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Bull moose rescued from Underhill gorge

By Jennifer Silpe
Underhill Animal Control Officer

It took a town and a few professionals to safely tranquilize and rescue "Stubby" the moose – tranquilizing and pulling him up a sheer rock face.

With the help of the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department, the Army National Guard, the Vermont Large Animal Technical Rescue, Underhill Animal Control, and several town residents, a two-year-old, 800-pound bull moose was rescued from a remote and barely accessible gorge in Underhill.

After being notified by town resident Lindsey Wild on Monday evening, June 30, Underhill Animal Control Officer Jennifer Silpe and Seth Friedman found themselves wandering down a dark footpath near a remote swimming hole. They were stunned to see, by the light of their headlamps, the predicament that Stubby (as he was later named) had gotten himself into. He had somehow gotten himself trapped in a gorge within a series of rock cliffs towering over 20 feet above him. He appeared healthy and Jen and Seth decided to leave him for the night, certain he would find his way out however he had gotten in, and would be long gone when they returned in the morning.

Tuesday morning Stubby stood exactly where he had the night before. Because there was one small, wooded, mossy slope on one side, Jen and Seth believed the healthy young moose would find his way out in the light of day, but again they were wrong.

When they returned on Tuesday afternoon, Stubby – short for "Stubborn" – was still there and Jennifer and Seth agreed that one last effort to help Stubby choose the path of least resistance

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A two-year-old bull moose (left) that got trapped in an Underhill gorge was rescued by two Army National Guardsmen, VT State Game Warden Justin Stedman, Lt. Robert Lutz, of VT Fish and Wildlife, Vermont Horse Council President and chair of VT Large Animal Technical Rescue Project Cindy Cross-Greenia, and Underhill Animal Control Officer Jennifer Silpe. This was the first live rescue of its kind in Vermont.

PHOTOS CONTRIBUTED BY JEN SILPE

PLACE program underway in Cambridge

By Katherine Quimby Johnson
Special to the Mountain Gazette

What is the cultural and natural history of Cambridge, and how might that influence Cambridge's future? That is the question a group of Cambridge citizens from across the town are beginning to investigate with guidance from PLACE (Place-based Landscape Analysis and Community Education), a partnership of the University of Vermont and Shelburne Farms. Claire Darcey, Regional Program Coordinator, explained that Cambridge's PLACE program is similar to the recent analysis conducted by UVM's Place-based Landscape Inventory and Analysis class on the Brewster Uplands Conservation Trust. "However, we're looking at the whole town," Darcey said, "not simply one parcel."

Tamra Higgins, a member of the town's PLACE steering committee, calls the program "a three-legged stool." Those legs are: 1) gathering local geological, cultural, and environmental/ecological history; 2) place-based education; and 3) a vision for future action. The steering committee is currently in the information-gathering phase. In June they looked at the geology revealed by the landslide site along the Brewster River in Jeffersonville. On August 9, they will look at cul-

Party in the Park - what is your opinion

By Brenda Boutin
Mountain Gazette staff

The Mountain Gazette planned and put on the Party in the Park; although the Mills Riverside Park District helped with making sure the park was in great shape and did some publicity, they were not responsible for the activities at the park.

We have heard through outside sources that some folks were disappointed and angry with the event. Others enjoyed the music and had fun with family and friends. Several people thanked us for a way to wind down, and others said that they would come every year that we put it on.

Let us know directly what your opinion was. One comment led us to believe that we were being compared to other longtime area events.

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Cambridge's PLACE Community Presentations

- Geological Landscape*
Presentation – Thursday, September 11
Field Walk – Saturday, September 13
- Cultural Landscape*
Presentation – September 25
Field walk – September 27
- Environmental/Ecological Landscape*
Presentation – October 16
Field Walk – October 18
- Times and Locations TBA.

tural history, at a site to be determined.

Once the steering committee has gathered information, it will be presented to the town in a series of sessions that will include both presentations and walks in the landscape. Those sessions have been scheduled for September and October. The "vision for future action" meeting will be held in November.

A sampling of the findings by other town PLACE programs can be found on the program's website, www.uvm.edu/place/. Since the program began in 2001, it has worked with 10 communities: Benson, Dummerston, Hinesburg, Huntington, Jericho, Prosper Valley, Putney, Richmond, Shelburne, Thetford, and Williston. More information on the Jericho project is also available at <http://jerichofieldguide.wikispaces.com>.

The Cambridge PLACE Steering Committee includes Peter Ingvolstad, Tamra Higgins, Dick Goff, Meg Fleming, Susan Serra, Jill Richardson, Andrea Lauritzen, Rick Fletcher, Matt Safford, Jen Robins, Jane George Shaw, Mary Fiedler, John Hayden, Richard Norman, Joe Rogers, Bob Eccles, Paige Kelly, and Zeke Zucker. Anyone interested in more information about the program, or in participating in the August 9 event, should call one of the committee members.

Bill Frank to run for re-election to the VT House

Representative Bill Frank of Underhill has announced he will seek re-election to the Vermont House of Representatives. He is running for one of the two seats in the Chittenden 8 district that represents the three towns of Underhill, Jericho, and Bolton.

Bill has served on the House Human Services committee and is proud of the work he and the committee have accomplished the last four years. He was also appointed to the Health Access Oversight Committee, which meets when the legislature is not in session to handle health access questions requiring legislative ap-

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Underhill Selectboard to seek voter OK for constable to issue speeding tickets

By Ted Tedford
Special to the Mountain Gazette

The Selectboard has agreed to ask voters to allow the Town Constable to issue speeding tickets.

The decision to allow Constable Jennifer Silpe to stop speeders is in response to complaints at last March's Town Meeting about speeders, notably on the River Road and Pleasant Valley and Poker Hill Roads.

The Selectboard has not decided if it will wait until next year's Town Meeting or call a special meeting to ask the voters to do two things: Take away the constable's legal duties until he or she undergoes training at the State Police Academy; and change the method of selecting a constable

from being elected to being appointed.

The town has a contract with the Vermont State Police to conduct speed control for 60 hours a month, but troopers assigned to the Williston State Police Barracks often don't fulfill those hours because they are available mostly on their off-duty hours.

Town Administrator Chris Murphy said the Board and Silpe agreed that it is in the town's best interest to take away constable duties spelled out in state law unless the constable has undergone State Police training so the Selectboard can spell out what duties it wants under a new system.

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Jeffersonville's Fourth of July celebration



Frances Westman was Grand Marshal for this year's Fourth of July Parade in Jeffersonville. She also celebrated her 96th birthday last week!

PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Local residents and visitors from Smugglers' Notch came to Jeffersonville on Friday, July 4 to watch a lively parade filled with floats, horses, marching bands, tractors, fire trucks, motorcycles, bicycles, and antique cars and trucks. Leading the parade was the American Legion Post #35 Color Guard and active duty members of the VT

Air National Guard. The Bishop Marshal Band and the Hannaford Fife and Drum band provided music during the parade.

Following the parade, folks went to the Cambridge Elementary School for music by Tammy Fletcher, and DJ sounds from Smugglers' Notch. Numerous vendors provided everything from henna tattoos to food to climbing walls to jewelry, etc. It was a beautiful sunny day followed by evening festivities at Smugglers' Notch of fireworks and music by the National Guard 40th Army Band.

The theme for the parade was "Freedom and Unity," and various prizes were awarded to participants. The grand Marshal's Choice prize went to Gallup Brook Fencing; Best in Theme went to Binghamville Church; the Best Commercial Float award went to Cambridge Village Market; Best Family Float went to Terry McCain Builders, with an honorable mention for Valley Dream Farm; Best Antique Car went to Rob Russin and his 1955 Chevy; Best Antique Truck to Paul Boozan for his 1930 green Model A, and an honorable mention to Brush Pharmacy's 1930 Model A Ford; Best Custom Car went to Dean Safford and his Herbie Love Bug. Cambridge Fire Department received the award for Best Fire Department. Best Motorcycle went to Bruce Maxfield and Hannah Ainsworth; Best Horse went to Blazing Saddles, while both Bridget Mayo and Courtney Stearns received honorable mentions. Best Bicycle was awarded to Calvin and Cole Houle; and finally, two honorable mentions were awarded to antique tractor enthusiast Dean West and Dan O'Shaughnessy's 1956 Black Hawk Cockshutt.

VBS 'travels in time'



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Jerusalem Marketplace was the theme for this year's Vacation Bible School at the Jericho Congregational Church, which ran the week of June 23-27. Each day around 80 children were transported back in time to see, hear, touch, and even taste what it was like to live in Jerusalem during AD 33. Children

from around our area, preschool to grade 6, came each morning to learn about life during the time that Jesus walked the earth.

Each child joined a tribe of Israel to participate in synagogue school, playground games, Bible songs, and dancing. They explored our "authentic" Middle Eastern marketplace at which they became apprentices in pottery, wood working, jewelry making, weaving, and basket making. Throughout the week, everyone got a chance to make bread for their tribe at the bakery.

Dramatic reenactments with people such as Peter, John, Rachel, and even a Roman soldier would occur during the Marketplace sessions. These became the foundation for teaching the daily Bible points which focused consecutively on Jesus' entrance, death, and resurrection. It was a wonderful week for the children and for the 50 adults and 18 teens that were a part of it. Special thanks go to the Jericho Community Center for allowing us to use the building. We could not have done this without it.

POLICE REPORT

Thursday, July 4, 2008 at about 11:25 PM, Vermont State Police report that a 2008 Subaru Legacy operated by **Alfred Williams**, 29, of Westford, VT on Brookside Rd. in Westford struck a rock ledge on the driver's side, became airborne, and hit the ledge again before coming to a stop. Williams suffered cuts and bruises. His passenger, **Clifton Margle**, 31, of Barton, VT, sustained bruises and a neck injury. Passersby were helping the two men when VSP arrived on the scene. VSP said that the incident, which is under investigation, appeared to have been alcohol-related.

Thursday, July 10, 2008 at 11:54 AM, Vermont State Police Sr. Trooper Garry Scott, VSP/Williston, reports that VSP and Cambridge Rescue responded to VT Rt. 15 at the Wrong-Way Bridge over the Lamoille River in Jeffersonville for a reported motor vehicle vs. bicycle crash. Investigation is ongoing but witnesses advised a vehicle driven by **Mary Kinney**, 58, of Cambridge, VT was westbound on VT Rt. 15 at a low rate of speed just after the construction zone on the bridge when a **unsupervised 7-year-old** boy riding a bicycle, with no helmet or working brakes, darted

into traffic. The boy, a Cambridge resident, was taken to Fletcher Allen Health Care in Burlington, VT for minor injuries. (Case #08A103115)

Friday, July 11, 2008 at 8:20 AM, Sr. Trooper Garry Scott of VSP/Williston reports that Vermont State Police and Waterbury Fire and Rescue were called to a single-vehicle crash on I89 southbound near mile marker 70 in Bolton, VT. A vehicle operated by **Adam C. Lord**, 22, of Waterbury, VT had gone into the median. Lord was processed for DUI - refusal and cited to appear in Chittenden District Court on July 31, 2008.

COURT REPORT

June 4, 2008, **Owen Boardman**, 42, Underhill, VT, charged with DUI, third offense or subsequent, felony, in Williston, VT on March 2, 2008; pleaded guilty; sentenced to one to three years.

June 16, 2008, **Sean Hyland**, 21, Underhill, VT, charged with assault and robbery, felony, in Burlington, VT on December 18, 2007; amended to simple assault, misdemeanor; pleaded guilty; sentence deferred for three years; charged with burglary, felony, in Burlington, VT on December 18, 2007; amended to unlawful trespass - residence/occupied, felony; pleaded guilty; sentence deferred for three years.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Underhill-Jericho Fire Department news

By Kitty Clark

EMERGENCY CALLS:

Wednesday, July 2, 2:20 PM - Sq51 responded to an EMS call with Essex Rescue.

Thursday, July 3, 6:15 PM - 9K2 responded to 963 VT Rt. 15, Westford for citizen assist.

Tuesday, July 8, 11:42 AM - Sq51 responded to an EMS call with Essex Rescue

Tribute to Tim Clark - Last month Tim Clark made a very difficult decision to step down as First Assist. Chief due to his work schedule. Tim joined the UJFD in January 1984. After serving as a firefighter for one year, he was elected to be an officer. During the years he climbed the ladder to Assistant Chief. Tim has been awarded Fire Officer of the Year in the UJFD many times and Vermont State Firefighter's Assoc. Fire Officer of the Year twice. Tim is an excellent firefighter and has always loved to be the first into a burning building. He has taught many fire related classes and I think his favorite is vehicle extrication. Many young members look up to Tim and ask for his assistance with his fire fighting knowledge. Tim will continue on the UJFD as a firefighter #15, and perhaps some day will return to the position of an officer. Tim and his wife, Cathy, daughter Christy and son Corey live on Sugarhill Road in Underhill, and he's my son and I love him dearly. His boots as Assist. Chief will be hard to fill. Thanks Tim, for all the years of service to the UJFD as an officer.

On Tuesday, July 8 elections were held to fill the Second Assist. Chief's position. Loni Morse, who has served as Second Assist. Chief, automatically moved up to the position as First Assist. Chief. Captain Todd Fischer was elected by the members to serve as Second Assist. Chief. To fill his position, Lieut. Joe Greenough was elected and will serve as Captain. To fill the Lieut. position, Firefighter Mat Champlin was elected to serve as Lieutenant.

SAFETY MESSAGE

It is summer and many residents are cooking on their gas grills.

Just a reminder that when cooking on the grill, be sure that it is at least ten feet from your house, and have an ABC fire extinguisher nearby. If you should experience a fire in your grill, do not hesitate to call 911. Be safe, not sorry.

MMU Class of '83 reunion July 26

The Class of 1983, Mount Mansfield Union High School, will hold its 25th reunion on Saturday, July 26 at the Olde Yankee Restaurant in Jericho. The invitation can be viewed (and replied to) online at www.classmates.com, or contact Laurie (Shepherd) Kigonya, lkigonya@vpr.net, or contact Amy (Germaine) Breen, cfb18vill@aol.com.

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Clutter Barn open Saturday, July 26

The third monthly Clutter Barn tag sale will be Saturday, July 26 from 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM. The sale features children's clothes, household items, and toys and games. The Clutter Barn is located next to United Church of Underhill on the green in Underhill Flats. Contact person is Kathy Williamson (899-3122).

Water Districts to hold meetings

The next meeting of the Village of Jericho Water District will be Tuesday, July 22, 7:00 PM at the Old Red Mill on 4B Red Mill Dr., Jericho. For information, call 899-2938.

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

Westford Town Office notes

Property tax bills - you should have received your 2008-09 property tax bill by July 15. If not, please contact the Town Office, 879-6503. The first installment is due Friday, August 15. If your taxes are escrowed, it is your responsibility to send a copy of your tax bill to your mortgage company in a timely manner (retain a copy for your records). In July, the state will send notification to homeowners explaining the 2008 Education Tax Credit. If you are receiving a school tax adjustment, it will be reflected on your tax bill. Because of a new state law, the credit will be applied equally to each installment. Charlotte Vincent, Westford Treasurer

As of July 1, the Zoning Administrator began enforcing Section 4.1.1 of the Zoning Regulations as it pertains to excavation and landfill. So, if you are planning to excavate or fill in a large area of your property, you will need a zoning permit from the Town. This regulation is being enforced to ensure that excavation and fill does not affect the Water Resource Overlay District (a 100' buffer around many streams, ponds, and wetlands in town) and erosion control measures are taken. For questions or to find out whether your property is located in the Water Resource Overlay District, contact Maurice Rathbun, Zoning Administrator, Town Office, 878-4587.

Consider serving the town of Westford - there are several open town positions: Emergency Operations Plan Development Committee needs members; Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission needs a representative and an alternate; the Road Committee needs a chair; there is a Planning Commission vacancy. For information on any of these openings, contact the Town Office, 878-4587.

The Town Office will close at 1:00 PM on Fridays during the months of July and August.

Wrong-Way bridge to be one lane

The VT Agency of Transportation has limited the Wrong Way Bridge, which spans the Lamoille River just north of the village of Cambridge on VT Rt. 15, to one lane. The restriction will last about six weeks, while VTrans sandblasts and paints the bridge.

EJHS class of '62 BBQ reunion

Essex Junction High School Class of '62 will gather for an informal pot luck and BBQ on Saturday, August 2. Come at noon for afternoon meal at the Richmonds' home in Underhill. Call Doug at 899-3254 for details.

We are looking for classmates Sheila Bishop, Jean Cribley, Gil Dutton, Helen Pratt, Joan Richardson, Dave Robinson, and Beverly Hall. Please Email ejhs-classof62@comcast.net or call Ted or Sharon at 879-1071 for a best guess head count, or information about missing classmates.

New Orleans still in need after Katrina

A group of students from St. Michael's College visited Community Alliance Church in Hinesburg one Sunday to share their spring break experience, a mission trip to New Orleans, and were appalled to learn that the citizens of that city are still living in disastrous and destructive conditions almost three years after Hurricane Katrina ripped through their community.

Donations will be accepted to help purchase building supplies for use in rebuilding homes and help meet the physical needs that are still so great.

A relief team will travel to New Orleans July 26-August 2. Please mail donations to Community Alliance Church, New Orleans Building Supplies Fund, 190 Pond Rd., Hinesburg, VT 05461. For information, contact Mary Thon, maryoncampus@gmail.com, or Pastor Scott Mansfield, 482-2132 or smansfield@hinesburgcma.org.

Harvest Market is coming

The 33rd Annual United Church Of Underhill Old Fashioned Harvest Market is coming and the United Church of Underhill would like your help. Each year we honor a citizen of our community who has served us well. We invite your suggestion to help us make a selection. Please send names and supporting information to David Damkot at 379 VT Rt. 15, Jericho, VT 05465.

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<input type="checkbox"/> 1 cup extra-virgin olive oil	<input type="checkbox"/> 15-20 pitted Kalamata olives
<input type="checkbox"/> 1/2 cup packed fresh oregano (leaves and tender stems only)	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 cup of the marinade
<input type="checkbox"/> 1/4 cup packed fresh thyme leaves	<input type="checkbox"/> 4 small romaine lettuce, halved lengthwise
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 medium yellow onion, peeled and quartered	<input type="checkbox"/> Kosher salt and fresh cracked black pepper
<input type="checkbox"/> 3 medium roma tomatoes quartered lengthwise	

DIRECTIONS

Combine lemon juice, wine, olive oil, oregano, thyme, onion, 2 tsp salt and black pepper in a blender or food processor and process on high until mixture is smooth and uniform, about 1 minute. Makes 2 1/2 cups. Gently toss tomatoes, cheese, red onion and olives with marinade. Refrigerate 15 minutes. On kabob skewers thread an interesting assortment of your ingredients, make sure to pull the onions apart and only thread a couple layers at a time. Heat grill to medium, cook the kabobs, turning every 3-4 minutes for about 10 minutes until veggies are soft and cheese has lovely grill marks. Brush romaine with olive oil and sprinkle with salt and pepper, place cut side down on grill until slightly wilted about 2 minutes. Serve kebabs and romaine drizzled with extra marinade.

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Calm, serene, safe

sez Tommy T. Traffic
(a.k.a. Tom Nugent of Underhill)

Traffic calming: You gotta love the phrase. Say it aloud a few times. Traffic calming. Don't you think that the very joining of those two words has a sedating effect? C'mon, admit it. The expression itself, that marriage of opposites, makes you start to grin when you say it, maybe a little idiotically. You want to believe, don't you? But you wanted to believe in the tooth fairy, too. That didn't work out, ultimately.

You should be over that by now, hopefully. So what's the problem here? Well, from our shared experience, the particular pair of words, "traffic" and "calming," seem so inappropriately linked that it's a bit stunning, kinda stupefying. It's an unsuitable duet, isn't it? Cars? Calm?

The idea originated in Europe as a grassroots movement in the late 1960s. Angry residents of the Dutch city of Delft fought cut-through traffic by turning their streets into "woonerven," or "living yards." This was followed by the development of European "slow streets" (designed for 30 kph or 20 mph) in the late 1970s, then the application of traffic calming principles to intercity highways through small Danish and German towns in the 1980s. Then, treatment of urban arterials in area wide schemes, principally in Germany and France. This was also in the 1980s.

In the US, a version of traffic calming was implemented as early as the early 1970s in California and Oregon (in Berkeley, Seattle, and Eugene – ever driven there?). Our first national study of traffic calming was completed c.1980. It explored residential preferences related to traffic, collected performance data on speed bumps, and reviewed legal issues.

Definitions of traffic calming vary, but they all share the goal of reducing vehicle speeds, improving safety, and enhancing quality of life. Some include the "Three Es:" traffic education, enforcement, and engineering. Most definitions focus on engineering measures to change driver behavior. Some focus on engineering that compels drivers to slow down, excluding those that use barriers to divert traffic.

Here are three definitions that in total, would seem to encompass the gist of the thing:

From the Institute of Transportation Engineers: Traffic calming involves changes in street alignment, installation of barriers, and other physical measures to reduce traffic speeds and/or cut-through volumes, in the interest of street safety, livability, and other public purposes.

From the Transportation Association of Canada: Traffic calming involves altering of motorist behavior on a street or on a street network. It also includes traffic management, which involves changing traffic routes or flows within a neighborhood.

From Montgomery County, MD: Traffic calming consists of operational measures such as enhanced police enforcement, speed displays, and a community speed watch program, as well as such physical measures as edge lines, chokers, chicanes, traffic circles, and speed bumps and raised crosswalks.

Hmm... "public purposes." "Enhancing the quality of life" by reducing vehicle speeds and improving safety. What do you think? An idea whose time has come for our rural communities? Past

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due? Waste of time? Perhaps it should be "Drive Free or Die," to misquote a neighboring Yankee state. Or "Drive Free and Die." Do you have any thoughts?

There's a meeting every first Tuesday of the month at the Underhill Town Hall at 7:00 PM to discuss just this. Come on down. But drive very consciously on the way there – slowly, safely, serenely. Drive like we live here.

Community Center in Jericho in need of support

Without an influx of funds in the next few months, the Community Center in Jericho may be forced to close its doors this winter, according to the Operating Committee, which held two emergency meetings recently. Due to last winter's high heating bills and greatly increased snow plowing fees, the treasury is seriously depleted.

Several fun fund-raising ideas are being planned by the Committee, which is asking local people to rally around the Center and help keep the doors open! \$10,000 is the goal set by the Committee.

Saturday, September 13, an end-of-summer community wide fund-raising supper will be held.

On Sunday, September 28, the South Burlington restaurant Nothing But Noodles will help raise funds by donating 20% of all their proceeds between 5:00 – 9:00 PM to the Community Center!

Saturday, October 11, a Rock Tour is scheduled, to coincide with a month-long focus on "Allure of Rocks" by local art galleries. This tour will be similar to the former Barn Tours, but with a focus on rocks in landscaping, old stone walls, etc. Additional events are being considered, and details will be shortly forthcoming.

The Community Center serves Jericho and surrounding communities by offering space for a wide variety of community activities. Housed in an historic building, the Center is used for classes, meetings, celebrations, memorial services, dances, political gatherings, craft shows, etc. Maintaining the old building is very costly and in recent years the furnace has been repaired, new windows put in, the exterior painted, a roof built over the handicapped access, and more.

Located in Jericho Center, the building is one of the few remaining reminders of the history of this area. For 158 years, local people have cared for the structure and kept it an active a part of the community, which it has served as church, toy factory, school, gymnasium, community center. The Center provides indoor space year-round for all residents to use. It offers great potential for deepening people's sense of belonging to this particular place and for expanding relationships with neighbors.

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A smile says it all

Paul and Roberta Gillespie, former owners of the Flour Shop Bakery, and their family came to the Party in the Park to enjoy the music of Lambsbread.

PHOTO BY BRENDA BOUTIN



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RICHMOND NEWS

OBITUARY



William James "B.J." Millard, 27, of Richmond, VT left us on Sunday, June 29, 2008. B.J. was born on February 17, 1981. He was raised in Bolton, VT by his parents, Mark and Carol (Kilpeck) Robert. B.J. married his best friend and soul mate Meghann Spence on July 21, 2001. Together they have three wonderful children, Colby, Kelsey, and Caleb. His three children were the true love of his life. He was a very devoted dad! B.J. was a 2000 graduate of Mount Mansfield Union High School and from Vermont Technical College.

He worked at Vermont Heating and Ventilating for the past 7½ years doing plumbing and heating. B.J. lived his life to the fullest. As a young child he enjoyed the outdoors, hunting with his dad and four-wheeling with close friends and family. Spending time with family and friends was what he enjoyed the most. Sugaring with his extended family at the Spence sugar woods was the highlight of his spring. He enjoyed being with his Uncle Jim and cousins Jimmy and Melissa working the team of draft horses at Uncle Jim's and Aunt Kim's house. Working with the team was one of his summertime passions. He also enjoyed the trips to Loudon with Meg, Tony, Kim, and the crew, or at the LaFrenieres' enjoying other sporting events on TV. B.J. was an avid Red Sox fan! B.J.'s other passion in life was being a firefighter. While still in high school, B.J. joined the Bolton Fire Department. After he married Meghann and moved to Richmond, he joined the Richmond Fire Department where he was a respected Captain. Besides his wife Meghann, and his three children, Colby, Kelsey, and Caleb, B.J. leaves his parents and his brother Jason, along with his mother-in-law Ellie Spence of Richmond; his sister-in-law Hillary Spence and boyfriend Brendan of Milton, VT; his grandmother Roberta Millard of Jericho, VT; and his grandmother Louis (Kilpeck) Sargen of Fort Myers, FL; along with many aunts, uncles, cousins, and numerous friends. B.J. was very much a joy to be around. He will be missed by all of us. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to a trust fund for his children at TD BankNorth, P.O. Box 670, Richmond, VT 05477 C/O Lynn Roberts. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Monday, July 7 in Holy Rosary Church, Richmond, with burial following in Holy Rosary Cemetery.

COURT REPORT

June 16, 2008, **Roger K. Grant**, 30, of Richmond, VT, charged with prescription fraud, felony, in So. Burlington, VT on June 5, 2007; amended to depressant/stimulant/narcotic possession, misdemeanor; pleaded guilty; sentence deferred for one year.

COMING EVENTS

Friday, July 18
Camp TaKumTa benefit concert, 7:00 – 10:00 PM, West Monitor Barn, US Rt. 2, Richmond. In memory of Brandon Kilburn, 17, of Jericho, a TaKumTa alum who died in January. Open to all ages; open mic and local performers. Prizes and raffles; some bake sale items and refreshments. No cover, but donations appreciated; Proceeds benefit Camp Ta Kum Ta.

The Fizzy Factory, 5:00 – 6:00 PM, Farmers' Market, Volunteers Green, Richmond. The Fizzy Factory is a local group with original, earth friendly music, thought-provoking lyrics. For information, contact Carol Mader, 434-5273 or cmader@surfglobal.net.

Friday, July 25
Root 7, 5:00 – 6:00 PM, Farmers' Market, Volunteers Green, Richmond. A cappella group performs contemporary rock, country, and folk music. For information, contact Carol Mader, 434-5273 or cmader@surfglobal.net.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Mark Aridgides of Richmond a wealth management officer at Chittenden Bank, was recently promoted to assistant vice president. He is a certified financial planner who manages individual and business relationships and retirement plans, providing financial and estate planning needs for clients. He is a graduate of Old Dominion University.

WELCOME HOME

(Reposa, Lort) David Scott Reposa was born Friday, June 13, 2008 to Jenny Lort and David Reposa at Fletcher Allen Health Care in Burlington,



VT. David was welcomed to the world by his parents and aunt Tonni Smith. He weighed eight pounds, five ounces and was 22" long. His grandparents are Heidi Reposa of Richmond, VT, Ann-Marie Morissette of South Burlington, VT, and Donald Lort of Sweet Bay, VA. David also has great-grandparents Bernard and Mary Smith of Colchester, VT and great-grandmother Huget Morissette of Three Rivers, Quebec, Canada. **(O'Neil)** Abigail (Briggs) and Scott O'Neil had a son, Sean Newsome O'Neil, on Tuesday, May 20, 2008 at Fletcher Allen Health Care in Burlington, VT.

A Look Around Town

By Brenda Boutin and Sara Riley
Mountain Gazette staff

Recently Ed, a clerk at Jacob's Family Market in Underhill Flats, asked me if we were going to charge for the *Mountain Gazette*. A customer had posed the question to him.

The answer is no. We have had a small rate increase for advertisers, but the readers still will get the newspaper delivered free to their homes.

There were some concerns about the July 5 party we co-sponsored at Mills Riverside Park. If you have any comments, concerns, or suggestions, please send them to us.

We should be very proud of Underhill Animal Control people. Jen Silpe and everyone involved in the moose rescue are heroes.

It will be three weeks until the next *Mountain Gazette* on August 7 (deadline July 31). The new Underhill-Jericho Community Directory will be out in August.

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Summer vacations – packed everything?

Summer is in full swing, and travel abounds. Families are taking to the roads and the skies for destinations near and far. Sometimes the packing itself can become its own stressful event. How many shirts to bring? Will a sweatshirt or long pants be necessary? If you have children, you likely need to supervise their packing as well. (Otherwise, you may end up with one ripped shirt, a stained pair of shorts, a lonely sock, no underwear, and ten stuffed animals!) How about sunscreen, bug spray, and toiletries? And if you don't check luggage at the airport, are all the liquids less than three ounces and fit in a quart-size plastic bag? Let's not even go there.

Okay – maybe you have packed everything. Did you also remember to pack Mary Poppins? Well, perhaps you're doing just fine without a full-time nanny. But what if something happens to you? Would you need Mary Poppins then?

Often travel brings anxiety and reminds us of our mortality. For parents who have children under 18, the contemplation of their own mortality can be quite frightening. Should there be a tragedy, there is no magical Mary Poppins to float in from the sky with her umbrella. There isn't even a family member or friend who can do that without proper authority. Absent a living and suitable birth or adoptive parent, a Probate Court proceeding is necessary to appoint a legal guardian for a child under the age of 18.

The basic test for determining whether a guardian is suitable is whether such appointment is "in the best interests of the child." It is therefore conceivable that any family member, absent evidence of unfitness, would be approved as guardian. This uncertainty over the care of the minor children is precisely why it is crucial for parents to have a will, one that nominates guardians of their choice.

That nomination will likely be the most important decision parents will make regarding their Wills, as the guardian is the person who actually raises the children, imparting values and morals to them. How do you select? Of course, each family's situation is different. In general, however, it should be someone in whom you have confidence about their child-rearing abilities and values and someone of similar age. You should also consider the potential guardian's own family situation. Are there already some dependent children or other major responsibilities? Often the saying "blood is thicker than water" offers some real truth, as even with the best of intentions, a friend is not likely to have the same interactions with the extended family members that another family member would naturally have. However, with older children, is it worth uprooting the child during those all-important high school years for a stay with distant family?

In addition, do you name just one individual or do you jointly name the spouse? Sometimes you like your "in-law" more than your family member, but it is important to consider what would happen to the children in the event that your first-named individual can no longer serve as Guardian. Should they stay with that co-Guardian or move to another family that you have selected as alternates? It is a balancing of continuity versus uncertainty. What if your Guardian (e.g., a sibling) died? Would you be comfortable with your brother-in-law or sister-in-law raising your children?

Of course, tragedy rarely occurs, but making out a Will can provide some peace of mind, especially for parents with minor children. Although Mary Poppins won't be available to serve as your guardian, you should be able to select a suitable alternative.

(This article is for informational purposes only and is not intended to constitute comprehensive or specific legal advice. The author stresses the need to engage appropriate legal and financial professionals when devising your individual estate plan.)

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Cinematic Wanderings

By Luke Mindell
Special to the Mountain Gazette

Wall-E

Dear Readers: As some of you may already know, the reason for this column's recent absence was my purchase, re-location, and expansion of an art-house movie rental shop in Richmond. For the last few months, I have been consumed with the operation of my store (Film Buzz, just over the bridge, around the corner from the round church. Woo-hoo! Free plug!) and haven't kept up with film viewing or reviewing. I've missed it, though, and so... I'm back! and I'd like to thank Brenda and Sara at the *Gazette* for being so understanding.

Now, on to my review of *Wall-E*.

I haven't wanted to see a Disney/Pixar movie since I saw *Toy Story* at 12 years old. My problem with these films is not hard to understand. They all feature archetypal story lines acted out by humanized toys, fish, robots, cars, or other creatures or objects, voiced by huge stars who have no business doing voice-over acting and taking jobs from pros who are better qualified, and less appreciated.

When I heard that their new film would not have big stars and in fact would have hardly any dialogue, I was very intrigued. When I heard the plot – one fit for an adult science fiction story – I thought, "If this wasn't a Pixar movie, I might see it." Then came the reviews that compared the first half of the film to silent masters Buster Keaton and Charlie Chaplin, and the rest of the film to Kubrick and Jacques Tati. I was floored.

Wall-E centers around a future Earth that, due to more garbage than the eco-system can handle, has been abandoned by humans. The humans fled the planet and left an army of robots to compact Earth's garbage. As the robot of the title (apparently the only one that didn't malfunction, and has since developed a human personality) spends his days cleaning, we get glimpses of old billboards for Wal-Mart like mega stores. These stores apparently merged with the government, and human society became dedicated only to consumption. Sound like any culture you know? Hmmm?

The first part of the film is indeed brilliant. The best CGI Pixar has ever pulled off, mixed with science fiction narrative better than any I have seen in years, gives way to a second act that is just as good. It becomes a, yes, Chaplinesque love story that works on every level. The film ratchets up the cutting, subversive satire when we are introduced to what remains of human society, humans who have continued their fall into consumerism on a giant pleasure cruiser. They float around on hovering recliners, have forgotten how to walk, drink big gulps, and have their every whim catered to by machines. It's on the pleasure cruiser that the film comes to a grinding halt by attempting to shift into high gear.

If the movie had ended before the final act, it would have been a simple yet poignant sci-fi movie that deserved respect and even reverence. But the filmmakers decided to throw in a subplot about a robot conspiracy, led by a cinematic descendant of *2001's* H.A.L. 9000. There's lots of fast paced action and schmaltzy shows of loyalty and heroism and it devolves into just another kids' adventure film.

This third act breakdown is horribly disappointing, yet not enough to ruin the first two-thirds of the film. As unbalanced as *Wall-E* is, it does contain some of the best science fiction, and social satire, of recent memory. Perhaps this is the first step for Pixar. Maybe they will take their considerable skill with computer effects and start to make some films that challenge us intellectually, rather than films that just pander to six-year-olds, and the grownups who share their intellect.

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ART

The second annual *Art in Bloom Festival* will be held at Swanson's Farm & Nursery on VT Rt. 104 in Fairfax on Saturday, July 26 from 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM. Very child friendly atmosphere! Approximately 40 artists will be represented, and there will be food vendors and live music all day. This is a fundraiser for the Fairfax Fire and Rescue Departments.

Bruce Gilbert-Smith has his work on display for the month of July at Barnes and Noble, So. Burlington, including landscapes of Vermont, Australia, and New Zealand, as well as more local flowers and butterflies.

Essex Art League exhibits: Through October 31, Bird of Vermont Museum in Huntington will show works by EAL members Caroline Brown, Kathy Berry Bergeron, Lucia Chu, Suzanne Clark, Dianna Dunn, Margaret Maffin, Donna Owens, Hattie Saville, and Ken Tefft; murals by EAL member Libby Davidson are a permanent feature of the museum. Through July 31, works by EAL members of will be shown at Jericho's Old Red Mill. Through September 4, *Summer Splendor* – works by EAL members at the Phoenix Book Store and Cafe, Essex Outlet Mall. Through September 1, Mary Krause of EAL will be exhibiting at the Essex Town Offices. Through September 1, Lorraine Hislop, Donna Owens, Clair Aimi, and Mary Pacifici of EAL will be exhibiting works at the Given Health Center in Williston. For information, 862-3014.

On display at the Flour Shop, VT Rt. 15, Underhill, **Chris Gluck's** art works constructed from natural materials. Also, her students' animal creations from natural materials are on sale as cards and prints, to benefit the Jericho Underhill Park District.

The New Taste of Stowe Arts Festival Friday-Sunday, July 25-27, features the work of 125 artists and craftspeople, and cuisine from local restaurants. Friday: **Farm Day** features flavorful fare from fabulous farmers. Saturday: **Taste of Luxury**, featuring The Spa at StoweLake, Topnotch Resort and Spa, and Stowe Mountain Lodge. Sunday: **Taste of Stowe**, samples from over a dozen local restaurants. Meet ceramic artist **Cristina Pellechio** on Thursday, July 31, 5:30 PM. Master Mexican muralist **Rafael Cauduro: Sin Fronteras** (No Boundaries) in a solo exhibition through August 30; meet the artist 5:30 – 6:30 PM Saturday, August 16. Explore **Exposed!** through October 11, an annual outdoor sculpture exhibition on the Helen Day Art Center lawn, on Main and neighboring streets, along the rec path and other sites in Stowe. Helen Day Art Center, School St., Stowe. Gallery hours 12:00 – 5:00 PM, Tuesday-Saturday, www.helenday.com, 253-8358. Bryan Memorial Gallery, 180 Main St., Jeffersonville is open daily, 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM. For more information go online to www.bryangallery.org or call 644-5100.

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John Patrick Hayden and Kate Wetherhead in *Almost Maine* at the Saint Michael's Playhouse, July 15-26.

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MUSIC

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Open Mic Night and Coffeehouse, 6:00 PM at Phoenix Books, Essex, Wednesdays, August 13 and September 10. Seeking poets, musicians, singers, storytellers, and comics for all dates, though as space is limited performers should call to sign up in advance. Free and open to the public. For information, contact Michael DeSanto, 872-7111.

Music for Cello World Premiere – Underhill native Jonathan Tortolano explores the world of unaccompanied music for cello in a concert at the Stowe Community Church Saturday, July 19 at 12:00 noon. He will perform the world premiere of *Five Rilke Fragments* by Michael Adelson, whom Tortolano met at a past VT Mozart Festival. Narrated by the cellist's father Dr. William Tortolano (Prof. Emeritus, Fine Arts, St. Michael's College). Also on the program: *Fifth Suite for Solo Cello* by J. S. Bach, and *Sonata for Cello* by George Crumb. Open to the public; free will offering. For information, 654-2508 or 899-3564, or wtortolano@smcvt.edu.

Kevin Ginter, a former resident of Huntington and a graduate of Mount Mansfield Union High School and Castleton State College, will perform in concert at 7:00 PM, July 19 at The United

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Plastics are everywhere – from bedding to clothing to the containers where our food is shipped and stored. There are many different types of plastics and each has a potential risk.

Concerns about plastics fall in three main categories: 1) direct toxicity, e.g. leaching of lead, cadmium, and mercury; 2) cancer-causing activity, e.g. leaching of carcinogens such as phthalates; and 3) endocrine disruptors, which can cause birth defects, suppression of the immune system, and developmental problems in children.

Because the debate is on, what should you do? Minimize exposure whenever possible. Pay attention to the sources of plastic in your life. (Awareness is the beginning of change.) Heating of plastic is thought to increase leaching. Therefore, avoid Teflon cookware and irons. Do not microwave in plastic containers. (In fact, "microwave safe" means the container will not melt, not that leaching into your food will not occur.) Buy food whenever possible in glass or metal containers. Purchase natural fiber clothing, furniture, and bedding. Do not give young children plastic teething and toys; children have less-developed immune and detoxification systems than adults and therefore may be more susceptible to the problems plastics pose. Try not to use PVC and styrene products.

We do not know if plastics are safe or not, and it is hard to avoid plastics all together. The potential harmful effects are significant including respiratory issues, cancers, and genetic changes. So the

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Church of Underhill, Underhill Flats. He has had leading roles in productions such as, *Once on This Island*, *Cabaret* and as Don Quixote in *Man of La Mancha*. In the summer of 2006, Mr. Ginter made his professional debut with Saint Michael's Playhouse in Gilbert and Sullivan's *The Pirates of Penzance*. Ginter's performance in Underhill will be in English and will feature songs by Kurt Weill and oratorio arias. Donations accepted. Refreshments will be available. Call 899-2094 for more information.

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

VT Mozart Festival has dates and venues near to our area: Sunday, July 20, 7:00 PM, Trapp Family Lodge Concert Meadow, Stowe – *Beethoven on the Mountain* with the VMF Orchestra and Jean-Francois Latour, piano, and Sharon Moe, horn, performing Rossini, Mozart, Handel, and Beethoven. Wednesday, July 23, 7:30 PM, Inn at Essex, Essex: *Pirates of Penzance* with the Gilbert and Sullivan Singers. Sunday, July 27, 7:00 PM, Trapp Family Lodge Concert Meadow, Stowe: *Emperor in the Meadow* with the VMF Orchestra and Gil Shohat, piano, and Elliot Fisk, guitar, performing Mozart, Rodrigo, Haydn, and Beethoven. Sunday, August 3, 7:00 PM, Trapp Family Lodge Concert Meadow, Stowe: *Royal Encore* – VMF Orchestra, Allen Blustine, clarinet, Shyla Nelson, soprano, Jill Hallett Levis, mezzo-soprano, John Trianno, tenor, and Gary Moreau, bass, performing Mozart and Beethoven. For more information, contact the VT Mozart Festival at Maryse@vtmozart.org or 862-8690.

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best advice is to be aware, look for alternatives to plastic whenever possible, and stay tuned as information unfolds to support either conclusion about plastic.

Mary Kintner is a chiropractor, registered nurse, and nutritional consultant in Underhill

Blood drive remembers Amanda Emberley

Lamoille County Mental Health is hosting our third annual Memorial Blood Drive in memory of Amanda S. Emberley (daughter of Susan and David Emberley), Matthew Bourdeau (son of Alice and Lambert Bourdeau), and Harte Greene (son of Rick Greene and Linda Alexander, and stepson to William Alexander and Doreen Greene).

The blood drive will be held at the Lamoille County Church of the Nazarene, VT Rt. 15, Johnson on Tuesday, August 5, 2008 from 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM. In collaboration with The American Red Cross, Lamoille County Mental Health, and with your continued support, we hope to exceed last year's drive. Continuing with the tradition, we again plan to have give aways, prizes and lots of food!

For more information, please contact the Johnson Group Home, 635-7174 or Lynn McDermott, lynnm@lamoille.org.

Amanda's short life touched many in the Emberley family and beyond. Amanda attended Johnson Elementary School for grades K-4. After her family moved to Bolton, she attended Camel's Hump Middle School and Mount Mansfield Union High School. She would have graduated in June of 2006. Amanda gave the gift of life to others through organ donation. She was an amazing, special young lady who is greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Please come and give the gift of life!

Thursday, July 17: Gregory Douglass on the Green, Maple Tree Place, Williston, part of the 2008 Groovin on the Green Series. Contact 646-5263 or www.shopmtp.com.

Thursday, July 17: 35th Parallel, 7:30 PM, St. Michael's College, Colchester. Presented by the Middlebury Monterey Language Academy. Contact www.35thparallel.com.

Saturday, July 19, Stowe Street Arts Festival, 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM. (Gordon Stone Band noon – 2:00 PM).

Saturday, July 19, Gandalf Murphy and the Slambovian Circus of Dreams, 7:00 PM, followed by the film *High Noon*, UVM's Redstone Pinegrove Campus, Burlington. Part of *Film and Music on a Summer Night: Classic Westerns* series. Free; presented by UVM Lane Series and Summer University. Contact www.uvm.edu/laneseries.

Tuesday, July 22, Paul Asbell, 6:30 – 7:30 PM, Helen Day Art Center/Stowe Free Library, Stowe. Gazebo Concerts series presented by Stowe Performing Arts. Contact www.stowearts.com.

Thursday, July 24, *Starline Rhythm Boys* on the Green, Maple Tree Place, Williston, part of the 2008 Groovin on the Green Series. Contact 646-5263 or www.shopmtp.com.

Thursday, July 24, *Wrecking Ball*, Bobcat Café, Bristol. Contact 453-3311.

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Saturday, July 26, *Wrecking Ball*, 7:00 PM, followed by the film *Shane*, UVM's Redstone Pinegrove Campus, Burlington. Part of *Film and Music on a Summer Night: Classic Westerns* series. Free; presented by UVM Lane Series and Summer University. Contact www.uvm.edu/laneseries.

Tuesday, July 29, *The Swing Peppers*, 6:30 – 7:30 PM, Helen Day Art Center/Stowe Free Library, Stowe. Gazebo Concerts series presented by Stowe Performing Arts. Contact www.stowearts.com.

Tuesday, July 29, *Gordon Stone Band*, the Hub, Johnson. Contact 635-7626.

Thursday, July 31, *Gordon Stone Band*, 6:30 PM, Owl's Head Blueberry Farm, Richmond. Contact 434-3387.

Thursday, July 31, *Trinity* and the Green Mountain Irish Step Dancers with Bob McEwing on the Green, Maple Tree Place, Williston, part of the 2008 Groovin on the Green Series. Contact 646-5263 or www.shopmtp.com.

Sunday, August 3, Northeast Fiddlers Association Fiddle Meet, starting at 12:00 noon, VFW, Morrisville. Contact www.fiddlers.org or 476-7798.

Tuesday, August 5, Patti Casey and Colin McCaffery at *Tuesday Night Live*, 6:00 – 8:30 PM, Legion Field, Johnson. Rain site, Lowe Lecture Hall. For information, cal_05656@yahoo.com.

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

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

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

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

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

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

THEATRE

The Fairfax Community Theater company is proud to present their summer production *A Cry of Players* by William Gibson. In 1585, young William Shakespeare can't stay out of hot water. His wife is furious, townsfolk are weary of his escapades, a local lord has branded him a troublemaker, and even his girlfriend has had enough in this story of the day when the legendary genius started down the road to immortality. Thursday-Saturday, July 24-26, 7:30 PM, and Sunday, July 27, 2:00 PM, BFA Fairfax. Adults \$10, seniors and 12 and under \$8. Recommended for ages 13+. For tickets and information, 879-2867 or www.fctcvt.org.

The St. Michael's Playhouse season includes: through July 26, *Almost, Maine*, "Love in the Time of Frostbite," romantic comedy set in far northern Maine; July 29-August 9, *Pump Boys and Dinettes*, Broadway musical celebrating life's simple pleasures with a mixture of country, rock, and western-swing. At Playhouse Junior: *Jack and the Beanstalk* July 5, 11:00 AM and July 6, 11:00 AM and 1:00 and 3:00 PM. All children's show tickets \$8. For tickets and information, www.saintmichaelsplayhouse.org, 654-2281, or at the Playhouse Box Office.

At the Dorset Theatre Festival: *A Year With Frog and Toad* (July 24-August 9) and *June Moon* (August 14-30). Tickets available online, at the Playhouse box office, or by calling 867-5777. For information, visit www.dorsettheatrefestival.org.

Hayden addresses Cambridge Rotary

John Hayden (on left in photo) grew up in New York City where his father owned a bar. His mother was an Irish immigrant. Growing up in this environment made him realize that this was not the life he wanted for himself. He went to college in Syracuse, NY and joined the Peace Corps. He worked with people who had very little but were happy, which shaped his views. John got into agriculture and has focused on community, both locally and nationally. Some local projects he has been involved in are the C.S.A., community gardens, and selling produce to the schools. Internationally, John has traveled to third world countries to teach people to plant and manage gardens so that they may be self-sustaining. John believes that the character of society depends on what each of us does. He likes working with people and giving back to the local and international communities. John operates *The Farm Between* in Cambridge and lives with his wife Nancy, two sons, and two daughters. He is the Lamaille Lacrosse coach (which we hope he continues for many years to come!) and a new member of the Cambridge Rotary.



CAMPUS HONORS



Matthew R. Manz of Underhill, VT earned a place on the dean's list at St. Lawrence University in Canton, NY during the spring semester. Manz graduated from Mount Mansfield Union High School in Jericho, VT. He is majoring in Spanish, with a minor in Film Studies. His campus activities include Ultimate Frisbee, and he took part in the 2006-07 International Study Program in Spain.

Andrew L. Herrick, of Jeffersonville, VT was honored during Honors Day celebrations at the University of Vermont this spring with the Burlington Garden Club Memorial Award in Horticulture. Herrick is a student in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

Ian Cucinell Sullivan of Jericho, VT was honored during Honors Day celebrations at the University of Vermont this spring with an induction into the Alpha Alpha Psi Chapter of the Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society. Sullivan is a student in the College of Arts and Sciences.

Paul Trombino of Underhill Center, VT was honored during Honors Day celebrations at the University of Vermont this spring with an induction into the Alpha Alpha Psi Chapter of the Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society. Trombino is a student in the College of Arts and Sciences.

Celeste Kruse of Underhill, VT graduated from Fairfield University in Fairfield, CT on Sunday, May 18, 2008. Kruse earned a BA in Information Systems.

Hilary Nicole Jones, daughter of Dean and Judy Jones of Underhill, VT, received a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree from Colby-Sawyer College in New London, NH on Saturday, May 10, 2008. She graduated from Mount Mansfield Union High School in 2004. She is currently an RN at Fletcher Allen Health Care.

Jesse L. Metruk of Underhill, VT graduated Sunday, May 18, 2008 from Gettysburg College, Gettysburg, PA with a Bachelor of Science in Biology. Jesse has been accepted into the *Teach For America* program and will be teaching biology at the Southern Vance High School in Henderson, NC for the next two years. Jesse is a 2004 graduate of Mount Mansfield Union High School, Jericho, VT.

Heather Niles, daughter of Tom and Sandy Niles of Underhill, VT, received a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology from Gettysburg College, Gettysburg, PA. She is a graduate of Mount Mansfield Union High School in Jericho, VT. In the fall Heather will be attending Boston College in their MA program for School Counseling.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Air Force Major Dr. Stephen Messier graduated June 6, 2008 from the Neonatology Fellowship at the San Antonio Uniformed Services Health Education Consortium at Lackland AFB, TX. Dr. Messier received the Commander's Award for the best fellow level basic science research performed at the Consortium this year. His research, comparing the tidal volume delivery and clinical utility between a high frequency percussive ventilator and a high frequency oscillatory ventilator, has been presented at scientific meetings in Europe and the US. Dr. Messier has accepted a three-year assignment at Kadena AFP, Okinawa, Japan starting in September, where he will work as a neonatologist. Dr. Messier is the son of Don and Ann Messier of Jericho, VT. He graduated from Rice High School and UVM Medical School, and now lives in San Antonio, TX with his wife Leila and their four children.

Underhill resident named for Hometown Hero award

Among the 42 nominees for this year's "Hometown Hero" award is Underhill resident John Halligan. Winners will be announced September 4 at the LIVE UNITED Breakfast in Burlington. In all, the nominations honor 204 individuals and two businesses, with more than 234 combined years and more than 31,700 combined hours of service in Chittenden County.

Halligan was nominated for his work with KidSafe Collaborative and RyanPatrickHalligan.org. Kidsafe nominated John because "his volunteer work epitomizes the need for collaboration between groups in addressing the issues that young people face and in keeping them safe from harm. John's volunteer service is an extraordinary example of that work in motion." John would like to share his nomination with his wife Kelly, whom he always acknowledges as the hero behind his story.

Winners from each category will be selected by a panel of volunteer judges from the community. The agency served by each winner will receive an IBM ThinkPad donated by the IBM Corporation and a donation of \$2000 made possible by a grant from Citizen's Bank and a gift from the Argosy Foundation on behalf of John Abele. In addition, each winner will receive a special "Hero Bear," compliments of Vermont Teddy Bear.

The breakfast also kicks off the United Way of Chittenden County's annual Community Fundraising Campaign. It is open to the public, with a \$10 suggested donation at the door. Seating is limited; reserve a spot by calling 860-1677, ext. 822 by August 22.

JUST MARRIED



LYMAN-HUMPHREY

Dr. Rachel A. Humphrey, daughter of Bruce and Anita Humphrey of Jericho, VT, and Derek L. Lyman, son of Joni Latuch-Lyman and Steve Lyman of Sharon, VT, were united in marriage Saturday, May 31, 2008.

The Rev. Joseph Moore and the Rev. Robert Cargill officiated at the double-ring ceremony in Essex Alliance Church, Essex, VT.

Alexa Muhs and Liz Whitmore were bridesmaids. Groomsmen were Jed Putney and Ian MacKenzie.

A reception was held at Catamount Golf Club, after which the couple left on a Caribbean cruise.

Dr. Humphrey graduated from Mount Mansfield Union High School, the University of Vermont, and the UVM College of Medicine. She is a family practice resident at Fletcher Allen Health Care in Burlington, VT. Her husband graduated from Sharon Academy and the University of Vermont. He is employed by the Vermont Agency of Transportation. They reside in Winooski.

MACKECHNIE-FLEMING

Dawn A. Fleming, daughter of Sunsue Fleming of Duxbury, MA and the late Moro Fleming, and Brenton E. MacKechnie, son of Don and Cindy MacKechnie of Jericho, VT, were united in marriage on Saturday, May 24, 2008.

The Rev. Catherine Cullen officiated at the double ring ceremony in First Parish Church, Unitarian Universalist, Duxbury, MA.

Ember Fleming was maid of honor. Andrew MacKechnie was best man.

A reception followed the ceremony, after which the couple left for Disney World.

Mrs. MacKechnie graduated from Duxbury High School and Framingham State College. She is a graphic designer at Powder Horn Press. Her husband graduated from Mount Mansfield Union High School and Framingham State College. He is a chemist at Braitree Laboratories. They reside in Plymouth, MA.



BURIAL NOTICE

CAMBRIDGE - Shirley A. (Wells) Westman, A graveside committal service for Shirley A. (Wells) Westman, who passed away on February 12, 2008, will be held during her favorite time of the year on Saturday, July 19, 2008 at 2:00 PM in the family lot in Pleasant Valley Cemetery in Underhill, VT, with Reverend Peggy Tooker offering committal prayers. Family and friends are welcome. Arrangements are by John D. Workman, A. W. Rich Funeral Home – Fairfax Chapel 1176 Main St. Fairfax, VT 05454.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Jericho girl places in writing contest

Madeline Besso, age 10, of Jericho received second prize in the March 2008 Cricket League writing competition. For this contest, each entrant was asked to submit an original story inspired by the mummy art on the cover of the March *Cricket*. Madeline's story appears in the July/August 2008 issue. *Cricket* features the best short stories, poems, and articles by the world's finest children's authors and is illustrated by the best artists from here and abroad.

In each issue, Cricket sponsors a writing or art competition, with 300-400 entries from readers from as far away as Africa and Australia. Winners receive recognition and prizes, and the best entries are published on the Cricket League pages of the magazine or on the Cricket Magazine Kids' Web site www.cricketmagkids.com.

Henry E. Rackliff of Jericho, president of *Horizon Financial Mortgage Services*, recently became a certified mortgage professional by the *VT Mortgage Bankers Association*. He has worked in the mortgage industry for 10 years.



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WELCOME HOME

BOLTON (Caswell) Lauren and Eric Caswell had a son, Elliot Steven, on Tuesday, July 1, 2008 at Fletcher Allen Health Care in Burlington, VT.

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CAMBRIDGE

(Bandy) Susan (Bleakley) and John Bandy welcomed their daughter, Emily Christina on Saturday, June 7, 2008 at Fletcher Allen Health Care in Burlington, VT. Emily weighed seven pounds, eight ounces and was 21 inches long. Proud grandparents include Robert and Frances Bleakley of Jericho, VT and Vernon and the late Joanne Bandy of Richmond, VT. Mabel Bandy of Barnet, VT is her great-grandmother.



Emily's uncles and aunts are Rob Bleakley, James Bandy, Ken Bandy, Donald Bandy, Isaac Cowan, Kathy Cowan, Lori Bleakley, Wendy Bandy, and Soledad Bandy. Emily has seven cousins: Ashley, Jessica, and Marissa Bleakley, Raymo and Marina Nadeau, and Alex and Michaela Bandy. Emily is a happy little baby.

(Walsh) Beth (Michalowski) and Scott Walsh had a son, Devin Eli, on Tuesday, July 8, 2008 at Fletcher Allen Health Care in Burlington, VT

JEFFERSONVILLE

(Pratt, Gillian) Amanda Gillian and Justin Charles Pratt had a son, Jayden Curtis Pratt, on Friday, July 4, 2008 at Northwestern Medical Center, St. Albans, VT.

JERICHO

(Blow, McNulty) Erin McNulty and Jarrett Blow had a daughter, McKinley Cooper Blow, on Sunday, May 18, 2008 at Fletcher Allen Health Care in Burlington, VT.

(Gancarz) Susan (Ovitt) and Scott Gancarz had a daughter, Elia Elizabeth, on Monday, June 16, 2008 at Fletcher Allen Health Care in Burlington, VT.

(Rogers) Nancy (Hunter) and Garreth Rogers' son, Henry Hunter Rogers, was born Friday, May 30, 2008 at Fletcher Allen Health Care in Burlington, VT.

WESTFORD

(Charbonneau) Laura (Lawrence) and Joshua Charbonneau had a son, Dylan, son Monday, June 2, 2008 at Fletcher Allen Health Care in Burlington, VT.

Mother, daughter are both graduates

Joanne Kathleen Rawson graduated at age 56 from Johnson State College on Saturday, May 17 through the External Degree Program, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Liberal Arts, with a minor in Music. She earned the honor of graduating Magna Cum Laude. Mrs. Rawson teaches piano to people of all ages at her Cilley Hill Road, Underhill home.

Her daughter **Janet Rawson** graduated from high school in May, and plans to go to college in the fall. Janet is the granddaughter of E. W. Rawson of Cilley Hill.

COMING EVENTS

Thursday, July 17

Hot Dish Supper, 5:00 PM till all are served, Binghamville United Methodist Church, Fletcher. A variety of hot dishes, baked beans, hash, salads, rolls, pickles, pie. Adults, \$7; under 12, \$3. Families welcome.

The right thing for Mom and Dad, 7:00 PM, Phoenix Books and Café, Essex Shoppes and Cinema, Essex Jct. Geriatrician Dennis McCullough addresses these issues and discusses his book *My Mother, Your Mother*, a look at the complicated relationship of child and parent, when the child and the parent reverse roles. Free and open to the public; co-sponsored by Armistead Caregiver Services.

Friday, July 18

Camp TaKumTa benefit concert, 7:00 – 10:00 PM, West Monitor Barn, US Rt. 2, Richmond. In memory of Brandon Kilburn, 17, of Jericho, a TaKumTa alum who died in January. Open to all ages; open mic and local performers. Prizes and raffles; some bake sale items and refreshments. No cover, but donations appreciated; Proceeds benefit Camp Ta Kum Ta.

The Fizzy Factory, 5:00 – 6:00 PM, Farmers' Market, Volunteers Green, Richmond. The Fizzy Factory is a local group with original, earth friendly music, thought-provoking lyrics. For information, contact Carol Mader, 434-5273 or cmader@surfglobal.net.

Saturday, July 19

Riverside Cemetery Tour with Scott McLaughlin, 2:00 PM, Morristown Historical Society, Noyes House Museum, 122 Lower Main St., Morrisville. Free. Museum open Wednesday-Saturday, 1:00 – 5:00 PM.

Wednesday, July 23

Jericho-Underhill Lions Club blood drawing, 1:00 – 6:00 PM, Covenant Church, VT Rt. 15 near Essex/Jericho line across from John Leo's, Essex. Donors can enjoy homemade pies and desserts after donating!

Pictorial Tour of Morristown, 7:00 PM, Morristown Historical Society barn, Noyes House Museum, 122 Lower Main St., Morrisville. Lecture by Francis Favreau. Free. Museum open Wednesday-Saturday, 1:00 – 5:00 PM.

Thursday, July 24

NoyesFest '08, 7:00 PM, Morristown Historical Society barn, Noyes House Museum, 122 Lower Main St., Morrisville. "Come on, feel the Noyes!" Annual open house featuring the Morrisville Military Band. Free. Museum open Wednesday-Saturday, 1:00 – 5:00 PM.

Friday, July 25

Root 7, 5:00 – 6:00 PM, Farmers' Market, Volunteers Green, Richmond. A cappella group performs contemporary rock, country, and

folk music. For information, contact Carol Mader, 434-5273 or cmader@surfglobal.net.

Saturday, July 26

Art in Bloom Festival, 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM, Swanson's Farm and Nursery, VT Rt. 104, Fairfax. Approx. 40 artists, food vendors, and live music all day. Fundraiser for the Fairfax Fire and Rescue Departments. Child-friendly!

Taverna Night, 7:00 – 11:00 PM, Greek Orthodox Church Community Center, Burlington. Live Greek music, dancing, cash bar-authentic Greek appetizers \$5. Food not included. Information: 862-2155.

Architectural Tour of Noyes House with Erin O'Grady, 2:00 PM, Morristown Historical Society, Noyes House Museum, 122 Lower Main St., Morrisville. Free. Museum open Wednesday-Saturday, 1:00 – 5:00 PM.

Sunday, July 27

Ice Cream Social and Band Concert, 7:00 PM, Binghamville United Methodist Church, Fletcher. Fletcher-Fairfax-Westford Band. Bring a friend, chair, blanket; enjoy a cone, sundae, or banana split.

Traditional Greek Festival, 12:00 noon, Greek Orthodox Church Community Center, Burlington. Greek menu, Greek pastries, live music & dancing. Face painting; raffle. Free admission; additional parking at Christ The King Church. Rain or shine. Information: 862-2155.

Wednesday, July 30

Learning Vermont History from Old Stamps and Letters, 7:00 PM, Morristown Historical Society barn, Noyes House Museum, 122 Lower Main St., Morrisville. Lecture by Bill Lizotte. Free. Museum open Wednesday-Saturday, 1:00 – 5:00 PM.

Saturday, August 2

Fairfax Egg Run, 9:00 AM, Fairfax United Methodist Church, Fairfax. 5K Walk/5K run out-and-back road course along the scenic Lamoille River. Mostly flat route, perfect for family fun runs or speedsters seeking a PR. 10K route continues through wooded rolling hills. Free omelets to all race participants. New this year: Race-day registration closes at 8:30 AM; Port-o-lets at the race start; and more omelet stations. Benefits Fairfax Park and Recreation Dept. Katrina Antonovich, Fairfax Parks & Rec. Dir., 849-2900 x2360; eggrun@yahoo.com or visit www.allmotionfitness.com/eggrun.html.

Historical Archaeology for Kids, 2:00 PM, Morristown Historical Society, Noyes House Museum, 122 Lower Main St., Morrisville. Free at Noyes House with Scott McLaughlin. Museum open Wednesday-Saturday, 1:00 – 5:00 PM.

Sunday, August 3

Westford Ice Cream Social and Band Concert, 6:30 PM, Westford Town Common. Fundraiser for Brick Meeting House and community band. For information, contact Alex and Allison, 878-5804.

Wednesday, August 6

Reading the Historic Landscape, 7:00 PM, Morristown Historical Society barn, Noyes House Museum, 122 Lower Main St., Morrisville. Lecture by Scott McLaughlin. Free. Museum open Wednesday-Saturday, 1:00 – 5:00 PM.

ONGOING EVENTS

ADULT ACTIVITIES

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

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

VT French Canadian Genealogy Society library, Tuesday evenings 7:00 – 9:30 PM (except holidays). Also open Saturday, August 9, 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM. Vermont and Canadian Catholic Parish records, VT vital records on microfilm, census records, and other resources to assist with family history research. Volunteers available to assist individuals. Dupont Bldg., Hegeman Ave., Fort Ethan Allen, Colchester. For information or appointment, 862-8082, 878-8081, online at www.vt-fcgs.org, or email mail@vt-fcgs.org.

DONATIONS

United Church of Underhill's Clutter Barn, left of the United Church of Underhill, on the green in Underhill Flats, is accepting your clutter Saturdays, 8:30 AM – 12:00 PM through September. The last Saturday of July (26), and August (30), we will sell goods that have been donated (no donations on sale days). Accepted: clean, working household items, books, toys, games, and puzzles, spring and summer clothing, especially children's clothing. No fall or winter clothing until September. NOT accepted: luggage, computers, televisions, exercise equipment, luggage, large appliances, large furniture, rugs, magazines and National Geographic magazines, building or plumbing materials, beds, tires, rims, roof carriers, truck tops, and truck racks. Questions? Call Kathy Williamson, 899-3122, or Sharon Damkot, 899-3572.

FARMERS' MARKETS

Mills Riverside Park Farmers' Market, Thursdays, 3:00 – 6:30 PM, Mills Riverside Park, VT Rt. 15, Jericho. Through September 21. For information, Sarah Stein, 363-6618 or vt.stein@gmail.com.

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¾ cup vinegar
½ cup brown sugar
1 tsp. mustard
1 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
Salt, pepper, a little garlic powder



Slice and boil carrots in salted water until tender-crisp. Drain and cool. In a bowl, alternate layers of carrots, sliced onion, and sliced green pepper. Combine marinade ingredients, and pour over veggies. Refrigerate. (Cherry tomatoes may be added.) Keeps well. Serve cold.

CVAA Meals

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

- Thursday, July 17 – Ponderosa, Williston, 11:00 AM check-in, 11:15 AM lunch. All you can eat buffet.
- Friday, July 18 – United Church, Hinesburg, 12:00 noon. Beef stew, whipped winter squash, biscuit, fresh fruit.
- Monday, July 21 – Covenant Church, Essex Ctr., 12:00 noon. Broccoli soup, tuna salad, lettuce and cheese, croissant, fruited jello with topping.
- Monday, July 21 – Papa Nick's, Hinesburg, 3:00 PM.
- Tuesday, July 22 – Elks, North Ave., Burlington, 10:00 AM check-in, 11:00 AM lunch. Fried chicken, mashed potatoes.
- Wednesday, July 23 – Dutch Mill, Shelburne Rd., Shelburne, 10:00 AM check-in, 11:00 AM lunch. Shepherd's pie.
- Thursday, July 24 – Ponderosa, Williston, 11:00 AM check-in, 11:15 AM lunch. All you can eat buffet.
- Friday, July 25 – United Church, Hinesburg, 12:00 noon. Spaghetti and meatballs, garden salad, roll, carrot cake.
- Monday, July 28 – Covenant Church, Essex Ctr., 12:00 noon. Salisbury steak, red potatoes, summer vegetables, fruit bread, pears.
- Tuesday, July 29 – JP's, River Rd., Essex, 10:30 AM check-in, 12:10 AM lunch. Summer plate.
- Wednesday, July 30 – Dutch Mill, Shelburne Rd., Shelburne, 10:00 AM check-in, 11:00 AM lunch. BBQ pork, baked beans, cole slaw.
- Thursday, July 31 – Ponderosa, Williston, 11:00 AM check-in, 11:15 AM lunch. All you can eat buffet.
- Friday, August 1 – United Church, Hinesburg, 11:30 AM.
- Monday, August 4 – Covenant Church, Essex Ctr., 12:00 noon. Goulash, garden salad, Italian bread, chocolate cake.
- Tuesday, August 5 – St. Michael's College, 11:30 AM check-in, 11:45 lunch. Buffet.
- Wednesday, August 6 – St. Michael's College, 11:30 AM check-in, 11:45 lunch. Buffet.
- Thursday, August 7 – Bridge Street Café, Richmond, 11:00 AM. Grilled ham and cheese on homemade bread.
- Friday, August 8 – Cruise on the Spirit of Ethan Allen, 12:00 – 1:30 PM. \$20 covers lunch and cruise. For tickets and information, call Pat Pike, 865-0360.

In addition, CVAA-sponsored meals for seniors are offered on an ongoing basis at the following establishments. Tickets must be presented before ordering. For details about the special ticket program, call 865-0360:

- A.J.'s Kitchen, 85 Main St., Essex Jct. – open menu; tickets limited. Sunday-Tuesday, 5:00 AM – 2:00 PM, and Wednesday-Saturday, 5:00 AM – 8:00 PM.
- Bridge Street Café, Richmond – breakfast, lunch, or dinner (ordered before 5:30 PM) Monday-Thursday. Regular menu excluding shrimp, steak, or some specials.
- Dutch Mill, Shelburne Rd., Shelburne – Tuesday-Sunday, 7:30 AM – 2:00 PM.
- Old Yankee, 4A Jericho East, Jericho. Meals Wednesday-Sunday, 3:00 – 5:00 PM. Ordering off senior menu.
- Pizza Putt, Airport Parkway, So. Burlington – lunch or dinner, seven days a week. Choice of spaghetti with marinara sauce or baked ziti with tomato sauce and cheese, salad, garlic bread or roll, soda, coffee, or milk.
- Ponderosa, Williston – lunch buffet, 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM, Monday-Friday. Tickets are limited.
- St. Michael's College, Colchester. Brunch buffet Sunday, July 22 and 29, 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM.
- Vidalz Family Restaurant, 20 Susie Wilson Rd., Essex Jct. Daily specials only.

Moose is rescued; neighborhood thankful

To the Editor,

With 20-30 foot rock foot walls siding him, a 15-foot waterfall above, and a treacherous long and narrow flume of rushing water below, a young male moose stood trapped in a deep pool of water for more than 48 hours. The ending of this story was a happy one, as Town of Underhill First Constable, Animal Control Officer Jennifer Silpe coached a groggy moose to his feet and back into the woods as darkness fell on the long rescue day. Tranquilizing drugs were expertly administered by two game wardens from the State of Vermont Fish and Wildlife Dept., enabling them, along with the technical assistance of winches and manpower from the Army National Guard, to hoist the moose from his watery trap. The "litter type" rescue apparatus was delivered and managed by Ms. Cindy Cross Greenia of the Vermont Horse Council. This is the second rescue attended and supported by Ms. Cross Greenia's rescue equipment and advice. We learned of her expertise in large animal rescue when a horse owned by Mrs. Carolyn Leighton of Underhill was winched up in a large sling from a deep mud hole last month, as reported in the *Mountain Gazette*. Mrs. Leighton was thankfully home when she was contacted Wednesday morning for advice in the matter.

A resounding "Bravo" to all these "compassionate human neighbors" (rescue team) who came to the aide of our "willful and wild neighbor" (the moose), who found himself in a bit of bind on Monday, June 30, apparently after moving upstream when surprised by an area neighbor out walking his dog in the remote area. Some neighborhood women even sat above the gorge for two days to "meditate" and calm the moose, as well as throw down his favorite food of "moose maple" leaves. Thanks, Cary and friends!

Anyone interested in expressing appreciation for this rescue might consider a donation to: the Vermont Horse Council, Large Animal Technical Rescue Project, c/o Ms. Cross Greenia, P.O. Box 392, Underhill, VT 05489.

Money from donations and grants has enabled the Vermont Horse Council to purchase the specialized technical equipment used in both these large animal rescues. How fortunate we are to have so many talented professionals in our area who worked together to successfully accomplish this difficult rescue. You never know what large animal in our neighborhood might benefit from such equipment and care in the future.

Janine Mauche DuMond, Underhill

Camp TaKumTa benefit concert remembers Brandon

To the Editor,

I'm working on getting some exposure for a charity event to be held next Friday, July 18 in memory of a good friend and co-worker of mine. Brandon Kilburn, 17, of Jericho died in a head-on car crash on January 17 of this year. Brandon was a cancer survivor and alumnus of Camp TaKumTa. This year he planned to serve as a counselor and support the next generation of TaKumTa campers.

In his honor a group of friends and family are holding a benefit concert at the West Monitor Barn, US Rt. 2 in Richmond, Friday July 18 from 7:00 – 10:00 PM. Open to all ages with an hour of open mic and a great selection of local talent performing. Great prizes and raffles will be given away throughout the night. There will also be a limited selection of bake sale items and refreshments. No cover, but donations will be greatly appreciated; Proceeds benefit Camp Ta Kum Ta.

Any help would be greatly appreciated! Thank You!

Sincerely, Megan McGuire

LETTERS

It's about energy

To the Editor:

Here's my two cents' worth to all would-be state, federal, and private sector policy makers:

It's all about energy. Crack that nut and the other big problems will become smaller.

Why are we at war? Well, at least in part because of our long-standing reliance on foreign oil.

Why do we have inflation? Because the high cost of oil has made food, energy, and everything else cost more.

During the primaries, former Sen. John Edwards said is our patriotic American duty to find a sustainable way to meet our energy needs; in effect to declare total war in the classic American sense on the real enemy, which is the worldwide energy shortage. And that means planning and commitment to long-term solutions. Policymakers must put on hold their desire to just "look like we're doing something," their "isms" and political partisanship. We, the public, must tell them it's okay to inflict discomfort on us in pursuit of real solutions.

Only by paying that price did we defeat the Axis in 1941-45.

Guy Page, Cambridge

Clarifying CESU's health insurance proposal

To the Editor,

Thank you for the comprehensive article which appeared in the June 19 edition on the status of negotiations between the Chittenden East Supervisory Union (CESU) school directors and the district's teachers' union. There was a lot of complex yet helpful data provided in the article, and in the course of my conversations with Ted Tedford it appears that a few of the points may have been misunderstood. I would therefore like to clarify the following:

a) The article referred to anticipated savings for CESU as a result of moving to the new health care plan of approximately \$400,000 annually. While this figure is correct, I had also stated that the directors' proposal to the teachers' union called for CESU to reimburse the teachers for both deductibles and co-insurance payments, these totaling about \$300,000. In other words, the directors are proposing to share approximately three-quarters of the anticipated savings with the teachers. The net savings to CESU would therefore be in the area of \$100,000 per year.

b) My statement that the directors' health insurance proposal would make teachers "whole" from a financial point of view requires a bit of explanation. It is indeed true that under the proposed higher deductible plan some teachers will have greater out of pocket expenses. However, as your article correctly noted, CESU's overall health insurance premiums will be reduced by approximately 20% by moving to this new plan. Part of our proposal calls for CESU's teachers to maintain their existing 12% payment toward health insurance premiums. The actual amounts teachers would be paying would therefore be reduced as they would be paying this 12% on a lower total premium. We feel that this combination of lower premium contributions and our proposed reimbursement for both the deductible and co-insurance payments will offset the increased out of pocket expenses for most teachers.

The issue of health care continues to be a challenging one, not only for CESU but for businesses, nonprofits, and families throughout the state of Vermont. The CESU directors strongly believe that our recent health care proposal to the teachers' union offers significant savings to taxpayers while continuing to provide high quality, affordable health insurance to its teaching staff.

Robert Letovsky, Ph.D.,
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Richmond Farmers' Market, Fridays, 3:00 – 6:30 PM, Volunteers' Green, Richmond. Through October 17. For information, contact Carol Mader, 434-5273 or cmader@surfglobal.net.

Westford Farmers' Market, Fridays, 3:30 – 6:30 PM, Westford Common, VT Rt. 128, Westford. Through October 17. For information, Janet Franz, 878-7405 or jfranz@sover.net.

HEALTH GROUPS

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

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

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

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

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

KIDS

Westford Playgroup, Wednesdays throughout the summer, open to all children 5 and under and their families. During the hot months, we meet at many different places. If it's raining, held in the Westford Library, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM. For directions or information, Julie, 872-2641, or Matt, 849-9290. July 9: Mills Riverside Park, outdoor play, picnic lunch or meet at nearby eatery, Jericho, 10:30 AM. July 16: Boyden Valley Farms, playground, animals, tasting, 10:30 AM. July 23: Maple St. Park playground, Essex, 10:30 AM. July 30: Sandbar Beach, swim, picnic lunch, 10:30 AM. August 6: Rossetti Natural Area, beach, picnic lunch, 10:30 AM. August 13: Anne's house, playground, sandbox, call for directions, 10:30 AM. August 20: Julie's House, swim and play, call for directions. August 27: Fairfax School playground, 10:30 AM.

2008 Summer Underhill-Jericho Playgroup, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:30 – 11:30 AM at various Underhill and Jericho locations. Free! No registration required. For children ages birth to five years, with a caregiver. Siblings welcome. BYO snack, beverage, sunscreen. If rain, meet at the JES location instead. For information, Julie, 899-5132. Tuesdays, July 22, 29 – Jericho Elementary School, EEE preschool classroom, for indoor play time, stories, crafts, and playground fun. Thursday, July 17 – Mills Riverside Park, VT Rt. 15, Jericho. Park and meet at covered bridge for pond exploration and "fishing." Thursday, July 24 – Covered Bridge Blueberry Patch, off River Rd., Underhill, on right beyond

Chamberlin's farm. Meet across the bridge for blueberry picking. Thursday, July 31 – Underhill Town Pond, Stevensville Rd., Underhill Center. Meet in the picnic/beach area for swimming and picnic lunch.

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

SENIORS

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 Lenore Whitten, 878-8996, Bette Workman, 899-4446, or Loreen Teer, 899-1363.

SPORTS ACTIVITIES

Adult coed volleyball in Westford, 8:00 – 10:00 PM, Mondays, Westford Elementary School gym. Fun, casual volleyball. \$2 at the door. Call coordinators Jon and Tammy Brown, 872-8333, for information.

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

Women's volleyball, Browns River Middle School, Mondays, 7:00 – 9:00 PM. All age levels and skills welcome. Follows school calendar: no volleyball when there is no school. For information, contact Cathy Leatherstitch, 899-1395 or cleather@us.ibm.com.

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

SUPPORT GROUPS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Richmond parade draws viewers from all over

Residents from the surrounding area flock to Richmond for the 4th of July parade. Mountain High's Bonnie Hibbard and her family clap as the parade goes by.

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BRENDA BOUTIN



TOWN GOVERNMENT AND ORGANIZATIONS

Cambridge Area Rotary meets on the first Thursday of the month, rotating to local restaurants, 7:00 – 8:00 AM at 158 Restaurant, Main St., Jeffersonville. For information, call Anita Lotto, 793-0856, or Chuck Hogan, 644-8134.

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

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

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. 2008 Schedule: July 19, August 16, September 20, October 18, November 15, December 20.

Board of Water Commissioners of the Village of Jericho, Inc. – monthly (Tuesday, July 22), 7:00 PM at the Old Red Mill on 4B Red Mill Dr., Jericho. For information, 899-2938.

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.

LIBRARIES

DEBORAH RAWSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY, JERICHO

Every Friday morning, people are invited to join Susan Adams at the library from 9:00 – 11:00 AM to do volunteer weeding and grounds upkeep. Bring your tools and enthusiasm. Snacks and drinks will be provided. For more information, please contact Holly at the library.

The Board of Trustees meeting is Thursday, June 19 at 7:00 PM. Everyone is welcome.

Italian Movie Night – Friday, July 25, 2008 at 7:00 PM: *The Golden Door* – With an introduction by Martin Scorsese, this is a saga of a Sicilian family's journey from the Old World to their dream of a new one in "l'America" – only to discover the grueling conditions of the ocean voyage and the unexpected rigors of entry into the United States at Ellis Island to be more challenging than they expected – at once an epic and a moving intimate dramatization of the realities they faced. The movie is in the original Italian language with English subtitles. Vermont Italian Cultural Association (VICA) is co-sponsoring this film. This movie is free and open to the public.

Again this year adults are invited to keep a

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.

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

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

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

WORKSHOPS

Becoming a Love and Logic Parent®. *Teenagers*, July 22, 7:00 – 9:00 PM; *elementary aged*, July 29, 7:00 – 9:00 PM. Love and Logic teaches a four-step process for turning children's mistakes and misbehavior into opportunities for learning and building self-esteem. Held at the United Church of Underhill, Underhill Flats. Session leader Dave Clift, Jericho resident. Donation appropriate to what each participant can afford. For information, LoveAndLogicParents@yahoo.com.

summer reading log. For every five books you read, you may enter into a drawing for a gift certificate to an area business. Stop by today and pick up a form! The drawing will take place on August 29. This is sponsored by the Deborah Rawson Friends of the Library.

Reading Buddies – In Reading Buddies, middle and high school students are paired with elementary students who wish to practice their reading skills over the summer. For details, pick up an information sheet and application form at the Deborah Rawson Memorial Library. Students will be enrolled on a first come, first served basis.

Story Times – No registration needed. Wednesdays, 11:00 AM, July 23 and 30. Stories read each week by a "guest reader" followed by light refreshments at the picnic table. Recommended for preschool-grade 1.

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

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SUMMER CONCERT SERIES AT MILLS RIVERSIDE PARK

The Jericho Underhill Park District proudly presents six performances that are from 6 until 8 PM, rain or shine, and that will delight the whole family. Donations gratefully accepted. Scrumptious food is available or bring a picnic.

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JERICHO TOWN LIBRARY, JERICHO CENTER

The Summer Reading program *Catch the Reading Bug* at Your Library has been a lot of fun! It is not too late to come in and sign up. It is open to preschool through young adult, with programs, prize drawings, story hours, a book discussion group, and more. Families are invited to join the Read-to-Me portion of the program.

The following Summer Program events still have openings. Stop in or call 899-4686 to register.

Wednesday, July 30, 3:00 – 4:00 PM, *My Sister's Keeper* book discussion with MMUHS English teacher Jen Adkisson.

Wednesday, July 30, 4:00 – 5:00 PM, End of summer Bug Me Party on the Village Green in Jericho Center, co-sponsored with the Deborah Rawson Memorial Library. Share in the fun with music, games, snacks, prize drawings, and a book giveaway. If raining, it will be held at the Community Center. (All ages)

The Lake Monsters baseball team and Price Chopper are again encouraging all kids to read through their "Hit the Books" program. Children in grades K-8 can participate by reading four books by August 1. Pick up a form at the library, fill it out, and mail it with a self-addressed stamped envelope to Vermont Lake Monsters to receive two tickets to a Lake Monsters game.

The Champlain Valley Exposition (CVE) is again offering the summer reading incentive program to our library. To participate, students must be in grades K-8. This program runs until August 15. To register, come in to the library and receive a voucher and check out a least one book. On completion of three books, a parent/guardian signs the voucher. Then, return to the library and exchange it for a ribbon. The student must wear the ribbon for free all-day admission to the fair on Monday, August 25. At noon, students will be recognized in a special program in the Coca Cola grandstand.

The library will be holding a book and media sale fundraiser during Harvest Market weekend at the Community Center in Jericho. We are currently accepting books, books on tape, DVDs, CDs and software donations. Please do not donate textbooks, *Readers' Digest* condensed books, encyclopedias, or magazines. Thanks to everyone who has already donated!

Story time including craft and snack is every Wednesday, upstairs at 10:00 AM.

During July there are special bug themes for the summer program!

The public is welcome so join us at our upcoming meeting Board of Trustees on August 7.

The hours for the Jericho Town Library on the Green are Monday and Friday 1:00 – 5:00 PM, Wednesday 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM and 2:00 – 6:00 PM, Saturday 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM. For more information call 899-4686 or email us at Jerichotownlibrary@gmail.com.

WESTFORD TOWN LIBRARY, WESTFORD

Calling all bookworms! Visit the library to sign up for *Catch the Reading Bug*! Young children and toddlers are encouraged to join because books read aloud count, too! Visit weekly to find the reading bug sticker hidden in the library and earn a prize! Details on the website (www.westford.lib.vt.us) or call Victoria, 878-5639.

Going on vacation or "staycation" – either way, send us a postcard and we'll display it in the library! Let's see how many we can collect! Write us at P.O. Box 86, Westford, VT 05494.

Thursday, July 17, 11:00 AM: Storytime. Stories and activities for preschoolers. Theme: Butterflies and Moths.

Saturday, July 19, 11:00 AM: Take a trip to the Ugly Bug Ball with children's entertainer Jane Napier. Get ready to rock'n' read with stories, puppets, music, and games!

Saturday, July 19, 6:30 PM: Women's Game Night. Join this fun and Fridayendly group for food, laughter, and board games. For information, contact Kara Bolton, 879-2513.

Wednesday, July 23, 6:00 – 7:00 PM, Book discussion: *All the Pretty Horses*, Cormac McCarthy.

Thursday, July 24, 11:00 AM: Storytime. Stories and activities for preschoolers. Theme: Earthworms and Other Crawlies.

Saturday, July 26, 11:00 AM: Pet Show. Bring your critters of all descriptions – on leashes, in cages, and under your control – to Westford's famous pet show! Stuffed animals welcome, too! Meet at the gazebo on the Common.

Sunday, July 27, 7:00 – 8:00 PM: Free concert on the Common. Colin McCaffrey, Patti Casey, and Bob Amos. Folk, country and roots rock fusion. Rain location: Red Brick Meeting House. Co-sponsored by the library and Westford Recreation.

Thursday, July 31, 11:00 AM: Storytime. Stories and activities for preschoolers. Theme: Crickets and Grasshoppers.

Friday, August 1, 4:00 PM: Ice Cream Celebration! Certificates for all Summer Reading Program participants and special prize drawings including movie tickets to Essex Cinema.

Friday, August 1, 6:00 – 8:30 PM: Westford Knitters. All needle-crafters welcome. For more info, contact Julie Nelson at 343-0165 or julie@coolmoonyoga.com.

Tuesday, August 5, 6:00 PM: Strategy and board games for ages 12 and up. Hosted by Matt Taylor.

Thursday, August 7, 10:00 AM: Storytime. Stories and activities for preschoolers. Note, earlier time for August 7 and 14.

Friday, August 8, 5:00 – 5:30 PM: Pokemon Club. Ages 6-9.

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Readers of all ages can find something interesting at the Varnum Memorial Library to take part in. There are books, audiobooks, and movies to check out. There's an ECHO Center pass to borrow that entitles the bearer to greatly reduced admission for up to two adults and three children to the aquarium in Burlington. If you haven't been in awhile, you might want to check out the "Bodies in Motion" exhibit. There are summer programs for children. There's a story walk around the village in Jeffersonville for all ages to enjoy. Come and check out the library!

Children can take advantage of the Summer Reading Program on Tuesdays at 1:30 PM. The free programs are running through August 19. The theme is "Catch the Reading Bug." Buggy events, stories, and crafts will be available to youngsters. The new preschool story hour is also on Tuesdays from 10:00 – 11:00 AM for children aged 18 months to five years old. This is a real treat since it's before normal library hours. Reading logs are available for all kids to track their summer reading.

Our story walk winds its way around Jeffersonville, beginning at Cambridge Elementary School and ending at the library. Pages of the book *The Cheese* by Margie Palatini are displayed in the windows of 13 buildings around the village. This project was a cooperative effort with Cambridge Elementary School's Morgan Baumann. Copies of the map are available at CES and the library. The story is about a rat (of the notorious *Farmer in the Dell*) who doesn't want the cheese to stand alone any longer. He tries to convince the resistant characters in the story that the cheese should be eaten. Take a walk and read to see if he's successful and enjoy the beautiful details of the illustrations along the way.

We owe a lot of thanks to the folks who helped make our July 4 fundraising events such a success. Thank you very much to all who stopped by the library and bought books and cookies. Thank you also to all the people who purchased watermelon, cookies, and raffle tickets at the booth at the school field. Last but definitely not least, thank you to all the volunteers who helped make the event happen!

Stop by the library on Main Street and find something that interests you. The library is open Mondays and Tuesdays from 1:00 – 8:00 PM, and Thursdays and Saturdays from 9:00 AM – 12:00 noon. The library is a Home Card member, so your card here gains you access to almost all of the libraries in Chittenden County. Call 644-2117 if you have any questions.

Green Mountain Bicycle Club rides

All GMBC rides are free and open to the public. Helmets are required. All of our official rides have two leaders: one to lead and a co-leader to sweep. Please contact the leaders for specific information on the rides. We encourage riders to try to carpool to starting points which are far from their homes.

Sunday, July 20: Rouse's Point Rouser - one of our flattest rides. The 60 mile (M/S) loop heads up from Grand Isle over the Rouse's Point Bridge and down through scenic, low-traffic lakeside roads in New York. The ride can be shortened by turning around at any point before the bridge. Bring money for the ferry from Plattsburgh. Riders can gather at the deck of the Alburgh General Store for fresh baked goods. Meet 8:45 AM, State Fisheries parking lot slightly north and across the road from the Grand Isle Ferry Lot. Those coming from the Burlington area may consider carpooling from the Colchester Park and Ride at Exit 17 off I-89, UVM or Dorset Park, South

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Bridge project closes part of Winooski River to recreation

The Vermont Transportation Department (VTrans) has closed a short segment of the Winooski River so that crews can safely remove the US Rt. 2 truss bridge that connects Middlesex and Moretown.

The river segment will be closed to boaters, swimmers, kayaks, canoes, and other recreational uses for as long as demolition and construction activity poses a safety risk to anyone using the river.

The river was closed using a string of floating buoys connected by rope, and signs notify users that the segment under the bridge is closed.

Paddlers are encouraged to take their kayaks and canoes out of the water just before the bridge and walk their boats along Lover's Lane until they reach a point beyond the bridge before putting their crafts back in the water.

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Space is limited; applications must be received no later than August 15. You do not need to be in 4-H to attend the Academy.

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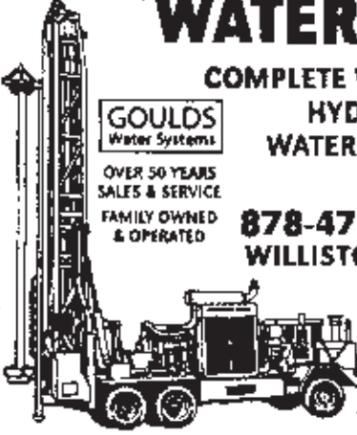
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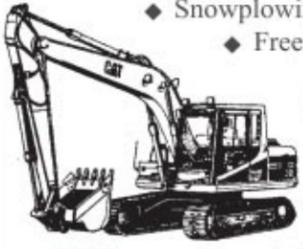
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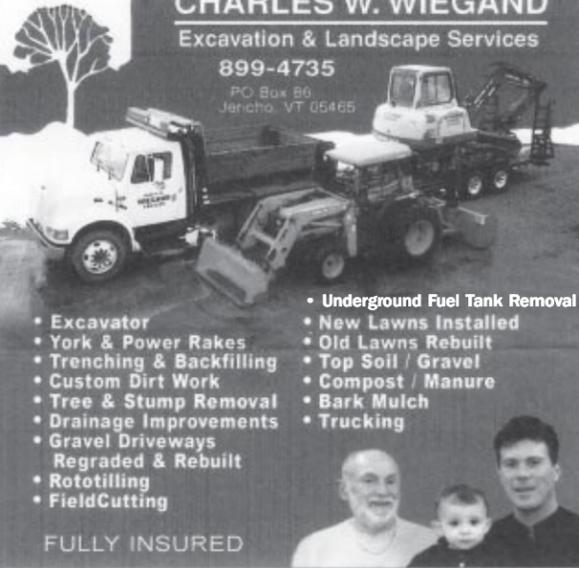
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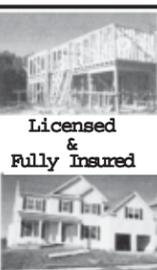
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would eliminate having to involve state officials, use valuable resources, and attract attention to the situation and the favorite local swimming hole. After one final attempt and with the help of resident Lea Van Winkle, Seth and Jennifer tried to coax Stubby to take a leap up the embankment. In the meantime, Janine Mauche DuMond, another resident, started to gather resources for a possible attempt at rescuing him the following day.

On Wednesday, July 2 at midday, after the moose had stood over 40 hours in the water without food, a team of residents, two Army National Guardsmen, VT State Game Warden Justin Stedman, Lieutenant Robert Lutz of VT Fish and Wildlife, President of Vermont Horse Council and chairperson of Vermont Large Animal Technical Rescue Project Cindy Cross-Greenia, and Jennifer Silpe assembled to attempt the first live rescue of its kind in Vermont.

The two mountaineers from the National Guard rigged a system of ropes attached to trees and carabiners that led to the Fish and Wildlife truck equipped with a winch. The plan was to use the rescue glide, a large stretcher-like device, to pull the moose up over a cliff face to safety. Four wooden planks were placed from the gorge bottom to the top of the cliff, to make the incline less steep and provide a smooth surface for the glide to travel up.

The moose was darted and tranquilized and then strapped to the glide, which was then manually guided onto the planks from below. Lt. Lutz started the truck winch and inched the moose slowly up the planks.

Due to the distance from the vehicle to the moose, the weight of the moose, and the torque placed on the winch, when the glide was near the top of the cliff, a call from Lt. Lutz on the radio reported to the team at the moose that the winch had burned out. With the two Guardsmen below in the water and four others above, it was sheer human strength that pulled Stubby up over the top of the cliff face before he could slide out of the glide. Justin Stedman then requested the Lt. Lutz drive forward to pull the moose as far up into the woods as possible.

The game wardens attempted to reverse the tranquilizer but it did not work, and after three and a half hours, they left Cindy Cross-Greenia and Jennifer Silpe with full custody of a very sleepy moose. Jennifer and Cindy took turns watching the moose and trying to rouse him (all the time keeping in mind that he was a dangerous wild animal).

Throughout the evening, several other residents and owners of camps brought food, drink, and words of encouragement as only Jennifer remained and it began to get dark.

At about 9:45 PM, over nine hours after the rescue began, Rob Donaldson, Lindsey Wild, and Jennifer Silpe witnessed something amazing: Stubby, the stubborn moose, awoke from his stupor and slowly, one unsure step at a time, wandered into the woods.

It was an incredible experience for everyone involved. The diverse team of residents and professionals came together to save the life of a moose. Without the dedication of and teamwork between all the individuals involved and the resources made available from the Vermont Large Animal Rescue, this feat could not have been achieved.

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The party, now only in its second year, was not planned to be an event comparable to those of surrounding areas. We intended it to be a quiet event and in all of our articles we told folks to bring a picnic and enjoy an afternoon of music in the park with their families. The *Mountain Gazette* does not have the funds to put on an event like other

communities. We thought that a quiet afternoon after a busy Fourth would be welcome.

There is need for more planning if the event is to prosper, and participation from folks in the community is needed. Perhaps some folks would like to volunteer their time. We apologize to everyone for the surprises that some found offensive. We certainly did not

Young and old came and enjoyed the music and the beautiful afternoon. The fantastic sounds of Lamsbread's Bobby Hackney (right) rang out, and little dancers played on the grass. Left: folks visited; bottom left: a lovely little girl, pictured in the *Gazette* two years ago dancing with Shad Emerson, danced with her sister; and below right, a young fellow exhibited his moves for all to see.



want anyone to have a bad time. We have a year to plan and seek vendors for next year.

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Give us your opinion of the afternoons events. We need to know if we should continue with plans for the *Party in the Park* next year.

Silent auction raises over \$800 for Tanzania trip

By Brenda Boutin
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Tom Beaudoin is putting a lot of effort into raising the money he needs to send to the school in Tanzania. He put together a wonderful array of items that were available for bids at the *Mountain Gazette's Party in the Park* on July 5.

"We asked him if he wanted us to help him," said Margaret Beaudoin, Tom's mother. "He really wanted to do it all himself. We are so proud of him."

A wide variety of items graced the table: stately lamps by George Scratchard; gift certificates for food, advertising, and more. The people attending the event were generous and Tom raised \$800 toward his goal of \$3600.

"I am so thankful to the people who came and bid," Tom said. Tom has a lot more to raise. He will be at the Farmers' Market



at Mills Riverside Park with baked goods that he has helped to make. Stop in and sample the pies and pastries, and help a good cause.

Beaudoin, a 2008 Mount Mansfield Union High School graduate, has been accepted into the Volunteer Africa program, and he will spend three months helping to teach African children about cleanliness and disease, and to speak English.

Tom is now actively raising money to contribute to the HAPO program. (HAPO is a Tanzanian Registered Society that provides support to children and health-related programs in the Tabora Region of Tanzania.) He must raise \$3600 to contribute to the program and needs \$1500 for his flight to Tabora, Tanzania, East Africa.

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They also agreed that making the position an appointed one also would be best because the Board could hire the person they see most fit for the job, Murphy said.

"The community knows me and trusts me, but I may not be in this position forever, so I think that anyone given law enforcement duties has to be trained," Silpe said. Silpe is also Animal Control Officer for the town, a high-visibility post that deals mostly with dogs.

Murphy agreed with Silpe. "Why train someone who could lose in the next election?"

Selectboard Chairman Steve Walkerman said the town is not considering buying a cruiser for Silpe, but most likely will purchase a blue light for her truck and a radar gun. Only police, sheriffs, and constables may display a blue light on their vehicles. No hourly rate has been set for the position, although Silpe receives \$12 an hour when she is out on animal control calls.

"It all depends on what duties and training she receives before we could set an hourly rate," Walkerman said. "She would only be paid for speed control if she is authorized to do that."

Silpe was called out last week to help rescue a young male moose stuck in a gorge in town.

Walkerman said the town most likely would receive more money from speeding fines with the proposed new system than it does now. The town gets a portion of each speeding fine, he said, but it is having "trouble collecting the part we are owed by the state."

Speeders were on the minds of residents at the last town meeting. While they wanted something done, voters turned down two attempts to appropriate at least \$5000 first for an electronic speed sign to be placed on the side of a road, but asked the Selectboard to come up with a comprehensive plan to reduce speeding and report to voters at the March 2009 town meeting.

Selectboard member Dan Steinbauer stood after the second motion was turned down and commented, "I believe we are getting the message."

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proval. He will also chair an End-of-Life Care, Palliative Care, and Pain Management Study group later this summer/fall. The purpose of the study group is to make recommendations for possible legislative action during the coming session. He is also on the Advisory Committee for the implementation of the Vermont Prescription Monitoring Program.

"I consider it an extreme honor to serve the towns of Jericho, Underhill, and Bolton in the legislature. I have worked hard on issues that impact adults, children, and families, and feel that my work this summer/fall will bring legislative attention to issues that need to be expanded upon. It has been my goal to share with constituents information the last four years on the work being done in the Statehouse and to help those who need assistance navigating state bureaucracy. I look forward to visiting with residents this fall to listen to your concerns, answer questions on the issues that face the state, and share my thoughts."

Bill was a long time school board member, serving both the Underhill I.D. district and Chittenden East District. He is also on the Board of Pine Ridge School in Williston and a Vietnam-era veteran.

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