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## Westford Select Board election

By Phyl Newbeck  
*Special to the Mountain Gazette*

Alex Weinhagen has opted not to run for another term on the Westford Select Board, but a grand total of four men are competing for the opportunity to fill his seat. The candidates are Greg Baker, Derrick Kendrew, Nathan Lavallee and Dave Tilton.

**Greg Baker** has only lived in Westford for six years but he has volunteered in town for roughly half that time as a member of the Recreation Committee. Now the avid cyclist, marathoner, and former college football player has decided to throw his hat into the ring for Select Board.

Baker cites the potential Jackson Farm project as one of his areas of interest. "I think it's a huge opportunity," he said. "Not just for forest and farmland but also the wastewater access it could give the Town Center for development, whether it is for the Town Offices or just getting a coffee shop downtown for people to meet and have discussions." Baker described Westford as a place where people sleep and eat but don't necessarily take part in local activities. "It's a wonderful place to live," he said, "but you need to go elsewhere to do anything."

In addition to finding ways to develop the Town Common, Baker is interested in trying to lower taxes. One of his ideas would be to separate the trash collection fees from taxes and make them an annual or biannual fee. "If we can make those small efforts to lower the tax rate, maybe we can attract more people to Westford," he said. "Many small changes will make a big impact."

A graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, Baker has spent the last 13 years as an engineering manager at Vermont Energy Investment Corporation, working with consultants to provide technical support to business within the state as well as national and international entities. Part of his motivation for running is his seven-year-old daughter. "I want her to be a part of something great," he said. "We need to seize the opportunity when it presents itself."

"I want to see Westford become a more progressive town," Baker said. "We are at a crossroads and I feel we have the potential of doing something really great. I want to make sure I don't sit idly by without a voice in the discussion. Running for the Select Board seat gives me the opportunity to voice my opinion and affect change for the positive."

**Derrick Kendrew** grew up in Essex, but he has lived in Westford for 11 years and when he saw that there was an opening on the Select Board he decided to run. "I love the community," he said. "This is a way to give back and help the community stay the same and grow." Kendrew has spent over two decades in law enforcement with the State Police Auxiliary and the Richmond, Essex, and UVM police departments. For the last five years he has been working with the Colchester Police Department.

Kendrew coached his son's eighth grade baseball team and daughter's eighth grade softball team, and spent some time with the Westford Fire Department. His volunteer spirit is most evident in his 20 years of work with the Special Olympics including several years as director of the Law Enforcement Torch Run, which raised \$52 million across the United States last year. He has helped raise money for Special Olympics by taking part in the *Tip a Cop* program at JP's Diner in Essex, and last year he inaugurated Chittenden County's first *Cop on Top* fundraiser, which required him to spend 24 hours on the roof of Green Mountain Harley Davidson. He will return to the roof again this year.

Kendrew recognizes that budgets are a key part of being on the Select Board but he sees himself as more a people person than a numbers person, so he is more interested in infrastructure issues. "Westford is a great town," he said, "and you don't want to lose that but you have to look at everything that's coming along." Kendrew realizes it's hard to find unanimity but his goal is to do what's best for the municipality. "For Westford to be able to stay Westford," he said, "it's going to be a team approach with everyone involved."

## Iowa farmer to speak at Vermont Organic Dairy Producers Conference

A Midwest farmer with an innovative approach to managing his operation to produce high quality organic dairy products will be the keynote speaker at this year's Vermont Organic Dairy Producers Conference.

Francis Thicke will discuss how he uses nature's ecology as a model to design and manage his farm to improve the health of soils, forages, and livestock at the Thursday, March 10 conference at Vermont Technical College in Randolph Center. Thicke and his wife Susan operate Radiance Dairy, an 80-cow certified-organic farm in Fairfield, Iowa. Thicke has a Ph.D. in agronomy and soil fertility and is currently serving on the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) National Organic Standards Board.

University of Vermont (UVM) Extension's Northwest Crops and Soils Program and the Northeast Organic Farming Association of Vermont's Organic Dairy and Livestock Technical Assistance Program are joint sponsors for the conference, which costs \$25 to attend. Lunch is included for all registrations received by Thursday, March 3.

Registrations will be accepted online ([www.uvm.edu/extension/organicdairy](http://www.uvm.edu/extension/organicdairy)) or by mail. Checks, made payable to University of Vermont, may be mailed to UVM Extension, Attn: Organic Dairy Conference, 278 South Main St., Ste. 2, St. Albans, VT 05478. Anyone requiring a disability-related accommodation to participate is asked to contact Susan Brouillette at 802-524-6501, ext. 432, by Thursday, February 25.

I've got some thoughts and hopefully with collaboration, the right decision will be made."

Aside from a few years of living in Essex, **Nathan Lavallee** is a lifetime Westford resident. Both his father and grandfather grew up in town, as well. Lavallee previously served on the Westford School Board but his daughters were young at the time and he wanted to spend more time with his family. Now that they are teenagers, he decided the time was right to run for Select Board. "It's something that has always interested me," he said.

Lavallee has plenty of experience being in the public eye, having been involved in municipal work for over two decades. For the last fifteen years he has been employed by the Water and Wastewater Department in Milton, working his way up to Superintendent. Active in his field, Lavallee is the Second Vice President of the Green Mountain Water Environment Association and the Vermont State Director for the New England Water Environment Association. On the volunteer front, he and his wife have been part of the American Cancer Society's *Relay for Life* for the past five years.

Given his background, Lavallee believes he would be able to help the Select Board deal with infrastructure issues but he is also concerned about budgetary matters. "Vermont is becoming less and less affordable," he said. "A lot of that is on the state level but I'd like to keep things here as level as possible. Every year taxes go up. I want us to be efficient and spend tax dollars wisely." Since Lavallee oversees two \$1 million budgets for his day job, he believes he has the ability to assist with budgetary issues.

Lavallee said he had some concerns about the potential purchase of the Jackson property. "We have a history of acquiring real estate and not doing anything with it," he said. He is pleased that there are three other people running for the position and thinks that Westford should consider expanding to a five-person Select Board. "It would give us more diversity and opinions," he said. "That would bring in new ideas."

**Dave Tilton** is no stranger to Westford politics. He served two consecutive three-year terms on the Select Board from 2005 to 2011 and was Chair for one year of each of those terms. A holder of a Master's Degree in Environmental Law from Vermont Law School, Tilton has just retired from a three-decade career with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. For the last 23 years, he was the Director of their Lake Champlain office.

As he found himself with more time on his hands, Tilton realized he wanted to return to the Select Board. "I miss knowing what's going on and feeling engaged in town government," he said. "When you live in a small community I think that's important, so having an opportunity to connect again is something I wanted to do. I think if a person has the time and energy to support his community, it's a good thing to do." Tilton was never completely separated from municipal governance. He is currently serving his second term as the Westford representative to the Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission and hopes to continue in that role. "I like seeing what's going on in other towns," he said, "and seeing how Westford measures up."

Tilton notes that there are two main reasons to serve on the Select Board: the budget and the employees. "I don't mean either in a negative way," he said. "The Select Board needs to stay focused on the cost of town governance and they have done a reasonably good job in the last budget." Regarding employees, Tilton noted that they need to be appreciated for the difficult work they do, but he believes the Select Board should maintain close communication with them and keep an eye out for how they're serving the community. One of the proudest achievements from Tilton's first term on the Select Board was the creation of a formal personnel policy that addressed issues like recruitment, attendance, and standards of conduct. The policy was followed by detailed job descriptions, which Tilton describes as "a big step forward in small town governance."

In addition to Thicke's talk, the morning program will include a presentation by Sabrina Greenwood, UVM Department of Animal and Veterinary Sciences, on her research on feeding strategies on organic dairies to optimize nutrition management and animal productivity. Ryan Patch, VT Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets, will provide an update on the agency's new Required Agricultural Practices.

Following lunch, a panel of "next generation" scientists will share their research. Keena Mullen, a postdoctoral scholar at North Carolina State University, will discuss the results of her research evaluating herbal treatments to treat and/or prevent mastitis. UVM doctoral students Melissa Bainbridge and Caleb Goossen will talk about their research on the effect of pasture and other fresh forages on animal production and the fatty acid profile of milk.

They are followed by a farmer panel on soil improvements, led by Heather Darby, UVM Extension agronomist, who will present the latest UVM research on fertility management on organic dairy farms. The farmers will discuss their strategies to build farm soils to yield high quality and quantity feed for their cows.

Support for the conference has been provided by several sponsors including Organic Valley/ CROPP Cooperative, Morrison's Custom Feeds, Stonyfield Organic, Upstate Niagara Cooperative, Yankee Farm Credit, and the USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service, Risk Management Agency, and National Institute for Food and Agriculture.

## Come and enjoy a hoot or two



**Owls, Raptors of the Night Shift – Two showings on Thursday, February 25 at the Varnum Memorial Library in Jeffersonville, 1:00 PM and 2:15 PM. Program with owls, slides, and opportunities for questions are provided by the Southern VT Natural History Museum.** PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

## Jamie Nelson facing additional charges

By Graham Swaney  
*MMU journalism intern*

On October 19, 2015 at approximately 4:00 AM, former Richmond resident Jamie Nelson was allegedly recorded on video burglarizing the Lucky Spot convenience store in Richmond of \$1300 worth of cigarettes. When he was arrested on October 21, he was allegedly in possession of heroin. According to court documents, he was released on conditions on October 22. These conditions included a 12-hour per day curfew at a residence in Richmond, and barred him from entering the premises of the Lucky Spot. Nelson's arrest was one of a string of alleged drug-related incidents that struck the community.

Since his release on October 22, Nelson has been charged with two violations of his condition of release curfew, on December 12 and 19, and has been arrested in connection with a burglary of a Cumberland Farms in Burlington.

According to court documents, he was arraigned on December 30, 2015 on charges that included burglary stemming from the Lucky Spot break-in; possession of heroin; and two counts of violation of conditions of release.

The court orders from the December 30 arraignment amended the conditions of Nelson's release to include a 24-hour curfew at a Burlington residence. Nelson was arraigned separately on Thursday, January 14, 2016 for the robbery of the Cumberland Farms, at which time the court further amended Nelson's conditions of release to ban him from entering the premises of the Cumberland Farms, and from contacting two robbery victims he is said to have threatened.

According to Vermont State Attorney Justin Jiron, all of Nelson's cases are still pending, and Nelson has not pled guilty to any of the charges. Nelson is not scheduled to appear in court until at least March. "The time it takes to prosecute someone tends to get longer every time someone gets charged with new things," Jiron stated.

There are also a variety of outcomes a case of this nature could have. "It really runs the gamut," Jiron said. "Let's say a person gets charged with a burglary and the reason was to try to get drugs, or get money to buy drugs; there's a couple of different options. One, they could simply get convicted and go to jail. They could get convicted and be on probation for a while. But we also have a drug court," which is basically an intensive treatment program. "If they can succeed (in getting clean), sometimes the (drug) charges can be dismissed," Jiron noted.

The burglary at the Lucky Spot in Richmond prompted store owners Bill and Linda Donovan to hold a community meeting to try to address the drug issue and drug-related crime in the community. It has also spawned a new debate about what is characterized by some as the catch-and-release nature of the criminal justice system in Vermont.

## Kerbaugh on winning debate team



Alex Kerbaugh, a 2009 graduate of Mount Mansfield Union High School in Jericho, VT, was part of a team that successfully represented the University of New England's College of Dental Medicine (UNE CDM) in the American Student Dental Association (ASDA) District 1 Debate against top New England dental schools held at the Yankee Dental Congress in Boston, MA on Sunday, January 30, 2016. Kerbaugh and David Veleck, both from UNE CDM's class of 2017, were the victors of the debate, which brought together competing teams from the five District 1 Schools, the University of New England (UNE), the University of Connecticut (UConn), Boston University (BU), Tufts and Harvard, as well as one pre-dental team. The questions, chosen by the debate planning team, which comprised students from the various District 1 schools, focused on controversial topics in dentistry and issues that impact students and the dental profession. While the questions were revealed to the competing students a week in advance, the stances that they were required to argue (affirming or opposing) were not assigned until the day of the debate. The judging included scores for use of evidence, organization of arguments, strength and specificity of rebuttal, professionalism, and adherence to time constraints.

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## Todd Warren named new president of Homebuilders and Remodelers Council

Todd Warren has accepted the elected position of President of the Home Builders and Remodelers Council of Northern Vermont for 2016 term. Warren is the owner of Otter Creek Awnings and Vermont Custom Closets in Williston, VT.

Warren has been involved with the HBRA for over 15 years and has held several positions. HBRA's mission is to provide exceptional products and impeccable service in a fun, friendly and professional way that customers will remember. For more information, <http://www.homebuildersvt.com/>.

## Advice and Acceptance

By Sue Kusserow

Special to the Mountain Gazette

I had thought that my old age would be a time to relax, to be glad for the personal growth I presume I've achieved. Retirement would be a rest for my maturity as well as for my aching knees.

I had always thought of epiphanies as small bursts of discovery, that opened up generally pleasant views down a new, slightly tangled trail that needed to be explored, while moving the mind's eye to new insights.

So much for pleasantries. A recent revelation turned out to be a loud bang, a life change, an ego buster, and a few puckers of the brain. Someone whom I dearly love, brought me up short in a phone talk: "Sue, you have given me all sorts of shoulds and coulds... about five of them! I don't need that anymore." We know each other so well, that she could call me on this, without a gentle preamble. She was right, so right that it dug deeply in ways that went past epiphany and self-analysis, into honesty. Someone else, a young woman whom I also dearly love and who has had some recent illnesses, said: "Sue, I'd love to see you... as a friend, not as a nurse. Not with suggestions as to how and why doing volunteer work with people who have less than I, will 'get me out of myself.'"

I have always been "useful." My mother designed my future as a nurse, when I was too young to know what I wanted, except possibly a career in forestry, botany, and other shadowed fields not known for accepting females. Nursing was an occupation then, not honored as an academic profession. That has changed. I was gradually allowed, even encouraged, to go beyond training, into the teaching of the science behind the procedure, the empathy that could be nurtured by study, not just "expected" of females. I could then respect what I was teaching in collegiate schools of nursing, and could use myself as teaching material, asking students to see how they fit their subjective lives into others' patterns of illness and health, and ultimately into the cultural constructs that surround death. I could and did give advice. I could listen well, sorting out areas that would respond to the ideas and learning that I had. I was good at it, and grew proud of my ability to be "useful." As students grew in their clinical and personal maturation, I could teach less

## Putting a chill on cold and flu myths

It is still cold and flu season – and we are about to celebrate George Washington's birthday – so I thought I would not tell lies this week, just like President Washington. Instead, I will speak the truth about some rumors regarding the common cold.

For example, parents ask me if it is true that you can catch a cold by being out in the cold. No, it is not true. There is no data to support that exposure to cold temperatures causes a cold. Instead you need to remember that colds and their symptoms are caused by viruses. You are more apt to catch a virus by being indoors, and in contact with others who can spread the virus or leave germs on tables, glasses, or other objects or surfaces that others can touch and become infected. In fact, if we spent more time out in the cold, perhaps we wouldn't pick up these viruses as often.

An even better myth is that covering your nose and mouth with your hand when you cough or sneeze avoids spreading the cold. Actually it enhances the spread of germs since you are apt to shake hands or touch someone and pass on the cold germs on your hand before they've had a chance to die. Consider coughing into a Kleenex or handkerchief instead.

Then there's the confusion regarding whether you should feed

and question more... all of us together in the process of curiosity and discovery. This of course, also involved ego: one person to develop; the other, secure in what she knows and feels. (Teaching has always enlisted the principles of superior knowledge of one group, giving more control over others. Not as often has it used questioning and the equality of joint questioning as an exploratory method of learning.)

But, there is a wide, sometimes unrecognizable, space between wanting advice and needing advice. Wanting means someone has asked, has appreciated the wisdom of one as it attaches to the development of another. It has a verbal preamble of respect. Needing advice generally is not sought after; it is usually the judgment of another person: "I wish I could give her some good ideas, some of the thoughts that I have found helpful to me." A certain amount of one-sided judgment is implicit here, with inequalities created by one defining for the other.

Over the years, others have miraculously grown and are now giving good advice to me. I have not been prepared for this. My last years cannot be sitting around and "relaxing." To me, that would be the opposite of useful, even though perhaps deserved. Can I be the slightly demented Gramma who still wants to teach, but nobody wants to listen? Can I re-learn listening, without comment, as the intense communication that it can be? My late husband, when at Converse Home, said to me: "No one here knows what I've been." His laurels were considerable, but with no one to recognize them, there was nothing upon which they could rest.

So, I am trying to keep a little quieter; to turn advice into questions, to which I often don't have a usable answer/advice. My tongue has many tiny bite marks on it! I may have less to say, nothing to advise unless asked, usually out of the gentle kindness of dear friends and family. We are not allowed to stop learning, even in old age, as defined by Robert Browning through "Rabbi Ben Ezra's" cheery message: "Come grow old with me / The best is yet to be / The last of life for which the first was made." I guess I will work my way through epiphanies, life changes for what is left of it. We will never stop learning even if it means a tighter, smaller space for self, surrounded by larger mysteries.

Just remember, Sue... Acceptance is a quiet word.

a cold and starve a fever or feed a fever and starve a cold? In both circumstances – colds and fevers – you need more fluid and food since your body burns energy up at a greater rate with an infection or a fever. The more calories and hydration you can get into someone when they don't feel well, the sooner that person will begin to feel better.

Finally what about chicken soup? Is it the magic needed to cure a common cold? Well, while a hot liquid can certainly soothe a scratchy throat, there is no evidence that chicken soup has a special power to cure a cold. It does taste good, and will make you feel good, but not because it has magical healing powers. In reality, the salt, protein, and extra fluid in soup add hydration and calories, which we know are both necessary for sick children and adults.

Hopefully, as a result of my myth-busting this week, you will not be left out in the cold when it comes to knowing the cold truth about some of the legends surrounding common colds.

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## COMING EVENTS

more information, [www.vtgenlib.org](http://www.vtgenlib.org) or call 802-310-9285.

### Sunday, February 21

**Free pancake breakfast**, 8:30 and 10:30 AM, Grace United Methodist Church, 130 Maple St., Essex Junction. Menu: scrambled eggs, sausage, pancakes, coffee, juice. All are welcomed to join in the church service, 9:30 AM. For more information, call Elizabeth, 878-5923 or the church office, 878-8071.

**Ethan Allen, Vermont's Founding Father?** 2:00 PM, Ethan Allen Homestead, Colchester. Always controversial, Ethan Allen still inspires lively debate over his importance to the founding of the Fourteenth State. Was he a brawling, land-hungry drunkard or a persistent effective force in breaking away the Green Mountains from the grips of New York oligarchs? Presented by Willard Sterne Randall, Professor Emeritus, Champlain College. More information at [www.ethanallenhomestead.org](http://www.ethanallenhomestead.org).

### Tuesday, February 23

**The State of Marriage**, 6:30 PM, Pavilion Auditorium, VT History Museum, Montpelier. This movie is the untold story of how legal pioneer Mary Bonauto partnered with Vermont lawyers Beth Robinson and Susan Murray in a two-decade long struggle that built the foundation for the entire marriage equality movement. Movie followed by a discussion panel and a VT Historical Society-hosted reception after the event in their museum, upstairs from the auditorium. Hosted by the VT Humanities Council.

### Wednesday, February 24

**Red Cross Blood Drive**, 11:30 AM – 5:00 PM, Richmond Congregational Church Fellowship Hall, Richmond. Eligible donors can call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or go online to [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) for more information and to make a blood donation appointment. Those with appointments are able to help minimize the time it takes to donate. To further reduce your wait time, consider using the new RAPIDPASS on-line pre-donation and health history questionnaire on February 24 before you arrive to donate. Giving blood will warm your heart during these colder winter months!

### Thursday, February 25

**Auxiliary Bingo**, 6:00 PM, VFW Post 6689, 73 Pearl St., Essex Junction. 10 Games, 1 Speed Ball, 1 Cover All - \$10 for a packet of ten games with three cards on each sheet. Winner takes all on speed ball and cover all.

### Saturday, February 27

**Bird Monitoring Walk**, 8:00 – 9:00 AM, Birds of Vermont Museum, 900 Sherman Hollow Rd., Huntington. Join fellow birders (and would-be birders) on the monthly monitoring walk on the Museum's property. We go out the last Saturday of every month. Most fun for adults, older children. Please bring your own binoculars. Free; please pre-register. Information, 802-434-2167, [museum@birdsofvermont.org](mailto:museum@birdsofvermont.org), or [www.birdsofvermont.org](http://www.birdsofvermont.org).

**DNA Tests: Maternal and Paternal Lines**, 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM, VT Genealogy Library, Hegeman Ave., Fort Ethan Allen, Colchester. For almost 15 years, DNA tests have been identifying our fathers' and mothers' lines. Their very reliable results are easy to understand and to utilize in your genealogical research. This talk will explain when and how to use them, and what to do with the

data. The class is \$5. Parking and entrance are across from the State Police building. For more information, [www.vtgenlib.org](http://www.vtgenlib.org) or call 802-310-9285.

### Wednesday, March 2

**The Pulitzer: Gold Medal for Public Service**, 7:00 PM, Brownell Library, Essex Junction. Pulitzer's Gold author Roy Harris will consider the state of quality journalism today in his talk, part of the VT Humanities Council's *First Wednesdays* lecture series. 2016 is the Pulitzer Prizes' centennial year. In this talk, Harris will tell stories of the coveted Pulitzer Gold Medal, awarded annually to a newspaper, and consider the profound contribution great journalism has made and still makes today. Free and open to the public.

### Thursday, March 3

**Community Soup & Bread Supper**, 4:30 – 6:30 PM, Covenant Community Church, VT Rt. 15, Essex. Eat in or take out. Choose from a variety of hearty soups and breads and a sweet dessert. Stay and eat with friends and family, or pick up to take home. Donations accepted. Call Pastor Steve Anderson, 879-4313 for more information.

### Saturday, March 5

**More Options for Finding Online Newspaper Articles**, 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM, VT Genealogy Library, Hegeman Ave., Fort Ethan Allen, Colchester. Few sources can reveal the details of our ancestors' lives like newspaper articles. Today we can search with an online subscription. But which website do we choose? What papers do they cover? What do they cost? In this talk, Jason Smiley will cover five of the best: Newspapers.com, NewspaperArchive.com, FultonHistory.com, ChroniclingAmerica, and GenealogyBank. The class is \$5. Parking and entrance are across from the State Police building. For more information, [www.vtgenlib.org](http://www.vtgenlib.org) or call 802-310-9285.

### Sunday, March 6

**Auxiliary Breakfast**, 9:00 – 11:00 AM, VFW Post 6689, 73 Pearl St., Essex Junction. All are welcome, members and non-members! \$8 adults; \$4 children under 10. Omelets, eggs any way, pancakes. Great breakfast – support your local VFW!

### Friday, March 11

**MMU Project Grad Dinner & Silent Auction**, 5:30 – 7:30 PM, Mount Mansfield Union High School, Jericho. Come enjoy a festive Mexican Dinner and Silent Auction supporting the 2016 MMU Project Graduation. The dinner, put on by Mexicali Grill & Cantina, will include a Fajita bar, beans and rice, with gluten-free and vegetarian options and a dessert buffet. The Silent Auction will include fantastic items from both local businesses as well as Vermont-wide items such as EyeCare of Vermont sunglasses, Cabot Creamery gift box, Bridge Street Hair, Keurig Green Mountain Coffee Maker, and much, much more. Project Graduation is a community-sponsored event, developed and funded by volunteers with the goal of providing a safe and action-filled evening to help keep both our seniors and the community safe during one of the most important and exciting evenings of their lives. For more information on Project Grad and upcoming fundraisers, please visit <https://sites.google.com/site/mmuprojectgrad/home>.

**Mountain High Pizza Pie**  
**Monday - Thursday**  
 11:00 AM - 8:30 PM  
**Friday**  
 11:00 AM - 9:00 PM  
**Saturday**  
 11:00 AM - 8:30 PM  
**Sunday** 12:00 - 7:00 PM  
**899-3718**  
 Route 15, Jeri-Hill Plaza  
 Jericho

**The Irish "Wave" in the Green Mountains**, 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM, VT Genealogy Library, Hegeman Ave., Fort Ethan Allen, Colchester. Vince Feeney, author of a published history of the Irish in Vermont, *Finnigans, Slaters and Stonepeppers*, tells the little-known story of Irish immigrants in mid-nineteenth century Vermont who fled the Irish potato famine in their homeland and settled in Vermont. This talk is a VT Humanities Council program hosted by the VT Genealogy Library and is free. Parking and entrance are across from the State Police building. For

## HEALTH NEWS

## NMC Health classes

**Cancer Exercise Rehab Group**, ongoing Tuesdays and Thursdays, 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM, NMC Rehab gym, Cobblestone Building. A physical therapy evaluation is required to assure that the client is able to participate. Class pinpoints the common needs of patients, including decreased range of motion, decreased strength, cancer-related fatigue, and lymphedema. Wendy Lawrence, certified NMC Oncology Rehab Physical Therapist. Pre-registration required: 524-1064 to register or for more information. Free for the first 8 weeks, then \$40 for open gym access.

**Healthier Living with Chronic Disease**, Thursdays, February 18-March 24, 1:00 to 3:30 PM, NMC Conference Room 2. Free. Are you or someone you know living with a chronic disease? Then this Healthier Living Workshop is for you! Learn to feel better by learning how to deal with frustration, fatigue and pain, manage symptoms and medications. Pre-registration required, 782-5323 or 524-1031 or [hmessier@nmcinc.org](mailto:hmessier@nmcinc.org).

**YMCA Diabetes Prevention Program**, Tuesdays starting February 23, 2:00 – 3:00 PM, Swanton Library. The YMCA's Diabetes Prevention Program helps adults at high risk of developing type 2 diabetes adopt and maintain healthy lifestyles by increasing physical activity, eating healthier, and losing a modest amount of weight. This year-long offering is for persons who have been diagnosed with pre-diabetes or meet specific risk criteria for developing the disease. Participants receive support and encouragement from both a trained lifestyle coach and fellow classmates in a small group classroom setting. Sixteen weekly one-hour sessions are followed by eight monthly sessions. Facilitator Deb Robertson, RN, BSN, CDE, Northwestern Medical Center. Free; pre-registration required, Call Heidi, 782-5323, to register or for more information.

**Foot Clinics** – Regular care of your feet can prevent problems. If you are an elderly and/or disabled person who is unable to do your own foot care, please consider attending a Foot Clinic. Franklin County Home Health Agency offers monthly Foot Clinics throughout the year in St. Albans, Swanton, Franklin, East Fairfield, and Enosburg. To schedule an appointment, please call 802-527-7531. The cost for Foot Care Clinics is \$20.

**Parkinson's Disease Outreach** group meets monthly. The Support Group provides an opportunity for people with Parkinson's and their families and care givers to give and receive support and share information. Participants can learn from each other, meet new people, have discussions, and listen to presentations. Call Pat Rugg to get the meeting date, time and place, 524-5520.

**Healthy Weight Support Group**, Mondays, 12:00 – 12:30 PM, NMC Grand Isle Room. This is a weekly support group for those working on weight management. It combines behavioral and nutritional strategies to increase physical activity and decrease calorie intake and provide techniques to help you manage your eating behaviors. Come 15 minutes early for a weight check. Speakers Kay Tran, Registered Dietitian, MS, CDE, and Leslie Gardzina, Registered Dietitian, NMC. Free. No registration required, just drop in to attend.

**Start the Conversation – End of Life Planning**. We plan for all life's milestones – marriage, birth, retirement. But few of us have plans in place for our end of life. Planning for end-of-life starts with understanding your care options, including hospice and palliative care options. An advance directive can provide this information for your family and physician. Start this conversation with your family before you are in a health crisis. Information and materials to help facilitate your conversation are available on a new website for the *Start the Conversation* statewide initiative, [www.starttheconversationvt.org](http://www.starttheconversationvt.org). Or call Franklin County Home Health Agency, 802-527-7531 or [www.fchha.org](http://www.fchha.org).

## Donate blood

The American Red Cross urges eligible donors to help ensure a sufficient blood supply for patients by giving blood this February.

During the winter months, inclement winter weather and seasonal illnesses can keep regular donors from giving blood. Healthy donors of all blood types are needed to help maintain an adequate blood supply for patients in their own communities as well as areas where donors were unable to give due to severe winter weather. Individuals with types O, AB, B negative, and A negative blood are especially needed.

Make an appointment to help maintain an adequate blood supply for patients in need this winter by downloading the free Red Cross Blood Donor App, [www.redcrossblood.org/bloodapp](http://www.redcrossblood.org/bloodapp); by visiting [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org); or by calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

Upcoming blood donation opportunities include:

Monday, Feb. 22, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM, UVM Medical Center, 111 Colchester Ave., Burlington

Monday, Feb. 22, 1:00 – 6:00 PM, VT Teddy Bear Company, 6655 Shelburne Rd., Shelburne

Tuesday, Feb. 23, 12:30 – 5:30 PM, Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, 728 Mountain Rd., Stowe

Wednesday, Feb. 24, 11:30 AM – 5:00 PM, Congregational Church, 20 Church St., Richmond

Friday, Feb. 26, 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM, Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission, 110 West Canal St., Winooski

Saturday, Feb. 27, 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM, Winooski High School, Normand St., Winooski

Saturday-Sunday, Feb. 27-28, 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM both days, Essex Cinema, 21 Essex Way, Essex

Monday, Feb. 29, 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM, PT 360, 426 Industrial Ave. Suite 180, Williston

Monday, Feb. 29, 12:00 – 3:00 PM, Collins-Perley Sports Complex, 890 Fairfax Rd., St. Albans

**DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP:** The Diabetes Support Group meets the second Monday of every quarter (March, June, September and December) in The Green Mountain Room at Northwestern Medical Center. The lunch session starts at 11:30 AM (complimentary lunch provided); topic is from 12:00 – 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.

**Healing Circle Breast Cancer Network, Healing Circle Cancer Support Group** – A self-help cancer support group for women of all ages and lifestyles who have cancer. At monthly meetings we share information, offer each other support and comfort, and learn new things from speakers. We extend an invitation to any woman who has cancer, whether newly diagnosed or a long term survivor. Held the first Tuesday of every month from 5:00 – 6:30 PM, NMC Conference Franklin Room. Please call 802-524-8479 with any questions or to RSVP (not required).

**Are you breastfeeding? Thinking about it?** Come and join other moms, babies, and families at our regular breastfeeding support/social group. The group is offered by the VT Department of Health and is free to all. You can ask questions and get help, join group discussion, and most important – meet moms just like you and share your experiences. There are several meeting times each month: first Saturday of the month, 9:30 – 11:30 AM, Bent Northrop Memorial Library, Fairfield (by Fairfield Center School); second Wednesday of the month, 9:30 – 11:30 AM, Family Center, Alburgh; third Thursday of the month, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM, NMC Family Birth Center conference room. Call 524-7970 for more information.

**Have you lost a loved one to suicide?** If the answer to the question is “yes,” please consider attending a free, confidential group that meets monthly in St. Albans. Everyone in the group, including its facilitators, has had someone close to them take their life and knows how devastating that experience can be. You can just come and listen to others share what they are going through and how they are coping, or you can share your own story. The choice is always yours to do what feels best to you. For more information on dates, times and location or to answer any questions you may have, call Tony, 802-393-6503.

**Chronic Disease support group workshops** – Are you or someone you know living with a chronic health condition? Then the Healthier Living Workshop is for you! Learn to feel better by learning how to deal with frustration, fatigue, and pain, manage symptoms and medications, and improve strength and flexibility. If interested, please call 524-8831 or 524-1031. Each session is 2½ hours once a week, for six weeks. Your interest will help decide locations, dates, and times.

**Grief and Recovery Support Group** – Experiencing a loss can be painful to face alone. Franklin County Home Health's Grief and Recovery Support Group serves as a safe place to share feelings with others who are coping with grief, and is offered free of charge to anyone who would like to talk to others and help one another. It also provides a resource for grief education in our community. The group meets the first and third Wednesday of each month, 7:00 –

8:00 PM, at Franklin County Home Health, 3 Home Health Circle, St. Albans. For more information, contact Lori Wright, 527-7531.

**New Program Now Enrolling First Time Mothers** – Franklin County Home Health Agency's Nurse Family Partnership Program (NFP) helps first time mothers in Franklin, Lamoille, and Grand Isle counties. NFP is an evidenced-based program that enrolls mothers during pregnancy and provides them with regular nurse visits until their child's second birthday. Nurses provide support, education, and counseling on health, behavioral, and self-sufficiency issues. Interested women and their healthcare providers can call 802-527-7531 for more information.

**Baby Bumps Support Group for Mothers and Pregnant Women** – Pregnancy can be a wonderful time of your life. But it can also be a time of stress that is often compounded by hormonal swings. If you are a pregnant woman, or have recently given birth and feel you need some help with managing the emotional bumps in the road that can come with motherhood, please come to this free support group lead by an experienced pediatric Registered Nurse. This group is for both pregnant women and mothers. Support groups are held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month, 5:30 – 6:30 PM at the Birthing Center, NMC, St. Albans. For more information, contact Rhonda Desrochers at Franklin County Home Health Agency, 802-527-7531. This program is presented jointly by Franklin County Home Health Agency, Northwest Counseling and Support Services, Northwestern Medical Center, and the VT Department of Health.

**Mom's Night Out** – First Thursday of the month, 6:00 – 8:00 PM, LaQuinta Inn (Franklin Meeting Room), 813 Fairfax Rd., St. Albans. Are you the mother of a child with special needs? Is your life just too busy? Too stressful, too many things to do? Are you up to your armpits with paperwork? Do you have to advocate for your child and family? Do you wish you had someone to have conversations with? Who understands because they are the mother of a child with special needs too? Take some time once a month for you. Contact: Betty Morse, Family Support Consultant, 800-800-4005, ext. 201 or [betty.morse@vtfn.org](mailto:betty.morse@vtfn.org).

**SHADOWS OF THE MOON**, A support group for families and individuals living with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD). Please come and join us to talk, learn and even teach each other. Last Tuesday of every month, 6:30 – 8:30 PM, La Quinta Inn & Suite (Franklin Conference Room), 813 Fairfax Rd., St. Albans. For more information, call Cheryl at 802-868-3658 or Laura at 802-849-2817.

**Franklin/Grand Isle Counties VFN Families Together** – A support group for parents and caregivers of children/youth/adults with special needs, for information, connections, and support. Third Thursday of Every Month, 6:00 – 8:00 PM, Holy Trinity Episcopal Church Parish Hall, 38 Grand Ave., Swanton. Free pizza will be served, RSVP required by noon on Thursday to Laura Weber, Family Support Consultant, [laura.weber@vtfn.org](mailto:laura.weber@vtfn.org).

**Alzheimer's Support group**, for those with Alzheimer's and caregivers, family members, and friends, meets the last Tuesday of each month at NMC in the Green Mountain Room from 6:00 – 7:00 PM. For more information, contact Amanda Wilson, 527-7531.

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LIBRARY NEWS

**DEBORAH RAWSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY, UNDERHILL**

The art in February is photography from the Focal Point Photography Club. Please stop in and enjoy the photos that we have displayed.

The silent auction item for the month of February will be a photograph by Bruce Gilbert-Smith. The bidding will end on Saturday, February 28 at 4:00 PM.

The Friends of the DRML will meet Wednesday, February 17 at 10:30 AM.

The Board of Trustees will meet Thursday, February 18 at 7:00 PM.

And keep your eye out for "DRML Gets Ready for the Oscars!" It's that time of year and we are going to help you be ready to knowledgeably view the Academy Awards. On Saturday, February 20, we'll be showing one of this year's best. For details, please call the library at 899-4962.

For children and families...  
Calling all scholars! Feed yourself, then feed your brain! Stop in on Tuesday afternoons from 3:00 - 4:30 PM to make and enjoy a snack, and then get to work! A perfect place for getting a jump on your homework and getting some academic support. DRML should be your study headquarters!

Teen Electronic Gaming Group - Thursday, February 18, 2:45 - 4:30 PM in the meeting room. Interact with others in a relaxing and fun setting that encourages communication and collaboration.

February Story Hour! Drop in for stories, songs, projects and a nutritious snack! Wednesday, February 17 at 10:30 AM and Thursday, February 18 at 10:00 AM. No registration required.

Friday Story Hour - Beth London, formerly of Poker Hill School, will be offering song and story hour on Friday mornings in February and March. Beth will bring a favorite story and follow that with songs for singing and dancing accompanied by her guitar, ukulele, and other instruments. Children of all ages are welcome to

join her at 11:00 AM beginning on February 5. No registration needed.

Root Cellar Soup Series - Grab a spoon and bowl and join naturalist, artist, and localvore Sarah Stein (M. Ed.) to discover the wonders of the root cellar through soup, story, and craft. Sarah will be at DRML on Saturday, February 20 starting at 10:30 AM. Space is limited so please call in advance to register for this family-oriented soup series: 899-4962.

Baby Time! Saturday, February 20 at 10:30 AM. Introduce your littlest ones (infants and babies up to 18 months) to the wonders of language with nursery rhymes, songs, fingerplays, and board books. This is a great time for parents and childcare providers to connect, chat, and share ideas with each other. Older siblings welcome. No registration required.

For information on the programs and services available at Deborah Rawson Memorial Library, visit [www.drml.org](http://www.drml.org). You can also find us on Facebook and Twitter.

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

**JERICHO TOWN LIBRARY**

Knitting Series with Sonja Schuyler, Wednesdays, 5:30 - 7:00 PM. Master basic knitting stitches with a simple project: Fingerless gloves. This workshop is for beginners and for those who would like to refresh skills. We will have knitting needles and yarn available. The project requires worsted wool. Feel free to bring your own knitting needles, crochet needle and worsted yarn.

Jericho Talks: Backyard Beekeeping with Stu Alexander, Monday, February 22, 6:00 - 7:00 PM. Join Stu Alexander for a lively discussion on bees, hive management, colony "personality," equipment, and more! This is the perfect introduction to bees and beekeeping. If you are an experienced beekeeper, come add to the conversation!

Author Event: Local Author Richard Allen, Monday, February 29, 6:00 - 7:00 PM. The Chittenden County Historical Society has published Richard Allen's latest book *Ambition and Grit: The Life of Truman Naramore*, Civil War veteran and entrepreneur. Truman Naramore's life reveals the impact of some major events of the nineteenth century on one man and his family: the Civil War, the mechanization of agriculture, and migration west. Fans of Vermont history, the Civil War, and nineteenth-century farming will be especially interested in Naramore's life.

Book and Bake Sale - JTL will again be hosting a book and bake sale on Town Meeting Day, Tuesday, March 1, at Mount Mansfield Union High School in Jericho, 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM. Come buy some books for the library to enhance our collection, and purchase coffee and local baked goods to enjoy while at the meeting.

Open Mic Night - First Thursdays, 6:30 - 8:30 PM. Get out of your house and onto the stage! Jericho Open Mic Night happens every first Thursday of the month! We'll provide the lighting and mic, you bring your instrument or poem or story. Come perform in front of a supportive crowd, or simply join us for a night of listening to local talent. All are welcome. Performers each have seven-minute slots. Sign up at [jerichoopenmic@gmail.com](mailto:jerichoopenmic@gmail.com).

Thank You! To everyone who attended our benefit concert and to those who contributed to our silent auction, Jericho Town Library says thank you. Special thanks go to Emilie and Stu Alexander for their generous hosting at their gallery. The benefit wouldn't have been the success that it was without the support of all of you.

Change of date for JTL Board of Trustees Meeting - Due to vacation schedule, the trustees' meeting is on Monday, March 14 at 7:15 PM.

YOUTH PROGRAMS AND EVENTS  
LEGO Club, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays, 4:30 - 5:30 PM. ALL NEW! Lego, Lego, Legos! Join us for Lego missions, competitions, activities, and more! Ages 5-12. Please note: Children ages 5-8 must be accompanied by an adult.

Story Time: Wednesdays 10:00 - 11:00 AM, Stories read by Elizabeth Bernstein and live music performed by Josh LaRose. Enjoy music, finger plays, dance, songs, stories, craft and snacks.

Get In The Game Read - Summer Reading Program Coming Soon!

Please Note: The library follows the Town schedule for holidays. Check our website [www.jerichotownlibraryvt.org](http://www.jerichotownlibraryvt.org) and/or Facebook [www.facebook.com/jerichotownlibrary](http://www.facebook.com/jerichotownlibrary), for updates and daily information.

Library Hours: Mondays 1:00 - 7:00 PM, Wednesdays 10:00 AM - 12:00 noon and 2:00 - 7:00 PM, Fridays 1:00 - 5:00 PM, and Saturdays 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM.

For more information on library hours, news, and events, please visit our website at [www.jerichotownlibraryvt.org](http://www.jerichotownlibraryvt.org).

**VARNUM MEMORIAL LIBRARY, JEFFERSONVILLE**

*Daisy Turner was the daughter of former slaves and listened to her dad tell stories of his past every night after dinner. Vermont folklorist Jane Beck shares Turner's accounts of the African American experience in New England, using family photos and recordings, at the Varnum Library in Jeffersonville Tuesday, February 23 at 1:00 PM.*



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Jane Beck on *Daisy Turner, in the Tradition of the West African Griot* on Tuesday, February 23, 1:00 - 2:00 PM. Acclaimed folklorist, author and commentator Dr. Jane Beck is coming to the Varnum Library in Jeffersonville Tuesday, February 23 at 1:00 PM to present this program on Daisy Turner. Daisy Turner was the daughter of former slaves and listened to her dad tell stories of his past every night after dinner. She drank these in and added stories of her own, narratives of discrimination, resilience, and strength. Jane Beck first met Daisy in 1983 when Daisy Turner was 100 years old. From their first phone call, Turner's straightforward attitude was apparent. "Are you a prejudiced woman?" she asked Jane. Beck has written she was caught off guard: "I stammered that I didn't think so. Her voice became warm and welcoming: 'Well, come anytime.' Daisy was a marvelous storyteller," Jane recalls. "I was drawn right in. I could not believe what I was hearing." In the program at the Varnum, Jane Beck will share these powerful and rare accounts of the African American experience in New England, using many family photographs and of course Daisy Turner's own recorded voice.

Owls, Raptors of the Night Shift - Two showings on Thursday, February 25: 1:00 PM and 2:15 PM. Program with owls, slides, and opportunities for questions from the Southern VT Natural History Museum.

Story Hour and Crafts with LN, every Thursday, 10:00 - 11:00 AM. Come hear stories from a gifted and talented storyteller, and do crafts for kids!

Weekly Crafting Circle, Mondays, 5:00 - 7:00 PM. Come and enjoy fiber and fabric with craft novices, as well as folks who have enjoyed hand work arts for lifetimes! Have a project you're already working on? Bring it in and share your expertise and enthusiasm.

The Varnum Library, P.O. Box 198, 194 Main St., Jeffersonville, 802-644-2117; [thevarnum@gmail.com](mailto:thevarnum@gmail.com). Please visit Varnum Library's website, <http://thevarnum.org>.

Hours: Mondays and Tuesdays 12:00 - 7:00 PM, Wednesdays 3:00 - 7:00 PM, Thursdays 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM, Fridays 2:00 - 5:00 PM, and Saturdays 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM. Closed Sundays.

**WESTFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY, WESTFORD**

Early Literacy Storytime for birth to preschool age children is every Thursday, 11:00 AM. No registration needed. Several stories around a theme, and a theme-based craft. All ages and leels of attention are encouraged to come. Don't worry if they fidget - they are still getting a lot out of it! Playgroup every Monday, 9:30 AM!

Tai Chi 2, every Tuesday and Thursday, 9:00 - 9:45 AM.

Wednesday, February 17, 7:00 - 8:00 PM: Adult Book Group.

Friday, February 19, 7:00 - 8:00 PM: Art Opening Amey Radcliffe's "Re-Art." Refreshments served.

Wednesday, February 24, 3:00 - 6:00 PM: Squishy Circuits. Drop in to play with electricity! All ages.

Wednesday, February 24, 6:30 - 7:30 PM: PJ Storytime.

Thursday, February 25, 11:00 AM - Storytime. Friday, February 26, 12:00 - 2:00 PM: Lunch and a Movie. Bring lunch and a drink and watch

*The Good Dinosaur*. Popcorn provided.

Library Hours: Wednesday 1:00 - 7:00 PM, Thursday 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM, Friday 1:00 - 7:00 PM, Saturday 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM; website [westfordpubliclibrary.wordpress.com](http://westfordpubliclibrary.wordpress.com); email: [westfordpubliclibrary@gmail.com](mailto:westfordpubliclibrary@gmail.com). Like us on Facebook. 878-5639, Bree Drapa, Librarian.

**RICHMOND LIBRARY**

If you spend time with a little person on Friday mornings, consider bringing them to *Early Bird Math*. We read books, sing songs, and play simple action games that introduce and reinforce early math concepts such as more/less, big/small, shapes, spatial comprehension, and more! No registration required, just come ready to count, sort, and measure. Fridays, 11:00 AM.

Did you know that we offer quiet work areas on all three of our floors, including a newly renovated lounge on our third floor? If you work from home and occasionally like a change of scenery, check out our spaces. We have Wi-Fi, and coffee (tea and hot cocoa, too!) and the newspaper at the ready for your mid-morning break.

Drop-in knitting (or other crafts) is on every Wednesday, 6:30 - 8:00 PM, in the mezzanine lounge.

Visit our webpage for links to free eBook and audio downloads via *ListenUpVermont* or *OneClick Digital*. Tutorials for every device are available with both services. You will need your library patron barcode to access.

Not sure what to try next? Feel free to ask staff and we'll do our best to offer suggestions that fit your mood. Also, stop and browse our display counter of different books and movies. Each month presents a different theme.

Also good to remember - the Library subscribes to 80 different magazines you can check out, from *Adventure Cycling*, *Atlantic Monthly*, *Consumer Reports*, *Cooks Illustrated*, *Discover*, *Family Fun*, *Family Handyman*, *Fine Gardening*, *Kiplinger*, *Mother Jones*, *The New Yorker*, *Practical Homeschooling*, *Utne Reader*, *The Week*, *Wired*, *Yes!* and other titles.

Richmond Free Library, 201 Bridge St., P.O. Box 997, Richmond, VT 05477; 434-3036; 434-3223 (fax); [www.richmondfreelibraryvt.org](http://www.richmondfreelibraryvt.org). Open Monday and Wednesday, 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM, Tuesday and Thursday, 1:00 - 6:00 PM; Friday, 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM; Saturday, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM.

**FAIRFAX COMMUNITY LIBRARY**

If you are staying put during the school break at the end of February, be sure to check out our programs that week, which include a *Frozen* themed story hour/party and a family movie night. And don't forget, you can borrow snow shoes from the library!

Winter weather closings at the Fairfax Community Library - For the safety of our staff and patrons, the library will likely be closed when school is cancelled, and when there is severe winter weather. If in doubt, we urge you to call ahead and see if we are open. If you get the answering machine during normal open hours, we are probably closed.

All events are free unless noted. Pre-registration encouraged - 802-849-2420 or [libraryprograms@fwsu.org](mailto:libraryprograms@fwsu.org).

Tuesdays, 9:30 - 10:30 AM: Preschool Story Hour. Join us for themed stories, songs, and activities for ages 0-6. No registration necessary for story hour.

Wednesday, February 17, 3:00 - 4:00 PM: STEM club: Kids age 6+ will investigate static electricity. Must pre-register.

Thursday, February 18, 6:00 - 7:00 PM: Armchair Travels: Walking the Camino de Santiago - France and Spain. No passport required. Immerse yourself in pictures and stories from a five week trek by Enosburg resident Claudia Rose along this historic pilgrimage route.

Saturday, February 20, 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM: Seed Swap. Bring any extra seeds (fruit, vegetable, flower) you have to spare and swap with neighbors to add to the variety in your garden this spring. Free program, but all participants must bring some seeds to share.

Tuesday, February 23, 10:00 - 11:30 AM: SPECIAL Story Hour: *Frozen* Party. Kids ages 0-7 are invited to a special *Frozen*-themed party with stories, crafts, games, and a special snack. Registration required.

Thursday, February 25, 6:00 - 8:00 PM: Family Movie Night: *Labyrinth*. Come see this 1986 cult classic starring David Bowie as the Goblin King. Popcorn provided. Free! You are welcome to bring your own comfy chair if you want.

Saturday, February 27, 9:00 - 11:00 AM: Tech Help. Sign up for a 30-minute session or drop in from 10:00 - 11:00 AM. You can ask any tech question and/or bring in a device you need help with. You will be ably assisted by our techie, Josiah

Tuesdays, 9:30 - 10:30 AM: Preschool Story Hour Join us for themed stories, songs, and activities for ages 0-6. No registration necessary for story hour. March 1: Bears! March 8: Senses: Smell. March 15: NO Preschool Story Hour. March 22: Chemistry with Special Guest Scientist Rebecca Rupp. March 29: Seasons: Spring.

Tuesday, March 1, 6:00 - 8:00 PM: Family Game Night. Join us for this fun monthly tabletop game event! Bring a favorite game or come and learn a new one. Drop in. Ages 5+.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

**New VT Yankee storage pad needed until Feds remove spent fuel**

To the Editor:

This month the Vermont Public Service Board (PSB) will consider the proposed second dry cask storage pad at Vermont Yankee (VY). This concrete pad would support the remaining reinforced concrete and steel casks containing spent reactor fuel.

VY plans to self-finance the \$145 million project, and is willing to begin the fuel transfer two years earlier than planned. The pad's approval was a condition of the 2013 Entergy/State of Vermont Settlement Agreement providing \$50 million of redevelopment funds to Vermont.

This pad is a very big deal for all concerned. Without it, the decommissioning cannot proceed as planned and recently found acceptable by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission. A PSB denial could conceivably place at risk the Settlement Agreement and all of its benefits. Although VY does not produce electricity anymore, approving this spent fuel storage site is an important next step in the decommissioning process.

Ironically, this pad at Vermont Yankee shouldn't be necessary. Thirty years ago, Congress promised Americans a national spent

fuel repository. Billions of dollars have since been collected from the industry, but no repository has been opened. Spent fuel at all U.S. nuclear plants remains onsite.

Recently a faint light appeared at the end of this long, dark tunnel. Two high-level nuclear waste storage sites have been proposed in the American Southwest. One or both sites could open within 5-10 years, according to State Nuclear Engineer Anthony Leshinskie. This plan merits the support of Vermont's federal delegation. Meanwhile, the spent fuel storage site should equally be supported by the PSB.

**Guy Page  
Communications Director  
Vermont Energy Partnership**

*The Vermont Energy Partnership (www.vtep.org) is a diverse group of more than 90 business, labor, and community leaders committed to finding clean, affordable and reliable electricity solutions. Its mission is to educate policy makers, the media, businesses, and the general public about why electricity is imperative for prosperity, and about the optimal solutions to preserve and expand our electricity network. Entergy, owner of Vermont Yankee, is a member of the Vermont Energy Partnership.*

**Underhill voters: help save the Old Schoolhouse!**

To the Editor,

Please vote "YES" on Article 8 at the Underhill Town Meeting, Tuesday, March 1 to help restore the Old District 5 Schoolhouse.

The Town is the owner of the Old Schoolhouse, and the 2015 Town Contingency Fund has \$20,000 available to begin its restoration. The Underhill Historical Society will match this amount with an additional \$20,000, thus providing a total of \$40,000 to begin work this spring.

The money in this fund is already available and will not place a burden on Underhill taxpayers or increase their taxes. Many members of the community have been working hard to plan for the restoration of this historic building in order to insure that it will continue to be available for use by the community. Please support their efforts by voting "YES."

Thank you for your support.

**Scott H. Tower  
Underhill Historical Society**

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Wednesday, March 2, 16, and 30, 3:15 – 4:15 PM: Read to a Dog. Kids ages 5-10 can read a book of their choice to a fuzzy, friendly dog. Call to reserve a 15-minute slot.

Thursday, March 3, 6:00 – 7:00 PM: PJ Story Hour. Kids age 0-6 listen to themed stories, followed by a craft and snack. Thanks to Success by Six for this wonderful program.

Saturday, March 5, 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM: Trapped in the Ice: Really "Cool" Science. Kids age 6+ do hands-on experiments to learn about the science of ice and Antarctica, based on the adventures of Sir Ernest Shackleton (and our *Vermont Reads* book for 2016).

Wednesday, March 9, 3:00 – 4:00 PM: LEGO Club. Ages 6+ enjoy themed Lego play after school. Please register.

Thursday, March 10, 6:30 – 8:00 PM: Special Non-Fiction Book Group discusses *The Endurance: Shackleton's Legendary Antarctic Expedition* and *Shipwreck at the Bottom of the World*, the Vermont Humanities Council's 2016 *Vermont Reads* book picks. Everyone is encouraged to take a copy of either book, which you may keep or pass along when you finish. Books are available at the library.

Saturday, March 12, 9:00 – 11:00 AM: Tech Help, Sign up for a 30-minute session or drop in from 10:00 – 11:00 AM. You can ask any tech question and/or bring in a device with which you need help. You will be ably assisted by our techie, Josiah.

Saturday, March 12, 10:00 AM – 12:30 PM: Ice Carving Demonstration. As part of our Vermont Reads program, we are hosting an ice carving demonstration outside the library with local sculptor Colleen Bunnell. This program is for all ages and will include lots of interaction with the artist, as well as observation of the actual sculpting process from a safe distance. The library will keep the sculpture when it is finished. Come check it out!

Thursday, March 17, 3:00 – 4:00 PM: Crafternoon: Snowflake Resist Paintings. Kids 6+ will explore masking techniques including glue, crayons, and masking tape in combination with watercolor paint to create beautiful winter scenes. Please register.

Friday, March 18, 6:00 – 8:00 PM: Special movie screening. Join us for a screening of the film *The Endurance*, a retelling of Sir Ernest Shackleton's ill-fated expedition to Antarctica in 1914-1916. This is a great supplement to our *Vermont Reads* program for the month. Everyone is invited whether you are reading the books or not.

Monday, March 21, 3:00 – 4:00 PM: STEM club I: Kids age 6+ will continue to investigate static electricity. Must pre-register.

Thursday, March 24, 5:30 – 7:30 PM: Tea and Bristles. Perfect for all skill levels, Julie Griffis leads this painting class through step-by-step instructions to create a masterpiece. This month's theme is a peacock painting. Recommended ages 16+. Cost is \$25 for materials and snacks. Must register.

Wednesday, March 30, 3:00 – 4:00 PM: STEM club II: Kids age 6+ will continue to investigate static electricity. Must pre-register.

Library Hours: Monday, Wednesday 8:00 AM – 5:30 PM; Tuesday and Thursday 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM; Friday 8:00 AM – 3:15 PM; Saturday 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM.

For up-to-date information about programs, visit our website [www.fairfaxvtlibrary.org](http://www.fairfaxvtlibrary.org), where you can find a link to our interactive Google calendar. Fairfax Community Library: 75 Hunt St., Fairfax, VT, 05454; 849-2420. Program Planner Karyn Norwood, [knorwood@fwsu.org](mailto:knorwood@fwsu.org); Library News: [www.bfairfax.com/pages/communitylibrarynews.html](http://www.bfairfax.com/pages/communitylibrarynews.html).

**DOROTHY ALLING MEMORIAL LIBRARY, WILLISTON**

All events are free.  
Preschool Music: Mondays, 11:00 AM with Peter Alsen; and Thursdays, 10:30 AM with Marcie Hernandez. (Except Mondays, February 15 and 29: library closed.) For children up to age 5 with a caregiver. No pre-registration. Limit: one session per week per family.

Thursday Playtime: Thursdays, 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM. Children birth to age 5 and their caregivers are invited for an informal playtime following our Preschool Music program. Sponsored by Building Bright Futures.

Read to a Dog! Tuesdays, 3:30 – 4:30 PM (except February 23). Bring a book and read to one of our Therapy Dogs of Vermont. All ages. Call 878-4918 to pre-register for individual sessions.

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Thursday Playtime: Thursdays, 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM. Children birth to age 5 and their caregivers are invited for an informal playtime following our Preschool Music program. Sponsored by Building Bright Futures.

Preschool Story Time: Tuesdays at 10:30 AM (except February 23). Includes a simple craft activity. For children ages 3-5.

Crafts with Ms. Jess: CD Art: Wednesday, February 17, 3:30 – 4:30 PM. Transform old CDs into sparkling, colorful decorations. Grades 3 and up.

Drop-In Craft: Make CD Felt Friends: Tuesday, February 23, 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM. Turn CDs into fuzzy felt creatures! All ages.

Lego Day: Thursday, February 25, 2:00 – 4:00 PM. Make your own Lego creations using the library's Lego collection. Grades K and up. No pre-registration.

Drop-In Games: Saturday, February 27, 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM. Looking for others who enjoy playing games? Join Travis Pery of Franklin County Gamers and learn a new game, or bring one of your own to share.

Children ages 8 and younger must be accompanied by an adult while at the library.

Dorothy Alling Memorial Library, 21 Library Lane, Williston. 802-878-4918, [www.williston.lib.vt.us](http://www.williston.lib.vt.us).

**BROWNELL MEMORIAL LIBRARY, ESSEX JCT.**

Thursdays, February 18 and 25, 9:15, 10:00, 10:45, and 11:30 AM: AARP Free Tax Prep Help. For taxpayers with low and middle incomes, especially those age 60 and older, Tak and Dorothy Ng, AARP foundation certified tax preparers, will offer 45-minute appointments. Call 878-6955 or drop by the library's Circulation Desk to schedule an appointment. Available until April 7.

Thursday, February 18, 3:15 – 4:00 PM: Read to Archie, Therapy Dog. Archie, certified by Therapy Dogs of Vermont, loves to listen to kids read. His owner is Christine Packard, Chair of Brownell Library Trustees. All ages.

Friday, February 19, 10:00 – 10:45 AM: Songs and Stories with Matthew. Matthew Witten performs songs about our world and tells adventurous tales. For all ages. Funded by the Friends of Brownell Library.

Wednesday, February 10, 7:00 – 11:00 PM: Pathfinder Society. This fantasy role-playing game is similar to Dungeons and Dragons. For ages 16 and up. Open to newcomers.

Wednesday, February 17, 10:00 – 10:45 AM: Story Time for 3-5 year olds. Picture books, songs, rhymes, puppets, flannel stories, and early math activities for preschoolers.

Wednesday, February 17, 6:30 – 9:00 PM: Mayhem of the Month Dine and Discuss Series: *The Beekeeper's Apprentice*, or *On the Segregation of the Queen* by Laurie R. King. Discussion leader Ed Cashman. In 1915, Sherlock Holmes is retired and quietly engaged

**TV in VT: Live from Underhill**

By Angelike Contis

Did you know that on February 2, 2015 something very exciting happened for the first time in Underhill? The Selectboard meeting was streamed live, courtesy of Mount Mansfield Community Television (MMCTV). All we needed was a willing Selectboard, a top-notch videographer (thank you, Ruth), our video/audio gear, a small red Livestream box, an HDMI cable, an ethernet connection, and our new streaming site (<https://livestream.com/mmctv>).

Please don't yawn, we believe that streaming meetings like this live onto our station (Comcast 15 in Jericho, Richmond, and Underhill) and the Internet is a great way to involve members of the public who can't make it to events due to family, work, or mobility issues. We are now streaming the first Underhill Selectboard meeting of the month and the second Richmond water/sewer and

in the study of honeybees until 15-year-old Mary Russell literally stumbles onto him. She becomes his protégée and partner and the two are called to Wales to help Scotland Yard find the kidnapped daughter of an American senator. Copies available at the Adult Circulation desk. Potluck fare: Let the book inspire you! Library provides tableware, decaf and water. (The *Mountain Gazette* copy editor highly recommends this book!)

Friday, February 19, 3:15 – 4:30 PM: Crafternoon. Make jewelry to keep or give away. For students grades 4 and up.

Friday, February 19, 6:30 – 8:30 PM: Family Movie. Free popcorn and drinks!

Saturday, February 20, 3:00 – 4:00 PM: Chess Club. Come play! Teen chess players help you discover new moves. All ages and skill levels are welcome. Kids 8 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

Mondays, February 22 and 29, 9:15, 10:00, 10:45, and 11:30 AM: AARP Free Tax Prep Help. For taxpayers with low and middle incomes, especially those age 60 and older, Tak and Dorothy Ng, AARP foundation certified tax preparers, will offer 45-minute appointments. Call 878-6955 or drop by the library's Circulation Desk to schedule an appointment. Available until April 7.

Monday, February 22, 4:30 – 5:30 PM: Star Wars Club. Max Holzman leads the Star Wars Club. This session focuses on favorite vehicles. For all ages. Popcorn and drink!

Monday, February 22, 6:00 – 8:27 PM: Oscar Nominee Movie Screening. Free popcorn and drinks!

Tuesday, February 23, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM: Library closed for team building.

Tuesday, February 23, 3:00 – 4:00 PM: Knitting for Kids. Knit a hat with our looms! You can check them out and take them home to finish. We have yarn, or bring your own favorite colors and knitting needles. For all skill levels.

Wednesday, February 24, 2:00 – 3:30 PM: Vacation Movie. Free popcorn and drinks.

Wednesday, February 24, 7:00 – 9:00 PM: *Latino Americans* screening and discussion. One-hour episodes of the landmark PBS documentary series *Latino Americans: 500 Years of History* with discussions led by University of Vermont professor Luis Vivanco. A Vermont Humanities Council series.

Thursday, February 25, 2:00 – 3:00 PM: Color a Poster. Using Dover coloring books, we will create two posters, each assembled from twelve individual coloring pages. Your choice: *Knights and Dragons* or *Fairy Princesses*. Come color with your friends and decorate the library! For ages 6-12.

Friday, February 26, 10:00 – 10:30 AM: Drop-In Story Time for kids of all ages. Babies, toddlers and preschoolers are welcome to come listen to picture book stories and have fun with finger plays and action rhymes.

Friday, February 26, 6:00 – 8:30 PM: Dungeons and Dragons. Embark on imaginary adventure. Our Dungeon Master serves as the game's referee and storyteller. Grades 6 and up.

Friday, February 26, 6:30 – 8:30 PM: Maggie's Fiber Friday for Adults. Maggie Loftus, veteran knitter, will be settled in front of the fireplace in the Main Reading Room. She invites adult knitters and crocheters to join her with their projects and engage in conversation. Bring patterns to share if you'd like. If you wish to contact Maggie: [6maggie2@myfairpoint.net](mailto:6maggie2@myfairpoint.net).

Saturday, February 27, 2:00 – 4:00 PM: *Take Your Child to the Library Day*. Celebrate with a variety of activities just for you and your child or grandchild. Puppetry, art and math activities, games, and a snack.

Monday, February 29, 2:00 – 2:45 PM: *The Cat in the Hat* at Brownell Library. The Flynn Theater sends *The Cat in the Hat* to Brownell Library to read the famous Dr. Seuss books about his escapades. There will be a drawing at the event for a pair of tickets to attend a live performance of *The Cat in the Hat* at the Flynn Theater on Tuesday, March 8. For kids of all ages.

Monday, February 29, 6:00 – 8:00 PM: Computer Deconstruction. Take apart some old computers to see what is inside and learn about how all of the parts work together.

Brownell Library, 6 Lincoln St., Essex Junction. Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 9:00 AM – 9:00 PM; Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday (July until after Labor Day, closed Saturdays): 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM. Call Main Desk 878-6955, Youth Desk 878-6956, Reference Desk 878-6957, or [frontdesk@brownelllibrary.org](mailto:frontdesk@brownelllibrary.org).

Selectboard meetings of the month live. We're hoping Jericho will soon follow suit.

MMCTV has been gearing up for Town Meeting Day by inviting local candidates into our studio to record short messages to the public. We recorded videos for Underhill Selectboard candidates Craig Lassiter and Kurt Johnson, and are expecting Jericho candidate Wayne Howe in the studio as this paper goes to press. You can watch these and another 1000 or so recent MMCTV videos at [www.vimeo.com/mmctv](http://www.vimeo.com/mmctv).

If you have any thoughts on MMCTV, please share them with us on Town Meeting Day. We'll be there and would love your feedback. This year we'll be streaming Richmond's meeting live. (We will be rotating between the three towns until, at least, each one

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## ART / MUSIC / THEATER

## ART/PHOTOGRAPHY

The Vermont Crafts Council Spring Open Studio Tour is the weekend of May 28-29, 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM both days. It is time to sign up for the local Jericho Underhill Spring Open Studio Tour. Deadline is Friday, February 19. There is a fee of \$20, check made out to the *Jericho Underhill Open Studio*. Send fee to treasurer Emilie Alexander at 22 Barber Farm Rd., Jericho, VT 05465. Questions, please contact Dianne Shullenberger, [vtidiane@hotmail.com](mailto:vtidiane@hotmail.com).

The Emile A. Gallery, 22 Barber Farm Rd., Jericho is hosting the second annual exhibition of the students of the Fine Arts Department at Mount Mansfield Union High School. Come and enjoy the unique art created by student artists in drawing, painting, advanced placement studio art, fine metal, pottery, digital photography, and darkroom photography. Through Sunday, February 21. Gallery hours are Thursday-Sunday, 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM, or by appointment, 899-3211.

*Double Exposure: Visual Art and the Written Word In Honor of National Poetry Month*, the next exhibit at the Jericho Town Hall, will reflect a collaboration between two artistic disciplines. Established and emerging artists are invited to submit one or two artworks in any medium (including photography) together with a short poem, excerpt from a longer one, or a passage from another written work that inspired the artwork or that the artwork inspired. The show will run from April 1-June 30; register by Tuesday, March 15. For information and registration: [blgreene@myfairpoint.net](mailto:blgreene@myfairpoint.net) or 802-878-8887.

Johnson State College's Julian Scott Memorial Gallery in the Dibden Center for the Arts will be transformed into an experimental gallery concept titled *O P E N*, a gallery where art is meant to be a public and pedestrian sensorial experience in space and time. The exhibit runs through Saturday, March 5. Each week, the gallery will be taken over by an artist or collaborative that will present their explorations in light, sound, movement and technology. The remaining artists in the series include: Sunday-Saturday, February 14-20: Al Larsen, director of the BFA in Creative Media Program at Champlain College, will present an art experience with an artist's talk at 3:00 PM on Wednesday, February 17, with a reception following from 4:00 – 7:00 PM; Wednesday, February 24-Saturday, March 5: Molly Davies and Polly Motley, internationally recognized artists, will be working with JSC students and faculty to create an installation/performance with a performance held from 4:00 – 7:00 PM Friday, March 4. Open Tuesdays-Fridays, 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM, and Saturdays, 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM, as well as during performances at Dibden Center. Admission is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Michael Zebrowski, assistant professor of fine arts and gallery director, 802-635-1469 or [Michael.Zebrowski@jsc.edu](mailto:Michael.Zebrowski@jsc.edu).

Helen Day Art Center in Stowe has announced an open call to artists for the 25<sup>th</sup> *Exposed* outdoor sculpture exhibition to be held from July 23-October 15, 2016. Vermont artists may submit proposals; contact Rachel Moore, Curator, [exposed@helayday.com](mailto:exposed@helayday.com) with any questions regarding the application process or to obtain more detailed information. Helen Day will offer a free workshop: *Sewing Rebellion*, on Sunday, March 20, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM (drop-in any time). Instructor Frau Fiber will help you learn how to alter, mend, and make garments and accessories, distributing knowledge of pattern making and sewing. Participants are asked to bring pants to mend, garments to alter, and sewing problems seeking solutions. Free, but registration is required,

802-253-8358. Through Sunday, April 10, *People's Cloth Trade Show: The t-shirt is the problem*. California-based artist and activist Carole Frances Lung (aka Frau Fiber) creates an immersive environment about the global production of the t-shirt and how to upcycle, reuse, and extend the life of the t-shirt. Through Sunday, April 10, *Intimacy + Materiality*, with Liz Collins and Sarah Amos. Artists in this exhibition use traditional labor intensive techniques to create contemporary artworks, from screen printed cloth to jacquard woven sculpture. Helen Day Art Center, 90 Pond St., Stowe. 802-253-8358.

UVM's Fleming Museum of Art, 61 Colchester Ave., Burlington has two new exhibitions beginning in February. *Pop Art Prints* features 37 celebrated prints by Jasper Johns, Roy Lichtenstein, Claes Oldenburg, Robert Rauschenberg, Robert Indiana, Andy Warhol, and others, on loan from the Smithsonian American Art Museum. The exhibit also features select additions from the Fleming's permanent collection that recognize the contributions of women Pop artists Marisol, Chryssa, and Corita Kent. Also, *Samuel Bak: Survival and Memory*, a selection of Bak's works, from the drawings and watercolors he did immediately after WWII, to the complex allegorical paintings he has created throughout his career. A robust schedule of events and programs accompanies the exhibitions, including talks, films, music, poetry readings, and more.

*In Layers: The Art of the Egg* – call to artists from the Birds of Vermont Museum to be part of its 2016 season art exhibit of art and craft that focus on the beauty, biology, and essence of eggs. The show runs from May 1 to October 31 in the Museum's multi-purpose room, halls, and foyer. Most art will be hung on the walls. We have shelf space for three-dimensional works and some ceiling space if your work is suitable there. Feel free to visit and scope out the options! We are open to all sorts of media and we strive, in choosing works, for a harmonious variety. Artists may submit up to three works, as photos (.JPGs) showing the work, by email to [museum@birdsofvermont.org](mailto:museum@birdsofvermont.org); please put "Submission for In Layers: The Art of the Egg" in the subject line. Alternately, send prints to the museum, 900 Sherman Hollow Rd., Huntington, VT 05462, Attn. "In Layers Art." Either way, please include your contact information and a description of the work (media, artwork size, etc.). Entries are due by Tuesday, March 22; museum staff will select pieces by March 29. For more information, please contact Kir Talmage or Allison Gergely with any questions. We can be reached at 802 434-2167 or [museum@birdsofvermont.org](mailto:museum@birdsofvermont.org).

Works by Vermont Artist Linda DiSante will be featured at Shelburne Vineyard, 6308 Shelburne Rd., Shelburne through February 28. DiSante works primarily in watercolor but also works with graphite and pen and ink, depending on the subject matter. This show titled *The Nature of Things* will display many of her works that focus on the essence of things that make up the natural world – like the pattern of pebbles and stones on the beach, or the interconnected lines and colors that emerge as one looks through a deep woods. DiSante is also the author/illustrator of the children's picture book, *Will You Be My Friend?* Beginning Tuesday, March 1, landscape photographer Kurt Madison will be the featured artist, through May 31, and with an artist's reception on Sunday, March 6, 2:00 – 4:00 PM. This exhibit features some of Madison's winter scenes. The exhibit will hang in the Tasting Room and the Vineyard's upstairs loft. Visitors are welcome seven days a week all year; winter hours are 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM.

*Birds of a Feather*, organized by Shelburne Museum, will be on view at the Museum's Pizzagalli Center for Art & Education through Sunday, May 1. The exhibition explores the illusory and deadly beauty of American wildfowl decoys. Rare and historically significant decoys of 13 bird species from Shelburne Museum's own collection represent the work of master artisans. Carvers of decoys are often also hunters, but no less naturalists and admirers of the beauty and diversity of their prey. The exhibition will also feature vintage duck-hunting gear including a Nova Scotia duck tub, a Punt Gun, and other related objects.

## MUSIC/DANCE

Grammy-winning fingerpicker Pat Donohue will be in concert on Sunday, February 21 at the Richmond Congregational Church, 20 Church St., Jericho. The concert starts at 4:00 PM; doors open at 3:30 PM. A versatile guitarist's guitarist, Pat enjoys entertaining fans with intricate fingerpicking, easy wit and nimble interpretations of old blues, swing, R&B and original tunes. As the guitarist for the *Guys All-Star Show Band* on *Prairie Home Companion*, Pat got to show off his savvy licks and distinctive original songs to millions of listeners every week. Tickets, \$17.50 in advance/\$20 day of show, are available at <http://www.valleystage.net/pm-sundays-artists/pat-donohue.html> or by contacting Don Sheldon, [don@valleystage.net](mailto:don@valleystage.net) or 802-434-4563.

## THEATER/FILM

Dinner and a Movie, Thursday, March 3, 6:00 PM – join the Milton Historical Society for a summer-themed potluck dinner followed by the movie *A Green Mountain Journey* to remind us of those summertime

## TOWN OF JERICHO- DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Jericho Development Review Board will hold a public hearing at 7:00 PM on Thursday, March 10, 2016 at the Jericho Town Hall to consider the following:

- A request to the DRB by Phylvin Acres, LLC for a boundary adjustment of approximately 15 acres (minor subdivision) at 579 Browns Trace. This parcel is located in the Rural Residential, Agriculture, and Forestry Zoning Districts.
- A request to the DRB by Jamie Valyov for conditional use approval of a new camp located at 90 Milo White Road. This parcel is located in the Forestry Zoning District.

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

Michelle Patrick  
Zoning Administrator and Planning Assistant  
Town of Jericho  
[mpatrick@jerichovt.gov](mailto:mpatrick@jerichovt.gov)

road trips that seem so far away in this cold weather. For more information, contact [miltonhistorical@yahoo.com](mailto:miltonhistorical@yahoo.com).

Auditions for Stowe Theatre Guild's summer production of the 1970s rock opera *Jesus Christ Superstar* will be held Friday-Saturday, February 19-20 at the Town Hall Theater in Stowe. With music by Andrew Lloyd Webber and lyrics by Tim Rice, the musical is a rock opera, with no spoken dialogue, the story loosely based on the Gospels' accounts of the last week of Jesus's life. Auditions will be held on Friday, February 19, 6:00 – 9:00 PM, and Saturday, February 20, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM, at the Town Hall Theatre, 67 Main St., Stowe (second floor of the Memorial Building). Callbacks, if needed, will be held Sunday, February 21, 1:00 – 3:00 PM. All are encouraged to audition, and there is no gender-specific casting; all roles are open to men or women. Directed by Scott Weigand; musical direction by Stefanie Weigand; choreography by Taryn Noelle. Show dates are Wednesday-Saturday, August 17-20, 23-27, 31 and September 1-3, 7:30 PM. Pre-registration for auditions is suggested, contact producer Kathi Kiernan, [the\\_kiernans@yahoo.com](mailto:the_kiernans@yahoo.com) to reserve a spot. For additional audition information and materials, visit [www.stowetheatre.com](http://www.stowetheatre.com) or [www.fb.com/stowetheatre](http://www.fb.com/stowetheatre).

## MMusic students accepted for All-State Music Festival

Congratulations to these MMusic Students for their acceptance into the 2016 All-State Music Festival: Avi Bauer/Drumset (Principal); Caleb Brown/Trumpet; Ginny Churchill/Clarinet (Principal); Akash Kushwaha/Violin; Iris Lewis/Viola; Elliot Lowe/Trumpet (Principal); Cory Raymond/Alto Saxophone (Principal); Cameron Smith/Tenor Saxophone; Beth Syverson/French Horn.

This year the All-State Music Festival will be held at Missisquoi Valley Union High School in Swanton, Wednesday-Saturday, May 4-7. For more information please visit <http://www.vmea.org/allState.php>.

## Steve May to seek two-year term on Richmond Select Board

Citing a desire to assure that Richmond remains an affordable place to make a house and raise a family, Steve May launched his bid for a seat on the Richmond Select Board. "There is a reason that people want to live here, it's not an accident – this is a desirable place to be, we are blessed with good schools and efficient basic services." May continued, "We are stewards of this community... it is our job to maintain a prudent balance between the many competing interests here."

May noted his expectation that themes which have come up as part of the ongoing town plan consultation will continue to drive the public discourse in town – "Parking concerns in the village continue to be raised as an ongoing issue, as does the potential of increased traffic as a result of increased development in the village." May has raised the possibility of employing traffic calming strategies to lessen the impacts of any future increases in traffic. May also noted a desire from many quarters in town to deepen and broaden the recreational offerings available in town beyond youth sports, to recreational activities across the lifecycle. A part time Recreation Director would be a healthy first step help towards developing programming and coordinating ongoing activities.

As to experience, May points to a variety of advocacy and public policy experiences. May was appointed as a Legislative Fellow in 2001 in the New York State Senate, serving on the staff of a State Senator whose district was hard hit by the Trade Center attacks. May notched periods of service as the Regional Director of Advocacy for the New England Hemophilia Association and National Director of State Affairs for the Hemophilia Federation of America, where he was the point person for more than 40 state chapter organizations and all their individual legislative efforts in various statehouses around the country.

Closer to home, May has previously been a member of the Executive Board of the Vermont AFL-CIO and Vice President of the Champlain Valley Central Labor Council. Currently, Steve is a member of the town's Recreation Committee and is its representative to the Lake Iroquois Recreation Board. By profession, May is a Clinical Social Worker providing psychotherapy to people with addiction and mental health issues from his Burlington office. May holds two master's degrees: one in Social Work from UVM, and a Masters of Arts in Political Science from the University of Rhode Island. His bachelor's, also in Politics, is from Ithaca College.

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has its own streaming device.) In other MMCTV news, we are looking forward to holding a two-day *Love Your Library* TV workshop at the Richmond Free Library on Monday and Tuesday, February 22 and 23; youngsters ages 10-16 will gather to produce videos promoting the library.

We are also excited about a new series of instructional videos teaching the fine art of writing, produced by penman Chris Carfaro. An exhibit of Chris' amazing calligraphy will be up at MMCTV by the end of this month, with a reception planned for Monday, March 5, 5:00 – 8:00 PM. We hope to see you there.

MMCTV recently recorded a great studio show with local band *Front Porch Foursome*. The Cuban Bridge series, with Tony Basanta, also continues to bring local music into our studio; in January, Rich Davidian and the *VT Jazz Ensemble* were the featured artists. Next, Tony brings Celtic/folk band *Rowan* to MMCTV live on Tuesday, February 23 at 6:30 PM.

A little further from home, MMCTV field producer Bryce Douglass premiered his documentary *Green and Gold: An Artistic Story of the Vermont State Hospital* on January 29. The film, which he has worked on for at least two years, features artist Sarah-Lee Turrat as she digs through archival photos of past patients to make the beautiful, layered forest mural at the rebuilt state office complex in Waterbury. Watch for the documentary and related videos on MMCTV.

Finally, local filmmakers (or filmmakers-to-be) of all ages are invited to MMCTV on Monday, March 21 to register for the first-ever VAN Video Challenge. This competition is sponsored by the Vermont Access Network, of which MMCTV is a member. Contest participants are welcome to make use of MMCTV gear and know-how to make a short film according to contest criteria by Friday, April 1. There is a \$25 registration fee. Contact MMCTV for more details!

Angelike Contis the Executive Director of Mount Mansfield Community TV, serving Jericho, Richmond, and Underhill on Comcast Channel 15. For more information: 802-434-2550, [mmctv@comcast.net](mailto:mmctv@comcast.net), or [www.mmctv15.org](http://www.mmctv15.org).

## AUCTIONS

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**Dorothy Esther Ayers Caswell Ingalls**, 93, a longtime resident of Burlington, VT and more recently of Jeffersonville, VT, passed away peacefully in the comfort of her home on Thursday morning, January 28, 2016. Born in Waterbury, VT on January 14, 1923, she was the daughter of the late Max G. and Amy Elizabeth (Wheeler) Ayers. On November 6, 1944 she married John Q. Caswell in Waterbury. Dorothy married Albert Allen Ingalls on November 30, 1975 in Burlington. Albert passed away on June 9, 2003. Dorothy

grew up in Waterbury and was a 1940 graduate of Waterbury High School. She continued her education at Middlebury College where she was a member of Alpha Xi Delta Sorority and graduated in 1944 with her Bachelor of Arts degree in English. Following her marriage to John Caswell, Dorothy was happy and busy as a homemaker and raising her two sons. She later entered the work force as a secretary for the Vocational Education Department at the University of Vermont, from which she retired. Gracious, kind, and convivial, Dorothy enjoyed all aspects of life and devoted herself to her family, particularly her sons. An exceptional golfer throughout her life, her other talents included being an accomplished seamstress and excellent cook. Dorothy is loved and mourned by her sons, Christopher Caswell of Burlington, Craig Caswell and his wife Jana of Orlando, FL; her grandchildren, Nicholas Caswell and Sara Caswell; her step-children, Scott Ingalls and his wife Elizabeth of TN, Dori Ingalls and her husband Ian Sweet of Waitsfield, VT; her step-grandchildren, Jamie Ingalls, Hollie Kanaan, Katelyn Flintrop, Dustin Boone and his wife Molly; nephews David Ayers and his wife Betsy, Robert Ayers and his wife Judy; Richard Ayers and his wife Mina, and her niece Betsy Shapiro as well as other nieces, nephews, and extended family. Dorothy was preceded in death by her brother Gleason W. Ayers and his wife Marion. Memorial services will be held from The Waterbury Congregational Church on Sunday, May 22, 2016 at 1:00 PM, with a reception to follow in her grandfather's house at 18 Elm Street, Waterbury, VT. Interment will take place in Hope Cemetery, Waterbury. The family requests that in lieu of flowers memorial gifts would be appreciated to the Alzheimer's Association ([www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org)). Assisting the family is the Perkins-Parker Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Waterbury. To send online condolences please visit [www.perkinsparker.com](http://www.perkinsparker.com) or the funeral home Facebook page.

**Barbara (Victor) Drucker** of Jericho, VT passed away Saturday, January 30, 2016 at home with her loving husband of 69 years by her side. She was born August 2, 1923 in Barrackville, WV to Jacob Devinney Victor and Sarah Wayne Victor. She



received her nursing degree from Johns Hopkins Hospital in 1946, then moved with her husband, Bill, to Egypt to care for patients during the cholera epidemic. After returning to the U.S., Barbara was instrumental in the success of her husband's career in academic surgery and raising their family in Cleveland, OH, Toronto, Ontario, Charlottesville, VA, Rochester, NY, and Rockville, MD. The couple moved to Jericho in 2003. Barbara will be remembered

for her generosity, hospitality, complete dedication to family, and her wonderful sense of humor. She was a "mom" to everyone she met, offering chocolate chip cookies and treats from her chocolate drawer! As a master of puzzles, her family rarely beat her in playing Words With Friends. Barbara is survived by her husband, William; three children, John and wife Terry Swanson (children Max and Robin), Bob and wife Joan Drucker (children Eric and Jenny), Nancy and husband Peter Macone (children Katie and Will); daughter-in-law Jayleane Drucker (children Dawn, Nick and Kirstin); spouses of grandchildren (Brooke, Luke, and Kendra); four great-grandchildren; and her many loving and supportive brothers- and sisters-in-law, nieces, and nephews. She is predeceased by son David and her brother John Victor. A celebration of life is planned for this spring. The family invites you to share your memories and condolences by visiting [www.awrfh.com](http://www.awrfh.com). In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Johns Hopkins School of Nursing Scholarship Fund in Barbara's memory at [www.nursing.jhu.edu/giving](http://www.nursing.jhu.edu/giving). Visit [www.burlingtonfreepress.com/obituaries](http://www.burlingtonfreepress.com/obituaries) to express condolences and sign the guest book.

**Joyce Jackson Walworth**, 86 years old, died on Saturday, January 30, 2016 from complications of cancer. She grew up in



Richmond, VT; after college she raised her family in Cromwell and Rocky Hill, CT and later resettled in Vermont, where she lived until her death. She married Donald Chase of Middletown, CT in 1950, and had four daughters about whom she often expressed her love and pride. In 1968 she married Clarence "Wally" Walworth of Rocky Hill and welcomed three sons into her life; they have been loving and attentive toward her through her life. Joyce's independent and feisty spirit helped

her weather the inevitable storms of life, and after Wally died, she lived on her own to the very end. An intelligent and knowledgeable woman, Joyce loved to read and conversed easily on many subjects. She and Wally traveled to many places domestic and abroad. Joyce

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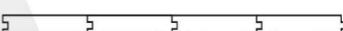
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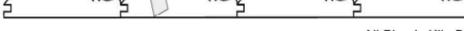
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loved to cook for her family and was a skillful needleworker, creating beautiful creweled items her family treasures. She was predeceased by her parents, Archie and Louisa Hoare Jackson of Richmond, her daughter Susan Loferski, her brother Archie Jr., and her sisters Crystal Gillespie, Johanna Jackson, and Mary Elizabeth Atkins. Her sister Catherine Scribner survives her, along with daughters Diana Ford, Judy Cole, and Priscilla Chase Duran, and sons Kirk, Mark, and Jon Walworth, all of their spouses, eleven grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and friends. She also leaves a special friend, Jan Cahill-Reynaud, who was like a fifth daughter to her. Interment will be later in the year at Berlin Corners Cemetery in VT. Joyce was a lifelong animal lover. Memorial gifts may be made to the ASPCA or your local humane society. Rest in peace, dear Mommy.



**Phyllis Nelson Gray**, 58, of Jericho, VT passed away on Wednesday, February 3, 2016 at Vermont Respite House in Williston,

VT after a brave three-and-a-half-year struggle with ovarian cancer. She was at peace and in the company of her loving husband Peter, friends, and family. Phyllis was a beloved wife, mother, daughter, sister, and grandmother, and a close friend to many. She was born on April 28, 1957 in Bangor, ME to Hazen Edward Nelson and the late Phyllis Joan Nelson. Her family moved often during her childhood, living in Maine, California, and elsewhere before settling in Acton, MA where Phyllis graduated from high school. She attended the University of Maine at Orono, where she met and fell in love with Peter, who she married on August 26, 1978. Theirs was a long, loving, and joyful marriage, and they drew strength from each other in facing life's challenges. Phyllis was a supportive and loving mother to her two children, son Andrew and daughter Kristen, and a doting grandmother to her grandson, Lucas, born in August 2012. Phyllis loved her entire family deeply, and cherished yearly visits to her father's childhood home of Stockholm, ME, where she saw much-loved extended family. Phyllis also treasured her wonderful friends. She had an open and generous heart, and was a best friend to many. She cared deeply for others, gave selflessly, and was a steadfast source of support and compassion to all those whose lives she touched. Phyllis had many passions. She loved to knit, making Christmas stockings to welcome all new members of her family, among many other projects for family and friends. Phyllis also loved nature. She enjoyed many afternoons exploring the wooded paths of Mobb's Farm near their home in Jericho, loved watching birds and other wildlife, and was a passionate gardener, taking great pleasure in her flower and vegetable gardens. She also showed her love of nature by serving on the Jericho Conservation Commission for nearly a decade. Phyllis was a woman of deep but quiet faith, and she cherished the community of faith at the First Congregational Church of Essex Junction. She was happy to share her skills and talents with that community as a member, first, of the church's Board of Trustees and, later, of its Finance Committee. She also volunteered at the church's food pantry and shared her love of reading by volunteering as an *Everybody Wins!* reading mentor. In addition to her love for family and friends, Phyllis was also deeply committed to

her career in the finance and energy sectors. Phyllis received her B.S. in mechanical engineering from the University of Maine at Orono in 1979, and an M.B.A. from the University of Vermont in 1987. She worked for Simmons Precision, Green Mountain Power, Green Mountain Energy, and finally Dwight Asset Management, where she was a Senior Analyst and Vice President with deep expertise in energy and energy policy. She was successful and well respected in her field. A highlight of her career was meeting billionaire businessman and philanthropist Warren Buffet at a conference in Omaha. Perhaps awestruck by her brilliance, he dropped to one knee and proposed to her, a moment immortalized in a favorite photo. Phyllis politely declined, to Peter's relief, and though the proposal was most likely meant in jest, Phyllis was nonetheless quite flattered. Phyllis is survived by her loving husband of 37 years Peter Brian Gray of Jericho; son Andrew Nelson Gray and husband Ethan Charles Jacobs; daughter Kristen Lucia Gray Jafflin, husband Claude Alfred Jafflin, and son Lucas Peter Nelson Jafflin; father Hazen Edward Nelson; brother Eric Hazen Nelson, wife Margaret (Peggy) Jean Krusell, and sons Carl Krusell Nelson and Michael Krusell Nelson; brother John Carl Nelson, wife Betty Shum Nelson, son Antoni Michel Saade, and daughter Anne Shum Nelson; sister Wendy Nelson Cory, husband Stephen Paul Cory, and son Alexander Nelson Cory; father-in-law Donald Charles Gray and Harriet Lou Gray; brother-in-law Michael Charles Gray and wife Ellie Perry Hayes; brother-in-law John Alan Gray and wife Samantha Ann Ridge; and many cherished uncles, aunts, and cousins. The immediate family would like to thank all those who have helped or offered support during Phyllis's illness, including friends, family, and the church community. We thank the staff members at Fanny Allen Hospital, UVM Medical Center, and Massachusetts General Hospital, who aided in Phyllis's diagnosis and worked so hard to improve the length and quality of her life, with special thanks to doctors Cheung Wong and Gail Berry and to nurse Kim Spina. We are eternally grateful also to the staff and volunteers at the Respite House in Williston, VT, who provided such comfort, dignity, and exceptional care to Phyllis and compassionately supported her, her family, and her friends in her final weeks. Thank you, and bless you all. Visiting hours were held on Friday, February 12 at A W Rich Funeral Home - Essex Chapel (Essex Junction, VT). A memorial service was held on Saturday, February 13 at the First Congregational Church of Essex Junction, with Reverend Mark Mendes officiating. A private inurnment will be held at a later date. The family requests donations in lieu of flowers, to either: the PKD (Polycystic Kidney Disease) Foundation - supporting research into a genetic disease that affects Phyllis's family and complicated her cancer treatment - online at [www.pkdcure.org/donate](http://www.pkdcure.org/donate) or by mail to PKD, P.O. Box 871847, Kansas City, MO 64187; or to Vermont Respite House, 99 Allen Brook Lane, Williston, VT 05495. The family also invites you to share memories and condolences by visiting [www.awrfh.com](http://www.awrfh.com).



**Edwin T. Moore II** of Underhill Center, VT, 94 years old, died on Friday, February 5, 2016 after a long illness. He was surrounded by his loving family. Ed was born in Coatsville, PA in 1922 to Lewis Raymond and Grace Brinton Moore. He had two sisters: Trudy, now deceased, and Ester, who lives in Cincinnati, OH. He graduated from Westchester High School in 1939 and started at Swarthmore College. Later he transferred into an accelerated program at RPI and graduated with a BSME in 1942. Ed started his career as a service representative for Pratt and Whitney Aircraft working on P and W engines at Air Force bases. During 1944-46, Ed joined the U.S. Maritime Services, working on oil tankers delivering fuel to military bases in Europe and the Pacific during WWII. For the next two years he studied at Oxford University and enjoyed living with families in France during the interim terms. He returned to the States and started working

again at Pratt and Whitney and enjoyed weekend retreats and vacations in Vermont. It was during this time he met Betty Weichel, his future wife, while skiing at Stowe. He rejoined the Merchant Marines in 1951 and made trips to Europe to "court" Betty. They were engaged in Capri and married in Belmont, MA during the month of December. They recently celebrated their 64th wedding anniversary. For several years, Ed worked for GE and he and Betty were busy raising their two sons, Tom and John. During this time Ed also furthered his education, studying philosophy at NYU from 1958-60 and was called by the Navy during the summer of '59 to serve as an engineer on a troop ship carrying Turkish troops to and from the DMZ in Korea. Following this, Ed worked for several years in marketing high tech products. In 1967, the Moore family decided to move from NY to VT. In 1969, E. T. Moore Builder was established to serve friends and neighbors in the Underhill area. Sons Tom and John and their young friends and neighbors in the Underhill area served as summer work crews. The business is now run by his son Tom Moore when Ed established ET Moore Computer Services. Ed has been involved in countless projects in the Jericho-Underhill community, serving as Selectman, coordinating major renovations to the Town Hall and United Church of Underhill, and complicated mapping projects. Most recently the park in Underhill Center was named in his honor. Ed also was a talented musician and enjoyed playing the clarinet in a musical group with his sons and friends. He is survived by his wife Betty, son Tom and his wife Deb, son John and his wife Penny, grandsons, Justin, Brinton, and Lincoln, and his five great-grandchildren, Malaya, Kurt, Jacob, Lily, and Jackson. All his family lived close by in Underhill and Jericho. Ed has always put the greatest value in life on family, faith, and community. His contributions have been far-reaching and he will remain forever in the hearts of many. A celebration of his life was held at the United Church of Underhill on Saturday, February 13, 2016.

## Women veterans receive care, camaraderie at White River Jct. VA

The White River Junction (WRJ) VA Medical Center now offers new opportunities for women veterans to meet other women veterans as a means to improve healthcare services for women being treated at the VA. The Women's Comprehensive Care Center and designated Women's Health Providers at the WRJ VA provide comprehensive primary care, to include gender specific care and mental health care, to our women veterans in the Upper Valley.

Carey Russ, the Women Veterans Program Manager, says, "Women veterans have been asking for opportunities to meet one another for quite some time. The thing I often hear from women veterans is that they have trouble meeting one another."

Addressing this need, Ms. Russ organized a Kayak Day on Lake Sunapee; a literature group; and now a tea and coffee social that meets regularly on the first Thursday of the month at 10:00 AM in the VA Women's Comprehensive Care Center.

By incorporating educational programs, leisure activities, and other stimulating events for women veterans at the VA, Ms. Russ has created an environment that extends health care beyond the exam room. Women veterans participating in these programs now have the opportunity to develop strong relationships and camaraderie with other women veterans. The Women's Comprehensive Care Center considers relationship building an essential element to providing excellent healthcare for our women veterans.

## Phoenix Books a finalist for PW Bookstore of the Year

Vermont's Phoenix Books has been shortlisted for the 2016 Publishers Weekly Bookstore of the Year Award, which highlights singular achievements in the bookselling industry.

"This year's nominees for the 2016 PW Awards reflect the growth and vitality of independent bookstores," said PW senior vice president and publisher Cevin Bryerman. Phoenix Books opened its third location, in Rutland, in September 2015. The company also has locations in Essex and Burlington.

"I am gratified and humbled for Phoenix Books to be named a finalist for PW Bookstore of the Year," says Phoenix Books' co-owner Mike DeSanto. "Although my partner Renee Reiner and I are the owners, this nomination reflects the truth that all three of our locations serve communities that are loyal to indie bookstores and locally owned businesses, that all of our booksellers are exceedingly loyal to Phoenix Books and put forth herculean efforts on behalf of the stores each and every day, and that our loyal customers are the best darn customers in the universe! Without these three loyalties, Phoenix Books would not

## Classes and events at the Birds of VT Museum

The Birds of Vermont Museum, 900 Sherman Hollow Rd., Huntington offers classes, events, and walks throughout the year, some free and some paid (often less for members); paid unless indicated as free. Here are some of their upcoming



**Brianna Elizabeth Moore**, 15, passed away on Saturday, February 6, 2016. She was born to Robert Moore and Katherine Sylvia-Moore on April 5, 2000 in Burlington, VT. She was a student from Kindergarden through 9<sup>th</sup> grade in the Winoski schools, and was currently a sophomore at Mount Mansfield Union High School in Jericho, VT. Brianna had a beautiful heart and will always be remembered for how she accepted all people regardless of their race, sexual orientation, or religion. She could be counted on to fight for what was right no matter the circumstances. She enjoyed softball, animals, music, and just being a goofball. Smart and funny, Brianna will be loved and missed by all of her family and friends. Left to cherish her memory are her parents Rob and Kathy, brothers Seth Sylvia and Robby Moore, Nana Janice Sylvia-Mills, grandparents Fred and Joanne Sylvia, Dick and Gloria Gokey, Mike and Janine Moore, grandmother Patti Moore, aunt and uncle Will and Jeanne Sylvia and their children Tommy, Luke, Jake and Willy, aunt and uncle Nicole and Steve Peck and their daughter Felicity, uncle Jeremy and his children Andrew and William Moore; her beloved pets: dog Sadie, cat Oliver, kitten Diego, and her hamster; and by extended family and countless friends. Visitation was held on Friday, February 12 at LaVigne Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Winoski. A funeral service was held Saturday, February 13 at the funeral home. Donations may be made in her memory to the family to be put in a foundation to help those in need. Condolences may be shared at [www.lavignefuneralhome.com](http://www.lavignefuneralhome.com).



The BRMS MATHletes are (from left) Ethan Shelden, Matt Baldwin, Gus Gautsch, Theo Krueger, and Jackson Novotny.

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## BRMS MATHletes compete at UVM

Five students representing Browns River Middle School in Jericho competed in the VT NW Chapter Math Counts Competition on Saturday, February 6. Matt Baldwin, Ethan Shelden, Theo Krueger, Jackson Novotny, and Gus Gautsch solved math problems individually and as a team.

Here is an example of the math problems they solved: "The mean of seven positive integers is 16. When the smallest of these integers is removed, the sum of the remaining six integers is 108. What is the value of the integer that was removed?"

"Math Club students enjoy solving difficult math problems, and display perseverance and precision in competitive contests," commented coach Suzanne McDevitt. The chapter competition lasted approximately four hours, including a very exciting countdown round where the top 12 individuals competed in a head to head, single elimination competition. The students also enjoyed a presentation by graduate student Emily Cody from the Complex Systems Center at UVM.

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