

## Multiple candidates vying serve on the DRML Board

By Phyl Newbeck  
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Sometimes it can be difficult to find people willing to serve on volunteer boards and commissions. That's not the case with the Deborah Rawson Memorial Library (DRML) this year. Two candidates are vying for an open seat from the town of Underhill and three are in the running for a spot on the Jericho side. The DRML Board consists of nine members: five from Jericho and four from Underhill.

Outgoing Chair Mary Bassett is thrilled so many qualified people are interested in serving on the Board of Trustees. The Board is charged with setting library policy and working with the library director to develop the budget and take care of the facilities from the furnace to the garden. "We're blessed to have so many good volunteers," said Bassett. Library trustee terms are four years and trustees are limited to two terms consecutively, although some serve longer if they have been appointed to finish the unexpired term of someone who retired early. "It's really interesting work," said Bassett "and you work with a terrific bunch of people."

The Jericho Underhill Library District which governs DRML is the first library municipal district in Vermont and garners 60% of its budget from Jericho and 40% from Underhill. In 2011, over 31,000 people visited the library including 3,500 who attended the 187 free programs. Over 58,000 items were borrowed during the course of the year. DRML has 16,790 books, 82 magazine subscriptions, 1,085 DVDs and videos, and 845 books on CD and tape in circulation.

On the Jericho side, three former educators are vying for a position on the Board. Gail Schermer, a former English teacher, is running for re-election. Her challengers are Henry Weinstock, a former French professor at the State University of New York and Joann Osborne, a teacher at Fletcher Elementary School.

This is not Gail Schermer's first time on the DRML board. She was part of the committee which formed the library district and was then appointed by the Selectboard to serve on the very first Board of Trustees. Now retired after forty-three years of teaching including a lengthy stint in Essex, Schermer has enjoyed her return to the board, co-chairing the Capital Improvement Committee and also serving on the Personnel Committee. Schermer noted that a recent survey of library users showed that two of the most-loved features were the "warm and welcoming staff" and the large, round room which serves as a community space. "We take the library aspect very seriously" said Schermer, "but we also take seriously that it has become a community gathering place and a home to a variety of groups, going well beyond book clubs."

Joann Osborne said she has always been "a library person." Since she is retiring from teaching at the end of this year, she hopes to have the opportunity to give back to her community. "I enjoy libraries," she said, "and I want to give back to this one because every time I go there they are extremely helpful."

## Browns River Middle School kids win VPT Above the Fold contest

"I'll let you all know if I hear back from the Vermont Public Television Above the Fold contest judges. You are already winners! Celebrate!" wrote Patty Brushett. Brushett was notified over the holiday break that indeed her class had won.

According to the VPT website, the overall winner for the best student newspaper entry was Browns River Middle School, a class of 7th graders under the direction of Patty Brushett. Contributing students include: Greg Elgin, Dan Wandeloski, Molly Finn, Casey Munns, David Rosales, Leo Lehrer-Small, Andrew Champlin, Paul Eells, Arianna Belfield, Leah Corbin, Nicholas Cook, Jake LeClair, Madison Gay, Ella Bergin, Jenna McCarthy, Allison Babbitt, Kyle DeCoster, Francesca Frost, Max Varela, Laura MacKenzie, Grace Patton, Jack Leach, Josh Graning, Nate King, Jared Kesler, Jamie Dionne, Kai Gravel-Pucillo, Flannery Abbey, Billy Bruce, Lauren Hagerty, Hannah Dionne, Anna

Osborne also hopes that being a member of the board will help connect her to her community. While teaching at Fletcher Elementary School she has spent a good deal of time commuting and felt she wasn't getting the opportunity to interact with neighbors as much as she would have liked. Recognizing that this is a contested election, Osborne said she won't be deterred if another trustee is elected. "I'll still volunteer there," she said. "I still want to help."

Henry Weinstock is surprised to find himself in a competitive election. "I was minding my own business," he said, "when [Jericho Town Clerk] Jessica Alexander asked whether I would be interested in serving on the board. I've never done anything like that before, so it seemed interesting." Weinstock said he does not approach the position with any particular philosophy but hopes to learn from the experience. "Perhaps I'm extraordinarily naïve," he said, "but I'd like to open up my prism." Weinstock's previous volunteer experience involved serving on a committee to build bicycle paths; a group whose work was eventually tabled. "It was a rich experience," he said, "that broadened my perspective as to how committees work and the trajectory from proposal to finished product. I think this experience would also enrich my life."

Marie Findholt is one of the two candidates vying for the open Underhill seat. "I volunteered off and on my whole life," she said "and I thought that if something came up I'd like to be on the board." Although Findholt's siblings weren't avid readers, her mother was, and Findholt has happy memories of going to the library with her. On vacation, the two would always bring a box of books to read. Findholt currently works at H+R Block but she also has a background in education, having taught home economics for many years. Although she would love the opportunity to serve on the library board she said she would not be perturbed if she didn't win the election, adding that she would continue to help out at the library, no matter what the election results are.

Bill Vandeventer is the other candidate from Underhill. A CPA by trade, Vandeventer is an auditor for the Underhill Water District and used to serve on the Underhill I.D. School Board, but he would like to expand his community service with work at the library. "I'm not a big fan of moving everything to digital," he said. "It has its place but physical books are a valuable reading experience beyond just digesting text." Recognizing the changing times, Vandeventer is intrigued at the way the DRML has moved beyond being just a library to being almost a community center. "I'm interested in seeing how the library can take advantage of that shift," he said, "moving beyond a single purpose to becoming a community entity and bringing programs that connect people with all forms of media."

Jericho and Underhill are lucky to have such a strong slate of candidates interested in helping the Deborah Rawson Memorial Library thrive. Be sure to vote for your candidate of choice on Town Meeting Day.

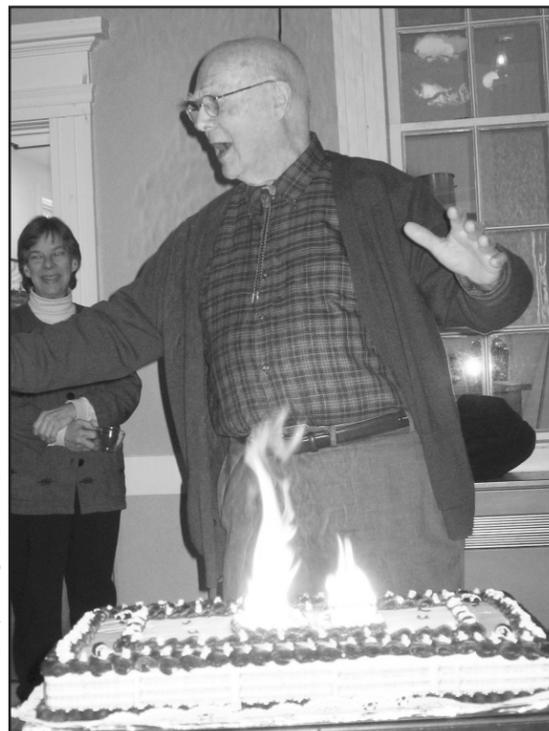


Students read December 1, 2011 issue of *The Mountain Gazette*.

Burke, David Ahlers, Ashley Greene, Jenna Laterreur, Hannah Leavitt, Corey Clark, Raymond Wilson, Shea Fitzgerald and Liam King.

## Moore celebrates 90th birthday

Edwin Moore, longtime Underhill resident and former town official, reacts as 90 candles flame up on his birthday cake. Hundreds of friends and family helped him celebrate at a reception in the Underhill Town Hall last Sunday. PHOTO BY TED TEDFORD



## First Annual Wiffle Ball Tournament

1st Annual Winter Classic Wiffle ball tournament at Little Fenway and Little Wrigley on February 4. 12 teams will compete in the snow and cold in an attempt to win this unique first-of-its-kind Winter Wiffle ball event. VT Public television will be filming some of the tourney for incorporation in their Fenway 100 yr anniversary story to be aired in April.

## New website launched on Vermont invasives

Invasive species can upset the balance of nature, crowding out native species, threatening waterways and altering ecosystems. Control often is difficult once invasives--plants, animals, insects and pathogens introduced into areas outside their natural ranges--get established.

To provide easy access to information on invasive species in Vermont, University of Vermont (UVM) Extension has partnered with the Vermont Chapter of The Nature Conservancy, the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources and the Vermont Agency of Agriculture to develop the Vermont Invasives web site ([www.vtinvasives.org](http://www.vtinvasives.org)). The site serves as a one-stop clearinghouse for resources on the identification, management, prevention and reporting of these intrusive non-native species.

The site features a photo gallery of invaders along with a description and information on the geographic distribution and ecological threat of each pest. It also includes a calendar of events and updates on community projects and state

and federal regulations regarding invasives.

Visitors to the web site can sign up for an e-newsletter or learn how to become involved with various monitoring, management and community outreach efforts including the Richmond Floodplain Forest Restoration Project and UVM Extension's First Detector program. The latter trains volunteers to scout for tree pests such as the emerald ash borer, Asian longhorned beetle and hemlock woolly adelgid.

In addition, the web site provides links to other agencies and organizations as well as to resources including iMapInvasives. This free web-based invasive terrestrial plant database allows users to submit information on invasive plant infestations in their area and track control measures.

For more information, contact Kate Forrer at (802) 223-2389, ext. 210, or (866) 860-1382, ext. 210, (Vermont calls only) or by e-mail at [Katherine.Forrer@uvm.edu](mailto:Katherine.Forrer@uvm.edu).

## Jeffersonville residents block major development in flood plain

### 16-Pump Gas Station & Convenience Store Complex Had Been Planned

Plans to build a 16-pump gas station and convenience-store complex in the Jeffersonville floodplain have been put on hold thanks to the efforts of an ad-hoc citizens group and the Village Board of Trustees, which signed an agreement Jan. 20 to buy the land from Jolley Associates of St. Albans.

Effectively ending the contentious project, the agreement to purchase the 4.2-acre parcel, for \$402,500, was reached after months of behind-the-scenes negotiations and secured with a \$5,000 deposit comprised of donations from local residents.

"The significance of this agreement cannot be overstated," says Tammy Fenton, chair of the five-member Jeffersonville Board of Trustees. "The Jolley development would have devastated our community by disrupting an essential floodplain and forcing floodwaters farther into the Village during periods of significant rain or snowmelt, resulting in damage to property, disruption to local businesses and ultimately the loss of residents and the erosion of our community's economic fabric."

Acknowledging concerns about the \$400,000+ price tag, Fenton says the Trustees reasoned they could easily incur that amount in legal fees fighting the development in court and ultimately have nothing to show for it. "Did we want a lower price? Certainly," she says. "But this is a fair price."

Jolley applied for a local permit to build the project in March 2011, just as news broke that

the Village was developing new flood hazard bylaws, at the urging of the Lamoyille County Planning Commission, prohibiting construction in floodplains, in compliance with state recommendations. As a result, the project qualified for review under regulations that allowed development in the floodplain.

"Ultimately we felt we could not afford not to buy out Jolley," Fenton explains, adding that the plan is to raise money for the purchase through grants and fundraising efforts, not taxes. "We'll be exploring a lot of options in the coming months. We'll be warning a public meeting next week, and of course this will be a big topic of conversation at the village's annual meeting in May," she says. The agreement gives the Village roughly eight months to close on the purchase.

"We based our decision to buy on two words: flood mitigation," Fenton says. "That's what this is about. We are not opposed to development -- in fact we want development, just not in floodplains."

Jolley originally purchased the land -- the former site of the Bell-Gates Lumber Corp., located along Route 15 by the blinking light in Jeffersonville -- in May 2010 for \$350,000. The firm reportedly spent tens of thousands more on engineering studies, design work and legal fees associated with the application and permitting process. The price negotiated with the Trustees is said to recover some but not all of those costs. Jolley encountered opposition to the project from the start. At the first public hearing in April, a small group of citizens turned out to question the scale and impact not only of the



This majestic elm stands guard at the entrance to Jericho. Local residents proposed to have it named as the town tree. 10% of the voters signed a petition to warn it as an article March 6.

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## POLICE REPORTS

At approximately 3:30 AM on January 18, 2012, the burglary alarm was activated at the Richmond Mobil and Store located on Route 2. When officer Hansell arrived it was determined that the front glass door window had been smashed out and entry was gained. Richmond Police requested a canine which S. Burlington Police sent however the suspect(s) involved were not located. Store video indicates that one male entered the building after breaking the door glass. The store indicates that the current inventory shows that approximately \$3,800 worth of cigarettes was stolen but a complete inventory has not been completed. Police are now working on enhancing the video obtained from the store. Anyone with information is asked to contact the Richmond Police Department or Crime Stoppers. Case# 12RM0004

On January 17, 2012 at approximately 4:19 PM the Williston Police Department responded to a single vehicle collision into a pole on North Williston Road in the Town of Williston. A subsequent investigation resulted in the operator, Scott M Dobrowolski, 48, Hinesburg, VT, being arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence of alcohol. An evidentiary breath test showed Dobrowolski's BAC to be 0.155%. The legal limit for operating a motor vehicle in the State of Vermont is 0.08%. Dobrowolski was cited to appear in Chittenden County District Court on February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at 8:15 AM to answer to the charge of DUI #1, accident resulting. As a result of the collision, electricity was out for part of Williston for several hours and traffic had to be diverted from North Williston Road.

On January 15, 2012 at approximately 11:56 PM Richmond Police were called to a one car motor vehicle crash into a telephone pole on Dugway Rd. in Richmond, VT near Huntington Rd intersection. The operator was identified as Andrew Bergeron, 28, of Richmond, VT. Bergeron was uninjured. While speaking with Bergeron alcohol was detected and field sobriety tests were conducted along with an alcohol screening device which registered above the legal limit of .08 percent. Mr. Bergeron was processed for suspicion of DUI and registered a breath test of .148 percent. Mr. Bergeron was released on a citation to appear in Chittenden County Superior Court – Criminal Division on February 2, 2012 at 8:15 AM to answer to the charge of DUI accident resulting. Case # 12RM00038

## Sanders to hold town meeting in Jericho

U.S. Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.) has set dates for Town Meetings in Jericho and Charlotte. As the United States faces unprecedented challenges with the economy, climate change, health care and a \$15 trillion national debt, Sanders is inviting Vermonters to share their opinions on these important issues.

Please come and share your thoughts and ideas with Senator Sanders and local leaders at the Jericho-Underhill Town Meeting and free brunch, 10:30 AM. February, Jericho Community Center, 329 Browns Trace Rd, Jericho, VT.

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## COURT REPORTS

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Court information on cases processed on:

#### December 14

**Craig J. Little**, 41, Huntington, VT, charged with DUI, third offense or subsequent, felony, in Richmond on June 19, 2011; pleaded guilty; sentenced to one to three years.

**Dawn M. Parker** also known as Learned, 40, Jericho, VT, charged with disorderly conduct — noise in Williston on August 25, 2011; pleaded guilty; sentenced to four to five days.

**Chloe Cartularo**, 19, Hinesburg, VT, charged with DUI, first offense, in Shelburne on October 22, 2011; pleaded guilty; sentenced to three months, suspended, probation.

**Loren K. Sargent**, 22, Huntington, VT, charged with vehicle operation — excessive speed in Williston on July 29, 2011; amended to vehicle operation — careless or negligent; pleaded guilty; sentence deferred for one year.

#### December 20

**Taylor Gingras**, 18, Hinesburg, VT, charged with assault and robbery with injury, felony, in Burlington on October 2, 2011; amended to simple assault, misdemeanor; pleaded guilty; sentence deferred for one year and one day.

#### December 23

**John C. Hirth**, 45, Hinesburg, charged with burglary, felony, in Williston on Aug. 12, 2010; pleaded guilty; sentenced to two to 10 years, concurrent, consecutive; charged with burglary — occupied dwelling, felony, in Williston on August 12, 2010; amended to unlawful trespass — residence/occupied, felony; pleaded guilty

#### December 28

**Andrew Smith**, 25, Richmond, VT, charged with fraud — credit card use greater than \$50 in Winooski on June 23, 2011; amended to petty larceny \$900 or less; pleaded guilty; sentence deferred for one year.

Annie Jordan, 33, Hinesburg, charged with DUI, first offense, in South Burlington on November 6; pleaded guilty; fined \$300.

#### December 29

**Randy A. Blanchard**, 25, Huntington, VT, charged with DUI, first offense, in Williston on December 10, 2011; pleaded guilty; fined \$300.

#### January 4

**Adam A. Bowley**, 49, Huntington, VT, charged with vehicle operation — license suspended in Williston on November 12; pleaded guilty; fined \$300.

**Shawn Murray**, 39, Hinesburg, VT, charged with domestic assault in Hinesburg on September 17; amended to simple assault; pleaded guilty; sentence deferred for nine months.

## Notes from Town of Huntington

The Town of Huntington has an opening for a Town Administrator. The job description is now on the town website: [huntingtonvt.org](http://huntingtonvt.org).

We are pleased to welcome Mary Keller-Butler as Huntington's new Payroll and Accounts Payable Clerk. Mary, a resident of Jonesville, comes with lots of computer skills and bookkeeping experience and has already been a great addition to the town office team. What do Huntington and Roxbury have in common?

## Family of 5 relocating to Underhill, in need of rental

We are an honest, hardworking family moving to Underhill Center to be closer to family, and husband begins a new job as a cabinet maker in April. We have a medium sized dog, an old ancient kitty, and we are hoping to bring 9 chickens but can part with them if needed. We are willing to work on the house and yard as part of a rental agreement. We can offer anything from adding a deck, to some custom furniture/cabinet work, as well as adding to or keeping up curb appeal, wife has background in landscaping/nursery work. We would love to move all together for April 1, but can come sooner if needed to acquire lease, or move separately to wait out the perfect rental. We are hoping for a house or something with a nice yard and room for kids to play. We plan to rent for a while to get our feet under us; we have excellent long term references. Please email [karadunn1@gmail.com](mailto:karadunn1@gmail.com) if you have anything available, or know of something or somewhere we could look. We look forward to being part of a community we will join for a long time, thanks for your help.

## CESU meetings

February 6 - CESU Negotiations Committee and Educational Support Personnel Negotiations, 4:45 PM at the Central Office, Richmond Town Center.

February 7 - Underhill Center School Board meeting, 6:30 PM at Underhill Central School.

February 8 - Jericho School Board meeting, 7:00 PM at JES

February 9 - MMU School Board meeting, 7:30 PM at CHMS

February 13 - CESU Policy Committee meeting, 6:30 PM at the Central Office, Richmond Town Center.

February 16 - Mt. Mansfield Union School District Annual Meeting, 7:30 PM, MMUHS.

## UNDERHILL- JERICHO FIRE DEPARTMENT

### UNDERHILL-JERICHO FIRE DEPT.

By Kitty Clark

#### EMERGENCY CALLS:

January 11, unknown time EMS, Jericho  
January 12, 1155 AM, EMS at Underhill ID School  
January 12, 12:46 PM, 13 Fox Lane, Westford, for a Carbon Monoxide Alarm  
January 14, 10:33 AM, 60 Tyler Place, Jericho for a structure fire

January 14, 4:30 PM, Maple Leaf Farm, Underhill for an activated fire alarm

January 16, 8:08 AM, EMS, Jericho

January 17, 3:51 PM, EMS, Jericho

January 17, 5:35 PM, 6 Fox Lane, Westford, for a Carbon Monoxide Alarm

January 18, 8:37 AM, one vehicle accident, near 295 Irish Settlement Rd., Underhill

January 19, 7:52 AM, 60 Tyler Place, Jericho, re-ignite of fire in basement

January 19, 10:55 AM, EMS, Underhill

January 19, 1:40 PM, EMS, Jericho

January 19, 10:17 PM, One Vehicle accident near 225 River Road, Underhill

January 19, 11:15 PM, Responded to 191 Browns Trace, Jericho for smoke in residence

January 20, 7:45 AM, Responded to Jericho Elementary School for a Carbon Monoxide Alarm

January 23, 8:25 AM, Responded to Foothills, Jericho to assist Essex Rescue

January 24, 6:57 AM, Responded to 2 Plains Road, Jericho for a Carbon Monoxide Alarm

January 24, 8:40 AM, Responded to Cilley Hill Road, Jericho to assist Rescue

January 24, 6:20 PM, EMS, Underhill

January 25, 7:30 AM, EMS, Underhill

January 25, 8:05 AM, EMS, Jericho

January 26, 12:30 PM, Sq51 only to check out a truck in ditch Rt. 117 & Barber Farm Rd., Jericho

January 26, 10:13 PM, Responded to a one vehicle accident near Birch Lane on Barber Farm Rd., Jericho

On Saturday, January 14, the fire tones went out for the UJFD to respond to 60 Tyler Place, Jericho for what was believed to be a chimney fire.

This is the home of one of our member's, Travis Hale. Within minutes, Travis was on the radio and advised fire was in the garage. Upon hearing this 9C2, Mat Champlin called for what we call a "Jericho Task Force" which brings in tankers from Essex, Westford, Richmond, Bolton and Williston.

A second alarm was then put out for our department members followed by bringing in more tankers from Cambridge, Fairfax, Colchester, Huntington, VT Air Guard and Milton. Also, Essex Rescue was called to stand by at the scene. Tankers shuttled water from the hydrant at Lee River and Buxton Lane. This made the road very slippery and Jericho Highway was called to sand and salt the area.

Due to the very cold temperatures, trucks were freezing up making it difficult to fight the fire.

The UJFD Auxiliary brought hot chocolate and water to the scene and the American Red Cross arrived with more hot chocolate and hamburgers.

This was a very stubborn fire resulting in seven hours of firefighting. Many thanks to the area fire departments that came to assist on this very cold day.

Also, thanks to the Jericho Highway for sanding and salting, to the Red Cross for supplying food and to Essex Rescue. Many thanks to Patterson Fuels for bringing diesel fuel to the scene for our trucks.

Four UJFD firefighters were checked out by rescue for mostly exhaustion.

Around 4:30 PM many of the area tankers were being released from the scene, Williston stayed at our station until our trucks were back in service.

At 6:30 our members were back in the station where Auxiliary had prepared a hot meal for them. Followed by two more hours of getting the equipment cleaned up and ready for the next call. By 8:30 PM some very tired firefighters were ready to go home.

Travis and Becky Hale have lost all of their possessions but they are thankful that no one lost their lives that day.

On Tuesday night, January 17th a critique of the house fire was held with 9C43, Randy E. Clark heading up the discussion. Video taken by 9C41 Randy H. Clark and photos taken by Sherry Fischer were shown, which helped in reviewing the fire. A good discussion took place, which helps the firefighters learn about what may have gone wrong and what went right. A round of applause was given to First Assist. Chief Mat Champlin for a great job as command of this difficult fire.

Next Tuesday, January 24th a business meeting will be held with committee elections.

SAFETY MESSAGE: Let's all remember to have fire safety on our minds especially during these cold winter temperatures.



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Community Columns

**Sonshine**

By Pat Richmond  
United Church of Underhill

The United Church of Underhill, located at the park on Route 15 in Underhill Flats, will hold its first "Family Service" of 2012 on Sunday February 5, starting at 10:30 AM. You are invited to join the congregation as we worship together as a whole community -- there will be no Sunday School that day. The theme of the service is "Love Grows as You Know" -- come for a joyous and loving service with a special message, special prayer time, special visuals, a few surprises, and the celebration of Holy Communion.

Also on February 5 (Super Bowl Sunday), the youth of the church will be collecting donations after worship for the Souper Bowl of Caring. This outreach program was started in 1990 by youth from 22 churches in Columbia, South Carolina, who collected \$5,700 and donated it to non-profit groups in the area. Last year \$9.6 million was collected and donated nationwide, with \$10.5 thousand of that in Vermont. The United Church of Underhill has been participating since 2003. Money collected by the Church this year will be donated to the Waterbury Food Shelf which was devastated by Hurricane Irene.

The next Food for All free community supper at the United Church will be held on Thursday February 9, from 5:00 - 7:00 PM. Everyone in our community is invited to come for good food and good conversation with good neighbors. There is no charge for these suppers; offerings are accepted to benefit the local food shelf. Food for All is an outreach shared with the Calvary Episcopal Church, which hosts its soup-and-bread supper on the last Thursday of the month (the next one is February 23) at its church on Route 15 in Underhill Flats.

The season of Lent, leading up to the celebration of Easter, starts this year on February 22, Ash Wednesday. Jericho United Methodist Church will be hosting a community Ash Wednesday service on that day at 7:00 PM. The Church is located on Route 15 in Jericho beside the Jericho Town Hall. Community members are invited to attend this reflective service with special music, Communion and the imposition of ashes. Lent is considered by Christians to be a time to examine our lives to see how we can be better Christians and to make the changes necessary to accomplish that.

If you have questions about the United Church of Underhill or any of its opportunities, you can contact Pastor Kevin Goldenbogen a 899-1722 or find us on line at [unitedchurchofunderhill.com](http://unitedchurchofunderhill.com).

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Jolley project, but of a proposed Union Bank branch on an adjacent parcel, also in the floodplain.

Ironically, the second public meeting - scheduled for April 11 at the nearby Eagles Club - was cancelled due to flooding. It was rescheduled for April 29 - but that meeting, too, was cancelled due to floods - this time the record-breaking flood of April 26, which wreaked havoc on much of north-central Vermont. During this event, a number of Village homes were flooded, residents of the Manns Meadow housing complex had to be evacuated, and the two arteries into the village from Route 15 (Church Street and Route 108) were closed.

"This event showed people what was at stake," says resident and adjoining property owner Jean Jenkauskas, who has monitored and recorded flood levels over the years as development increased in the floodplain. "It became crystal clear that not only were the floods becoming larger and more frequent, the way the water flowed into the Village - specifically, how far and how fast the water spread - was changing," she says. "More properties were damaged, propane fuel tanks overturned, and emergency crews had difficulty reaching people in need. It was a real eye-opener."

Galvanized by Mother Nature, opposition to the Jolley and Union Bank projects picked up steam. In mid-July, Jenkauskas posted a notice on the online community message board Front Porch Forum and posters went up inviting residents to a meeting on July 23, and the informal citizens group was born. By mid-August, the group had orchestrated a mass mailing to area residents urging them to attend the next public hearing, scheduled for Aug. 28.

Two days after that mailing, Jolley approached the Trustees with an offer to sell the land to the Village and scrap its plans. One condition of the offer was that it not be publicized until an agreement was signed, thereby allowing Jolley to continue pursuing its project through the permitting process in case the Village decided not to purchase the property. The Aug. 28 and subsequent public meetings were cancelled, and negotiations continued in earnest.

"We wanted to let residents know what was going on, but our hands were tied," says Fenton. "Now that the ink has dried [on the purchase agreement], we're able to go public."

The agreement was signed without using or committing any Village funds, Fenton points out. Moreover, she says, "Our goal is to use no taxpayer money, and to fund the purchase through grants and private donations." The Village has set up a separate bank account for contributions and is seeking guidance from local land trusts and other organizations about how to proceed.

By keeping the Jolley development out of the floodplain, Jenkauskas says the Village is poised to serve as a model for the rest of the state - one that takes action to avert disaster before it happens. Citing the damage caused by Tropical Storm Irene, which the area narrowly avoided, she notes that Governor Shumlin has called on communities to safeguard floodplains from development in an effort to avoid future Irene-scale disasters. "That's exactly what we're trying to do here," she says.

Meanwhile, Village Trustees and many residents continue to fight the Union Bank proposal. Although substantially smaller in scale than the Jolley project, it is sited in an even more vulnerable portion of the floodplain, Jenkauskas says.

Area residents have suggested a number of ideas for how the Jolley parcel might be used, including green space for farmers' markets, sports fields, community concerts and festivals, and even a skateboard park with features that could divert water during inevitable periods of flooding. For now, however, the focus is on raising money to finalize the purchase.

"In conjunction with other improvements planned for the Village, eventually we'll be looking at ways the land can be used to bring more people to our great community and support our local economy," says Fenton. "Ultimately it will be up to the residents to decide. They're the ones who are making all of this possible."

**Happy Valentine's Day from Bernie Paquette author of Green and Clean**

Time will come and time will go. We are but a short sweep of the second hand of the clock. Master of all we rush about making our way, having our way with little thought to what morrow brings.

Forever patient are you, Mother Earth, with our posturing, profiting, and populating. We crowd out other species, and monopolize your resources - that you carefully designed, and stored for many millenniums.

We cherish and honor you on Earth Day, then quickly revert to getting all we can from you. You work hard to give us sunrises, sunsets, clear water beaches, soul refreshing forests, and amazing creatures of endless distinctions.

Maybe on this Valentine's Day we will think with our heart, be aware of time's fleetness, and recognize our mortality & legacy and your finite resources; acknowledge we only share your bounties not own them.

We need not clutch that which we love so tightly it cannot breathe.

We do not need to wrap our environment in plastic to preserve it. We need to unwrap & remove the plastic to allow nature to survive & thrive.

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**Forgetfulness**

By Suzanne Kusserow

He met me as we were both rounding the corner from milk-in-refrigerator to the display case where robust pink slices of Atlantic salmon tempted us both. "How are you, Sue? I haven't seen you in a long time!" he said. I replied, perhaps a little too brightly: "You're right! How have you been?" I was struggling to remember his name and struggling also, to pretend that I really did remember. The face was familiar; I knew that at some former point in time I would have been able to quickly pull his identity out of the recesses of my brain. These areas are now fuzzy and blurred, and I had the impression of neurons scampering around, frantically trying to find some switch that would light up some connection crucial to remembrance. How I wanted to say: "I am so sorry, but I can't think of your name." That is presuming that a name would trigger a connection, enlarge into some sort of past association. That was questionable, but it would hopefully be a start...Or, at the least, I could fake it better.

Why do we mourn over this loss of memory? I can best describe it as an operational oxymoron: selectively universal... even for the 'young ones' in their 50's and 60's. First, it tends to negate the pleasant (presumably) memories of the past, and give the greeter a feeling of unimportance: "She doesn't remember that wonderful hike we all had going up the mountain, and missing the trail coming down?" And for the dimmed one, it seems impolite to have 'forgotten' what was once shared and treasured. But more importantly, it verifies her isolation from the past, increases the feeling of being pushed into a stereotypical mold of old age, which one does not wish to enter; it verifies the aging process and takes it from intellectual distancing to experiential personalization.

The hardest element to accept within this encounter, and others like it, is the element of fear. How long does it take me to relocate this person into some memory drawer of my mind? Has this time span decreased since the last occurrence? Could I assign this to another excuse: it was a rushed day, my thoughts were on what to have for a quick dinner, the person was 'new' to this location and therefore did not offer me the support of surroundings. Yet I know that, stripped of all such small bits of reasoning, it makes me wonder when I will have to accept the inexorable...and that is where the fear lies.

But there is another side, another angle. I have a Swedish friend, whose 94-year old grandmother of long Swedish lineage, told her stories of banquets and picnics and playing hide and seek with small friends in ancient houses...she was rediscovering an old spring bubbling forth in a northern woods; remembrances that finally came, after the present disappeared. Of course, she had a rapt audience in a little blond girl, sitting close - entranced. This was magic for them both. And don't we do the same? Lying in bed at night, in a hypnogenic state between sleeping and waking, we take pieces of an old puzzle and gradually place them so that a patchwork quilt of memories covers us.

I am assured very often that: "This happens to me all the time. Just today, I couldn't remember where I put the car keys....." But this does not reassure; it blunts discussion, under the guise of reassurance. And, as a fair number of 'sympathetic' responses does, it stops any further discussion...mainly because the sympathizer doesn't want to go there herself. It is a classic response, and does give camaraderie and warmth, if not the chance to delve deeper. After all, who among us wants to assume a role of elementary therapist in situations that are best left covered nicely by simple sympathies.

We cannot and perhaps should not, see beyond where our mental vision leads us. We do not usually have the skills, or the bravery/foolishness to analyze what we feel. Reasoning, analysis and intellect are related processes and they alternate with feelings and emotions, but in separate moves, and in separate times. Isn't this what creates conflicting conclusions, internal debates and both heart and head aches?

So I can't put this man, these comments, this face, into some context. Does this matter? Of course it does. Yet, it is like a great deal of what we do, or have to do in a busy life and world: do not look too far ahead, or as "Desiderata" says: "Do not distress yourself with imaginings. Many fears are born of fatigue and loneliness. Beyond a wholesome discipline, be gentle with yourself."\*

We walk to the checkout counter, chatting about easy recipes for the salmon we have just bought. We smile and share the last wisps of remembrance...his clear and mine faded. But it was nice, whatever it was....and I silently bless him for his memory, and excuse me for mine. Thank you.....for the kindness in not putting mind over what matters.

\* Max Ehrmann, 1927



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## Join Copley in Promoting Heart Health and Go Red for Women on February 3

Heart disease is the # 1 killer of American women according to the American Heart Association. Nearly 50% of women over the age of 25 who died suddenly of coronary heart disease had no previous symptoms. Yet, less than 15 percent of women view heart disease as a threat. In an effort to increase the awareness of heart disease, heart health information will be shared throughout February as part of the organization's Employee Wellness program. Copley's employees will also be encouraged to wear red on Friday, February 3 as part of the American Heart Association's "Go Red for Women Day". It's a fun way to remind yourself and others that you can help prevent heart disease.

Historically heart disease has been associated with men's health. "Go Red for Women" was created in 2004 as a way to empower women to take action to protect their health.

Know your numbers. Schedule yearly a checkup with your doctor to have your blood pressure, cholesterol and glucose levels checked. Get moving. Try to fit in at least 30 minutes of exercise every day. Get your fill of water. Drink 8 glasses or more of water daily. Eat healthy. Set a goal of eating healthy foods for a minimum of 21 days. That's the minimum number of days needed to turn a choice into a habit.

Keep your blood cholesterol in check. Keep your cholesterol levels down by eating foods low in saturated fat and trans fat such as lean chicken or turkey, fruits and vegetables and low-fat or fat free dairy products and whole grains.

Put down the salt shaker. To help lower your blood pressure, watch your salt intake. Quit smoking. Maintain a healthy weight. Excess weight increases your risk of heart disease, stroke and diabetes.

If your physician recommends you receive cardiac care, Copley Hospital cardiologist Adam Kunin, MD treats a full range of heart conditions and diseases, including heart attacks, heart failure and serious heart rhythm disturbances, as well as providing pre- and post-cardiac catheterization care. Copley's cardiac rehabilitation program helps people recover from heart attacks and other heart events, rebuilding their strength and their confidence. Healthier Living Workshops, CPR training and more are offered through Copley Hospital's Wellness Center. More information about Copley's cardiology service and heart health is available by calling 888-8888 or online at [copleyvt.org](http://copleyvt.org).

## Three named to Copley Board of Trustees

Three new trustees were elected to the Copley Health Systems Board of Trustees at Copley's Annual Meeting. Joining the board are Sharon Green of Morrisville, Janice Roy of Wolcott and Rich Westman of Cambridge. Copley's Corporate Members elected them to serve a three-year term. In addition, trustee Dave Yacovone of Morrisville was re-elected for his second three-year term and trustees John Steel of Stowe and Dana Wildes of Morrisville were re-elected to serve third three-year terms. Members also elected Mary Paul (Pixie) Loomis of Hyde Park to serve a one-year term on the hospital's Governance Committee as the community representative. Elizabeth Rouse, Board Chair, notes that Green, Roy and Westman, as well as Loomis, have all served Copley Hospital in one or more capacities over the years. "We are fortunate to have such dedicated community members who understand the importance of Copley and our community," said Rouse. "I feel confident that moving forward, given the uncertainties and challenges with healthcare, our Board will continue to be a vital resource to the hospital and our community."

Green has been serving as Copley's Governance Committee Member at Large since 2004. She currently serves as the President of the Lamoille Regional Chamber of Commerce and is on the Steering Committee for the Chamber's Leadership Lamoille Program. Green is the principal attorney with Williams & Green, P.C. in Morrisville.

Roy was first elected to the Copley Health Systems Board in 1999 where she completed three three-year terms as trustee and served as the Board Chair from 2006 - 2010. She brings experience in the non-profit sector as well as a background in education.

Westman served on the Copley Hospital Board in the 1990s. He has held a number of leadership positions in the Legislature, including Chair of the Appropriations Committee. Currently Westman is a member of the Vermont State Senate, representing Lamoille County.

## Sciatica

By Mary Kintner, D.C., R.N.

Sciatica is a severe, sharp, shooting pain or numbness and tingling that can be felt in any or all of the following locations: buttocks, back of thigh, back of knee, lower leg and foot. These symptoms can last days to months. Injury to or pressure on the sciatic nerve causes these symptoms. The sciatic nerve is the largest nerve in the body. It is comprised of nerve roots from the lumbar (low back), sacral and coccygeal (buttocks) regions of the spine. The sciatic nerve is the nerve supply to the leg.

What causes these problems? The most common reasons for sciatica are degenerative joint disease (aka osteoarthritis), disc herniation, piriformis syndrome (an entrapment of the sciatic nerve by a muscle in the buttocks called the piriformis or entrapment of the lumbar spine and the sacrum called the lumbo-sacrum ligament. Other causes of sciatica include obesity, pregnancy, spinal stenosis (a narrowing of the spinal canal) and psychological causes (aka emotional backache).

Treatment should be approached in two different ways: pain reduction and resolving the underlying cause. Patients should RICE, which stands for rest, ice, compress and elevate. These steps help reduce inflammation and give the body a chance to heal. Try to figure out what increases symptoms and what decreases symptoms; do what improves comfort and avoid what provokes pain! I recommend herbal anti-inflammatories such as turmeric, ginger, bromelain, boswellia, etc. Chiropractic adjustments and physiotherapies like ultrasound massage and electric muscle stimulation can also be beneficial in reducing pain.

Long term solutions may involve improving posture, ergonomics or fallen arches with orthotics/footbeds. Also important is strengthening the "core" muscles in the trunk of the body. Yoga and Pilates both address this. If the problem is psychogenic, efforts should be made to discover what the real emotional problem is and resolve that. Stress management often helps the psychological component. Because misalignments from the feet to the head can affect the function of the lumbar and pelvic regions, it is important to get regular chiropractic care to not only manage the pain but prevent the problem in the first place.

Sciatica is a common problem that can be successfully managed and prevented.

Mary H. Kintner, D.C., R.N., is a chiropractor and nutritional consultant practicing in Jericho.

## What's in your water

By Shirley Cressman

Water is a basic necessity of life, a precious natural resource we take for granted. As residents of a modern society rather than a 3<sup>rd</sup> world country, we expect and assume our water to be free of contaminants and safe to drink. But is this a valid assumption?

If your water source is from a private well when did you have it tested last? The Vermont Department of Health recommends testing for bacteria every year and supplies a test called "kit A". Testing for inorganic chemicals is recommended every 5 years (the EPA recommendation is every 3 years) with a test "Kit C". These chemicals are arsenic, chloride, copper, iron, lead, manganese, nitrate, sodium, uranium and fluoride. Any of these in excess can cause serious health issues. A free test for well water fluoride level is available if you have children 4 years old or younger.

In a 2008 US Geological Survey Study, 4% of all sampled wells had natural fluoride levels above the EPA secondary maximum level of 2mg/L (milligrams per liter) and 1.2% of all wells had the maximum level of 4mg/L (1)

The current recommended level of fluoride in drinking water is 0.7mg/L. In January 2011, the government lowered the level at the recommendation of the 2006 National Academy of Sciences report, citing higher levels previously considered acceptable as causing dental fluorosis and adverse affects to bone. (2) Dental fluorosis is a defect in the enamel of teeth causing the enamel to become more porous and susceptible to decay. In a mild form of fluorosis, barely visible lacy white markings or only small white spots are visible on the teeth, but more advanced forms of fluorosis results in severe discoloration, pitting, chipping, fracturing and decay of the teeth. Recent research shows that the rate of bone fracture among children with fluorosis (even in mild forms) is higher than fracture rates among children with no fluorosis. (3)

According to the Center For Disease Control (CDC), 32% of American children now have some form of dental fluorosis with 2-4% of children having moderate to severe stages. (4)

Water from municipal sources is routinely tested for all of the above contaminants, and most Vermont towns add more fluoride to water to meet the government mandate for the expectation of reducing the number of cavities in children. Do you know if your town has reduced the level of fluoride to the current standard?

In recent years, numerous doctors, dentists, scientists, educators and ordinary citizens have begun to question the safety of medicating our water for the past 60 years. There have been no studies to determine how increased toxins in our environment over these years, or the increased number of medications we take can interact adversely with higher levels of fluoride. Multiple recent studies show that fluoride is most effective when applied directly to the tooth's surface rather than by ingesting it. (5)

Many people may be over exposed to fluoride due to commercial beverages and foods containing fluoridated water added in the manufacturing process. If you drink large amounts of soda, juices or sports drinks you may be at risk.

Here are just a few interesting and startling facts about fluoride:

- Fluoride is the only chemical added to drinking water for the purpose of medication. Would you approve of the government adding Prozac to our drinking water? Should the government have the authority to mass medicate the citizens?
- 90% of Western Europe has chosen fluoride free water. Many of the countries refused on the basis that it's unethical to mass medicate. (6) Do you find it shocking that in the US, considered the bastion of freedom, we are being medicated without our permission?
- The American dental Association and the CDC warn that mixing baby formula with fluoridated water on a regular basis can increase the chance of fluorosis. Has your dentist or pediatrician informed you of this? (7)
- Fluoridated water poses many health risks to other tissues of our body besides teeth; risk to the brain, thyroid gland, bone fractures, bone cancer in children, and risk to people with kidney disease. (8)
- No difference exists in tooth decay between fluoridated and unfluoridated countries. (9)
- Fluoride added to our water is a chemical by-product of the phosphate fertilizer industry and is considered hazardous waste. It is not the same as naturally occurring fluoride. (10)
- Fluoride added to our water is purchased from China!! (11) A Toxic Pipeline is the heading of a recent story in the NY Times highlighting toxins found in products coming from China.

The above facts are merely a small sample of concerns over the safety of water fluoridation and space doesn't allow for elaborating. Seek out information for yourself. Perhaps you will conclude the evidence is overwhelming that fluoridation is more harmful than beneficial.

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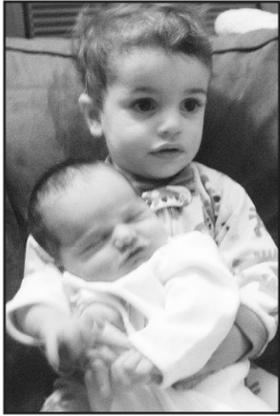
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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

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**Albany, NY/Jericho (Bergeron)** Patrick and Jennifer Bergeron of Albany, New York welcomed their newest addition, a daughter, Renzi Celeste on December 13, 2011. She was 9lbs. She joins her brother Mason 18 months. Paternal Grandparents are Bob and Kathy Bergeron of Jericho, VT.

**JEFFERSONVILLE (Stevens)** Lori (Fuller) and Frederick Stevens are the proud parents of a son, Connor Frederick, born on December 12, 2011 at Fletcher Allen Health Care, Burlington, VT.

**JERICHO (Colby)** Sarah (Hendee) and Chad Colby had a daughter, Olivia Grace, on December 20, 2011 at Fletcher Allen Health Care, Burlington, VT.

**WESTFORD (Kane)** Christie (Gillette) and Robert Kane gave birth to a son, Grayson Robert, on December 19, 2011 at Fletcher Allen Health Care, Burlington, VT.

COLLEGE NEWS AND NOTES

The following local residents were named to the Fall 2011 Dean's List at Saint Michael's College, a liberal arts, residential Catholic college located in Burlington, Vermont, one of the top 10 college towns in America:

**Reilly D'Elia**, daughter of Christopher and Rosemary D'Elia of Jeffersonville, VT, a Sophomore Business Administration and Psychology major, who graduated from Lamoille Union High School.

**Sarah LaForce**, daughter of Laure and Todd LaForce of Jeffersonville, VT, a Sophomore History major, who graduated from Lamoille Union High School.

**Lauren Barone**, daughter of John Barone of Jericho, VT, a Senior Journalism and Mass Communications and Philosophy major, who graduated from Mount Mansfield Union High School.

**Lauren Barone**, daughter of Jeanine Boretos-Barone of Jericho, VT, a Senior Journalism and Mass Communications and Philosophy major, who graduated from Mount Mansfield Union High School.

**Benjamin Beaudoin**, son of Margaret and Wayne Beaudoin of Jericho, VT, a First-Year History major, who graduated from Mount Mansfield Union High School.

**April Hoyt**, daughter of Edward Hoyt of Jericho, VT, a Sophomore Psychology major, who graduated from Mount Mansfield Union High School.

**Ashley Yates**, daughter of Brian and Christine Yates of Jericho, VT, a Junior English and Elementary Education major, who graduated from Mount Mansfield Union High School.

**Kaitlyn Adams**, daughter of David and Sherrie Adams of Underhill, VT, a First-Year Mathematics major, who graduated from Mount Mansfield Union High School.

**Miranda Tremblay**, daughter of Allen and Sheri Tremblay of Underhill, VT, a First-Year Elementary Education major, who graduated from Mount Mansfield Union High School.

**Sarah Valyou**, daughter of Corey and Heather Valyou of Westford, VT, a Senior Psychology major, who graduated from Bellows Free Academy-Fairfax.

**Jessica Savage** of Jeffersonville, VT named to the Dean's List at Quinnipiac University.

**Teddy Kusiak** of Jericho, VT, was named to the dean's list for the fall semester at the University of Rhode Island. He is a 2008 graduate of Mt. Mansfield Union H.S.

**Lily Penney** of Jericho, VT was named to Dean's List at St. Mary's College of Maryland.

**Warren Irish** made the Dean's List at Vermont Technical College for the fall, 2011 semester, where he is a freshman majoring in Architectural Engineering.

Among the local students who made the SUNY Potsdam President's List were:

**Emily Lindberg** of Jericho, VT, whose major is Childhood/Early Child Education.

**Rebecca Dolan** of Underhill, VT, whose major is Business Administration.

**Anne Dreher** of Cambridge, VT, was recently named to the Dean's List at The State University of New York at Potsdam. Dreher, whose major is Music Education, was among more than 400 students who were honored for academic excellence.

The following students were named to the Dean's List for the fall 2011 semester at Clarkson University:

**Christopher J. Stead**, a freshman majoring in mechanical engineering, from Jeffersonville, V.

**Brent W. Adair**, a freshman majoring in engineering studies, from Jericho, VT.

**Raychel Z. Rieder**, a sophomore majoring in engineering and management, from Jericho, VT.

**Daniel M. Hill**, a sophomore majoring in chemical engineering, from Westford, VT.

**Charles R. Wood**, a sophomore majoring in aeronautical engineering / mechanical engineering, from Westford, VT.

**Jeffrey R. Meyer-Lorentson**, a freshman majoring in engineering studies, from Jericho, VT.

**Richard S. Sawyer**, a junior majoring in mechanical engineering, from Underhill, VT.

Notes from Montpelier

By Rep. Bill Frank

The 2012 legislative session is in full gear in committees and bills are finally starting to come before the full House. The annual Budget Adjustment bill that makes adjustment to the current fiscal year budget half way through the year passed. We added 9 social workers to the Department of Children and Families to help with the backlog of providing consulting to children in the custody of the Commissioner. Taking care of children is a top priority of mine. And Vermont has a state fish. The brook trout and walleye pike have been designated as the state fish of Vermont. The students of Cornwall Elementary School were instrumental in getting this bill introduced and passed.

My Human Services committee has given the needs of Vermonters who need mental health services our undivided attention the last three and a half weeks. We have written a committee bill to reform Vermont's mental health system. A public hearing at the State House was held and well over 100 people packed conference room 11. They shared with us what is important to them with regard to mental health services. Last week we agreed to the building of a new 25 bed mental health facility adjacent to the Central Vermont Medical Center in Berlin. This is a hospital over 50% larger than in the governor's proposal. The bill will now be taken up by both the Institutions and Appropriations Committees.

There are two opportunities for talking with your elected legislators in the next week. Senator Bernie Sanders is hosting a free brunch, Saturday February 4, 10:30 AM at the Jericho Community Center. He would like to hear your thoughts and concerns. More details on my web site. My next legislative update evening at the Dorothy Rawson Memorial Library is Thursday February 9 at 6:30 PM. At the last meeting in January a question asked was about the Citizens United project which generated a lot of discussion. Citizens Union is the Supreme Court decision that corporations can spend unlimited money in political campaigns. The Court decided that restrictions would suppress political speech. A petition with the required number of signatures to have this topic put on the Jericho Town Meeting was submitted and accepted by the select board. A petition with the required number of signatures was submitted to the Bolton select board but it was not accepted, hence it will not be on the Town Meeting agenda. The Underhill petition did not have enough signatures. I'm happy to continue the discussion if attendees desire. I would enjoy talking with you at one of both of these events.

Congratulations to Jericho eighth grader Gretchen Wright who is serving as a Legislative page for the first six weeks of the 2012 session. She led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance the first day of the session

As always I like to hear from you, either by email: [Bill@RepBillFrank.com](mailto:Bill@RepBillFrank.com), on Facebook: [facebook.com/RepBillFrank](https://www.facebook.com/RepBillFrank), phone: 899-3136 or mail: 19 Poker Hill Rd, Underhill, 05489. Town meeting in Underhill and Jericho is Tuesday, March 6 at 9:00 AM, and in Bolton Monday evening, March 5; potluck at 5:30 PM, meeting starts at 7:00 PM. If you can, please attend.

ENGAGEMENTS

BAKER - RIPLEY

David and Sally Baker of Underhill announce the engagement of their daughter, Clara Baker, to Parker Ripley, son of David and Vanda Ripley of Underhill.

A fall 2013 wedding is planned.

STANION - FLEMINGS

Jessica Ann Stanion, daughter of Robert and Theresa Stanion of Durham, N.C., and Robert Aurthur Flemings, son of the late Thomas E. Flemings and Jo-Ann H. Flemings of Huntington, VT, announce their engagement.

Support MMUHS Project Grad 2012

Mount Mansfield Union High School Project Grad 2012 will hold a Texas Road House Dinner and silent auction on Thursday, March 15, 2012 at 5:15 PM in the MMUHS Gym/Cafe, Jericho. The meal will include appetizers, dinner, dessert, and beverages all for only \$18 per person. For the menu or to bid for auction items online go to: [www.mmuprojectgrad.com](http://www.mmuprojectgrad.com) or to purchase tickets, donate an auction item, or get more info about the dinner contact: [sue.pochop@uvm.edu](mailto:sue.pochop@uvm.edu).

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MONGELL - BORDER

Amanda Mongell and Matt Border were married August 20, 2011 at the Searles Castle in Windham, NH.

Kara Mongell, sister of the bride, was the Maid of Honor. Bridesmaids were Bridget Bubar, Kim Burton, Kristina Carberry, Emily Downs, Christen Luciano, Martha Perry, and Lauren Wrestling.

Dave Soares was the Best Man. Groomsman were Chris Abou Raad, Brian Gilbreath, Adam Greenon, Devin Hilton, Rob Rizzi, Steve Sprave, and Carl Vellali.

The bride wore a beautiful dress designed by Pricilla of Boston. The top of the gown was covered in pearls and rhinestones.

The reception was held at the Searles Castle where guests enjoying a wonderful meal and danced to live music. The bride's father even joined the band and played the keyboard to Journey's "Don't Stop Believing".

The couple left the next morning for their honeymoon in Curacao.

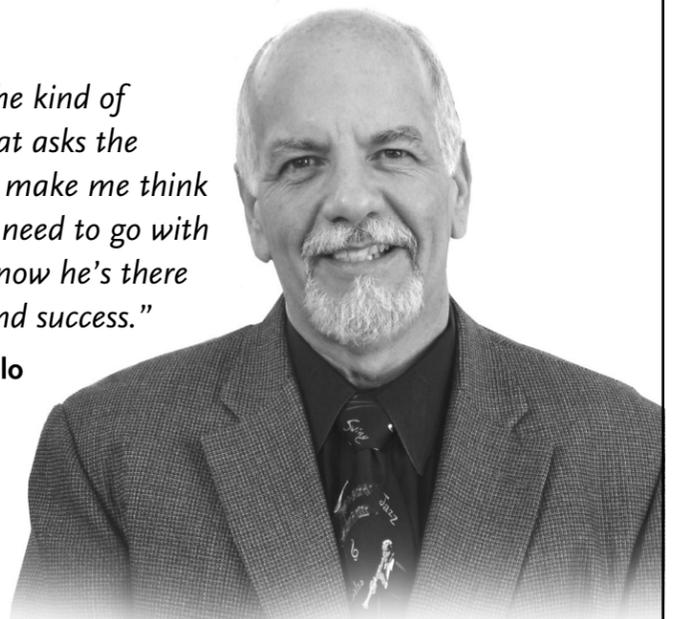
Amanda is currently finishing up her final year of law school at Suffolk University Law School in Boston, MA. Matt is an Associate Systems Analyst at Fidelity Investments in Rhode Island.

They will reside in Brighton, MA.

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## COMING EVENTS

## Saturday, February 4

**French Canadian Supper**, 5:00 PM, Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Church Hall, Richmond, Pea Soup, Meat Pie, Mashed Potatoes, Dessert, Beverages, etc. Free-will donation to benefit the charities of Rosary Council of the Knights of Columbus 4684. For info call 434-3196(evenings) or 434-2521(daytime).

## Sunday February 5

**Community Breakfast**, VFW Post 6689, 73 Pearl St., Essex Junction, 9:00 to 11:00 AM. Adults \$7, Children \$3. Sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary. Call 878-0700 for more information.

**Free Pancake Breakfast** - Grace United Methodist Church, 130 Maple Street, Essex Jct. VT is having a free pancake breakfast February 19, March 18, and April 15. Two sittings per-breakfast at 8:30 and 10:45 AM. Contact church at 878-8071 for more information.

## ONGOING EVENTS

## ADULT ACTIVITIES

**Chittenden County Postage stamps** and post card club meets every first Wed. of the month 6:15 -8:30 PM, A IDX Circle GE Healthcare Building. South Burlington Information email: [Laineyrapp@yahoo.com](mailto:Laineyrapp@yahoo.com) or call me at 802 660-4817

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

**Chittenden County Stamp Club**, First Wednesday of the month 6:15-8:30 PM, GE Healthcare, 1 IDX Circle, South Burlington, VT. Everyone is welcome to come learn about stamp collecting, postage history, cachets, postcards and postage stamps or a variety of other knowledge. Lainey Rappaport (802) 660-4817.

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

**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.

**Micah's Men of the United Church of Underhill** meet on the 3rd Saturday of each month at the church at 7:30 AM. For more information call 899-1722.

**Mt. Mansfield Scale Modelers** gather on the third Thursday of the month from 6:30 to 8:30 PM. Modelers encompassing all categories of interest and skill levels are welcome. Brownell Library, Kolvoord Community Room, Lincoln Street, Essex Junction. Next meetings Thursday December 15, 2011; Thursday January 19, and Thursday February 23, 2012.

The **Women of the United Church of Underhill** meet on the second Saturday of each month at 8:00 AM at the Church located at the park on Rt. 15 in Underhill Flats. Women interested in sharing Christian prayer and discussions are welcome. Contact Julianne Nickerson at 899-3798 for more information.

The **VT-French-Canadian Genealogical Society** - Do you have more time in the summer to start finding your ancestors? Do you need help filling in those blank spaces in your family tree? We have resources such as the VT Vital records to help with that and we can help anyone get started. The VT French-Canadian Genealogical Society library is located on Hegeman Avenue, Fort Ethan Allen, Colchester. We're open Tuesdays 3:00 to 9:30 PM and the following Saturdays, July 9 and August 13. We will be closed September 3. Parking and entrance across from the State Police. Please visit our website <http://www.vt-fcgs.org>, or call 802-238-5934 for more information.

**Smugglers Notch 55+ Club** meets every Wednesday at Smugglers Notch for a social time then break into groups to ski. We start with a brief organizational meeting, coffee and rolls, and then we head out to the trails in self-selected ability groups, gather informally throughout the summer for a wide variety of

outdoor activities. Membership benefits include various discounts at Smuggs. For more information call Deborah at 644-5455 or just attend a meeting at the Morse base lodge starting at 9:00 AM every Wednesday.

## HEALTH EVENTS &amp; GROUPS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**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

**Playgroups** are free of charge and open to all children birth through age 5 and their caregivers. At playgroup you will find stories, songs, crafts, free play, local events & information, and more. It is a wonderful opportunity to play with the children in your life, meet other playmates, and connect with other parents and caregivers. Playgroups follow the school calendar. Come to any or all groups that fit your schedule. For more information on any of the playgroups, please contact Heather Lebeis at 899-4415 or [underhillplaygroup@yahoo.com](mailto:underhillplaygroup@yahoo.com).

Mondays: Jericho Community Center 9:30-11:00 AM  
Wednesdays: Richmond Free Library 8:45-10:15 AM  
Thursdays: Bolton's Smilie School 9:00-11:00 AM the 1st three Thursdays of the month

Fridays: Underhill Central School 9:00-10:30 AM  
Also: Welcome Baby Group: for families with children birth-walking age. Thursday 10:00-11:30 at Richmond Free Library.

**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.

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

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

## SENIORS/COMMUNITY MEALS

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

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

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

7405 or 879-7382 for information or for a ride.

**Bolton Up and Downtown Club** meets the last Thursday of the month at the Bolton Fire station. Suggested \$3.00 donation. Meal at 5:00 PM. Open to adults 60 and over. Contact Doris Wheelock at 434-3769.

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

**"Good Food for All" free dinners**, 2nd Thursday of each month at the United Church of Underhill, Rt. 15, Underhill Flats, from 5:00 - 7:00 PM, and on the 4th Thursday of each month at Calvary Episcopal Church, Rt. 15, Underhill Flats, 5:00 - 7:00 PM. Everyone in the communities is invited.

**St. Jude's Church**, Hinesburg, senior meals held on second and fourth Wednesday of each month with bingo games after the dinners. Everyone is welcome including caregivers. Dinners are \$3.00 per person. For information call Ted Barrette at 453-3087.

**Starksboro First Baptist Church**, Starksboro - senior meals, fourth Thursday of the month, 11:30 AM, call Brenda Boutin at 802-453-6354 for more information.

**"Good Food for All" free dinners**, 2nd Thursday of each month at the United Church of Underhill, Rt. 15, Underhill Flats, from 5 - 7 p.m., and on the 4th Thursday of each month at Calvary Episcopal Church, Rt. 15, Underhill Flats, 5 - 7 p.m. Everyone in the communities is invited.

## SPORTS ACTIVITIES

**Ongoing Pilate classes** at Dakini Studio in Underhill. Mon and Thurs at 6:00 PM call 899-4191 to register. Find more information and other scheduled classes at [dakinstudio.wordpress.com](http://dakinstudio.wordpress.com).

**Zumba - Fairfax** - Tuesdays 7:00-8:00 PM and Saturdays 9:00-10:00 AM. \$7. Contact Pam Adams 370-4437 or [pamaj68@aol.com](mailto:pamaj68@aol.com).

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

## SUPPORT GROUPS

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

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

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

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

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

## TOWN GOVERNMENT &amp; ORGANIZATIONS

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

**Westford Fire Department**, Mondays, 7:00 PM, at the fire station next to the Town Garage. For information, email John Quinn, [jquinnvt@aol.com](mailto:jquinnvt@aol.com)

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

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

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

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

**Jericho Water District** next meeting is Tuesday December 20, 2011 at 7:00 PM, RT 15, Jericho at the Red Mill.

## THRIFT SHOPS &amp; FOOD SHELVES

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

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

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## Father's at-risk son frightened by proposed assisted suicide law

Dear Editor,

In the Jan. 19 mail I received a letter from Lamoille Union High School, where my daughter is enrolled. It begins with the following sentence: "Over the last few years Vermont has seen an increase in suicide among young people." It went on to describe a school initiative to hopefully address this awful development. I hope they are successful. All of my children have friends, or friends of friends, who have taken their own lives.

My eldest son, Tim, was a constant suicide risk through his teens. Through the wise, compassionate help of state social workers, Tim escaped his teen years alive. I can tell you that he was personally shaken by the implications, to him, of the proposed assisted suicide law several years ago. When he heard about it, my brilliant, troubled son began to shake in anger and almost despair. "Those hypocrites," he said.

"They've been telling me all this time that suicide is never okay." It didn't matter when I said the law is meant to address another set of problems - his teenaged hypocrisy-o-meter had already pegged assisted suicide as another example of "do as I say, not as I do, it's all right for adults, not okay for kids".

Recently I researched teen suicide in Oregon, where assisted suicide became legal in 1998. According to the Oregon health department website, there were more teen suicides after the law passed than before: 1999: 29 suicides; 2000: 44 suicides; 2001: 31; 2002: 37; 2003: 46; and in 2004: 52. The last two years were the highest two-year period in their survey.

Furthermore, 94% of teen suicide attempts leading to hospitalization were caused by ingesting drugs - the only form of assisted suicide permitted by Oregon state law. Kids learn from their elders.

Does this "prove" a link between the Oregon PAS law and teen suicide? No. But the burden of proof is on those who say "don't worry, it will all be okay, none of our teens will think that." As a parent of an at-risk child, I think this law may unintentionally tell other troubled teens "when it gets too hard its okay to end it all?" As the letter from my daughter's high school says, the real world is a very hard place for some teens right now, and I think this law will just make it harder.

There are plenty of other reasons to oppose this bill. Before my wife passed in February 2011, she was appalled and upset at end-of-life questions asked of her in the ICU that to her seemed motivated by hospital cost-control. It drove a (thankfully temporary) wedge of distrust between her and her caregivers. So VT Insurance Commissioner Steve Kimball's newspaper comments connecting this end of life issues with the high cost of health care were chilling. By contrast Orange County Sen. Mark MacDonald's daughter was one of Diane's nurses and provided skilled, affirming care that should be the goal of the state's health policy. But for me the teen suicide connection is reason enough for the Senate to drop this bill before it does irreversible harm.

Thank you,  
Guy Page, Cambridge

## Richmond Free Library to hold book sale

The Friends of Richmond Free Library are holding the annual Love Your Library book sale on Saturday February 11, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM in the library's community hall. The sale will include material for both adults and youth in fiction, non-fiction and in hardbound, paperback, DVD and CD formats. The selection of recently released fiction and history is particularly excellent this year.

Baked goods, live music and a raffle also featured. The grand prize is a Barnes and Noble Nook reader. Other prizes are a \$50 gift card from the Richmond Market, a \$25 gift card from Papa McKee's, a \$25 gift card from Toscano Bistro, many gift cards from other area business owners. Tickets available at the library and at the sale: \$1 for 1 ticket, \$5 for 6 tickets. An early bird sale on Friday night from 6:00-8:00 PM is available for \$10 admission or two hours help with the sale. Bag sale from 2:00-3:00 PM. For more information, email the sale coordinator at unnamedmtn@hotmail.com or contact the library at 434-3036 or rfl@gmavt.net.

### LEGAL NOTICE

#### TOWN OF JERICHO - DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Jericho Development Review Board will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, 23 February 2012 at 7:00 PM** at the Jericho Town Hall to consider the following:

- A request by John and Denise Angelino for a minor subdivision. The parcel is located at 03 Browns Trace Road in the Rural Residential and Forestry Zoning Districts.
- A request by Evelyn Beliveau and Catherine Peacock for a sketch plan review. The parcel is located at 36 Milo White Road in the Agricultural and Forestry Zoning Districts.

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

## Browns River Middle School News

By Public Relations Committee

Did you know January was Manuary at BRMS? We want to thank Alaina Palombo, Emma Pedrin, Miranda Keir, and Jenn Drager for creating and promoting this fun nation-wide fundraiser in our school. They encouraged several of our gentleman staff members, Kevin Hamilton, Dave Williamson, Dave Baroody, Bryant Pless, Noel Bumpas, Andy Aube, Dave Tisdell, Patrick Rideout, Bob Brunelle, Jay Meadows, Jeff Warren, and Greg Martin to grow and cut unusual facial hair styles to raise money for several cancer research charities. On February 2, the staff and students will come together to vote on the best facial hair styles in hopes of raising \$400 to benefit The American Cancer Society, Children's Cancer Research Fund and St. Jude's Children's Cancer Research Hospital.

Our eighth grade students have been writing, illustrating, and revising their picture books. Some of our students will showcase their work to local elementary schools and submit to the Kids Are Authors contest.

In French I students are preparing for their mid-term exam, which will take place during the week of January 30. Our next unit of work will look at clothing, with a fashion show being a part of the work we do. In EFL, 7th grade students are also getting ready for their first big test. This week we are working on how to tell time in French. In our upcoming unit, we will be looking at food - a very important piece of French culture.

Vermont School-Wide Write Day will take place on February 7. The entire school will take seven-minutes to write. This special moment will give our students a chance to creatively express themselves. We will also encourage our students to submit to our 2012 Creative Writing Contest by Friday, February 10. The library will award a gift certificate to the Phoenix Books for the best writing piece with the best voice for each grade level on February 14.

Join a club! Get involved after school. Here is a short list of clubs that meet after-school: Writing Club on Tuesdays and Thursdays with Joyce Babbitt; Math Club on Tuesdays with Suzanne McDevitt; Craft Club on Wednesdays with Maureen Heald; Tech Club on Wednesdays with Bradlee Westie; Engineer Club on Wednesdays with Willie Lee; Outdoor Club on Thursdays with Robin Clokey and Yearbook Club on Fridays with Diane Parenteau.

Our parking lot lighting project will be finalized with full installed with poles and solar lighting fixtures this month. Thank you for your patience.

Looking for some part-time work? We are in need of some evening custodial work on a part-time basis. If you are interested, please contact Kevin Hamilton or Patrick Rideout at 899-3711.



# COUGAR COUNTRY

by Richard Mindell

Cougars no longer undefeated, fall to Rice 53-51; MMU Nordic ski team, best program in state?

The Mount Mansfield High School boy's basketball team lost a heart breaker to the Little Indians of Rice High School, 53-51 last Thursday night on Rice's home court, in Burlington. It was the first loss of the season for the Cougars, now 11-1 in the Metro Division. Rice (10-1) avenged their only loss of the year, a 45-32 defeat at the hands of the Cougars in Jericho, in December. Barring an upset in the playoffs, Rice and MMU should have one more shot at each other in the final four at Patrick Gym in the state championship tournament.

The top-ranked Cougars had their chances against Rice (# 4 in the state before the game). MMU had possession of the ball with five seconds left in the fourth quarter, but they were unable to get off a shot before the final buzzer.

Senior forward, Tom Lacey, led the Cougars with 19 points. Center, Eric Suder, added 14 and guard, T.J. Wessen, scored 8 for MMU.

While the loss may be disappointing to the players, it may be a blessing in disguise as the Cougars go deeper into the season and especially in the playoffs, where MMU is considered among the favorites to win the state championship... along with Rice. Sometimes the undefeated "tag" can be a burden... just ask the '07 Patriots.

Is there a better high school nordic ski program in Vermont than our own Cougars' ski team? Probably not. The MMU Nordic Ski team won the Vermont state championship in 2009 and 2010 and finished second in the states in 2011 when junior, Jack Hegman, one of the best high school skiers in Vermont, was forced to race with his arm in a sling due to an injury. Hegman was just named to the Scandinavian Junior Ski Team and has developed into, according to MMU head coach, Eric Barker, "one of the top boys skiers in the country." Fortunately, Jack Hegman is healthy this year and he's joined by his talented younger brother, Ben, a sophomore, as well as a bevy of uber-talented teammates, like seniors, Nick Shallow, Dan Eberstein, Emma Homans, and Hannah Marshall, junior, Annavitte Rand, and two up and coming freshman skiers, Bill and Henry Harmeyer.

"We're deep and we're talented," Barker said recently. The boy's team is currently undefeated and the girls have only one defeat. Barker attributed MMU's success to the popularity of the program with students and a terrific youth skiing program, called the Mansfield Nordic Bill Koch Youth Ski League. More than fifty MMU students currently participate in Nordic skiing at MMU.

Wow, The Star Spangled Banner... I've been to many hundreds of sporting events in my life from high school to college to pro, not to mention the thousands of games I've watched on TV, and I don't think I've ever heard a better rendition of our national anthem than the one performed by sophomore, Elise Wyatt, at the beginning of the MMU-Spaulding home boys' basketball game two weeks ago. Then, the following week, the MMU boys' cappella Choir performed their own quite remarkable rendition of this very difficult song before the start of the St. Albans game. Way to go and congratulations to Elise and the boys' choir, and especially to MMU Choral Director, Caleb Pillsbury, and the rest of the music department at our school who have recognized and who foster these wonderfully talented young people. Way to go, MMU.

Where are they now? Several former Cougars have found success in their sport on the next level... and then some. Former MMU wrestling standout, Robert Hamlin (MMU class of 2008), a senior at Lehigh, is currently ranked #4 in NCAA men's wrestling and is considered among the favorites to win the national title in the 184-lb weight class. Robert finished second in the NCAA tournament last year

## NOTICE OF SUPERVISOR VACANCY FOR THE

### WINOOSKI NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION DISTRICT

The Winooski Natural Resources Conservation District has two open positions on its Board of Supervisors. If you are concerned about our natural resources, maintaining and improving water quality, and protecting our soil, consider becoming a Board member.

Board members must live within the area they represent (Chittenden County, Washington County, and the Towns of Orange, Washington, and Williamstown) and own one or more acres of land. Board Supervisors are responsible for setting policy and program direction for the Conservation District. Specific responsibilities include attending one monthly Board meeting, plus additional meetings and regional conservation events. Supervisors do not receive a salary, however they are paid per diem plus expenses.

Conservation Districts are local subdivisions of state government established under the Soil Conservation Act of Vermont. They work through voluntary cooperation with landowners in applying conservation practices to the land. They offer technical and financial assistance in a variety of areas including agriculture, forestry, urban conservation, and watershed stewardship.

Interested individuals must submit a petition with no less than 25 signatures (also owning one or more acres of land and living within the District boundaries) to Justin Kenney, District Manager; Winooski Natural Resources Conservation District; 617 Comstock Road, Suite 1, Berlin, VT 05602. Petition forms may be picked up at the Winooski NRCD office at 617 Comstock Road, Suite 1, Berlin, VT or 1193 South Brownell Road, Suite 35, Williston, VT from 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM. Petitions can also be downloaded on the web at [www.vacd.org/winooski](http://www.vacd.org/winooski). The deadline for petitions is February 28, 2012. For more information, call 802-828-4493 x113.

### Planning Commission vacancy

The Town of Jericho is seeking to fill a vacancy on the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission is currently a 7 member board primarily responsible for updating the Town Plan and Land Use regulations. This is to fulfill a 3 year term that expires in 2012. Please submit a letter of interest to Todd Odit, Town Administrator, Town of Jericho, PO Box 39, Jericho, Vermont 05465 or email [todit@jerichovt.gov](mailto:todit@jerichovt.gov).

and has compiled a 52-4 record at Lehigh. Hamlin was a four-time Vermont state champion and a three-time New England champion while finishing his MMU career with a 168-3 record.

Peter Hegman (MMU class of 2010), older brother of Jack and Ben and a two-time Vermont state champion in Nordic skiing, is a sophomore and a member of the Nordic ski team at UVM.

Cathleen Loughlin (class of 2008), a third-team all-state ice hockey player while at MMU, is currently on the girl's hockey team at Prince Edward Island University. Cathleen's former MMU teammate, Maurisse Lorens (also class of 2008) is skating for Castleton State. Nicole Mendelson (class of 2008), an all-state soccer player for MMU in 2008, is a midfielder on the Clarkson soccer team.

Finally, I was saddened to hear of Joe Paterno's passing. I admired and I respected the man for what he did in life... and I forgive him for what he did not do. Unfortunately, he'll be remembered more for the latter, than the former. I hope people are kinder to me when my time comes... and kinder to you too. Let's remember people for the wonderful things they do... for their entire body of work... not just for the one time they screw up. It's like our own boys' basketball team. Let's think of them for their eleven straight wins to open the season, their number one ranking, and all the shots that went down rather than the ones they missed... and not for their one loss against Rice. It's almost impossible to live the perfect life, and very few of us will have a perfect season. I still admire you, Joe Pa, and I still think our Cougars are the best high school basketball team in the state.

Next issue: We'll look at girls' basketball, wrestling and ice hockey.

Go Cougars!

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## CHILD FIND NOTICE 2011-12

Any individuals from birth through age 21 with disabilities currently residing within Bolton, Buel's Gore, Huntington, Jericho, Richmond, or Underhill, and who are in need of special education and related services need to be identified, located and evaluated by Chittenden East Supervisory Union (CESU) and its member school districts (listed below). This includes children: not enrolled in school, attending private or independent schools located within the afore mentioned towns, enrolled in home study programs, suspected of having a disability despite advancing from grade to grade, who are highly mobile (such as migrant children), and who are homeless or wards of the state. Any person with information about any disabled person fitting these descriptions should contact:

CONTACT: Special Services Director  
P.O. Box 282, 211 Bridge Street  
Richmond, Vermont  
Phone: 802-434-2128

In accordance with CESU's policies and with 34 CFR Part 99 (the Family Education Rights Privacy Act of 1974), this public notice informs all parents within their jurisdictions about how information is maintained when it is collected during identification, location and evaluation of all people with disabilities.

- Personally identifiable information will be protected by each school.
- Personally identifiable information about people eligible, referred or considered for special education services is maintained.
- Parents have the right to know what types of information have been designated as directory information (i.e. contained in a student's education record and is not generally considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if disclosed). This information includes the student's name (unless otherwise requested), address, phone number, date/place of birth, major field of study, participation in officially recognized activities/sports, weight/height, membership in athletic teams, dates of attendance, degrees/awards received, and the previous school attended.
- Parents have the right to know the types and locations of educational records kept by the school and the titles and addresses of officials responsible for the records.
- A list of the names and positions of employees within CESU who have access to personally identifiable information shall be available for public inspection. If anyone other than an authorized CESU employee looks at the educational record of a child, that person shall so indicate by signing his/her name, date and purpose for reviewing the record on a form to become part of the education record.
- Parental permission will be obtained prior to disclosing confidential information to anyone who is not an authorized employee of CESU.
- Information relevant to a child's specific disability (such as: medical information, intelligence test results, social/developmental history, comprehensive evaluation report and the individualized education program) will be part of the education record.
- Personally identifiable information will be gathered from screenings, qualified diagnostic centers and other sources, as deemed necessary, to complete a comprehensive evaluation. Parents, or an eligible student, will be able to access personally identifiable information and inspect and review their education record(s) no later than 45 days after the request is made.
- Parents have the right to a response to reasonable requests for explanations and interpretations of the educational records.
- Parents may obtain a copy of the educational record without a fee for copying, if a fee will be a financial burden and/or will prevent them from obtaining the records.
- Parents have the right to request the education record be amended. The school district will decide whether to amend the record within a reasonable time of the request. If the district refuses to amend the record, it shall inform the parent and advise the parent of the right to a hearing. If, as a result of the hearing, it is found the educational record must be amended, the school district will amend the record and inform the parent in writing. If, as a result of the hearing, it is found the disputed information is not inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of the privacy right of the child, the school will inform the parent of his/her right to place in the educational record a written statement commenting on the information or stating any reasons for disagreeing with the results of the hearing. This written statement will become part of the educational record and will always be included whenever the contents of the education record is properly viewed or requested.
- Parents have the right to a hearing to challenge the educational records of their child.
- Parents will be notified prior to the school district's destruction of personally identifiable information about their child.
- The parent has the authority to inspect and review records relating to his/her child unless CESU has been advised that the parent does not have the authority under applicable state law governing matters such as guardianship, separation and divorce.
- Parents have the right to file a complaint with the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the CESU to comply with this policy.

NOTE: If there are parents within the above mentioned towns who need this information interpreted, please notify the CESU.

### CHITTENDEN EAST SUPERVISORY UNION

Bolton School District  
Huntington School District  
Jericho School District  
Mt. Mansfield Union High School District #17  
Richmond School District  
Underhill I.D. District  
Underhill Town School District

## ART / MUSIC / THEATER



cid: David Plowden\*: Central Vermont Railway, Roundhouse, Brattleboro, VT 1957, photograph on display at the Bryan Memorial Gallery, Jeffersonville.

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### ART/PHOTOGRAPHY

Landscape in 3 Voices featuring watercolors by Terry Boyle, oils by Barbara Greene and oils by Tim Hendel. The show opens February 9 and runs through March 12 with an artist reception on Sunday February 12 from 1:00-3:00 PM. The public is invited [www.emilegruppegallery.com](http://www.emilegruppegallery.com) 899 3211. The Emile Gruppe Gallery is located just outside Jericho Center at 22 Barber Farm Road.

The Richmond Hookers have an exhibit of hooked rugs in the Jericho Town Hall through the month of March. The public is invited to view them during regular business hours Monday through Thursday 8:00 am - 4pm and Friday 8am -3 pm. 899-2974.

Bryan Memorial Gallery presents *All Aboard: An Exhibition of Trains* as its featured exhibition Friday February 3 through Sunday April 1, 2012. This exhibition in its East Gallery includes model trains, toy trains, historical train objects and an extensive representation of the train in fine art and videos.

The opening reception is Sunday February 5. At 1:00 PM: An Artists Roundtable will feature four artists in the exhibition. A reception in honor of all the artists is from 2:00 to 4:00 PM. There is no admission charge for the roundtable or the reception.

The gallery is open Friday through Sunday, 11:00 AM until 4:00 PM and by appointment at any time. Bryan Memorial Gallery is at 180 Main Street, Jeffersonville, Vermont. 802-644-5100. [www.bryangallery.org](http://www.bryangallery.org). There is no admission charge.

School groups are welcome to request appointments for private tours of the exhibition on weekdays at no charge. Contact: Mickey Myers, Executive Director, 802-644-5100, [mickey@bryangallery.org](mailto:mickey@bryangallery.org).

Drop in Watercolor Painting, 9:00-11:00 AM, at the River Arts Center in Morrisville. Explore watercolor painting with visual artist, Gabriel Tempesta. No registration required, drop in. Bring your own materials. Call 888-1261, or visit our website: [www.riverartsvt.org](http://www.riverartsvt.org) for more details. Join us.

Essex Art League will feature Underhill photographer Ken Morris. The Essex Art League will hold their February meeting on Thursday February 2 at 9:00 AM. The League meets the first Thursday of the month, from 9:00 until 11:00 AM, at the Essex Junction Congregational Church on Main Street. A yearly calendar of meetings is available on the Essex Art League's website at [www.essexartleague.com](http://www.essexartleague.com).

First Friday Art Walk, February 3, 2012, 5:00 to 8:00 PM, Citywide, Burlington. Burlington's art scene is hopping in February, with art openings all over town, several featuring live music. These galleries and art venues stay open late to welcome walkers and share Burlington's incredible art scene. Pick up your copy of Art Map Burlington, First Friday Art Walk's official publication, and your guide to art in Burlington or check out [www.artmapburlington.com](http://www.artmapburlington.com) to see a list of participating venues.

Visit UVM's beautiful Davis Center and view watercolor works by local members of the Vermont Watercolor Society. This non-juried show will run now through February 18. The paintings will hang in the 4th floor fireplace lounge, open 7:00 AM to 11:00 PM daily. The public is invited to an art opening on Friday January 20 from 6:00 - 7:00 PM. Admission is free, and all are welcome.

Oil Pastel Workshop with Carol Boucher at River Arts, 74 Pleasant Street, Morrisville. River Arts is pleased to announce an opportunity to work with award winning pastel artist, Carol Boucher. In this one session workshop Saturday, February 4, 10 -12:00 PM, participants will learn techniques to create a unique look with oil pastels by creating their own surfaces (grounds). Most of the time will be spent creating art, from imagination/memory/personal photos. Working small and large, Carol will demonstrate methods and will provide one-on-one attention in this special workshop.

For more information, call 888-1261, or visit their website at [www.riverartsvt.org](http://www.riverartsvt.org).

Vermont Watercolor Society Burlington/St. Albans Hub Winter Show, UVM Davis Center, 4th Floor Fireplace Lounge, through February 19, 2012.

The Art on Burton presented by Helen Day Art Center, now through April 15, 2012. The Art on Burton examines the profound role of art

and design on the culture of snowboarding by exhibiting work from artists who have contributed to the design and image of Vermont's own Burton Snowboards. Snowboarding's imagery and products have consistently re-enforced its position as a counter-culture lifestyle.

### MUSIC/DANCE

Deborah Rawson Memorial Library, concert February 5, 2:00 PM, Library reading room.. Christian Courtemanche is known to the local community as a graduate of our local high school, an exceptional teacher in the Richmond Elementary School and for his involvement in community activities. From rolling Appalachian mountainsongs to knee-tapping children's tunes, Christian Courtemanche brings a wide variety of influences and instruments to his folk-laden set. Originally composing light-hearted courting songs on the acoustic 6-string in his earlier days, he has since broadened his scope toward the fullness of the mandolin, harmonica, banjo, ukulele, and dulcimer. His music has been featured in evening coffee houses, elementary school sing-a-longs, backdrops to WCAX clipreels, and local hymnsings.

This program is ideal for the whole family - please bring kids, grandkids and grandparents. Please join us at 2 PM on February 5th in the Deborah Rawson Memorial Library Reading Room. Concert is free.

Community Center in Jericho will be holding another evening of Deserts and Open Mic performances on Saturday, February 18 at 7:00 PM. "Sweet Notes" is a great night for community members to enjoy a fun and diverse assortment of entertainment. The program also provides a wonderful opportunity for folks to share their talents be they instrumental and/or vocal, storytelling or poetry recitation. People interested in performing should contact Laura Markowitz at 879-4606 or [lmarkowitz2408@gmail.com](mailto:lmarkowitz2408@gmail.com).

On Saturday February 4, 2012 Young Tradition Vermont will welcome a variety of young players, singers and dancers who will perform with their teachers and mentors as part of the Burlington Winter Festival. The Young Tradition Showcase will be held at Contois Auditorium in City Hall at 6:00 PM on Saturday, February 4 2012. Admission is \$10 suggested donation at the door the night of the event (no advance tickets).

Queen City Contras will hold its regular dance on Friday February 10 at 8:00 PM at Edmunds Middle School Gym, 299 Main Street, Burlington VT. Rebecca Lay will call. Music will be provided by Frost and Fire: Viveka Fox, Peter Macfarlane, Hollis Easter and Aaron Marcus. All are welcome, all dances taught, no partner or experience necessary. Beginners' session at 7:45 PM.

Admission is \$8.00 adults. Under 12 free. Please bring clean, soft-soled shoes for dancing.

On Sunday February 5, 2012 Young Tradition Vermont and the UVM Folk Music Club will present *The Bright Wings Chorus* at the University of Vermont's Ira Allen Chapel at 7:00 pm. A donation of \$15 is suggested. For more information contact [www.youngtraditionvermont.org](http://www.youngtraditionvermont.org) or [mrksustc@together](mailto:mrksustc@together)

Westford Music Series presents *Mud Season* Sunday February 19, 4:00 to 5:00 PM, UCW White Church, 1 White Church Lane, Westford.

The sextet is comprised of well-known musicians Andy Fulton (guitar, banjo, and vocals), Dick Lees (bass), Dave Goss (guitar and vocals), Tim Wills (guitar and vocals), Jom Hammand (mandolin and vocals) and Sean Lees (ukulele). The group is known for its often eclectic use of instruments (banjos, kitchen sink, guitars, harmonica toot, and 12 strings) and strong vocals. They bring a broad repertoire of a musical mix including folk, blue grass, gospel and soft rock. Free admission followed with refreshments.

JSC Dibden Center for the Arts Performances: Box office: 635-1476. All at 7:00 PM (unless otherwise noted) [www.jsc.edu/dibden](http://www.jsc.edu/dibden) MOST are free.

Coffee House - all in the Stearns Performance Space at JSC, Thursdays (while school is in session) at 9:00 p.m. ([www.jsc.edu/events](http://www.jsc.edu/events) for complete information). All are free and open to the public.

January 19 - Tall Grass Getdown  
January 26 - Lewis Franco and the Brown Eyed Girls

**DEBORAH RAWSON LIBRARY, UNDERHILL**

Art for February features the paintings of Nancy Karlson.

The silent auction for February offers a choice. You can bid on Yoga with Jean White either Mondays 8:15 AM or Thursdays 6:00 PM for 1 month at Rt. 15 Good Shepherd Lutheran Church or 6 Pilates classes with Lisa Timbers Mondays and Thursdays 6:00 PM at her home studio 622 Irish Settlement Rd. Bidding will start on February 1st and continue until February 29 at 6:00 PM.

Bryan Harrington and Phyl Newbeck were looking for the perfect way to celebrate having turned 50. They decided on an alpine trek on the Hiker's Haute Route from Mt. Blanc to the Matterhorn. For Bryan, an ardent backpacker, it was an opportunity for light travel but for Phyl it was a chance to go a little beyond her comfort zone of day hiking from a base area. The two covered roughly 10 miles a day with elevation gains and descents of approximately 3,500 feet, spending each night in a different town, ranging from the cosmopolitan Zermatt to the tiny town of Gruben, population 70. Come see the photos and hear the story of this gorgeous trek on Friday February 3 at 7:00 PM.

Music Sunday is February 5 at 200 PM. Christian Courtemanche performs folk and children's music.

The Deborah Rawson Book Lovers (DRBL) meets the second Tuesday of each month at the library at 7:00 PM. The January book was *This Child will be Great* by Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, Africa's first woman president. We all agreed it was fine, if you are not looking for a personal memoir, but an introduction to the interesting history and current situation of Liberia. The February book will be *Little Bee* by Chris Cleave. The blurbs for this novel are very mysterious – "Don't tell your friends what happens." Mum's the word. Join us on Tuesday February 7.

Join Representatives Bill Frank and George Till, Thursday February 9 at 6:30 PM for an update and a chance to ask them questions.

On Friday February 10 at 6:30 PM please join us to watch a movie that was recently nominated for Academy Awards in the categories of best picture, best actress and best supporting actress. This the multi-character narrative revolves around race relations in the Kennedy-era South. Veteran maid Aibileen provides the heartfelt narration that brackets the story. A widow devastated by the death of her son, she takes pride in the 17 children she has helped to raise, but she's hardly fulfilled. That changes when Skeeter returns home after college. Unlike her peers, Skeeter wants to work, so she gets a job as a newspaper columnist. But she really longs to write about Jackson Mississippi's domestics, so she meets with Aibileen in secret--after much cajoling and the promise of anonymity. Call the library for the title, 899-4962.

Do you love to play Scrabble? Come to the library on Monday February 13 from 6:30 to 8:30 PM to play Scrabble with fellow enthusiasts. Bring a friend and a Scrabble board or just join a table with others. Please call to register 899-4962.

The Friends of DRML will meet Tuesday February 14 at 6:30 PM.

The board of Trustees will meet Thursday February 16 at 7:00 PM.

The Vermont Italian Club is presenting a glimpse of "Everyday Italy" as seen by guests of family and relatives in the Italian regions of Abruzzo, Lombardy, and the Piedmont. Come see a day with relatives at an Italian wedding, or a day in the mountains with an Italian family above Lake Como, or with family that works both in Turin and in a small village in the Italian mountains near the French border. These are "off the beaten track" photos that will inspire a trip to Italy as much as its famous places at 2:00 PM, Sunday February 19.

The Mystery Group is reading *Sinister Pig* by Tony Hillerman. They will meet to discuss it on Tuesday February 28 at 7:00 PM. Everyone is welcome.

Baby Time - Wednesday February 8 at 10:15 AM. Join Leah Rowe for board books, lap rhymes and songs appropriate for babies 18 months and younger. This is a wonderful time for parents and childcare providers to connect with one another and to share ideas. Siblings welcome. Drop in, no registration needed.

Evening Story Time for Families - Thursday February 9 at 6:30 PM. Please note change of date to the second Thursday of the month. Parents with older preschoolers and children in kindergarten through second grade are invited to join us for stories, craft and light refreshments. To register call 899-4962.

Preschool Story Times - Stories, songs, fingerplays, snack and craft for preschoolers and their caregiver. Drop in, no registration needed: Wednesdays at 10:30 AM, February 15, 22 and March 7, 14; Thursdays at 10:00 AM, February 16, 23 and March 8, 15.

Weather Related Cancellations for Story Times - If Chittenden East School District is closed we will cancel story time for that day. If there is a delay of two hours or less we will have story time as scheduled.

Family Movie Night Friday, February 17 at 6:30 PM. In this final adventure Harry faces a climatic showdown with Lord Voldemort. This PG13 DVD is the last part of the popular series. Bring a blanket to make yourself comfortable, we'll provide refreshments. Running time approximately 2 1/4 hours. For movie title and to register call, 899-4962

Go Graphic Thursday February 23 at 6:30 PM. Do you love graphic novels or would you like to learn more about them? Join Rick Evans, graphic designer, bring your favorite graphic novel to share, check out our graphic collection or come just to hear what others have to say. Refreshments provided. Recommended for grade 5 to adults. To register call 899-4962.

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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For information or directions, please call the library at 879-0313 or check our web site at [www.essex.org](http://www.essex.org).

**FAIRFAX COMMUNITY LIBRARY**

PJ Story Hour on Thursday February 2 at 6:30 PM with Success by Six, Come to the library in your PJs for a story. For ages 0-6.

On Saturday February 4 from 10:00 -11:00 AM, we will be hosting our monthly Breastfeeding Clinic and Support group for those who are thinking about breastfeeding, are currently breastfeeding, or those who have wisdom to share with others. The clinic will be led by Mari Stuart-Bullock from the Home Health Agency of Franklin County. This is a monthly event that takes place the first Saturday of every month.

Get an e-reader or new listening device over the holidays? Come to our Listen Up Vermont intro class. The class will be offered on two dates; Monday February 6th at 3:30 pm and Thursday February 23 at 6:30 PM. We will start at how to sign up and end with downloading books to your device. One-on-one help will be

available, so bring your questions.

Every Monday afternoon from 2:45-4:15, Fairfax Community Library is offering a Chess Club. An experienced instructor will be leading the group. If you have your own chess set, please bring it along. All experience levels and ages are welcome.

Homeschoolers Event - Wednesday February 8 from 3:30-4:45 PM, Stampin' Up Party. Use cool tools, paper and other embellishments to make bookmarks and Valentine's Day cards. There is a small materials fee per person. Please call or email to register by February 6, 849-2420. Appropriate for school-aged children.

Thursday February 9 at 6:30 PM is the book discussion for "Under the Sea Wind" by Rachel Carson. The discussion will be led by Helene Lang. Swing by the library to pick up your copy of the book.

*Read to a Dog.* Every other Thursday afternoon, Rainbow, a beautiful Newfoundland and registered therapy dog, will be at the Fairfax Community Library listening to children reading. In February, Rainbow will be visiting on Thursday February 9 and Thursday February 23 from 3:30 to 5:30 PM. Open to school aged children of all reading levels. Sign up in advance for a 15 minute time slot.

On Tuesday February 28 at 9:30 AM come to the Fairfax Community Library for a special story hour featuring Ellie's Preschool Party.. Bubbles, Parachute play, musical instruments and FUN, with professional singer, actor and children's entertainer Ellie Tetrick. For ages 0-6.

Fairfax Community Library Story Hour; Tuesdays from 9:30 - 10:30 AM, Join us for stories, crafts and activities. For ages 0-6. February 7 - Pockets and Kangaroos; February 14 - Valentine's Day; February 21 - Smells and Scents and Stuff; and February 28 - \*SPECIAL\* Ellie's Preschool Party.

Library News: <http://www.bfafairfax.com/pages/communitylibrarynews.html>. Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/home.php?#./pages/Fairfax-Community-Library>. School Year Library Hours: Monday, Wednesday 8:00 AM - 5:30 PM; Tuesday and Thursday 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM; Friday 8:00 AM - 3:15 PM; Saturday 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM.

**JERICHO CENTER, LIBRARY**

Used Book Sale - The Jericho Town Library's annual used book sale is planned for Saturday, March 31. We are currently taking donations of books, CDs, and DVDs (but please, no encyclopedias or other data reference materials).

Poetry Workshop - Mark your calendars. The annual Poetry Workshop is coming this Spring and will be led by Mary Jane Dickerson. Sessions will be held on Mondays from 6:30-8:00 PM, March 26 until April 30.

Writers' Group - The writers' group continues to meet every other Monday night at the library from 6:00 - 7:30 PM. Contact the library at 899-4686 for more information

Find us on the web - You can find the Jericho Town Library on the web at [www.jerichotownlibrary.org](http://www.jerichotownlibrary.org) and from there, you have access to the entire card catalog for the library as well as that of other local libraries, including Richmond Free Library, Brownell Library, and Dorothy Alling Library.

You can also find the library on line at Facebook now, too. Just search for "Jericho Town Library" to find us.

General information reminder - The board of trustees meets regularly on the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM at the library and the public is always welcome to attend. The next meeting is scheduled for February 2.

Library hours are Monday 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM, Wednesday 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM and 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM, Friday 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM, and Saturday 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM. For more information, call the library at 899-4686, email [Jerichotownlibrary@gmail.com](mailto:Jerichotownlibrary@gmail.com), or visit the library website at [www.jerichotownlibrary.org](http://www.jerichotownlibrary.org).

**RICHMOND FREE LIBRARY  
BRIDGE STREET, RICHMOND**

The annual book sale will be held Saturday February 11 in the Richmond Community Room. A presale will be held from 6:00-8:00 PM on Friday, February 10 with the purchase of a \$10 pass (or a minimum of two hours service helping the book sale.) The sale will include a bake sale, music and raffle prizes. The raffle grand prize is a Nook reader from Barnes and Noble. Other prizes include \$50 gift from the Richmond Market, and many gift cards from are businesses. We are still accepting donations for the February book sale and welcome gently used and clean books, cds, dvds in fiction and non-fiction, adult or youth titles. If non-fiction, please make sure the titles are timely or timeless. So far, we have an excellent selection of recently released fiction and civil war history. Call or email the library if you'd like to learn more about the sale, donations or working on the sale.

Come January 25 at 6:30 PM to learn all about Vermont salamanders. Jim Andrews, one of Vermont's foremost herpetologists will give a PowerPoint presentation entitled: *The Identification, Natural History, and Conservation of Vermont's Salamanders*. The slides will describe the ten species of Vermont salamanders as well as some that may be coming to Vermont. Learn how and when they can be found and how to participate in statewide atlas effort. Please come and bring your questions

On January 28, at 1:00 PM, stretch and move in a special Tai Chi class led by Janet Makaris of Huntington on behalf of Save our Strays. \$10 per person. Please rsvp by calling or emailing the library.

Huntington artist, Chris Billis, is the featured February artist. Many people know Chris Billis locally as a teacher of after school and summer camp arts and crafts. Chris has developed a reputation as a painter of (almost exclusively) children, and is now including dogs, cats, and most recently horses in her portfolio. After years of receiving the bulk of her commissions from suburban NY and Boston, she's happily getting more work closer to home. Her work will be featured on the Library walls during the month of February. Go to [www.billisportraits.com](http://www.billisportraits.com) to see her work.

In the display case during February, we will be displaying the winter-themed artwork of area children.

Vermont Library Association 2012 Calendars are now available for sale at the library at the reduced rate of \$10 each. It's a 14 month calendar – so it's good until March 2013. The locally-produced calendars provide a profile of a Vermont library in each county and note the phases of the moon, holidays and plenty of room for writing notes. (Revenues benefit the local library.) Stop by, take a look, buy one and take it home.

*Unlikely Disciple* by Kevin Roose will be the title discussed Tuesday, February 7, at 7:00 PM. From the book description: "From Brown University's free-spirited, ultra-liberal student body, Roose decides to enroll as a new transfer student at Liberty University, founded by Jerry Falwell, hoping to connect with his evangelical peers, he leaps across the God Divide and chronicles his adventures in this daring report from the front lines

of America's culture war. Hilarious and heartwarming, respectful and thought-provoking, *The Unlikely Disciple* will inspire and entertain believers and nonbelievers alike."

Meet on Thursday February 2, at 7:00 PM to discuss February's mystery book discussion title, *Open and Shut*, the debut title by David Rosenfelt in the series featuring attorney Andy Carpenter. From Booklist: "Written with the skill of a veteran, Rosenfelt's debut legal thriller boasts fresh characters, an engaging narrator, and a plot that forces readers to keep flipping the pages. Andy Carpenter, a defense lawyer, takes on a new client: a man on death row, appealing his conviction for the murder of a woman nearly a decade ago. Andy takes the case as a favor to his father, the district attorney who originally prosecuted the inmate."

Multiple copies are available at the library for both discussions.

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Storytime- Toddler time (for ages 18 months to 3 years) is on Wednesdays at 10:30 AM. Storytime (ages 3-5) is on Mondays at 10:30 AM. Pajametime (ages 2-6) with Douglas is on Mondays at 6:30 PM. We're very flexible about ages, siblings, and so on, so don't feel restricted by the age suggestions. No registration is necessary.

New fiction titles at the library: *The Lotus Eaters* by Tajana Soli, *The Scottish Prisoner* by Diana Gabaldon, *Bonnie* by Kris Johansen, *Leopard* by Jo Nesbo, *Red Mist* by Patricia Cornwell, *11/22/63* by Stephen King, *Acceptable Loss* by Anne Perry and the *Artist of Disappearance* by Anita Desai.

New non-fiction titles at the library: *Margaret Sanger* (bio) by Jean Baker, *Phillis Wheatley* (bio) by Vincent Carretta, *With Liberty and Justice for Some* by Glenn Greenwald, *Undecorate* by Christiane Lemieux, *Thinking, Fast and Slow* by Daniel Kahneman, *Moby Duck* by Donovan Hohn, *Malcolm X* (bio) by Manning Marable, *Pity the Billionaire* by Thomas Frank, *1493* by Charles Mann, and *In Other Worlds* by Margaret Atwood.

To get this and "breaking news" sign up for the RFL mailing list on the library homepage, [www.richmondfreelibraryvt.org](http://www.richmondfreelibraryvt.org) Search our catalog at [rfl.kohavi.org](http://rfl.kohavi.org).

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Also, our upcoming events:  
Saturday January 28 during Winterfest: Children's Winter Stories from 1:00 to 2:00 PM; Singer/songwriter/author Spencer Lewis from 3:00 PM.

**WESTFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Upcoming Events:  
February 2, 11:00 AM, Early Literacy Storytime. Stories and activities utilizing early literacy concepts for ages birth-preschool. Theme: Water Animals.

February 2, Computer Tutor for Ages 50+ by Appointment. Call Victoria at 878-5639.

February 3, 11:00 AM, Tai Chi for Arthritis for Ages 50+. Class is full.

February 8, 6:00-7:00 PM, Book Discussion: Major Pettigrew's Last Stand (Simonson).

February 8, 11:00 AM, Tai Chi for Arthritis for Ages 50+. Class is full.

February 9, 11:00 AM, Early Literacy Storytime. Stories and activities utilizing early literacy concepts for ages birth-preschool. Theme: Love and Friendship.

February 10, 11:00 AM, Tai Chi for Arthritis for Ages 50+. Class is full.

February 15, 11:00 AM, Tai Chi for Arthritis for Ages 50+. Class is full.

February 16, 11:00 AM, Early Literacy Storytime. Stories and activities utilizing early literacy concepts for ages birth-preschool. Theme: If You Give.....Books.

February 16, Computer Tutor for Ages 50+ by Appointment. Call Victoria at 878-5639.

February 17, 11:00 AM, Tai Chi for Arthritis for Ages 50+. Class is full.

February 22, 11:00 AM, Tai Chi for Arthritis for Ages 50+. Class is full.

February 23, 11:00 AM, Early Literacy Storytime. Stories and activities utilizing early literacy concepts for ages birth-preschool. Theme: Teddy Bear Picnic. Bring your bears.

February 23, Computer Tutor by Appointment. Call Victoria at 878-5639.

February 24, 6:00 PM, Strategy and Board Games for Teens and Adults. Hosted by Matt Taylor.

February 29, 11:00 AM, Tai Chi for Arthritis for Ages 50+. Class is full.

New Additions to the Collection: Adult Fiction: *Damned* (Palahniuk), *Death Comes to Pemberley* (James), *The Prague Cemetery* (Eco), *Secret Kept* (DeRosnay), *The Sense of an Ending* (Barnes), *Silver Girl* (Hilderbrand). Adult Nonfiction: *Boomerang* (Lewis), *The Boy in the Moon* (Brown), *Catherine the Great* (Massie), *The History of the World in 100 Objects* (MacGregor), *Rin Tin Tin* (Orlean), *Then Again* (Keaton). Teen: *Graphic Novel: Anya's Ghost* (Broskol), *Clockwork Angel* (Clare), *The Future of Us* (Asher), *The Infernals* (Connolly), *Why We Broke Up* (Handler). Juv: Picture Book: *I Want My Hat Back* (Klassen), *The Man in the Moon* (Joyce), Neville (Juster). Early Reader: *Cowgirl Kate and Cocoa: Spring Babies* (Silverman). Transitional: *Abe Lincoln at Last* (Osborne). Fiction: *The Chronicles of Harris Burdick* (Van Allsburg), *The Trouble with Chickens* (Cronin). Nonfiction: *Eyewitness Computer* (Goldsmith). DVDs: *Midnight in Paris*, *Moneyball*, *The Ides of March*. Juv: *Dolphin Tale*.

Survey Says.....We want your opinion. The Westford Public Library is conducting a survey for the Five-Year Planning Process and invites you to participate. The survey can be accessed directly at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/AQA9KLB> or through the library's website at [www.westford.lib.vt.us](http://www.westford.lib.vt.us). The survey will be available online through 3/30/12. Paper copies will also be available at the Town Meeting on March 5th, the voting site on March 6th, and at the library through 3/30. We are interested in your opinion of what works well, what could be improved, and what the library's future direction might be. Thanks for participating.

The library is open Wednesday 1:00-7:00 PM, Thursday 10:00-6:00 PM, Friday noon-6:00 PM, and Saturday 10:00 AM-2:00 PM. We can be reached at 878-5639, [westford\\_platvals.state.vt.us](http://www.westford.lib.vt.us), and [www.westford.lib.vt.us](http://www.westford.lib.vt.us).

# Chinese New Year celebrated at Saxon Hill School

On Friday, Donovan and Aaron Ho brought their dad, Rupert in as the parent helper. In addition to being the parent helper for the day at Saxon Hill School, Rupert came to share the customs and traditions of Chinese New Year which begins on Monday January 23. Rupert explained this year will be the Year of the Dragon. He also shared many traditions surrounding Chinese New Year:

cleaning your home from top to bottom to sweep out the bad luck of the old year and bring in the good luck of the New Year; decorating your home with lanterns; eating a whole fish, long noodles (which signify a long life), cake for something sweet, and clementines (which represent gold); setting off firecrackers to bring in the New Year with some noise; visiting the homes of friends to greet one

another by holding your hands together and saying "Gung Hay Fat Choy" (which means "Best wishes and congratulations. Have a prosperous and good year!"); receiving "lai see" ("lucky money"); a red envelope with lucky money inside, often, chocolate coins; and placing lai see under your child's pillow on the eve of Chinese New Year to bring good luck and fortune to the child. Donovan and Aaron shared their sweet tray with their peers. Each child chose a candy from the festive tray to start the year off sweet. They introduced their dragon to the class as well. Donovan wore the dragon to show his peers how the dragon dips and dives and dances in a parade. The dragon comes at the end of the parade and this lets all know the New Year is arriving. Everyone sat together for a snack of long noodles, whole fish (goldfish) and clementines to start the Year of the Dragon. Aaron and Donovan also gifted lai see to each child to offer good luck and fortune to everyone.

## OFFICIAL WARNING

### Annual School District Meeting Underhill Graded School District, Inc.

The legal voters of the Underhill Graded School District, Inc., are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Elementary School, in said District, on Monday, March 5, 2012, at seven o'clock in the evening to transact any of the following business not involving Australian Ballot.

The voting for Australian Ballot article to be on Tuesday, March 6, 2012; polls to open at 7:00 in the forenoon and to close at 7:00 in the afternoon at the following polling places.

**Polling Places** The voters residing in each town district will cast their ballots in the polling places designated for their town as follows:

Jericho	*	Jericho Elementary School
Underhill	*	Browns River Middle School

- Article 1 To elect a Moderator for one year.
- Article 2 To elect a Clerk for one year.
- Article 3 To elect an Auditor for three years.
- Article 4 To elect a Tax Collector for the collection of unpaid taxes and tuition.
- Article 5 To elect one member of the Prudential Committee for a period of three years.
- Article 6 To elect one member of the Prudential Committee for a period of two years.
- Article 7 To elect one member of the Prudential Committee for a period of one year to complete an unexpired three-year term.
- Article 8 To elect a School Director for a period of three years for Mt. Mansfield Union School District #17, term to begin day of election.
- Article 9 To elect a treasurer for one year and provide compensation.
- Article 10 To hear and act upon the reports of the Officers.
- Article 11 This time serves as a public information hearing for public review of the 2012-13 proposed budget--for discussion purposes only.
- Article 12 To transact any other school business thought proper when met.

### Australian Ballot Question -- Tuesday, March 6, 2012

Article 13 The total proposed budget of \$1,652,228 is the amount determined by the Underhill Graded School District to be necessary to support the school district's educational program for the year beginning July 1, 2012.

State law requires the vote on this budget to be divided because (i) the school district's spending per pupil last year was more than the statewide average and (ii) this year's proposed budget is greater than last year's budget adjusted for inflation.

Part A: Shall the voters of the Underhill Graded School District, Inc authorize the school board to expend \$1,639,666, which is a portion of the amount the school board has determined to be necessary?

Part B: If Part A is approved by the Underhill Graded School District voters, shall the voters of the school district also authorize the school board to expend \$12,562, which is the remainder of the amount the school board has determined to be necessary?

James Bentlage Leslie Kanat  
Jessica Dion Valerie Vanschbach

### SCHOOL DIRECTORS

Received for record this 12th day of January, 2012 A.D.  
Peter Macone, Clerk



Mia Fiozzo- wearing dragon head, Georgia Davis- inspecting.



Left: Donovan Ho

Below: Aaron Ho offers the 'sweet tray' to: Georgia Davis, Donovan Ho, Braeden Koch, Jacob Hoy, Kennedy Joyette

PHOTO CONTRIBUTED



## CVAA SENIOR 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 February 2 – Bridge Street Café, Richmond, 10:30 check in, 11:00 lunch. Macaroni and cheese.

Friday February 3 – Hinesburg meal site, 11:30 AM.

Monday February 6 – Covenant Church, Essex Center, 12:00 noon. Chicken stew with vegetagles and potatoes, kidney bean salad, biscuit, peaches.

Tuesday February 7 – Pizza Hut, Susie Wilson Road, Essex Jct., 10:30 AM check in, 11:00 AM lunch. All you can eat pizza buffet.

Wednesday February 8- JPs Diner and Deli, River Road, Essex Jct., 10:30 AM check in, 11:00 AM lunch. Chicken and biscuits.

Thursday February 9 – Holiday Inn, So. Burlington, 11:00 AM check in, 11:30 AM lunch. Turkey dinner.

Friday February 10 – United Church, Hinesburg, 12:00 noon, Shepherd's Pie, French style green beans, roll, fruit filled cookie.

Monday February 13 – Covenant Church, Essex, 12:00 noon. Chicken Cacciatore, mashed potatoes, fall vegetables, sugar cookie.

Tuesday February 14 – Sweetheart luncheon, Elk's Club, No. Ave., Burlington, 10:30 check in, 11:00 lunch.

Wednesday February 15 - Ponderosa, Williston, 11:00 AM check in, 11:15 AM lunch. All you can eat buffet.

Thursday February 16 – Dutch Mill, Shelburne Road, Shelburne, 10:30 AM check in, 11:00 lunch. Baked stuffed chicken.



Geo Bee winners (from l to r) Mrs. Odile Steel, Bradley Eldred, Max Atkins, Matthew Cieslak, Mr. Dave Friedman. PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

**Brad Eldred placed 2nd in Geo Bee**

Max Atkins came out on top after several rounds of tough questions on United States, world, and cultural geography during the school level competition of the National Geographic Geography Bee at Christ the King School. Brad Eldred, of Underhill, and Matthew Cieslak came in second and third. Max will go on to represent Christ the King School at the state competition in the hopes of representing Vermont at the national level. Associate principal Odile Steel asked the questions and middle school teacher, and Geo Bee coach, Dave Friedman acted as judge and timekeeper. Best of luck to Max at the state level! Great job Bradley and Matthew!

**CVAA Bowl-a-thon to strike out Senior hunger**

The 2nd annual CVAA Bowl-a-thon to Strike out Senior Hunger will be held on March 31 from 1:30-4:00 PM at Spare Time in Colchester. Space is limited; to register your team, go to [cvaa.org](http://cvaa.org) or call 865-0360. Teams of 4 will raise pledges of \$400 to help end senior hunger. Prizes include a trip for two to Disney World in Orlando, Florida. Event t-shirts and a free buffet will be provided.

**Recipes by Marian Tobin**

**Open-faced Blueberry Pie**

- 1 cup sugar
- 3 tablespoons corn starch
- 4 cups blueberries
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1 tablespoon butter
- One 9 inch baked pie shell

Combine sugar, corn starch, salt. Stir in 1 cup water and 1 cup blueberries. Cook over low heat until thickened. Stir in lemon juice and butter then carefully add the remaining cups of blueberries. Cool, then spread into baked crust. Cover with whipped cream and serve.



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MOUNT MANSFIELD UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT #17

February 16, 2012 and March 6, 2012

The legal voters of the Mount Mansfield Union School District #17 consisting of the town school districts of Bolton, Huntington, Jericho, Richmond, Underhill Town and Underhill Incorporated School District are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Mount Mansfield Union High School on Thursday, February 16, 2012, at 7:30 p.m. to transact any of the following business not involving Australian Ballot, the meeting is to be adjourned and reconvened in the respective polling places hereinafter named for each of the above-referenced town school districts on Tuesday, March 6, 2012 at 7:00 a.m. (Huntington at 6:30 am) at which time the polls will open, until 7:00 p.m. at which time the polls will close, to transact any business involving voting by Australian Ballot.

- Article 1: To elect the following officers:  
a Moderator for one year,  
a Clerk for one year,  
a Treasurer for one year, and  
an Auditor for three years.
- Article 2: To hear and act upon the written reports of the District Officers.
- Article 3: This time serves as a public information hearing for public review of the 2012-13 proposed budget--for discussion purposes only.
- Article 4: Shall the voters of the Mount Mansfield Union School District authorize the school board under 16 V.S.A. 562 (9) to borrow money by issuance of bonds or notes not in excess of anticipated revenue for the school year?
- Article 5: To transact any other school business thought proper when met.

March 6, 2012 -- Australian Ballot Questions

- Article 6: Shall the Mount Mansfield Union School District #17 adopt a budget of \$26,052,065 for the school year 2012-13?

Upon closing of the polls, the ballot boxes will be sealed, re-opened at Jericho Elementary School in the Town of Jericho, the ballots commingled and publicly counted by representatives of the Boards of Civil Authority of the Towns of Bolton, Huntington, Jericho, Richmond, Underhill under the supervision of the Clerk of Mt. Mansfield Union School District #17.

The legal voters of Mt. Mansfield Union School District #17 are further warned and notified that an informational meeting will be held at Mt. Mansfield Union High School in the Town of Jericho on February 16, 2012 commencing at 7:30 p.m., and on March 1, 2012 at Browns River Middle School in the Town of Jericho, commencing at 7:30 p.m., for the purpose of explaining the 2012-13 proposed budget.

The legal voters of Mt. Mansfield Union School District #17 are further notified that voter qualification, registration and absentee voting relative to said special meeting shall be as provided in Section 706u-706w of Title 16, and Chapters 43, 51, and 55 of Title 17, Vermont Statutes Annotated.

Said voters and persons warned, are further notified that voter qualification, registration, absentee voting, and voter procedures shall be in accordance with Chapters 43 and 51 of Title 17 Vermont Statutes Annotated.

Polling Places

The voters residing in each member district will cast their ballots in the polling places designated for their town as follows:

Bolton	*	Smilie Memorial School
Huntington	*	Brewster-Pierce Memorial School
Jericho	*	Jericho Elementary School
Richmond	*	Camels Hump Middle School
Underhill	*	Browns River Middle School

Dated this 5th day of January, 2012.

Kenneth Remsen  
Lucinda M. Preston  
Linda Willmott  
Michael Marks

Ken Wyman  
Jonathan Boyson  
Judith T. Jones

Robert Robbins  
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SCHOOL DIRECTORS

Received for record this 9th day of January 2012, A.D.

Laura Kimball, Clerk, Mt. Mansfield Union School District #17

\*\* Budget Informational Meetings \*\*

Thursday, February 16, 2012, 7:30 pm, Mt. Mansfield Union High School  
Thursday, March 1, 2012, 7:30 p.m., Browns River Middle School