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CESU Schoolboard, support staff deadlocked over contract

By Ted Tedford
Special to the Mountain Gazette

Negotiations between the Chittenden East Supervisory Union Board and the school support employees are deadlocked, following a similar end to negotiations by the Board and the teachers in June.

Negotiators for the CESU Board and the support staff announced July 23 that they are at impasse and will seek a neutral mediator.

Negotiators for the Board and the support staff are at odds over salaries and health insurance. According to a spokeswoman for the Green Mountain Chapter of the Vermont NEA, union negotiator David Belanger proposed a 4 percent pay increase, while the Board countered with a 1 percent increase. In a press release the Board said the union wanted a 6 percent pay raise.

The union also has balked at a Board change in its health insurance program that includes a 3 percent increase in the amount the employees pay. The Board also wants the support employees to switch to a new health insurance plan the Board says will save the supervisory union money, but includes a high co-pay which would be reimbursed.

Joan Savaglio, a union spokeswoman, said when the proposal for a 4 percent raise was broached to the Board negotiator, "we were not given a chance to discuss it because the Board declared impasse."

"Impasse was declared by mutual agreement," said Robert Letovsky, spokesman for the Board. "There was no abrupt end to the meeting, although it was shorter than the previous (four) negotiating sessions."

Savaglio also said the support staff sought a larger raise than the one offered by the board because many of the staff earns less than a living wage. "Most employees earn less than \$20,000 a year. The cut off for a poverty wage is \$27,000," Savaglio said.

Letovsky said there was no mention of a living wage at the last negotiating session.

Savaglio said most of the roughly 250 para-educators, bus drivers, custodial and kitchen staff earn less than those in other schools in Chittenden County. Letovsky agreed, but said support staff members pay less for their health insurance premiums than the supervisory union's teachers.

Savaglio also said the Board wants to raise weekly work hours for the support staff from 30 to 32.5 hours to make them eligible for health insurance. That would mean several bus drivers would no longer be eligible. She was not certain how many drivers would be affected.

There is no movement to resume negotiations between the Board and the teachers' union although both sides have exchanged letters.

Officials of the teachers' union have called a membership meeting August 27 to plan future strategy, possibly including a strike, according to Jon Harris, chief negotiator for the Green Mountain Chapter of the Vermont NEA.

The Board had urged the union to resume negotiations, but would not negotiate a new contract for the school year just ended. Negotiations spanned a 16-month period that included the school year.

Jon Harris, chief negotiator for the teachers, said the union would only return to the negotiating table if the Board agreed to discuss a contract for the school year 2008-2009. The Board has adamantly refused, saying it would only negotiate a contract for 2009-2010.

The support staff wanted to negotiate a three-year contract, while the Board wanted to discuss a one-year agreement.

The union represents 83 support staff members in the Chittenden East Supervisory Union at the elementary schools in Huntington, Jericho, Richmond, and the Underhill I.D. School in Jericho, Mount Mansfield Union High School and Camels Hump and Browns River Middle Schools in Jericho and Richmond. None of the support staff at Smilie Elementary School in Bolton or the Underhill Central School joined the Vermont NEA.

Westford Fire Department moves forward

Phyl Newbeck
Special to the Mountain Gazette

The Westford Fire Department has come a long way since its establishment in 1982. This year, the department was able to install their first wet hydrant and soon they will be installing a new dry hydrant at the school. John Quinn, Selectboard Chair and volunteer firefighter, is pleased to see the progress the department has made over the years.

"The challenge of firefighting is water and access to water," said Quinn, noting that in Westford water supplies are "few and far between." Given the completely volunteer nature of the force and the lack of manpower, particularly during the daytime, it is crucial to have water sources as close to potential fires as possible. Quinn stated that close access has other beneficial side effects such as lessening the amount of time emergency vehicles are on the road, thereby minimizing the chance of accidents with other motorists or pedestrians.

Quinn explained that there are two different types of hydrants. The most common in Westford and similar rural communities without municipal water systems are known as dry hydrants. A dry hydrant is defined as "an unpressurized, permanently installed pipe that has one end below the water level of a lake or pond." Wet

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Brad Holden pores over old records in the Underhill Town Clerk's office. He is developing a list of so-called 'ancient' roads in town. PHOTO BY TED TEDFORD

Want a chuckle or two? Check out the Underhill town records

By Ted Tedford
Special to the Mountain Gazette

Looking into old town records can reveal a host of odd and unusual things, all there for the public to see.

Surveyor Brad Holden of Underhill is researching old roads in the town, with an eye to seeing which "ancient" roads, as the official title goes, are still the responsibility of the town and which ones might have been "thrown up" (now that's a phrase with a different meaning in modern days).

Only the Selectboard can declare a road no longer the responsibility of the town ("thrown up"). Holden has a way to go with his research, but poring over the old records, he has come up with some unexpected, and odd, official documents.

In 1805, nine male residents of the town each signed a short letter, worded exactly the same. Each letter informed the Selectboard back then that: "I do not agree in the religious opinion with the majority of the inhabitants of the Town of Underhill." Each of the nine men wrote exactly the same letter and signed his. Each letter was recorded in the minutes of a Selectboard meeting.

That statement was repeated in the minutes of a Selectboard meeting, and signed by each of the nine men.

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Comcast extending service, Fairpoint delays adding cable

By Ted Tedford
Special to the Mountain Gazette

Cable internet provider Comcast has announced it will extend service to 11 roads in Underhill by the end of this year and Fairpoint Communications said it will not complete wiring the 899 exchange in Underhill until the end of 2010.

In a letter to the Selectboard dated July 16, Comcast said it was adding more than 12 miles of cable to Basin Hill Lane, Butler Road, Chamberlin Woods, Cilley Hill Road, Doon Road, Hedghog Road, Irish Settlement Road, Sam Ward Road, Town Highway 31 and Wild Berry Lane.

Fairpoint Communications had promised last November it would provide the entire town with broadband services by this summer.

Fairpoint Communications Director Beth Fastiggi said last week the company has gotten behind working getting easements and permits for the service for all of the 899 exchange.

Westman named Tax Commissioner

By Katherine Quimby Johnson
Special to the Mountain Gazette

Richard Westman, Cambridge's veteran legislator, was appointed Commissioner of Taxes by Governor Douglas on July 24, 2009. Westman not only steps down as Representative for Cambridge, Waterville, and Belvidere for 27 years, but he leaves his position as Director of the Vermont Higher Education Investment Plan for the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation (VSAC), a position he held for ten years, as of July 28. Although he has already begun attending staff meetings at the Department of Taxes, Westman officially takes office on August 24.

When asked what he brings to the position, Westman replied, "I have 27 years of experience in state government, and an understanding of state government and how it works." In addition, Westman said, "I have a level of credibility that hopefully will be helpful." One indication of that credibility, and of the respect he receives from both sides of the aisle, was his position as sole minority chair during Gaye Symington's tenure as Speaker of the House, when he headed the House Transportation Committee.

"Rich's dedicated service in the Legislature, his vast knowledge of our budget and tax structure is invaluable to Vermont at this time," said Governor Douglas. "As we struggle through this difficult economic time, Rich will be a great resource and valuable leader at the Tax Department." Most of Westman's experience with tax policy has come, in his words, "on the spending side," from his time not only on the Transportation Committee, but from his years on the House Appropriations Committee, where he served as Vice Chair and Chair, and from time on the Joint Fiscal Committee. However, he says, that service has been good preparation. He explained that when he was being shown the Tax Department's reports, he recognized the results of tax packages passed by the House. "It's different," he said, "but not so different that I don't recognize it. It's not unfamiliar to me." Westman also said that when he met with the Tax Department's directors, "They are all people I knew; that comes from years of building relationships."

Westman also expects that his experience with VSAC will stand him in good stead as well. There he directed 9,500 accounts with over \$100,000,000 in assets. "Over the past year I was also in charge of renegotiating contracts," he said. By the time this paper is published, those contracts, good for the next five years, will have been signed.

Between the completion of the VSAC contracts and the achievement of a tax package and bonding structures that will stand the state's roads and bridges in good stead for the foreseeable future, Westman said, "In both places, it seemed like the timing was right." He added, with a smile, "The art of leaving well is highly underrated."

After years of holding down the equivalent, at times, of two jobs, Westman is looking forward to quiet dinners at home. "It's going to be, like, 'Oh, my,'" he said, "When I walk into Hanley's or The Cambridge Village Market or a Rotary meeting, it will be a whole different thing." He is quick to add, "I've been very, very lucky and the community has been tremendously supportive of me. I love where I come from."

Westman, a Cambridge native, still lives on the farm his family has owned since the 1790s. Educated at Cambridge Elementary and Lamaille Union, he graduated from Johnson State College with a degree in political science. He credits his family's involvement in town government with piquing his own interest in politics. Both his father and his uncle Homer were on the board of civil authority and Westman remembers, when he was in school, "There was never a day that my mother didn't have town books spread across the couch." (Shirley Westman was town auditor until her death in 2008.) Because of the family he grew up in, Westman says, "It was never a question you wouldn't be responsible."

The position of representative for Cambridge, Waterville, and Belvidere will be filled by gubernatorial appointment. That appointment will follow caucuses in all three towns, at which three candidates will be picked. The governor will interview each candidate before making a final selection. No date has been set for the caucuses. C.J. Manchester chairs the Cambridge Republican Party, but could not be reached in time for the press deadline.

Underhill using \$43,000 in grants to make major town improvements

By Ted Tedford
Special to the Mountain Gazette

Town government is taking advantage of more than \$43,000 in grants for a variety of projects.

Town Administrator Chris Murphy said the most of the grants concern road projects, including a major study of Underhill's "ancient" roads.

Surveyor Brad Holden has been conducting research into town records, free, for two years to determine which roads, dating back to the early days of Underhill, still exist or have been "thrown up" — meaning they are no longer a part of the town's official road system. His research has taken him back as far as the mid-1700s.

Holden, who has done several projects free for the town, has been going through old hand-written town meeting records to find roads adopted by early town fathers.

"The goal is to figure out what roads are still there and what

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Burglaries and vandalism plague local towns

By Brenda Boutin
Mountain Gazette Staff

Local communities have not been receiving information about the intensity of break-ins in our area. Within the last three months there have been many business burglaries. The Vermont State Police does not issue press releases about all of the burglaries at small businesses and so they are not reported through statewide television or newspapers.

Word of mouth seems to be how neighbors find out. The *Mountain Gazette* found out about most of the recent burglaries in just this fashion.

On Sunday, July 19, 2009 Vermont State Police investigated the burglary of a residence on Notch Road in Bolton. Unknown subject(s) broke into the residence of Leslie Barrett between Tuesday, July 9 and Sunday, July 19, causing damage to the structure. A similar burglary occurred on the same road on Monday, June 22, 2009. Anyone with any information is asked to contact the Vermont State Police, Williston Barracks, at (802) 878-7111.

On July 15, 2009 at 11:00 PM the Chittenden Mills Beverage store in Jericho was burglarized again for the second time in recent weeks. The suspect made entry through a window which was smashed out and an undisclosed amount of lottery scratch tickets and cigarettes were stolen.

The police are asking anyone with information to contact VSP Trooper Michael Kamerling at 878-7111.

Underhill Hair Stylists was broken into twice on Wednesday,

July 8 and again overnight between Monday, July 13 and Tuesday, July 14. The perpetrators entered through a window on the Clutter Barn parking lot side of the building near the fire escape. According to Melissa Tobin, owner, the window was old and did not have a lock. The thieves made off with an undisclosed amount of cash both times. "I thought about putting on a lock after the first break-in," Tobin said, "but decided if they came back I'd have to replace the window too."

According to Tobin, the state police checked on dusting for fingerprints but informed her that because of the surface textures and humidity it would be futile.

Just up the road, the Flour Shop Bakery was broken into sometime between Sunday, July 12 and Tuesday, July 14. "They unscrewed the air conditioner from the side of my building," stated Sara White, owner. "Then they put it back in."

White said that she leaves only pennies in her register and there wasn't even a pastry to be had. The police dusted for fingerprints but everything seemed to be wiped clean. White was told that there really wasn't much they could do.

"I'd like to see whoever's doing this get caught," said White. "I'd also like a closer police presence. It took a half hour for them to get here. What if someone was in real trouble? I'd like someone awake nearby," she added.

About a month ago, Body Logic was the target.

Spafford's has been vandalized six or eight times since January. Thieves came in, rummaged through and stole copper scrap. According to April Williams, owner, they had security cameras installed. "This time they caught the thieves," Williams said. "But when they went to court they got a suspended sentence. We had surveillance tapes of the theft, two eyewitnesses, license plates, and my guys were able to pick the thieves out of a lineup." Spafford's estimated that there was approximately \$400-500 of scrap copper stolen but because they did not have receipts, they could have gotten only about \$100 back by going to court. "Why bother?" Williams said. She went on to say that for a period of time an unmarked cruiser came by, but that has tapered off.

A Heating Alternatives truck has been broken into as well. Huntington residents have had a rash of thefts from vehicles.

According to Bert Moffatt, town administrator for Jericho, it is very expensive to provide police coverage in any of the towns. "I get a lot of calls about speeding on our roads and I call and have those roads monitored," Moffatt said. "But I haven't even heard about any of the break-ins."

Jericho contracts for state police coverage. The current contract runs between July 1, 2009 and June 20, 2010. The town of Jericho is contracted for 30 hours a week, for one officer at a cost of approximately \$79,450.80 per year. "We get about half of that back from tickets," Moffatt said.

Underhill does not contract with the Vermont State Police. Chris Murphy, Underhill town administrator, said that the town of Underhill has contracted with the Chittenden County Sheriff's Department. The contract began on July 1, 2009 and they have made their presence known already. The contract costs \$15,000 and averages about five to six hours a week. The cost is approximately the same for both agencies.

Editor's note: The Mountain Gazette previously misquoted Chris Murphy, town administrator. We offer an apology.

While explaining this story to the owner of the Village Cup, a customer expressed concern about a group of mailbox vandalisms on Alpine Drive in Jericho.

According to the Vermont Statewide Crime Index, from January through December 2007, burglary and larceny were our major crimes. Number of reported crimes were: Homicide 12; Forcible Rape 146; Robbery 80; Aggravated Assault 488; Burglary - breaking or entering 3,046; Larceny - theft (except motor vehicle theft) 10,697; Auto Theft 604; and Arson 78. The total Crime Index was 15,151.

The Crime Index was developed by the FBI as an indicator to measure changes in the total amount of crime in a jurisdiction. The Crime Index is a remnant of an older format for crime reporting known as Summary Reporting, which Vermont discontinued in 2005 in favor of the newer National Incident Based Report System (NIBRS). In Vermont the new NIBRS format is known as Vermont Crime On-Line or VCON. Because the Crime Index is still used in Vermont as an indicator of crime trends, a 2007 version is included in this report. The data in this table were obtained from VCON and collapsed into the SUMMARY system crime types.

The Vermont State Crime index can be accessed at http://www.dps.state.vt.us/cjs/crime_07/statewide.htm. Statistics for 2008 were not available.

Don't leave your protection to the state police. Look out for your neighbors; if you see something suspicious, call the police. Post your information and concerns on Front Porch Forum. Call 453-6354 and speak to Brenda Boutin and get the stories into the *Mountain Gazette*. Get the word out because without neighbor looking out for neighbor, these burglaries will never stop. It's hell to have summer known as B&E season.



A recent rash of burglaries hit these Underhill and Jericho businesses. All broken into within 48 hours were Chittenden Mill Store, the Flour Shop Bakery and Underhill Hair Styles.

PHOTO BY BRENDA BOUTIN

POLICE REPORTS

At 1:37 AM on Saturday, August 2, Vermont State Police found **Austin Irish**, 27, of Fairfax, passed out behind the wheel of his vehicle in the parking lot of the Cambridge Fire Department in Jeffersonville. Irish was arrested for DUI and processed at the Lamoille Outpost. He was later released on a citation to appear in Lamoille District Court on August 18, 2009. (Case #09A103171)

On Monday, June 8, 2009, **Zachary Dalley**, 27, Jeffersonville, VT was arrested and charged with the crime of Sexual Assault and Violation of Probation, reports Detective Lance Burnham, Vermont State Police-Lamoille County Special Investigations. Dalley was arraigned and held without bail for the above crimes. Investigation revealed that while Dalley was incarcerated in the Northern State Correctional Facility he was placing phone calls and writing letters to friends outside of jail in an attempt to make plans to intimidate and cause bodily harm to his victim. The investigation revealed that Dalley had also made contact through a third party to a male in New York City. Dalley requested the male come to Vermont and "take care of" his victim so he could avoid the sexual assault charge. Dalley offered to assist the male from New York City by offering to "take care of" three males in the city as payment. Dalley has also made plans of avoiding prosecution by fleeing the state if he is released from jail. Dally was charged with the crime of Obstruction of Justice and was arraigned in Lamoille District Court on July 28, 2009. This case was investigated by the newly formed Lamoille County Special Investigations Unit. This case remains under investigation. (Case #09A102319)

Saturday, July 11, 2009 at about 1:00 AM, Vermont State Police broke up a party at Smugglers' Notch Resort, Jeffersonville, VT, at which there were six underage teenagers drinking alcohol. **Stehanie Katz**, 19, was cited with furnishing alcohol to minors.

Saturday, July 11, 2009 at about 2:30 PM, a 2006 Toyota Sienna operated by **Luan Tran**, 33, of Dorchester, MA lost control of the car on the Bolton Valley Access Road. The vehicle crossed the US Rt. 2 intersection and came to rest at the base of an I-89 overpass bridge. Tran and a passenger were injured and treated for neck and back pain. VSP are investigating and ask anyone with information to call 878-7111.

Thursday, July 16, 2009 at approximately 2:15 PM, Senior Trooper Joseph Pregent, Headquarters, Traffic Operations Team North, New Haven, VT, reports that **Christopher Stanhope**, 22, of Jeffersonville, VT, was arrested without incident by the Vermont State Police on Interstate 89 northbound in Colchester, VT for operating with a criminally suspended driver's license. Stanhope was released on a citation to appear in Chittenden District Court on August 25, 2009 to answer to the charge. (Case #09A102914)

Saturday, July 18, 2009 at 9:00 PM, Trooper David Shaffer, VSP-Williston reports that Vermont State Police were notified of a harassment complaint in Jeffersonville, VT. The 36 year old female complainant, a Cambridge, VT resident, stated that her husband was following her around the area threatening her and harassing her. Troopers were able to come into contact with the vehicle on Stebbins Road in Jeffersonville eventually stopping it on Chez Lane. **Lee Bartlett**, 39, of Jeffersonville, VT was found to be operating under the influence at the time of the stop. He was arrested for stalking and DUI, his second, and processed at the Lamoille Outpost. He was lodged on \$500 bail at the St. Johnsbury Correctional Center. (Case #09A102955)

Sunday, July 19, 2009, Trooper David Shaffer, VSP-Williston

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Take outs are available as well as advanced sale tickets, most Underhill Jericho businesses will have tickets especially Clark's Truck Center where several of the volunteers work.

The UJFD will split the profits 50/50 with the Vermont Military Family Emergency Assistance Fund (VMFEAF) that helps Vermont National Guard Families that are being deployed to Afghanistan. There are 51 families from Underhill and Jericho which are being affected by this deployment.



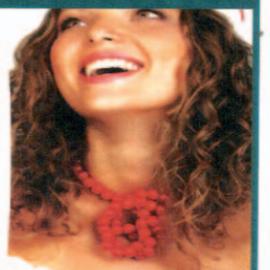
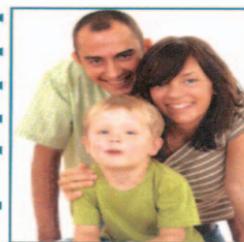
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Annual Festival of Arts kicks off August 15

By Katherine Quimby Johnson
Special to the Mountain Gazette

Main Street in Jeffersonville becomes a Festival of the Arts on Saturday, August 15, from 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM. Sponsored by the Smugglers' Notch Area Chamber of Commerce and the Cambridge Arts Council, the festival will be anchored by the three Main Street art galleries.

At the Milk Room Gallery located in the former Chase house, watercolorist Anne Gordon will be doing a demo on the porch. "I've been representing Anne since the very beginning, since I started here," said gallery owner Alison Earle. Adrien Patenaude, who works in acrylics, will offer a demonstration in a tent on the Milk Room Gallery's front lawn. Both artists have works on display inside the gallery as well as in their specific venues.

Across the street, at Visions of Vermont, Jane George Shaw, co-owner of the gallery, says that the festival offers a fine time to visit the gallery's newest building, a sugarhouse, in which is displayed a miniature sugarhouse crafted by Barb and Gaylord Jewell. Horse paintings grace the box stalls of, what else, the former carriage house that is part of Visions of Vermont.

At the opposite end of the street, the Bryan Memorial Gallery celebrates its 25th anniversary. To mark the occasion, Executive Director Mickey Myers says, "We're serving complimentary birthday cake. It's being baked by Peg Mickel, who owned Peggy's Restaurant." The Bryan Memorial Gallery was co-founded by Shaw and artist-entrepreneur Alden Bryan in memory of Bryan's wife, Mary, in 1984.

The Festival of the Arts serves as a reminder of the role art has played in the town for decades. The History of Cambridge, written by Winona Noble and published in 1976, explains that artists began coming to Cambridge as early as the 1930s to paint the surrounding landscape. Their number included watercolorist Ted Kautzky, and landscape painters A.T. Hibbard and Emil Gruppé. Thomas Curtin stayed at the Smugglers' Notch Inn in 1940 and returned to town after his retirement to settle in Cambridge Village, where he set up a studio.

The Festival of the Arts extends beyond the visual. Between the galleries a variety of music will be provided by Jennings and Ponder, the Eames Brothers, and Professor Fairbanks. Food will be served by 158 Main and others. TKTKTK said Jack Foley, owner of 158 Main.

Families are welcome. Entertainment for children is provided at the Varnum Memorial Library, next door to the Bryan Memorial Gallery, where the Friendly Pirate will perform. Face painting and henna will be available and children will be able to make books. For more information about the Cambridge Arts Festival, contact Paige Kelly at paige_johnkelly@yahoo.com or 802-730-4033 or Ron Carter at rcarter@smuggs.com.

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reports that Vermont State Police were called to a report of a vehicle off the roadway on Williamson Rd., Cambridge, VT at approximately 6:30 PM. Witness statements indicated that the operator, who was seen fleeing the area, was intoxicated. Troopers, familiar with the vehicle and its operator **Conrad Wells**, 22, located him at his residence on Maple Street in Jeffersonville. Wells attempted to hide in the residence when State Police arrived; however, he was forcibly removed a short time later. He was also found to be in possession of Suboxone at the time of his arrest. Wells, who has failed to appear at previous court hearings, was charged with DUI and possession of a controlled substance, and lodged for lack of \$1000 bail at the St. Johnsbury Correctional Center. (Case #09A102969)

Tuesday, July 21, 2009 at 8:13 AM, Trooper Mark Magnant, VSP-Williston reports that Vermont State Police, assisted by DMV Enforcement, are investigating a **five-vehicle crash that occurred early Tuesday morning on Interstate 89** (northbound) at mile marker 72 in Bolton, VT. Two deer entered the travel portion of the highway, causing northbound traffic to rapidly reduce speed. The rapid reduction in speed resulted in a chain reaction crash. One of the vehicles involved was a commercial dump truck hauling a fully loaded trailer. No one was injured in the crash and all of the operators were wearing seat belts at the time. Four of the vehicles involved sustained moderate to heavy damage and had to be towed from the scene. Traffic at the scene was reduced to one lane for an hour and a half. The Vermont State Police were assisted at the scene by the Richmond Fire Department. (Case #09A102984)

Road work for in early August

Colchester-Essex Junction Route 15 Repaving – The VT Rt. 15 repaving project from the Winooski-Colchester Town Line and proceeding east about three miles to the Champlain Valley Exposition in Essex Junction may cause traffic delays. Most of the work impacting traffic will be done in the area of the West Street intersection in Essex Junction from 6:30 PM – 6:30 AM Sunday-Thursday, but there will be miscellaneous work throughout the project, which should not impact traffic Monday-Friday from 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM. The project is expected to last until early October. Traffic

Community... what it is, what it's not

People come to writing for a small paper like ours in a variety of ways. Ted Tedford is a pro, having worked as a journalist and writer and publisher all his professional life. Kathy Johnson is a pro as well, and it's a delight to find her byline in other, unexpected (to me) places. Phyl Newbeck's work is out and about but she came to it, I think, later on and as part of her connection to our communities. I can "connect" with that. Mine was a tangential path. Thank you again, Ted, my first publisher and editor, in the *Mountain Villager* of the 1990s. That newspaper is no more, but thanks to Brenda's gumption, the dedication of the writers, and the contributions and perseverance of many community (there's that word again) members, the *Mountain Gazette* is carrying it forward.

What all of us have in common is that focused interest in and on our small community.

I've been thinking about that word lately, community that is, and about how the word is used and misused. What it is, and what it's not.

At it's most basic – and original – meaning, it's a place and the people who live there. The concept grew to cover to the collective feeling and spirit that helps people identify with their neighbors as almost-family. The site sustainablemeasures.com has this: "Community: A social group of any size whose members reside in a specific locality, share government, and often have a common cultural and historical heritage." We're protective of our communities, sometimes defensive of them, often (as often as possible!) proud of our communities and glad to be a part of them.

Anyway, now we have the online community, a TiVo community you can join online, the virtual community, the humanitarian aid community, the arts community; the <insert ethnic term> community; the Ubuntu community (it's a technology thing); the "Health Sciences Learning Community" (founded on the web, honest), the nursing community, the remodeling community – is there any difference, anymore, between a "community" and a professional association? – the substance abuse community (heard on the radio), the homeless community – that's a misnomer too much like "homeless advocates," who advocates for homelessness? These are all possible only because the definition of the word community has morphed.

[Okay, new pet peeve: I know English is evolving, like all languages, but do we really have to accept the "diplomatic community" foisting on us a bogus new term, lately adopted wholesale by the infamous MSM? It's "existential threat," as in: 'Israel sees Iran's pursuit of nuclear weapons as an existential threat.' True or not, existential it's not. Existentialism is a school of philosophy. From answers.com: "existentialism n. A philosophy that emphasizes the uniqueness and isolation of the individual experience in a hostile or indifferent universe..." No mention of any threat to the existence of anything, philosophical or otherwise.

[And how on Earth are diplomats a community? They serve different, and far too often adversarial, interests!]

Obviously, not everyone agrees that a community should be place-based. A Google search finds reference to a "definitive book on business related online community." On blogspot.com, the *moblogsmoproblems* blog posed the question "what is community," and among the answers got these comments: "A strong community will be built around ... shared experience or interest and passion ..." and, "...groups of people that actively support each other ... level of interaction varies. I interact occasionally with my neighbors, but we're a community. I interact a great deal with some people that I've never met on the web and we're a community. For me the test is that the community convenes to help meet each other's needs when they arise..." and, "But see, here's the kicker... your 100,000 people ... come together around a shared experience, but they're not forming an actual, ongoing connection... sometimes the interaction is just an interaction – like a football game or a comment thread. My worry has always been that when we call everything a community, nothing is really 'community'."

Mine, too. I tend to stick with the more basic and original definition. (I suppose it's ironic that I went to the web for examples...) Our own towns' locale-based community has the shared experience and often the passion the bloggers discussed, along with the ongoing connection. The local Internet options, this newspaper, institutions like the fire departments, libraries, houses of worship, and schools, sports and scouts, clubs and activities they organize, local businesses and farms, local farmers' markets and community-supported agriculture, all these help connect members of the community, and it's all local.

That's why I'm here.

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COURT REPORTS

July 15, 2009, **Michael W. Mercier**, 28, Westford, VT, charged with alcohol enabling by minor in Williston, VT on March 19, 2009; pleaded guilty; sentenced to two to six months, suspended, probation.

July 15, 2009, **Judy Rickert**, 48, Jericho, VT, charged with buy, receive, sell, possess, conceal stolen property \$900 or less in Williston, VT on March 13, 2009; pleaded guilty; sentenced to two months to one year, consecutive, suspended but 25 days, probation; charged with buy, receive, sell, possess, conceal stolen property \$900 or less in Williston, VT on March 13, 2009p pleaded guilty; sentenced to two months to one year, consecutive, suspended, probation; charged with buy, receive, sell, possess, conceal stolen property \$900 or less in Williston, VT on March 13, 2009; pleaded guilty; sentenced to two months to one year, consecutive, suspended, probation; charged with depressant/stimulant/narcotic possession in Williston on April 27, 2009; pleaded guilty; sentenced to one to six months, consecutive, suspended, probation.

UNDERHILL JERICHO FIRE DEPARTMENT

UNDERHILL-JERICHO FIRE DEPT.

By Kitty Clark

EMERGENCY CALLS:

July 9, 12:35 p.m. Sq51 assisted with traffic control near 59 Browns Trace following, a car hitting a deer.

July 9, 2:55 PM, EMS Assist on VT Route 15 in Jericho

July 13, 7:49 AM, Responded to a smoke alarm on Old Farm Road in Jericho

July 19, 4:15 PM, Responded on Mt Mansfield to rescue an injured hiker

July 14, 8:48 AM, EMS Assist on River Road in Jericho

July 17, 8:35 AM, EMS Assist on Irish Settlement Road, Underhill

July 17, 3:30 PM, Sq51 responded to the area of Poker Hill and Vermont RT 15 for the smell of gas

July 19, 9:03 PM, Responded to a one vehicle accident near 22 Barber Farm Road, Jericho

July 22, 9:59 AM, EMS Assist on Cooper Drive in Jericho

July 22, 8:20 AM, EMS Assist on Packard Road in Jericho

July 24, 10:36 AM, EMS Assist on Starbird Road in Jericho

July 24, 11:23 AM, Responded to 3 Starbird Road for a smoke alarm sounding, due to cooking, neighbor heard the alarm and called 911

July 27, 8:57 AM, Responded to a one vehicle accident at Plains and Skunk Hollow in Jericho

July 27, 1:56 PM, EMS Assist on Lee River Road, Jericho

July 28, 7:34 AM, Responded to a two vehicle accident near the Merchants Bank in Jericho

Regular Tuesday night drills were held on July 14, 21, and 28. The UJFD Muster Team have been practicing for the VSFA Convention to be held on August 14, 15 and 16 in Bennington.

SAFETY MESSAGE: The UJFD has responded to many "Cooking Fires", some have resulted in no one being at home. Message is simple: Stay in the kitchen when you are cooking food on the stove. This is one of the leading causes of kitchen fires. To extinguish a pan fire, slide a lid over the pan and turn off the burner. Allow the pan to completely cool before removing the lid. To extinguish an oven fire, keep the oven door closed and turn off the stove. If you have a small stovetop fire and do not feel comfortable attempting to extinguish the fire, get out of the house and call 911.

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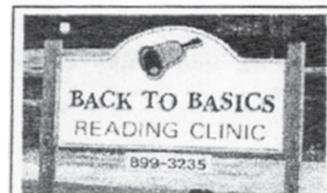
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RICHMOND / HUNTINGTON

Join the Huntington Neighborhood watch program

As the Emergency Management Regional Outreach Specialist for the state of Vermont, one of my responsibilities is to work with communities on emergency citizen preparedness, including the Citizen Corps Programs (primarily the Community Emergency Response Teams - CERT and the Neighborhood Watch Program groups - NWP). As a resident of Huntington, I felt that a great place to begin getting the NWP initiative going was in my own town and neighboring towns as well.

The first meeting in Huntington for the Neighborhood Watch Program was in June. Due to conflicting schedules, the turnout was relatively small, but it was good to feel like we were getting the ball rolling toward community awareness and crime prevention within our town.

Neighborhood Watch is a crime prevention program that enlists the active participation of residents in cooperation with law enforcement in order to reduce crime, solve problems and improve the quality of life in a community. When a community gets involved in the NWP, they will eventually be able to recognize and report crimes and/or suspicious activities; protect themselves, their family and property as well as their neighbor's family and property; identify problems within their area and work with law enforcement to solve them; and develop and utilize a communication network within each designated area for the purpose of informing neighbors and the entire community of criminal and/or suspicious activities or other concerns.

The Front Porch Forums are excellent informational, networking and communication tools. There is also a secure online network developed by the Vermont Department of Health that was specifically put into place as an informational, networking and communication tool for all emergency community volunteers. It is called the Vermont Emergency Response Volunteer (VERV) network. Volunteers may register only if they are part of a specific volunteer group (such as a CERT or NWP), and the benefits are worthwhile. For example, if there are 10 people on Texas Hill Circle who are interested in forming a Neighborhood Watch group, those people would coordinate their efforts directly through me, and once established, I would instruct the group to register on the VERV as the "NWP Texas Hill Circle" group. Information to be entered would include name, address, phone, cell phone, pager, email address or any other means in which to be contacted. If one person in the group wanted to send out a notice to the rest of the group that there was a suspicious person walking up the road looking into parked cars, they would log onto the VERV and send a distribution to the others in that group; the notice would come via every contact method provided upon registration into the system (i.e. via phone AND cell phone AND email, etc.) It is also a very effective communication tool for sending out file attachments such as maps or tips on crime prevention.

The first step in becoming involved in the Neighborhood Watch Program is to get to know your neighbors. The NWP's first focus is on community building. Hold a "Block Party Potluck" and invite all of your neighbors - it doesn't necessarily need to be in your neighborhood (as not everyone has a large enough yard to accommodate many families). In Huntington, the recreational field is an excellent place to congregate. Every town has a community center or central location where a gathering can be arranged. Get to know your neighbors and their families; take some time to discuss issues and concerns within your neighborhood (whether it is crime-related or support-related).

The second step in forming NWP groups is to obtain neighborhood participation. Anyone interested in forming a NWP in their area can contact me directly and I will work with you on setting up your first meeting (including a proposed agenda and outreach). The first meeting should focus primarily on identifying concerns and resources: identify any specific crime-related issues within your neighborhood; identify the current resources in your community (e.g., law enforcement, emergency sheltering, special needs population assistance, daycares, etc.); and identify resources needed in your community.

In order for NWP groups to be successful, subsequent meetings should be held monthly for a few months in order to establish goals, objectives and strategies on what each group wants to accomplish immediately and over time. Only after groups have been established will it be time to bring in local law enforcement to conduct training on how to observe and report criminal-related/suspicious activity (and not everyone will be interested in this type of initiative - some group members may feel more comfortable only assisting their neighbors in protecting themselves, their homes, yards and cars.). As our community and neighboring communities are small, and local law enforcement is limited, these trainings will most likely occur in a central location.

Additionally, Vermont Emergency Management offers administrative and organizational assistance, as well as some limited financial assistance (especially with NWP stickers and signs). My job is to get the groups started - it is the neighborhoods and communities that will need to keep the program going.

If anyone is interested in setting up a neighborhood meeting and needs some guidance, please let me know and I will work with you to get and keep the ball moving. Remember: the quality of life in our community is everybody's business. We are individually and collectively responsible for the safety and security of ourselves, our families, neighbors and homes. If we are going to prevent crime before it occurs, that burden primarily falls upon us - the citizens.

Christine Brown, Regional Outreach Specialist, Vermont Emergency Management, (802) 241-5335, brownc@dps.state.vt.us.

OBITUARIES

Charlene M. Truax, 88, a longtime resident of Richmond, VT, died on Friday, July 3, 2009 in Green Mountain Nursing Home in Colchester, VT following a brief illness. She was born on July 25, 1920 in Underhill, VT, the daughter of Henry and Eva (Wiggins) Goodrich. Charlene was a graduate of Underhill High School. In previous years, Charlene had worked at Jaques' Store and Beaudry's Store in Huntington, VT. She loved to do needlepoint and enjoyed gardening. She is survived by her four children and their spouses: John and Pauline Truax of Essex Junction, VT; Anna and Carlyle Taft of Montana; Connie and Brent Bushey of Huntington; and Valerie and Joseph Bent of Randolph, VT; eight grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, and nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband Raymond Truax in 1976, her brother Harold Goodrich, and sister Mildred LaRock. A graveside service was celebrated on Tuesday, July 7, 2009 in Maplewood Cemetery, Huntington, VT. In lieu of flowers donations may be sent to The Memorial Program of Richmond Rescue, P.O. Box 404, Richmond, VT 05477.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Bernie Spine of Richmond, VT is one of three FedEx Express drivers from Chittenden County named to compete in the August 18-22 National Truck Driving Championships - "The Super Bowl of Safety" - in Pittsburgh, PA. Drivers earn the right to compete by winning titles in their respective vehicle classes at the state level. Spine will compete in the 3-Axle class. He has accumulated more than 570,000 accident-free miles in a 26-year career as a professional truck driver.

CAMPUS HONORS

Congratulations to **Kaitlyn Ann Desautels** of Richmond, VT, who has graduated from the University of New Hampshire. Worcester Polytechnic Institute has named **Lane Thornton** of Richmond, VT to its dean's list for academic excellence for the spring semester.

WELCOME HOME

Richmond (**Grant**) Karola (Batchelder) and Roger Grant had a daughter, Isabelle, on Tuesday, June 30, 2009 at Fletcher Allen Health Care in Burlington, VT.

Lives of Vermont Jewish Women exhibit to open October 8

A living history and art exhibit titled *To Life! A Celebration of Vermont Jewish Women* opens October 8 at the Gallery at the Brick Box, adjacent to the Paramount Theater at 30 Center St., Rutland, VT.

The exhibit, which will run through November 8, is the culmination of an oral history undertaking by DAVAR: The Vermont Jewish Women's History Project. Project directors Sandy Gartner and Ann Buffum, both active members of the greater Rutland arts and educational community, selected 20 women from all walks of life to share their stories. Exhibit visitors will be treated to a pastiche of these stories in montages comprising portraits by the photographer Karen Pike of Hinesburg, VT, biographical excerpts, personal quotes and archival photos. Contemporary works by Vermont Jewish women artists will round out the exhibit. Jane Duda of Roaring Brook Design in Wallingford, VT is designing and editing the exhibit and its accompanying literature.

The public is invited to an opening reception from 2:00 - 6:00 PM on October 11 at 3:00 PM. Penina Glazer, Ph.D. of Hampshire College will discuss these stories in the larger context of American and Jewish history.

In conjunction with the exhibit, on October 18 at 3:00 PM pianist and choral conductor Phyllis Isaacson will play a variety of music (classical, jazz and Jewish) at Nourse Hall, Trinity Church, 85 West St., Rutland, and will speak about her experiences leading the Israeli Kibbutz Choir. On October 25 at 3:00 PM at the Brick Box, Judy Chalmer will read from her book *Out of History's Junk Jar: Poems of a Mixed Inheritance*, which was inspired by her quest to understand her family's Holocaust history.

DAVAR also plans a workshop for the public and educators on how to do an oral history project. Details of the program will be posted by mid-September at www.davarvt.org.

Ms Gartner and Ms Buffum were motivated by the work of the Jewish Women's Archive, which has mounted similar exhibitions in Baltimore and Seattle. *To Life!* is supported in part by the Vermont Humanities Council and the National Endowment for the Humanities. The Chaffee Art Center and the Paramount Theater are co-sponsoring the exhibit.

For more information on DAVAR and *To Life!* please contact Ann Buffum, PO Box 129, Wallingford, VT 05773, (802) 446-2877 or Sandra Gartner, 1 Piedmont Dr., Rutland, VT 05701, (802) 353-0002, or by email to info@davarvt.org.

RICHMOND LIBRARY

Coming to our display case in mid-August will be an exhibit by the Richmond Historical Society. On display will be information on the old Richmond High School.

We'd like to remind you of the new library privacy requirements mandated by the State of Vermont. We will be collecting this information and adding to our records in the near future. The highlights are that only people designated by you can check out or pick up library materials from the library for you and that this applies to everyone who is 16 years old and older.

New books: *A Country Called Home* by Kim Barnes, *Medusa* by Clive Cussler, *The Color of Lightning* by Paulette Jiles, *The Veil of Gold* by Kim Wilkins, *Brooklyn* by Colm Toibin, *In the Kitchen* by Monica Ali, *Simply Mexican* by Lourdes Castro, *How to Say It on Your Resume* by Brad Karsh, *The Case of the Missing Servant* by Tarquin Hall, *The Chemotherapy Survival Guide* by Judith McKay, *Patio and Stone, A Sunset Designer's Guide, Excuses Begone!* By Dr. Wayne W. Dyer, *Painting Floral Still Lifes* by Joyce Pike, *Landscape Painting in Watercolor* by Zoltan Szabo, *Landscape Painting* by Konstantin Bazarov

If you find you do not have your library card, please either pick it up at the downstairs circulation desk or, if you think you've lost yours, sign a new one and have it updated. We have many, many cards that need picking up.

POLICE REPORT

Richmond police are seeking information regarding **two separate burglaries**. On July 23, the Richmond Free Library was burglarized. Suspects entered a window in the rear and out of public view. Suspects stole cash.

On July 28, 2009 between 1:00 and 5:00 AM, On the Rise Bakery was burglarized. Suspects stole an undisclosed amount of cash. Any information on either case please contact Senior Officer Sarah Messier.

On July 31, 2009 at approximately 5:00 AM, Senior Officer Sarah Messier responded to a report of Black River Produce truck driver that had a shotgun pointed at him by an unknown male.

Investigation reveals that Matt Wood, 28, of Burlington was making a delivery at the Kitchen Table bistro when he was approached by an unknown male from an adjacent residence. The male was irate about having the refrigerated truck wake him up. Subsequently the male engaged the action on the shotgun and pointed it at Wood. Wood was able to depart quickly and call police.

The unknown male was identified as **Donald Wortheim**, 49, of Richmond. Wortheim was arrested without incident at his residence by Officer Sarah Messier. Wortheim was arraigned in district court to answer to the charge of reckless endangerment and aggravated assault with a firearm. Wortheim was released on conditions not to contact any member of Black River Produce and to surrender his firearms to the Richmond Police.



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Lamoille region embraces the Governor's Tax-Free Holiday, RT 15 Summer Festival is coming

On August 22, 2009 the north-central region of Vermont, aka the Lamoille Region, will host its first annual RT 15 Summer Festival from Cambridge to Hardwick, Vermont, including important arteries leading into RT 15 including Routes 108, 109, 100C, 100, 12A, 12 and 14. This means it will include all the towns in Lamoille County (including Stowe and Smugglers Notch). The event will draw visitors to the region to shop, dine, explore, lodge and have fun. In addition, August 22 is the day the Governor has designated as a tax-free holiday.

"North Central Vermont is open for business," states Cindy Locke, Lamoille Valley Chamber of Commerce Executive Director. "This event, along with our new signature event, the Green Mountain Business Expo on Tuesday, November 4, are both designed to bring business to our region in different ways. The August event will boost our efforts to promote our entire region as a recreation, shopping and dining destination. Holding it on the same day that Governor Douglas designated a tax-free holiday in Vermont made a lot of sense too."

The route on August 22 will be decorated with signs and ribbons announcing participating businesses and events. Organizers are printing 2000 maps and posters of the route with locators showing event locations. Events will include an all day wine and cheese pairing at Boyden Winery, panning for gold at Brewster River Campground, a scavenger hunt road rally from Cambridge to Hardwick, many sidewalk sales, tent sales, bake sales, lawn sales, and much, much more. Most Lamoille towns and villages are planning their own destination event too!

Come one, come all and join the fun! This will be an annual event and is being planned by the Lamoille Valley Chamber of Commerce, Heart of Vermont Chamber of Commerce & Smugglers Notch Chamber of Commerce. Check out our website often for updates and to see where the events are taking place.

For information, contact Cindy Locke at the Lamoille Valley Chamber of Commerce at cindy@lamoillevalleychamber.com, or call 802-888-7607. For more information on the event go to www.lamoillevalleychamber.com and click on the RT 15 Fest link.

COMING EVENTS

Friday, August 7

Community dinner dance, VFW Post 6689 Color Guard at 73 Pearl St., Essex Junction. Dinner served from 6:00 to 7:30 PM and the cost is \$10.00. Dinner includes beef tenderloin, salad, baked potato, mixed vegetables, rolls and coffee. Dance to DJ Dr. E's Dancing Machine, from 7:00 - 11:00 PM. Tickets need to be purchased in advance. For further info call the Essex Jct. VFW at 878-0700.

Friday, August 14

Burlington Contra Dance. Queen City Contras will hold its regular dance on Friday, August 14 at 8:00 pm at St. Anthony's Hall, 305 Flynn Avenue, Burlington, VT. The caller will be Will Loving and music will be provided by Gift of the Marcii (Andrew Marcus, Aaron Marcus and Peggy Marcus). All are welcome, all dances taught, no partner or experience necessary. Beginners' session at 7:45. Admission is \$8.00 adults. Under 12 free. Please bring clean, soft-soled shoes for dancing. Dance Info: 802-371-9492 or 802-343-7165. Website: www.contracopia.net/sites/qcc

Saturday, August 15

Book signing, Border's Express, University Mall, So. Burlington, 2:00 to 3:30 PM. Ann Carter is having her first book signing for Teacher's Plans at Borders Express bookstore in the University Mall in Burlington, VT. The date is August 15 from 2:00 - 3:30 PM. There will be a reading, prizes and a ton of fun. August 22. Montgomery's Harvest Fest is Coming Soon

Saturday & Sunday, August 15 & 16

6th annual Community Yard Sale to Benefit Vermont's Kids, 10:00 AM-4:00 PM, Blue Ribbon Pavilion at the Champlain Valley Exposition on Route 15 in Essex Jct. Join hundreds of shoppers as they scout for antiques; furniture; household goods & appliances; sports equipment; children's toys & clothing; tools; jewelry; home decorating & gardening items and more! This event benefits two organizations that support children's rights and safety: KidSafe Collaborative and Kids on the Block-Vermont. Help support "the kids!" Information on the Community Yard Sale and both organizations may be found at: www.KidSafeVT.org or www.KidsontheBlockVermont.org. Please contact Sarah at Kids on the Block-Vermont (802) 860-3349 for all the exciting details on this is a quality (and quantity) event!

Thursday, August 20

Mtn. Mansfield Scale Modelers. An information gathering of scale model enthusiasts on the third Thursday of the month 6:30 - 8:30 PM, Essex Junction Five Corners, Brownell Library, Kolvoord Community Room. For more information call 879-0765 after 6:00 PM.

Saturday, August 22

The Covered Bridges Garden Club will hold its annual Harvest Fest. This "old fashioned country fair" takes place on the historic

Cambridge celebrates opening of new garage



Left to Right: General Contractor Larry Ruggles of Ruggco, Clerk-of-the-Works Tom Barden, Cambridge Select Board member David Vaughn, and Cambridge Resident Larry Wyckoff, at the Open House for the new Cambridge Town Garage (Cindy Ruggles has her back to the camera). The Town Crew moved into the garage the last week of July. Work was completed a month ahead of schedule and under budget.

PHOTO BY KATHY JOHNSON

Village Green on Route 118 in Montgomery from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Join us for a true Northern Vermont experience of community, good food, good fun and an opportunity to find some treasures from our gardens, attics, and studios. For more information, call Jaye at 933-5048.

Saturday & Sunday, August 22-23

Yard Sale, St. Thomas Church, Underhill Center, Saturday 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM and Sunday 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM. The sale will feature house wares, dishes, toys, miscellaneous items and, perhaps, a surprise or two. Rain or shine - to find real bargains or a real treasure. If you have questions, please call the church rectory at 899-4632.

ONGOING EVENTS

ADULT ACTIVITIES

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

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

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

The Vermont French Canadian Genealogy Society library is open for research. Call for summer hours. We offer Vermont & Canadian Catholic Parish records, Vermont Vital Records on Microfilm, census records and other resources to assist with family history research. The library is located at the Dupont Building, Hegeman Ave. across from the VT State Police building in Fort Ethan Allen, Colchester. For more information or an appointment call 862-8082, 878-8081, go online at www.vt-fcgs.org/library or email us at mail@vt-fcgs.org.

The 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.

FARMERS' MARKETS

It's that time of year again - for luscious, locally-produced food and crafts. Here are the details for our towns this year.

Mills Riverside Farmers' Market, Mills Riverside Park, VT Rt. 15, Jericho. 3:00 - 6:30 PM, Thursdays, June 11 through September 24. For information, contact Jessamy Pratt, 899-5899 or jessamypratt@yahoo.com.

Richmond Farmers' Market, Volunteers' Green, Bridge St., Richmond Village. 3:00 - 6:30 PM, Fridays, June 5 through October 16. For information, contact Carol Mader, 434-5273 or cmader@surfglobal.net.

Westford Farmers' Market, Westford Common, VT Rt. 128, Westford. 3:30 - 6:30 PM, Fridays, June 12 through October 16. For information, contact Janet Franz, 878-7405 or jfranz@sover.net

Cambridge Farmers' Market, 287 Old Cambridge Rd., Cambridge. 11:00 AM on Saturday until Saturday, September 26 10:00 AM.

HEALTH EVNTS & GROUPS

The Sunday Outdoor Market takes place Every Sunday, June - October, 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM, in the field at Three Mountain Lodge, Rte. 108 (the Smuggler's Notch Road), Jeffersonville! Vendors and musicians interested in joining the market please call 644-5736 and ask for Colleen.

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

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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

Underhill Playgroup, kids ages 0-5 with their caregivers are always welcome to join us Fridays from 9:30 - 11:00 AM at Underhill Central School for playtime, crafts, stories, songs and fun! For additional information or questions, please contact Heather Lebeis at 899-4415 or Underhillplaygroup@yahoo.com.

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.

SENIORS

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

Westford Senior lunches – Join Westford Seniors for lunch at the Red Brick Meeting House on the Common the second Monday of each month. 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.

SPORTS ACTIVITIES

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

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

Plates Classes: Beginner classes Sunday mornings at 9:00 AM and Thursday evenings at 6:30 PM, Advanced classes on Monday and Wednesday evenings at 6:00 PM. Contact Lisa Timbers for more information or check out the Dakini Studio website at <http://dakinistudio.wordpress.com>.

SUPPORT GROUPS

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 AND ORGANIZATIONS

The **Heavenly Cents Thrift Shop**, located in Essex Jct. just east of the Five Corners on Rte 15 beside the First Congregational Church, is starting summer sales. We have unbeatable prices and are open Tuesday and Wednesday from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM and Thursday from 4:00 to 8:00 PM.

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

Tim Nulty, Jericho Selectboard member, at the Village Cup, first and third Wednesdays, 8:00 – 9:00 AM, and at the Flour Shop, second and fourth Wednesdays, 8:00 – 9:00 AM.

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

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

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.

New show opens at Emile Gruppe Gallery



Judy Beyer, from Atwater, Wisconsin will be exhibiting her watercolor paintings including *Peek-a-Boo Geraniums* at the Emile A. Gruppe Gallery in Jericho from August 6 through September 6.

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ART

Artists' Mediums in Williston needs your art now. *Flights of Fancy*, from August 3 through November 2, is open to Artists of all ages and any Media. What we are looking for is a variety of fantasy, surreal, abstract or otherwise unique art. Pieces must be framed and ready to hang with your own labels for display. Call for details 1-800-255-1290. Or find more information on www.artistsmediums.com.

Free Demonstration at Artists' Mediums in Williston, *Neil Dixon: Fine Art Reproduction*, Thursday August 13, 2:00-4:00 PM and Saturday August 15, 11:00 AM -1:00 PM.

Neil Dixon will be explaining fine art reproduction, when and why you should reproduce your art. His talk will include details on lighting, color controls, and printing. Topics such as work flow, color calibration, archival materials, and color management will be discussed.

Bryan Memorial Gallery presents *Land and Light*, its annual juried landscape exhibition now through September 20, 2009. The exhibit features 99 New England landscape paintings by 68 artists from New England and some other parts of the country, and features nine award winners, juried by Stowe, VT artist Rett Sturman. Bryan Memorial Gallery at 180 Main Street, Jeffersonville, VT, is open daily from 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM. Land and Light Award winners can be viewed at www.bryangallery.blogspot.org or www.bryangallery.org. For more information, call 802-644-5100.

First Friday Art Walk, Burlington, VT, August 7, 5:00 – 8:00 PM. Spend a cool evening with art this August at Burlington's incredible art galleries and venues. Take a guided tour or make your own. 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 to see a list of participating venues. First Friday Art Walk and Art Map Burlington is sponsored by Burlington City Arts, Kasini House, Robert Hull Fleming Museum, Opportunities Credit Union and the South End Arts and Business Association. Got questions? Call 802-264-4839 or send email to info@artmapburlington.com.

Judy Beyer, from Atwater, Wisconsin will be exhibiting her watercolor paintings at the **Emile A. Gruppe Gallery** in Jericho, Vermont from August 6 - through September 6. The public is invited to an artist reception on Sunday, August 9 from 3:00 - 5:00 PM. Gallery hours are Thursday through Sunday from 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM or by appointment 802-899-3211, emilegruppegallery.com.

Born and raised in Atwater, Wisconsin, Judy taken courses and workshops nationally and internationally. Her work has been exhibited at The Museum of Wisconsin Art, West Bend, WI; The Lake County Gallery, Pewaukee, WI; Charles Wutsum Museum of Fine Arts, Racine, WI; The University of Wisconsin Pyle Center, Madison, WI; University of Whitewater, Whitewater, WI; The Seippel Homestead and Center for the Arts, Beaver Dam, WI and others.

Judy is the recipient of awards from the Wisconsin Regional Artists Association and Watercolor Wisconsin. She is a member of the League of Milwaukee Artists, Beaver Dam Artists Association and the Wisconsin Regional Artists Association, Madison.

Secret Stories at West Branch Gallery, Stowe, July 11 - August 23, 2009. Mysterious messages fill the air at the West Branch Gallery & Sculpture Park's exhibition *Secret Stories*, which opened July 11. The exhibition features the work of artists Giovanna Cecchetti and Sumru Tekin.

Cecchetti's works evoke her time in the Amazon rainforest; these

paintings vibrate with the lush colors and textures of a landscape humming with life. Tekin layers gestural ink drawings with recurring mythical and mysterious figures in these works, examining the intersection of our collective and personal histories.

Tekin builds a language of painted forms that call into question the truth of established histories, both private and political. Her use of narrative symbolism and her contemporary black and white sensibility yield complex works of visual and intellectual substance.

On display in **McCarthy Gallery** during the Saint Michael's Playhouse Season: Art works by some of Vermont's best artists will be exhibited in a show entitled *Art of Vermont: The State Collection* in various venues around the state this summer. The only showing in Chittenden County will be in the Saint Michael's College McCarthy Arts Center Gallery now through August 9. Gallery hours match the hours of the Saint Michael's Playhouse box office, which is also in the McCarthy Arts Center. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM.

Call for Fine Artists and Craftspeople —The Chaffee Art Center presents the 48th annual Art in the Park Summer and Fall Festivals. These fine art and craft events are Vermont's oldest continuing arts tradition, and the Chaffee Art Center's major fundraising events. They will be held on August 8 and 9, and October 10 and 11 from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM in Main Street Park at the Junction of Routes 4 and 7 in Rutland, Vermont. During the festivals there will be live music, hourly door prize drawings, free activities for children and demonstrations of works in progress. We are seeking potential exhibitors in the following categories: fine art, clay, fiber, floral, glass, jewelry, photography, specialty food, and wood. All exhibitors are juried. An application can be printed from the website www.chaffeeartcenter.org or mailed if requested by calling (802) 775-8836.

MUSIC

Binghamville United Methodists Church presents the Franklin County Youth Band in Concert on Wednesday, August 12, starting at 7:00 PM. Bring a chair or blanket. In the event of rain, concert will be moved inside. Refreshments will be served. For more information contact Charles Tinker at 849-2120.

The Vermont Symphony Orchestra and News/talk 620 WVMT are raffling a once-in-a-lifetime trip for six people! The entire group will enjoy a private flight from Burlington on Heritage Flight, box seats at the new Yankee Stadium to see the Yankees play the Rangers, limo transportation, and spending money at the stadium. It takes place on Wednesday, August 26. Proceeds benefit the VSO's educational programs around the state.

The odds of winning couldn't be better; since the VSO is only selling 350 raffle tickets at \$60 each (think \$10 per person). However, the "bad news" is just 150 tickets have been sold which is actually good news for those who have already entered! The raffle drawing is just a few weeks away, Monday, August 10 on the WVMT morning show. To order raffle tickets, or for more information, visit www.vso.org or call 800-876-9293, extension 25.

THEATER

The **Dorset Theatre Festival** is pleased to announce a new component of its summer 2009 programming. From August 18-28, DTF will present a new theatrical adaptation of the children's classic *Alice in Wonderland*, based on the novel by Lewis Carroll and adapted and directed by Tracy Bersley. This family-friendly production will run in repertory with the main-stage musical *Marry Me A Little* from August 18 - 28.

For more information, call (802) 867-2223 x200 or visit www.dorsettheaterfestival.org. Single tickets for summer '09 are available at www.dorsettheaterfestival.org, by calling 802-867-5777, or by visiting the Playhouse Box Office at 104 Cheney Road, Dorset.

Firewood applications being accepted



that are not physically able to transport their wood, volunteers will be available for delivery.

To find out if you are eligible for this program, please call or visit

Applications are now being accepted for the Lamoille County Firewood Project. This program was designed to assist individuals and families who are not eligible for other fuel assistance programs. Those receiving wood should be willing and able to transport their wood. For those

the Community Action office at 197 Harrel Street, 888-7995, or you may visit the United Way of Lamoille County website at www.uwlamoille.org and click on firewood application.

A wood distribution date has been scheduled for Monday, September 14, 2009 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. If you are eligible to receive wood and are physically able, please set aside this date to pick up your wood.

The Lamoille County Firewood Project is a community based project whose goal is to glean and distribute firewood to people in our community. We are always in need of volunteers to cut, split, transport and stack wood as this is an ongoing project. To learn more about this program, or if you have wood to donate, please call Dawn at the United Way office, 888-3252. If you are interested in volunteering for this project, call Dan Noyes at the Volunteer Center, 888-2190.

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LIBRARY NEWS

DEBORAH RAWSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY, UNDERHILL

Thank You - During the summer reading program, *Be Creative @ Your Library*, the DRML held 30 programs. Thank you to the many wonderful community members who: lead programs, were guest readers at story time, helped prepare materials, registered participants, and lent a hand during craft events. There is no way we could have done this without you! Your time, effort and talent enrich our community and helps bring us all closer together. Additionally thanks goes to the Friends of the Deborah Rawson Memorial Library for their financial support of the opening program, *The Magic of Tom Joyce*, to the Underhill Highway Department for allowing us to visit the road equipment, to the Merchant's Bank for the donation of a savings bond awarded to one Reading Club member, and to the University Mall for the donation of a gift certificate to be award to one member of the Teen Read Club.

Question of the Week - Don't let Constance stump you. Each week during the month of August children, preschool through age 11, will have the opportunity to try their skills at answering an age appropriate question. All correct answers will be entered in a drawing and the winner will choose from several gifts.

Art in the library for August is photographs by Stu Hall.

Every Thursday in August from 3:00-6:00 PM the Big Red Book Barn will be open. Stop by the new and improved Farmer's Market and then walk to the barn. Every book will be just .25 cents. Also a table of bestsellers at special prices is available.

Be Creative @ your library reading logs for adults are available at the library. For every 5 books you read or listen to fill out a log and you will be entered into a drawing for a gift certification from a local business at the end of August. Thank you to the Friends of DRML for sponsoring this drawing.

Join our gardeners Wednesdays from 5:00-7:00 PM and Saturdays 9:00-11:00 AM. Bring tools and learn a lot.

The board of Trustees meets Thursday August 20 at 7:00 PM. Everyone is welcome to attend. This is the month we start preparing our budget for 2010-2011 year.

Wednesday August 26 at 7:00 PM. The mystery book group is reading *A suitable vengeance* by Elizabeth George.

Here is a great link for information on the H1N1 flu: <http://www.flu.gov/>
The library will be starting a new subscription for downloadable audio books from Recorded Books. Watch our website for more information. www.drml.org

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, closed Sunday and Monday. For information on any of the library's programs, call 899-4962.

JERICHO TOWN LIBRARY, JERICHO CENTER

Thank you to everyone who participated and supported "Be Creative!" including the Deborah Rawson Memorial Library for their co-sponsored efforts. This summer reading program was made possible by the talents of many community members as follows: Tracey Campbell Pearson, Donna McDermid, Olaf Verdonk, Kate Mendocino, Marjorie Minot, Susan Skelly, Kathleen Berry Bergeron, Bonnie Belfield, Barb McKennedy, Kara Kitchen-Glodgett, Scotte Mason, Jennifer Larkin, Laura Markowitz, Howard Druckerman, Joanne Petri, Dawn Marland, Amy Malinowski, Dodi Gomez, Beth Barndt, Annalise Shelmandine, Sue Bahr & Rachel Rose, Joyce Babbitt, Mary Jane Dickerson, Phyl Newbeck and JoAnn Carter. As always the TAB (Teen Advisory Board) was fantastic and terrific. A special thanks to Merchants Bank, University Mall and Yankee Pride for donating to the reading program.

The Champlain Valley Exposition (CVE) is again offering the summer reading incentive program. To participate students must be in Kindergarten through 8th grade. This program runs from June to mid August. To register, come in to the library and receive a voucher and check out a least one book. On the completion of reading three

books a parent/guardian signs the voucher. Then, return to the library and exchange it for a ribbon. The student must wear the ribbon for free all day admission to the fair on Monday, August 31. At noon students will be recognized in a special program in the Coca Cola grandstand.

Monday, August 10 from 6:30-8:00 PM, Do you like to Write? Elise Doner is hosting a writer's club for adults. This is a free program open to the public (can register but not necessary). For more information call Elise Doner at 899-2644.

Saturday, August 15, 5:00-9:00 PM, TAB (Teen Advisory Board-grades 7-12) Party. All new members welcome to join and have fun with the fabulous TABbers. Tie Dye, music, Sno-Cones, and much more. Please call the library for more information.

If anyone wants to volunteer to be a part of the catalog automation project underway there is still more work to be done, which includes computer and non-computer tasks. So, if you have even an extra hour or two please consider helping. For more information call the library at 899-4686.

Story time including craft and snack is held every Wednesday upstairs at 10:00 AM. Come share the joy of books, finger plays, flannel board, and songs with guitar music. Upcoming themes: Wednesday, August 20, 10:00 AM – Mo Willems hosted by Chris Kiegle

The Board of Trustees meets regularly the first Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM at the library. The public is welcome so join us at our upcoming meetings on August 6 and September 3. The hours for the Jericho Town Library on the Green are Monday and Friday 1:00-5:00 PM, Wednesday 10:00 AM-12:00 PM and 2:00-6:00 PM, Saturday 10:00 AM-1:00 PM. For more information call 899-4686 or email us at Jerichotownlibrary@gmail.com.

WESTFORD TOWN LIBRARY

Upcoming Events: All-Age Community Art Show - Over 20 local artists of all ages are represented in many mediums including glasswork, needlework, oils, acrylics, watercolor, pastels, photography and more! On display through August.

Thursday, August 6, 11:00 AM: **Storytime**. Stories and activities for preschoolers. Theme: Sports.

Friday, August 7, 1:00-2:00 PM: *R.E.A.D. with JR*. Hey 1st, 2nd and 3rd graders.....JR the newfie, a Delta and therapy dog, wants you to read to him. Preregistration and signed parent permission slip required. Call for details.

Friday, August 7, 3:30-6:30 PM **Celebrate National Farmers' Week at the Westford Farmer's Market!** Stop by the Manager's Table for a sampling of library books about food, farming and sustainability. Many more titles available at the library! Books may be checked out at the library, not at the Farmers' Market.

Sunday, August 9, 7:00 PM, Concert on the Common. Starline Rhythm Boys - Vintage 40s and 50s Country and Rockabilly. Donations appreciated. Rain location: Red Brick Meeting House. Wednesday, August 12, 6:00-7:00 PM, Book Discussion: *The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo* by Stieg Larsson.

Thursday, August 13, 11:00 AM, **Storytime**. Stories and activities for preschoolers. Theme: Pets.

Friday, August 14, 3:30-6:00 PM, **Storywalk** at the Westford Farmers' Market. Follow the adventures of Gossie the gosling as she looks for her beloved red boots. Pages of the story will be displayed throughout the Market and concludes at the library.

Wednesday, August 19, 6:00-7:00 PM, *R.E.A.D. with JR*. Hey 1st, 2nd and 3rd graders.....JR the newfie, a Delta and therapy dog, wants you to read to him. Preregistration and signed parent permission slip required. Call for details.

Thursday, August 20, 11:00 AM, **Storytime**. Stories and activities for preschoolers. Theme: Airplanes.

Friday, August 21, 1:00-2:00 PM, *R.E.A.D. with JR*. Hey 1st, 2nd and 3rd graders.....JR the newfie, a Delta and therapy dog, wants you to read to him! Preregistration and signed parent permission slip required. Call for details. This is JR's last visit for the summer.

Saturday, August 22, 6:30 PM, **Women's Game Night**. Join this fun and welcoming group for food,



Visions of the Universe exhibit continues at the Varnum Library.

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laughter and board games.

Wednesday, August 27, 11:00 PM, **Storytime**. Stories and activities for preschoolers. Theme: Collecting Things.

Friday, August 28, 6pm: *Strategy and Board Games for Teens and Adults*. Hosted by Matt Taylor.

Recent Additions to the Collection: Adult Fiction: *The White Tiger* (Adiga), *The Gate House* (DeMille), & Fairfax Resident Nancy Volkers' debut novel *A Scottish Ferry Tale*. **Adult Nonfiction:** *The Heart of Understanding* (Hanh), *Last Lion: The Fall and Rise of Ted Kennedy* (Boston Globe).

The Westford Public Library is open Wednesday 1:00 – 7:00 PM, Thursday 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM, Friday 12:00 – 6:00 PM and Saturday 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM. We can be reached at 878-5639, westford_pl@vals.state.vt.us or www.westford.lib.vt.us.

VARNUM LIBRARY, JEFFERSONVILLE

Varnum Memorial Library had a successful Fourth of July celebration. In the parade, we had a float to promote our Visions of the Universe exhibit. Many thanks to Larry Leighton and the many folks that pitched in to build the float. We had watermelon, cookies, and book gift basket raffle tickets available to raise money for books.

The free space programs and activities are for all ages. We have already hosted a field trip from Morristown Summer Program, many story times, and a model rocketry event at Smuggs. There were over 50 kids at the exciting rocketry event hosted

by Howie Druckerman of the Champlain Region Model Rocket Club. August will be very busy with celestial events. Stop by for a flyer with all the details or visit our Facebook page. Some of our upcoming events are: a poetry workshop, moon rock viewing and talks, and watching an inspiring rocketry movie. "The Universe in Verse" poetry workshop will be on Saturday, August 1 at 2:00 PM hosted by Kathy Johnson and is geared for a 2nd grade - adult participants. Join us on Friday, August 14 at 7:00 PM for a movie. Wednesday, August 19 at 7:00 PM, the moon rocks will land at the library! Join moon rock certified Ruthanne Rust to hear all about the retrieval of these actual pieces of the moon's landscape. Just in case you miss it, we're also hosting a Moon Rocks Open house on Thursday and Friday from noon till 3 and then a repeat of Wednesday's program on Saturday, August 22 at 1:00 PM. Don't miss this rare opportunity!

Children's story hour programs continue on Tuesdays at 10:00 AM for preschoolers and at 2:30 PM for school-aged children. We have a few passes available for checkout for library patron summer fun: Vermont State Park day pass (free), ECHO Center pass (reduced admission), and Shelburne Farms pass (free). Call for additional details.

The Varnum Memorial Library is open on Mondays and Tuesdays from 1:00-8:00 PM, Thursdays and Saturdays from 9:00-12:00 noon. It can be reached at 644-2117 and is located at 194 Main Street in Jeffersonville.

Clutter Barn accepting donations

The Clutter Barn will continue accepting donations on Saturday mornings from 8:30 AM – 12:00 noon. We will accept donations on Saturday morning Labor Day weekend. The last day for dona-

tions is Saturday, September 12. The last summer Tag Sale will be August 29 and we cannot accept donations that day. Harvest Market is September 26 and 27.

Photographers invited to submit photos

Local photographers are invited to submit photos of Jericho's historic buildings for possible inclusion in the 2010 calendar for the Community Center in Jericho. The calendar is sold as a fund raiser and photographers selected will be acknowledged in the calendar.

Photos may be of the exterior or the interior of a building or of some architectural feature. Examples of Jericho's historic buildings could in-

clude the old school houses, old churches, the old library, general store, mill, and historic homes.

Dimensions of the photos in the calendar will be 10 3/4" by 7 1/2". Deadline for submission is August 15. Send a 4" by 6" print, with your name and telephone number or email address and a brief description of the subject written on the back of the photo, to Jerry Lasky, 32 Woods Drive, Essex Jct. VT 05452.

HEALTH WORKSHOPS / MEETINGS

Register Today for Making Strides Against Breast Cancer, October 18. Kickoff Breakfast August 15-It's time to register your team for the 2nd annual Making Strides Against Breast Cancer, a five-mile noncompetitive walk which honors breast cancer survivors, remembers loved ones lost to cancer, and raises funds to help end this disease, on Sunday, October 18, 2009, 11:00 AM, at Dorset Park in South Burlington. Team leaders will receive an invitation to attend the 2009 Kick-off Breakfast on Saturday, August 15. To register, visit www.cancer.org/stridesonline, or call Amy

Deavitt, community executive for the American Cancer Society, at 802-872-6316 for more event details.

In its first year, Vermont's Making Strides Against Breast Cancer reached 150 breast cancer survivors, with 125 teams and more than 2,000 walkers raising \$200,000 for lifesaving research, prevention, early detection and support programs for thousands of Vermont patients and their families.

Making Strides Against Breast Cancer participant. **Health workshop continued on page 8**

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Health workshops continued from page 7—

pants will enjoy a few hours of exercise, inspiration, camaraderie, entertainment, and most importantly, honor those affected by breast cancer. There is no registration fee or minimum fundraising requirement.

For more information on Making Strides Against Breast Cancer, email strides_vermont@cancer.org.

Together, we will make a difference, make history, and make strides against breast cancer.

Healthy Weight Support Group, every Monday, Noon to 12:30 PM. Weekly support group for those working on weight management. Northwestern Medical Center, Conference Room 2, Speakers: Kay Tran, Registered Dietitian, MS, CDE, & Leslie Gardzina, Registered Dietitian, Northwestern Medical Center. Free. Pre-registration required call 524-1234 or email cflw@nmcinc.org.

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Freshstart group classes are designed to help people quit tobacco for good. We look at the benefits of being tobacco free, set a quit date, and work on strategies to become tobacco free. For more information, please call Heidi at 524-8831. Freshstart Classes, group counseling, Fridays, August 7, 14, 21, and 28, 10:00 to 11:00 AM, Northwestern Medical Center, Conference Room 3. Facilitator: Heidi Messier, Chronic Disease Nurse. FREE. Pre-registration required call 524-8831 to register

Making Your Own Baby Food, Friday, August 21, 2:00 to 3:00 PM, State Office Building, 1st floor conference room, 20 Houghton Street, St. Albans. Making your own baby food is easy. You can use many of the same foods the rest of your family eats. Most foods can be cooked and pureed for young babies and later chopped when your baby is ready for more textures. Join us for this food demonstration and taste testing. Participants will be entered to win a free baby food mill. Presenters VT Department of Health, WIC Nutritionists. Free. Pre-registration required call 524-1234 to register

Cholesterol Class, Wednesday, August 27, 9:00 to 10:00 AM, Northwestern Medical Center, Cobblestone Building, speaker Kay Tran, Registered Dietitian, MS, CDE, Northwestern Medical Center. This monthly group discusses foods and eating habits that may

help to manage your cholesterol levels. It will include practical suggestions for overcoming the barriers to eating in a heart healthy way. Topics will include saturated and unsaturated fats, fiber, portion sizes and other American Heart Association guidelines. Suggested donation of \$5.00 at the door. Pre-registration required: Call 524-1234 or email cflw@nmcinc.org.

The **Diabetes Support Group** meets the third Monday of every month in Conference Room #1 at Northwestern Medical Center. The Lunch session starts at 11:30 AM (complimentary lunch provided); Topic is from 12 noon to 1:00 PM. The evening session starts at 5:00 PM (complimentary dinner provided); Topic is from 5:30-6:30 PM. There is usually a guest speaker. Call Debbie Robertson to indicate which session you would like to attend-524-1031.

The Franklin County **Prostate Cancer Support Group** will meet the first Tuesday of each month from 5:15-7:00 PM at NMC Conference Room #2. This support group will offer men opportunities to educate themselves and each other; share and learn from each other's experiences; offer support to each other, a spouse or partner; and advocate early detection of prostate cancer. For more information please call Debbie Menard at 524-0719.

Healing Circle Breast Cancer Network, a support group for women with breast cancer, meets on the 1st Tuesday of every month at 5:30pm, at Northwestern Medical Center, Conference Room 1. Please RSVP at 524-8479.

Breastfeeding Support Group, first and third Thursday each month 10:00 AM to noon. All mothers, partners, and their families are invited to attend a new weekly breastfeeding support group, led by a breastfeeding specialist from the Vermont Department of Health. Come anytime during the two hour timeframe. Scales are available to weigh infants. Featuring Rachael Gregory, Registered Dietitian, at the Vermont Dept. of Health, 3rd Floor, 20 Houghton Street, St. Albans. Call 524-7970 for more information.

AARP Driver Safety Course. Charge for all programs: \$12.00 for members, \$14.00 for non-members. Tuesday, August 18, 12:30 to 4:30 PM, Northwestern Medical Center, Conference Room 1. Pre-registration required, call Chuck Thweatt at 524-2267 to register.

Adult, Infant & Child CPR and First Aid, Saturday, August 8, Northwestern Medical Center Conference Room # 1, St. Albans, 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Program charge \$80.00.

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Northwestern Medical Center Conference Room # 1, St. Albans 6:30 to 8:00 PM. Program charge \$50.00.

CPR Re-certification. Wednesday, August 19, Northwestern Medical Center Conference Room # 1, St. Albans, 6:30 to 8:00 PM. Program charge \$40.00. Pre-registration is required for all ARC classes: Call the American Red Cross at 1-800-660-9130 to register for any Red Cross course. Pre-payment required.

Blood drawing in memory of Amanda Emberly

Lamoille County Mental Health is hosting our 4th annual Memorial Blood Drive in memory of Amanda S. Emberly (daughter of Susan and David Emberly), Matthew Bourdeau (son of Alice and Lambert Bourdeau), and Harte Greene (son of Rick Greene and Linda Alexander, and step son to William Alexander and Doreen Greene).

The blood drive will be held at the Lamoille County Church of the Nazarene in Johnson on August 6, 2009 from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM. In collaboration with The American Red Cross, Lamoille County Mental Health, and with your continued support, we hope to exceed last year's drive. We again plan to have give aways, prizes and lots of food.

Amanda attended Johnson Elementary School for grades K-4. After her family moved to Bolton, she attended grades 5-8 at Camels Hump and 9-12 at Mount Mansfield Union High. She would have graduated in June of 2006. Amanda had begun preparing for her future and talked about building a career in fashion, or business, maybe psychology and lastly possibly early childhood development. She also showed a great interest in photography and the photo class she was taking at MMU. Her plans were to take a few core classes at Community College of Vermont, and then go to Johnson State College.

Amanda was a very active young lady; taking dance lessons from the year 1999-2005 from Jean Marie at Bird's Nest Dance Loft in Jericho. She loved dancing and choreography. She also took on special projects that came to her attention, such as taking part in creating the Anti-drug Mural (that can be seen at the Bolton Valley Sport Center), and took a course to become Red Cross certified for babysitting.

Amanda took an interest in snowboarding right before Christmas of 2005 and was just beginning to appreciate that winter activity. Sports were not something Amanda actively took part in, though she considered dancing her sport of choice. She did however enjoy attending sports events, such as hockey, basketball, football, baseball as well as car races with her friends and family. Amanda enjoyed shopping, camping, swimming, bowling, attending concerts, going to amusement parks and hanging with friends. She was a social butterfly who always wanted to be doing something.

Amanda was a typical young woman, trying to get her life organized as she was preparing for her independence and adulthood. She had great dreams and a positive outlook on life. All those who knew Amanda agree she was a dedicated, caring, loving, sensitive person, who always looked out for the best interest of her friends and others. She was the kind of person who stood up for her beliefs and values and wasn't afraid to speak her mind. In fact, Amanda believed strongly in what her parents taught her such as; "just because a person makes a bad choice doesn't mean they are a bad person", and "everybody deserves a second chance", "people can change", and "that it's important to listen to both sides of the story" before making any kind of judgment. So true! Amanda saw good in everyone, that's what made her a good person, daughter and friend. Amanda truly valued her friends and family.

Amanda gave the gift of life to others through organ donation. How very special, and honorable that was for her to do for others. That is something that should never be forgotten. Please remember her for the person she was, and for the honorable thing she did for others. She was an amazing, special young lady who is greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

We are looking forward to seeing many new faces this year on August 6 at the Johnson Church of the Nazarene on Route 15E.

If you have any questions or need more information, please contact the Johnson Group Home at 635-7174 or Lynn McDermott at lynnm@lamoille.org.

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OBITUARIES



Cecile T. Ladouceur, 91, of Jericho and Fairfax, VT died at the home of her granddaughter Sandra Brodeur on Wednesday, July 29, 2009. She was born on November 6, 1917 in St. Camille, Province of Quebec, the daughter of Francis and Marie (Picard) Lapointe. She married Horace

Alcide Ladouceur on September 14, 1946. They moved to Jericho in 1946. Cecile worked at Maple Leaf Nursing Home and retired from Green Mountain Nursing Home where she had been a nurse's aide. She has been a charter member of St. Pius X Church in Essex Center, VT. Cecile had many hobbies, which included snowmobiling, gardening, crocheting, and bingo. She was very fond of all animals and loved going out to eat in restaurants with her family. She moved to Jeri Hill Senior Housing in Jericho in 2001 and later moved to live with her granddaughter Sandra in Fairfax. She was very happy with all of the family's animals and her move. She planted a garden and enjoyed being an active member of the family. She was always very helpful to everyone and loved her neighbors. She will be sorely missed by everyone. Cecile is survived by her son Richard Ladouceur and wife Donna of Jericho; her daughter Gloria Stambaugh Gokey and husband Richard of South Hero, VT; daughter-in-law Joan Ladouceur and partner Richard Brice of South Burlington, VT; six grandchildren: Cara Ladouceur, Darren Ladouceur and wife Kim, Chad Stambaugh, Sandra Brodeur and husband Kevin, Joe Ladouceur and wife Diana, and David Ladouceur and wife Anna; eight great-grandchildren: Corey, Elena, and Loren Bourne, Jackson, MacKenzie, Gracie, and Ruthie Ladouceur, and Seth Sylvia; her sister Marguerite Plasse of Massachusetts; and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband Horace on July 4, 1972; daughter Agnes Godin; son David Ladouceur; and son-in-law Richard Stambaugh. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Saturday, August 1, 2009 in St. Pius X Church, Essex Center, with burial following in St. Thomas Cemetery, Underhill Center, VT.

Stanley Gordon Shipman, 66, of Cambridge,



VT passed away at his home in Cambridge on Friday, July 24, 2009. He was born in Burlington, VT on August 6, 1942, son of the late Cecil and Ethelyn (McCuin) Shipman. He married the former Muriel Safford in Jeffersonville, VT on May 10, 1969. He had worked as a framer in the construction industry. Stanley was a

good, loving person who cherished his family and friendship with his fellow church members and co-workers. He always found the good in others. Stanley will be greatly missed by all. Stanley is survived by his loving wife and soul mate of 40 years, Muriel Shipman of Cambridge; his brother Herbert Shipman and wife Carol of Swanton; his sister Virginia Thompson of Missouri; his Aunt Irene Chaffee of New York; his Uncle Stanly Shipman of New York; his three sisters-in-law Leona Bombard, Marion Safford, and Beverly Prindle; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins. A funeral service was held on Wednesday, July 29, 2009 in the Second Congregational Church of Jeffersonville, VT with Pastor Lynda Hadley officiating. Burial followed in the family lot in Mountain View Cemetery, Bartlett Hill, Cambridge. Memorial contributions in Stanley's memory may be made to the Second Congregational Church Building Fund, P.O. Box 188, Jeffersonville, VT 05464 or to Cambridge Rescue, P.O. Box 431, Jeffersonville, VT 05464. The family invites you to share your memories and online condolences by visiting www.aurichfuneralhomes.com.

Gary D. St. Louis, 60, of Colchester, VT, husband and soul-mate of



MaryEllen, died peacefully at his home on Thursday, July 9, 2009, with MaryEllen and daughter Erin by his side. He was born in Burlington, VT on May 6, 1949, the son of the late Eugene and Rita (Hammond) St. Louis. He was a graduate of Rice High School the class of 1967. On

October 10, 1970, he married MaryEllen Barewicz. Gary was proud to have enlisted in the U.S. Army and served two tours of duty in Vietnam. He devoted 28 years to the Burlington Town Center, retiring in 2005 as Chief Engineer. Gary is survived by his wife MaryEllen St. Louis of Colchester; his daughter Erin Chicoine and her husband Mark of Jericho, VT; two grandchildren, Evan and Mallory Chicoine; his brothers Jack (Diana) St. Louis, Ron (Kathy) St. Louis, Jeff (Lynn) St. Louis; sisters-in-law Sandra St. Louis and Maris Rock; MaryEllen's family: Denise Barewicz, Donna (Lee) Alberty, Bernadette (James) Reuschel, JoAnn (Bob) Alberty, Ed (Dorothy) Barewicz, John (Charlotte) Barewicz, Katie (Gary) Bergeron, Peter (Allison) Barewicz, Teri (Dean) Klopfenstein; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was predeceased by his parents; his brothers Eugene and Michael St. Louis; his brother-in-law Ben Barewicz; and his father and mother-in-law, Mary and Bernard Barewicz. Gary cherished the close relationship that always existed with Erin and Mark. Words cannot describe the bond that existed between Gary and his grandson Evan. To see them together brought a smile to

your face. He will be PaPa to Evan and Mallory always. He looked forward to deer camp, fishing, St. Pete's Beach, and the dog tracks. A special thank you to Dr. Mark Pitcher, Dr. Renee Stapleton, Betsy Lyons, VNA Hospice, and the staff at Rite Aid Pharmacy in Colchester. Gary and MaryEllen would like to dearly thank family and friends who have shared our special time "on the porch" over the past month. It was complete joy for Gary to share your love and laughter each day. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Monday, July 13, 2009 in Christ the King Roman Catholic Church with burial following in Resurrection Park Cemetery. In Gary's memory, donations may be sent to the Visiting Nurse Association, Hospice of the Champlain Valley, 1110 Prim Rd., Colchester, VT 05446. To send online condolences please visit www.readyfuneral.com.

Doris Carrie (Brown) Marshall died at her Jericho, VT home on July 10, 2009 after a brief illness. She was born on September 20, 1913, the eldest of six children of Sylvia (Hovey) and Harold P. Brown. She was raised on a farm on Pudding Hill in Lyndon, VT and received her early education in that neighborhood's one-room school. The family relocated to Richmond, VT in 1927, where she and her siblings operated an in-village milk production and delivery business to help through the Great Depression. She was a 1931 graduate of Richmond High, and enjoyed her alumni reunions the remainder of her life. She married Gary W. Marshall of Moscow, VT in 1938. The majority of their working life together was at the Barber Farm in Jericho, where Gary was first engaged as farm manager in 1944, while Doris served as gardener and caretaker for the summer residents, all of whom befriended her for the remainder of her life. The Marshalls purchased the farm in 1948, and ran a successful dairy. Doris was an intensely practical woman who would try her hand at any repair project, whatever the trade. She took in boarding guests to supplement family income and was a respected bookkeeper for several area businesses, most enjoyably at her brother Harold's veterinary clinic in South Burlington, VT. She served as a school director in Jericho for 22 years and was an annual contributor to the Jericho Center Congregational Church's chicken pie supper. She was an avid vegetable gardener, a pursuit she enjoyed well into her nineties. She loved hosting gatherings of family and friends and took immense joy and pride in her grandchildren. For the past three years, her great-grandchildren were lights in her life. Surviving her are daughters Anne Lavigne of Washington, VA, Jean Siegchrist and Charles of Jericho, and Susan Mims and Fred of Iowa City, IA; her son Dale and wife Jeanne of Jericho; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband in 1987 and son Glen in 2008. Also surviving are her sister Lois Riggs of Essex, VT; brother Scott Brown of South Hero, VT; sisters-in-law Wilma Brown of Bristol, VT and Ann Brown of Westford, VT; daughter-in-law Pamela Gillis; and several nieces and nephews. She was also predeceased by her sister Avis Heatherington and brothers Gordon and Harold. A service in commemoration of her life was held at the Gifford Funeral Home in Richmond on July 13, 2009. The family requests that donations be sent to Vermont Hospice as gratitude for their responsive and compassionate attention.

Thomas J. McGovern Jr., of Jeffersonville, VT died on Saturday, July 11, 2009 at his home in Jeffersonville. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Thursday, July 23, 2009 in St. Mary's Catholic Church in Cambridge, VT; burial followed at Pleasant Valley Cemetery in

Cambridge. Donations in Tom's memory may be made to Lamoille Home Health and Hospice, 54 Farr Ave., Morrisville, VT 05661.

Livona Jenks Allen, 70, of Westford, VT



passed away peacefully on Monday, July 6, 2009 in the Vermont Respite House in Williston, VT with a sunny, blue sky outside her window and her adoring family at her side. Livona, born on April 3, 1939, was the daughter of Freeman and Miriam (Green) Jenks, and stepmother, Ethel Jenks. She grew up in Cavendish, VT and graduated from Chester High School. In 1960 she realized her dream to be a nurse, graduating from Mary Fletcher School of Nursing, working at Mary Fletcher, the Bishop DeGosbriand Hospital, and the Fanny Allen Hospital. On September 29, 1962, she married the love of her life, Ira Allen, in Cavendish, eventually settling in Westford. Livona took a break from nursing to raise three lovely children, then returned to her beloved profession to work with Dr. John Heisse, then Dr. Gary Landrigan, and finally at various offices at Fletcher Allen. Nursing was Livona's passion and true calling. In 1999, "Vona" the nurse became Vona the patient, with a diagnosis of breast cancer. Breast cancer led her to a small circle of women who called themselves the "Mad Hatters." These women, facing similar health challenges, became a support group and longtime friends - people with whom Livona shared much love, laughter, and rich and joyful moments. Around

this time, Livona also joined the local Dragonboating effort, another group which became a source of great joy for her and helped support and sustain Livona until her very last days. With them she practiced and raced in venues all around New England, Florida, Australia, and Canada. Her family is deeply and profoundly grateful for the love, loyalty, connection, and inspiration these groups have offered and shared. In addition to Ira, Livona is survived by her three children: Kimberly Guidry and her husband John of Shelburne, VT and their children Marissa and Mia; Keith Allen of Westford, VT and his children Bryanna and Eric; and Katrina Dages and her husband Mark of New Milford, CT and their children Benjamin and Olivia. Livona is also survived by Ira's sisters, Phyllis Gaiotti of Whiting, VT and Nola Greisen of Rhodendron; and by several nieces, nephews, and cousins; as well as countless neighbors and friends who have offered wonderful love and support. Livona's bright smile, her winks, thumbs-up signs, and cheery disposition will be dearly missed. A celebration of Livona's life was held on July 23, 2009 at 3:00 PM in the United Church of Westford, at which time the family invited others to share stories and memories of this beautiful woman. Memorial contributions in Livona's name may be made to Dragonheart Vermont, P.O. Box 65301, Burlington, VT 05406 and/or to the Vermont Respite House at VNA, 1110 Prim Rd., Colchester, VT 05446. There will be a private burial in the Westford Pleasant View Cemetery at a later date. Online condolences may be made to www.minorfh.com.



Carol Marie (Cutting) Barton of West Bolton, VT and recently of Huntington, VT passed away after a short illness on Wednesday, July 22, 2009. Carol was born at home in Penacook, NH on July 10, 1940. She grew up on a small road along the Contoocook River in Penacook. Carol attended Concord Commercial

College where she studied bookkeeping, skills that served her well later assisting with her husband's business. In 1964, she met Leo Barton of Franklin, NH at a barn dance, and married him shortly afterwards. They lived in Northfield, NH and started their family. Their oldest daughter Kerri was born in 1965, and son Jeffrey in 1967, both in Concord, NH. The family moved to South Burlington, VT in 1968, where their youngest daughter Dori was born in 1970. In 1978, the family moved to Jericho where they stayed until 1996, when Leo, Carol, and Kerri moved to West Bolton. Earlier this year, Carol came to live with her daughter Dori and her family in Huntington. Carol spent her entire adult life caring for their daughter Kerri. She was a devoted and loving caregiver and supporter of all Kerri did. Though she struggled with

her own physical challenges, she always gave 100% to her family. Carol was fond of flowers, and especially houseplants, at one point having a collection of over 100. Leo often joked that the plants were taking over. She was an avid baseball fan, with an enormous baseball card collection. She closely followed her beloved Red Sox. Light-houses, sunsets, and her family brought her great joy. Carol leaves behind her daughter Dori, son-in-law and granddaughter Aaron and Meadow Worthley; her grandsons Jason and Justin Barton; her great-granddaughter Selina Barton; her sisters Ethel, Jane, and Susan; her brother Harry; and many in-laws, nieces and nephews, cousins, uncles, aunts, and special friends. Carol was predeceased by her husband Leo; daughter Kerri; son Jeffrey; and her parents, Harry and Cecile Cutting of Penacook, NH. A memorial service was held at the Community Church of Huntington in Huntington, VT on Saturday, August 1, 2009. A reception and private burial followed. In lieu of flowers contributions can be made to the Champlain Valley Agency on Aging, 76 Pearl St., Suite 201, Essex Junction, VT.

Marian May Farrell, 67, of Bolton, VT and



Belleview, FL passed away on Friday, July 24, 2009, peacefully in the Vermont Respite House in Williston, VT with her family by her side. She was born on May 18, 1942 in Montpelier, VT, the daughter of Chester and Evon (Goodwin) Champney. Marion graduated from Waterbury High School. She married Malcom L.

Farrell Jr. on June 23, 1962. Marion worked for G.E. for 12 years, then briefly worked at Bolton Valley. Marion enjoyed spending time with her family and friends. She is survived by her husband Mack Farrell of Belleview, FL; her three children: Randy Farrell and wife Lisa of Richmond, VT; daughter Darlene Wells and Duane of Highgate, VT; Chet and Buffy of East Montpelier, VT; eight grandchildren: Will, Michael, Kayla, Cody, Lindsay, Amanda, Logan, and McKenna; her brother George Champney; three sisters: Marie and Larry Weston, Betty and Leonard Charland, and Sandra and Stanton Danyew; her stepmother Zita Champney; sister-in-law Nancy Champney; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins. She was predeceased by her two brothers Sonny and Albert Champney and her sister Barbara Durand. Funeral Services were held on Tuesday, July 28, 2009 in the Richmond Congregational Church, Richmond, with burial following in Riverview Cemetery, Richmond. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Vermont Respite House, 99 Allen Brook Lane, Williston, VT 5495.



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CAMPUS HONORS

Hartwick College sophomore **Lydia Johnson**, of Cambridge, VT, daughter of Katherine and Gregory Johnson, has been named to the spring term Dean's List.

Jennifer Niles, was chosen to represent the University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine as the Dental Clinician at the American Dental Association meeting in Honolulu, HI. Jennifer is the daughter of Tom and Sandy Niles of Underhill, VT.

Matthew Jay Border has graduated cum laude from Bentley University in Waltham, MA with a Bachelor of Science in economics/finance. He plans to work at Fidelity Investments in Boston, MA. Border's undergraduate activities included Delta Kappa Epsilon and Order of Omega. He is the son of Wayne and Diane Border of Jericho, VT, and graduated from Mount Mansfield Union High School in Jericho.

Congratulations to the following local students who have graduated from the University of New Hampshire: **Sarah Kaiser** of Jericho, VT; **Jeffrey Scott Ojala** of Jericho, VT; **Bryan Lynn Emerson** of Underhill, VT; **Sarah Marie Reny** of Underhill Center, VT.

Worcester Polytechnic Institute has named the following students to its dean's list for academic excellence for the spring semester: **James Hogan** of Cambridge, VT; **Alexander Meyer-Lorentson** of Jericho, VT.

JUST MARRIED

MCCORMICK-METRUK

Stephanie An McCormick, daughter of Ken and Penny Levesque of Swanton, VT, and Joshua Paul Metruk, son of Paul and Carlene Metruk of Underhill, VT, were united in marriage Saturday, July 11, 2009. Pastor Roland of the Church of the Rock officiated at the single-ring ceremony at One Federal in St. Albans, VT, where a reception was also held.

Michelle Berthiaume and Katie Scanlon were the matrons of honor. The bridesmaids were Kathy Chaet and Sarah Chaet. Peyton Metruk was the flower girl.

Jesse Metruk was the best man. The ushers were Andrew Way and Mike French. Tristan Metruk was the ring bearer.

Mrs. Metruk graduated from Mount Mansfield Union High School in Jericho, VT and is store manager at Claire's Boutiques. Her husband graduated from Mount Mansfield Union High School and the New England Culinary Institute. He works at NECI at Huskey. The couple resides in Fairfax, VT.

BUCHANAN-SCHMIDT

Heidi Buchanan, daughter of Carol Peterson of Westford, VT and Kevin Buchanan and Lisa Eames-Buchanan of Bennington, VT, and Adam Schmidt, son of John Schmidt and Mary Elizabeth Schmidt of Southbury, CT, were united in marriage on September 12, 2008. The Rev. Bill Hegeusch officiated at the double-ring ceremony at St. Peter's Church in Washington D.C.

Shannon Brooks was the maid of honor. The bridesmaids were Laura Schmidt, Tina Penman, Sarah Little, and Elizabeth Moorehead.

Peter Schmidt was the best man. The ushers were William Brooks, Lawrence Cole, Daniel Hamad, and Ross Sullivan-Wiley. John-Tai Rausch was the ring bearer.

A reception was held at Capital Hill Club in Washington D.C., after which the couple took a wedding trip to San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Mrs. Schmidt graduated from Colchester High School and Northeastern University. She is a freelance writer and consultant. Her husband graduated from Pomperaug High School and the George Washington University. He is a consultant at Engage LLC. The couple reside in Washington D.C.

WELCOME HOME

Bolton

(**O'Malley**) Kristine (Boller) and Mike O'Mally's son Quinn Michael was born Sunday, May 31, 2009 at Fletcher Allen Health Care in Burlington, VT.

Jericho

(**Colby**) Sarah (Hendee) and Chad Colby had a daughter, Anna Beth, on Friday, July 3, 2009 at Fletcher Allen Health Care in Burlington, VT.

(Underhill)

(**O'Hara, Waters**) Heather O'Hara and Thomas Waters had a son, Noah O'Reilly Waters, on Wednesday, July 1, 2009 at Fletcher Allen Health Care in Burlington, VT.

ANNIVERSARY

Roger and Muriel Mann celebrate 50th Anniversary

Roger and Muriel Mann celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on Saturday, June 27, 2009 with an excursion on the Spirit of Ethan Allen II followed by a family dinner.

Roger W. Mann and Muriel H. Shrader were married June 27, 1939 in East Orange, NJ.

Dr. Mann is a retired physician. He owned and operated the Roger W. Mann Hospital in Jeffersonville, VT for many years, and helped establish the Smugglers' Notch Ski Area. He now owns and operates the Yankee Trader, specializing in rare and collectable books. Mrs. Mann is a former teacher at Cambridge High School and for many years was active in the Poetry Society of Vermont and the League of Vermont Writers.

They have six children: Katherine Stebbins, Roger Man Jr., James Mann, David Mann, Muriel Baker, and Kristin Wells, all living in Vermont; 20 grandchildren: Katherine, Mark, Juliet, Jonathan, Trista, Todd, Heidi, Kyle, Lon, Jenna, Alyssa, David, Kimberly, Christopher, Matthew, Sara, Juliana, Alison, Annie, and James; and 20 great-grandchildren.

Jericho & Westford residents nominated for the 2009 United Way Hometown Hero Annual Volunteer Awards

United Way of Chittenden County today announced this year's 69 nominations for the coveted "Hometown Hero" volunteer awards, marking the impact community volunteers have on the quality of life in Chittenden County. This is the 8th year the annual awards will be made by the United Way of Chittenden County Volunteer Center. The winners will be announced on September 3 at the LIVE UNITED Breakfast, sponsored by Citizen's Bank, to be held at the Sheraton Burlington Hotel & Conference Center. In all, the nominations honor 323 individuals and 13 businesses, with more than 478 combined years and more than 3,227 combined hours of service annually in Chittenden County.

Jericho area residents nominated include Dorothy Bergendahl for her service to the Brownell Library and Fred Rivers for his service to the Vermont Respite House. Also nominated was Westford resident Mary Fay for her service to the UVM Extension 4-H.

In addition the United Church of Underhill Volunteer Cooks were nominated in the Group category for their service to the Burlington Dismas House

Winners from each category will be selected by a panel of volunteer judges from the community. The agency served by each winner will receive a donation of \$1,000 made possible by a grant from Citizen's Bank. In addition, each winner will receive a special "Hero Bear," compliments of Vermont Teddy Bear and a pair of tickets compliments of the Flynn Center for the Performing Arts. Each nominee will receive a certificate and a "Little Hero Bear" courtesy of Vermont Teddy Bear.

For more information about United Way of Chittenden County and the Volunteer Center, visit www.unitedwaycc.org, call 860-1677 or email volctr@unitedwaycc.org.

CESU meetings

August 12, Jericho School Board meeting, 7:00 PM at JES.
August 13, Mt. Mansfield Union School Board meeting, 7:30 PM at MMUHS.
August 17, Chittenden East Executive Committee meeting, 6:30 PM at Central Office.

Chittenden East Supervisory Union #12 educational support staff negotiations

On July 23, 2009, the Chittenden East Supervisory Union School Boards' Negotiations Committee held its fifth negotiation session with the Green Mountain-NEA, the labor union that represents most educational support staff (i.e., para-educators, bus drivers, custodians, food service personnel, and secretaries). The boards and the union are negotiating the terms of a collective bargaining agreement for educational support staff for the 2009-2010 year. The current contract expired June 30, 2009, and covers most educational support staff in Bolton, Huntington, Jericho, Richmond and Underhill (including Camels Hump Middle School, Browns River Middle School and Mount Mansfield Union High School).

New board members join United Way of Lamoille County



The United Way of Lamoille County welcomes 3 new members to its Board of Directors: Rev. Jerry Breen from Elmore United Methodist Church, Liz Gamache from Vermont Electric Coop in Johnson, and Nat Kinney from Concept2 in Morrisville.

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United Way volunteer opportunities

The listings below are a small sample of over 500 volunteer needs from more than 200 agencies you can find online at www.unitedwaycc.org. If you do not have computer access, or would like information about the volunteer opportunities below, call 860-1677, Monday- Friday, 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM.

Finishing Touches - Essex CHIPS is in need of volunteers to help refinish floors and do some painting at the Teen Center. Tools and supplies provided. Tuesdays, August 11 and 18, 2-hour shifts between 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM.

Spread the word! - Spectrum Youth & Family Services has the opportunity to participate in the Catamount Trails Association *Race to the Top of Vermont* to raise money for their mentoring programs. A volunteer is needed to partner with *Mobius* to get the word out about this event. Flexible scheduling through event day. Volunteer must be present at the event on Sunday, August 30, 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM at Mansfield Toll Road in Stowe.

Pick it up or fix it up - ReCycle North needs volunteers to help with some of their important projects. At the Building Material Center, volunteers can help move lumber; at the Williston Appliance Shop, volunteers can help clean appliances; and Pick-Up/Delivery Truck volunteers can help move items on and off the truck. Volunteers should be able to lift and carry at least 10 pounds. ReCycle North also needs volunteers with woodworking skills to help make benches, tables, birdhouses, etc., and to pass these skills to disadvantaged youth in their educational training program. Flexible weekday scheduling.

CarShare Vermont is looking for volunteers to help spread the word about car sharing. Graphic design volunteers are needed to help create fun, fresh, inspiring pieces for their unique marketing efforts. Six-month commitment. Flexible scheduling. Parade organizers are needed to help design and create fantastic displays (on a shoestring budget!) and then launch them in parades throughout the summer. Flexible scheduling. Outreach specialists are also needed to help with planning events, participating in parades and festivals, or just spreading the word among friends and neighbors. Flexible scheduling.

Sports For All - Vermont Adaptive Ski and Sports needs volunteers to help teach sports to individuals with disabilities. Sports programs include cycling, sailing, paddling, climbing, and winter programs in downhill skiing and snowboarding. Flexible weekday and weekend scheduling.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Jericho-Underhill Lions thank community

To the Editor,
The Jericho Underhill Lions Club would like to thank our community for their outstanding participation in the blood drive on July 22nd. We had 108 people come to donate and ended up with 97 pints of blood. This exceeded our goal of 84 pints!

Thanks to you all.
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While tentative agreements have been reached on some issues, the parties remain far apart on several key points including wages and health insurance. The union has maintained its demand for a six percent wage increase and no change to the employee's insurance premium contribution. The boards have proposed a one percent wage increase and a modest three percent increase in the employee's contribution to health insurance premiums. To offset this increased contribution toward premiums, the boards have proposed an alternative insurance plan that has premium rates that are twenty percent less than the existing plan. This plan does have high deductibles; however, the boards would reimburse employees for these deductibles.

Since the boards and the union are far apart on wages, health insurance, and other key contract language issues, they have mutually agreed that an impasse in negotiations has been reached. The next step in the bargaining process will be mediation for which the parties will select a neutral mediator to assist them in their efforts to reach a settlement.

While it is unfortunate that a settlement has not been reached, the boards strongly believe that the union's six percent wage demand and its refusal to consider any change in health insurance fails to recognize the difficult economic circumstances facing Chittenden East taxpayers.

Send us your questions/suggestions.
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UJFD to hold 54th annual Labor Day Chicken Barbeque proceeds to be split with Vermont Military Family Emergency Assistance Fund

The Underhill-Jericho Fire Dept will hold their 54th annual Chicken Bar B Q on Labor Day at the Brown's River Middle School on River Road in Jericho, September 7, 2009. The meal will consist of the famous Wetherbee's BBQ chicken, cole slaw, baked beans, rolls, beverage, and dessert. Meals will be served between 11:30 AM and 1:00 PM. Take outs are available as well as advanced sale tickets, most Underhill Jericho businesses will have tickets especially Clark's Truck Center where several of the volunteers work.

The UJFD has decided to split 50% of the barbeque proceeds with the Vermont Military Family Emergency Assistance Fund (VMFEAF) that helps Vermont National Guard Families that are being deployed to Afghanistan. There are 51 families from Underhill and Jericho which are being affected by this deployment.

The VMFEAF is a private, non-profit organization created for the purpose of providing emergency financial assistance to active military families residing in Vermont. It relies completely on donated monies from individuals and businesses. By early next year, over 1500 members of the Vermont National Guard—51 alone from Underhill and Jericho—will be deployed to Afghanistan. The VMFEAF will be a much needed safety net for any military family experiencing a financial setback while their loved one is overseas. A typical award of assistance may be for things such as auto repairs, daycare, fuel assistance, and home repairs. Money is never presented to the family directly but, rather, sent to the creditor as specified by the family.

The UJFD has been holding a chicken barbeque on Labor Day every year since 1956 as a fundraiser for the UJFD Firefighter's Fund. Originally set up to cover medical expenses or lost work time for an injured firefighter who would now be covered by insurance, the Firefighter's Fund is there to help firefighters or their families in case of a hardship, sickness or death. Last year, the department decided to split half of the BBQ proceeds with the family of Ross Perri, a Brown's River Middle School student who is recovering from a battle with Leukemia. The BBQ was an overwhelming success, thanks to the support of all the community members that came out, especially one in particular who matched dollar-for-dollar the final profit of the barbeque.

The barbeque continues to be a well anticipated community gathering; for many, a chance to visit with old friends, make new ones as well as interact with UJFD firefighters in a non-emergency, social setting.

So keep your calendars open for September 7 to support our local and national heroes, catch up with your friends and neighbors and meet your local firefighters serving up great barbecued chicken from Wetherbee's Catering. Look for more details and tickets available soon at many local businesses.

Laperle Scores Second Win at Montmagny 250

Patrick Laperle of St-Denis-sur-Richelieu, QC captured his second win of the 2009 Série ACT Castrol season at the Montmagny 250 in Montmagny, QC. Laperle took the green in the 14th starting position and quickly moved to the front of the field. After taking the lead on lap 27 Laperle clearly had the car to beat. Laperle held the lead until Karl Allard took over on lap 114 after pitting for fresh tires.

Allard then lead until after Laperle pitted for the new tires. At that point it was clear that Laperle had the dominant car. Laperle then took the lead again on lap 169 and lead the rest of the way. Allard would hang on for second and current point leader Donald Theetge finished third. Patrick Hamel and Justin Holtom were the only other two cars on the lead lap and finished fourth and fifth. Patrick Cliche, Jean-François Déry, Jonathan Desbiens, Claude Leclerc and Jacques Poulin completed the top ten.

Twenty-four cars were in attendance and they all took the initial green flag. Fourteen cars completed the race after 12 cautions.

Laperle won the opening race of the Série ACT Castrol 2009 season at St-Eustache, so he is already qualified for the ACT Invitational at New Hampshire Motor Speedway. Therefore opening up a spot for another provisional.

The Série ACT Castrol will be back in action next Saturday, August 8th at Autodrome Chaudière.

Unofficial Montmagny 250 Results

Pos	Start	Pos	Car #	Driver
1	14	91		Patrick Laperle
2	11	48	QC	Karl Allard
3	15	80		Donald Theetge
4	12	51	PQ	Patrick Hamel
5	3	17	ON	Justin Holtom
6	9	5	QC	Patrick Cliche
7	24	21	QC	Jean-François Déry
8	16	92		Jonathan Desbiens
9	6	11	PQ	Claude Leclerc
10	20	97	PQ	Jacques Poulin
11	1	10	QC	Stéphane Descoste
12	8	85		Trampas Demers
13	18	27		Alexandre Gingras
14	21	40	QC	David Michaud
15	13	19		Brandon Watson
16	5	99		Derek White
17	17	42		Eric St-Gelais
18	7	28	QC	Dany Ouellet
19	4	30		Stéphane Durand
20	19	2		Daniel Descoste
21	2	15	QC	Kevin Roberge
22	10	9	PQ	Yvon Bédard
23	23	26	QC	Valerie Chiasson
24	22	12	QC	Etienne Lemay

Shawn Duquette wins Second Tri-State Series

Shawn Duquette took home the win the Tiger Sportsmen Tri-State Series, making it two wins in the first two events. Duquette won the first race of the Series at Airborne Speedway a few weeks ago and has followed it up with a victory at Canaan Fair Speedway in Canaan, NH.

Duquette won going away, but the rest of the 23 car field was competitive. Joey Roberts came home second followed by Joey Becker.

The final event of the three race Tiger Sportsmen Tri-State Series will be at Thunder Road International Speedbowl on Thursday, August 13.



Basic Book Making workshop at Brownell Library

"There's a book in us all, it is said," muses Martha Penzer who works at the Circulation Desk at Brownell Library. "If it fails to catch the eye of a New York City editor, we may publish it ourselves." She will be demonstrating the fundamentals of making books by hand on Wednesday, 12 August at 3pm in the Kolvoord Room of Brownell Library in Essex Junction. Participants have the opportunity to produce their own 4 1/4" x 5 1/2" x 1/4" hard cover books as a prototype. Bring medium weight wrapping paper at least 10" x 12". All other necessary materials will be provided by the library.

Workshop open to teens and up. Sign up in advance by August 11 requested: phone 878-6955.

Martha Penzer has been teaching students of all ages how to make books since 1983. The foremost principle of Primrose Press, the self-publishing house she founded, is to produce books out of commonplace materials and to encourage people to make them themselves.

Donations wanted for Hero Packs

Vermont is about to witness its largest deployment of National Guard troops since WWII, and we are one of the only states without a military installation to help support the affected families. In Lamoille County alone it is estimated that more than 80 youth will be affected by this deployment - this is a conservative estimate.

4-H clubs in Lamoille County are creating Hero Packs for these youth to honor their service.

What are Hero Packs?
Hero Packs are a hands-on way to hand deliver a salute to military children for their strength and sacrifice while parents are deployed. Hero Packs serve as an expression of support for military families from their communities. The Hero Packs Project is community service work that builds awareness and fosters community support for geographically dispersed military families.

Hero Packs are backpacks that include a collection of family support materials, communication tools, and fun items that simply can bring joy to the affected youth. And 4-H is seeking donations from businesses and individuals for inclusion in these Hero Packs.

Items wanted include phone cards, disposable cameras, games, gift certificates (pizza, movies, ice skating, mini-golf, skiing, etc.), coloring books, photo albums, store coupons, or anything you could think of to put a smile on a child's face. Please contact Lauren Traister, 4-H Educator, at 888-4972 x 103 or lauren.traister@uvm.edu if you would like to make a donation. All donations must be received no later than August 26. Thank you for your support!

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- 2 cups fresh chopped string beans
- 1/2 tsp. garlic salt
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1/2 cup raw rice or pasta
- 2 rounded Tbsp. flour
- 4 Tbsp. bacon drippings
- 1/2 cup evaporated milk

Cook vegetables in broth with garlic salt, salt, and pepper, until tender. Add 1/2 cup raw rice or pasta. Cook until rice or pasta is tender. In another pan, add flour to bacon drippings, stirring constantly, until brown, being careful not to burn. Add slowly to the soup, stirring, until desired consistency. Lastly, stir in evaporated milk, stirring with a long-handled spoon. Do not boil, it may curdle. (Make your own stock with chicken backs, necks, and wings.)



MMU SPORTS: Where are they now?

By Richard Mindell
Special to the Mountain Gazette

Underhill's Matt Glass is coming home

Former MMU basketball standout and two-time Free Press "Mr. Basketball," Matt Glass, has announced he will transfer from UMass to the University of Vermont this fall. The 6-7 junior guard/forward will have to sit out UVM's 2009-10 season, but he will still have two years of eligibility after that.

The Underhill native was a major part of Mount Mansfield High School's run to two state titles in three years, in 2004 and again in 2006. He is MMU's third leading all-time scorer, with 1,013 pts and a 16.8 ppg average for his career. As a senior, Matt averaged 22.8 ppg and 10.6 rebounds for the season. He went out with a flourish scoring 27 points and grabbing 14 rebounds in the state championship game in '06.

Glass had an up and down career at UMass. As a freshman he played sparingly, averaging 1.8 points in 6 minutes per game, although he quickly established himself as an exceptional outside shooter. Unfortunately for Glass, UMass had a shortage of big men last year which forced the 6-7 sophomore to play more time at forward than at his natural guard position. Still, he made the best of his opportunity for more playing time by upping his average to 3.7 points and 1.7 rebounds per game. He became a starter late in the season and made a statement by hitting 12 of 18 three-point shots in his last six games, all starts, including a career high 14 points against St. Boneventure. In all, he averaged 8 points per contest in games in which he started.

Glass, an outstanding student as well as basketball player, considered transferring to several Ivy League schools, including Brown and the University of Pennsylvania, before deciding to transfer home to Vermont. UVM Head Coach Mike Lonergan, who has had his eye on Glass for several years, made a strong effort to land the local kid from the big-time D-1 program. For his efforts Lonergan will be getting not only an outstanding big guard with a great stroke, but a four-time honor-roll student as well.

Even though his experience at UMass has given him the opportunity to play against the likes of Michael Beasley, the number one draft pick and starting power forward of the Miami Heat in the NBA, he said he still thinks the toughest place he's ever played are the courts at Jericho Elementary School, on Rte 15. It's a fond memory, to say the least. Clearly there's a place in this young man's heart for his community and a strong sense of devotion to his family that led to his decision to transfer home to UVM.

Matt is the son of Dickson and Mary Glass, of Underhill. Welcome home, Matt.

MMU's Wilcox to Attend Bridgeton Academy

Former MMU football standout, Brian Wilcox, will attend Bridgeton Academy next year, in Bridgeton, Maine. The 6-1, 230 lb all-state fullback and defensive lineman and a starter in the 2009 Shrine Game earned a reputation while at MMU as a bruising ball carrier with a relentless work ethic and passion for the game. Wilcox led MMU to two consecutive appearances in the state championship game (2007 and 2008). The Jericho native considered a number of options but chose Bridgeton Academy as it offered him an opportunity to prepare for the demands of D-1 college football in 2010.

Best of luck, Brian.

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Jericho's Little Fenway and Little Wrigley to host 8th Annual Travis Roy Foundation Wiffle Ball Tourney, Aug 7-9

By Richard Mindell
Special to the Mountain Gazette

The Travis Roy Foundation, a non-profit organization that raises money to benefit para- and quadriplegics, will play its eighth annual wiffle ball tournament this weekend, August 7th through 9th, at Jericho's Little Fenway Park and Little Wrigley Field. The tourney will feature such celebrities as former Red Sox pitcher, Bill Lee, former UVM basketball standout, Taylor Coppenrath, Olympic gold medalist, Amanda Pelkey, Vermont's Lieutenant Governor, Brian Dubie, Captain Richard Phillips, veteran Andrew Parker and Vermont ice cream guru, Ben Cohen, among others. All proceeds will be used to benefit paraplegics and quadriplegics in need.

Little Fenway and Little Wrigley are located on Sawmill Rd., in Jericho. Friday evening's game will begin at 5:30 pm. For directions and more information, please contact Marge Oppold, at 434-3470.



Albert "Chuck" Pearce, left, chairman of the board and hon. rep. in the VT State Legislature presents award to Don Messier.

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Don Messier recognized for service

On June 6, 2009, an "Award of Recognition" plaque was presented to Don Messier for 10+ years of service on the Vermont Education Board for the Community High School of Vermont. Messier is a retired superintendent of schools.

The CHSVT has awarded over 1,000 high school diplomas to students in the Prison and Probation and Parole System over the past ten years. Don has visited every prison and probation and parole site several times during his 10-year tenure as a volunteer.

In addition to his volunteer service with the Department of Corrections, Don has been an active 10-year volunteer at the Burlington Food Shelf and the Fletcher Allen Hospital, totaling thousands of hours.

Don is the father of Dr. Stephen E. Messier and Dr. Matthew E. Messier. Don resides in Jericho with his wife, Ann.

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Vermont Golf Association 'State Day' Slated for Champlain Country Club, 13th annual VGA Scholarship Fund Scramble at Proctor-Pittsford Country Club

The Vermont Golf Association will hold a one-day State Day tournament at Champlain Country Club Tuesday, August 11.

State Days formats are 18 holes, stroke play for low gross and net scores. The tournament is played in three flights determined by GHIN handicap (0-10, 11-16, and 17-36). Any amateur golfer with a current GHIN handicap (and GHIN card) is eligible to participate. A reserved tee time is required for the Champlain Country Club State Day event.

Golfers may call the club for tee times, seven days before the event: Champlain Country Club: (802) 527-1187, www.champlaincountryclub.com

An entry fee for this event is:

\$25.00/player for 18 holes of golf,

\$15.00/player for 18 holes of golf for members of Champlain Country Club.

The Vermont Golf Association will hold the 13th Annual Vermont Golf Association Scholarship Fund Scramble Championship Thursday, August 13 at Proctor-Pittsford Country Club (www.proctor-pittsford.com) in Pittsford, Vermont. The event is open to both men and women's teams with golfers holding a current USGA Handicap Card. The event is limited to 36 teams. Hole sponsorships, donations, contributions, and volunteers are welcome.

Four-player team entry fees are \$300.00 that includes 18 holes of golf, carts, banquet lunch, complimentary golf balls and prizes awarded to most teams. Sponsorships are available for Holes, Closest to the Pin, and Long Drive competitions, and prize and banquet donations.

Proceeds from the Tournament support the Vermont Golf Association's Scholarship Fund. Last year's event generated more than \$8,000 for the Scholarship Fund.

Since its inception in 1963, the VGA Scholarship Fund has provided more than \$850,000 in scholarships to more than three hundred-fifty (350) Vermont graduates. In 2008, the Vermont Scholarship Fund is providing \$40,000 in scholarships to 40 college students residing in Vermont.

Responsible funding begins at home

Gov. Jim Douglas, in his new role as chairman of the National Governors Association, delivered a pointed message recently to President Barack Obama and Congress: Don't shift new costs for health care onto the states without additional resources to pay for them. Douglas was at the association's annual summer meeting, and he was expressing the fear many governors have about the health care reform plan taking shape in Washington.

"I think the governors would all agree that what we don't want from the federal government is unfunded mandates," Douglas said. "We can't have the Congress impose requirements that we are forced to absorb beyond our capacity to do so."

The president and many members of Congress say they want to make health care available to all, or nearly all, Americans. But that effort is likely to increase costs to the states, especially those like Vermont that have expanded coverage to many of their residents who couldn't afford private health insurance premiums. Health care is already crippling Vermont's budget. Costs are rising much faster than inflation or tax revenues, and that has forced cuts in other areas of state government to cover the increased spending.

The promise of health care reform is that it will slow the growth in costs. But Douglas and the other governors are worried about what will happen in the meantime. If reform increases the number of people who qualify for Medicaid, the governors want the federal government to provide the money to cover them.

Fair enough. But the governor should practice at home what he preaches to Washington. Here in Vermont, he wants to shift the cost of teachers' retirement onto local school districts, which is every bit an unfunded mandate as the cost-shift he fears from health care reform.

The administration argues that teachers' retirement should be paid out of the state's Education Fund because that is the primary account for school funding. For the sake of consistent accounting, this makes sense. But then the revenue to cover the cost of the retirement benefits should be shifted from the General Fund to the Education Fund along with the costs, which was the policy Vermont adopted when the Education Fund was created a dozen years ago.

What the administration wants to do is transfer the cost of teachers' retirement—about \$40 million a year now, but more than \$100 million in a couple of years—without any General Fund revenue to pay for it. The governor says that local school districts should be able to simply absorb this additional cost. But if they can't—or if local voters decide they don't want to scrimp on their children's education to pay retirement benefits—the additional money will have to come out of the property tax, which we rely on too much already.

Vermont needs to address the problem of teachers' retirement and health care for retirees. But like many of the state's budget problems, it is unrealistic to think we can simply cut other services and programs to meet this growing obligation. It's equally unrealistic to think that the already overused property tax can absorb this cost.

In his warning to Congress, the governor understood it was too much to expect the states to take on additional costs for health care by squeezing everything else in their budgets. The same holds true for local school budgets. If local districts are going to be asked to take on more financial obligations, they need additional revenue. No one wants to shoulder an unfunded mandate, whether it comes from Washington or Montpelier.

Jack Hoffman is a senior policy analyst for Public Assets Institute in Montpelier (www.publicassets.org).



The best part of summer... Camp!

Coach Danielle Allendorf gets some help from CCSS camper Kelsey Millard at the 29th Chittenden County Soccer School, held July 13-17 at Browns River Middle School.

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TOWN OF JERICHO—DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Jericho Development Review Board will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, August 27, 2009 at 7:00 PM** in the Jericho Town Hall to consider the following:

- A request by Scott Hallock and Mary Pratt Copans for Final Plan Review of a 2-Lot subdivision/PUD. The property is located at 8 Bentley Lane in the Agriculture and Forestry Zoning Districts.
- A request by Linda Irish for conditional use and site plan approval to convert an existing single family dwelling with an accessory apartment into a three unit multifamily dwelling. The property is located at 266 Vermont Route in the Commercial Zoning District.

All interested persons may appear and be heard. Written materials may be viewed in the Zoning Office during regular business hours. Seth Jensen, Town Planner, Town of Jericho.

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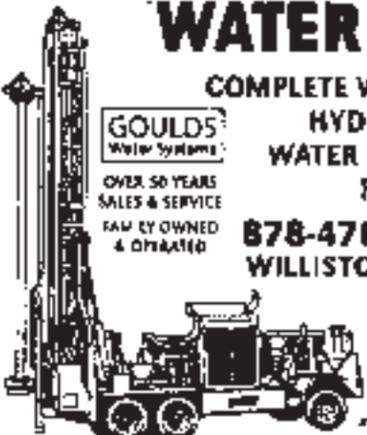
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roads have been ‘thrown up.’” Murphy said. “Each road will be included in a new map that will be presented at a public meeting to show what is still there and what the community wants to do about them.” The meeting will be scheduled this fall at a date yet to be set. “We have to be done by December 1,” she said.

The project is being funded by a \$5,000 grant from the Vermont Department of Housing and Community Affairs.

The town is drawing from a \$16,987 grant from the Vermont Department of Transportation for signs and road striping on Sand Hill Road near Underhill Center, considered by the state a “high-risk rural road.” The signs placed at the top of the steep part of Sand Hill Road, approaching River Road, caution drivers about curves and an 18-degree slope. Two signs near the bottom of Sand Hill Road tell motorists there is a stop sign 350 feet ahead. Two signs on River Road, facing Sand Hill Road, indicate drivers are approaching a stop sign and a left or right turn. The Road Crew also did some ditching on the hill and cut back some brush.

Striping has narrowed the curve to the right at the bottom of Sand Hill Road. Murphy said the town will soon try an experiment with striping along River Road as it approaches Underhill Center. The stripes will narrow the “travel” portion of the road to 10 feet, having the effect of slowing traffic. The federal government approved the project, she said.

Another grant, for \$13,000 that Murphy said will make it easier for people seeking information about zoning and subdivision regulations as well as road policies came from the Vermont Depart-

ment of Housing and Community Affairs. She said Sharon Murray of Front Porch Community Planning and Design of Waterbury was hired to implement the grant.

Murray is chairwoman of the Bolton Development Review Board. That town put together a similar plan that Underhill will use as a basis for its own plan.

“We are trying to simplify things by putting them into one document. It may look long, but we are striving for consistency and compliance with state laws,” Murphy said.

Two grants concerning roads also are being used. One is called a “Better Back Roads Capital Budget, the other is to do work on Stevensville Road just below where it meets Maple Leaf Road.

The first grant, \$2,250 from the Northern Vermont Resource and Conservation Development Council, will allow the town to develop a road inventory and a five-year capital plan for improving roads. The grant also includes an inventory of all road department trucks and other equipment and the town garage.

That portion of Stevensville Road – from Maple Leaf Road, down to 147 Stevensville Road often washes out. The Road Crew will dig new drainage ditches and install new culverts, Murphy said.

The final grant, for \$800, from the Vermont Department of Housing and Community Affairs, is to create a capital improvement plan and a capital budget for the town. She said Holden and Ed Moore have voluntarily put together a list of houses on and leading to Pleasant Valley Road and to Poker Hill Road. This is important information for those creating a five-year plan.

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hydrants, by contrast, are pressurized. Westford has been able to install a number of dry hydrants over the years through the Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force Dry Hydrant Grant Program. Quinn said that in the eleven years the town has been affiliated with the program, they have procured ten grants, making Westford one of the program’s five top grant recipients. “We desperately needed something like this,” said Quinn. “It has really improved our emergency response.”

In addition to the dry hydrants, Westford installed their first wet hydrant in May. A resident who was putting in a pond notified the town and offered to have a wet hydrant installed there. The project wasn’t an easy one, requiring over four hundred feet of pipe. Quinn jokingly referred to it as an “extreme makeover” project, but noted it would not have been feasible without the assistance and loaned equipment of the landowner, Bob Woods, as well as help from other local business establishments.

The town’s next project will be a replacement for the dry hydrant at the school. Quinn said the existing fire pond was put in as an afterthought in 1982 when the school requested permission to put on an addition. The slope around it was too steep and the pond was not laid out optimally so it has filled in over time. The town intends to dredge the pond and install a new hydrant. Again, they will be receiving assistance from local residents and businesses.

That assistance is crucial because the Westford Fire Department is an all volunteer force consisting of seventeen men, one woman, two junior firefighters, and a ladies’ auxiliary. They range in age from seventeen to late fifties. Quinn believes the department is one of the few in the state which has no stipends or hourly wages for its firefighters. “We have a lot of community support,” said Quinn. “There’s a lot going on behind the scenes.” The department also gives back to the community, funding a \$700 annual scholarship, the Betty Fay Memorial Scholarship, for a Westford student graduating from high school who has demonstrated an exceptional commitment to community service.

Westford has four trucks: two pumpers, one tanker and one utility rescue truck. The latter, which Quinn referred to as a “kitchen sink truck,” was purchased in 2007 to replace a makeshift vehicle which had been cobbled together from parts and was falling apart, not to mention thousands of

pounds overweight for Westford’s roads. While many volunteer forces just fight fires, the Westford crew gets involved in construction projects and site work. “The dry hydrant program allows us to do cool stuff,” said Quinn. The firefighters bring a variety of talents to the force including welding and site developing. That allows the town to contain costs which would arise from hiring outside contractors.

Quinn noted that like many bedroom communities, Westford struggles with daytime coverage. That’s why they meet and train regularly with Fairfax and Essex Rescue. At a recent training session with Fairfax, the combined crews used three different donated cars to practice vehicle rescues. The two crews traded and shared equipment so they would be familiar with what the other squad uses. That session followed two consecutive Monday night trainings with Essex Rescue and Essex Town. Quinn said each squad brings its own expertise and specialty equipment to the table. Since Westford is a farming community, they are known for having extra cribbing (long pieces of wood to stabilize tractors and other vehicles) on their trucks. The lumber for the cribbing was donated by Lamell Lumber in Essex and cut and routed, free of charge, by Craig Helfrich Woodworks.

Quinn noted that an additional boon to the fire department is the new zoning and subdivision regulations drafted by the Planning Commission and passed by the Selectboard. The new regulations mandate that in any development of seven homes or more, the developer must install a hydrant. If no water source is available, a residential sprinkler system is an acceptable option. Quinn said it is important to have infrastructure in place as a town is growing. “Once the development is in and the laws are planted, it’s too late to put in a pond,” he said. “You need to do that at the conception and planning phase.”

Quinn’s favorite part of being a volunteer firefighter is doing fire prevention training at schools. One of the force’s junior firefighters recently worked on a car model similar to the one he drives. “It was a real eye-opener for him,” Quinn reported. “Cars aren’t tanks. The metal is pretty thin.” Quinn is happy to be part of what he sees as a vital function in his community. “This is something I was led to do,” he said. “It’s very rewarding to help people.”

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Why they differed with the “majority” was not explained, nor is there subsequent referral to their statements in town records.

Each letter was signed by these residents: Elijah and Moses Benedict, Jubilee, Joseph and “A.” Hurlburt, Asa and Barnabas Graves, Enos Beach and “E.” Thrall. William Barney was the first town clerk and treasurer at the time, serving from 1795 to 1810. He recorded the letters. “A” Hurlburt and “E.” Thrall’s first names are too faint to make out.

“That was before my time,” said Luella Lamphere of Bear Town Road, a former town clerk, treasurer and town historian in answer to a question.

In October 1886, H. A. Rogers and A.L. Lane petitioned the Selectboard to dig a ditch on their River Road farms because of constant flooding. At the expense of the town, of course, frugal Yankees that they were.

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