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Proposed changes for the Westford Town Charter

By Phyl Newbeck

Special to the Mountain Gazette

"Life gets more complicated." That's how Westford Select Board Chair Ira Allen describes the need for revising the Town Charter. The proposed changes include: the appointment, rather than election of the town treasurer, listers and/or assessors, delinquent tax collector and cemetery commissioners, and allows for a petition from 15% of the voters to remove officials from office.

If all of this sounds familiar, there's a reason. These charter changes were initially proposed last year but voters on Town Meeting Day turned them down by a margin of 262-253. Undaunted, the Westford Select Board is trying their proposal again in the hope they can sway a few more voters to appreciate the need for change. Allen believes the 2013 vote failed because the Board didn't sufficiently publicize the need for the alterations. "It was a new concept," he said "and I think personalities got emphasized more than necessary." Allen thinks Westford residents may have been hesitant to give the select board too much authority but stressed that the charter is something which will outlast the current board.

With the retirement of the former town treasurer, the town is currently looking to fill the position so the proposed charter change is a timely one. For a time, Town Clerk Nanette Rogers held the title of Temporary Interim Treasurer, but the select board has just appointed Diane Forsey to the interim position. Allen said the position has become an increasingly complex one. "Life gets more complicated," he said "and that includes the functions of the town treasurer." Allen noted that in the past few years the news has been filled with instances in which due diligence was not used by municipal treasurers and while there are no allegations of improper activity in Westford, the town believes the job is too important not to have a second set of eyes looking over everything. "If the select board is going to be responsible to see this is done correctly," he said "then they have to have

the ability to have some measure of control over the office. If the treasurer and the select board are both elected then there is no hierarchy. That doesn't give the Board the right to have any authority over the office."

While the first three positions which would be appointed are all fiduciary ones, the select board has a different rationale for making the cemetery commissioner role an appointed one, as well. "People are less and less interested in being cemetery commissioners," Allen said "so this will give us the potential of looking out of town, if necessary. The select board has been interviewing current commissioners for assistance in how to recruit for the position.

The other proposed change is the addition of a method by which voters can recall officials who they believe are not fulfilling their duties; something which doesn't exist in the current document. The new language allows residents to request a recall vote if 15% sign a petition. "The current charter has no provision for the recall of the select board or any other official," said Allen. "This recognizes that fact and gives the people the means to do so."

Westford citizen Kay Alexander met last summer with select board member Bob Bancroft and asked him to explain the charter changes to her. Alexander believes that people are sometimes reluctant to make changes to something they don't fully understand so she offered to create explanatory text which would help clarify the changes. That text was part of a presentation which the select board made at an informational meeting in October and Allen hopes the additional language will be instrumental in helping people understand the document and lead to its successful adoption next March.

The proposed town charter with explanatory text can be viewed at <http://www.westfordvt.us/Documents/Selectboard/Documents/Town%20Charter%20Draft%20October%2017%202013.pdf>

Underhill's 250th birthday group Plans year-end activities

By Ted Tedford

Put on your dancing shoes and head over to Dave and Rebecca Rogers' barn at 133 River Road, Saturday November 16, for a Contra Dance, one of the final events of our Underhill 250th Anniversary Celebration.

The dance, at the former Mead-Fay historic farm barn, starts at 7:00 PM and runs until 9:00 PM. Those of us sponsoring the dance have never Contra danced... so believe us when we say "beginners are welcome"! Members of the Mad Robin Callers Collective will construct dances to suit the space and the people present. We are still in process of soliciting musicians. Donations will be accepted.

Coincidentally, Sarah Bolio, music instructor at Underhill Central School, is hosting a Contra dance workshop for students as part of a "The World and Our Community" unit. Parents will join with their students later that evening for a fun Contra Dance lead by the Mad Robin Callers and popular musician Pete Sutherland.

Underhill "Time Capsule"

The 250th Anniversary Committee is accepting items to be placed in a large "time capsule" to be buried in Moore Park and reopened in 50 years, at a future 300th anniversary. Committee member Kurt Johnson has placed collection boxes in the Town Hall, Underhill Central School, the ID School and Browns River Middle School, so that residents and students may deposit unique objects, photos and written materials, with the focus being Underhill 2013.

Joyce Babbitt has initiated a project to have students write a 1-page essay on what life may be like 50 years from now and to provide their predictions. Johnson also has contacted the local Boy and Girl Scout troops as well as the Masons for contributions. Let's be creative regards to what items to place in the capsule, including memorabilia, pictures,

media and other technical equipment. Items will be placed in a large 32x92x18 cement capsule with a rubberized gasket. The deadline for collecting items is November 15. The capsule will be buried Nov. 23.

State of Vermont Agriculture Literacy Week

Several groups have come together to celebrate Vermont Agriculture Literacy Week, November 18-22, 2013. Holly Hall, Head Librarian, Rawson Library, will host 2 events at the Library. Maggie Callahan, UVM Intern with NOFA (Northeast Organic Farming Association) has organized a final celebration meal. John Connell represents both NOFA and CAP (Community Agriculture Project). This should be an exciting week. It is being celebrated all over the state.

November 18-22, 2013, State of Vermont Agriculture Literacy Week: Local Farm Stories and Agricultural History.

Tuesday November 19, Rawson Library, 7:00-9:00 PM, "Master Gardening Past and Present". Sue Adams, Master Gardener, Underhill, Vermont --home horticulture, botany, plant and soil science.

Wednesday November 20, Rawson Library, 7:00-9:00 PM, "Tales of Farming" Round Table. Sullivan, Irish, Page, Lehouiller, Walker families share stories of farming history.

Friday November 22, Vermont Youth Conservation Corps, Monitor Barn, 1949 E. Main (Rt. 2), Richmond, 4:00-8:00 PM. "Community Food Cook Off". Celebrating Vermont Farmers --help prep a meal, live music, supported by NOFA, VYCC, Red Hen Bakery, Cabot Cheese.

Our local community TV has offered to film and make CD's for Wednesday's event.

For more information contact: John Connell jcbgreenmont@gmail.com or Maggie Callahan mcallah1@uvm.edu or Holly Hall tairise@aol.com.

Historic barn moved at Camel's Hump State Park in Bolton



The iconic "East Barn" of the former Preston-Lafreniere property (now owned by the State as part of Camel's Hump State Park) was moved more than 60 feet to the north from its previous location at the edge of the Duxbury Rd. PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

It's not every day that an historic barn is picked up and moved to a new location, but that is exactly what happened today in Bolton. The iconic "East Barn" of the former Preston-Lafreniere property (now owned by the State as part of Camel's Hump State Park) was moved more than 60 feet to the north from its previous location at the edge of the Duxbury Rd. This move was part of barn stabilization efforts currently being undertaken by the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation.

The East Barn is an English-style barn dating back to the early 1800's and is one of three separate barns located on this site. The barn complex, as well as an adjacent homestead along with approximately 460 acres were acquired by the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation and added to Camel's Hump State Park in 1991. Funding for this purchase was made available by the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board. The Lafreniere homestead and barn complex was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1998. The East Barn is a local landmark and is depicted on the Town Seal of Bolton.

The homestead, including possibly the barn complex, is slated for sale by the State in the near future. According to Mike Fraysier, the Department's Director of State Lands Administration, it's important that some preliminary barn stabilization measures be undertaken at this time, so that this barn may be put to productive use in the future. "Regardless of whether the Department elects to include the barns as a part of the sale parcel or chooses

to retain the barns in State ownership, the Department recognizes the historic significance of this barn and its importance to the Town of Bolton and felt it was important to undertake some stabilization measures now so that the barn is not lost," said Fraysier. The Department's goal regarding barn stabilization is to complete the most critical measures that have the greatest potential for maximizing the barn's useful life and would enhance the ability of the landowner (be it the State or a private party) to complete barn stabilization and restoration.

The barn stabilization activities are being undertaken by Building Heritage which is serving as the Department's contractor for this project. The barn has been jacked up, rotten posts and girts have been repaired or replaced, new sills have been installed, and a new foundation prepared about 40' north of its previous location. "A major reason this barn was in such tough shape was due to its location immediately off the Duxbury Rd.," said Eliot Lothrop of Building Heritage. Over the years, the road bed has been built up against the wall of the barn, resulting in substantial rotting of support posts. The barn was slid on steel rails to its new foundation today.

The barn stabilization efforts are expected to be completed in November. Questions or comments can be directed to Mike Fraysier, Director, State Lands Administration, VT Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation, One National Life Drive, Davis 2, Montpelier, VT, 05620-3801 phone: (802) 371-7472, email: mike.fraysier@state.vt.us.

Underhill, Jericho and Westford participate in the Vermont Home Energy Challenge

In January 2013, Efficiency Vermont, in partnership with Vermont Energy and Climate Action Network (VECAN), launched a year-long effort to increase the number of comprehensive home energy efficiency improvements. Under the Challenge, town energy committees and other local partners compete with other towns within their region to see which town can get the most homes weatherized within a one-year period.

Efficiency Vermont has established six regions statewide wherein participating towns within each region will compete in encouraging residents to commit to improving efficiency and in getting the most number of homes weatherized. Participating towns are asked to weatherize a target of 3% of the year-round residences in their towns beginning on January 1, 2013 and ending December 31, 2013. This 3% number is directly linked to the percentage of homes that need to be weatherized if Vermont is to meet its statewide

legislative goals. All towns are encouraged to "challenge" themselves to meet this target.

The goal for Underhill is to get pledges to participate from 10% of residences or 109 residences, and to complete 33 projects by the end of the year.

For more information about Home Performance with ENERGY STAR, see: www.energystar.gov/homeperformance.

Communities can be winners under the Challenge on a number of levels, including the following:

- Every town that achieves its target will receive statewide recognition.
- Towns achieving the highest percentage of year-round homes weatherized within their region will receive a financial reward of \$10,000 that can be applied toward a municipal energy efficiency project. 3% has been established as the per town target.

POLICE REPORTS

On October 30, 2013, at approximately 5:34 PM, Troopers conducted a traffic stop on North Cambridge Road in the town of Cambridge, VT. The driver identified himself as Tyler L. Mansfield, age 29, of Cambridge, VT. Trayah was found to be operating the motor vehicle under Criminal Suspension due to more than five prior OSC convictions. Mansfield was also found to be in Violation of his Conditions of Release.

Mansfield was transported back to the St. Albans Barracks for further processing and later released on citation. Mansfield is ordered to appear in the Lamoille County Superior Court/ Criminal Division on December 11, 2013, at 12:30 PM to answer to the above charge. CASE#: 13A104288

On October 14, 2103 at 4:15 PM the Vermont State Police, with the assistance of Richmond Police Dept., responded to a burglary in progress at a residence on Nashville Road in Jericho, VT. The owner of the home drove home to find a car in her driveway. As she went inside her house she encountered a woman walking down the hallway. The home owner yelled at her and was able to get a good description and the license plate of the vehicle she was driving as she fled from the scene. **Jeanne B. Barner** also of Jericho, VT, was arrested at her home 30 minutes later by Off. Jacob Hansell of Richmond P.D. and Trooper Ambroz. Barner admitted to entering the home illegally. Barner was also arrested for violating her conditions of release for the same type of charges stemming from numerous burglaries she was arrested for in February 2013 by Trooper Magnant. Barner is being held for lack of \$10,000 bail and will answer to the charges of burglary and violation of conditions of release on 10/15/13 at 10:30 AM in Chittenden Criminal Court.

Over the course of the last few weeks the State Police have responded to numerous **thefts from vehicles** parked at Camels Hump State Park. On October 24th the State Police along with Probation and Parole executed a search warrant where numerous stolen items were recovered. This case is ongoing and anyone with information is asked to contact Trooper Benjamin Katz at the Vermont State Police Williston Barracks at (802) 878-7111.

The Vermont State Police want to remind the public that when leaving a car in a remote area it is important to hide valuables so that they are not easily seen from outside the car. Additionally if you see something that appears suspicious call the police and try and remember as many details as possible. CASE#: 13A104168

On the October 24, 2013, 9:10 PM, Vermont State Police were notified of a **motor vehicle crash** on Jericho Center Circle near Browns Trace Road in Jericho. Investigation revealed a dark colored older model truck was seen traveling at a high rate of speed on Jericho Center Circle. The vehicle then left the roadway and collided with a telephone pole, causing extensive damage to the pole and the attached lines. The vehicle then drove through the center of the Jericho Green and continued north on Browns Trace Road without stopping to report the damage. The vehicle is described as having an extended cab with angled sides and orange running lights. The vehicle should have impact damage on the body where it collided with the telephone pole. Jericho Center Circle is currently closed while crews work to repair the damage. State Police are continuing their investigation of this incident and ask that if anyone has any information on to contact Trooper Angela Baker at 878-7111. CASE#: 13A104200

On October 21, 2013 at 3:14 PM, Vermont 911 received multiple calls regarding a **two car motor vehicle crash** where one of the vehicles involved reportedly rolled over. Troopers, Chittenden County Sheriffs Deputies, Richmond Police Officers, Richmond Rescue EMT's and UJFD personnel responded to the crash.

Investigation into this incident revealed that operator #1, Hannah Buckley-Bradley, 24, Lincoln, VT, was traveling South on Vermont Route 117, toward Richmond and operator # 2, Gary Sawyer, 58, Underhill, VT was traveling North, toward Essex. At the intersection of Barber Farm Road operator # 1 attempted to turn onto Barber Farm Road and directly into the path of vehicle #2.

Operator #2, who was traveling at an estimated 50 MPH (the posted speed limit) was unable to avoid striking vehicle #1. Vehicle #2 struck vehicle #1 in the right front fender area. The force of the crash resulted in vehicle #1 overturning and coming to rest on its driver side. Operator #1 was briefly trapped inside the vehicle but was able to exit through the rear lift gate window which had been smashed out during the crash.

Statements collected from the operators a witness as well as evidence at the scene assisted in determining the cause of this crash.

Preliminary investigation reveals that operator #1 violated T. 23, VSA, Section 1038, driving on roadways laned for traffic which states, among other things, that "a vehicle shall only be driven, as nearly as practicable, entirely within a single lane, and shall not be moved from that lane until the driver has first ascertained that the movement can be made with safety."

Investigation into the crash continues. Legal action is pending. CASE#: 13A104148

Understanding Vermont's rivers and streams

The dynamics of Vermont's rivers and streams and how communities can avert wide-scale disasters such as those triggered by Tropical Storm Irene will be the topic of a free public presentation on Monday December 2, from 6:00 to 7:30 PM at the Richmond Free Library.

Ann Smith will discuss *Living in Harmony with Streams: A Citizen's Handbook to How Streams Work*, a handbook she co-authored to help residents, businesses and communities find the strategies and resources needed to maintain the health of the state's waterways while protecting property and recreational opportunities. Smith is Executive Director of the Friends of the Winooski River, which published the handbook.

This talk is hosted by the ECOS Science to Action Project, a cooperative effort among the towns of Bolton, Richmond, Jericho and Huntington to help the public better understand and conserve the unique natural resources that make these communities so special. Through previous events, residents have hiked forested trails, paddled the Winooski River, witnessed bird-friendly forestry practices, engaged kids with the natural sciences and learned about the wide variety of wildlife making their home in the Chittenden County uplands.

In January, consultants to the Science to Action Project will hold public meetings in the four towns to show the findings of the area's first comprehensive natural resources inventory. Residents and town officials will view maps showing natural communities, likely movement corridors and other resources to use in meeting environmental, recreational, economic and other goals of their Town Plans.

The ECOS Science to Action Project is supported in part by the Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission and the U.S. Housing and Urban Development's Office of Sustainable Housing and Communities. More information is available at www.ccrpvt.org/science-to-action and by contacting Rebecca Gorney at rebeccagorney.vt@gmail.com.

William Wilson joins VHS board of trustees

The town moderator from Underhill, William E. Wilson, has been elected to the board of trustees for the Vermont Historical Society. Following a long career of teaching international relations at St. Michael's College, William E. Wilson has remained involved in educational endeavors and local history projects in his hometown, where he has served as town moderator for over 20 years. Wilson continues to teach at Saint Michael's, the Community College of Vermont, and Vermont Adult Learning. He has served on the following Boards: Vermont Council on World Affairs (Chair), Vermont Humanities Council (Chair), Vermont Adult Learning (Chair), and the Heritage Winooski Mill Museum. He is currently serving on the board of Vermont Adult Learning, serves on the Underhill 250 Celebration Committee, and is a member of the Underhill Historical Society.



Underhill resident William Wilson elected to Vermont Historical Society Board of Trustees member.

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Items needed for Community Thanksgiving

The United Way of Lamoille County is holding a Thanksgiving Dinner on Thanksgiving Day. The dinner is intended for local seniors, those without family in the area, and individuals and families who are homeless. We expect total of 100 people.

We have all the volunteers we need, with the exception of 4-5 people needed the night before to help with food preparation.

We are now seeking donations of food. Please visit the United Way website at www.uwlamoille.org and click on the 'United Way Thanksgiving' link to find a list of items needed.

We will have two dinner sittings – one at 1:00 PM and another at 4:00 PM. Those who wish to attend must RSVP by Friday, November 22. To volunteer, donate food, or RSVP, please call Dawn or Joy at the United Way office, 888-3252.

COMMUNITY COLUMNS

Sitting

By Suzanne Kusserow
Senior Guest Columnist

I am sitting. It is a rare thing for me to sit, and even rarer to be calm about it. Usually there is a list of small items buzzing like drunken bees in my head. I sigh and try to convince the swarm that there is not much nectar in this old apple tree.

It is important where I sit. Facing west towards the kitchen area is impossible. 'Items of interest' pop up everywhere: the broken pitcher pushed into a spidery corner that I think can be mended some day; the half-finished cup of coffee which is fading into lukewarm unless I get up and grab it now. But there is really nothing urgent, such as a pot on the stove that is sounding bubblier by the second, or a dog that needs to go out, or in, or out again. There is plenty to slice/dice/warm/cool/wash/mop/brush/dust (Oh, I forgot...I dropped that hopeless exercise-in-guilt long ago.) But none of it is worthy of my getting up.

I am hoping, nay praying, to the telephone gods that they not try and contact me now. A ringing phone requires a quick mental sprint through the expected and unexpected possibilities: appointments that are changing, telemarketers who are as ubiquitous as the sunsets, and at about the same hour. It even occurs to me that there may be an emergency somewhere and I am needed. But that is quickly dismissed as a fanciful quick trip down memory lane, when occasionally I was needed. Hopefully, by the time I bumble through these possibilities the phone has stopped ringing and I will never know what or whom I have banished into the telephone cloud. I am sure that the communication gurus are displeased with me and plan on taking revenge by calling when I'm getting dinner.

But, I'm still sitting. There is an art to sitting: comfort; the chair that has pudgy swells and valleys in all the right places; warmth, which is increasingly important this time of year; views that quietly inspire but do not intrude. I have pulled my chair around so I don't face the kitchen anymore and that has helped calm me into mediocrity. Now I overlook the mountain, and see the poignancy of leaves spiraling downward, persuaded by the tiniest whiff of wind. And there is a mist that travels along the warmer paved road of Pleasant Valley. But wait! The doorbell rings. (Of course I don't have a doorbell, but it is a much more dramatic phrase than "Someone knocked.") So, I usually 'rise to the occasion'. After all, someone might share a cup of coffee, a glass of wine, and some cozy bits of gossip. And a friend is worth getting up for!

Talking about the Birds and the Bees with Your Child

By Lewis First, M.D.

Chief of Pediatrics at Vermont Children's Hospital

Parents have recently been asking me for the bare facts about when and how to talk to their children about sex. Given their concerns, I thought I would take the covers off this topic and provide you with some information on it.

First, children do not learn about sex in a single conversation with you about the birds and the bees. It's better to discuss this topic over a span of time similar to their overall physical and mental development. Toddlers, for example, will always be interested in their bodies. At this age, parents should begin to identify the genitals using the proper naming terms in a matter of fact way so the child and parent learns to use these terms without embarrassment.

If your preschool child is caught playing doctor, be reassured that this does not mean your child will be promiscuous or overly interested in sex. This is a great time to teach your child about good and bad touch – and that their body is their own and they have the right to privacy.

If a preschooler or kindergartener wants to know where they came from, you can tell them the story of the egg that grew in a mother's stomach, but be sure your child wants to hear this story and not that they came from Chicago to Burlington or Plattsburgh. Early school-age children will need to be informed about reproduction, and a book may be useful if words about this are difficult. Your child's health care provider can help here with recommendations of what to say or read.

Parents should certainly begin talking about reproduction before this topic is taught in most schools, which is usually in the fifth or sixth grade. While schools will teach about the mechanics and science of reproduction, parents need to teach and share their values about having sex and should do this before children learn the mechanics.

Parents should also be open to continuing the dialogue and answering any questions or information heard or learned at school, at home, or from friends so you can separate the fact from the fiction while also sharing your family values.

Hopefully tips like this will be revealing as you undress your fears about how to become more comfortable talking with your child about sex.

COMING EVENTS

Sunday November 7

Author Appearance, Sarah Gilman, *Deep in Crimson*, Phoenix Books Burlington, 191 Bank Street, Burlington, 7:00 PM. Free. More info: www.phoenixbooks.biz or 448-3350

Community Breakfast, VFW Post 6689, Essex Junction (across from Big Lots), 9:00-11:00 AM. All are invited, both members and non-members! Adults \$6 and Children \$3. Call 878-0700 for more information.

Saturday November 9

Bingo, Mount Mansfield American Legion Auxiliary Unit 35 in Cambridge at the Eagles' Club in Jeffersonville, located at 646 VT Rte 109. Doors open at 11:00 AM and games begin at 1:00 PM. It's a great way to have fun with your friends and neighbors and support a good cause. The American Legion Auxiliary uses funds

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- Towns that achieve the highest percentage of residents committing to improving efficiency in their homes – based upon the submittal of "Pledge Cards" -- will be awarded with a financial reward of \$500 that can be applied toward a community energy celebration/fair.

- There will also be statewide recognition for the community and region that gets the highest percentage of comprehensive home efficiency improvements. Winners will be announced within one month after the completion of the Challenge (February 1, 2014).

In the *Mountain Gazette* readership area, Jericho and Westford have also signed up to participate.

As part of the VHEC in Underhill and Jericho, a presentation of ways to save money through home energy efficiency improvements will be given by Dave Keefe of Efficiency Vermont, an expert in this area. The time and place for this event will be published in the *Gazette* and on Front Porch Forum.

Underhill residents who would like to sign up are encouraged to contact Bob Murphy, chair of the Underhill Energy Committee at bmurphy@veic.org.

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Celebrating 10 Years in Business



4-H members behind their action exhibit at state day.
4-H members and Clover Buds behind their projects.

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Green Mountain 4-H Club year in review

Through this past year the members of the Green Mountain 4-H club of Williston did many projects together. For National 4-H Week they set up a window display in the Dorothy Alling Memorial Library in Williston. The projects displayed from the previous year included paper beads, paper twist figures and trees, and decoupage projects. During the first half of the year the 4-H members and Clover Buds co-hosted achievement night, elected their officers, made a mystery poster, and experimented with sumi-e painting, origami, charcoal and oil pastel drawing.

In the latter half of the year they made stunning wire baskets out of old computer cable and presented an action exhibit on the subject at 4-H Regional and State Day and at the Champlain Valley Fair.

Also they worked with building clay by hand and afterwards took a field trip to Burlington City Arts to experience wheel throwing.

In addition they had a family potluck picnic and completed a scrapbook of the year's achievements. To conclude, this was a fun and busy year in the Green Mountain 4-H club of Williston.

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raised to help veterans in the community as well as to support girls going to Girls' State.

For the first 60 people to arrive, Texas Roadhouse is donating a bag of peanuts, each containing a gift certificate for a free appetizer. In addition, some bags will contain a gift certificate for a free dinner. In addition to cash and gift prizes for the games, there will be tickets available for door prize drawings and a 50/50 raffle.

Sisters of Mercy Annual Bazaar, Mater Christi School elementary building, 50 Mansfield Ave., Burlington from 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM. There will be a huge variety and quantity of canned goods on sale, including pickles (Bread and Butter, Tongue, Dill, Harvest, Christmas, Sunshine, Pickled Beets), relishes (cucumber and zucchini), jams and jelly (crab apple, mixed berry, rhubarb pineapple), marmalade, and horseradish all made from home-grown produce. Also available will be housewares, Christmas themed items, books, plants, and knit goods. For more information, call 658-5494.

Researching 1812 Ancestors in Government Records - The key to understanding your ancestors' involvement in the War of 1812, is locating the appropriate historical records. On Saturday, November 9, you will learn how find unusual federal publications in specialized library collections and primary documents at the National Archives and online. Join us and enhance both your research skills and your understanding of the War of 1812.

Classes run from 10:30 AM to noon at the Vermont Genealogy Library located on Hegeman Ave, Fort Ethan Allen, Colchester, across from the State Police Building. Classes are \$5.00. We are also open for research Tuesdays 3:00 to 9:30 PM and Saturdays from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Please visit our website www.vt-fcgs.org/vtgen.html or call 802-310-9285 for more info.

Community Harvest Festival, Monitor Barn, Rt. 2, 11:00 AM-3:00 PM. Free. Local vendors, family activities, live music, delicious food, silent auction. Proceeds benefit Richmond Elementary's Farm to School program. Cosponsored by Richmond Farmers Market.

37th Annual Milton Pre-Christmas Craft Show, Milton High School, Route 7, Milton, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM. Over 70 Crafters! Free Admission. Kids' Room; Craft Raffle; Lunch Available. Bring a Non-Perishable Food Item to Support our Local Food Shelf. Call 893-7387 for more information. Sponsored by the Milton Craft Committee Inc.

Saturdays November 9, 16 and 23

Children's/Family Story Time, Phoenix Books Burlington, 191 Bank Street, downtown Burlington, 11:00 AM. Free. More info: www.phoenixbooks.biz or 448-3350.

Sunday November 10

Author Appearance, Megan Price and Parker Tripp, A meet-and-greet and book signing. Phoenix Books Essex, 21 Essex Way, Essex from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Free. More info: <http://www.phoenixbooks.biz> or 872-7111.

Music series - Hungrytown, Ken and Rebecca, have been favorites of our music series during the annual tribute to song writing. The songs they write are such a tribute to the American roots that it is hard to tell the songs are contemporary! Their touring schedule has kept them away from Vermont for too long so it is a thrill to have them back in our state and able to come to Jericho for this event. Please join us at 2:00 PM, Main Reading Room, Deborah Rawson Memorial Library. Admission is free.

Tuesday November 12

Author Appearance, Paul Gillies, *Uncommon Law, Ancient Roads, and Other Ruminations on Vermont Legal History*, Phoenix Books Burlington, 191 Bank Street, Burlington at 7:00 PM. Free. More info: www.phoenixbooks.biz or 448-3350.

Saturday November 16

Author Appearance, Helen Hipp, *A Different Kind of Safari* story time and activities, Phoenix Books Essex, 21 Essex Way, Essex, VT at 2:00 PM. Free. More info: www.phoenixbooks.biz or 872-7111.

Finding Cousins with Autosomal DNA - Many people have had their Y-DNA or mtDNA tested to look for clues to their paternal and maternal lines, respectively. Each test looks at inheritance from only one line of your family tree. Recently, a new technique has become available at a reasonable cost which looks for common mutations in the rest of our DNA and can help identify possible genetic cousins out to 5-6 generations. On Saturday, November 16th, Ed McGuire will discuss how the test works, which specific genealogical questions it can help answer, cost, and how to interpret the results.

Classes run from 10:30 AM to noon at the Vermont Genealogy

Library located on Hegeman Ave., Fort Ethan Allen, Colchester, across from the State Police Building. Classes are \$5.00. We are also open for research Tuesdays 3:00 to 9:30 PM and Saturdays from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Please visit our website www.vt-fcgs.org/vtgen.html or call 802-310-9285 for more info.

Tuesday November 19

Author Appearance, Arnie Kozak, PhD, *The Everything Guide to the Introvert Edge*, Phoenix Books Burlington, 191 Bank Street, Burlington at 7:00 PM. Free. More info: www.phoenixbooks.biz or 448-3350.

Thursday November 21

Author Appearance, Sarah Mittlefehldt, *Tangled Roots: The Appalachian Trail and American Environmental Politics*, Phoenix Books Burlington, 191 Bank Street, Burlington at 7:00 PM. Free. More info: www.phoenixbooks.biz or 448-3350.

Friday November 22

Kids and Teens Write-a-thon, Young writers, a dangerous night of writing, Phoenix Books, 21 Essex Way, Essex. Free. More info: <http://www.phoenixbooks.biz> or 872-7111.

Saturday November 23

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The **Essex Art League** holds monthly meetings at the First Congregational Church, 39 Main St., Essex Jct. For information, 862-3014.

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

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

Essex Art League meets the first Thursday of the month, from 9:00 - 11:00 am, at the Essex Junction Congregational Church on Main Street. The meeting agenda includes a business and social time, and features a guest artist presentation. A detailed calendar of meetings is published on the League's website: www.essexartleague.com.

The **Green Mountain Chapter of the Embroiderer's Guild of America** will meet on Wednesday, November 13 at 9:30 AM at the Pines Senior Living Community, 7 Aspen Dr, South Burlington. Crazy Quilting and Quaker Ball embroidery will be the topic. First meeting is complimentary. Bring a bag lunch. Contact number 372-4255.

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

Mt. Mansfield Scale Modelers gather on the third Thursday of the month from 6:30 to 8:30 PM. Modelers encompassing all categories of interest and skill levels are welcome. Brownell Library, Kolvoord Community Room, Lincoln Street, Essex Junction.

The **Women of the United Church of Underhill** meet on the second Saturday of each month at 8:00 AM at the Church located at the park on Rt. 15 in Underhill Flats. Women interested in sharing Christian prayer and discussions are welcome. Contact Julianne

Nickerson at 899-3798 for more information.

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

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

HEALTH EVENTS & GROUPS

Al-Anon meetings in Jericho to be put in the Gazette. Thursday morning 10:00 a.m. at the Jericho United Methodist Church and Saturday morning 10:00 a.m. at the Jericho United Methodist Church.

Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting, "Wing It" group meets Sundays - 11:00 AM at Maple Leaf Farm on Stevensville Road, Underhill - it's an Open Speaker meeting followed by a Brunch (there is a \$10 charge for the brunch)

Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting, "The Firing Line" group meets Wednesdays, 7:15 PM - 8:15 PM at Maple Leaf Farm on Stevensville Road, Underhill - it's an Open Step meeting

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

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

Brain Injury Support Group - offer survivors and family members, caregivers, friends and the community a place to come and receive valuable resources and information about brain injury. The support group is a place to share experiences in a safe, secure and confidential environment. Meets the 4th Friday of the month at the YMCA in Winooski from 11:00 AM-noon, the 1st Wednesday of the month at Fanny Allen in Colchester from 5:30-7:30 PM, and the 2nd Tuesday of the month at the Saint Albans diner in Saint Albans. Call the BIAVT help line at 877.856.1772.

International Cesarean Awareness Network supporting mothers and families recovering from or learning about cesareans and vbac's. ICAN support groups next meeting is October 14 at 4:00 PM at Maitri Health Care in Bouth Burlington with special guest Polly Perez. For more information email ICANvt@gmail.com or call Jessilyn at 644-6700.

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

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

Lamoille Home Health & Hospice: Offering Hospice Volunteer Training during the month of September. Health care professionals for the area will be sharing their knowledge and passion for hospice. Please contact Charlene at 888-4651 or ccamire@lhha.org for more information.

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

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Tobacco Cessation Classes, Wednesdays from 5:00-6:00 PM in the Cambridge Regional Health Center Conference Rm. This is a free, 4 sessions, ongoing class. Free Nicotine Replacement is available for participants. For more information or to sign up contact Rorie Dunphey at 644-5114 or Shannon Chauvin at 253-4853 x147

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

KIDS

Playgroups are free of charge and open to all children birth through age 5 and their caregivers. At playgroup you will find

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

Mondays: Jericho Community Center, 9:30-11:00 AM

Wednesdays: Richmond Free Library, 8:45-10:15 AM

Thursdays: Bolton's Smilie School, 9:00-11:00 AM the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month

Thursdays: 11:00 AM-12:30 PM at Huntington Public Library

Fridays: Underhill Central School, 9:30-11:00 AM

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

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

SENIORS/COMMUNITY MEALS

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

Johnson Community Meal - Every 2nd & 4th Wednesday, 11:30AM-12:30 PM at the United Church in Johnson. Come for a hot meal and get to know your neighbors. The meal will be followed by a community gathering. For more information, please contact: Ellen Hill: 635-1439, ellen.hill@jisc.edu.

Westford Senior lunches - Join Westford Seniors for lunch at the Red Brick Meeting House on the Common the second Monday of each month. The next senior luncheon is on Monday, September 13. There is no lunch in July or August. Lunch is served at 12:00 noon with a short meeting or presentation following. Call 878-7405 or 879-7382 for information or for a ride.

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

Huntington senior meal site - The Huntington Senior meals are served the third Tuesday of each month at 12:00 noon at the Community Baptist Church in Huntington Center.

St. Jude's Church, Hinesburg, senior meals held on second and fourth Tuesday of each month with bingo games after the dinners. Everyone is welcome including caregivers. Dinners are \$4.00 per person. For information call Ted Barrette at 453-3087.

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

SPORTS ACTIVITIES

Ongoing Pilate classes at Dakini Studio in Underhill. Mon. and Thurs. at 6:00 PM call 899-4191 to register. Find more information and other scheduled classes at dakinistudio.wordpress.com.

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

Zumba, Fairfax - Tuesdays 7:00-8:00 PM and Saturdays 9:00-10:00 AM. Contact Pam Adams 370-4437 or pamaj68@aol.com.

Zumba Fitness, Monday evenings only, 5:30 - 6:30 PM, at the River Arts Center in Morrisville. Zumba Fitness with certified instructor, Karen Machia. No registration required, drop in. Call 888-1261, or visit our website: www.riverartsvt.org for more details.

Zumba Fitness, Saturdays 8:30 AM, Jericho Community Center with licensed instructor Lori Preiss. 899-0343 or lori@greenmountainfitness.com.

SUPPORT GROUPS

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

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

Approach Autism With Advocacy, Recovery & Education (AAWARE) in the Lamoille Valley, third Sunday, 3:00 - 5:00

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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

OBITUARIES

Vivian T. (Varin) Aitken, 87, formerly of Bolton, VT, died October 7, 2013, in Leominster, Mass., after a long illness. She was born November 23, 1925, to the late Emma (Hudon) Varin and Hormidas "Amos" Varin of Bolton. She is survived by her children, Sue Ann Sinnamon of Bolton, VT and Jo Ann Pierce of Ashby, Mass.; various grandchildren; nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband, William A. Aitken; and sister, Agnes "Peggy" Varin. A memorial service will be held in Connecticut at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to the if may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, PO Box 96011, Washington, DC 20090 or www.alz.org.

Rosalie Mary Lovett, Richmond, VT, went to be with Our Lord on Wednesday October 23, 2013, with her loving family by her side. Rosalie was born in Burlington on January 26, 1938. She was the daughter of James and Rose Palermo. She grew up in Richmond and graduated from Richmond High School in 1956. She attended Champlain College of Commerce. While in college, Rosalie met the love of her life, Abbott Lovett, and they were married September 14, 1957. They raised five children together. Rosalie loved spending time with her family. She loved to knit, cook and support Abbott's love of Gymkhanas. She enjoyed watching many sports and was an avid Red Sox fan. Rosalie was a longtime employee of the Daily Bread Bakery in Richmond. We will always remember her warm smile and calm gentle presence. Wherever she was, love was there. She is survived by her husband, Abbott; four children and their families, Jeffrey Lovett and wife, Francine, and their children, Alexander and Nicole of Essex, Kristine Ray, her daughter, Amanda Fraker and husband, Matt, of Brownsburg, Ind., Alan Lovett and wife, Missy of Springfield, Mass., and Kimberly Phillips and husband, Tom, and their children, Preston, Riley, Owen and Rosalie of Wallingford; and grandson, Kolby Lovett and Kolby's mother, Tammy Sereyko of Lincoln, Maine. She is also survived by her brother, Vince Palermo and his wife, Rosalie, of Bolton; and her sisters, Angelina Palmer of Hinesburg, and Paulita Irish and her husband, Harold, of Richmond. She was predeceased by her son, Paul Lovett, in April of 2007. Visiting hours will be Friday, November 15, 2013, from 3:00 to 7:00 PM at Gifford Funeral Home, 22 Depot St., in Richmond. There will be a Mass on Saturday November 16, 2013, at 11:00 AM at Holy Rosary Church in Richmond. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Rosalie's name can be made to Richmond Rescue at their website, www.richmondrescue.org, or via PO Box 404, Richmond, VT 05477; or the charity of your choice.

Frank A. Perrault of Westford, VT, died peacefully at home on October 22, 2013 after a lengthy illness. He was born on July 1, 1934 as the son of Queen Allard and Albert Perrault of Newport, VT. During his childhood, Frank enjoyed playing board games and sports with friends. Later in his teen years he met the love of his life Jan Langevin who eventually became his wife of fifty nine years. The couple spent their first two married years in Panama while Frank served as a military police in the U.S. Army. Shortly after, Frank enrolled as an Accounting major at the University of Vermont. Frank spent his professional career as a Controller serving higher education Accounting and Finance departments at Trinity College, St. Michaels College and the University of Vermont. He later served as VP Finance/Treasurer at McAuliffe's Office Products, Vermont Copier, and Copytek. After he served as Controller at House Mouse Designs. Upon his retirement, Frank and Jan enjoyed cross country adventure trip. Soon after, they spent over ten years of a selfless devotion while caring for elderly parents in their home. Frank was an avid New England Patriots, Red Sox and U.V.M. hockey fan. He enjoyed sharing seasons tickets with his grandchildren. Surviving family members include his loving and devoted wife Jan, his son Kyle of Buena Vista, CA, and his daughter and son-in-law Candis and Don Kjelleren of Charlotte, VT. His grandchildren include: David, Jenna, Steven, Pery and Hayden Kjelleren. He was predeceased by his parents, his sister Constance Landry and in laws Frank and Candis Langevin. Funeral services were held at 11:00 A.M. on Saturday November 2, 2013 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in



Newport, VT where a mass of Christian burial was celebrated. Interment in St. Mary's Cemetery, Newport, VT. There were no calling hours. The family wishes to thank Jennifer Laurent, FNP, Dr. Mary Spicer, Hospice and VNA of the Visiting Nurses Association. Those wishing to contribute in Frank's memory may send to the VNA, 1110 Prim Road, Colchester, VT 05446. On-line condolences may be sent to the family through the funeral home website at www.curtis-britch.com. Arrangements were entrusted to the care of Curtis-Britch-Converse-Rushford Funeral Home, locally family owned and operated.

Gabrielle Lavallee Pouliot, 99, Westford, VT, died Saturday October 26, 2013, in the Green Mountain Nursing Home in Colchester, with her loving family by her side. Gabrielle was born on June 20, 1914, in Peribonka, Lac Ste. Jean, Quebec, Canada, the daughter of Isidore and Ernestine (Duff) Lavallee. On June 22, 1946, she married Antonio Pouliot in St. Luke Catholic Church in Fairfax. She lived most of her life in Westford, and belonged to St. Luke Catholic Church in Fairfax. She was a former member of the Ladies of St. Luke Parish, the Browns River Grange and the Westford Senior Citizens. She and her late husband, "Tony," owned and operated the Westford Market for 30 years, and later assisted her daughter, Suzy, and son-in-law, Kevin, in the Westford Market, and son, Donald, and daughter-in-law, Dale, in farming. In later years, she moved to Kearney, Neb., to live with her sister-in-law, Sister Emerentiana, Order of the Carmelites, where in 1991 was received in the Lay Carmelite Order of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. She is survived by her children and spouses, Donald and Dale Pouliot, and Suzanne and Kevin Kearns, all of Westford, VT; grandchildren, Emily Pouliot and fiance, Jeff Raymond; Luke Pouliot and friend, Florence Fong; Tony Pouliot and wife, Jessica; Arlo Pouliot and wife, Emily; Amanda Hinkson and husband, Jim, Derek Kearns; and friend, Elizabeth Chouinard-Levine; Erin Nilsson and husband, Bjorn; Amy Kearns and husband, Kevin Glynn; and Kathryn Kearns; and 12 great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her brother, Laurent Lavallee; sister, Madeline Minor and husband, Shirley; a wealth of nieces and nephews; the Sisters at Mount Carmel; and special friend, Lorena Peterson of Kearney, Neb. She was predeceased by her husband, Tony, in 1988; her parents; brothers and sisters, Herve', Andre', Yvette LeClair, George, Bernadine, Lucien, Marie-Ange, Gilberthe, Roger, and John Lavallee. Gabrielle's family would like to thank the staff at the Green Mountain Nursing Home and VNA Hospice for the excellent care given to her during her stay. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Saturday November 2, 2013, at 11:00 AM in St. Ann Catholic Church in Milton. Burial will follow in St. Luke's Cemetery. Visiting hours was held Friday November 1, 2013, from 4:00 to 7:00 PM in the Minor Funeral Home in Milton. Online condolences may be made to www.minorfh.com. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Activity Fund at the Green Mountain Nursing Home; or charity of your choice.

Jacob George Weber, 30, of Underhill, VT, and formerly of Colebrook, N.H., passed away at his home, due to medical complications, early on Tuesday October 22, 2013. He was born on January 18, 1983, in St. Johnsbury, VT, to Howard Weber and Mary Beth (George) Kenison. He attended Colebrook Academy and NH Technical College in Laconia, majoring in Fire Science and Investigation. He moved to Vermont upon marrying the love of his life, Alicia Davis, on August 3, 2008, creating a home together with his four-legged friends, Willow and Kiwi. As a couple, they enjoyed snowmobiling, biking and camping. Together they created Sky Acres, a small maple-sugaring operation. Jake was a firefighter with the rank of



Lieutenant at Barnstead Fire and Rescue in Barnstead, N.H. He was a volunteer firefighter at Underhill/Jericho and Essex Rescue in Vermont. He began his fire service career in 2001, at the age of 18, as a volunteer at the Colebrook Fire Department. Jacob also worked part time for the Lancaster, N.H., Police Dept. Jacob was brought up in Colebrook. He was the ultimate people person; no matter where he went, he knew someone. As a young man he had many adventures with his two brothers, and was known for owning and working with Jack and Fred, his team of oxen, not ever attending school during the Lancaster Fair, which he loved. Jake went in every 4th of July parade in Colebrook starting at age eight, either alone, with his brothers, and for many years with his oxen. Jacob's favorite job as a young man was working at the Nugent gas station, which he affectionately referred to as the "two-headed calf." Jacob began skiing at the Balsams Wilderness, and at age six was ranked a top-ten racer in New Hampshire. He became a member of the Ski Patrol there, working with his Uncle Bob (when not skiing off the trail with his friends and brothers). Jake was also a member of the Colebrook Academy Key Club, and was the Lt. Gov. for his district. Jacob played little league baseball and PALS Hockey. His true passion was for helping others, and he therefore helped establish the Explorer program at the Colebrook Fire Dept. until age 18, when he could officially become a member. Jacob's lifelong dream was fulfilled when he graduated in Fire Science and became a full-time professional firefighter for Barnstead Fire and Rescue. Jacob's life was completed when he met and married Alicia, whom he loved so dearly. They shared many things, but most important was their commitment and devotion to each other. He is survived by his wife, Alicia (Davis) Weber of Underhill, VT; father, Howard Weber and wife, Kate, of Gulf Breeze, Fla.; mother, Mary Beth Kenison and husband, Toby, of Groveton, N.H.; older brother, Nicholas Weber and wife, Bianca, and their children, Kael and Bristol Weber, of Gilmanton, N.H.; twin brother, Capt. Samuel Weber of Dover, N.H., currently serving in Afghanistan; stepbrother, Toby W. Kenison of Groveton, N.H.; grandmother, Suzanne Weber of Colebrook; and beloved uncles, aunts, nieces, nephews and cousins. He also leaves behind friends and loved ones too numerous to count. Jake was predeceased by his grandparents, Howard C. Weber, and Donald and Helen George; and infant cousin, Charles Weber. Calling hours wre on Saturday October 26, 2013, from 2:00 to 4:00 PM and 6:00 to 8:00 PM at the Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home in Colebrook, N.H. A funeral service was held on Sunday October 27, 2013, at 2:00 PM at the Colebrook School gymnasium with the Reverend Rebecca Larson and Pastor Mike Kooy co-officiating. Condolences may be offered to the family online by going to www.jenkinsnewman.com. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home, Colebrook. Expressions of sympathy in memory of Jake can be made to the Colebrook Academy Key Club, c/o Colebrook Academy, 13 Academy St., Colebrook, NH, 03576; or to the Granite State Fire Service Support Team, c/o Deputy Chief Mark Klose, 55 Constitution Dr., Bedford, NH 03110.

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PM, Second Congregational Church of Jeffersonville Community Room, Jeffersonville. Special topics, guest speakers, resource information; playroom for kids, fenced side yard for outdoor play. For information, Terry Holden, 644-2759 (Jeffersonville) or Tina Karl, 888-3430 (Hyde Park.)

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

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

TOWN GOVERNMENT & ORGANIZATIONS

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

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

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

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

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

Jericho Energy Task Force meets the second Thursday of every month from 7:00 to 8:30 PM at Jericho Town Hall.

Board of Water Commissioners of the **Village of Jericho, Inc.** will hold their monthly meeting on: Nov., 2013 at 7:00 PM. This

meeting will be held at the Old Red Mill on 4B Red Mill Drive in Jericho. The Commissioners would appreciate your announcement of this meeting.

THRIFT SHOPS & FOOD SHELVES

The **Heavenly Cents Thrift Shop** located just east of the Five Corners in Essex Jct. on Rte 15, the hours are from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM on Tues. and Wed., 4:00 to 8:00 PM on Thurs. Please check us out.

Westford Food Shelf, open on the third Saturday of every month, 8:00 - 10:30 AM, United Church of Westford. All are welcome. Fresh produce, meat, and non-food items available.

The **Clutter Barn**, adjacent to the United Church of Underhill at Underhill Flats, receives donations of gently used household merchandise every Saturday from 8:30 AM to 12 noon from June through September 14 excepting the last Saturday of each month. The Clutter Barn hosts Tag Sales, open to customers August 31, and is also open during Harvest Market, September 28 and 29.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

New student life advisor starts rowing team at LSMSA



The Louisiana School for Math, Science and the Arts welcomed many new staff members and student life advisors this fall. One was Susan Bernath, SLA for Caddo Hall's second west.

Bernath attended high school in her hometown of Cambridge, VT, where she participated in a number of different sports ranging from Nordic skiing to lacrosse. Years later, Bernath turned down a lacrosse scholarship to the University of Dallas to attend the University of Charleston, where she spontaneously picked up rowing her

freshman year.

"I went onto campus and it just really sunk in," she said. "It felt right. I wanted to continue sports in college, but my school didn't have a lacrosse team."

She found herself enjoying the team oriented sport of rowing. Some of her best friends today were from her college rowing team. Bernath emphasized the bonds she made with her team.

"It's nice to share the moment with other people," she said. "When you get off the water and you're like 'we just won gold together.' It doesn't matter at the end of the race because you always leave everything you have on the water."

Bernath also mentioned that there were many values that rowing taught her, such as hard work, courage, determination and teamwork.

"It taught me to never give up, push your body to the extremes," she said. "I've competed in competitions all over the Southeast and Northeast United States."

Two of the bigger competitions that she competed in were the Southern Intercollegiate Rowing Association and DAD VAIL, the largest intercollegiate regatta in the United States.

"The fun thing about rowing is you don't just take home a trophy," she said. "You actually get physical medals. I have gold, silver and bronze medals in my room and office."

Bernath rowed for all four of her years in college.

"Once I started I was like 'I can't stop,'" she said. "It's an addiction and I still do it now."

She continues to try to best herself; her current time for a 2,000 meter race is seven minutes and 22 seconds. Generally, women try to compete the distance in less than eight minutes, so her success was a good way to end her season.

Bernath hasn't rowed since May, which is a factor in why she is hesitant to row in the masters competitions.

"I was asked to race my single in Chattanooga, but I'm not comfortable," she said. "I'm afraid I'm going to flip."

She serves as the rowing coach at LSMSA.

Practice is held twice a week and includes different land drills to prepare the students for their futures on the water.

For more information about the LSMSA rowing team, e-mail Bernath at sbernath@lsmsa.edu.

Lori Montgomery named office manager at Maple Leaf Farms



Lori Montgomery has been named Office Manager at Maple Leaf Farm. Lori has 16 years' experience in financial services and the hospitality industry. Lori, her husband and two children live in Underhill with one very energetic black lab.

Champlain Valley Superintendents discuss Calendar 2.0

Champlain Valley Superintendents have completed four public forums with over 1,000 people in attendance to discuss the proposed Calendar 2.0 calendar that uses existing calendar days in a different format intended to maximize student learning.

"It has been an exciting two weeks. The energy and interest exhibited at the community forums is testament to the importance our communities have in providing the very best educational opportunities for all of our students. We are grateful for the level of participation at the forums, on blog posts, and the many smaller groups that met over the course of the last nine months - all of which will be given serious consideration," commented Chittenden South Supervisory Union Superintendent, Elaine Pinckney.

Superintendents in the Champlain Valley agreed during a meeting this week that the forums indicated there is not broad-based community readiness at this time to implement the proposal for 2014-15. There remains a responsibility to engage communities in a conversation that looks at time as a variable in student learning. Regional Superintendents also want to encourage and continue the energy around community engagement in education from the discussions at the forums.

The Champlain Valley Regional Superintendents value input from their respective communities, recognizes the need for community support and know that everyone wants what is best for all children. The feedback from the forums will be reviewed by the Superintendents in November to harness the creative thinking of the community in shaping 21st Century learning environments. Additional answers to the questions that are being asked will be provided back the communities and ideas presented by stakeholders will be further explored.

Jay Nichols, Superintendent of Schools for the Franklin Northeast Supervisory Union, noted "We want the community to stay involved as we move through this discovery process and we plan to communicate our discussions and opportunities for engagement along the way."

Based on the Vermont Superintendents' Association (VSA) Education Quality Framework and the VT World-Class Education Agenda, the School Calendar 2.0 is a new way of looking at what a school calendar could look like. This calendar preserves the current 175 student days while building in blocks of times, or intercessions, that could be used for multiple purposes for multiple stakeholders.

For more information on the proposed regional calendar, visit: schoolcalendar2.blogspot.com. Highlights include customized learning, partnership with community organizations, timely and responsive professional learning, and preservation of quality instructional time.

REVIEWS



The photo includes (L-R) - Kristin Humberger (Underhill), Madeline Nickerson (Underhill), Saega Robinson (Underhill), Kaylie Groff (Jericho), Lily Porth (Jericho), Julianne Nickerson (Underhill), Arianna Belfield (Jericho). PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

ART/PHOTOGRAPHY

Bryan Memorial Gallery announces its featured exhibition through the end of 2013, *SHADES OF FALL: Small Picture Exhibition*, November 8 – December 29, 2013, Opening Reception: Sunday, November 10.

The gallery is open Thursday – Sunday, 11 – 4 and by appointment at any time. Bryan Memorial Gallery is at 180 Main Street, Jeffersonville, Vermont. 802-644-5100. www.bryangallery.org. There is no admission charge.

Contact: Mickey Myers, Executive Director, 802-644-5100, mickey@bryangallery.org.

SEABA will be displaying several artist's works at Vermont Custom Closets and Otter Creek Awnings in November. The public is encouraged to stop in to the showrooms during regular business hours to view the artists' works, Monday-Friday 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM and Saturday 9:00 AM – 3: PM. The exhibit will be up for viewing until Thanksgiving.

Vermont Custom Closets and Otter Creek Awnings' Showrooms are located at 17 and 19 Echo Place, off South Brownell Road in Williston.

Works visual artist Paul Gruhler and by local photographer, ChrisStearns. Will be exhibited in the Copley Common Space is located on the main floor at the **River Arts Center**, 74 Pleasant Street in Morrisville, VT. Gallery hours: Monday-Friday, 10:00 AM-2:00 PM. For off hours, please call River Arts: 802-888-1261.

Helen Day Art Center presents "I Am Always Your Context," a collaborative exhibition of paintings and wallpaper by Nancy Dwyer and Steve Budington now – November 24, 2013 in the East Gallery.

Puente - An exhibition of Cuban artists, **Helen Day Art Center** presents *Puente: an exhibition of Cuban artists*, with accompanying public events, now – November 24, 2013. Helen Day Art Center is located at 90 Pond Street, Stowe. (802) 253-8358. Gallery Hours: Wednesday - Sunday 12:00-5:00 PM and by appointment.

The Emile A Gruppe Gallery, located in Jericho Vermont, presents renowned Waitfield watercolor artist Gary C. Eckhart, in an exhibition of original watercolor paintings now through November 17. The public is invited to a reception for Eckhart on Sunday October 13 from 2:00 – 5:00 PM. Jericho.

MUSIC

Queen City Contras will hold its regular dance on Friday November 8 at 8:00 PM at Shelburne Town Hall, 5376 Shelburne Road, Shelburne, VT. Peter Johnson will call. Music will be provided by Joanne Garton and Brendan Taaffe. All are welcome, all dances taught, no partner or experience necessary. Beginners' session at 7:45 PM. Admission is \$8.00 adults. Under 12 free. Please bring clean, soft-soled shoes for dancing. Dance Info: 802-371-9492 or 802-343-7165

First Thursday Concert Series at **Shelburne Vineyard** with Phil Henry and Gary Moon. Thursday November 7, 6:00-8:30 PM. Shelburne Vineyard, 6308 Shelburne Road (Rt.7), Shelburne. For more information: www.shelburnevineyard.com or visit Shelburne Vineyard on Facebook.

Johnson State College will host **The Vermont Bluegrass Revue** at 8:00 PM, Wednesday November 13, in the Stearns Student Center's Performance Space. Performances will include The Sky Blue Boys, featuring Vermonters Dan and Willy Lindner, along with internationally recognized and acclaimed bluegrass musician and songwriter Bob Amos of Bob Amos & Catamount Crossing.

The event is free and open to the public. For information, contact Emily Neilsen, emily.neilsen@jsc.edu or 802-635-1408.

THEATER

The Saint Michael's College main-stage fall theater production, **THE CONTRAST**, directed by Professor Peter Harrigan, will be staged Thursday November 7; Friday November 8; Saturday November 9, Thursday November 14; Friday November 15 and Saturday November 16 in the **McCarthy Arts Center** at 7:00 PM each evening. All shows are free and open to the public. No reservations are needed. The public is invited.

Shelburne Players fall comedy "Chapter Two" by Neil Simon comes to Shelburne Town Center, 5420 Shelburne Road, November 8-16. Described by New York Post as "...lovely, whimsical, touching and always funny", the Broadway hit will be performed on November 8, 9, 14, 15 and 16 at 7:30 PM and on November 10 at 2:00 PM. Tickets are \$15 general audience and \$12 for seniors and students, and can be purchased in advance at Shelburne Supermarket, or call 985-0780. All tickets are \$12 on Thursday November 14. To reserve tickets on line go to www.ShelburnePlayers.com.

COLLEGE NOTES

Saint Michael's College student **Sierra Leonard**, daughter of David and Sharon Leonard of Jericho, VT, is studying abroad in London at University College London for the fall 2013 semester. Leonard, a junior psychology major graduated from Mount Mansfield Union High School before coming to Saint Michael's.

John R. Gambino of Westford, VT, a senior majoring in software engineering at Clarkson University, received the Cala Family Endowed Scholarship during the 2013-2014 academic year.

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Come and watch! Browns River Middle School Drama Club will their fall productions of 3 one act plays: "Bears Don't Cry", "Not Your Average Fairy Tale", and "Window for Murder" on Wednesday November 13 at 7:00 PM in the gym. Admission is \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for students. A second performance for the school will be held on Thursday, November 14 at 8:30 AM. PHOTO CONTRIBUTED



DJs Evelyn Chamberland, Olivia Palmer, and Emily Cueto



BRMS participates in National Novel Writing Month

National Novel Writing Month happens every November! It's a fun, seat-of-your-pants writing event where the challenge is to complete an entire novel in just 30 days. Over 83 students and staff members at Browns River Middle School are participating in National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo). The Browns River Middle School Library is sponsoring this project and will kick off the celebration with Jericho author, Richard Mindell on Friday November 1. "I love how NaNoWriMo brings writers together in a supportive, fun environment," said Joyce Babbitt, "I am honored to lead this wonderful creative writing project at BRMS for the fifth year." Young writers will write in the library, at home and also at Phoenix Bookstore on November 22 for the

Dangerous Night of Writing. They will also compete in a friendly virtual word war competition with schools in Kentucky, Hawaii, Texas, and California.

We wish the following staff members and student writers the best noveling experience: Joyce Babbitt, Maria Germano, Cate Lamb, Jennee Stewart, Tressia Allard, Finn Abbey, Riely Amerosa, Jesse Bolin, Cecelia Boyson, Patrick Burke, Lily Cheatham, Jared Cooney, Alex Day, Kristina Day, Felicia Daigle, Madeline Daly, Bryce DiNardo, Anastasia Dragon, Maura Duval, Lauren Flewelling, Sadie Gilbert-Baker, Gabe Gore, Eleanor Gautsch, Anna Glenn, Jameson Griffiths, Malina Griffiths, Olivia Johnston, Lukas Keating, Ceilidh Kiegle, Paddy Krueger, Hunter Groff, Mia Hubbard, Aurora Lamoureux, Megan Leach, Ruth Leech, Katelynne Leppert, Harrison Leombruno, Isaiah Litchfield, Mikayla Maeder, Molly MacDonald, Linden Malmgren, Natalie Malmgren, Vincent Marias, Shaelyn McAnulty, Conor McCann, Tristen Meyer, Collin McLaughlin, Nolan Moore, Charlotte Moriarty, Rebecca Moriarty, Justin Morse, Makenna Morse, Lincoln Owens, Jordan Parenteau, Ryan Peoples, Tyler Parker, Audrey Pearl, Sydney Pientka, Cooper Pinaud, Isabel Pless, Jonathan Post, Alex Preiss, Madison Preiss, Kenny Reynolds, Shane Riddell, Abe Rinehart, Liam Rinehart, Lindsey Rusnock, Abi Sandy, Sohaila Shiffert, Julia Sleamaker, RJ Stratton, Isabella Souza, Patrick Thompson, Allysa VanDeman, Emily Vollaro, Megan Wandeloski, Iris West, Sebastiaan West, Colton Wheeler, and Lily Wolf.

If you would like more information about National Novel Writing Month for young writers and educators, go to ywp.nanowrimo.org. If you are interested in participating in the local events, contact Joyce Babbitt at joyce.babbitt@cesvvt.org.

BRMS lunch show

The Browns River Middle School Music Club encourages students to DJ their own music/radio show during lunch time. Past shows have included sports updates, weekly weather, appropriate jokes, classical music and current top favorites. This active club is supervised by Mr. Greg Martin.



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Wolverines 7/8 2013 Season Comes to a Close

By Jim Driscoll

This year has been one of the most competitive the Northern Vermont Youth Football League has ever seen. The league decided last year to create two divisions to make the league more balanced when it comes to the number of children participating in the respected youth football program. The Wolverines play in Division 1 along with Essex, South Burlington, Burlington, St. Albans, Milton and Chittenden South. The Wolverines have had their hands full every week, which is great for the growth of this sport. The level of play has been outstanding, especially on the defensive side of the ball. It seems like every team has players who like to get after it and make plays. The Wolverines have been right in the thick of things all year long and have gained confidence as the year has progressed. Our defense has played outstanding football every week, which has been a key factor in our 4-2 record with one league game remaining and the playoffs the following week.

The Wolverines started the year August 31 by traveling to Colchester to play the Catamounts. The Wolverines came up short 14-8 in a game in which they held Colchester to minus yardage in the second and third periods.

The following week the Essex Chargers visited beautiful Mills Riverside Park on September 7. The Wolverines fell behind 6-0 at the half and were in danger of dropping two in a row, but the offense behind the strong running of Adam Fischer, Jack Glanville and Jake Fausel were able to put three scores on the board and the defense behind Conrad Graff, Griffin Erickson, Syllas Hallock and company held Essex scoreless in the second half giving the Wolverines an 18-6 win.

Next up for the Wolverines on September 14 was the always tough South Burlington Dolphins. The game was played in a steady rain with a cold wind, which made conditions difficult. The Wolverines jumped out to a 12-0 halftime lead behind the running of Glanville, Fausel and Fischer. The second half was a different story as the Wolverines committed several costly turnovers leading to two Dolphin touchdowns. With the score tied 12-12 the Wolverines were forced to punt in pressure situation. A terrific snap by Syllas Hallock gave Jake Fausel time to get off a beautiful punt pinning the Dolphins deep in their own territory. The defense took over forcing the Dolphins to punt. A bad snap lead to a Wolverine score and a narrow 18-12 win.

On September 21, the Wolverines traveled to Houghton Park St. Albans to take on the Steelers. A picture perfect fall morning awaited both teams as they played an amazing defensive game. Neither team could get much going offensively as the teams battled to a 0-0 halftime score. The Wolverines were able to put 6 on the board on a beautiful QB keeper by Jake Fausel, but that didn't last long as St. Albans answered right back. A 6-6 tie at the end of regulation led to overtime. The Wolverines scored on their first possession and then held St. Albans to escape with a 14-6 overtime win.

Next up was Milton at home on September 28, and once again beautiful weather and a festive Harvest Market weekend crowd. The Wolverines played their best football offensively and jumped out to a 24-0 halftime lead. Milton played inspired football in the second half, but the Wolverines pulled away with a 42-18 win.

The Wolverines traveled to Burlington October 5, bringing a 4-1 record to play the undefeated Seahorses at Buck Hard Field on the turf. Burlington had posted three shout-outs this year, so we knew this was going to be our toughest opponent of the year. The Wolverines came to play in some might say one of the greatest youth football games this league has ever seen. This game was as well played by both teams as youth football can get. Sportsmanship was all over the field with players from both teams picking each other up. The Wolverines went ahead 12-0 behind great offensive line play and some tough running by Glanville, Fischer and Fausel. The defense was tremendous all day. They had their hands full trying to keep Kevin Garrison in check and for the most part they did. The Wolverines were on their way to victory leading 12-7 with two minutes remaining with first and goal on the one yard line of Burlington. You know the old saying of it's never over until it's over. The Wolverines fumbled and Burlington was able to hit a big play with time running out and eventually scored with two seconds remaining. It was a really tough loss, but lessons were learned and we move on to Saturday's upcoming game and remind ourselves how fortunate we were to have the opportunity to play in such a fantastic game.

There are so many children to mention that have been just a pleasure to coach this year. Our 7th graders have been awesome and our 8th grade leadership is tremendous. This year's Wolverine football team consists of the following players, Noah Townley, Nate Trudeau, Eric Riley, Nick Kolok, Matthew Wixson, Bryce DiNardo, Josh Martelle, Jaden Elsinger, Silas Diamond, Jack McLaughlin, Matt Burnette, Bliss Rhoads, Asa Carlson, Jake Fausel, Jack Glanville, Spencer Barton, Adam Fischer, Dylan DePaul, Joshua Westover, Harrison Nicholson, Loudon Norway, Ben Jiron, Isaiah Litchfield, Connor Kasprik, Nate Thibault, Jared Cooney, CJ Roberts, Riley Amerosa, Jesse Freegard, Danny Weidman, Lizandro Bonilla, Bailey Piper, Zach Korth, Logan Allen, Jehric Hackney, Jacob Davis, Griffin Erickson, Mark Howland, Syllas Hallock, Patrick Burke, Meggan Sulikowski, David Morris, Matt Cook, Konrad Graff, Tucker Tarrant and Dylan Fischer.

The Wolverines entered the Northern Vermont Youth Football League as the number 3 seed after defeating Chittenden South in their final league game of the year on October 12. The Wolverines jumped on Chittenden South early and often taking a 38-0 lead at the half. Coach Hallock and Bernadine's defense has just been getting better every week giving us a chance to compete with any team in the league and the league is very strong this year. It was a good day for Wolverine football as all of our teams played extremely well and came away with a victory.

The Wolverines hosted the always tough St. Albans Steelers the following Saturday morning October 19 at beautiful Mills Riverside Park and what a game it was. The Wolverines were hoping to use their speed and get to the outside against the bigger St. Albans team, but the field was very slippery in the middle making quick starts difficult. The game was played between the tackles with Adam Fischer, Jack Glanville and Jake Fausel carrying the load behind the blocking of Ben Jiron and Nate Thibault out of the backfield and an offensive line that had their hands full against the Steelers front seven. The Wolverines scored first behind the running of Fischer and Glanville, but the Steelers bounced right back and it was 6-6 with just a couple of minutes left in the half



Left to right: Konrad Graff, CJ Roberts, Jack Glanville

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when the Wolverines went for it on 4th and 12 from the 40 yard line. Jake Fausel delivered a beautiful 35 yard pass to Jack Glanville who caught it in stride for the score and a 12-6 lead. The second half was all defense by both teams, but not without maybe the biggest play of the year. The Wolverines were faced with a big decision with the ball on their own 35 yard line and 4th and 12 to go for a first down with less than 3 minutes to play. The punter, Jake Fausel was hurt on the previous play and would not return leaving the job to Matt Cook who had never punted in a game to step up and deliver. Matt always practices punting and it paid off as Syllas Hallock made a great snap and Matt nailed it inside the 5 yard line. The Wolverines were able to hold off the Steelers and advance to the semi-finals against Colchester.

The semi-final game against Colchester on October 26 was a tremendous football game that had everything. The Wolverines took the opening kickoff and drove down the field behind the strong running of Fischer, Glanville and Fausel. The offensive line came to play and the Wolverines scored on a keeper by Fausel. The two point conversion was successful on a beautiful pass and catch from Fausel to Loudon Norway giving the Wolverines an 8-0 lead. The Wolverine defense was playing an amazing game, as they did all year and with 1:20 left in the half, Colchester was without a first down. Colchester is a very good team with a lot of terrific athletes and they were able to hit a quick pass to the wide side of the field which resulted in a 40 yard touchdown. The two point conversion was good. The score was 8-8 at the half.

The Wolverines kicked off and the ball was difficult to handle and Jack Glanville made a great tackle in the end zone for a safety giving the Wolverines a 10-8 lead. Colchester was really having a hard time running the football, but they were able connect on a couple of really nice pass plays giving them a 16-10 lead going into the 4th period. The Wolverines would not go down without one of the most incredible efforts I have ever witnessed as a player or coach and I couldn't be prouder of any team that I have been blessed to coach. The Wolverines dug in and were moving the ball down the field when Jake Fausel faked a power sweep and kept it to the left with Patrick Burke out front blocking. Jake went untouched and was just ready to cross the goal line when #12 from Colchester stripped him of the ball on the 1 yard line. It was just a great play by #12. He never quit on the play. The Wolverines had Colchester pinned deep and were able to get the ball back on the Colchester 35 yard line. Colchester's defense was very tough and on 4th and 12 yards to go for a first down, Fausel connected with Glanville for a first down on the Colchester 9 yard line. On the next play Fischer took it to the Colchester 1 yard line. Second down and 1 yard to go would seem easy but it was not to be as the Colchester defense made three straight stops. Our defense came up big again and the offense had one more chance and just missed on a deep pass. The final score was Colchester 16 and Chittenden East 10. There were a lot of tears after the game because these kids just loved being down the field enjoying the game of football in one of the most beautiful settings in the world. It was a great game and we feel extremely fortunate to have had the opportunity to participate in game that showed talent, respect and the highest level of sportsmanship from both teams and spectators.

I want to give special praise to the group of players that I sometimes refer to as the lunch pail gang, because they play in the trenches of the game and work so hard. Special thanks to Syllas Hallock, Jacob Davis, Konrad Graff, Dylan Fischer, Loudon Norway, Connor Kasperik, Matt Cook, Griffin Erickson, David Morris, C.J. Roberts, Ben Jiron, Patrick Burke, Jehric Hackney, Mark Howland and Tucker Tarrant.

I want to thank all my coaches, parents and especially the wonderful group of kids that I'm so lucky to coach for one of the best years I've ever had as a coach.

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Left to right: Konrad Graff, Syllas Hallock, Jack McLaughlin, Jake Fausel, Adam Fischer, Jack Glanville



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SPORTS

Cougars beat Colchester 24-6 in season finale but miss playoffs

By Richard Mindell
Special to the Mountain Gazette

The MMU Cougars rode the foot of kicker Brady Blow to an impressive 24-6 drubbing of Colchester in the 2013 season finale at MMU's home field off Browns Trace two weeks ago. The win gave the Cougars some momentary hope of making the D-I playoffs, but a quirky twist of fate involving several D-I teams with the same 3-5 record as the Cougars left MMU out of the playoffs for the third straight year.

The Cougars came out strong against Colchester but despite several long runs by Tyler Bernadine MMU was unable to put up any points in the opening quarter. Bernadine's 2-yard run gave the Cougars a 6-0 lead in the opening minutes of the second quarter. Josh Cann's 5-yard romp into the end zone made it 12-0, MMU later in the quarter. Brady Blow's 36-yard field goal made it 15-0 at the end of the first half.

Blow kicked a 32-yard field goal to open the second half that made it 18-0 MMU. Dakota Jones finished the scoring for the Cougars with a 5-yard TD run in the beginning of the fourth quarter. Colchester made it 24-6 on a desperation hail Mary TD pass late in the game.

Despite missing the payoff's MMU head coach, Marty Richards said he was proud of the way his team played throughout the year, despite their ultimate fate. "We could easily be 6-2 instead of 3-5," Coach said after the game. "I'm really proud of these guys."

In Flex Game, Cougars lose to Burlington, 14-3

In their second meeting of the year, Burlington High School and Mount Mansfield Union High School squared off against each other in a game of D-I teams that missed the playoffs in what the Vermont Headmasters Association calls the "Flex Game," with Burlington prevailing 14-3 on a cold and windy day at the Cougars' home field, in Jericho. The loss dropped the Cougars to 3-6 on the year.

Brady Blow's 38-yard field goal in the second quarter gave MMU a 3-0 lead and it looked like that score might hold up the way the two teams were playing. Tough defense and a cold, biting wind conspired to thwart both teams' offenses in the first half with neither side able to establish or maintain any offensive momentum.

Burlington scored early in the second half on a 40-yard run to take a 7-3 lead, then scored its second TD on a 55-yard scamper

in the opening minutes of the fourth quarter to put the game out of the Cougars' reach.

MMU head coach, Marty Richards, was frank about the team's fortunes this year. "We're obviously disappointed," Coach Richards said. "We didn't quite reach our goal which was to make the Division I playoffs."

Richards was effusive, however, in his praise of individual Cougars. "Hayden Russell was huge for us this year," Coach said. "He's a great leader. Jeff Carter also stepped up and had a good year. Andrew Young is one of the best defensive players I've coached. Dominic Mosca ran our offense this year as a sophomore. He made a big difference for us this year."

Cougars in the North/South game

MMU standouts, Marcello Mosca, Andrew Young and Dakota Jones will represent MMU on the North squad in the annual Vermont North South Senior Bowl game to be played November 16. Former Cougars, Brian Wilcox, Southern Connecticut, Ethan Blum, Paolo Rossi and Luke Dolan, UVM club football, have all continued their outstanding careers at the college level.

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Bacon Cheddar Potato Cakes

- Made from leftover mashed potatoes
- 3 slices bacon
- 4 cups cold leftover mashed potatoes
- 2 eggs
- 1 teaspoon onion powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1 cup shredded Cheddar cheese

Place the bacon in a large, deep skillet, and cook over medium-high heat, turning occasionally, until evenly browned and crisp, about 10 minutes. Remove the bacon slices, crumble, and set aside. Leave the bacon drippings in the skillet. Mix the mashed potatoes, eggs, onion powder, salt, and black pepper together in a bowl; stir in the crumbled bacon and Cheddar cheese. Form the mixture into 8 patties.

Heat the bacon drippings over medium heat, and pan-fry the patties in the drippings until crisp on each side, about 4 minutes per side.

Doughnuts

- 1 cup sugar
- 1 Tbsp nutmeg
- 1 tsp baking soda
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 2 eggs
- 1 Tbsp shortening
- 1 cup sour milk
- 6 cups flour

Mix sugar, nutmeg, soda, salt, eggs, milk and shortening. Add enough flour to roll out dough on a floured surface and cut with doughnut cutter. Heat shortening to 375 degrees F. and drop doughnuts in, turning several times. Drain on soft crumpled paper. Cool and dust with powdered sugar, or granulated sugar and or with cinnamon, or drizzle with glaze (see below) if desired. Repeat with doughnut centers.

Note: milk can be soured by adding 1 Tbsp vinegar to 1 cup fresh milk.

- White Doughnut Glaze
- 2 cups powdered sugar
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 4 to 6 Tbsp milk

Mix powdered sugar, vanilla and milk with a fork to desired consistency. Thicken with powdered sugar or thin down with milk.

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- Ingredients:
- 1 lb powdered sugar
 - 2/3 cup cocoa
 - 1/4 teaspoon salt
 - 1/4 cup milk
 - 2 teaspoons vanilla
 - 1/2 cup butter or
 - 1/2 cup margarine
 - 1/2 cup chopped nuts (optional)

Directions: Sift powdered sugar, cocoa, and salt into a 1 quart microwave safe bowl. Stir in milk and vanilla. Mix well. Place butter on top. Microwave on high, 2 minutes. Beat with wooden spoon until smooth. Stir in nuts (OPTIONAL). Spread in 8 X 8 X 2 inch baking pan. Chill about 1 hour or until firm. Cut into pieces.

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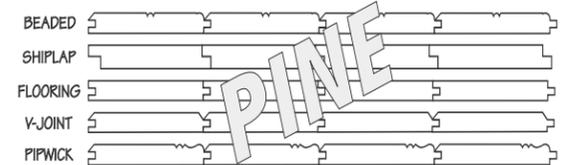
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