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Zach Uerz recipient of 2010 Outstanding Youth Award by Vermont Family Network

On May 13 at the 2010 Vermont Family Network Conference at the Sheraton Burlington Hotel and Conference Center, Zachary Uerz from Jericho, VT received the statewide Outstanding Youth Award as the young adult who has contributed to disability awareness in a positive way in his community. Zach was nominated by Jericho resident Joanne Wechsler for his active involvement in the work of Special Olympics Vermont as both an outstanding athlete and highly successful fundraiser as well as an actor portraying a young Bill Villemaire in the film "Bill's Bill." [<http://www.7dvt.com/2008movie-about-vermont-special-education-and-people-premieres/>]

Following Zachary's acceptance remarks, his parents Lori and Bob Uerz thanked Joanne Wechsler for nominating Zach, all the volunteers associated with at Special Olympics Vermont, as well as the Mountain Gazette newspaper Editor Brenda Boutin for her cover story titled, "Zachary Uerz - An Inspiration to Family and Friends" and her ongoing commitment to keeping the community updated on his efforts.

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Building Bright Futures in Bolton

By Phyl Newbeck

Special to the Mountain Gazette

Still in its infancy, the new Building Bright Futures play group which meets at the Smilie Memorial School in Bolton is hoping to attract new families. The play group, consisting of children up to five years of age and their parents, meets every Wednesday from 8:15 to 10:15 AM. There is no cost to attend.

Heather Lebeis is the Chittenden East Coordinator for Building Bright Futures (BBF) a state-wide public/private partnership, which "seeks to assure that all Vermont children are healthy and successful by improving the quality, affordability and accessibility of services for families with children under the age of six in the areas of health, early care and education." Thanks to the creation of the Bolton group, the program now exists at each of the elementary schools in the supervisory union. Underhill and Jericho are the largest groups, each catering to 20 or more families. Richmond has one of the newer groups with only five to ten families. Lebeis said Bolton had a playgroup several years ago, but it did not last. She hopes this iteration of the group, which began on March 10, will be a permanent one.

The goal of BBF is to allow children in the community to meet with other children and for parents to meet other parents, as well. The children play with one another, as well as with their own parents. While it may seem odd to have parents play with their own children during group time, Lebeis noted that in the home, it is easy for parents to get distracted by chores and not spend as much time with their children as they would like. The play group provides a time set aside for play with no other distractions. In addition, parents who work in the home may not get that much opportunity to interact with other adults and this gives them the chance to do so.

Lebeis is pleased that like the Huntington and Underhill BBF groups, the Bolton group meets at the elementary school. This allows children to feel comfortable in the building they will be attending as they get older. They can learn the location of the bathrooms, the cafeteria and their classrooms, allowing them to think "this will be my school when I get big." Lebeis said that although most parents in the program are mothers, there are also some fathers, grandparents and nannies. The only requirement is that a child be accompanied by a caregiver; the nature of that caregiver is not specified.

Lebeis started the group after being contacted by Ginny Gifford, an EEE teacher at Smilie. Initially the thought was to start the program in the fall of 2010, but those involved seemed so excited about the idea, that they began almost immediately. "It came together quickly," said Lebeis. In addition to providing activities for children, play group facilitators provide information on local community events, parenting, literacy, and health and safety tips.

Amy Poor, the Bolton facilitator, reported that the number of families attending is growing. On April 7, they had a total of twelve children from six families; two weeks later that number was up to nine families. Poor worked for many years as an early childhood educator and now, in addition

to her work with Building Brighter Futures, she volunteers with the Four Winds Nature Institute. Poor spends the first hour of the program in the



Roshon Lannigan

pre-school classroom. Many children engage in dramatic play while others play at the sand table or with blocks. Poor always has several ongoing projects, generally involving arts and crafts. One day in April they used discarded packing peanuts to make sculptures and on another day they made people out of grass. At 9:00 AM, the children gather for circle time which involves jumping, singing, puppet shows and reading books. Then they line up outside the classroom and head to the gym where they work on gross motor coordination by playing with balls or riding toys while Poor sets up the snack table. After snack time, they continue with active games until 10:15 AM. Sometimes, the group heads out together to the playground for continued activity at the conclusion of the group.

"It's good for parents to get out and be able to communicate and share similar challenges," said Poor. "It's also great for children to be in a different environment other than their house." An added plus is that kids get to engage in messier play than might be permitted within the confines of their homes. Poor said she has gotten good feedback on the playgroup and hopes that it will continue to grow as more people learn about their activities.

Smilie Principal Mary Woodruff sees many advantages to holding the playgroup at the school. First and foremost, it helps the school fulfill its mission to be a community center for families. Additionally, it allows the Smile speech and language pathologist the chance to meet some of the children who may need services, and provides the children with an early introduction to their pre-school teacher. Woodruff said parents have brought up positives she hadn't even considered. Many children live in locations where they don't have the opportunity to use their ride-on toys very much, so giving them forty minutes to pedal around the gym is a wonderful opportunity. Visiting the April 7 play group, Woodruff was also impressed to see two and three year olds sitting in a circle listening to a story, practicing crucial skills they will need in school. Lastly, she enjoyed watching the parents interact as caregivers shared notes on similar aged children. "It does a lot for everyone," she said.

Underhill youths Alec Grab and Rachel Fifield honored for community service

By Ted Tedford

Special to the Mountain Gazette

Alec Grab, 12, and Rachel Fifield, 17, both of Underhill, have been honored by the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards.

Grab, who lives with his parents, Andy and Sue Grab on Irish Settlement Road, received \$1,000 and an all-expense paid trip to Washington, DC, for four days early in May, with his Mom.

A seventh-grader at Browns River Middle School, Grab was recognized for organizing and running a six-week bike-a-thon last summer, raising \$3,400 for Special Olympics Vermont.

Fifield, a senior at Mount Mansfield Union High School, was named a Distinguished Finalist by the Prudential for her community service and youth literacy programs at the Jericho Town Library. She lives with her parents, John and Devena Fifield on Poker Hill Road.

A third Vermont youth, Colton Blackman, 18, of Killington, also was the recipient of the Spirit of Community Award and was in Washington with Alec and his Mom and 100 other winners from every state in the country. He also received a \$1,000 award. He organized a "unified" snowshoe team to compete in Vermont Special Olympics, pairing students from his school, Woodstock Union High School, with special needs athletes.

Grab and Colton also received silver medallions. Grab's was presented to him in April at school by Nancy Jenkins from Prudential Real Estate. The Legislature passed a resolution congratulating the 2010 winners.

Grab and Colton were honored for their outstanding work during a dinner and presentation ceremony in Washington. Former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice presented the awards to the youths and posed for pictures. Also there was Olympic snowboarding champion Seth Wescott.

"We just talked with her a little when they were taking pictures," Grab said. "She said 'hi' and 'congratulations.'" Grab and Colton also met Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-VT, and Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-VT.

Special Olympics Vermont named Grab their Student Volunteer of the Year 2009 at a ceremony in Woodstock in March. He was awarded a trophy.

Sue Grab said she saw information in the Brown's River Middle School newsletter about the Prudential Spirit of Community Award and

urged Alec to apply. He wrote a few essays about his community service and filled out an application. His school chose him as the school's winner and his application was sent on to the state level for judging. He learned in February that he was one of two state winners.

Two years ago, Grab wanted to do something for Vermont Special Olympics. He organized his first bike-a-thon, an unofficial fund-raiser. He raised \$700. Last year, he became better organized and with help from Special Olympics Vermont set up a system where people could register and get others to pledge so much money a mile or to make personal donations. Those cyclists rode from July 1 to July 15. They turned in their money at Underhill Central School August 1 and went on a three-mile loop bike ride before returning to the school for a ceremony.

He had rounded up more than a dozen volunteers, convinced the Select Board to close the southern end of Irish Settlement Road, Sand Hill Road and the River and Pleasant Valley Roads during the Bike-a-Thon. He also won permission from school officials to use the school for the ceremony.

Grab said he is going to do the Bike-a-Thon again this summer. He has a new email address where interested people may get information on the ride. It is cool.bike.a.thon@gmail.com. This year, bikers will ride from June 14 to July 24, with the "fun ride" July 31 at the Underhill Central School where riders will turn in their donations.

Fifield, a Mount Mansfield Union High School senior, said she took over the Community Service and Youth Literacy Program at the Jericho Town Library this year after having been a volunteer there for three years.

"We work to bring more people to the library and the last couple of years we focused on younger children," Fifield said. "We want them to know that reading is fun," she said. Fifield also works with the Teen Advisory Board in the summer, helping train them for leadership and activities in the library and in fund-raising.

Last summer she tutored third- and fourth-graders at the Jericho Elementary School in reading, writing and math. She plans to do it again this summer but doesn't know yet at which school. She will attend Willamette University in Salem, Oregon in the fall.

Underhill Board studies New Road proposal after hearing reveals divisions about change

By Ted Tedford

Special to the Mountain Gazette

The Select Board will decide soon whether to reclassify portions of the New Road into a trail – for a second time.

The Board has 60 days from April 24, the day of a public hearing on the controversial proposal, but the decision may come sooner, said Selectman Dan Steinbauer.

At the hearing, some residents with property abutting on the former Dump Road sided with the Board and others opposed reclassifying a 4,000-foot section that is part Class 4 and part Class 3, official classifications that require certain levels of maintenance, to a trail.

The area in question begins just north of the Town Garage and ends 4,000 feet north, just 70 feet short of the northerly property line of David Demarest, the chief opponent of the reclassification.

This is the second time the Board is expected to vote on the change. Nearly 10 years ago, the Select Board reclassified that portion of the road into a trail, but for reasons no one knows, failed to record the change and failed to inform the state.

At March Town Meeting, Demarest announced he was suing the town in an attempt to force it to maintain that section of the road. He claimed the town acted illegally and the portions in question are not shown on the Vermont Transportation Agency's maps of state highways.

He also wants to town to install a culvert and do work to prevent a brook from flowing across the road that cuts access to his home from Fuller Road. He has access from Pleasant Valley Road.

At the hearing, questions ranged from what ex-

actly the Board is trying to do to protect the ecosystem of the area to whether Demarest's property rights might be compromised.

"They might say one thing and do another thing in my experience," Demarest said of the Select Board.

In a long letter to the Board following the hearing, Demarest charged it with changing the name of the northern end of what was the former Dump Road to Fuller Road "as a way to deny me future access." He called it "incredibly unscrupulous."

"It seems very clear to me that the Town's treatment of New Road has unjustly benefited some property owners at the cost of other property owners," Demarest wrote. He added that at the time he bought his land at No. 50 New Road, 12.5 acres, was sold for \$149,000. "Ironically this 12.5-acre parcel now has a four-acre subdivision... with an asking price of \$139,000," (each) he said.

Demarest also questioned the timing of the proposed reclassification. "The injustice of considering reclassifying a portion of... (the road) AFTER having been notified of the blatant road insufficiencies pointed out in the current litigation (his law suit) should also be considered."

At the hearing, former Select Board Chairman Stanton Hamlet and Michael Oman, whose property about the portion in question, urged the board to compromise between protecting the area and protecting property owners' rights. There are 20 landowners whose properties about the road.

Questions also were raised about the cost of replacing a culvert and other work at the brook which washes over the road from a beaver pond.

Stenbauer mentioned it would run about \$100,000.

COURT REPORTS

April 5, 2010, **James M. Chicoine**, 46, Underhill, VT, charged with first-degree aggravated domestic assault, felony, in Williston, VT on June 29, 2009; pleaded guilty; sentenced to eight to 15 years; charged with first-degree arson, felony, in Williston, VT on June 29, 2009; pleaded guilty; sentenced to two to 10 years, consecutive.

April 5, 2010, **And P. Naylor**, 36, Cambridge, VT, charged with retail theft \$900 or less in South Burlington, VT on October 18, 2008; pleaded guilty; sentenced to one to three months, suspended, probation.

April 5, 2010, **Joshua M. Preston**, 21, Jeffersonville, VT, charged with retail theft \$900 or less in Williston, VT on February 2, 2010; pleaded guilty; sentenced to 60 to 90 days, suspended but 30 days, probation.

April 7, 2010, **Morris Lewis**, 59, Underhill, VT, charged with DUI, third offense or subsequent, felony, in Williston, VT on November 20, 2009; amended to DUI, second offense, misdemeanor; pleaded guilty; fined \$300, sentenced to six to 12 months, suspended but eight days, probation; charged with violation of conditions of release in Williston, VT on November 26, 2009; pleaded guilty; fined \$100.

April 9, 2010, **Diane Densham**, 56, Jericho, VT, charged with DUI, first offense, in Williston, VT on October 24, 2009; pleaded guilty; fined \$750.

Temple Sinai hosts Israeli Scouts Friendship Caravan

Temple Sinai presents the Israeli Scouts Friendship Caravan on Wednesday evening June 16 at 6:00 PM at the temple. This ever-popular 13th annual event begins with a family-friendly performance by 17-year-old Israeli Scouts. The Friendship Caravan consists of 10 talented teenagers, five boys and five girls, who travel across North America every summer sharing their lives in Israel through songs, dances and personal stories. A typical Israeli dinner, complete with falafel, hummus, pita and Israeli salad will follow the performance. The public is invited to attend. Price of admission includes the performance and dinner. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for ages 13-21; children 12 and under and all students enrolled in a synagogue Hebrew school program are free. Temple Sinai is located at 500 Swift Street in South Burlington.

For more information about hosting an Israeli Scout or the Israeli Scouts Friendship Caravan please contact Judy at 862-5125, by email at directoryjudy@templesinaivt.org or visit www.templesinaivt.org.

Visit Vermont Parks free

On June 12 and 13, 2010 Vermonters will have free entry into all Vermont State Parks and all Vermont Historic Sites. Saturday (June 12) is also a free fishing day when everyone can fish without a license. For more information, go the State of Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation: www.vtstateparks.com and visit the Events page.

Another State of Vermont activity is the Venture Vermont Outdoor Challenge Summer 2010. Download a score sheet, do the activities, take photos and earn points. More information at www.vtstateparks.com/venturevermont

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gslcvt@myfairpoint.net www.GoodShepherdJericho.org

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www.troyconference.org/jumc -email: JerichoUMC@troyconference.org

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LEGISLATIVE REPORTS

Notes from Montpelier

By Rep. Bill Frank

The 2010 legislative session ended late May 12 with the passage of a balanced state budget, a goal that seemed almost insurmountable when we started in January. It was achieved with sacrifices and compromises by everyone. We have heard about the many many meetings between the Speaker of the House, the Senate President Pro Tempore and the Governor, regarding agreements here and disagreements there. You may sometimes wonder if they are the only three people who are making decisions. This couldn't be further from the truth. Final decisions are made by a small group of negotiators and then brought to a full house and senate vote. Along the way, I have felt that I had a voice as had each member of the legislature. Those who were making decisions cared about what all the rest of the legislators and all Vermonters thought, and what was important to us. There were times when I felt upset about the way some things were going but there was always someone in leadership to share my concerns with. The legislature is a team and as this year has shown, teams work best when they work together as a team, not as individuals. This team is huge, unruly, diverse, and difficult-to-manage, but in the end it was highly productive and successful.

In January we started the session with a projected \$154 million revenue shortfall for fiscal year 2011 compared with the revenue for fiscal year 2010. The shortfall grew to \$170 million during the session. We closed this difference between revenue and spending in about 15 different areas. The largest, \$39 million, and the area I worked on the most in the Human Services committee, included adjustments and cuts in Human Services. This involved evaluating existing and proposed programs for their relevance and importance. This was a very trying process, but a necessary one. A savings of \$38 million was achieved in a complementary program we named Challenges for Change. This involved redesigning how to provide government services through innovative, outcome-driven changes in service delivery and performance. This will create better methods for providing government services, while spending less. This was a joint effort between the executive branch and the legislature. The third largest savings was achieved in changes to the retirement systems for teachers and state employees. \$15 million was saved through a major restructuring of the teacher's retirement system with a joint

effort of the Vermont Teachers Association and the administration. This resulted in a major and successful negotiation with the teachers union.

On my web site, RepBillFrank.com, I have posted articles with details of these and many more highlights of this legislative session. In the next Mt. Gazette I'll write about the bills I personally worked on to get passed and the out of session committees I served on. As always I like to hear from you, either by email: Bill@RepBillFrank.com, phone: 899-3136 or mail: 19 Poker Hill Road, Underhill, 05489.

From the Senate

By Chittenden County Senator Tim Ashe

With the Legislative session now complete, I want to provide you some insight into the significant decisions that were made in 2010. I'll focus on Unemployment Insurance in this installment.

The Unemployment Insurance (UI) Trust Fund, which normally has more than \$100M in reserve, went into the red this winter because of the recession and nagging 8% unemployment. The UI system is funded by a small tax that employers pay in for each of their employees. Though the benefits collected by the unemployed have risen slightly with inflation, the tax paid in by employers has not risen since 1983. This disalignment of contributions into the system versus payments out explains why the fund is broke.

Along with Doug Racine, I was one of the Senate negotiators with the Speaker of the House to find a balanced solution to this problem. We knew that doing nothing was not an option. While the system is in the red, Vermont must borrow money from the federal government. Interest payments on that borrowing will total in the tens of millions in the coming years. In addition, employers will pay a federal UI penalty for as long as Vermont is in borrow mode. That will total in the tens of millions as well. Everyone loses under that scenario.

I believe the solution we negotiated is fair. Employers will now pay a greater UI tax on each employer. The business community recognized their long-term interests were better served by making greater contributions in to the system. That said, we arrived at a formula that will cost employers less than what the Governor originally proposed.

The benefit side is very difficult, because we are dealing with friends and neighbors who have, in most cases, had their lives disrupted by losing their jobs. The maximum weekly benefit will now be frozen at \$425 for the indefinite future. Vermonters who lose their employment because of misconduct on the job will face stiffer penalties. And all unemployed Vermonters will have to wait one full week before being eligible for UI benefits.

With these changes, the UI system will be back in the black by 2014. As a first-term Senator, I was alarmed to find this system in a state of neglect. All Vermonters will now pay for past inaction, but we now appear to be on a sound path for the future.

If you have any questions about the UI system, or any other issue, feel free to contact me at timashe@burlingtontelecom.net.

Vacation Bible School

Avast, me hearties, make ready for adventure ahead! July 12-16, 2010 ~ 9am-12 noon, Jericho Congregational Church presents VeggieTales, The Pirates who Don't Do Anything Vacation Bible

School. Where rock-solid Bible learning rides the high seas of adventure through breathtaking Bible stories, lively worship, action packed games, amazing science experiments, and memory-making crafts your children will treasure for years to come.

This is a free program open to children age 4- grade 6. Call today to register or for more information! JoAnn Carter @ 899-2033 -or- Shawn Johnson @ 434-5029.

Annual Underhill plant sale June 5

One of the longest continuously-running and plant sales in the area will take place on Saturday, June 5 at 9:00 AM sharp at the Underhill town hall. Underhill's Conservation Commission conducts this popular event in an auction-type format so those wanting to participate should arrive before 9:00 AM in order to be ready when the bidding begins. Funds from the sale support the Commission's natural resource education and protection projects.

For those able to, please bring any perennial cuttings, annual seedlings, shrubs, trees, bulbs, houseplants, or any other healthy plants you have available to spare, labeling the plants, if possible. (Bags, boxes or any types of containers may be used.) Digging rights may also be posted by those with lots of plants to offer (provide cards with the name of the plant/s and your name and contact info).

This year the Conservation Commission will also sell two year old blueberry plants in 4" pots at \$5 each. A limited number of blueberry plants are available so come early to get yours.

The Underhill plant sale offers a wide range of plants for very low prices. The sale happens fast and is a lot of fun so if you're even 15 minutes late, you could miss it all. For questions, contact Faith Ingulsrud at 899-4155 or faith@thirdculture.com.

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COMMUNITY COLUMNS / MISCELLANEOUS

My Chair

By Suzanne Kusserow

Senior Guest Columnists to the Mountain Gazette

My chair sits in the "great room" which is a combination of dining, living and kitchen. It is rotated according to the seasons, the occasion and the company. It is a brown tweedy mixture, well-worn and rather uninteresting... the kind of fabric which allows you to escape into it, and not be bothered by too much fanfare... nothing that would cause enough interest to detract from its ultimate purpose: comfort. It has the discoloration of having been too close to the stove on one occasion; it also has black stains from an undisciplined magic marker. It has been slouched into my shape, from years of relaxing every muscle into its furry seat. Its arms support shoulders and hips without being asked to retain the stiffness of a new chair. Sagging is its worthy goal.

Fire, in a modest, controllable form is quite soothing. It sets the alpha waves swinging, mesmerizes the mind into a slower rhythm. It is an orange contrast to earth's dark soil, crumbly and black after a rain, after the air is cleaned by an April snowstorm. On chilly nights, the chair is pushed to face the stove. In general, though, in Spring the chair faces out through the huge East windows. The trees in our immediate view begin the feeling of green; a Willow has an aura of color, but not the actual depth that comes later. A Red Maple 'feels' red before it goes on to genuinely burst into flowers; the chartreuse of Poplars explodes; the Oak and the Beech are slower than the others, but will eventually highlight the succulent merlot-red of unfolding Oak and the pale copper of sharp-pointed Beech buds. And all this from my chair! It pretty much stays in place facing Mt. Mansfield; the moon will rise over the TV towers, and the green will move up the mountains, as spring turns to summer.

The chair has a rest during the summer; we are mostly outside in peeling old wooden ones that elicit many moans about the need to restrain them.

Fall, of course, we all memorize: one Red Maple comes first and quickly bursts into flame, the male tree being that brighter red one; the female Maples being a more subtle orange. Then the Birches add yellow and the palette changes to the copper streaks of the Oaks. The Hay-Scented Ferns turn rust and gold and finally, a strong wind brings hibernation to them all. And the fall chair sometimes deserves a blanket before we go into the fires of winter....a soft, cuddly wool blanket of deep browns and muted coppers, woven in the Shetland Isles of northern Scotland. Memories of that wonderful trip are wrapped around me. The sky darkens to black behind the mountain and sitting becomes a pleasant recall of another scene.

And so we are back to winter. The chair, like me, turns inward and admires the high stack of dry wood in the living room recess, enough to guarantee a one-sided warmth from the stove. A 'good' book (definition supplied by you) is usually at hand... not too heavy as defined by sheer weight. Who wants to hoist War and Peace, for example, on one's lap? And as also defined by subject matter. Somehow, a tome on the rise of consumerism in post-Stalinist Russia doesn't go with evening snoozing in front of a slow-dancing fire. (Or, it may be the perfect soporific!)

Now, go find your own chair, christen it with a new slip cover, if you must, and give it the plaudits it deserves. It has been a long and happy association!

CVU 1965 classmates, where are you

The graduating class of 1965 from Champlain Valley Union High School in Hinesburg, VT is planning a 45th Class Reunion on Saturday, July 17 from 2:00 PM until whenever.

The reunion committee is searching for the addresses or emails for the following friends: Sharon Bown, Charlene Chambers, Lorraine Chandler, Linda Irish, Robert McKenzie, Daniel McGee, Mary Merchant, Dan Miller, Matt Miller, Susan Noble, Carol Thorpe, Stephanie VanGulden, Albert Williams, Robert Yandow, Matha Alonzo and Phil Flanigan.

Interested persons can contact the committee by going to classmates.com, or by becoming a friend of J. Bradley Wainer or Margaret Sunderland on facebook.com. You can also call J. Bradley Wainer at 802-482-3684.

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Westford Farmers' Market to open on the Westford Common

Nowhere is the tradition of small, local Farmers' Markets more prominent than here in Vermont. And Westford is one of those quintessential Vermont towns that seem to be just made for a Farmers' Market: A small town center with a Common, a Gazebo, lots of green space, a picnic area invite locals and visitors from as far as Canada and Europe to visit the market. All of this and the friendly atmosphere make the Westford Farmers' Market one of the most recognized small Farmers' Markets in Vermont.

The market is held every Friday from 3:30 to 6:30 PM, rain or shine and has a base of 20 vendors that set up regularly on the common. The market motto is: You sell only what you make or grow yourself and the vendors sell a wide variety of goods and artisan products: fresh produce, farm goods, prepared food like European specialties, Hamburger and Asian food, high quality bakery items (cookies, pies, artisan bread), meats, coffee, fudge, seasonal products like berries and corn, honey, maple syrup, wine, woodcraft and much more.

The market has live music almost every Friday, which is very popular with visitors. Many take advantage of the inviting atmosphere to eat right at the market and listen to the music. Also, and they are many activities scheduled throughout the season, e.g. kids days. The Westford Farmers' Market is a great example of a community market that provides a place for consumers to shop locally, and it helps small growers and producers to offer their products without going through big suppliers and retail shops. But is also a place where the community comes together to socialize, and as such it is valued very much in the whole area.

As market manager Heike Meyer brings it together: "We are committed to bring fresh, local food and locally made products from Vermont directly to the community. We also want to keep local food affordable, encourage organic and sustainable farming practices, and provide a place for the community to get together and socialize. We are lucky to have such a place and look forward to the new season!"

More information online at www.westfordfarmersmarketvt.org.

Nomad Dog Agility Trials

The Trapp Family Lodge will host a dog agility trial in its meadow Saturday and Sunday, June 12 and 13, from 8:00 AM till about 4:00 PM each day. This is a great spectator sport, with dogs going over jumps, through tunnels and weave poles, and up and over A-frames, elevated dog walks, and teeters.

Dogs of all breeds and mixed breeds, all sizes and shapes will be competing. They are family pets, trained by their owners. Handlers range from first-time-out novices to seasoned competitors.

Breakfast and lunch are available at the trial site. It's best to leave your pets at home so they won't interfere with competitors.

Topnotch at Stowe will host a second set of dog agility trial in its meadow Saturday and Sunday, August 21 and 22, from 8:00 AM till about 4:00 PM each day. This is a great spectator sport, with dogs going over jumps, through tunnels and weave poles, and up and over A-frames, elevated dog-walks, and teeters.

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The Mountain Gazette takes full responsibility for the error and apologizes to the folks at Jerihill.

**Corrected email address
Nate Guay
Outdoor Services**
802-279-1367
email: snowguay@yahoo.com

Correction: Dave Eaton is no longer a Justice of the Peace for Jericho.

HUNTINGTON/RICHMOND

OBITUARIES



Scott Allen Latterell Jr., "Scotty Man", 17, died unexpectedly in his home on Wednesday, May 5, 2010 in Richmond, VT. He was born on April 26, 1993, in Burlington, the son of Scott Latterell Sr. and Tammy Lamphere. Scott was currently in the 11th grade at Mount Mansfield High School and was attending classes at Essex Technical School. He was also employed in the University Mall at SBARRO Pizza as a cook. Among his many interests, Scott especially enjoyed hunting, fishing and camping in Garfield, bowling, mud bogging,

motorcycles, fourwheelers, playing volleyball, horse shoes, boating, fishing derbies and was an avid football player and fan. He is survived by his mother, Tammy Lamphere and her companion, Ray Bergeron; his father, Scott Latterell Sr. and his companion, Stephanie Smith; Tammy's sons, Erik Shepard and Matthew Lamphere; a sister, Shania Latterell; his grandparents, Valerie and Ted Sevene, Matthew and Tina Lamphere and Carol Williams; and many aunts, uncles, cousins and close friends. A funeral service was held on Saturday, May 8, 2010, at 11:00 AM in the LaVigne Funeral Home. Interment followed in River View Cemetery in Richmond. Following the burial there will be a reception at the Richmond Congregational Church. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in his name to the LaVigne Funeral Home. Visiting hours were held from 4:00 to 6:00 PM and 7:00 to 9:00 PM in the LaVigne Funeral Home and Cremation Service, 132 Main St. in Winooski VT.

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COLLEGE NOTES

Congratulations to graduates

Elsa J. McLaughlin of Richmond, VT has graduated from Castleton State College, Castleton, VT, with a bachelor of arts degree.

Robert D. Scanlon of Richmond, VT has graduated from Castleton State College, Castleton, VT, with a bachelor of science degree.

Mary Streeter of Richmond, VT has graduated from Johnson State College, Johnson, VT, with a bachelor of arts degree.

Matthew Brannen of Richmond, VT has graduated from Johnson State College, Johnson, VT, with a bachelor of science degree.

COURT REPORT

April 6, 2010, **Dale A. Booska**, 63, Richmond, VT, charged with DUI, first offense, in Richmond, VT on March 16, 2010; pleaded no contest; fined \$300.

April 7, 2010, **Jane Miller**, 58, Richmond, VT, charged with DUI, first offense, in Richmond, VT on January 8, 2010; pleaded guilty; fined \$300.

WELCOME HOME

HUNTINGTON

(**Carleton**) Brooke (Miller) and Ian Carleton's son Birch Emmett was born on Saturday, May 1, 2010 at Fletcher Allen Health Care in Burlington, VT.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Congratulations on a great performance To the Editor,

Congratulations to Benjamin Feinson for his performance as a scholarship winner on saxophone; Benjamin Feinson and Quinn Parker for their participation in the Jazz Band, great solos; Cassie Besso, Cindy Fifield, Toni and Lea Martin for their participation in the Orchestra-Nice solo Cindy in the firebird, it rocked; Nick Exler, Caroline Kemp, Mike Lawler, Collin Reynolds, Holly-Jean Stone, Dylan Sylvester and Aaron Weber for their participation in the Concert Band, what a great performance; Jacob Bulaga, Megan Cann, Maya Lydia-Chobot, Alexandria Cline, Rebecca Dolan, Olivia Gregory and Emma Hadden for their participation in the Chorus, it sounded incredible. We are all very proud of your achievements and thrilled with how you represented Mount Mansfield's school community and music program.

Congratulations to Nicholas Exler for his acceptance to the Eastman School of Music at the University of Rochester. He will be studying Music Education with an emphasis of Alto Saxophone.

Thank you to the parents who attended the MMUSIC Friends of Music Meetings this past year (Especially Heidi Rach for getting e-mails and meetings together). It makes such a difference when we have the support of parents/students and community members. During this time of economic uncertainty I heard horror stories of music programs being cut across our state. It is a travesty, and the common theme I hear is "my community does not support my program". I do not feel this way at all, I feel supported and guided by all of the wonderful parents and students here in the Chittenden East Supervisory Union.

MMUSIC Friends

a simple idea can make a huge impact, but it wouldn't be possible without the support of the entire community. Thank you.

United Way of Lamoille County staff and Board of Directors

Thank you for helping with Jericho Green Up Day

To the Editor,

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped out for Green Up Day's 40th anniversary. There were 1,060 pounds of tires and 3,420 pounds of trash collected. There was well over 200 volunteers. It was great to see more children at the Green Up Day breakfast. I think the snow might have discouraged people from signing up for bags early but we had a lot of people sign up on May 1st at the Community Center Breakfast. Thank you to Sarah Stermole who helped out at the Town Garage. Roger from the Jericho Highway Department was there to run the bucket loader. As residents dropped off trash there seemed to be a few consistent themes. Less cigarette butts and packaging were seen along the roadsides. Less drink containers as well. Boy Scout Troop 627 did a great job again on Vermont Route 117 and overall found less trash. Tail Waggers 4-H was limited at the Community Center because of the drainage work so they helped on the Green and Plains Road. Masonic Lodge #27 also continued to Green Up the annual "routes" from Clark's Truck Center to the high school. The Dunkin' Donut cups along Governor Peck Road decreased from 3 bags to 1 bag this year and the dumping spot has moved closer to the Richmond line. I apologize to a few people I heard from after Green Up that thought the bags would be picked up along the roadside. We have attempted to organize pickup trucks to cover different areas in the past but have found it easiest for neighbors to communicate along the road. The bags have to make it to the Town Garage between 10 and 2 on that Saturday so that everything can be transported from Jericho at once. If you are interested in becoming a Co-Coordinator for Green Up day please call Jessica at the Town Clerk's Office 899-4936 x1 this month so that you can receive information about Green Up Day 2011. We would love to add a new co-coordinator with fresh ideas.

Green Up committee, Jericho

Thank you for making the food drive successful

To the Editor,

Thanks to everyone who participated in our 7th annual Community Food Drive on March 8: our local postal service employees (we know this is a lot of extra work for you), United Way volunteers, food shelf volunteers, and the many Lamoille County residents who donated food. 3,788 pounds of food was collected and distributed to our four local food shelves. This project proves that

COMING EVENTS

Friday, May 21
Support Our Deployed Soldiers, Community Ham Dinner and Raffle, 6:00 to 7:30 PM at the VFW POST 6689, 73 Pearl St., Essex Junction. Tickets are \$8.00 and may be picked up at the VFW POST 6689 in Essex Jct. Call 878-0700 for more information. Proceeds to benefit Charlie Co. 1/16 deployed to Afghanistan.

Saturday, May 22
20th annual Medieval Country Fair, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Route 15, Jericho. Admission and parking are free. Come rain or shine for indoor and outdoor family activities including children's games and face painting, wandering minstrels and entertaining skits, May Pole dancers, music, art, and plenty of food. Come in costume or rent one for the day. For information call 802-899-3932.

Celebrate Bird Day with Audubon Vermont and the Birds of Vermont Museum from 7:00 AM to 4:00 PM. This is a free event, and everyone is welcome. There will be an early morning bird walk starting at 7:00 AM and the Museum will be open from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Activities throughout the day. For more information call (802) 863-9161.

Sunday, May 2
The Mountain Fiber Folk Cooperative in Montgomery Center presents its 2nd annual Farm to Yarn tour from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Visit four fiber farms to see the animals and talk to the farmers. Stop at the shop at 188 Main Street for refreshments and demonstrations. Find out what it takes to produce yarn from locally produced fiber. See the llamas, alpacas, angora goats, angora rabbits, and sheep. Call the shop at (802) 326-2092 or check the website at www.mtfiberfolk.com for more information and directions.

Pleasant View Cemetery Assn., Westford VT Annual Meeting, 6:00 PM, Westford Town Library. All members are encouraged to attend.

Wednesday, May 26
Author appearance and book signing, Phoenix Books and

Café at the Essex Shoppes and Cinema, 7:00 PM. Mark Pendergrast will discuss the *Epidemic Intelligence Service*. Free. For more information go to www.phoenixbooks.biz or 872-7111.

Thursday, May 27
Author appearance and book signing, Phoenix Books and Café at the Essex Shoppes and Cinema, 7:00 PM. "Will I ever adjust to this place?" VPR commentator Deborah Lee Luskin offers engaging answers in her first novel, *Into the Wilderness*. Free. For more information go to www.phoenixbooks.biz or 872-7111.

Friday, May 28 and Saturday May 29
Gigantic tag sale, Jericho United Methodists Church, Rt.15, Jericho Friday 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM; Saturday 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. This gigantic sale includes a wide variety of items including clothes, books, appliances, sports equipment, furniture and many miscellaneous treasures. Bake sale munchies and coffee will be available plus much more. For information, call 899-3093.

Church tag sale, the 16th Annual Tag Sale at the Waterbury Center Community Church will be Memorial weekend. The sales will be from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM each day. A great variety of items something for everyone, must haves, old current and in between. Come check out the books, toys, kitchen wares, glassware, furniture, knick-knocks, jewelry, tools, sports equipment and much more. For more info contact Betty Jones, 802- 244-8089.

Saturday, May 29
The annual "Let's Go Fishing Clinic" sponsored by St. Thomas Parish, St. Thomas Knights of Columbus Council #7810, the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department and the Mills Riverside Park, starting at 10:00 AM at the Mills Riverside Park, off Route 15 in Jericho. It is free and open to the public. Fishing gear will be supplied. There is limited space and registration required. Children must be accompanied by an adult. To register, email the adult's and children's names and phone number to mgraas@yahoo.com or phone Mark at 802-310-8145. A barbecue with food available will be held during the clinic.

Monday, May 31
Waterbury Memorial Service and Ghost Walk, Please join us for a traditional Memorial Day service led by members of the American Legion, Post 59 and students from Crossett Brook Middle School. The walk will start at 11:00 AM at the Holy Cross Cemetery on Rt.100, Duxbury, VT. Sponsored by the Waterbury Historical Society and American Legion, Post 59. For more information call 802-244-5029.

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ONGOING EVENTS



Westford Farmers' Market features food, fun for all!

Come to the Westford Farmers' Market it will put a smile on your face, too. On the Green featuring food, music and a great time for the entire family.

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ADULT ACTIVITIES

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

Serious writers: meet other writers and exchange critiques of your work. Friendly bunch. Village Cup, Jericho, Thursdays at 9:15 AM. Call Ted Tedford 899-4447 for information.

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

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

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

The **Vermont French-Canadian Genealogical Society library** is now open every Tuesday from 3:00 to 9:30 PM (except for holidays). Our regular Saturday hours (every Saturday, except holidays, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM) have resumed.

We offer Vermont and Canadian Catholic Parish records, Vermont Vital Records on Microfilm, Census records and other resources to assist with family history research. We also have Internet access for our members. Volunteers are available to assist individuals. Learn more about your ancestors, French and English. The library is located at the Dupont Building, Hegeman Ave. across from the VT State Police building in Fort Ethan Allen, Colchester. For more information or appointment call 862-8082, 878-8081, or go online at www.vt-fcgs.org or send an email to mail@vt-fcgs.org.

The **Eagles Auxiliary #3210** holds bingo at the club house on

Rt. 109 Friday nights. Doors open at 5:30 PM. Bingo starts at 7:00 PM. For more info contact Sally at 644-5377.

HEALTH EVENTS & GROUPS

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

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

TOPS Chapter 145 Jeffersonville meets 6:15 PM on Thursdays at the Eagles Club, Route 109, Jeffersonville. Weigh-in 5:15-6:00 PM.

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

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

Statewide Quit Line, Telephone Smoking Cessation Counseling. Call 1-877-YES-QUIT (1-877-937-7848). Free.

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

Pilates Class Schedule, Wednesday evenings at 6:30 PM at MMU. Monday evenings at 6:00 PM and Saturday mornings at 9:00 AM at Dakini Studio. Call Lisa Timbers at 899-4191 for more

information or visit her website at <http://timbers.wordpress.com>

KIDS

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

Jericho Playgroup, Monday mornings 9:30 - 11:00 AM at the Jericho Community Center. Follows the school calendar. For children from birth to age 5, with a caregiver. Please contact Mariah with any questions at 899-1750.

Richmond Playgroup, kids ages birth to age 5 with their caregivers - join us Wednesdays from 8:45 - 10:15 AM at Richmond Free Library for playtime, crafts, stories, songs and fun! Always free of charge! Follows the school calendar. For additional information or questions, please contact Amy Ide at 434-5423 or playgrouprichmond@yahoo.com.

Bolton Playgroup, come to Smilie Memorial School each Wednesday morning from 8:15 - 10:15 AM for crafts, songs, play and fun. All kids birth to age 5 welcome along with their caregivers. Feel free to bring along a riding toy to use in the gym. Always free of charge! Follows the school calendar. For additional information or questions, please contact Amy Poor at 434-6747.

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

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

SENIORS

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

Westford Senior lunches - Join Westford Seniors for lunch at the Red Brick Meeting House on the Common the second Monday of each month. Lunch is served at 12:00 noon with a short meeting or presentation following. Call 878-7405 or 879-7382 for information or for a ride.

SPORTS ACTIVITIES

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

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

Pilates - Wednesday evenings at 6:30 PM at MMU. Monday evenings at 6:00 PM and Saturday mornings at 9:00 AM at Dakini Studio. Call Lisa Timbers at 899-4191 for more information or visit her website at <http://timbers.wordpress.com>

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LIBRARY NEWS

DEBORAH RAWSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY, UNDERHILL

The art for May features watercolor paintings by Lou Pfaelzer on the walls and photographs and cards by Lucy Wilcox in the display case.

Friday, May 21 - 6:30 PM - Valley Dream Farm demonstrates what elements are needed to make a beautiful planter or window box. Create one to bring home. All materials, including container, soil and a large variety of plants provided. Call 899 - 4962 to register. \$35.00

Saturday, May 22 - 9:00 - 11:00AM - Edging workshop. A repeat of the very popular workshop - presented last year by local gardener Bernadette Howard. Demonstration followed by hands on edging. Bernadette will circulate and assist where needed. Please bring tools.

Are you a science fiction and/or fantasy reader? If so a new group is forming to discuss books. Come to the first meeting on Saturday May 22 at 2:00 PM.

The library will be closed on Tuesday May 25 so that staff can attend the Vermont Library Conference.

Author Ron Krupp will be at the library Tuesday June 1 at 6:30 to present a slide show and workshop titled *The politics of food and farming* based on his newest book, *Lifting the yoke*. Why is it if we have a surplus of food in this country farmers have to continue to produce more to stay in business? And why are so many farmers going broke? Why is Vermont 95% dependent on the global corporate, food economy? Why are we facing an obesity epidemic in the U.S.? This talk will focus on such questions as well as provide local and sustainable food solutions through a discussion of community gardening, farmers' markets, CSA's, canneries, and healthy lifestyle changes in Vermont.

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, JERICHO CENTER

Saturday, May 22 Join in the fun and come to the library's fourth annual spring plant fundraiser rain or shine. Look around your garden for any extra annual or veggie seedlings, perennials, that need thinning, herbs, berry vines, bushes, house plants. Bring these donations to the Jericho Center Green, across from the Library Saturday at 8:30 AM. The sale begins promptly at 9:00 and ends at 10:00 AM. If you have some plants to donate, but don't want to dig them up, you can offer them up as digging rights for a specific plant(s). Next, look over all the donated plants to decide your 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, etc. picks are. In the 1st round, you pay \$5 for

your first pick. In the 2nd round, you pay \$3 for your second pick. The 3rd & 4th round go for \$1, and the 5th and remaining rounds go for 50 cents. You may purchase plants even if you don't have plants to donate. All proceeds go to the Jericho Town Library for books and programs. Call Linda Campbell at 899-2798 with any questions.

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

Come share the joy of books, songs, and finger plays. Special thanks go to Elizabeth Bernstein for continuing to read and Jean Yungfleisch for her wonderful guitar music.

Upcoming *themes*: Wednesday, May 26, 10:00 AM - Music

If you are cleaning out please keep the library in mind for the following items are needed for summer program: small glass jars with lids, colored sand, any kind/size shells, small plastic/rubber fish related figurines, materials for dioramas including shoe boxes, fishing line, baby oil, fish/aquatic stickers, any yarn, white crayons, pens, pencils, colored pencils and markers for writing camp. Also, snacks for the week of writing camp.

Check out the Jericho Town Library Webpage and Online Card Catalog. Patrons are now able to view the collection consisting of about 7000 items - adult fiction, adult nonfiction, picture books, easy readers, juvenile and young adult and DVDs from a link on the website: <http://www.jerichotownlibrary.org> NOTE: Use Search Library Catalog pull down for title, author, subject, etc. Please contact the library @ 899-4686 or email jerichotownlibrary@gmail.com with any feedback or questions.

High School students needing to fulfill community service please volunteer at the library when your schedule permits. Your help is really appreciated. Call or stop by.

The Board of Trustees meets regularly the first Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM at the library. The public is welcome so join us at our upcoming meetings on and June 3. The hours for the Jericho Town Library

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HEALTH NEWS

Copley Hospital and Nurses Union renegotiate contract

In the spirit of cooperation, Copley Hospital and the United Nurses and Allied Professionals Local 5109 have renegotiated its contract. The newly extended three year contract will create a savings of nearly \$300,000. A tentative agreement on the contract was reached on Tuesday, May 11, and confirmation made on Wednesday, May 12. The original contract was supposed to run through 2011.

The new contract is effective May 30, 2010 through May 29, 2013. The new contract includes a reduced cost of living wage increase. The hospital has also scaled back on construction projects, capital purchases and travel in addition to increasing operational efficiency to reduce expenses.

Both Patashnick and Lucas cited hard work, respect, and a commitment on both sides to patient care and patient safety as key factors in reaching an agreement so quickly.

Copley Hospital receives award for Patient Satisfaction

Copley Hospital has been honored with an award from Press Ganey Associates for its outstanding patient satisfaction. Press Ganey is a national organization that works with more than 7,000 health care organizations, including nearly 40 percent of U.S. hospitals and 13 of Vermont's 14 hospitals, to measure each organization's quality of service based on patient feedback.

Free workshop helps people dealing with diabetes

If you or someone you know is living with diabetes, this free workshop is for you. Healthier Living with Diabetes is a six-week class available through Copley Hospital's Wellness Center. Participants learn strategies to help deal with frustration, anger and fatigue; manage their blood sugars through eating and ways to improve strength and flexibility. Certified Diabetes Educator Nancy Wagner explains that the workshop is also beneficial to family, friends and caregivers of someone with diabetes. The class is free and scheduled for Friday mornings, running May 21 through June 25 from 9:00 to 11:30 AM. It is sponsored by Northeastern Vermont Area Health Education Center, Vermont's Blueprint for Health and Copley Hospital. Registration for this class is necessary and can be made by calling Copley's Wellness Center at 888-8369.

Copley's Wellness Center offers a variety of programs including CPR and first aid, classes for expectant parents and personalized services through its Workplace Wellness Program. For more information on the many programs and classes available through Copley's Wellness Center, call 888-8369

Copley's Diabetes Education team works in coordination with your physician to help you better manage your diabetes. Registration for this class can be made by calling Copley's Wellness Center at 888-8369.

HIPAA, not HIP

While HIPAA was signed into federal law nearly a decade ago, it still seems to cause much confusion. While you may hear about it regularly at the doctor's office and the pharmacy, do you really know what it is or what you're signing?

Let's begin with its acronym. Many times it is mistyped as HIPPA or even mistaken for HIPPO. But, be assured there is no mention of a hippopotamus in HIPAA! It actually stands for the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, which was finalized in 2000 and modified in 2002. In that Act was a requirement that the government establish a set of national standards for the protection of certain health information, which is commonly referred to as the "Privacy Rule."

The Privacy Rule created federal protections for personal health information held by covered entities (such as health plans and providers). It basically protects your medical privacy, preventing the flow of personal information to unwanted sources. Compliance with the Privacy Rule began in 2003, and noncompliance can result in monetary fines and even imprisonment.

Accordingly, health care providers must adopt and follow a privacy policy. However, sometimes in the name of privacy (and per-

haps fear of fines and jail time), these providers withhold information from interested parties. For example, if a family member contacts the hospital to request information about your condition, the hospital may not be at liberty to reveal that information without your consent. While there are some limited exceptions to the Privacy Rule, many health care providers will prefer to restrain the flow of information rather than risk a HIPAA violation. For patients who want information shared with certain individuals, it may be beneficial to sign a consent or authorization form.

Although HIPAA is clearly not as fun an acronym as HIPPO would be, it does refer to an important piece of health care law. After all, a HIPPO could actually cause you medical grief, while HIPAA is intended to protect your medical information.

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MILITARY NEWS

People in the Armed Services

Lt. Col. Stephen E. Messier, MD, formerly of Jericho, VT, was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel on May 1, 2010. Lt. Col. Michael Shoemaker, MD, administered the oath of office on April 30 at UNH - Okinawa, Camp Lester, Japan. Messier's wife, Leila, and their daughters, Hannah and Samantha, pinned the new rank on Dr. Messier. Their daughter, Rebecca, and son, Cameron, looked on.

Dr. Messier has served in the US Air Force since 1998. He is a board certified Neonatologist. Messier is a graduate of Rice High School, UVM College of Engineering, and UVM Medical School. He has served in San Antonio, TX; Fairbanks, AK; and presently Okinawa, Japan. Dr. Messier is the son of Don and Ann Messier of Jericho.

Join the Memorial Day Parade

Calling all veterans to come and join the Underhill Jericho Memorial Day Parade, Monday, May 31. The parade will start at the Merchant's Bank in Jericho and march to the cemetery by Jericho elementary School.

The parade starts at 11:00 AM and all veterans are invited to participate. You do not have to be in uniform to participate. For more information contact Richard Becker at 899-3963.

Drop off DVDs for Vermont Guardsmen

Inspired by the efforts of Alburgh Vermont seventh grader Madison Parah, University Mall will be a drop-off location of DVD's being collected for Vermont Guardsmen overseas. Donations of new or used DVD's to be shipped to our troops in Afghanistan in the coming weeks may be dropped off through May at University Mall's Customer Service Desk or at any FYE location. For more information, please contact University Mall at 802-863-1066 x11.

CAMPUS HONORS



April Hoyt of Underhill, a Mount Mansfield Union High School senior in the BTC Design & Illustration program was recognized with an award. April is very focused on her work and is committed to expanding herself artistically. She challenges herself by experimenting with new media while completing a variety of projects. April has also taken advantage of the opportunity to earn transcripted college credit at the Community College of Vermont through dual enrollment and to participate in AP Studio Art. She plans to attend Saint Michael's College next year to further her art education.

Graham Flinn of Jericho was presented with the Frits H. Sample Memorial Endowment at Moving-Up Day ceremonies held recently at St. Lawrence University in Canton, New York. Flinn is a senior at St. Lawrence. Flinn graduated from Burke Mountain Academy in East Burke. He is majoring in Environmental Studies with a minor in Economics. The Cycling Club, Mountain Bike Club, and alpine skiing are among the activities that Flinn has participated in on campus.

The Frits H. Sample Memorial Endowment is awarded to an outstanding student athlete from the Alpine skiing team.

Kaitlyn Begins, daughter of Daniel Begins of Richmond and Krista Begins of Jericho, was named to the Saint Michael's College newly installed national biology honor society, the Omicron Omicron chapter of Beta Beta Beta. Begins, a senior biology major,

graduated from Community College of Vermont before coming to Saint Michael's in Burlington, Vermont, one of America's best college towns.

Rachel Wry, daughter of Steven and Joan Wry of Underhill, was one of 15 Saint Michael's College students who did extensive research this past semester on the Underground Teen Center in Winooski Vermont's O'Brien Community Center. Wry, and classmates, provided a range of commentary and insights to Winooski's City Council. Doing the research also enabled the participants to develop strong mentoring relationships with many of the 80+ teens who attend the center on a regular basis. Wry, a senior sociology/anthropology major, graduated from Mount Mansfield Union High School before coming to Saint Michael's, located in Burlington, Vt., one of America's best college towns.

Graduating senior **Andrew D. Davis** of Underhill, Vt., was awarded the Levinus Clarkson Award during Clarkson University's 117th commencement ceremony. He was selected for the \$1,000 award by a vote of the full University faculty based on his scholarship and promise of outstanding achievement.

Samantha Mathieu, daughter of Steven and Susan Mathieu of Underhill, VT, has graduated with honors from Johnson State College, receiving a degree in psychology. She is a graduate of Mount Mansfield Union High School in Jericho, VT.

Carmen Fifield of Underhill, VT was among more than a thousand St. Olaf College students recognized for academic achievement at the college's annual Honors Day convocation. Fifield is a member of the Class of 2012 and majors in French and history. She is the daughter of John Fifield and Alice Fifield, and is a graduate of Mount Mansfield Union High School in Jericho, VT.

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COLLEGE GRADUATES

Congratulations to graduates

Sarah Stein of Cambridge, VT has graduated from Johnson State College, Johnson, VT, with a master of arts degree.
Heather Jones of Jeffersonville, VT has graduated from Johnson State College, Johnson, VT, with a master of arts degree.
Rebecca Pastor of Jeffersonville, VT has graduated from Johnson State College, Johnson, VT, with a master of arts degree.
Russell Weis of Jeffersonville, VT has graduated from Johnson State College, Johnson, VT, with a master of arts degree.
Kathleen Cramer of Jericho, VT has graduated from Johnson State College, Johnson, VT, with a master of arts degree.
Pamela Barnes of Underhill, VT has graduated from Johnson State College, Johnson, VT, with a master of arts degree.
Rebecca Maxwell of Underhill, VT has graduated from Johnson State College, Johnson, VT, with a master of arts degree.
Caryn Munroe of Underhill, VT has graduated from Johnson State College, Johnson, VT, with a master of arts degree.
Satira Lord of Huntington, VT, has earned a bachelor of arts degree at Green Mountain College in Poultney, VT.
Justin Hallock of Jericho, VT has graduated from Castleton

State College, Castleton, VT, with a bachelor of arts degree.
Michael A. Strong of Jericho, VT has graduated from Castleton State College, Castleton, VT, with a bachelor of arts degree.
Sharon Mathieu of Underhill, VT has graduated from Castleton State College, Castleton, VT, with a bachelor of arts degree.
Megan B. Phillips of Westford, VT has graduated from Castleton State College, Castleton, VT, with a bachelor of arts degree.
Courtney Gabaree of Jeffersonville, VT has graduated from Johnson State College, Johnson, VT, with a bachelor of arts degree.
Nicole Hamilton of Jeffersonville, VT has graduated from Johnson State College, Johnson, VT, with a bachelor of arts degree.
Jocelyn Kirby of Jeffersonville, VT has graduated from Johnson State College, Johnson, VT, with a bachelor of arts degree.
Justin Pomerville of Jeffersonville, VT has graduated from Johnson State College, Johnson, VT, with a bachelor of arts degree.
Justin Raymond of Jeffersonville, VT has graduated from Johnson State College, Johnson, VT, with a bachelor of arts degree.
Samantha Mathieu of Underhill, VT has graduated from Johnson State College, Johnson, VT, with a bachelor of arts degree.
Jacqueline Poutre of Underhill, VT has graduated from Johnson

State College, Johnson, VT, with a bachelor of arts degree.
Justin Frawley of Westford, VT has graduated from Johnson State College, Johnson, VT, with a bachelor of arts degree.
Walker Brook of Jeffersonville, VT has graduated from Johnson State College, Johnson, VT, with a bachelor of fine arts degree.
Brittany Downs of Bolton, VT has graduated from Johnson State College, Johnson, VT, with a bachelor of science degree.
Belinda Gunnell of Jericho, VT has graduated from Johnson State College, Johnson, VT, with a bachelor of science degree.
Ursa Swift of Underhill, VT has graduated from Johnson State College, Johnson, VT, with a bachelor of science degree.

ENGAGEMENTS

GEISS-FRASCOIA

Jillian Geiss, daughter of Peter and Phyllis Geiss of Underhill, VT, and Paul Frascoia, son of Ronald and Dolores Frascoia of Barre, VT, announce their engagement. They plan to wed on April 15, 2011.

MACDOWELL-WOLYNSKI

Laird and Nancy MacDowell of Jeffersonville, VT announce the engagement of their daughter, Emily MacDowell, to Jorge Wolynski, son of George and Lety Wolynski of Puebla, Mexico. An October 6, 2010 wedding is planned.

WELCOME HOME

BOLTON

(Gagne) Aumarie (Hewett) and Rejean Gagne had a daughter, Payton Maarie, on Tuesday, April 20, 2010 at Gifford Medical Center in Randolph, VT.

UNDERHILL

(Abair) Lisa (Gottstein) and Michael Abair had a son, Calan Michael, on Saturday, April 24, 2010 at Fletcher Allen Health Care in Burlington, VT.

WESTFORD

(Fayette, Charland) Jennifer Fayette and Tom Charland had a daughter, Kennedy Elizabeth Charland, on Tuesday, April 27, 2010 at Fletcher Allen Health Care in Burlington, VT.

OBITUARIES



Daniel A. Piaseczny, 49, Westford, VT, passed away unexpectedly Sunday, May 9, 2010. Dan was born on May 23, 1960, in Manchester, N.H., the son of Emily (Radwan) Piaseczny and the late Charles J. Piaseczny. Dan was married to Angela Gawel on Oct. 25, 1980; in Manchester, N.H. Dan worked as an engineer for IBM in Essex Junction for 30 years, and was a gentleman farmer. Hobbies included gardening and cooking, and he will be missed most for his sarcastic sense of humor. Survivors include his mother, Emily Piaseczny

of Manchester, N.H.; his wife of 29 years, Angela "Llama" of Westford, VT; their two children, Jason "Wally" and Becky "Becky Bear" of Westford, VT; his siblings, Fred Piaseczny and his wife, Susan, of Las Vegas, NV, Felecia Forest and her husband, Bill, of Toano, VA, Paul Piaseczny and his wife, Karen, of N.C., and Richard Piaseczny and his wife, Dawn, of Sheldon, VT; as well as many nieces and nephews. Dan's family will receive friends on Thursday, May 13 from 5:00 to 8:00 PM at the Heald Funeral Home, 87 South Main St., St. Albans. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Friday, May 14 at 2:00 PM in St. Luke's Catholic Church in Fairfax. Those planning an expression of sympathy are asked to consider the American Heart Association, Vermont Affiliate, 434 Hurricane Lane, Williston, Vermont 05495. Private messages of condolence are welcome at www.healdfuneralhome.com.



Eunice Esther (Bell) Gates, 95, Jeffersonville, VT, passed away in Copley Manor in Morrisville, VT on Sunday, May 2, 2010. She was born in Malone, N.Y. on Sept. 30, 1914, daughter of the late Abner A. and Rhoda M. (Neff) Bell. Eunice graduated from Johnson Normal School in 1935; she later taught at Waterville and Jeffersonville, VT. She married Johnathan E. Gates on July 3, 1936, they had three children. She found most of her passions outdoors; she spent her summers swimming and her winters up on the mountain. She

enjoyed her fishing vacations in far Northern Quebec; first with her husband, Johnathan, then later with her daughter, Judy. She was thrilled to catch her last salmon two months shy of her 90th birthday. Eunice "mom" "grandma" was an inspiration to many through her strength, sprit, and humor; she will be missed. She is survived by her daughter, Judy Gates; daughter-in-law, Deborah Gates; sister, Carol Taylor Locke, all of Jeffersonville, VT; grandchildren, Tyler Gates and his wife, Sheri, of Williston, VT, Lyndsae Ruchira and her husband, Oat, of Md.; grand-daughter-in-law, Paula Teague; five great-grandchildren, Amber Bell Teague, Andrea Lynn Teague, Audrey Anne Teague, Taevin Knox Ruchira, and Mali Leigh Ruchira; many nieces and nephews; and her beloved cat "Tigger". She was

also predeceased by her husband Jonathan E. Gates; two sons, Jerrol Gates and Jonathan Gates; grandson, Robert Jonathan Teague; and two sisters, Marjorie Pignona and Phyllis McGovern MacGregor. Visiting hours were held on Thursday, May 6, 2010, from 4:00 to 7:00 PM at A. W. Rich Funeral Home - Fairfax Chapel. A funeral service was held on Friday, May 7, 2010, at 10:00 AM at the Second Congregational Church in Jeffersonville, VT with the Reverend Lynda Hadley officiating. Burial followed in the family lot in the Jeffersonville Village Cemetery. Memorial contributions in Eunice's memory may be made to the National Osteoporosis Association, 1150 17th Street N.W., Suite 850, Washington, D.C. 20036. Arrangements were by John D. Workman, A. W. Rich Funeral Home - Fairfax Chapel, 1176 Main Street, Fairfax, VT 05454. The family invites you to share your online condolences by visiting www.awrichfuneralhomes.com.



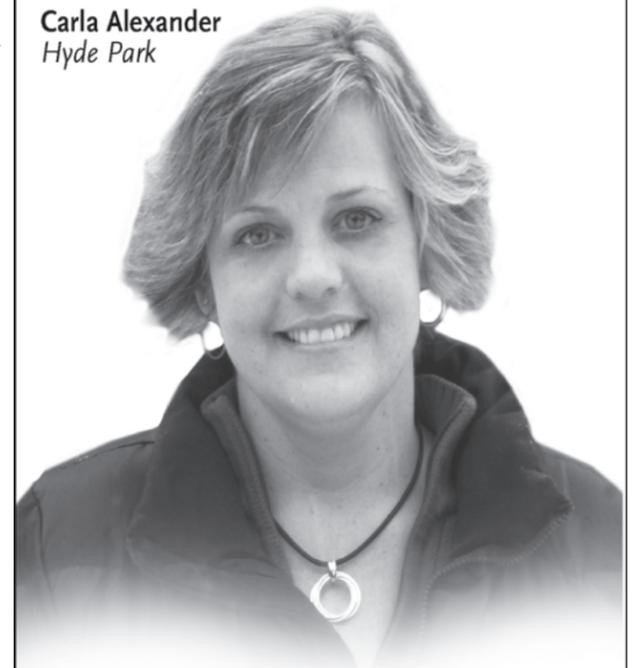
Mary J. "Jinny" Allison, 52, of Underhill, VT, passed away on Wednesday, May 5 2010, after a long and hard fought battle against cancer, surrounded by her family and friends. Jinny was born in Harrisburg, PA on Dec. 29, 1957, the daughter of Andrew and Rita Howell. Jinny was a class of 1975 graduate of Bishop McDevitt High School in Harrisburg, PA. Jinny had many passions in life. Her greatest was her husband, Zane, and three children, Neil, Jim, and Catherine. She also loved spending time with friends, long discussions over many

cups of coffee, reading, learning, writing poetry, and bragging about her beautiful granddaughter. Jinny was a student at CCV in Burlington, pursuing enhancement to her writing ability and philosophical interests. Jinny touched many lives after being diagnosed with cancer. Many eternal friendships were forged throughout the country with individuals who found comfort and humor in her writings of her battle with "the beast," as she called it. She was thankful for the care she received and bonds she built with those in the Fletcher Allen medical community. Jinny is survived by her loving husband, Zane of Underhill, VT; her three children, Neil Allison and his wife, Victoria, of Essex Junction, VT; James Allison and his partner, Timothy Clancy, of Burlington, VT; Catherine Allison and her fiancé, Gregory Hayden, and their daughter, Olivia Hayden, of Underhill, VT. She is also survived by her two sisters, Cheryl Hoffman and her husband, Warren, and Joreen Kelly and her husband, John, both of Harrisburg, Pa.; and many nieces and nephews. All of her friends and family were welcome at a Mass of Christian Burial celebrated on Saturday, May 8, 2010, at 1:00 PM at St. Pius the Tenth Roman Catholic Church in Essex Junction, VT. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Jinny's honor to CaringBridge.org or the Cancer Patient Support Program at Fletcher Allen Health Care.

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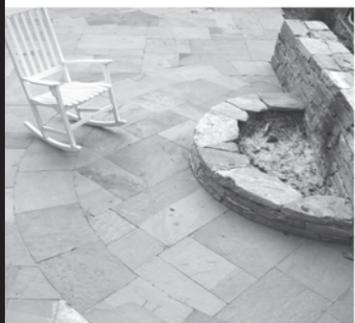
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These gravestones were dug up in front of a house on Route 15 during sidewalk work for the town of Jericho. It appears that these gravestones were used as walkways and landfill after being replaced in the cemetery with new stones. PHOTO BY PHYL NEWBECK

Bottle Drive to support the Cub Scouts

On Saturday June 5, Cub Scouts from Pack 621 in Jericho will be collecting returnable bottles and cans from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. The proceeds will help support their many activities throughout the year.

You can: Drop off your returnables at the JES parking lot from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM on your way to your baseball game or if you're passing by.

Griswold, Sunnyview, and Jericho East developments can leave their bottles/cans at their curbside as scouts will be walking through these neighborhoods for pick up between 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Just leave your returnables out by your curb and we can pick them up even if you're not going to be home.

Drop your bottles/cans off at Essex Discount Beverage and let them know you would like to donate the proceeds to Cub Scout Pack 621 from Jericho.

If you have a large number of bottles/cans and these options don't fit, give us a call to arrange pick up. You can contact us at info@pack621.us or Steve Merena at 899-1048

Cub Scouting is for boys in first through fifth grades and it builds its activities around the family. Cub Scouting is "fun with purpose," which capitalizes on a young boy's interests. The Cub Scout program allows boys to grow through a wide variety of activities like camping, fishing, hiking, archery, skits, songs, crafts, and much, much more! These activities are used to achieve the aims of Scouting- citizenship training, character development, and personal fitness. Cub Scouting builds self-esteem, self-confidence and a sense of belonging. For more information contact Cub Scout Pack 621 at info@pack621.us or visit <http://pack621.us>.



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Welcome Mother's Day baby

Copley's Mother Day Baby: Mother's Day was extra special for Rylin Gillen of Morrisville with the birth of daughter Asialyn. Asialyn was born at Copley Hospital on Mother's Day, May 9, weighing 7 pounds. Welcoming Asialyn are her grandmother, Debbie Trombly and great-grandmother, Bonnie Lefevre. Congratulations!

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Registration now open for 3rd annual FJG race to Top of Vermont

The Catamount Trail Association (CTA) is proud to announce the Fleischer Jacobs Group (FJG) as the title sponsor of the Race to the Top of Vermont (RTTOVT) for the second year. Mitch Fleischer, the president of FJG has extended his commitment to the Catamount Trail Association and announced his desire to continue his support for this top-level event.

After a very successful event in 2009 with 600 participants, the FJG Race To The Top Of Vermont has turned into a significant fundraiser for the Catamount Trail Association in its effort to protect and manage the 300-mile Catamount Trail. This year the CTA has named Mobius and Girls Move Mountains as the two non-profit co-beneficiaries of the FJG RTTOVT. Mobius is dedicated to finding caring adults to mentor youth while Girls Move Mountains' mission is to nurture girls' innate capacity for confidence, courage, and leadership through adventure-based experimental education.

The race to be held on Sunday, August 29 will be limited to 900 participants. Competitors will either mountain bike or run while a

hiking class will once again be available for the non-competitive participants. World class runners and mountain bikers from over 17 states and Canada will converge at the Stowe Mountain Resort in their quest to set new records on the famous Mount Mansfield Toll Road.

This 4.3-mile race is considered to be one of the most demanding hill climbs in the East. A shaded gravel road with numerous switchbacks over the first three miles will be contrasted by the spectacular above tree line views of the last mile and one-half. Greeted by spectators and event volunteers, racers will reach the finish line having climbed a congratulatory 2,550 vertical feet. All participants will be treated to a BBQ and awards party with over \$8,000 in raffle prizes and awards following the race.

All would be participants are urged to enter early since registration will be full at 900 people. For more information, please visit: www.catamounttrail.org for race details and entry form or call (802) 864-5794.

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SUPPORT GROUPS

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

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

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

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

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

TOWN GOVERNMENT AND ORGANIZATIONS

Free Home Energy Visits/Free Light Bulbs—The Underhill Energy Committee and the Jericho Energy Task Force are conducting free home energy visits in March and April. For more info, see: <http://vcem.pbworks.com> or call 825-8871 (eves).

Cambridge Area Rotary meets on the first Thursday of the month, rotating to local restaurants, 7:00 – 8:00 AM. For informa-

tion, call Anita Lotto, 793-0856, or Chuck Hogan, 644-8134.

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

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

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

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

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

Village of Jericho, Inc. – Please be advised that the Board of Water Commissions of the Village of Jericho, Inc. will hold their monthly meeting on Tuesday, June 15, 2010 at 7:00 PM at the Old Red Mill on 4B Red Mill Drive, Jericho.

Jericho Energy Task Force meets the third Wednesday of every month from 7:00 to 8:30 PM at Jericho Town Hall. Our next meeting is April 21st and it is open to the public.

THRIFT SHOPS AND FOOD SHELVES

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

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- Thursday May 20 – Holiday Inn, Harper Room 11:00 AM check in, 11:30 AM lunch. Turkey buffet.
- Friday, May 21 – United Church, Hinesburg, 12:00 noon. Hot turkey sandwich with gravy, mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce, broccoli and cauliflower; whole wheat roll, apricots.
- Monday, May 24 – Covenant Church, Essex Ctr., 12:00 noon. BBQ ribslets, roasted vegetables and potatoes, whole wheat roll, ice cream
- Tuesday, May 25 – Colonial Room, Essex Jct. Ed. Ctr., Essex Jct. 11:15 AM check in, 12:00 noon lunch. Roast beef.
- Wednesday, May 26 – Ponderosa, Williston, 11:00 AM check in, 11:30 AM. All you can eat buffet.
- Thursday, May 27 – Holiday Inn, Harper Room, 11:00 AM check in, 11:30 AM lunch. Turkey buffet.
- Friday, May 28 – United Church, Hinesburg, 12:00 noon. Chicken

stew, Harvard beets, biscuit, banana pudding.
 Monday, May 31 – Holiday, No meal sites.
 In addition, CVAA-sponsored meals for seniors are offered on an ongoing basis at the following establishments. Tickets must be presented before ordering. For details about the special ticket program, call 865-0360.
 A.J.'s Kitchen, 85 Main St., Essex Jct. – open menu; tickets limited. Sunday-Tuesday, 5:00 AM – 2:00 PM, and Wednesday-Saturday, 5:00 AM – 8:00 PM.
 Bridge Street Café, Richmond – breakfast, lunch, or dinner (ordered before 5:30 PM) Monday-Thursday. Regular menu excluding shrimp, steak, and some specials.
 Dutch Mill, Shelburne Rd., Shelburne – Tuesday-Sunday, 7:30 AM – 2:00 PM.
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 Cut fish into bite size portions. Place in 2 quart baking dish. Combine remaining ingredients, pour over fish. Bake 350° for about 1 hour.

CESU meetings

- Monday, May 24, CESU Policy Committee meeting, 6:30 PM at the Central Office, Richmond Town Center.
- Tuesday, May 25, Underhill ID School Board meeting, 7:00 PM at Underhill ID Elementary.
- Thursday, May 27, Mt. Mansfield Union School Board meeting, 7:30 PM at Camels Hump Middle School.
- Tuesday, June 1, Underhill Center School Board meeting, 6:30 PM at Underhill Central School.

Pete Sunderland receives Older Folks Doing Stuff for Younger Folks Award

To recognize the 'older folks doing stuff for younger folks', Young Tradition Vermont presents an annual award recognizing one of the many teachers, parents, mentors, presenters, writers and others who spend time and focus with and for children, youth and young adults who sing, play and/or dance in folk and/or traditional styles. The award was presented at the awards reception at the annual Young Tradition Weekend in Burlington on May 15, 3:30 PM at Union Station. Pete Sutherland was born and raised in Shelburne; Pete spent HIS childhood with Broadway show tunes, operatic arias and British invasion melodies. But he has spent a major portion of his time as

an adult teaching, coaching and cheering on the next generation of singers, players, dancers and writers. A folk troubadour of world class proportions, his ever-humble reach is wide and deep and of the highest standards. From the Young Writer's Ballad Project, which was featured at last year's Young Tradition Weekend, to school assemblies, to Farmer's Night at the Vermont State House, to summer music camps, to private and group lessons at Middlebury College, the Lake Champlain Waldorf School and a good percentage of the public and private schools in Vermont, Pete has had more to do with more young people being exposed to and excited about traditional music and dance than even he will likely ever know.

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Leach Construction of Vermont and Christian Brown Design, both of Jericho, VT, were honored to be featured as the design/build team of the "Contemporary Farmhouse" in a new book by renowned author Sheri Koonen. The book, *Prefabulous + Sustainable*, details some of the best green building practices in the country and includes a foreword by environmentalist, actor and director Robert Redford. The recently released book is published by Abrams Books.

Our Mountain

By Suzanne Kusserow
 Senior Guest Columnist

It has been "our mountain" to many people of Underhill over the years. Its wide glacially-carved cirque doesn't make it look classically mountainous -i.e. - the volcano shape of Mount Fuji or Mt. Rainier. You need to go around its North end in Cambridge to see its more glamorous Alpine view. Across the cirque is the scar of an old Civil Conservation Corps. (CCC) road, almost invisible now. An attempt was made to create another Blue Ridge Highway, but luckily funds and interest ran out as the specter of war increased. Corn snow, created by the western sun, prevented our side from becoming another Stowe. Whether that has been 'good' or 'bad', or, as is usual, 'somewhere in between', used to be a subject for debate. Most of us like Underhill as a relatively rural community, and the commute to Burlington gives us enough "Gap", "Land's End", and "Leunigs" to let Stowe have its supposed benefits. So we have our mountain pretty much to ourselves. Two main entrances become unplowed roads, for which cross-country skiers are grateful, as is the Town Road Crew.

Some of us have had personal pacts to climb the Mountain every year; it marks our lives: the different trails we take, the deep breaths at the top, the possessive look down the valley, and the friends who climb with us and tolerate our bragging rights: "There's our old silo." "...and the road to Burlington." "Isn't that the old Pollard farm?" My sons first hiked it when 6 and 4. Paul bounded up like a mountain goat; Karl at a younger age, did fine with the reward method of encouragement: "Three more rocks to crawl up, Karlie, and you get another chocolate." And finally at the top we all rejoiced with a Hershey Bar all our own. Since then, Paul, Tom Burroughs and Bob Linde completed the rite of passage for Underhill boys: up Smuggs, across Madonna, down Spruce Peak, up the gondola, across the crest of Mt. Mansfield and down the Tear Drop Trail. The Tear Drop was established years ago as a difficult way to get down the West side of the mountain on old skis with even older bindings. (It is even more difficult for kids to get down now, with stiff boots and bindings cranked up so they will never come loose, and a trail clogged with brush and blowdowns.) We, the mothers waited to pick them up at the end of the Stevensville Road; before cell phones could give us a location or time, we got a bit anxious! Once home and out of wet clothes and warm again, Paul sat at the round kitchen table in our old farmhouse, had one spoonful of hot soup, put his head down on the table and collapsed into sleep.

One time we all went up the Wampahoofus - a ratty old trail leading off of Maple Ridge, full of makeshift ladders, rock cliffs to go over and under, and one deep hole that Fred, our Lab, bounded ahead and fell into. It took the whole group to scale down, heave him up, and then ourselves.

For my seventy-fifth birthday, Karl and Adrie walked me up partway, then went on ahead to unload cheese, crackers, wine and grapes for a picnic at Karl's favorite spot on Maple Ridge: a bald, gently-sloped rock near the summit....a lovely celebration! If I could have traded a few years backwards for that picnic, I would not have done it.

Some other trips have been sad: hiking up for a memorial to a young friend who died too early. We shared memories, watched the sun sink into Lake Champlain and shivered closely to each other as the night came on.

'Pete' Tomasi, Irene Linde and I hiked up before I left to teach in Seattle for a year, full of energy going up. Coming down, Pete's ankle gave way and she sat on each rock-step, slid both feet down, stood up, and went on to repeat this adjustment many times over. It was dark when we reached the gentler path....no flashlight of course. Since I had the tough feet of a summer assiduously avoiding any sort/shape/style/color of shoe, I could take off my sneakers and feel the path. "Oops, we're into bushes again; go backwards. There, we're back on the hard trail, but there's a puddle coming up!" We arrived home to find our kids lounging around the TV and not the least bit worried about us. I suppose it was a credit to our survival abilities, but we felt crestfallen at not receiving even an outcry of familial concern.

I hope to hike the mountain one more time.....alone. The thought of having someone politely wait for me to catch up, sends me huffing and puffing to prove I can still do it. This way, I can, as my botanist father used to say: "I examine more plants by the trail, the older I get." And I can politely step aside with my trusty ski poles for a brace, when hearty groups come charging along: By feigning politeness, I thereby catch my breath. The trip may take 8 hours, but I have no need to rush. The mountain and I have been friends for a

long time and I don't think my kids will worry this time, either.

John Tomasi and his son, Peter, and others, went up this spring to try and find the Tear Drop Trail....mother to son to grandson. It was the beginning of spring: watching the green line of budding trees move up the mountain, the snow melting under the dribbles of rain that create the small rivulets that cross the trail, only to dry up in a few weeks.

Summer is tourist time and we wait for fall when visitors look and gasp at the colors, but don't usually hike. Then Underhill walkers can reclaim their time again, with the solitude of fallen leaves and the first slow swirls of snow. The quiet surrounds the mountain, celebrating sunny cold days with a party-pink alpine glow, five minutes at most.

When I come back from a trip I look out the plane window and see Mt. Mansfield and think: "It's still there!" I can imagine the mountain grumpily saying: "Of course I'm still here, you silly lady! And I will be here for your grandchildren and their children and their children's children. I will be home and beauty to anyone who wants to climb with me. Just step gently, please! And teach them to do the same!"

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HISTORY FROM OUR SENIOR CITIZENS

Roberta Marsh and Matt Safford - Guardians of Cambridge's Past

By Phyl Newbeck
Special to the Mountain Gazette

Roberta Marsh and Matt Safford laughed about one major change from the Cambridge of their youth to the Cambridge of today; then we would have been able to find a place to sit down for pastries. Sure, there are plenty of eateries in town, but one was closed for mud season and two others aren't open on Monday. Both assured me that in days gone by, business establishments were open every day but Sunday. Thankfully, Marsh was carrying the keys to the Historical Society. That was an apt location for an interview, since the duo are faithful custodians of Cambridge's history.

Marsh actually grew up in Waterville, but has been living in Cambridge since 1952, having married her high school sweetheart, a Cambridge native. She is working on a pictorial history of Cambridge which she hopes to complete shortly. Safford was born and raised in Cambridge, although he was gone for 22 years while serving in the Navy. The two stalwarts of the historical society were more than happy to share their recollections of the Cambridge of yore.

One obvious change in the Cambridge/Jeffersonville area is the creation of the Smuggler's Notch Ski Resort in 1956. Safford noted that many landowners expected Smuggs to expand down the mountain road, much like Stowe, and hoped to make a fortune selling their old farm land. That hasn't happened. Safford said there are still a number of building lots for sale, but those that did sell were simply converted into single family homes, rather than businesses. Safford and Marsh said there was plenty of tourism in Cambridge even before the ski area opened since many farmhouses doubled as bed and breakfasts. Safford noted that the Big Spring half-way up the Notch Road used to be a big tourist attraction and bemoaned the fact that the state has let it fall into disrepair. Plans to bottle water from the spring never came to fruition. Likewise, a bygone proposal by the owners of what used to be called the Borden House (now Stella Notte) to transport people by sleigh up the mountain so they could ski down to Stowe never did pan out since there was nobody on the other side willing to bring them back up.

Both Marsh and Safford attended one-room school houses in Waterville and Cambridge, respectively. Safford recalls that there used to be separate grammar schools in Jeffersonville, North Cambridge, South Cambridge, Pleasant Valley and "the big school" in the center of town which only went up sixth grade. There were 12 to 15 families in each of those schools. By the 1940's, they had consolidated to one grammar school. Safford didn't ride a school bus until third grade. "Bus" is probably stretching the word; the vehicle was a truck with a barge on the back with four rows of seats. Since there were generally more children than seats, the smaller ones were consigned to the older children's laps. Both Safford and Marsh defended the old system of multi-grade classrooms. "By the time you got to fourth grade, you learned what was going on," Marsh remembers. She recalls as a fourth grader being asked to help teach the younger children; something which she does not believe would ever take place today. Safford pointed out that many children went on to receive their college degrees. "Everyone who wanted to, got educated," is how Marsh put it.

Marsh and Safford attended high school in Cambridge although Marsh did spend one year at Stowe High School before her parents moved back home. Stowe, she noted, was very different. Even then, the children had nannies and were significantly wealthier. Marsh remembers an event for which a particular outfit (grey flannel pants and a blue jacket) was needed. Many of her Stowe classmates had several outfits to choose from while she had nothing to wear. That sort of situation would not have occurred in Cambridge, where almost all the students came from the same socio-economic class; a situation which she believes still exists today. "Kids going skiing



Roberta Marsh and Matt Safford

could buy a hamburger at the lodge." In addition to the plethora of schools, the Cambridge area was awash in post offices. Safford and Marsh believe there were seven at one point, with five still operational in 1960. The six churches in Cambridge have dwindled to three. Naturally, there was a lot less traffic and virtually all the roads with the exception of Route 15 were unpaved. Both Marsh and Safford remember children sledding in the streets of their youth. Marsh noted that in 1950, there were 150 farms in Cambridge; today there are seven. Safford hastened to add that many of these farms were small ones, but still fully operational. The decline of farms led to the closing of the sawmill, and a decline in stores for machinery, feed and other smaller establishments. In their place is a winery, art galleries, an antique store and a liquor store.

The Cambridge of today is obviously larger than when Marsh and Safford were in high school. Safford recalls that there were 900 residents when he moved back to town; now there are 2,300, and the feeling of neighborliness has diminished. Both recall the days when they knew everyone they saw at Town Meeting. Fifty years ago, there were more opportunities for neighbors to get together. Safford mentioned community clubs and a Christmas club which planned annual festivities. The community clubs got together in the summer to play cards, have potluck dinners and perhaps have a big summer cookout. Sometimes all the musically inclined residents would get together to put on a show to raise money for those who were ill. There were barn dances almost every Saturday night and children as young as five knew the steps.

While Marsh and Safford wax nostalgic for the smaller, friendlier Cambridge, they do see advantages to modern times. Safford, for one, is pleased by the growth of the technical center at the high school which helps those who aren't academically inclined find jobs. This, he believes, is crucial because with the loss of farms, comes the loss of jobs for younger kids who used to be able to drive tractors, milk cows, spread manure and help with sugaring for money. "The boys didn't have to take driving lessons," said Marsh, "since they were already driving tractors." Safford noted that many kids didn't attend high school (his own father dropped out after fourth grade) but they still had plenty of job options at the mill, on farms or with local businesses. Many eventually bought the businesses that had provided them with teenage employment. "Now they go through college and can't find a job," said Marsh.

Marsh and Safford are fully committed to helping Cambridge into the future without forgetting its past as active members of the Historical Society. In 2009, UVM brought a series of programs to Cambridge which they hoped would energize the community, but interest in history dwindled after the program ended. Still, there were 25 people at the last meeting of the Historical Society which has a vast array of historical materials which they hope to catalog and display. Both wish that younger residents would take a more active interest in their efforts.

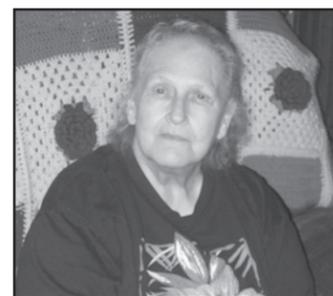
Marsh and Safford each spent some time away from Cambridge. Marsh trained to be a nurse at Mary Fletcher which required her to live on campus. Her training also necessitated three month residencies in Brooklyn, Philadelphia and Rhode Island. Marsh believes her education at Mary Fletcher was better than nursing schools today, based on the practical experience they were given. She recalls

a blackout during her residency in Brooklyn. The generator failed and nobody other than the Mary Fletcher nurses knew how to convert the respirators to manual. Marsh thinks that less practical knowledge and common sense is imparted to current nurses, but in deference to today's training, she added that they learn so much, there may not be time for more hands on experience. In any event, she was more than happy to return home to Cambridge when her residency was up.

Safford's travels were even more extensive. After 22 years in the service he briefly retired to Connecticut. He bought a truck and found himself making deliveries across New York City. "I got all the travelling out of me," he said. "I told my wife, 'let's go home'. I saw the world and I knew I wanted to come back to a better part of the world."

Nancy Cross - Crossover Kennels

By Brenda Boutin
Mountain Gazette staff



Rain and hail pelted down on that cold April afternoon, Nancy Cross came to the door of her modest home on Lee River Road in Jericho. For those who have lived in Jericho for a long time, 189 Lee River Road was also the home of Crossover Kennels where Nancy bred toy poodles and Dobermans. "I have a lot of ribbons for showing dogs," Cross said. "I could paper a

whole wall with them." Not that there is an empty wall to be had. Family photos, old dolls and dog figurines grace every wall, shelf, nook and cranny. "I can still dust all this," Nancy smiles, "Except the ones up high." She has to have a caregiver get them down for her as she has not felt safe climbing a ladder since she had both knees replaced.

Nancy is the daughter Clarence and Helen Hine. She was born in Lake Placid, N.Y. in 1932 and moved to Colchester, Vermont at the age of three. She started school at Mallets Bay in Colchester but returned to Lake Placid with her mother when her parents divorced. Nancy and her mother later returned to the Burlington where Nancy graduated from Burlington High School in 1949. She was 17 years old.

Burlington was where Nancy met the love of her life Wallace Cross. They courted for about a year before marrying. "Wally was worried about the difference in our ages," Nancy stated. He was six years older than her. The Crosses waited three years to start a family. They went on to have five children: Deborah, Cynthia, Wallace Jr., Patricia, and Nichole. "They were all good kids," she remembers.

The Crosses moved to Bridgewater, Mass. where Wally worked in law enforcement. "Every night I'd ask him what happened in town," Nancy told the listener, "But he'd just say, 'You know I can't talk about my work.'" The next day Nancy's girlfriend would call and tell her everything that had gone on but Wally never did.

The Crosses moved back to Vermont and settled in Jericho to raise their children.

Nancy and Wallace were Raleigh Distributors, and at one point they were executive directors of a local sales territory. They won a trip to Chicago where they received a check for \$1000.



Wally was a World War II veteran and managed the body shop for Lewis Motors until he retired. Wallace and Nancy were married 53 years. "It was hard when he developed Alzheimer's," the tears welled in Nancy's eyes. "I took care of him at home as long as I could then he went to Green Mountain Nursing Home." He passed away three years ago.

Nancy ran Crossover Kennels for 40 years. "I just loved dogs," she said. The kennel boarded both dogs and cats. Nancy offered obedience training classes at the kennel. She trained show dogs and had a standard poodle who took best in show at the Woodstock show. "I liked the obedience class best," she said. "You know that your dog is being judged on its own skills." She also had a Doberman that held US and Canadian titles. "Our dogs were AKC registered," she said. "But there was so much paper work." She closed the kennel 10 years ago when her husband got ill.



Nancy is an avid doll collector. A 125 year old doll graces her bed. "I did the room all over after Wally passed." She said. "He would never have slept in a room with all those roses."

There are several apartments in the house now. Some rented and one occupied by her son Wallace and his wife. Wallace Jr. has added a body shop to the property and the kennels are just about all gone.

Nancy is proud of all of her five children, eight grandchildren and five great-grand children. "Or should I say 6," she said. One more is due soon.

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HISTORY FROM OUR SENIOR CITIZENS

June Kenney – Mother, grandmother, neighbor, lady, friend

By Brenda Bennett Boutin
Mountain Gazette Staff



Visitors arrive at the quiet neighborhood where June Kenney and her husband Don live in Fernwood Manor, the trailer park that lies along US Rt. 2 in Bolton. A lovely blossoming crabapple tree graces the lawn and flower gardens in various stages of spring life abound. “Don hasn’t had a chance to get into the gardens yet,” June says as she points out the pots and window boxes filled with fresh soil ready for planting. “I have a rock village that I painted that has to go into that bed.”

Her home is inviting. Two large cats laze close by and you know immediately that family is the most important part of her life. The walls are covered with generations of photos from both her and her husband’s sides of the family.

June Davis was born in 1933 and was raised during the Depression in Beverly, MA – like the rest of the nation, a hard place to be. Her father and mother both worked hard and just barely made a living. “My mother worked long hours at a diner,” June said. “When she came home at night we would ask her what she had brought home for dinner.” June’s mother brought home leftovers from the diner. It was always rice and something.

Kenney’s father was given the chance to be a foreman on a farm in Knox Ridge, ME. “The first winter was very much an adventure,” June admits. “We had no running water, no electricity, cooked on a woodstove, and took a bath in a galvanized tub.” With a hint of laughter in her voice, June continues, “We all used the same water, my brother then me then my mother and father. We did get rinsed with fresh water though.” She also remembers it being too cold to leave the baby animals in the barn and so baby pigs, calves, and chickens lived behind the stove.

During the Depression, butter and eggs were great barter commodities. “We’d go to town with fresh churned butter and eggs. Mother would trade them for tobacco, nylons, and sugar,” she said. June remembers the farm as a good place to be, plenty of food and hard work.

She remembers the huge meals that had to be prepared at harvest time. “The farmer’s wife and daughters and my mother and I all helped prepare three meals a day for 50 men,” she said. The farm harvested vegetables for the Jolly Green Giant brand.

Her father was a selectman and involved in town affairs. The family lived on the farm until her father had an accident. It was discovered that he had appendicitis and was no longer able to work on the farm.

They moved back to Beverly, MA in 1949 and that is where she met her beloved husband Don Kenney. “I was walking down the street,” she said. “Don told his friend, ‘That’s the girl I’m going to ask to the beach party.’” They courted for four and a half years and they married in 1953 at a ceremony in Washington, D.C.

Don was in the Navy and June was expecting their first daughter when he shipped out on a world cruise. “Our daughter was a year old when he came home,” June said. “She knew her dad because we kissed his picture every night.” The Kenneys went on to have six children in all – four girls and two boys. “I stayed home until my last child was in school,” she said. “Then I wanted to work.”

Kenney started Kenney Transportation Company in 1968, which carried special needs children. “I started with one VW bus and five children,” she said. The company grew to a fleet of 15 vehicles and had ten mothers working for it. “We transported over 200 children in Massachusetts.” The company also transported seniors to lunches and meals, cheerleaders to games, and Boy Scouts on trips.

Don worked in electronics and when that field crashed, he went to work as coordinator and general manager for the transport company while June drove 210 miles a week carrying one deaf child to a special school. They worked side by side for many years.

June’s father and mother divorced and June was not close to her father, but when he died the task of burying him fell to her. There wasn’t any place to bury him, but then an aunt offered June the deed to a plot in Lakeview Cemetery in Burlington, VT, where her great-grandfather was buried.

“We came to Vermont to bury my father and fell in love with the state,” she said. She was very surprised that her great-grandfather George Evan Davis had been the founder of the YMCA in Vermont and a writer for the *Burlington Free Press*. Her grandfather Charles Davis had left Vermont to teach in Rhode Island.

George Evans Davis was a Civil War Congressional Medal of Honor Recipient who served in the Civil War first as a First Lieutenant, then Captain and commander of Company D, 10th Vermont Volunteer Infantry. He was awarded the CMOH for his bravery at the Battle of Monocacy, Maryland, on July 9, 1864. His citation reads “While in command of a small force, held the approaches to the 2 bridges against repeated assaults of superior numbers, thereby materially delaying Early’s advance on Washington”. His Medal was issued on May 27, 1892. (bio by: Russ Dodge)

June and Don retired from the business in 1980 and bought the Golden Horse Lodge in Warren. They ran the inn for four years. Two of their children came with them and by the time six months had passed, the entire family was in Vermont, including June’s mother and step-father.

Don went to work for Brother’s Building Supply and June worked at Suzanne’s Yarn and Craft Store in Waitsfield. Life was good.

The all hell broke loose. June and Don’s daughter Jennifer Folsom was diagnosed with AIDS. Originally Folsom told people in her community that she was suffering from leukemia. Folsom’s mother, June Kenney, said the story was made up because Jennifer’s auto mechanic husband, Doug Folsom, feared public opinion. Said Kenney, “He was afraid people wouldn’t come down to have their cars fixed because his wife had AIDS.”

Kenney remembers her own amazement when she learned her daughter had AIDS. Folsom was healthy looking and beautiful. She took pride in her work as a hairdresser, and she had recently given birth to her second child.

“I thought, ‘No way, they got it wrong,’ “ said Kenney, who readily owned up to the kind of ignorance she believes still prevailed in many areas.” I thought only people that use drugs or are gay have AIDS. Not my kid.”

Just after the Folsoms’ baby daughter, Angela, celebrated her first birthday in May, 1988, she, too, was found to have AIDS.

After four years of sobriety, Doug, a recovering alcoholic, began drinking heavily.

Then, about a year after she learned she had AIDS, Jennifer Folsom attended a motivational health seminar. The first order of business was for each person at the seminar to take the microphone. A once-vivacious blond stood up. In clear, honest tones, she announced, “I’m Jennifer Folsom and I have AIDS.”

They family could not get financial help for medical treatment for Jennifer and Angela until after Jennifer’s husband Doug committed suicide. Then and only then did Medicaid kick in.

June Kenney took care of her daughter and granddaughter until they died. “My daughter asked me on her death bed to not have let her die in vain, and to teach people,” June said, choking back tears.

And teach people she did. June spoke to church groups, Lions’ Clubs, schools, Rotaries, and to anyone who would listen. Senator Patrick Leahy took note of June when her son Fred, who worked for Leahy, brought his mother’s hard work to the senator’s attention.

Kenney was written up in the Congressional Record on Tuesday, April 16, 1991. Senator Leahy began by saying, “Mr. President, I bring to the Senate’s attention today, a story of a mother’s courage and dedication through a tragic episode that affected every member of her community.”

June was also named Vermont’s Mother of the Year for 1991.

Next, June took on being a nanny and cared for newborn infants until they were old enough to go to daycare. “I had women call me,” she said, “wanting to know when I had an opening coming up. They’d get pregnant according to my schedule.”

Kenney was involved in the senior meals program that took place at the Waitsfield Volunteer Fire Department. The area was curtained off from the vehicle bay but the big doors would be left open when an engine or ambulance went out on call. Waitsfield resident Emma Ford came to the dinners and one day she came up to June, cane in hand and said, “You young whippersnapper, old folks deserve better than this.”

Kenney took up the challenge and, gathering folks into committees under her direction, enough money was raised to buy an inn and turn it into Evergreen Place, a senior housing facility in Waitsfield.

June and Don spent 18 years playing Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus for children in the Mad River Valley. The Sisters of the Church of the Crucified made a donation in their name to a school in Kenya and gave them a card with a picture of the children at the school and, lo and behold, there were three children in the photo wearing sweaters June had knitted and donated. They continue to go to the Warren United Church.



June enjoyed taking care of her three of her grandchildren after school. “I miss them,” she says. The children have moved on from Smilie School in Bolton to Camel’s Hump Middle School and beyond.

The Kenneys make their Christmas gifts: one year clocks, another a tray that Don makes in his shop over at a son’s house. June and Don are Eastern Stars, and by the time this paper hits the newsstand they will have helped to build a bunk house located at the new home of Kamp Ta Kum Ta in South Hero.

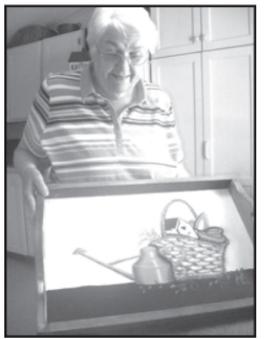
Don has created a beautiful tray and another member of the Eastern Stars has painted it. “We have a silent auction every year,” June says.

says. “This year our contribution is called ‘Tea for Two’”. The tray will be loaded with antique tea cups and a teapot, napkins, tea, and cookies, and the money raised will go toward next year’s statewide project.

Kenney has been awarded Rotary Person of the Year – 1966; and recognized in 2008 by the Eastern Star Ladies at the Table for her caring service and betterment of her community and fellow humans.

Today June is known as the cookie maker. She delivers cookies to children at a local playground. “I can’t eat them, as I am diabetic,” she says. June’s hobbies are sewing, reading, and baking cookies.

Kenney finds joy in everything around her. She is a colorful and inspirational woman.



June Kenney’s great-grandfather George Evans Davis was a Civil War Congressional Medal of Honor Recipient who served in the Civil War first as a First Lieutenant, then Captain and commander of Company D, 10th Vermont Volunteer Infantry.

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HISTORY FROM OUR SENIOR CITIZENS

Esther McLaughlin - Underhill was always home

By Phyl Newbeck



Esther McLaughlin and Gretchen

Special to the Mountain Gazette
Esther McLaughlin's family moved to Underhill when she was 14 months old and although she spent over 30 years teaching school in Massachusetts, she never really left, returning home every summer. When McLaughlin was 16, her parents decided to move to Essex Center but the youngster put her foot down and insisted that she did not want to change high schools. Her parents allowed her remain in Underhill and board with

the Weston family; now, almost 60 years later, she has an apartment at the very same location.

The McLaughlins originally lived on a small farm across from Russin Road. Later, they moved to the French Farm, named for the owner who lived in Burlington. From both locations (the first a bit under a mile and the second a little bit further), McLaughlin walked to Creek School, the one-room schoolhouse she attended for eight years, across the road from what is now Gert's Knob. Some mornings she was able to catch a ride with the milk truck, but she always had to walk home. Underhill wasn't exactly a booming town so McLaughlin and her five siblings made up a good portion of the school population which varied from a low of ten to a high of 23 with a total of four teachers. Sometimes McLaughlin was the only child in her class. She recalls a great deal of cooperation between the classes, with the older kids helping out the younger ones. With no running water, the school had a chemical toilet. McLaughlin remembers that when she got older she would earn a quarter a week by building fires in the pot-bellied stove. Other kids were tasked with

sweeping the floors and cleaning the slate chalkboard.

For high school, McLaughlin was finally able to take a school bus which brought her to Jeffersonville at the site for the current elementary school. When her parents made their move to Essex Center, she convinced them to let her board with the Weston family so she could continue to attend that school. She babysat their sons to pay for her room and board. McLaughlin's older sister also insisted on staying at Jeffersonville High School, rooming with a family in Jeff. The high school shared a building with the elementary school and had kids from Belvidere, Waterville and other surrounding areas, as well as Underhill. Still, there were no more than 17 students per class. There were some extra-curricular activities, but without a car, McLaughlin couldn't take part in them.

Following graduation, McLaughlin went to Johnson State College for a degree in teaching. She taught for six years in Vermont before embarking on a 30 year career in Massachusetts, generally teaching second graders. Still, she returned to Vermont every summer, living in a room in the Weston house that she considered home. McLaughlin truly enjoyed her career in education. "You can see progress with little kids," she said, "day to day and week to week. Today they can't read but tomorrow they can. They have such enthusiasm."

When McLaughlin retired from teaching, the Westons continued to offer her a place but now McLaughlin wanted her own four walls. The family took down an old post and beam structure, replacing it with a small apartment building where McLaughlin lives to this day. She considers the Westons to be family, while still remaining close to her own flesh and blood. Only one of her siblings has moved out of the state: two others are in senior housing in Jericho, one lives in Essex Junction, and another is in Milton.

McLaughlin's family was not wealthy. They didn't purchase a car until her youngest sister was born. Before that, the kids used to take the bus into Burlington once a year before the start of the school year to purchase new shoes and perhaps a dress. As McLaughlin remembers, "we didn't have much money; just enough for necessities." The kids had to help out with haying and during sugaring season. Still, McLaughlin thinks she and her siblings were able to do more than many kids do today. They skated on the pond behind school at lunch and managed to play baseball despite the small population of the school. Sometimes after recess the teachers would allow them to finish out the afternoon under a big maple tree, rather than returning indoors.

Her teaching career has given McLaughlin greater perspective into the education she received in Underhill. "Being a teacher I still

can't figure out how they managed to get all the studies in," McLaughlin said. "There was reading, math, spelling, art, geography, history, penmanship, language, and everything else. Sometimes two or three grades would come together and sit on the floor in a circle with the teacher on a chair in the middle." McLaughlin believes the old system favored the smarter students, while current methodology spends more time on the slower students, to the detriment of the quick learners.

Retirement doesn't mean McLaughlin has slowed down very much. She does a good deal of volunteering through the Congregational Church in Jeffersonville and only recently gave up her 15 year volunteer position as cook for the Jeri-Hill Seniors. She still attends their lunches and whenever possible, attends the lunches of other senior groups including Westford and Huntington. For the latter, she takes several Jeri-Hill seniors with her in a van. McLaughlin also has a paid position with the Visiting Nurses Association, helping some of her neighbors

McLaughlin has seen many changes from her perch off Route 15. The increased traffic is one she does not approve of. She is also troubled by the fact that she no longer knows all her neighbors. McLaughlin sees a big change in the way children behave. When she was young, neighborhood kids used to drop by each other's houses for games. Much of what they did was unorganized; sliding in the snow on sap bucket covers (until her father

found out) or pieces of cardboard, skinning their knees on their first bicycles (rewards for taking care of the family cows), and riding jack-jumpers made by her father. McLaughlin thinks the current generation is incapable of playing by themselves; they need official play dates and constant entertainment from others or from gadgets. In contrast, her generation invented things to entertain themselves, even if that entailed cutting paper dolls out of magazines. McLaughlin grew up without electricity and remembers in the winter sitting down after dinner and having her mother read aloud to the whole family; many of the children could read on their own, but this was family time. McLaughlin's mother played the piano and her father played violin so the children learned to sing at an early age and eventually joined the church choir. Thanks to her upbringing (and a good ear for pitch); McLaughlin made all-state glee club three years in a row in high school.

Respect for the past doesn't mean that McLaughlin hasn't taken advantage of some of the advances of modern society. She has travelled extensively across the United States including Alaska and Hawaii, as well as to Bermuda and Mexico. She enjoys scrapbooking and is about to embark on her third trip to Dresden, Ohio, the site of the Longaberger Basket Company which is a new passion of hers. McLaughlin makes weekly trips to South Burlington to do ceramics and continues to garden, having recently started an asparagus patch. She is certainly not ready to slow down. Underhill may be changing, but McLaughlin is happy to still be living in the home of her youth.

Dorothy Root of Westford - Watching the changes on Plains Road

By Phyl Newbeck
Special to the Mountain Gazette



She may not have been born in Westford, but Dorothy Root has spent all but the first two of her 81 years in town; on Plains Road to be precise. When she moved there as a child, there were eight farms on the road. Now, there isn't a single working farm. Four of the original houses remain, but there are at least 50 new ones which have sprung up over the years. Root keeps a wary eye on the forty acres next door, hoping her neighbor

stays healthy since he has shown no inclination to subdivide while he's numbered among the living.

Back when Root was a child, the Westford School was a two-room schoolhouse with grades one through four in one room and five through eight in the other. The two other town schools in Brookside and Cloverdale were both one room. The Westford School had no running water; there was what Root described as a "chemical toilet," for which the older boys lugged water from the spring in an old ceramic bucket. Root smiles considering that this very utilitarian piece would probably be considered a valuable antique today. It wasn't until she reached the fifth grade that running water was added to the school and bathrooms were installed in the basement.

Root found the move to high school in Fairfax quite difficult. She was used to staying in one room and now she had to travel around a big building. Her grades reflected her unease. Additionally, Root found the mile long walk home from school to be unpleasant in the winter months. When her father told her she didn't have to stay, she jumped at the opportunity to work on the family farm instead. However, she noticed that the next year, when her younger sister expressed a desire to drop out, her mother made her stay until she

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graduated.

Root's mother bore eleven children, two of whom died in infancy. Dorothy was the fourth oldest and the oldest girl. The house had neither running water nor electricity when she was very young. By the time she left high school, the family had begun to farm so there were plenty of chores for her to do. When Root was young, the farm was merely a homestead with a single cow for milk, a horse for transportation, some chickens and turkeys, and sometimes a hog or a beeper. The addition of electricity allowed the family to get several milking cows, even though they were still without a refrigerator. They raised all their vegetables. "We worked like an assembly line," said Root. "Mother canned quarts and quarts of stuff, and her cellar was full of potatoes, carrots, turnips and beets." Root remembers that when she was still in school, her father paid the siblings five cents to weed a row of vegetables. When the children earned enough money, they would walk to Fairfax to spend their riches. Root recalls that there was no problem with traffic at the time and since their father, a carpenter by trade, often worked in Fairfax, it was considered a safe trip for the children.

In 1948, Dorothy left the farm to marry Eastman Root, another carpenter. They raised four children together, moving just down the road from the home she grew up in. Root's siblings have also stayed relatively close to home. Only one moved out of state and another, "his wife's a city girl," moved to Burlington. Root's children have all stayed close to home: one is in Westford, while the others have gravitated to Georgia, Fairfax and Fletcher. There are seven grandchildren and only one lives out of state.

In 1958, Root began working for a cleaning company, but deciding that she needed health insurance, she took a position at Fletcher Allen two years later. Root started in the house keeping department but eventually became a service clerk, a job she described as a little bit of everything. When her husband became sick in 1989 and needed dialysis, she retired to take care of him. He died three years later.

Root has always considered it important to help others. When Marian Stark was in charge of the Westford Food Shelf, Root provided assistance. She remembers that Stark's husband died on one of the distribution days, but Stark insisted on keeping the food shelf open. When Stark died, Root helped move her inventory to Fairfax and for many years, she volunteered at the Fairfax location. One year she asked her children and grandchildren not to give her any presents for Christmas, but to donate to the food shelf instead. One grandchild continues to do that; ironically it's the one grandchild who lives out of state. Even though she no longer helps out at the food shelf, Root was quick to offer some statistical information, noting that food shelves get the most donations during the winter time, but have difficulty securing donations in the summer months.

Root enjoys lunches at the Senior Center and continues to can her own vegetables, but much of her time is filled with quilting, something she started doing over fifty years ago. Root's quilts are not for sale; she said that with the amount of time she puts into them, she would never be able to get what they are worth. Instead, she gives her hand-made creations away. Her children, her grandchildren, and now her great-grandchildren all own her quilts. Some have already come back to her for repairs. Root said the price of materials hasn't risen that much, but quality has definitely fallen. She has taken to scouring yard sales for old sheets which are made of stronger material. Root also creates smaller pieces; potholders and decorative work which she gives away. She has already started sewing creations to fill the baskets she gives her family at Christmas, and crafting sturdy potholders, made with pieces of blankets, for the women who provide food at the Senior Center.

Reminiscing about her childhood, Root admits "it was a hard life. Mother was either washing or cooking all the time." Still, she thinks there were advantages to growing up in her era. "Kids didn't get into trouble because they were too busy," she said. "Drugs weren't heard of. It was awful to have kids smoke a cigarette." Root also misses the closeness of the neighbors; there are many people living near her whom she has never met, something which never would have occurred when she was a child. But the biggest change is the one that Root sees out her window. Where once, the only automobile on the road was the mailman (Root's family didn't get a car until she was a teenager), there is now a steady stream of traffic. Root believes other roads haven't changed as much as her Plains Road has, noting that the sandy soil has made it a prime building location. "I miss the peace and quiet," she said. "When we were growing up, you could play in the middle of the road."

Jericho's Brooks Buxton - A man of the world returns hometo Jericho

By Phyl Newbeck
Special to the Mountain Gazette

J. Brooks Buxton never considered not returning home to Vermont. The sixth generation Vermonter graduated from UVM in 1956 with a degree in history. After three years of active duty in the air force, he received his law degree at the University of Virginia. Work initially took him to New York, but then his career took him further afield; he spent the next forty years living in various Middle East locations including Beirut, Dubai, Riyadh, Tripoli and Tunis, as well as a stint in London. While he feels privileged to have spent so much time abroad, the foothills of the Green Mountains will always be his home. In 2003, when Buxton retired from corporate life to start his own consulting business, he happily returned to Jericho.

For a man with a wide world view, not to mention an extensive collection of art from across the globe, Buxton remains grounded in the town of his youth, immersing himself in the work of the Jericho Historical Society and organizing meetings to plan the writing of the third history of the town, spanning the years 1963 to 2013. In addition to his local work with the Jericho Historical Society, Jericho Cemetery Association and Green Up Day, Buxton serves as trustee of the Vermont Historical Society, and is a member of the boards of the Fleming Museum and Friends of the Statehouse.

Buxton is philosophical about his initial decision to seek his fortune outside the State, noting that this kind of exodus was as common in his day as it is now. "Youth is one of Vermont's biggest exports," he said, but noted that the constant immigration of professionals into the state has kept that migration from creating a brain drain. "If anything," he said, "there is a positive impact from the new professional émigrés to Vermont." During his career, Buxton made a point of returning home once a year. Although he owns houses in both London and Tunisia, he noted that as he grew older, "it became very clear that the only place I wished to retire to was my home in Jericho."

It is fortuitous that Buxton has a love of history, having been raised in the Mill House next to the Old Mill, current site of the Jericho Historical Society and Snowflake Bentley Museum. The dam was still in place, giving Buxton and his siblings ample opportunity for skating in the winter and swimming in the summer. He attended Jericho Grammar School which was located in the building which now houses the town offices; serving grades one through eight in two rooms. A total of 70 children were under the care of two teachers. Two women ran the lunch program and there was one part-time janitor. It is this Yankee frugality which causes Buxton to look at today's school budgets with a slightly jaundiced eye.

Buxton travelled across town to Jericho High School which was housed in what is now the Congregational Church in Jericho Center. Next door was the gymnasium in the building which currently serves as the Community Center. Buxton estimates that roughly 70-75 children from Jericho and Bolton attended the high school. It wasn't until 1948 that bus service was instituted at the price of one dollar per pupil. Buxton recalls riding his bicycle to school but noted that the unpaved roads were hard on bikes and he often ended up walking after a tire flattened out. Like the Grammar School, the high school staff was quite sparse. One teacher taught English and history to all four grades, while another was in charge of math and science classes. The principal also spent time in the classroom to complement his administrative duties.

Despite the small staff, the kids were able to engage in organized sports, playing softball, baseball, and boys and girls basketball. Jericho High School was what would now be called Division II so they played against Richmond, Hinesburg and Essex, sometimes travelling as far as Bristol and Vergennes. Buxton said their main rival was Jeffersonville.

Buxton does not believe the multi-age classroom hampered children's educational aspirations. "We learned to become self-contained within our own grade," he said, "while the teacher was working with other kids." There were community volunteers who provided assistance for music and drama. "I believe," he said, "we had

a well-balanced curriculum with strong academics, extra-curricular activities and athletics." Buxton thinks the multi-age classroom was probably more successful for the more

academically gifted students. He believes those who didn't show as much promise in a conventional manner may have fallen through the cracks.

Buxton recalls the Jericho of his youth as being more self-sufficient than the town he lives in today. There was a strong agricultural component and a variety of stores. Churches were the focus of social, as well as religious activity. The local doctor lived across the border in Underhill, but there was a veterinarian in town. In contrast to today, most residents worked in Jericho. Buxton speaks with

pride about Jericho's three libraries during this era: the Town Library in Jericho Centers, Waters Memorial Library in Riverside/Underhill Flats, and the Browns River Library in Jericho Corners. Today, that number is down to two, with Jericho Corners having lost its bastion of knowledge. Buxton confesses that sometimes Jericho residents felt somewhat superior to those from neighboring towns based on the affluence and level of sophistication of some residents. Retirees and other outsiders would summer in Jericho and often provided monetary donations for the town's libraries and schools.

Although Buxton is quick to praise the new cadre of volunteers in Jericho, he believes the sense of community spirit and volunteerism has diminished over the years. In part, this is because in the past, residents were more likely to work in town and, therefore, were more aware of the needs of their neighbors. Buxton noted that the unilateral nature of Vermont politics also made such neighborliness easier. While he is pleased that a new generation is beginning to step to the plate, Buxton is

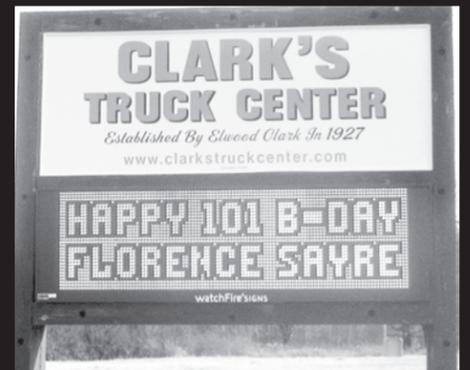
concerned that it is becoming more difficult to attract young people to serve on boards or NGOs. Buxton also regrets that the growing population does not seem as connected to their neighbors. He believes the community spirit present in an agricultural town fostered a great deal of cooperation between neighbors. "There was a greater feeling of community responsibility for neighbors than there is today," he said.

Buxton worries that perhaps some of Jericho's younger volunteers and activists are overly ambitious in their desires for the town and schools. He hopes the voice of his generation will not be dismissed. At the same time, Buxton is pleased at the diversity the newer residents bring to Snowflake Bentley's hometown. While the homogeneity of the previous generation may have helped create bonds between neighbors, Buxton is pleasantly surprised by the newfound diversity of Jericho.

Although most of the farms of his youth have long since stopped operating, Buxton is happy that at least some of the land is being conserved. "Because of our strong respect for our natural resources," he said, "there still exists a genuine concern and support for the land." Buxton worries that open space will be lost because of economic demands, but remains hopeful for the future. "The town of Jericho," he said, "seems to have a strong vision when it comes to future land use."



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Give your garden the blues

By Duncan McKee

Master Gardener to the Mountain Gazette

RUNAMOCK FARM—Spring is well upon us here in the North Country and, no, wait a minute it's snowing. Oh, there's the sun again, but this writer must digress, greenhouses and nurseries are bursting with color as gardeners everywhere are cleaning and sharpening tools and starting their gardens.

This month's column was going to be about edible flowers from your garden, but then a new introduction from the distribution gang at Jolly Farmer caught this writer's eye and I had to know more.

Arriving at the nursery from said Jolly Farmer, and labeled as Senecio, were some of the purest indigo flowers the North Country Gardener had ever laid eyes upon, but something just did not seem right. After all, isn't Senecio a succulent? Not necessarily.

In actuality, the Senecio family is a rather broad one that includes the ever-popular Dusty Miller, several varieties of succulent and cacti, and a daisy like flower that is considered a weed in most parts.

The subsequent investigation into these plants led to thinking about using blue in the garden, a less than common color.

This new introduction from Canada has sold out fast, according to the rep I spoke with at Jolly Farmer, no more will be available this year.

But, upon further checking, it turns out that this flower is not a Senecio at all. It is a Cineraria, a member of the daisy family, leading one to wonder what those crafty Canadian hybridizers are up to, or what's in their coffee.

Blue Cineraria flowers are found worldwide and belong to the compositae family, the largest family of vigorous flowering plants in existence, including goldenrod, sunflower, aster, chrysanthemum, thistle, lettuce and dandelion.

Blue Cineraria grows to a height of about eight inches and can spread from eight to 12 inches wide. The flowers have a daisy like look with a dark center. The petals ring the center in white with blue around the outside, or a solid, and very striking indigo. The plant produces dark green arrow shaped leaves that grow over the entire stem.

Blue Cineraria is considered an annual, so they only last one year, but they will re-seed themselves if they are located in a spot they like.

The flowers are hardy in zones 4 through 9, from parts of New England, including the North Country, to all but the southern extreme of Florida.

They prefer partial shade, and need to be protected from frost and too much sun as both can be fatal.

Plant them outdoors in moist, but well drained soil. Make sure the roots do not sit in a puddle, or an extremely wet location or they will develop root rot.

Use a slow release or liquid fertilizer twice a month, but stop when the flowers appear. Water so that the soil is moist in the morning, but keep the water off the crowns and leaves. They are susceptible to attacks from various insects like snails, aphids, and leaf miners. Owing to their fragrance, Blue Cineraria flowers have been used to make perfume. In the garden they work very well in beds with other flowers. They can also be used as a border plant or an edging around the lawn. The plant can be kept as a house plant, planted in containers for an outdoor patio or in window boxes.

There are a number of blues available in the annual kingdom, but there is difficulty in finding true blue perennials for the garden. Most of the plants labeled as blue, are really not blue at all, but are either a violet or violet-blue. Hybridizers are trying to achieve perennials in blue shades but are having difficulties and with the growing demand of gardeners wanting the true blue, they keep persisting. Long thought to be impossible, in spite of millions of genetic crosses, is the ever-elusive blue rose. The Australians have met with some minor success, but results still lean toward a violet shade.

There are various perennials available to help satisfy the desire for blue in the garden. Among these are Scabiosa 'Butterfly Blue' (a superb North Country performer), Bachelor Buttons, False Lupine, Blue Anchusa, Perennial Geranium 'Johnson's Blue,' Campanula 'Blue Clips,' Delphinium, Veronica Spicata, Lithodora, and Jacob's Ladder.

Many bulbs, rhizomes and corms that have flowers in many shades of blue; Anemone, Crocus, Scilla, Grape Hyacinth, Dutch hyacinth, Spanish Bluebell, Chionodoxa, Agapanthus, Allium, Siberian Iris, Dutch Iris and Bearded Iris.

Most perennial blue flowers bloom in the spring, with a small portion seen in the summer and fall months. Thus, it is possible to have blue being prominent or as an accent color in your garden throughout the spring and summer seasons.

Blue flowers mix well with white or yellow, but the choice of the garden palette is up to the individual. Use your imagination and have fun.

In the meantime, I'll go sweep the snow off the deck. Happy gardening!



Blue Butterfly Delphinium

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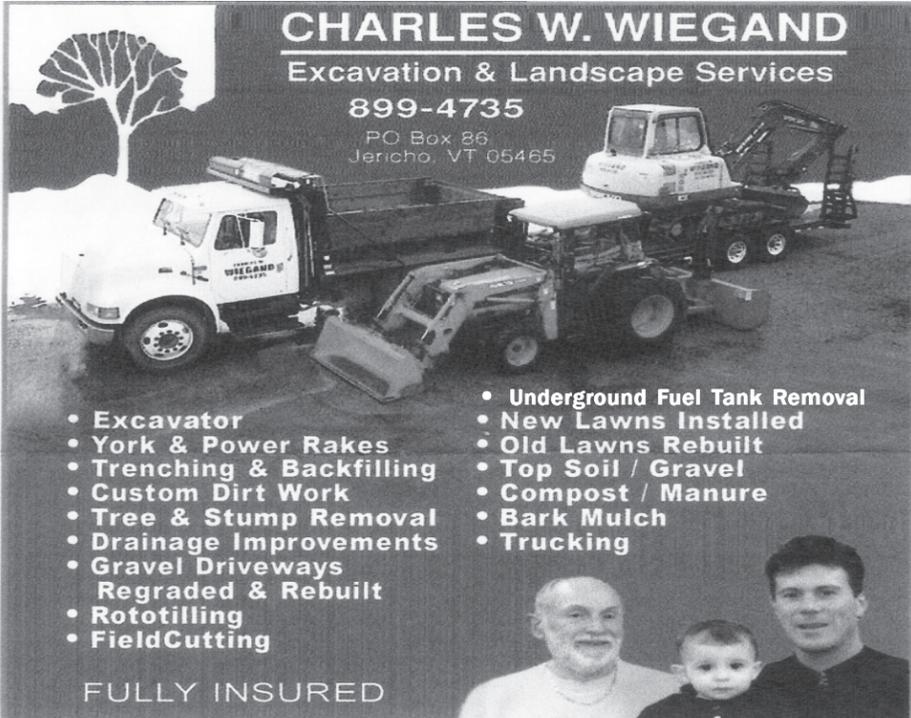
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ART

Emile A. Gruppe Gallery presents *Reflections on Nature*, an exhibition of work of two artists Deborah Gregory, textile artist and Nancy Earle, acrylics. Their artistic skills convey the wonders of nature and our relationship to it. The public is invited to an artist reception on Sunday, June 6 from 3:00 to 5:00 PM which will be preceded by a talk by the artists at 2:30 PM. The show will run from June 3 - July 11.

The Emile A. Gruppe Gallery located at 22 Barber Farm Road in Jericho is open Thursday through Sunday from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM or by appointment 802 899 3211.

18th Annual **Vermont Open Studio Weekend**, Saturday, May 29 and Sunday, May 30, Essex/Jericho/Underhill, Vermont. Vermont Hand Crafters Irene Lederer LaCroix of Essex, Sandy Jefferis and Russ Fellows of Jericho and Mimi Galligan Mathieu of Underhill will be participating in the annual Open Studio Tour on the weekend of May 29 and 30. Learn more about their work at www.vermonthandcrafters.com.

Studios will be open both days from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM during Open Studio Weekend. Open Studio Weekend is a statewide celebration of the visual arts and the creative process in which Vermont artists and craftspeople invite the public to visit them in their studios during Memorial Day Weekend, May 29-30. Discover artists working in their studios, visit galleries and enjoy the scenic beauty of Vermont as you travel.

Studios open their doors from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM each day for visitors. The Open Studio Weekend Saturday, May 29 and Sunday, May 30 is sponsored by the Vermont Crafts Council and is one of the signature events of Vermont's Cultural Heritage Days from May 29-July 5. Additional information about Open Studio Weekend can be found online at www.vermontcrafts.com or by calling the Vermont Crafts Council at 802-223-3380.

Spring has sprung, and with it a chance to see area artists in bloom at an Open Studio event sponsored by the **Essex Art League**. They invite you to stop in during Memorial Weekend - Saturday, May 29 and Sunday, May 30 from 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM at a newly constructed space adjoining Alderbrook Dental Associates, next to the Post Office on Essex Way, in Essex Center, VT. Come meet the artists at work - and view their offerings of original artwork, cards, prints, and jewelry. The list of participating artists are: Susan Noel, Monique Dewyea, Mary Pacifici, Lynn Ann Powers, Lucy Wilcox, Deb Runge, Celeste Forcier, Barbara Lang, Caroline Brown, Margaret Maffin, and Lynn Magie.

Visit 11 Essex Art League artists working at #8 Essex Way near the post office, Saturday May 29 and Sunday May 30 from 10 AM to 5 PM both days. Original artwork will be displayed as paintings, prints, cards, photography, and jewelry. Free parking. Light refreshments. Follow signs.

Fleming Museum invites you to "Picture Yourself" at new Photo booth Exhibition in its Wilbur Room cases this summer, the Fleming Museum presents a selection from the world's leading collection of American photobooth photography and equipment, collected by Burlington-based artist and photo historian Näkki Goranin over a twenty-year period.

On Wednesday, June 16 at 12:15 PM, the Museum will host a special Gallery Talk on *Picture Yourself: The Photobooth in America, 1926-2010* featuring Näkki Goranin, artist, photo historian, and author of *American Photobooth*.

Please visit our website at www.flemingmuseum.org, call us at 802.656.0750. The Robert Hull Fleming Museum houses Vermont's most comprehensive collection of art and anthropology. It regularly presents exhibitions of contemporary and historic art from around the world. The Museum is located on the University of Vermont campus at 61 Colchester Avenue, Burlington. Hours May 1 to Labor Day -Tuesday through Friday, Noon until 4:00 PM and Saturday and Sunday, 1:00 until 5:00 PM. The Museum is Closed Mondays and major holiday weekends.

Call to all artists - The **Chaffee Art Center** presents the 49th Annual Art in the Park Festivals to be held August 14 and 15 and October 9 and 10 from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM in Main Street Park at the Junction of Routes 4 and 7 in Rutland, Vermont. We are seeking potential exhibitors in the following categories: fine art, clay, fiber, floral, glass, jewelry, photography, specialty food, wood.

All exhibitors are juried. An application can be printed from the website www.chaffeeartcenter.org or mailed if requested by calling (802)775-8836 Sherri Birkheimer Rooker.

Bryan Memorial Gallery presents the New England Plein Air Painters in an exhibition of artwork, painted in Vermont, with the focus on sites in Lamoille County now through June 27. 16 artist members of the New England Plein Air Painters have visited



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Jeffersonville, VT to paint in the great tradition of visual artists who have traveled to this specific area for over 100 years.

Thanks to the generosity of a Bryan Memorial Gallery supporter, accommodations have been provided to the artists in exchange for their participation in this exhibition. Over 80 paintings have been painted en plein air - in natural light - on location in Jeffersonville, Bakersfield, Eden, Waterville and Stowe.

The participating artists are: T.A. Charron, Robert Duffy, William P. Duffy, Michael Graves, William Hanson, Stapleton Kearns, Barbara Lussier, Christopher Magadini, Margaret McWethy, Dianne Panarelli Miller, T.M. Nicholas, Tom Nicholas, N.A., Stefan Alexis Pastuhov, Caleb Stone, Don Stone, N.A., and Eric Tobin.

An Artists Roundtable, featuring some of the NE Plein Air Painters will take place on Sunday, May 2 at 2:00 PM, followed by a reception from 3:00 to 5:00 PM. The public is invited at no charge to both events.

Inaugural Exhibition in the Gallery's Middle Room, May 2 - June 27, Bryan Memorial Gallery presents the landscapes and still lifes of painter Fiona Cooper Fenwick of Hinesburg, VT, as the inaugural exhibition in its newly revised Middle Room. Fenwick Cooper works in the Impressionist tradition, primarily in oils and pastels and has been a long time member of both Bryan Memorial Gallery and the Northern Vermont Artist Association.

Bryan Memorial Gallery is located at 180 Main Street, Jeffersonville, VT 05464. For further information, call 802-644-5100 or visit the gallery on the web at www.bryangallery.org. Gallery hours are Thursday - Sunday, 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

16th annual **Jericho - Underhill Open Studio Tour**, 10 Local Artists will open their studios to visitors for sales and demonstrations: Sally Duval, Tim Eaton, Bruce Gilbert-Smith, Stu Hall, Sandy Jefferis, Irene Lederer LaCroix, Grace Nelson, Kristin Richland, Marcia Rosberg, Dianne Shullenberger, Saturday May 29 and Sunday May 30, 2008 from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Tour Map, Directions and 10 Artist Displays available at Tour Headquarters

Several members of the **Essex Art League** will be exhibiting works through April. At Fletcher Allen Health Care Center at 353 Blair Park, Williston Mary Pacifici, Susan Noel, Bill and Rosalie Allard, and Hattie Saville will display original paintings. Works by Nini Crane and Deb Runge will be on exhibit at the Essex Town Offices, 81 Main St. Essex Jct. For further information call 862-3014 or visit www.essexartleague.com.

MUSIC/DANCE

Music department performances by MMU students: May 31, Memorial Day Parade-towards Jericho. MMU Band will be marching; May 28, Cabaret, come hear our last one of the year. Should be awesome \$2.00 at the door; June 3, Senior Recital-Auditorium 7:00 PM; June 8, Final Concert, entire music department. All groups will be performing.

The Vermont Symphony Orchestra's "Raising Cane" Woodwind Trio will present three performances in two area elementary schools on May 25. (Underhill ID School, 1:15 p.m.) These school visits have been made possible with help from Concept 2.

For more information on "Raising Cane" or the VSO's *SymphonyKids* programs, please call Eleanor Long at 800-876-9293, ext. 14.

Thursday, May 20
Hospital Albert Schweitzer (Haiti) Benefit featuring Johnny A and His Band at 8:30 PM at Champlain Valley Union High School Theatre in Hinesburg. Presented by Good Times Café. Contact 802-482-4444.

Joe Moore Band at the On Tap (Lincoln Inn) in Essex Junction.

Friday, May 21
English Country Dance with Carol Compton and Lar Duggan from 7:30 to 9:30 PM at the Elley Long Music Center in Colchester. Early session for dancers with some experience from 7:00 to 7:30 PM. Contact valandtom@myfairpoint.net or 802-899-2378 or www.burlingtoncountrydancers.org.

Cosa Buena at 7:30 PM at the Bee's Knees in Morrisville. Contact www.thebeesknees-vt.com

Saturday, May 22
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Swing Noire at 8:30 PM at the Good Times Café in Hinesburg. Contact 802-482-4444.

Thursday, May 27
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Slick Martha's Hot Club at 7:30 PM at the Bee's Knees in Morrisville. Contact www.thebeesknees-vt.com

Friday, May 28
Green Mountain Folk Revival at the Vergennes Opera House in Vergennes. Contact www.vergennesoperahouse.org or 802-877-8737.

Folk by Association at 7:30 PM at the Bee's Knees in Morrisville. Contact www.thebeesknees-vt.com

Saturday, May 29
Open Mic at 7:30 PM at the Bee's Knees in Morrisville. Contact www.thebeesknees-vt.com

Sunday, May 30
Open Irish Session from 3:00 to 5:00 PM at the Bee's Knees in Morrisville. Contact www.thebeesknees-vt.com

Alan Greenleaf and the Doctor at 7:30 PM at the Bee's Knees in Morrisville. Contact www.thebeesknees-vt.com

THEATER

Homespun Theater proudly presents its spring 2010 production of **Voyage aboard the Charming Sally**. The play will be performed on Friday, June 4 at 7:00 PM and again on Saturday, June 5 at 1:00 and 7:00 PM for the general public. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children 12 and under. The dress rehearsal will be open to senior citizens, with no admission fee, on Thursday, June 3 at 2:00 PM.

Homespun Theater, a performing arts initiative for children and their parents, would like to encourage all who attend these performances to bring a non-perishable food item to benefit Ronald McDonald House and Williston Food Shelf. A portion of the box office proceeds will also be donated to these community organizations.

For more information about the show, Homespun Theater or to purchase tickets, please contact Cheryl Owens @ 434-3357 / mommy@gmavt.net or Annette Rexroad @ 899-4577.

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Thursday, May 27, 11:00 AM: Storytime. Stories and activities for age's birth-preschool. Theme: D is for...
Friday, May 28: 6:00 PM: Strategy and Board Games for Teens and Adults. Hosted by Matt Taylor.

New Additions to the Collection Include: Adult Fiction: *Double Comfort Safari* (McCall), *The Lonely Polygamist* (Udall). Adult Nonfiction: *Hay Fever* (Miller). Teen: 2011 GMBA: *Graceling* (Cashore), *Skim* (Tamaki), *Ware is...* (Aronson). Also *Shiver* (Stiefvater). Juvenile Fiction: *Alice 19th: Chained and Inner Heart* (Watase), *Bubble Trouble* (Mahy), *The Adventures of TinTin in America* (Herge), *Bluestar's Prophecy Super Edition* (Hunter), *I am a Genius of Unspeakable Evil and I Want to be Your Class President* (Lieb), *I am Going* (Willems), *Scaredy Squirell* (Watts), *The Vampire's Assistant and other Tales* (Shan). 2011 DCFs are arriving. Juvenile Nonfiction: *Eyewitness Amphibian*, *Genius: A Photobiography of Einstein* (Clarke), *Eyewitness Shell*. DVDs: Juvenile: *Fantastic Mr. Fox*, *DisneyNature Earth*, *Magic School Bus Catches a Wave*, *Big Boats and Busy Harbors*.

Museum Passes: Birds of Vermont Museum, Vermont State Park Day Use Areas, Vermont Historic Sites. All are 3-day loan period. The library is open Wednesday 1:00-7:00 PM, Thursday 10:00 AM-6:00 PM, Friday 12:00-6:00 PM and Saturday 10:00 AM-2:00 PM. Free WiFi is available during these hours. We also have three public access computers plus a computer dedicated to our online catalog. You can access our online catalog from home through our website. We can be reached at 878-5639, westford_platvals.state.vt.us, and www.westford.lib.vt.us.

VARNUM LIBRARY, JEFFERSONVILLE

May has brought a display of children's books on Bugs, Bats, and Birds to the Varnum Memorial Library. We welcome you to come check them out. Titles include: *Stellaluna* by Janell Cannon, *The Robins in Your Backyard* by Nancy Carol Willis, and *Let's Investigate Bats* by Nancy Shaw.

There are new titles on the shelves for other readers, from James Patterson's *Worst Case* to Lisa Scottoline's *Think Twice*. A new Howard Frank Moshier novel, *Walking to Gatlinburg* is in, as is *Postmistress*, by Sarah Blake. There are many more new books to discover, along with so many other classics and good reads. Come find a good book, or two, or three.

The Varnum Memorial Library is open Mondays and Tuesdays from 1:00-8:00 PM and Thursdays and Saturdays from 9:00 AM - 12:00 noon. There are programs for children and adults, free Wi-Fi access, and of course books and materials to check out including the ECHO Center pass. Library canvas bags are now available for purchase. Come in and take a look at these attractive sturdy bags. Call 644-2117 if you have any questions.

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