters. But Barkyoub said his crew did some work on a few very bad spots.

"Mud season is mud season in Vermont," Barkyoub said, "and if people who live on a dirt road don't expect mud, I don't know what they expect living in Vermont."

He said the school (Magee's office) called him and said school

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Cambridge votes to purchase property

By Katherine Quimby Johnson
Special to the Mountain Gazette

With 90 of Cambridge's 2500 registered voters in attendance, the motion to approve the purchase of the Poppe property for \$126,000 passed by a two-vote margin at the April 21 Special Town Meeting. The meeting opened at 7:00 PM, with the election of CJ Manchester as moderator.

Selectboard member Dana Sweet, who presented on behalf of the Board, said that the .29-acre property adjoined the Town Garage site and explained that removing the house would add a better line of sight for town vehicles entering and exiting the garage. "It's a safety issue," Sweet said. "I don't think it's astronomical. This \$126,000 is not out of reason for what it is going to do for us."

Following the presentation a lively discussion began on the floor, with William Litchfield, an adjoining property owner, asking, "You think you're just going to rip down that house without any squabbles?" Litchfield pointed out that a decade ago it had cost another landowner in town \$40,000 to have a house removed in the village, which is a registered Historical District.

However, most of the discussion focused on the safety issue and cost. Carey White asked, "Why are we spending \$126,000 for a driveway? Move the driveway." Lance Ingalls expressed a similar view: "You're asking us in a recession to spend more money for

Skunk tests positive for rabies in Williston

It's that time of year again to advise and remind residents that rabies and rabid wildlife are a fact of life in Vermont. We have already had our first incident where a skunk tested positive for rabies in Williston.

Rabies is a fatal viral disease found mainly in wildlife, especially raccoons, foxes, bats, skunks, and woodchucks, but rabies can infect any mammal, including domestic animals and humans. Hundreds of cases of animal rabies have been reported throughout Vermont since 1992 and the outbreak will continue to be a problem for many years.

No one can tell if an animal has rabies by looking at it. Rabid animals may seem normal or can be lethargic or aggressive. Usually there is a change in normal behavior. Any animal wounded by a wild animal not available for testing must be regarded as having been exposed to rabies.

If you encounter a situation, please stay away from the animal if

taxes. How many accidents have there been?" Other residents raised concerns about the possibility of asbestos in the building, but Ron Foote, the realtor involved in the matter, said that he had seen no asbestos and explained that the furnace boiler was only a year to a year-and-a-half old.

In response to remarks about taking the property off the tax rolls, Selectboard chair Bernie Juskiewicz explained that there was some salvage value to the property. In addition, resident Ernest Krusch noted that the former Town Office building is for sale and said if that sells, there may be less tax impact from the Poppe purchase on the taxpayer.

Matt Safford, a long-time town resident, said he has watched the town grow. "We need to look at an advance plan, instead of today's plan," he said. "You've got to think ahead."

At 7:25 PM, Lance Ingalls moved to call the question. A request for a paper ballot was approved by the majority of those present. The result was 46 votes yes, 44 votes no. The meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.

As is the case with any vote of this nature, a statutory 30-day waiting period is required before it becomes final. As of the *Mountain Gazette's* deadline, there was no word in Cambridge or Jeffersonville about a petition for a revote.

possible, but contact your local animal control or Vermont State Police for information assistance.

Please caution children that they should never approach any wildlife. Wild animals are not to be thought of as pets. While the babies may be cute, they can in fact be dangerous (as can a protective mother animal).

If your child is exposed (this means any touching), the animal must be tested in order to protect the child. When possible, place a box over the animal after an exposure. When this is not possible, keep the animal in visual contact until the animal control and police officers arrive.

Here is a link to the State Of Vermont Health Department web page with information about rabies: <http://healthvermont.gov/prevent/rabies/Rabies.aspx#headline>.

(From information provided by Williston Police Chief James N. Dimmick.)

STATE POLICE REPORT

Attention 2007 Underhill/Jericho burglary victims
 During the summer of 2007, Vermont State Police/Williston investigated approximately 20 burglaries in the Underhill/Jericho area. As a result **Jeffrey Mann**, 40, of Underhill, VT was arrested and on Wednesday, April 23, 2008 Mann was convicted and sentenced to 90 days to serve in jail followed by two years probation, along with restitution to victims. VSP still has a large amount of recovered property that needs to be returned to unidentified victims. If you were a victim of a burglary during the summer of 2007 and live in the Underhill/Jericho area, please contact Sr. Trooper Garry Scott, 878-7111.

Westford final property taxes due

A reminder from the Westford Town Office that the final tax installment is due on Thursday, May 15. Payments postmarked (US postal, UPS, FedEx) by May 15 are considered timely, as well as payments placed in the drop box before the office opens on Friday, May 16. Please note any payment received or postmarked later than the above dates will be subject to an 8% penalty and 1% interest.

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It's a dog's world

The dog is named Clark, and he came to inspect the temporary town vault located in a cargo shipping container on the Jericho Town Green. The Jericho Town Office has moved into temporary quarters at the Jericho Congregational Church in Jericho Center.

PHOTO BY JESSICA ALEXANDER, TOWN CLERK

Traffic alerts

Work on the Essex Junction Five Corners Redevelopment Project that started April 28 will continue on weekdays through October at the Five Corners in Essex Junction. The construction will start at approximately 6:30 AM and stop at 4:30 PM daily. Though two-way traffic will be maintained at all times, there will be occasional lane closures except between 7:45 – 8:15 AM. The Essex Police Department is requesting that motorists seek alternative routes if possible during this construction.

In Richmond, the Bridge Street iron truss bridge over the Winooski River is reduced to alternating one lane traffic controlled by traffic lights. The detour route for overweight vehicles is US Rt. 2 and Cochran Road.

In Williston, bike path construction on North Williston Rd. between US Rt. 2 and Mountain View Drive may cause minor delays until the end of May.

For additional information, contact Kathy Finnie, 872-9757.

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FIRE DEPARTMENTS

Underhill-Jericho Fire Department news
 By Kitty Clark

EMERGENCY CALLS
 Thursday, April 10, 6:35 PM – Responded to 3 Beechwood Ln., Jericho, for an activated smoke alarm.
 Friday, April 11, 3:00 PM – Responded to 389 Browns Trace, Jericho, for diesel fuel spill.
 Friday, April 11, 4:43 PM – Responded to St. Thomas Church, Underhill Center, for an activated fire alarm.
 Wednesday, April 16, 5:04 AM – Responded to 365 VT Rt. 15, Jericho, for furnace/boiler problem.
 Thursday, April 17, 7:47 PM – Responded to Stevensville Rd., Underhill, for grass fire.
 Saturday, April 19, 6:16 PM – Responded to 90 VT Rt. 15, Jericho, for vehicle into a power pole.
 Wednesday, April 23, 8:10 AM – EMS assist at 515 Pleasant Valley Rd., Underhill.
 Wednesday, April 23, 9:07 AM – Responded to 461 Irish Settlement Rd., Underhill, assisting Essex Rescue.
 At the April 15, Tuesday night drill under the leadership of Asst. Chief Tim Clark, members trained in vehicle extrication. Thanks to Eric Merchant and Dave Fields for bringing in the vehicles.
 At the April 22, Tuesday night drill under the leadership of Captain Todd Fischer, members were trained in hitching up to a hydrant and pulling hose. This drill was held at Mount Mansfield Union High School. Apprentice training was held at the station.

SAFETY NOTES
 Inspect your homes for fire hazards, and check the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.
 Be safe... and practice fire safety every day.

Cambridge Fire Department
 By Jason Luneau

EMERGENCY CALLS
 Saturday, April 12, 1:30 PM – Automatic fire alarm, Smugglers' Notch Resort, Administration Building.
 Monday, April 14, 12:17 PM – Automatic fire alarm, Smugglers' Notch Resort, Liftside Condominiums.
 Friday, April 18, 10:36 AM – Responded to 290 Curran Dr. South, Jeffersonville, for a reported brush fire.
 Friday, April 18, 2:20 PM – Automatic fire alarm, Smugglers' Notch Resort, Commons Condominiums.
 Friday, April 18, 3:38 PM – Responded mutual aid to Brewster Rd., Fairfax, for a brush/forest fire.
 Friday, April 18, 10:52 PM – Responded to Brookside Condos, Jeffersonville, for a reported fire alarm.
 Saturday, April 19, 12:34 PM – Responded to Old Rt. 15, Cambridge, for a reported brush fire.
 Sunday, April 20, 4:50 PM – Automatic fire alarm, Smugglers' Notch Resort, Village Operation Center.
 Tuesday, April 22, 2:25 PM – Responded to 383 Moore Rd., Fletcher, for a reported brush fire. Johnson and Fairfax Fire De-

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AREA WORSHIP SERVICES


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COURT REPORT

James M. Curley, 40, Richmond, VT, charged with DUI, first offense, in Williston, VT on January 26, 2008; amended to vehicle operation – careless or negligent; pleaded guilty; fined \$400.

OBITUARIES



David William Benoit Sr., 68, of Richmond, VT died Friday, April 18, 2008 in the Green Mountain Nursing Home in Colchester, VT following a long illness, surrounded by his loving family. David was born on July 21, 1939 in Burlington, VT, the son of William and Helen R. (Lafond) Benoit. David served his country in the U.S. Navy for four years and was a member of the Vermont Army National Guard for over 20 years. He served in Saudi Arabia during Operation Desert Storm with the 131st Engineering Division from 1990-1991. He was married to Rita Pelkey in Essex Junction, VT on December 2, 1961. David was a master plumber at the University of Vermont, where he worked for 17 years, retiring in 2000. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, trapping, and fixing cars. In addition to Rita, David is survived by his children and spouses: David Benoit Jr. of St. Albans, VT, Daniel Benoit and wife Deone of Jeffersonville, VT, William Benoit II of Richmond, Benjamin Benoit and wife Stephanie of Hinesburg, VT, Thomas Benoit and Kelli Allen of Berkshire, VT, Suzette Deyo and husband Scott of Richmond, Catherine Benoit of Richmond, Andrew Benoit of Richmond, and Sarah Lefebvre of Richmond; by 18 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; brothers and sisters William Benoit, Audrey Hazelton and husband David, Patricia Rowley, Sharron Benoit and Larry Garvey, Marjorie Trieb and husband George Sr. He was predeceased by his parents; two sisters, Donna Benoit and Sandra McCormick; and one brother, Steven Benoit. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Monday, April 21 in St. Ann Catholic Church in Milton, VT. Burial followed in St. Ann's Cemetery. Mr. Benoit's family would like to extend special thanks to the Green Mountain Nursing Home, Champlain West Unit, for the special care given to David during his stay. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association, 1 Kennedy Dr., Suite L8, South Burlington, VT 05403.

Rita Pelkey in Essex Junction, VT on December 2, 1961. David was a master plumber at the University of Vermont, where he worked for 17 years, retiring in 2000. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, trapping, and fixing cars. In addition to Rita, David is survived by his children and spouses: David Benoit Jr. of St. Albans, VT, Daniel Benoit and wife Deone of Jeffersonville, VT, William Benoit II of Richmond, Benjamin Benoit and wife Stephanie of Hinesburg, VT, Thomas Benoit and Kelli Allen of Berkshire, VT, Suzette Deyo and husband Scott of Richmond, Catherine Benoit of Richmond, Andrew Benoit of Richmond, and Sarah Lefebvre of Richmond; by 18 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; brothers and sisters William Benoit, Audrey Hazelton and husband David, Patricia Rowley, Sharron Benoit and Larry Garvey, Marjorie Trieb and husband George Sr. He was predeceased by his parents; two sisters, Donna Benoit and Sandra McCormick; and one brother, Steven Benoit. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Monday, April 21 in St. Ann Catholic Church in Milton, VT. Burial followed in St. Ann's Cemetery. Mr. Benoit's family would like to extend special thanks to the Green Mountain Nursing Home, Champlain West Unit, for the special care given to David during his stay. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association, 1 Kennedy Dr., Suite L8, South Burlington, VT 05403.

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buses would not go up Cilley Hill Road until mud season was over. "I said that sounds like a pretty good idea to me."

Buses did not go on Cilley Hill Road and Upper English Settlement Road in Underhill all the week of April 14-18. Schools were closed for spring break April 21 and reopened April 28.

RICHMOND FREE LIBRARY

We would like to welcome our new trustee, Kristen Hayden-West. Events at the library: Friday, May 2 a concert to benefit the Richmond Community Camp; Wednesday, May 7 the *Walks and Talks* series continues with *How to Identify Invasive Plant Species*.

Here are a couple of reminders: there will be no Friends of Richmond Free Library book sale this spring; and the trustees have decided not to sponsor the Town Wide Garage Sale this year.

Since we still do not have storage space for book donations, please do not donate your books to us for now.

The library now has a membership at VINS, which entitles library patrons free admission (up to four people) at VINS/Quechee. For VINS information, www.vinsweb.org. We also have a reduced admission pass for the ECHO Science Center in Burlington for two adults and three youth.

Did you know that many VT museums give 10% off admission to those who show a library card?

New books: *Strangers in Death* by J. D. Robb, *The Last Flight of the Scarlet Macaw* by Bruce Barcott, *Remembering the Bones* by Frances Itani, *The Painter of Battles*, by Arturo Perez-Reverte, *Gardens of Water* by Alan Drew, *The Eye of Jade* by Diane Wei Liang, *Take the Risk* by Ben Carson, *Last Rights* by Stephen P. Kiernan, *Another Thing to Fall* by Laura Lippman, *A Far Country* by Daniel Mason, *Unaccustomed Earth* by Jhumpa Lahiri, *The Sum of Our Days* by Isabel Allende, *Lady Killer* by Lisa Scottoline.

WELCOME HOME

RICHMOND (Philbrick) Errica (Graves) and Douglas Philbrick's son, Jake Eric, was born Saturday, April 12, 2008 at Fletcher Allen Health Care in Burlington, VT.

POLICE REPORT

Aggravated Assault/Violation of Pre-Trial Conditions of Release

On Friday, April 25, 2008 at approximately 12:30 PM, Officer Sarah Messier, Richmond Police Department, responded to a report of a juvenile problem at 343 Summers St. in the town of Richmond, VT. Investigation revealed that two children, ages 10/11, were struck with pellets from an air soft rifle. The injuries sustained by the children were not life-threatening. Further investigation led to the arrest of **Mark McClellan**, 19, of Richmond for aggravated assault. **Christopher Carrier**, 17, of Richmond was arrested for Violation of Pre-Trial Conditions of Release for his involvement in this incident. McClellan was lodged at the Chittenden Regional Correctional Facility in lieu of \$ 10,000 bail and Carrier in lieu of \$300 bail.

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partments responded as well for mutual aid.

Wednesday, April 23, 4:04 AM – Responded mutual aid to 221 Swamp Rd., Fairfax, for a reported barn fire.

WEEKLY TRAINING AND ACTIVITIES

On Thursday, April 10, CFD trained on vehicle extrication.

On Thursday, April 17, CFD trained on wild land firefighting.

CFD urges anyone who wants to learn more about the CFD to visit their website at www.cfdvt.org.

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salt and pepper to taste (a couple pinches of each)
1/4 cup good-quality crumbly goat cheese
Preheat your oven to 400. While the oven is heating, make the vinaigrette: Combine the shallots, lemon juice and zest, olive oil, and salt and pepper in a jar. Shake or whisk well until combined.
Toss the asparagus spears in a little olive oil, season with salt and pepper, place in one layer in a roasting pan and pop into the hot oven. Roast for about 10 minutes, turning once or twice, until tender. But don't overdo it! Asparagus wants to be done... but not overly done and mushy. Remove from oven, put on a warmed serving dish, crumble the goat cheese over it, and drizzle with some of the vinaigrette. The cheese will melt beautifully and you will have a little taste of early spring!

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A View from the Center



Parishioners outfitted in period garb enjoyed a rousing service and hymn fest. From left, back row: Loretta Orndorf, Darlene Sargent, Gladys Thomas, Linda Willmott. Front: Kathy Smardon, Lois Adams, Euni Yang.

PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

By Linda Marabell

"I'll bet they can hear us out on Route 15," exclaimed one worshipper at the Jericho United

Methodist's circuit rider service Sunday, April 13. "Those old hymns are best when you sing them LOUD!"

This year marks the 150th anniversary for the historic white church next to Jericho's town hall. To commemorate the occasion, JUMC hosted a reenactment of an old-fashioned fire-and-brimstone service led by Bill Skiff from the Williston Federated Church.

The scene was authentic from start to finish. "Sisters" and "brothers" wore period dress, the music was spirited, the message forceful, and the mood celebratory. For those less inspired, diligent ushers startled unsuspecting catnappers with the tickle of a feather attached to a long pole. And when one disgruntled soul objected viscerally to a pastor that "dared" to quote from a book other than the Holy Bible, he was quickly escorted out.

Too soon, the sermon and singing were over, the offering taken (donated to the Vermont Campaign to End Childhood Hunger) and a final blessing was given. In classic Methodist form, folks then gathered downstairs for food and fellowship. Even the ousted zealot was seen enjoying the social hour.

"I've been forgiven," he said.

A look around town

By Brenda Boutin and Sara Riley
Mountain Gazette staff

Daffodils bring visions of spring and memories of Shad Emerson. Shad loved daffodils and always mentioned them in his column at the first sight of a blossom. Welcome the new season, and salute the memory of Shad's joy in it.

Amazing how rapidly it arrives, once spring is sprung! Crocuses are gone by. Daffodils glow. Forsythia is in bloom, and what I call the "blush of spring" – those soft, almost fluffy trees budding in a variety of reds and greens – is ambling up the hillsides. It looks especially lovely on the slopes of South Hill along the River Road from Underhill Center, backlit as it is most of the day by the sun.

And we no longer have to swerve to the wrong side of the road to avoid the worst of the humps and gullies in the paved roads. THANK YOU to the road crews of our towns for their heroic efforts!

Road work is bustin' out all over, including at Five Corners, which will have to be avoided, strategically approached, or just patiently endured on the way to a better commute. And if legislative rumor is correct, there will be paving on VT Rt. 15 in Essex and Jericho this summer (and don't forget the ongoing work on natural gas lines). By summer's end we should have *such* a smooth ride, we won't recognize it...

Frost heaves are leveling out and road work has

started. Tree services are beginning to work on roadside trees. Recently I encountered two different groups and there certainly is a difference in whom you hire. One company was well-equipped. They had posted roadside signs to alert oncoming traffic to the situation ahead. Their flagmen had stop signs and vests, plus they were able to communicate by walkie-talkie with each other.

The second company left everything to chance. There were no signs alerting motorists to the work area ahead. One flagger had two well-worn flags that he waved frantically at cars as he saw them approaching. A second had only his hands to wave, and a tattered orange vest. Be careful out there.

Gardens beckon, with their spring promise all rosy and no problems yet visible. People have different kinds of critter problems with their gardens. What do you do to keep critters out? Send in suggestions; we'll share them here.

I no longer have problems with bunnies, deer, raccoons, or moose (yes, moose tracks in the garden). My garden is immediately next to our covered deck. For the past several years, critter control at our house is Spenser, a golden retriever. Once the garden is well underway, I start setting him out on the deck (unless it's thunderstorming), leashed to a bench and with his dog bed. The first



night, he gave me a stunned, hurt, *what-did-I-do* look, but now the pattern is set and he takes pride in his work. When a critter comes by to munch the beans or lettuce, Spenser

wakes up and starts barking loud and wild, waking us up. I get up and praise him extravagantly, telling him what a brave dog he is. He gets to come in for a minute and get petted by Brian, then back outside – by now, the critters have fled – and Spenser curls up on his bed and goes back to sleep. Presto! No more deer damage.

Years ago, I used talk radio. I wrapped an old console radio in a big trash bag, put it on an old folding chair out in the garden, ran a long orange power cord out to it, and tuned in all-night AM talk radio out of NYC. At dusk, I'd turn it on with the volume really low. The deer heard the talking and figured somebody was in the garden, and went elsewhere. This worked for a year and a half, but about the Fourth of July the second year, they got suspicious and figured out there wasn't *really* anybody there, and ate the beans all up.

So far, they haven't wised up about Spenser.

Folks in Underhill Center are busy at building brush piles now, and when the conditions are right they will be transformed into a kind of funeral pyre, giving a certain ceremonial and final farewell to winter. I prefer the safer heat of a compost pile for my collected leavings of winter.

I once raked, collected, and put off burning a large, long pile of leaves gathered from several fall raking days. Satisfied I had at least gotten them out of the way, I left the leaves close to my neighbor's garage where the pile remained out of the wind and in place throughout the winter.

Once spring returned I took to the pile, turning it over and exposing its damp belly. It didn't take much Virginia sunshine and breeze to dry the pile of tinder into something much more flammable than I imagined. A quick strike of a match at each end of the long mound set a fast burn into motion. "Oh yeah," I thought, "there's last year's Christmas tree, all dried out and ready to burn."

Yes, you may insert an "uh-oh" right here in this story.

Landing just in the middle of the pile as its burning ends raced toward each other like an out-of-control locomotive, complete with a roar like a great engine, the tree burst into flames as if it had been coaxing to stay alive during its decorated days with gasoline in its stand instead of water. Of course my garden hose was in the crawl space under the house. Its end was always a little out-of-round so it refused, as usual, to set itself on the spigot at the back of house. Once secured, the hose

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filled with water. I managed to outrun the water's exit at the nozzle. With all the smoke and flames I could not tell if my neighbor's garage was on fire; however, as the smoke cleared and flames settled I could see him on the other side with his water hose in hand. Eyes tearing, coughing and feeling my head to find I had not singed my hair off, I managed to squeak out, "Oh hello George, nice day, eh?" Over our spraying hoses I heard him mumble something about "enough fire to roast a side of beef."

I spent a sunny Sunday afternoon raking and bringing out my dead from the flowerbeds, the yard borders, and at the stream-side already this spring. I eyed my neighbor's two-car garage at least once even though I knew I would not be lighting a fire other than in the grill.

There's more to do, but some days it's just too nice to do anything but sit out by the stream under the old willow, which has yet to offer any shade, wondering about summer, how soon it may flourish, and what it will bring.

J. Harrison L. Heidel is an Episcopal priest in Underhill, lives in Underhill Center, and writes about rural life.

Broadband effort for Westford, Jericho, Underhill, Johnson to be reorganized

Fiber optic broadband committees from Johnson, Westford, Underhill, and Jericho invite broadband enthusiasts from across northwestern Vermont to an organizational meeting to discuss the forming of a multi-municipal partnership to pursue the development of a fiber optic network. The organizational meeting will be in Johnson on Monday, May 5 at 7:00 PM in the Johnson Municipal Building.

The goal is to create a municipally owned fiber-optic network reaching every home and business in towns that are interested in participating. The fiber optic network will provide high-speed Internet, cable TV, and phone services. In order to pursue this exciting and complex project, we are interested in creating a regional partnership of communities that will carry the project forward. Members of broadband committees, individuals in need of improved access to high-speed internet services, as well local officials are all invited to attend the meeting.

At the meeting, information will be provided about a conceptual layout of the fiber optic network project, and volunteer committees formed to advance the project. Drawing on the experience of a multi-town fiber optic initiative from East Central Vermont where approximately 20 rural communities banded together to build a fiber optic network, there will likely be established the following committees: a Selectboard Liaison Committee that will keep selectboards abreast of the project; an Outreach Committee that will conduct informational meetings and create and manage the project web site; a Legal Committee that will work with legal counsel to draft and refine contracts needed for the project; and a Fundraising/Finance Committee that will look into project planning and project implementation financing options.

For more information about the meeting and the fiber optic network project, please contact John Doty from Westford (jrdoty@hughes.net, 878-1036), or Lea Kilvadyova from Johnson (lkilvadyova@townofjohnson.com, 635-2611).

MMU students in art competition



MMU students participate in the 27th annual Congressional High School Art Competition, An Artistic Discovery, at the T.W. Wood Art Gallery in Montpelier through May 12. Rat Race is a mixed-media collage by Phoebe Pritchett. Other MMU artists participating are Saryn Campbell, Samantha Chase, Laura Heaberlin, and Laurel Raymond. INFORMATION COURTESY OF MMU WEBSITE

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ART

May 1-June 30, Phoenix Books in the Essex Shoppes and Cinema Plaza presents a new exhibit by the **Essex Art League**. Come join the fun, get a book for that road trip, and enjoy the beauty of Vermont through the eyes of resident artists. All work is available for purchase. For information, contact 899-6757 or go to www.essexartleague.com.

Open Studio Weekend May 24-25, - Vermont's natural scenic beauty is enhanced each spring when the work of Vermont artists and craftspeople can be seen firsthand during the annual Open Studio Weekend, a statewide celebration of the visual arts and the creative process in which Vermont artists and craftspeople invite the public to visit them in their studios during Memorial Day Weekend. More than 260 sites will be open during this event, with more than 285 artists and artisans participating. For more information, call (802) 223-3380 or visit www.vermontcrafts.com.

The 15th Annual **Jericho-Underhill Open Studio Tour** will be Saturday-Sunday, May 24-25 from 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM. Fourteen local artists will open their studios to visitors for sales and demonstrations. Tour map, directions and 14 artist displays are available at "tour headquarters," the Emile Gruppe Gallery, Barber Farm Rd., Jericho 899-3211, www.emilegruppegallery.com.

Art On The Town is an annual event hosted by the Emile A. Gruppe Gallery and the Dianne Shullenberger Gallery, both in Jericho. The Gruppe Gallery will feature pastels and watercolors by Janice Solek-Teft and Kenneth Teft, through May 11. The Shullenberger Gallery features fiber artist Shianna Kuhn. Emile

Gruppe Gallery, 22 Barber Farm Road Jericho; gallery hours 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM, Thursday-Sunday, or by appointment; 899-3211. Dianne Shullenberger Gallery, 228 Nashville Rd., Jericho; gallery hours April weekends 12:00 - 4:00 PM, or by appointment, 899-4993.

Bryan Memorial Gallery, Jeffersonville, hours through May 11: Thursday - Sunday, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM and by appointment. 644-5100, www.bryangallery.org. Free admission.

On display at the Flour Shop, VT Rt. 15, Underhill, **mandala art by Poker Hill Arts students**, whose card and matted print creations are also being offered for sale - this year, to benefit the Jericho Underhill Park District.

Elusive Truths at the Firehouse Gallery, May 2-June 14, artists Jess Bachman, John O'Connor, Ward Shelley, and Christopher Thompson join forces for the Elusive Truths exhibition. Artist talk Friday, May 2, 5:00 - 6:00 PM, followed by the opening reception, 6:00 - 8:00 PM. Gallery hours: Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday 12:00 - 5:00 PM, Thursday-Saturday 12:00 - 8:00 PM; closed Mondays.

Shelburne Farms is inviting artists to **submit applications** to be part of their 21st annual Art Exhibition and Sale, to take place in the historic Coach Barn at Shelburne Farms from Friday, September 26 through Sunday, October 19. The Art Exhibition and Sale highlights the work of artists who interpret primarily the natural and agricultural world onto canvas and paper, and into fiber, wood, and stone. Artists in all mediums are encouraged to apply. Artwork must have been created within the last two years and cannot have been shown in the Burlington, VT area. Submissions are due by Monday, May 16. Application information and applications are available at the website, www.shelburnefarms.org, or contact Holly Brough, hbrough@shelburnefarms.org or 985-0324.

MUSIC

Mehr and Sher Ali and musicians Qawwali Music of Pakistan, Friday, May 2 at 8:00 PM: strong, soaring voices and explosively rhythmic hand-clapping characterize qawwali, devotional music and song based on the mystic poetry of Sufi masters. Twelve musicians led by brothers and master qawwals Mehr and Sher Ali. For information and tickets, 86-FLYNN or order on line www.flynncenter.org. Pre-performance lecture Friday, May 2, 6:30 PM, Amy E. Tarrant Gallery, Flynn Center, is free: Adam Nayyar, director of Research at the National Institute of Folk and Traditional Heritage and a pro-

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 fessor of anthropology at the Quaid-i-Azam University in Islamabad, Pakistan, will explain the poetic and philosophical concepts symbolically illustrated in qawwali music.
 Friday, May 16, **Serre l'Ecourte** (Gabrielle Bouthillier, Liette Ramon and Robert Bouthillier) at 7:30 PM at the Richmond Public Library. Presented by Champlain Valley Folk Festival and Events for Tom. Contact epact@gmail.net.
 Saturday, May 17, the **4th Annual Young Tradition** concert featuring Colin Savoie-Levac and many more children, youth, and young adults (25 years old and younger) players, singers and dancers from 9:30 AM – 3:00 PM at Waterfront Park in Burlington. Presented by Events for Tom and Burlington Parks and Recreation. Part of Kids Day. Contact: mrksustc@together.net.

Rock & Roll Hall of Fame legend and *Byrds* co-founder **Roger McGuinn**, live at the Vergennes Opera House, Friday, May 16 at 8:00 PM. For ticket information including cost: 802-86FLYNN; or the Vergennes Opera House, (802) 877-6737.

Jonathan Tortolano will explore the world of **music for unaccompanied cello** in a concert at Saint Michael's College Chapel on Wednesday, May 21 at 12:15 PM. Free. The First Suite by J.S. Bach will explore the hidden sounds of the cello. The music by Bach is choreographed in six baroque dance movements. Tortolano plays a 1943 Armando Piccagliani cello from Modena. Cellist Jonathan Tortolano, a Vermont native, has been living and working in Canada since 1999. Arriving via Europe, where he taught and played in Spain, Portugal, and Italy, Jonathan has been a member of Canadian Orchestras including Orchestra London, Orchestre Symphonique de Quebec, the Windsor symphony, and the National Ballet Orchestra. Currently, he teaches cello at the Royal Conservatory of Music (Toronto). He is a graduate of Oberlin and the Cleveland Institute of Music. Jonathan has been a member of the Spoleto Music Festival in Italy and South Carolina.

Tuesday, May 27, 12: 15 PM, a concert of **organ music inspired by Gregorian Chant**: Couperin; Langlais; and Naji Hakim's *Mariales*, based on Lebanese/Near Eastern Music and Gregorian Chant. Dr. William Tortolano, Prof. Emeritus of Fine Arts. Saint Michael's College Chapel, Saint Michael's College, Colchester. Free and open to the public.

Burlington Discover Jazz Festival May 30-June 8, Burlington – 802-86-FLYNN The Burlington Discover Jazz Festival celebrates its 25th year with the sounds of jazz, blues, funk, swing, and Latin music – ten days of concerts, dances, jams, street parties, cruises on Lake Champlain, meet-the-artist sessions, and workshops. Perform-

ers include the Dave Brubeck Quartet, Eek-A-Mouse, and the Grippo Funk Band. For more information, visit www.discoverjazz.com.

Green Mountain Opera Festival: June 1-22, Vermont's premier annual opera festival awakens the operatic soul throughout the Mad River Valley with a series of concerts, master classes, open air events, and free open rehearsals culminating with two fully staged and costumed performances of Giuseppe Verdi's *La Traviata*, accompanied by the Green Mountain Opera Festival Orchestra, at the beautifully restored Barre Opera House. www.greenmountainoperafestival.com, (802) 496-7722, tickets@greenmountainoperafestival.com.

VSO has unveiled its 2008/2009 season Masterworks series at the Flynn Center in Burlington, including details about the five-concert subscription series, "Music of Our Time." For information, contact the VSO office, (800) VSO-9293 ext. 10, or go online to www.vso.org.

Tuesdays: Open Mic, 9:00 – 11:00 PM, Smuggler's Notch Inn, Jeffersonville. Contact 644-6765.

Wednesdays: **NIPs-West**: Open Potluck and Songs/Dance Tunes Session at Moshe's house in Essex, first and third Wednesdays, contact Moshe 879-0876 or www.groups.yahoo.com/NIPs-West. Open Mic at 8:00 PM at the Overtime Saloon in St. Albans, contact www.overtimesaloon.com.

Thursdays: Open Mic from 8:00 PM – 12:00 midnight at the Village Tavern in Jeffersonville.

Saturdays: Acoustic music session from 1:00 – 4:00 PM at the Foot-hills Bakery in Fairfax. Contact mrksustc@together.net.

Fridays: **English Country Dance**, 7:00 PM – 9:30 PM, the Elley-Long Music Center, Colchester. first, third, and fifth Fridays through mid-June 2008; live music third Fridays. Contact Val Medve 899-2378 or valandtom@together.net.

Saturdays: Acoustic music session, 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM, the Foot-hills Bakery, Fairfax. Contact mrksustc@together.net.

THEATRE

Essex High School Theater will present *The Jungle Book* on Friday-Saturday, May 2-3, at 7:00 PM. This children's performance is a student-run play being directed by Senior Kyle McGregor with freshman and sophomore students only as cast members. Admission is free, with donations gladly being accepted at the door to benefit *Make-a-Wish Foundation*. Bring the entire family for a great night out!

Saint Michael's students get flying lessons to stage *Peter Pan* – Students of the Saint Michael's Drama Club are staging *Peter Pan* on Friday, May 2 at 7:00 PM and on Saturday, May 3, at 2:00 and 7:00 PM on the main stage of the McCarthy Arts Center. The show

is free and open to the public and children are especially welcome. Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Entirely student produced, the play is directed by Emily Benway, a senior theater major from Burlington, and features 20 student actors. The show includes flying effects taught by the professional flying company ZFX, and a full production of costumes, sets, lights, the works.

The Essex High School Theater Club and the Professional Foods program of the Center for Technology-Essex are teaming up to raise funds for COTS. The two organizations will present a **murder mystery dinner theater** on Saturday, May 17 from 6:00 – 9:00 PM at the EHS cafeteria. A four-course dinner will be prepared and served by culinary students throughout the Theater Club's performance of a comical "whodunit" set in the 1920s and 1930s. All proceeds donated to COTS. Limited tickets are available for this dinner theater, so don't wait... get your tickets early! \$20 per person, available in the EHS Main Office. For information, contact Karen Gonillo, 879-7121.

Saint Michael's Playhouse Summer Theater 2008 Season is held at the McCarthy Arts Center on the college's campus in Colchester. The season runs from June 17 – August 9. Subscription packages go on sale Thursday, May 1; single tickets Monday, June 2. For information, call the Box Office at 654-2281, or go online to www.saintmichaelsplayhouse.org. This year's productions: **Barnum**, a Tony Award-winning Broadway musical based on the amazing life of Phineas Taylor Barnum. Thursday, June 17-Saturday, June 28, Tuesday-Saturday, 8:00 PM; 2:00 PM matinee Saturdays. **Moonlight And Magnolias**, a hilarious, madcap Hollywood comedy about the making of *Gone with the Wind*. Tuesday, July 1-Saturday, June 12, Tuesday-Saturday, 8:00 PM; 2:00 PM Matinee Saturdays. **Almost, Maine**, a romantic comedy set in the far northern town of Almost, ME, whose residents find themselves falling in and out of love in unexpected and hilarious ways in this midwinter night's dream. Tuesday, July 15-Saturday, July 26, Tuesday-Saturday, 8:00 PM; 2:00 PM Matinee Saturdays. **Pump Boys And Dinettes**, a Broadway musical mix of country, rock, and Western swing celebrating the simple pleasures and good folks at the Double Cup Diner and Pump Station. Tuesday, July 29-Saturday, August 9, 8:00 PM; 2:00 PM matinee Saturdays. **Playhouse Junior** – Children's Theater Produced and Performed by Playhouse Interns – **The Wonderful Wizard of Oz**, Saturday, June 21, 11:00 AM, Sunday, June 22, 11:00 AM, 1:00 PM, 3:00 PM; \$8 per ticket for children of all ages (exclusive of subscriptions). **Jack and the Beanstalk**, Saturday, July 5, 11:00 AM, Sunday, July 6, 11:00 AM, 1:00 PM, 3:00 PM; \$8 per ticket for children of all ages (exclusive of subscriptions).

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Turtle Trek Adventure Camp

Is living in the woods for a week your idea of fun? Is learning about the interconnectedness of nature something you find fascinating? This summer, Vermont Commons School (VCS) is piloting a new summer camp called Turtle Trek Adventure Camp. The camp is open to boys and girls 10-12 years old who are interested in learning the skills and experiencing the thrills associated with backpacking and wilderness camping. Two five-day sessions are being offered: July 14-18 and July 21-25. Experienced environmental educators from VCS will help campers explore the Moosalamoo Region of the Green Mountains, just south of Middlebury. Campers will practice outdoor living skills and learn about the ecology of the area. The focus will be on science, stewardship, cooperation, challenge, and fun!

The camp is modeled after the Encounter Week program, one of the defining features of VCS in that it illustrates the school's focus on experiential education, community service, and ecological citizenship. During Encounter Week, offered three times a year, students participate in adventures focused on travel and/or intensive field study. Programs are designed based on faculty strengths and students' interests. Some of the Encounter Week adventures offered this past winter included Snowshoeing, Cross-Country Skiing, Winter Ecology, Cooking, Unveiling Darfur, Set Design, a trip to the Sundance Film Festival, and a 10-day trip to Belize.

Similar to the Encounter Week program, Turtle Trek Adventure Camp will immerse campers in a wilderness experience where they'll learn to appreciate the interconnected nature of ecosystems – and social systems. Team building and group challenges will be part of the program.

Turtle Trek Adventure Camp is the brainchild of two VCS employees, Wendy McArdle and Hans Manske, both of whom worked as wilderness leaders for Yosemite

National Institute (YNI) before moving to Vermont in the mid-1990s. YNI is one of the premiere outdoor environmental education organizations in the U.S. "We're planning on using many of the same strategies and techniques from our days at YNI to help inspire campers to learn about the natural world and be stewards of their environment," explains McArdle, who was hired in November as VCS' Director of Marketing and Development. Manske, who has been at VCS since 1997, will serve as the leader for both sessions of the camp. He currently teaches science and math and serves as the Dean of Students and Chair of the Math Department.

Like VCS, the camp is committed to keeping the class size small. Enrollment in Turtle Trek Adventure Camp is limited to 12 campers (and two leaders) per session. To register or for more information, please contact Wendy McArdle at 865-8084 x19, or visit www.vermontcommons.org/turtletrek. The deadline to register is June 6, 2008.

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COMING EVENTS

Thursday, May 1

Bobcats, Bears & Other Beasts, 6:30 – 9:00 PM, Mount Mansfield Union HS gym, Jericho. Sue Morse, naturalist, wildlife photographer, public speaker, and director of the nonprofit Keeping Track, and her staff focus on the wildlife of Jericho and surrounding areas, and will present a slide show and discuss how residents can help monitor wildlife and their habitat. Sponsored by the Jericho Conservation Commission and others. \$5 per person/\$10 per family donation suggested at door.

Friday May 2

Author Laban Carrick Hill, 7:00 PM, Phoenix Books & Café, Essex Jct. Free. For information, natacha@phoenixbooks.biz or 872-7111.

Friday-Saturday, May 2-3

Baked goods and used book sale, 3:00 – 7:00 PM Friday, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM Saturday, Baptist Church building, Main St., Fairfax. Proceeds support a youth service trip to Nicaragua.

Saturday, May 3

Fiddle Fest, 6:00 PM, United Church of Underhill, Underhill Flats. Favorite tunes of some of northern VT's best youth fiddlers. Refreshments. Suggested donation \$5. Information: 899-3302.

Annual appreciation breakfast, 8:30 – 10:00 AM, Community Center, Jericho. For all Jericho residents on Green Up Day; left over Green Up Day bags available.

Beautify Mills Riverside Park, 9:00 AM – 12:00 noon, Mills Riverside Park, Jericho. Come and leave as you wish, and help beautify the park. Jobs for all ages: from planting bulbs, seeding grass to heavy trail work. Refreshments provided. Please come with a tool of your choice and sturdy shoes and work gloves. Call the Park District, 899-2693 with any questions.

Music to benefit Westford Food Shelf, 7:00 PM, Red Brick Meeting House in Westford. Singer/songwriter Bobby Sweet. Tickets \$10, plus a non-perishable food donation taken at the door. Tickets available at the Westford Library or Sweet Clover Market in Essex.

Saturday-Sunday, May 3-4

Annual spring benefit sale, 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM Saturday, 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM Rummage only, Fletcher Union Meeting House, Fletcher. Benefits Binghamville Methodist Church. Food, plants, books, candy, rummage sale. Soup and sandwich lunch available. For information or to donate items, calls Charles Tinker or Dennis Getty, 849-2120.

Friday, May 9

Queen City Contras contra dance, 8:00 PM, St. Anthony's Hall, Burlington. Caller Will Mentor; music by Beeswax Sheepskin. All are welcome, all dances taught, no partner/experience necessary. Beginners' session: 7:45 PM. Admission \$8 adults; under 12 free. Bring clean, soft-soled shoes for dancing. Information: 371-9492 or 343-7165.

Friday-Saturday, May 9-10

Annual Spring Rummage Sale, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM Friday, till noon Saturday, Calvary Episcopal Church, VT Rt. 15, Underhill. Items for sale include children's and adult's clothing, toys, games, books, household items, furniture, jewelry, and many great bargains. 899-2326 or visit www.calvarychurchvt.org.

Saturday, May 10

Kids' sing-along and make Mother's Day gifts, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM, Jericho Elementary School gymnasium, Jericho. Saxon Hill School scholarship committee will be hosting a sing-along with Robert and Gigi as well as Julie Benay, the daughter of DeeDee Jameson. In addition to singing and dancing, children will have an opportunity to make Mothers' Day crafts and cards. The event is by donation with a suggestion of \$5/person or \$12/family. All proceeds will go to the Saxon Hill School scholarship fund. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy the fun!

Mothers Day sale, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM, Greek Orthodox Church Community Center, Ledge Rd., Burlington. Greek pastries and plant sale.

Respite House 5K Fun Run and Jiggety Jog, 8:00 AM registration, 9:00 AM Fun Run, 9:05 AM Jiggety Jog, Allen Brook School, Williston. Benefits the Vermont Respite House. To volunteer, contact Sue



Saint Michael's students Tina Shantz as Peter Pan and Jonathan Anderson as Captain Hook.

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Scheer, 860-4435 or scheer@vncares.org. Register online at www.vncares.org or contact Sue Scheer.

Wednesday, May 14

Green Mountain Chapter, Embroiders Guild, 9:30 AM, the Pines Senior living community, So. Burlington. For information: 879-0198.

Saturday, May 17

Supper with Joey the Clown, 5:30 PM, United Church of Underhill, Underhill Flats. A night of fun for kids of all ages: a full course lasagna dinner plus a kids menu of mac-n-cheese, hot dogs, and PBJ. Joey will perform feats of magic, juggling and balloon art along with his famous clowning. One seating. Requested donation is \$8 adults, \$5 kids. Profits go to the Jericho Underhill Ecumenical Ministry programs. Please call 899-3817 for reservations.

18th annual Medieval Country Fair, 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, VT Rt. 15, Jericho. Food, music, dancing, art, crafts, silent auction, artisans, animals, family activities, tag sale, and more! Free parking/free admission. Contact 899-3932 or <http://www.goodshepherdjericho.org/events.htm>.

Bolton Community Yard Sale, 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM, Smilie Memorial School, US Rt. 2, Bolton. Rain or shine! \$15 to reserve a spot to sell stuff you no longer want or need. Sponsored by the Smilie School Community Association. For information or to reserve a spot, Amy Turner, 434-3514 or boltonyardsale@hotmail.com.

Westford FD Tag Sale, 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM, Westford Town Garage, Cambridge Rd., Westford. Benefits Westford Volunteer Fire Department. Hot dogs, baked goods, an beverages also for sale. Information: 878-7573.

Vermont author Rebecca Rupp, 11:00 AM, Phoenix Books and Café, Essex Jct. Rupp reads from her middle grade novel *Sarah Simpson's Rules for Living*. Free.

Saturday, May 31

Westford Conservation Commission Trail Walk, 1:00 – 3:00 PM, Westford Elementary School, Westford. Facilitated by Master Herbalist Jim Robicsek. Learn to identify plants, what uses they have, whether they're edible, and when and how to prepare them. Bring writing materials; wear long sleeve shirts, long pants, and a wide brimmed hat to decrease interference from insects and reduce the possibility of scrapes or bruises from thorns, brambles, etc. No dogs please. Rain date June 1. Free. Information: Mark Winer, Westford CC, Markjw49@yahoo.com or 872-2641.

Mother's Day Breakfast at St. Thomas Church

St. Thomas Church and the Knights of Columbus Council #7810 will be holding a Mother's Day Breakfast on Sunday, May 11 from 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM in the parish hall. The buffet-style breakfast menu will include juice, fruit, eggs, pancakes, sausage, bacon, home fries, and coffee or tea. The cost is by donation. Don't let Mom cook on Mother's Day! Treat her and the whole family to this tasty breakfast.

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From Copley Hospital to Africa: the microscope pictured between Copley's Laboratory Manager Dave McLane and Radiology Technologist Donna Holbrook is now on its way to a Peace Corps mission in Malawi, Africa. Health care officials there will use the microscope to assist with screening for malaria. Copley was able to honor the request for equipment as it came at a time when Copley's Laboratory Department was updating equipment.
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OBITUARIES

Richard James "Mick" Rooney, 67, of Cambridge, VT died at his home on Thursday, April 17, 2008 following a heroic battle with cancer. He was born in Burlington, VT on September 12, 1940, son of the late Hilary and Madeline (Fletcher) Rooney. He worked for many years for the town of Cambridge and in semi-retirement, mowed roadsides and worked on the Boyden Farm in Cambridge. Mick enjoyed the summer sun, his yearly trips to Florida with his wife Nancy and special friends Henry and Linda Palmer, and spending time with his family and friends. Mick was always willing to lend a hand to anyone who needed it and he will be greatly missed by everyone who knew him. He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Nancy (Kinney) Rooney; two daughters: Pam Fuller and her husband Mike, and Carmen Fuller and her companion Chad Heald; two granddaughters: Amanda and Heidi Fuller; four sisters: Alberta Harrington, Barbara Warren and husband Martin, Lee Hubbard and husband Richard, and Sandy Bowen; his mother-in-law Eleanor Maynard; his brother-in-law Jim Kinney and wife Martha; and by several nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was predeceased by his sister Elizabeth Nolan and brother-in-law John Young. His battle was not fought alone, thanks to the Lamoille Area Cancer Network, the special staff at hematology oncology at FAHC, Lamoille Home Health and Hospice, and the help of friends and relatives such as special nephews Kevin and Eli Nolan. There were no visiting hours at Mick's request. A graveside memorial service with inurnment was held in Binghamville Cemetery, Fletcher, on Tuesday, April 22, with the Rev. Elizabeth Griffin officiating. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Mick's memory to the Lamoille Area Cancer Network, P.O. Box 38, Lake Elmore, VT 05657, or to Lamoille Home Health and Hospice, 59 Farr Ave., Morrisville, VT 05661.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Browns River student wins Green Up Day Write Up contest



Taylor Paone accepts a first prize certificate from Gov. Jim Douglas. Taylor also received a check for \$250 for her poem.
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Vermont's Green Up Day began in 1970 when 70,000 Vermonters joined forces around the state to clean up roadside litter that had accumulated during the winter months. After 37 years, the Green Up legacy is about far more than picking up highway litter and cleaning up public parks, it is about people of all ages from all walks of life joining in community spirit to take care of Vermont. Green Up Day is the first Saturday in May, this year falling on May 3.

For over 20 years, students statewide have participated in the Green Up Day poster design contest. The winning design appears throughout the state on general store bulletin boards, outdoor kiosks, and in schools. The first Write Up contest was in January 2007. It's an opportunity for "a little litter literature," for literary expression.

Students are asked to write a poem or an essay of up to 400 words. The 2008 overall winner was Taylor Paone, a grade 7 student from Browns River Middle School in Jericho.

Just Listen

By Taylor Paone

Listen to me said
the ant to the bee
I have got something
to say about what is happening today.

Listen to me
Said the sky to the sea
I am heating up now I just don't
Understand how

Listen to me
said the car to the tree
I feel this is all my fault,
but I just can't seem to come to a halt.

My eyes drift over the field of green
Trying not to recognize
The scattered bottles and plastic bags
That could've been turned into useful cash

So listen to me
said the eagle to the duck
I've seen too many things
flying out of trucks.

If we work together
we can make this right
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So listen to me
said the ant to the bee
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Benjamin L. Burdet of Jericho, VT, a senior at St. Lawrence University in Canton, NY, has been selected for membership in the St. Lawrence chapter of Beta Beta Beta, the national biology honorary society. To be eligible for membership, a student must have completed four biology courses and have a 3.5 average (based on a perfect 4.0 scale) in those courses and a 3.25 overall academic average. Burdet graduated from Mount Mansfield Union High School in Jericho.

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WELCOME HOME

CAMBRIDGE

(Johnson) Harlene (Fletcher) and Hugh Johnson Jr. had a daughter, Hannah Mae, on Sunday, April 20, 2008 at Copley Hospital in Morrisville, VT.

JEFFERSONVILLE

(Gelineau, Blanchard) Elisa Blanchard and Brent Gelineau had a son, Cody Hunter Gelineau, on Monday, April 7, 2008 at North-western Medical Center in St. Albans, VT.

(Bleau) Kelly (Root) and Loren Bleau had a son, Hunter Stephen, on Thursday, April 10, 2008 at Fletcher Allen Health Care in Burlington, VT.

UNDERHILL

(McGonagle) Anna Belle and Rory McGonagle's son, Emmitt Riley, was born on Saturday, April 17, 2008 in Maine. Emmitt's dad and his uncles Brien and Dermot all graduated from MMUHS, and his grandparents Donna and Jim McGonagle live in Underhill, VT.



(Uhlir) Nicole (Gross) and William Uhlir had a son, Fisher Lee, on Thursday, April 10, 2008 at Fletcher Allen Health Care in Burlington, VT.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Shame on the politicians

To the Editor,

It is sad that some senators and lobbyists again this year attempting a money grab at Vermont Yankee, this time under the guise of needing money for decommissioning.

The plant can and should operate until 2032. Current assets are expected to meet projected decommissioning costs.

Vermont Yankee is the foundation of Vermont's energy portfolio, providing one third of the state's electricity, and attractively priced power to boot. Vermont's electricity costs 21 percent less than elsewhere in New England. The key reason for this is Vermont Yankee's power, at a fixed rate of 4.1 cents per kilowatt hour, is half the national average.

Our politicians should realize once and for all that there is no free lunch.

This measure will poison re-negotiations for a favorable long-term contract, such as the one that has served Vermonters well. Since Entergy purchased

Vermont Yankee, is estimated by the Department of Public Service to save \$660 million on electric costs.

At a time of high energy costs, rising food prices, and a tight economy, one wonders why the Senate would willfully increase the size of our electrical bills.

I'm with the founder of Greenpeace on this one.

Guy Page, Cambridge

Thank you from the Essex Center, Jericho, and Underhill Food Shelf

To the Editor,

The Board of Directors of the Essex Center, Jericho, and Underhill Food Shelf would like to extend a heartfelt *thank you* to the people of Underhill and Jericho who brought canned or packaged goods to their Town Hall to benefit our local food shelf. Thank you also to the staff at the Underhill and Jericho Town Halls, who arranged for the food drive.

We are grateful for your donations and appreciate the work of those who assembled and delivered the goods. Your thoughtfulness toward your neighbors in need makes our community a better place to live in countless ways. Young children and their mothers, per-

sons who have lost their job, those living under difficult circumstances, and numerous elderly citizens are helped by your contributions.

Our food shelf helpers are volunteers from local churches, schools, scouts, and the community at large. 100 % of your donations goes to serve those who are in need.

The Food Shelf is located at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 273 VT Rt. 15, Jericho. Food deliveries are accepted 9:00 AM – 12:00 noon Tuesday-Friday. For information, call 899-3932.

Please note that the food distribution for May is on May 10, 9:00 – 10:30 AM.

Rev. Dagmar Rosenberg, President

Running the governor "balls out"

To the Editor,

I was just reading about the origin of the acronym for Ship High In Transit in your current (April 17) issue, and this reminded me of another phrase whose origin is not commonly known today. In the 1800s, and into the 1900s, much machinery was powered by either steam engines or water power (including many mills in the Jericho and Underhill area), and the speed of either had to be controlled so as to not damage the machinery they powered. This was most often done by the use of something called a fly ball governor. This consisted of a vertical shaft which was connected to the power source. At the top of this shaft was a horizontal member which in turn had two other shafts hinged to it, one on each end, so they could hang down. On the bottom of these last shafts were heavy metal balls. In operation, as the center shaft turned, it caused the whole apparatus to rotate, and centrifugal force caused the heavy balls to swing outward. That movement caused the mechanism to reduce either the steam supply (in the case of a steam engine) or the water supply (in the case of a turbine), which caused the speed to slow, allowing the balls to drop back toward their original position, which caused the steam or water supply to increase, and so on. The actual effect was to regulate the steam/water supply such that a constant speed was maintained. But when things were not under control and were going very fast, the governor would be running "BALLS OUT," now often said of something or someone working very fast and perhaps not under control. The last I knew, the Jericho Historical Society had the fly ball governor used in the Chittenden Mills flour mill in Jericho Corners on display in the basement of the mill.

Gary Irish, Jericho

Land Trust Annual Meeting

Everyone is invited to celebrate another year of land conservation at Jericho Underhill Land Trust's (JULT) Annual meeting which will be held on Monday, May 5 at 7:00 PM at the Underhill Town Hall. Refreshments will begin at 6:30 PM, with a short business meeting following. Special guest speaker for this event will be wildlife biologist Kim Royar. Kim has been with the VT Fish and Wildlife Department since 1981. Her knowledge of lynx, bobcat, wolves, and other "furbearers" is legendary. Please call JULT at 899-2693 with any questions. Want to join JULT as a member and support local land conservation... please go to our website at www.jult.org to learn more.

PHS book group to hold localvore potluck

The Poker Hill School Parent Book Group meets at 6:30 PM Tuesday, May 13 for a localvore potluck at the school. We will join readers from the Poker Hill School book group for dinner, followed by a discussion of Michael Pollan's *Omnivore's Dilemma*. All are welcome at the book group. Call or visit the Deborah Rawson Memorial Library, 899-4962, to borrow a copy and to register for the book discussion. Phoenix Books in Essex stocks these titles – receive a 20% discount if you mention the book group. Call 899-1132 or 899-2540 for more information about the potluck, and to arrange child care for the book discussion portion of the evening. Learn more by googling DRMLPBG.

Kids can make Mother's Day gifts

On Saturday, May 10 from 10:00 AM – 12:00 noon at the Jericho Elementary School gymnasium, Saxon Hill School scholarship committee will be hosting a sing-along with Robert and Gigi as well as Julie Benay, the daughter of DeeDee Jameson. In addition to singing and dancing, children will have an opportunity to make Mothers' Day crafts and cards. The event is by donation with a suggestion of \$5/person or \$12/family. All proceeds will go to the Saxon Hill School scholarship fund. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy the fun!

In January of 1964, Saxon Hill School, Inc. served its first group of young children and their families. Founded by DeeDee Jameson and Willy Cochran, the school was located in DeeDee's home on Skunk Hollow Road – in the "Saxon Hill" area of Jericho.

The school's success was largely due to the commitment that parents and teachers brought to a "hands-on" education philosophy in which children were encouraged to investigate, explore, and create. Children were respected as young human beings of great value. Families were supported in their wishes to be involved in their children's education.

In the ensuing years, the school saw many changes, including moves from one location to another, the modification of programs to meet the changing needs of families, and the retirement of Willy Cochran and DeeDee Jameson (who remained a "silent partner" in an advisory capacity to the board until her death in 2001). Michele Campbell, the current director of education and teacher of the 4-Day class, has been with Saxon Hill School for 29 years! After 44 years of operation, the school remains a vibrant part of the Jericho, Underhill, and Essex communities. The success of the school is amazing and can be attributed to the deep commitment that parents and staff bring to the children and the children's journey of exploration and discovery.

Dwarf iris popularity poll and display

Poker Hill Gardens at 49 Bill Cook Road in North Underhill is sponsoring a popularity poll of dwarf irises from May 7-28. Over 200 cultivars of dwarf irises are represented, and Poker Hill Gardens is recognized as part of a national display garden program by American Iris Society affiliates. Participants are requested to list 10 or more irises on a questionnaire and will receive an iris (or other plant) as a gift for their evaluations. The garden will be open from 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM for visitors. For more information, call Phil Cook at 899-9928 and leave a message.

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Open gym basketball in Westford Elementary School will run June 14-August 2, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30 – 7:00 PM and Saturdays, 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM. \$1 donation at door.

Women's volleyball, Browns River Middle School, Mondays, 7:00 – 9:00 PM. All age levels and skills welcome. Follows school calendar: no volleyball when there is no school. For informa-

tion, contact Cathy Leatherstitch, 899-1395 or cleather@us.ibm.com.

Bolton Men's Basketball, Tuesdays, 7:00 – 9:00 PM, Smilie School Gym. For adults and young adults, age 16 and up. Contact Bill Newton, 434-3348.

HEALTH GROUPS

Overeaters Anonymous meets 6:00 – 7:00 PM, Wednesdays at the Jericho United Methodist Church, VT Rt. 15, Jericho. Questions – please call 899-2355.

Healthy Weight Support Group, Mondays, 12:00 – 12:30 PM and Wednesdays, 3:45 – 4:15 PM. For those working on weight management; combines behavioral and nutritional strategies to increase physical activity and decrease calorie intake. Provides techniques to help you manage your eating behaviors. Come 15 minutes early for a weight check. Northwestern Medical Center, Cobblestone Building, Classroom A. Speakers: Kay Tran, Registered Dietitian, MS, CDE; and Leslie Gardzina, Registered Dietitian, Northwestern Medical Center. Free; pre-registration required, 524-1234 or cjh@nmcinc.org.

Fit Kids Support Group, first Mondays (May 5), 4:15 – 5:00 PM. Program for kids 8-13 and their parents. Learn about nutrition and physical activity, ways to increase activity level safely, change eating behavior, self-esteem, and obstacles that interfere with weight management success. Northwestern Medical Center, Cobblestone Building, Classroom A. Speaker: Kay Tran, Registered Dietitian, MS, CDE. Free; pre-registration required: 524-1234 or cjh@nmcinc.org.

Statewide Quit Line – Telephone Smoking Cessation Counseling. Call 1-877-yes-quit (1-877-937-7848). Free.

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

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

The RATC Nest (Richmond Area Teen Center) is open in the basement of the Richmond Town Center, Bridge Street, on Thursdays and Fridays 2:45 – 7:00 PM and Saturdays 1:00 – 9:00 PM at no cost for grades 7-12 in the Chittenden East School District. Adult supervisors are needed. Call 434-RATC for more information. The RATC Nest board meetings are held the first and third Wednesdays (March 19) at 7:00 PM; the public is welcome! Call 434-RATC for more information.

ADULT ACTIVITIES

Westford Knitters Group meets the first Friday of each month (May 2), 6:00 – 8:30 PM at the Westford Library. All needle-crafters in Westford and surrounding communities are welcome. Enjoy conversation with neighbors and friends while you work on your current project. Come early or late; bring a brown bag dinner and drink if you like. For information: Julie Nelson, 343-0165 or Julie@coolmoonyoga.com.

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

French Canadian Genealogy Research, Tuesday evenings, 7:00 – 9:30 PM, Dupont Building, Fort Ethan Allen, Colchester. For information, 864-6037 or mail@vt-fcgs.org.

SENIORS

Jeri-Hill XYZ Seniors meet at the Town Hall in Underhill Center on the first and third Wednesday of each month (May 7, 21). All seniors are welcome! Dinners are served at 11:30 AM. For information, please call Lenore Whitten, 878-8996, Bette Workman, 899-4446, or Loreen Teer, 899-1363.

Westford Senior Lunches are the second Monday of the month (May 12) and held in the Red Brick Meeting House on the Westford Common at 12:00 noon. Mark your calendars for May 12, and June 9. We are planning several programs of interest this spring, and several of our members in town are writing the history of their roads, early years, schooling, and other memories, which will be shared at the lunches. We sometimes can persuade Roland and friends to entertain us with sing-along music. We are a lively bunch of not-so-senior seniors and welcome all to join us. Please call 879-7382 with questions or if you need a ride to the lunches.

KIDS

Chittenden East Early Childhood Connection playgroup programs – both follow the school calendar; ages birth-5 years; everyone welcome; contact Abby for information, 899-3727. **Jericho Playgroup**, 9:30 – 11:00 AM at the Jericho Community Center; meets Mondays. **Underhill Playgroup**, 9:30 – 11:00 AM at the Underhill Central School; meets Fridays.

Westford Playgroup, Wednesdays, 10:00 AM – 12:00 noon, children's section, Westford Town

Library. Free and open to all children 5 and under and their families – drop in! Open play till 11:20 AM, cleanup and circle time of story and/or songs, followed by a snack of crackers and extras brought from home to share.

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

TOWN GOVERNMENT AND ORGANIZATIONS

Tim Nulty, Jericho Selectboard member, at the Village Cup, first and third Wednesdays (May 7, 21), 8:00 – 9:00 AM, and at the Flour Shop, second and fourth Wednesdays (May 14, 28), 8:00 – 9:00 AM. Anyone wishing to discuss any issue is welcome.

Westford Fire Department, Mondays, 7:00 PM, at the fire station next to the Town Garage. Volunteer for firefighting, dispatching, radio communications, computer operations, grant writing, equipment maintenance, fire police, education, and much more. You are welcome and encouraged to join. For information, email John Quinn, jquinnvnt@aol.com.

Board of Water Commissioners of the Village of Jericho, Inc. – monthly, 7:00 PM at the Old Red Mill on 4B Red Mill Dr., Jericho. For information, 899-2938.

Jericho Historical Society, second Thursday (May 8), 7:30 PM, Old Red Mill, Jericho.

Jericho Underhill Park District Board meeting, first and third Wednesdays (May 7, 21), 7:00 PM, Deborah Rawson Memorial Library project room, Jericho. Residents of Jericho and Underhill always welcome. 899-2693 for information.

Fairfax Food Shelf has moved to the United Church on the corner of Fletcher Road and River Road, near the Foothills Bakery. The Food Shelf is open the first two Wednesdays (May 7, 14), 9:00 AM – 12:00 noon. Please use the downstairs entrance. For information, 849-6588.

SUPPORT GROUPS

Alzheimer's support group, third Wednesday (May 21), 9:30 – 11:30 AM, the Arbors, 687 Harbor Rd., Shelburne. For individuals and families in the early stages of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias. For information and to register, contact Nicole Houston, 985-8600.

Approach Autism With Advocacy, Recovery & Education (AAWARE) in the Lamoille Valley, third Sunday (May 18), 3:00 – 5:00 PM, Second Congregational Church of Jeffersonville Community Room, Jeffersonville. Special topics, guest speakers, resource information; playroom for kids, fenced side yard for outdoor play. For information, Terry Holden, 644-2759 (Jeffersonville) or Tina Karl, 888-3430 (Hyde Park).

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

Lamoille Valley Kin as Parents, second and fourth Thursdays (May 8, 22), 6:00 – 7:30 PM, Lamoille Family Center, Morrisville. Dinner and childcare provided. For more information, Imelda at 888-5229 ext. 152 or Rhonda Barr, 888-1376.

Eating Disorders Parental Support Group, third Wednesday (May 21), 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.

Grandparents as Parents – Mondays, Milton Family Community Center. Childcare provided. For information, Charlotte, 893-1457.

Grandparents Raising their Children's Children, third Tuesday (May 20), 6:00 – 8:00 PM, Wesley Methodist Church, Main St., Waterbury. Light refreshments and onsite childcare provided. For information, Evelyn, 433-1513.

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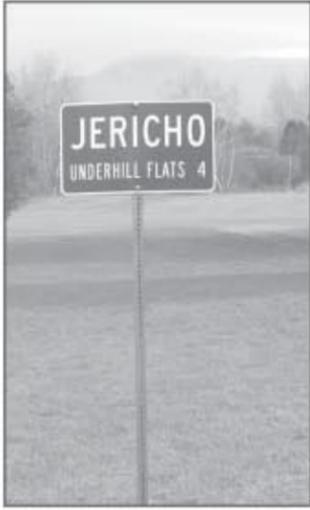
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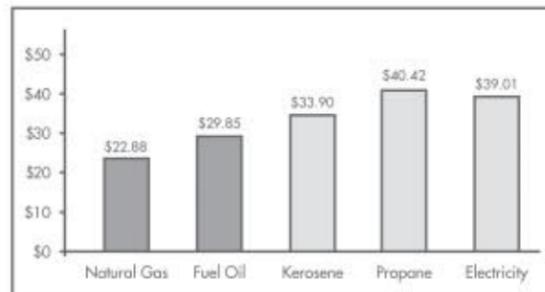
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Art for May is a display from Underhill Central School, and photographs by the Mount Mansfield Photography Class. On Tuesday, May 6 at 7:00 PM, the Friends of the Library will meet. Please come to learn what this group is all about! Thursday, May 8 at 6:30 PM, Paul Paparella will read from his recently released book of poetry *On waking up all over the world*. The library will be closed Tuesday, May 13 and Wednesday, May 14 so that staff may attend the Vermont Library Conference. The next Board of Trustees meeting is Thursday, May 15 at 7:00 PM.

On Thursday, May 22 at 6:30 PM, Evergreen Erb will give a presentation on identifying birds. She will show slides and have recorded bird calls. This program is co-sponsored with the Jericho Underhill Land Trust.

On Sunday, May 25 at 7:00 AM, meet at Mills Riverside Park parking lot to go on a bird walk with Evergreen Erb as our guide. Bring binoculars if you have them. This event is also co-sponsored with the Jericho Underhill Land Trust.

Wednesday Story Time at 11:00 AM, May 7 - Stories, songs, refreshments, snack, and craft. Read stories at the library and then caravan to the Underhill Town Garage to explore the road equipment.

Thursday Story Time at 10:00 AM, May 1 and 8 - Stories, songs, refreshments, snack, and craft.

Family Story Times at 6:30 PM, May 1 and 8 - Children are invited to wear their pajamas and join us for stories and light refreshments. Recommended for families with children preschool through grade 2. On May 8, after stories we will be serving ice cream. You may wish to bring a sweater as weather permitting we will have refreshments at the picnic table.

Welcome Baby, Friday, May 16, 10:30 AM - Parents and infants, 1 year and younger, are invited to attend our welcome baby group. Participants will receive a welcome baby bag with gifts and information about community resources and have the opportunity to chat with other new parents. Co-sponsored by the Chittenden East Welcome Baby Project. Facilitator: Eliza Kramer.

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



Sales of the Vermonticana 2 calendar of local baseball fields in Vermont - featuring Little Fenway in Essex/Jericho - raised over \$8000 for the United Ways of Vermont. For information, contact Jim Carter, 899-4767 or jtcarter@uvm.edu.

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PM, Saturday 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM, Sunday 1:00 - 4:00 PM; closed Monday. For information on any of the library's programs, call 899-4962.

JERICHO TOWN LIBRARY, JERICHO CENTER

Tuesday, May 20, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM, Homeschool Kids Connect @ the Library: *Books, Bagels & Bird Watching* with retired English teacher Maeve Kim. 9:00 - 9:15 AM Bagels, 9:15 - 10:00 AM discuss book *Hoot* by Carl Hiaasen, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM bird watching nature hike. To register, call 899-4686.

Join a special summer retreat with author/illustrator Thacher Hurd, hosted by Browns River Middle School librarian Joyce Babbitt. Please register in advance at the BRMS library, 899-3711.

Story time including craft and snack is Wednesday upstairs at 10:00 AM. May 7 theme: Mother's Day.

New at the library is downloadable audio book service, open 24 hours! You can now download books to your own computer, a CD, or onto some mp3 players, anytime, anywhere. The service can be accessed at www.listenupvermont.org. Choose Jericho Town Library from the menu off the sign-in link. To log in, use 4686 (library phone) immediately followed by the 4 numbers from your library patron card (no spaces: 4686XXXX). If you need more information, please contact the library.

The Board of Trustees meets regularly the first Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM at the library. The public is welcome, so join us at our upcoming meeting May 1. The hours for the Jericho Town Library on the Green are Monday and Friday 1:00 - 5:00 PM, Wednesday 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM and 2:00 - 6:00 PM, Saturday 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM. For more information call 899-4686 or email us at Jerichotownlibrary@gmail.com.

WESTFORD TOWN LIBRARY, WESTFORD

Friday, May 16, 5:30 - 6:00 PM, Whispering Pines 4H Photo Club Reception featuring the works of

Hillary Fay, Hailey Golden, Sarah Sturm and Morgan Quimby. This photography show concludes a four-month quest to learn more about the artistry and technology of photography. The girls will each display five favorite photos. Whispering Pines of Jericho is a horse club headed by Westford resident Mary Fay. The photography group is an offshoot of the club and has provided the girls with an additional learning opportunity aside from their regular horse education. The club has been coordinated by Janet Golden and has featured local photographer Amber Haller. Please join the girls for refreshments and bring your questions about their photographs. The exhibit will remain in the library through May.

Friday, May 2, 6:00 - 8:30 PM: Westford Knitters Group. All needle and yarn-crafters welcome. Enjoy conversation with neighbors and friends while you work on your current project. Come early or late - we will be here! Bring your own brown bag dinner if you like. If you are interested in learning to knit, please contact Julie beforehand to discuss any supplies needed. For more information, contact Julie Nelson, 343-0165 or julie@coolmoonyoga.com.

POSTPONED: Tuesday, May 6, Strategy and Board Games for ages 12 and Up. Contact library for reschedule date.

Thursday, May 8, 11:00 AM: Storytime. Stories and activities for preschoolers. Theme: Mother's Day.

Friday, May 9, 5:00 - 5:30 PM: Pokemon Club. For ages 6-9. For more information, contact Thayer Nichols, 879-4093.

Saturday, May 10, 10:00 AM: Welcome Baby Tea. For Parents and babies born between May 2007 - April 2008. For more information, contact Pat Kufahl, 878-4098.

Saturday, May 10, 6:30 PM: Women's Game Night. Join this fun and friendly group for food, laughter, and board games. For more information, contact Kara Bolton, 879-2513.

Thursday, May 15, 11:00 AM: Storytime. Stories and activities for preschoolers. Theme: Stories from Asia.

Wednesday, May 21, 6:30 - 7:00 PM: Pajama Story Time! Climb into your PJs and join us for bedtime stories and a simple craft. Theme: Planting. Guest Reader: Victoria Tibbits. If you have questions, contact Tracy Zeppi, 878-7189.

Thursday, May 22, 11:00 AM: Storytime. Stories and activities for preschoolers. Theme: Frogs and Toads.

Wednesday, May 28, 6:00 - 7:00 PM, Book Discussion: *My Life and Adventures*, Castle Freeman, Jr.

Thursday, May 29, 11:00 AM: Storytime. Stories and activities for preschoolers. Theme: Curious George.

New Additions: Adult Fiction: *Cooperative Village* (Madeson), *Just Listen* (Dessen), *The Other Boleyn Girl* (Gregory), *Remember Me* (Kinsella), *Twilight* (Meyer), and a variety of paperbacks by Rice, Collins, Clark, and others.

Adult Nonfiction: *Beautiful Boy* (Sheff), *China: A Photographic Journey* (DK), *Predictably Irrational* (Ariely), *Oracle Bones* (Hessler).

Juv Fiction: *Point Blank* (Horowitz), *Final Warning* (Patterson).

Juv Nonfiction: *Pirateology*.

DVD: *The Golden Compass*.

Visit our recently updated website for upcoming events and new books, CDs, and DVDs: www.westford.lib.vt.us. Our hours are Wednesday 1:00 - 7:00 PM, Thursday 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM, Friday 12:00 - 6:00 PM, and Saturday 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM. We can be reached at 878-5639 or westford_pl@vals.state.vt.us. "Check us out!"

VARNUM LIBRARY, JEFFERSONVILLE

New additions to the large print book shelves: Michael Connelly's *Echo Park*, *Someone to Love* by Jude Deveraux, and Jeffery Archer's *False Impression*. For those who enjoy books on tape, check out David Halberstan's *The Coldest Winter*. And also on the new arrival shelf is Lee Child's *Bad Luck and Trouble*, along with Orson Scott Card's *Magic Street*.

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Homeschoolers to present Shakespeare's Winter's Tale

Thursday, May 1, the Young Actors Guild of Vermont will present *The Winter's Tale* by William Shakespeare, on stage at the Jericho Elementary School at 7:00 PM (with a pre-show beginning at 6:40 PM). The play is free and open to the public; small donations will be welcomed to help offset production expenses.

The Winter's Tale is one of the lesser-known Shakespeare plays that is both a drama in the first half and a comedy in the second. It involves a jealous king, a good queen unjustly accused, an abandoned princess brought up by shepherds, a prince in disguise, a tricky thief, a foolish shepherd, and the usual Shakespeare delight with confusion, disguise, trickery and coincidences.

This is an adaptation for young people by Catherine Hall-Schor, using Shakespeare's words, edited down to about an hour-long show. It uses narration to keep the story clear, while allowing the students the opportunity to "experience the richness and imagery of Shakespeare's language."

The production is presented by the Monday Homeschool Learning Coop that meets weekly in Essex. This parent-led group of 24 8- to 14-year-olds chose to spend the winter semester immersed in the world of Shakespeare, culminating with this performance. Since the play uses Shakespeare's original language, much time was devoted to helping the students understand what it was they were saying with their lines. This process was a challenge even for the parents and has been a great learning experience.

While much of the four-hour meeting time each week was spent rehearsing, making sets, and working on costumes, the rest of the time was spent learning about Shakespeare and his time. Each of the performers researched an aspect of Elizabethan culture or Shakespearean history to share during weekly presentations. Besides teaching one another about the era, these presentations created another opportunity to work on public speaking skills and projection.

As with many endeavors of this type, the project has grown into much more of a production than expected. As the students put in more and more work on their lines, blocking, and acting, they've demanded more and more of themselves and each other. "I wish we'd thought to videotape those early rehearsals," said one of the moms, Kelly King. "It is unbelievable how far these kids have come." For more information, please contact Kelly King, at kingsvt@sover.net.

Browns River Middle School News

Congratulations to Design and Technology teacher Willie Lee. Willie received an EDS grant in the amount of \$1500 for LEGOs for his classes. This is exciting news for our school. Willie was honored at the State House where he was presented with the monetary award by Gov. Douglas. Rita Clark's class went with him for the ceremony. They went on a tour of the State House and had a conversation with Gaye Symington, Speaker of the House.

BRMS is holding a charity raffle for a 5th grade student who has leukemia. First Prize is a new Burton Clash 158 Snowboard that has been signed by 50 of the world's best riders. Second prize is a 2008-09 ski/ride season pass donated by Smugglers' Notch Ski Resort. Third prize is three large pizzas from Mountain High Pizza in Jericho. There are many other gifts to give out including a signed poster by Carey Hart (X Games Motor Cross Champion), Fox Racing stickers and bandanas, DVDs of motor cross racing, nail polish, and U.S. Open Snowboarding/Burton stickers. Raffle tickets may be purchased from the BRMS Guidance Center and are \$10 each. Checks should be made payable to: BRMS-4Ross. This raffle ends May 2.

The 5th/6th grade party was a lot of fun. Thank you to the parents who generously donated door prizes, helped with set-up, face painting, the food table, guessing games, and clean up. SuperSounds DJ did a great job and the party was a huge success.

Our parent group (BRAG) will be meeting on Tuesday, May 6 at 7:00 PM in the Family and Consumer Life Science room. Please join us.

Everest Team members are celebrating their team members' success in the Stock Market Game. Matt Palermo, Kyle Villeneuve, and Grayden Shand placed first by earning a 41% return on their investments. They will each receive a \$50 savings bond from University of Vermont professor Art Woolf.

Author visit: Michael Buckley of the *Sisters Grimm* series will be coming to BRMS on Friday, May 2. Our actors will be performing the *Sisters Grimm* production at 8:15 AM in the gym. Thank you to Emily Mulvihill and James Nickerson for directing the play.

MMU "SHAPE" students establish foundation, raise and grant funds to benefit the community

Mount Mansfield Union High School's new student philanthropic community service club/foundation, SHAPE (Students Helping Achieve Philanthropic Excellence), raises and is granting funds totaling \$4000 to several on-campus and area community non-profit groups.

MMU's SHAPE club started with a challenge to raise \$500 to benefit the school and community through MMU Spirit T-shirt sales and a raffle - with the promise from the main SHAPE non-profit foundation (<http://shapestudents.org>) that it would award a matching grant of \$3500 to MMU's club. MMU's club then developed a mission statement, operating procedures, roles and responsibilities, timeframes for accomplishing goals/objectives (community volunteer service projects), and developed requirements for reviewing grant proposals. After reviewing several Requests for Proposals (RFPs), students are awarding grants to help support: the local community food shelf, COTS, Vermont CARES, area recreational programs, the school's football team, its new MUSE Literary/Arts Student Magazine, and its theater/auditorium sound system.

MMU has become the vehicle for promoting a food collection drive to help stock depleted reserves at local food shelves. Starting December 7, food has been collected through student advisories and stored in four separate classrooms in four corners of the building. In its goal to promote group and social skills while connecting all students to the school community, the advisory program was the natural vehicle to facilitate this event. The goal was to collect one ton of canned and boxed non-perishable food items and ready them for transport. The event culminated on December 18 when all advisories lined the halls to create a "food chain" that passed donations, hand to hand, from their collection points to trucks ready to trans-

port these items to local food shelves. Students are also working on raising additional funds through a silent auction and Recycle Goods. For more information, contact: Laurel Butler, Community Service at MMU, 899-4690 ext 1638, or Laurel.Butler@cesu.k12.vt.us.

SHAPE-up into Spring

We're asking community members/businesses, parents, faculty, staff, and member students to donate an item or two they'd love to get rid of - or have been thinking of putting in a yard sale (no, not junk). Items can be from your home or office/classroom (not textbooks, used clothing, or the like) for the "Recycle your Goods Sale." Items valued at \$2 - \$5 - \$10 - \$15 or more will be recycled/sold to make someone else the keeper of your treasure!

For the silent auction part: if you would like to donate a certificate or a product (i.e. for a restaurant, hair salon, spa/massage, sailboat ride, hotel accommodations) to the silent auction - if it is new product and has a value of \$15-20 or greater, the item would be placed in the silent auction - i.e. 1/2 gallon of maple syrup or special gift basket, etc. Funds raised will go toward future grant awards to benefit in-school and worthy out-of-school non-profit programs in our communities.

The SHAPE student mission: "To bring MMU students together in philanthropic and leadership activities to positively impact the quality of life in the areas of emergency, health, and recreational services within our communities."

Questions and/or donations? Please email Laurel Butler, SHAPE Club Advisor, Laurel.Butler@cesu.k12.vt.us, or drop off donations/certificates at the main MMU Administration office. And, don't forget to bid, or buy a new treasure!

MMU Project Grad golf tournament

Mount Mansfield Union High School's Project Graduation 6th Annual Golf Tournament is a four-person scramble at West Bolton Golf Club on Sunday, May 18, rain or shine. Registration is at 8:00 AM, with a 9:00 AM shotgun start. Registration (adults \$65, students \$30) includes: round of golf, continental breakfast, BBQ lunch, and prizes. Carts are \$12 extra.

All entries must be received by mail or in person by Monday, May 12. We invite all-adult, all-student, and mixed teams. A four-person scramble format guarantees a good time for all. Golfers of all playing levels are welcome. Individual golfers will be placed on teams.

Join us for a wonderful day of golf to support the MMU Project Graduation. Its primary purpose is to promote substance-free activities for each year's graduating class by raising and spending funds to promote healthy and safe graduation activities.

Contact Lars (434-5583) or Emmet (899-1287) for more information or visit the Project Grad website at www.mmu.k12.vt.us/information/parent/project.htm and find the registration form there!

CCSU Central Office has relocated

The Central Office for Chittenden Central Supervisory Union (CCSU) recently moved to 51 Park Street in Essex Junction from 21 New England Drive in Essex Junction. All phone numbers have remained the same.

The CCSU Central Office is made up of supervisory union administrators and support staff. This includes: the Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, the Executive Director of Student Support Services, the Chief of Operations/CFO, the Executive Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment, Legal Counsel, and the Executive Director of Human Resources. In addition, payroll and accounting is also housed at the Central Office. The Essex Junction Treasurer also works in the CCSU Central Office.

To contact the CCSU Central Office, which serves the Essex Junction, Union #46, and Westford Town School Districts, call 879-5579 or visit www.ccsuvt.org.

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Bears, bobcats, and more highlight May 1 wildlife event

The home of the Cougars is about to be invaded by virtually every other carnivore in North America.

From 6:30 - 9:00 PM on Thursday, May 1, the gym at Mount Mansfield Union High School in Jericho will become a natural history museum for a Wildlife Event featuring hundreds of exhibits including pelts, mounts, bones, track molds, and other specimens covering not just cougars but also a whole continent's worth of carnivores.

It's all part of a wildlife event produced by *Keeping Track*, a non-profit organization headquartered in Huntington that trains people in the art and science of monitoring "where the wild things are." Sponsors include the VT Youth Conservation Corps and local land trusts and conservation commissions.

Those attending will also hear a talk on local wildlife by Sue Morse, the internationally acclaimed conservation biologist, author, and fourth-generation forester from Jericho who founded *Keeping Track* and now serves as its program and research director. She'll show slides of some of her award-winning wildlife photographs and describe some of the experiences and insights she's had studying wildlife for 35 years near her home



Bobcats are just one of many local species featured in the hundreds of exhibits to be on view at the Wildlife Event to be held May 1 from 6:30 - 9:00 p.m. at Mt. Mansfield Union High School in Jericho.
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in Jericho, throughout Vermont, and in the back county of other states, Canada, and Mexico.

For those who are wild about wildlife and care about conservation, Sue will describe opportunities for volunteers to join *Keeping Track* teams and monitor the presence, activities, and movement of key species in targeted areas of eastern Chittenden and western Washington counties. Data collected by those teams will help in the identification and, where landowners are willing, conservation of parcels discovered to be especially important to the health and survival of those spe-

cies.

Besides the Vermont Youth Conservation Corps, sponsors of the wildlife event include the Jericho and Bolton Conservation Commissions and the Richmond and Duxbury Land Trusts. The organizations are suggesting donations of \$5 per person or \$10 per family to help them cover costs of staging such a large event. No reservations are needed.

More information on the wildlife event is available at 434-3543. For more information on *Keeping Track* and its programs, call 434-7000 or visit its website at www.keepingtrack.org.

Poker Hill School golf event

Poker Hill School is looking for players to join this fun event at West Bolton Golf Club on Friday, June 13. The format is a team scramble. There are great prizes for all participants. The "shotgun" start is at 8:30 and will be followed by a delicious lunch. The cost is \$65 for walkers and \$80 if using a golf cart. Players may enter as a single or as a group. If you are a single, we will put you with a group. The money raised is to benefit the ongoing programs at the school. We hope you can join us. If interested, call David at 899-3716.

Girl Scouts aspire to be leaders

According to a study released by Girl Scouts of the USA, more than half of girls in the United States say they don't aspire to be leaders and they are turned off by the conventional definition of leadership as a position of power and control. The data indicates that while girls find this traditional style of leadership unappealing, many do aspire to a different kind of leadership focused on personal principals, ethical behavior, and the ability to inspire and influence social change. Of those surveyed, 68% said they want to be the type of leader who "stands up for their beliefs and values" and 59% said they would want to be like someone "who tries to change the world for the better."

"It's clear from the research that girls today don't embrace the conventional style of leadership," said Judy Schoenberg, Director of Research and Outreach at the Girl Scout Research Institute and lead author of the study, *Change It Up! What Girls Say about Redefining Leadership*. "It's simply not how they want to lead. Girls today appear to be redefining leadership in terms of being more inclusive and serving a larger purpose."

To view the full executive summary, *Change It Up! What Girls Say about Redefining Leadership*, visit us at www.girlscoutsvt.org/. For additional information, contact the Girl Scout Council of Vermont, (800) 639-3055.

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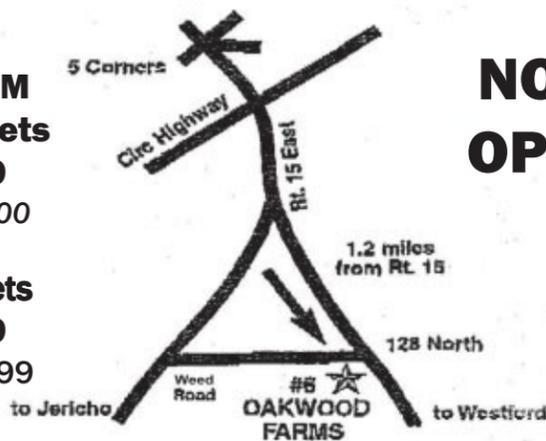
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4-H is a youth organization for the whole family. 4-H provides children and their parents with more than 200 projects and activities that are designed to help parents and children learn and grow together. Parents who want to spend quality time with their children and help them develop their talents, interests and life skills make super 4-H volunteers!

4-H clubs are young people having fun and learning new skills together. The club is guided by adult volunteers and typically meet once or twice a month.

4-H is looking for adults to serve as leaders and role models for 4-Hers. Wouldn't it be great to have more 4-H clubs in Lamoille County? That's just what we would like to do, but your help is needed. If you would be interested in helping to organize and lead a 4-H club in your community, contact Lauren Traister, 4-H Educator, at 888-4972 x 103 or lauren.traister@uvm.edu. No experience with 4-H is necessary. Training will be provided.

Thanks for hosting For Hire workshop

VocRehabVermont, an employment agency serving the business community in the Lamoille Valley, would like to thank Jeff Cosslett, HR Director, Union Bank and Kelly Strunk, Academic Advisor, CCV Morrisville, for hosting its recent For Hire Workshop. For Hire is a self-directed job search program allowing participants to evaluate their skills and abilities, explore the job market, network by researching companies and jobs, discuss time management and organizing oneself for job search, prepare job search materials including resume, cover letters and references and practice interviewing techniques. We are very fortunate to have important and valuable business partners like the Union Bank and CCV to assist VocRehabVermont with our mission to expand and create employment opportunities for individuals with strengths and abilities. For more information, please contact DJ Masi, Employment Consultant, VocRehabVermont, 888-1319, 793-8309, dj.masi@ahs.state.vt.us.

Westford Conservation Committee trail walk

The Westford Conservation Commission Trail walk at the Westford School will be Saturday, May 31, 1:00 - 3:00 PM, facilitated by Master Herbalist, Jim Robicsek.

Jim is an expert in wild plants, wild foods, and raw foods. We will be exploring the town trails behind the school.

Jim is a long time Westford resident and has been a Master Herbalist for 15 years.

On this walk we will be identifying plants, what uses they have, whether they're edible, and when and how to prepare them. Folks should bring writing materials and wear long-sleeved shirts, long pants, and a wide-brimmed hat to decrease interference from insects and reduce the possibility of scrapes or bruises from thorns, brambles, etc. No dogs please. Rain date: June 1. Free.

For information, contact Mark Winer, Markjw49@yahoo.com or 872-2641.

Support the Bolton Community Yard Sale

Now is the time to clean out your garage, your attic and your basement. For just \$15, you can reserve a spot to sell all the items you no longer want or need at the Bolton Community Yard Sale on Saturday, May 17 at the Smilie Memorial School on US Rt. 2 in Bolton. The sale is sponsored by the Smilie School Community Association. To reserve your spot, please call Amy Turner at 434-3514 or email boltonyardsale@hotmail.com.

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Reader comment: "Thanks for making this column available to us in the Jericho-Underhill area. I hope it works for all of us. I watch the traffic going out of Jericho and see most of the cars with just the driver. Let's save some money and help the environment."

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Statement by Speaker of the Vermont House Gaye Symington regarding the passage of S. 373, "Full Funding of Decommissioning Costs of a Nuclear Plant"

Today the House passed S. 373, "Full Funding of Decommissioning Costs of a Nuclear Plant." This bill will protect Vermonters from a potential financial risk if the Entergy Corporation sells Vermont Yankee to a highly leveraged company, NewCo.

The provisions of S. 373 are straightforward. It requires that if Vermont Yankee is sold, the Public Service Board (PSB) must determine that its decommissioning fund has enough assets and financial guarantees to pay for immediate restoration of the site upon closing of Vermont Yankee. If the fund currently is adequate, the PSB will require nothing further. If the fund is inadequate, the deficiency can be alleviated by either adding funds or supplying a letter of credit or other guarantee.

When decommissioning does occur, S. 373 assures that the fund will be adequate to cover all costs, regardless of whether the corporation that owns the plant is financially strong or not. S. 373 ensures that Vermonters will not be saddled with the responsibility for clean up costs at Vermont Yankee.

When Vermont Yankee was built Vermonters were told that its decommissioning would be fully paid for. This bill ensures that this promise will be kept.

Is it time to de-clutter your home?

It's spring – is it spring cleaning time yet? Time to clear out items you no longer use? These items may be treasures for someone else!

The United Church of Underhill's Clutter Barn will start accepting your clutter on Saturday, May 3.

We will accept donations on Saturdays from 8:30 AM – 12:00 noon during May, June, July, August, and September.

New this year: the last Saturday of May, June, July, and August, we will sell the goods that have been donated. We will not be able to accept donations on sale days.

We accept clean, working household items, books, toys, games, and puzzles. We are also accepting spring and summer clothing, especially children's clothing. We cannot accept fall or winter clothing until September.

Things we cannot take: computers, televisions, exercise equipment, luggage, large appliances, large furniture, rugs, magazines and National Geographic magazines, building or plumbing materials, beds, tires, rims, roof carriers, truck tops, and truck racks. Please note: We no longer take luggage.

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Questions? Call Kathy Williamson, 899-3122, or Sharon Damkot, 899-3572.

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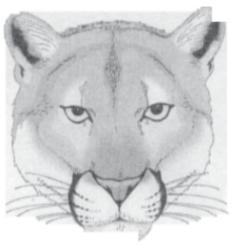
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Wilcox represented VT in the Powershow Case National Home Run Derby



Mount Mansfield Union High School's Brian Wilcox '09 represented Vermont in the Powershow Case National Home Run Derby. The event, which took place in January, was held at Tropicana Field, the home of The Tampa Bay Devil Rays.

PHOTO AND INFORMATION PROVIDED BY MMU

Rachel Wellman named to BFP All-State Girls Basketball Team



Rachel Wellman, a junior at Lamolite Union High School, has been named to the seventh annual Burlington Free Press All-State Girls Basketball Team. At 5'10", the forward/guard on the Second Team has 1102 career points, averaging 18 points, nine rebounds, four steals, four assists, and three blocks per game for LUHS this year. She may well be the top Lancer in LUHS history!

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American-Canadian Tour rookie racers set to tackle northeast

Seven rookie Late Model stock car drivers will take to the American-Canadian Tour in 2008. For some, running with the established ACT veterans will be the next step in their ascent up the racing ladder. For others, it will be a dream realized. For all, it will be something totally different, and it began at the New Hampshire Governor's Cup 200 at Lee USA Speedway on Sunday, April 20.

Vermont natives Tyler Cahoon, Matt White, and Nick Sweet all began their careers at Thunder Road Int'l Speedbowl in Barre, VT. St. Johnsbury native Cahoon, 27, won the track's Allen Lumber Street Stock division championship in 2000. After contending for Late Model championships at New Hampshire's White Mountain Motorsports Park in recent seasons, Cahoon turned to ACT Late Model Tour events at Thunder Road and Oxford Plains (ME) Speedway to prepare for 2008.

"Our equipment is up to par with the teams running the Tour, and we've run well against the Tour cars at White Mountain, so my team and I feel we're ready for our next challenge," said Cahoon. "I've raced at a few places, but I've never even seen most of the tracks on the ACT schedule. We think that if we have a chance to win this year it'll be at White Mountain, but overall we just want to qualify for races and get a couple of top-ten finishes."

Sweet, 23, of Barre, VT won the NAPA Tiger Sportsman division championship at Thunder Road last year, and will make his ACT Late Model Tour debut at Lee USA Speedway. Multi-time Sportsman race winner White, 33, of Northfield, VT made an impressive first appearance at Thunder Road's Chittenden Milk Bowl in September. He plans to run race weekly at Thunder Road, but indicated that he may compete in early-season events at Lee USA and Oxford Plains.

London, Ontario's Jonathan Urlin, 25, is a former open-wheel driver with the IRL IndyPro Series and has seen success at venues including the historic Indianapolis Motor Speedway. Urlin took a pair of wins at Delaware (ON) Speedway in his first stock car season last year. His father Russ was the 1989 ACT Champion. Spencer MacPherson, 19, of Carleton Place, ON tested the Canadian Série ACT Castrol last season and captured a surprising third-place finish at Québec's Autodrome Montmagny. He also earned five feature wins and was the championship runner-up at Ottawa's Capital City Speedway. MacPherson will compete in select ACT Late Model Tour events while concentrating on a full season with the Série ACT Castrol, while Urlin's plans call for a full Tour schedule.

Sixteen year-old Joey Doiron of Berwick, ME is the youngest driver in ACT competition in 2008. Doiron cut his teeth at Beech



Vermont native Tyler Cahoon began his career at Thunder Road Int'l Speedbowl in Barre, VT. PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Ridge Motor Speedway in the intermediate Sport Series division last year, finishing an impressive fourth overall with a feature victory and the Rookie of the Year title. He also earned a top-five finish at Unity Raceway.

"The ultimate goal is to get a win," said Doiron, "but we want to start off by learning and being consistent. We purchased a good car from (chassis builders/drivers) Dale and D.J. Shaw, and they've been helpful with giving pointers and setup advice. I can't wait to race."

Ricky Wolf, Jr. is no stranger to Late Model competition; however, the 2004 Lee USA Speedway Track Champion from Northwood, NH will leave the confines of his home track for the first time this year, running an extended slate of ACT Late Model Tour events with Willoughby Motorsports. Wolf's maiden voyage with ACT will indeed come at home, though, with the NH Governor's Cup.

ACT Late Model Tour championship runner-up Scott Payea of Milton, VT is looking forward to watching the 2008 rookie crop develop. The 2005 ACT Rookie of the Year has established himself among the elite ACT competitors, but remembers the challenges he faced just three short years ago.

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The Bolton Development Review Board will hold public hearings on May 28th, 2008 beginning at 7:00 pm, at the Bolton Town Office, 3045 Theodore Roosevelt Highway (RT 2), to consider the following applications:

- The request of Larry Williams, Mountain Operations and Development LLC (dba Bolton Valley) for Master Plan DRB review.** The applicant requests sketch plan review of the Bolton Valley Master Plan, currently under Act 250 review, which details the development of an expanded beginner's ski area operations and lift; 276 new residential condominiums; 100 room hotel; 30 single family residences; base lodge expansion and additional parking to accommodate this project. This application, requires review under Article VI § 6.3, *Sketch Plan Review*, of

the Bolton Land Use & Development Regulations. The property is located in the Resort Village (RV), Resort Residential (RR) and the Forest (FOR) Districts, off the Bolton Valley Access Road, and includes Parcels ID #4-3004250 and 7-3003227.

- The request of Larry Williams, Mountain Operations and Development LLC (dba Bolton Valley) for review of a non-conforming use described as the Bolton Valley Resort Off-Road Vehicle Course (ORV), Off-road Driving School.** The applicant requests Conditional Use Review, § 5.4, for expansion of the trail system on ski slopes for the ORV course as Recreation /Outdoor. This application also requires review under Article III, § 3.16, *Steep Slopes*. The property is located in the Resort Village (RV), Resort Residential (RR) and the Forest (FOR) Districts, off the Bolton Valley Access Road, and includes Parcels ID #4-3004250 and 7-3003227
- The request of Larry Williams, Mountain Operations and Development LLC (dba Bolton Valley) for modification of the Conditional Use permit dated October 19th, 2005 for Bolton Valley Resort Event Pavilion.** The applicant requests modification of Condition 7. (*According to the applicant, the event facility is a three-season structure, and as such, will not be in use when Timberline Lodge is open during the ski season. The project thereby is not expected to significantly increase the ski area's parking needs, or impact parking on high volume skier traffic days when sufficient parking is an issue.*) to allow for the four-season use of the facility. This application requires review under Zoning District Table 2.3 (Resort Residential) and Article V, § 5.4, *Conditional Use Review*. The property, Parcel ID #6-3004250 is located at 3223 Bolton Access Road.

Participation in the hearing process is required to appeal a decision of the Development Review Board. Plans and information for these applications may be viewed at the Town Office during regular business hours. Plans and information for these applications may be viewed at the Town Office during regular business hours.

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The transaction is due to the result of the Chittenden County Uplands Conservation Project (CCUP), a cooperative effort of local groups and statewide organizations and agencies to conserve ecological integrity, rural character, and working landscape in the northeastern uplands of Chittenden Cty. VT Sen. Patrick

Leahy helped secure \$4.2 million in Forest Legacy Program (FLP) funds to support CCUP. Projects may involve conservation easements, legal agreements that keep the land in private ownership while ensuring the forest and wildlife habitat remains intact and undeveloped.

West Bolton Golf Club General Manager Jeff Brown said his family was pleased to sell the land for conservation purposes. "We wanted it to remain available to hunting, hiking, and snowmobiling. This recent sale allowed us to reach this goal." With the Long Trail segment and a section of a local VAST trail, the property serves an important role in linking recreational trails in the region.

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