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Changes along Route 15

By Phyll Newbeck

Special to the Mountain Gazette

VT Rt. 15 is the site of many of the commercial establishments in Jericho and Underhill. For years, there wasn't much new happening along the road but this year a number of long-time businesses are changing hands and some others may soon be added to the mix. Let's start in Jericho and head north.

Two Jericho businesses have recently moved to new locations. **Matt's Wash and Wax** left an existing building for a new garage less than half a mile down the road. The **Autosmith** didn't travel much further, heading across VT Rt. 15 from their previous location to occupy the warehouse and offices vacated by Heating Alternatives, Inc.

A more significant change occurred on February 4, when Kyle Hibbard decided it was time to make a career move and sold **Mountain High Pizza** to Josh Metruk of Fairfax. Mountain High has been a fixture on VT Rt. 15 for almost three decades and Hibbard was the owner for 18 of those years. Metruk is no stranger to the establishment. He worked at Mountain High during high school and college. "I always loved working there and making pizza," he said. After graduating from culinary school, Metruk was employed by Husky Injection Molding, first as the sous chef and then as executive chef, but he's happy to be returning to his roots.

Metruk recognizes that Mountain High has been a successful business so he doesn't want to make many changes. He does plan to give the restaurant "a facelift" and he has already added some frozen desserts and substituted Island Ice Cream, which is made in Grand Isle, for the Hershey's that was previously served. He also hopes to put some appetizers on the menu. Another addition is the pizza of the month. For April that will be a shepherd's pie pizza which has meatballs, potato wedges, sweet corn, garlic, olive oil, and cheese, but no tomato sauce. Metruk is also considering a nightly pasta special such as lasagna, baked ziti, or chicken Alfredo. Although there has been some turnover at Mountain High, many members of Hibbard's staff remain, with additional help from some high school students and members of Metruk's family.

Just across the parking lot, Jacques Gosselin is the process of closing the doors of **Show Time Video**, a business he has run since April of 1991. Although he has not set a definite date for closure, Gosselin has been trying to sell his inventory for several months and on April 1 he stopped renting out videos. Originally, Gosselin's space was half of what it is now but when the business next door vacated their premises in 1999, he knocked down the wall and expanded his establishment. These days, Gosselin is finding it hard to compete with Netflix, Red Box, and on-demand cable. "There has been a gradual decline which started around 2006-2007," he said. "I was starting to see the handwriting on the wall."

Gosselin watched other video stores closing and wondered if some of their customers would gravitate to Jericho, but business did not improve. The recent illness of a long-time staffer was another blow, and Gosselin decided to close things out himself rather than hire a new employee. Although he is selling his inventory, he warns prospective customers not to expect a liquidation sale. Whatever videos he is unable to sell in-house will be sold online as he ponders his next move. Gosselin isn't ready to retire but at this point he is unsure what the future will bring for him. He notes wryly that the "buy local" movement seems to be working well for food producers but not particularly well for video rentals. "It's depressing," he said. "Those are tax dollars that are leaving the state."

Slightly to the north, **Dollar General** is

hoping to open a branch of their discount store on land that is currently vacant. The Jericho Development Review Board held hearings on April 25 and May 23, 2013 for the proposed 9100 square foot retail establishment. The facility was approved on June 6 with a variety of conditions but a citizen's group of 19 people appealed the decision to the state Environmental Board. The hearing was originally scheduled for March but has been postponed to Friday, May 2. No decision is expected until June at the earliest.

One of the plaintiffs, Susan Bresee, said the main point of the appeal is that Jericho zoning requires development to conform to the Town Plan, which sets forth an ideal of village centers with open space in between. Bresee noted that the plan defines the commercial district as an area which should "provide employment opportunities and a location for minimum impact commercial enterprises that cannot or should not be located in the Village Center District." The plaintiffs contend that since there are general stores operating in two of Jericho's village centers, Dollar General does not belong in the Commercial District. Other concerns of the group are that the building will block both the view and access to the cemetery which contains the remains of Jericho's original settlers and that there will be additional curb cuts in an area which already has a high number of near-crashes. Bresee believes the current accident data doesn't accurately reflect the danger because no records are kept on near misses. "We feel the Town Plan and Zoning do a good job to prevent further sprawl along Route 15," she said. "This retail strip style development is more sprawl, not less, so it doesn't meet the goals of the Town Plan and zoning."

The Jericho side of VT Rt. 15 isn't the only area to feature changes in the business scene. Rumor has it that **Village Automotive** is in the process of being sold but the *Mountain Gazette* was unable to confirm or deny that rumor since our phone calls were not returned. **Underhill Hair Styles** is still owned by Melissa "Missy" Beloin, but there is a new stylist at work. One of the salon's three stylists left in November, but in March they were able to hire Ashley Demore as a "junior stylist." Demore lives in Jeffersonville and is a graduate of the Vermont College of Cosmetology. She will work Wednesday through Saturday and is the only member of the staff to perform manicures and pedicures.

Underhill Automotive was a constant presence in town for twenty years under the ownership of Roger Morin, who rented the building from the Clarks. Their decision to sell the building coincided with Morin's decision to retire. A.J. Sumner, an employee of Underhill Automotive for the last four years, decided it was time to become his own boss. He is now the proud owner of **A.J.'s Automotive and Tire** just down the road at 801 VT Rt. 15.

Sumner is renting his one-bay, two-car garage from an excavating company, which still has an office there. He intends to do everything "from bumper to bumper" excluding body work but including tire sales. Sumner has been working on cars since he was twelve years old. After attending the Center for Technology in Essex, he worked at a number of dealerships before ending up at Underhill Automotive. His plan is to continue the type of work he did at that location with a goal of improved customer service, lower rates, and extended hours (5½ days a week). Sumner was born in Charlotte and lived in Winooski for a few years before recognizing that he didn't like living in a city. He preferred the vibe he got in Underhill, so a year and a half ago he relocated to town.

So there you have it. There are plenty of changes along the Route 15 corridor. Stop in and support your local businesses.

BRMS "Math"letes compete at state level



Four students from Browns River Middle School in Jericho were invited to Vermont Technical College to compete in the CT State Math Counts Competition on Saturday, March 29. Julian Oates, Zada Anderson, Cameron Marcus, and Daniel Ellison solved math problems individually and as a team.

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The BRMS team has been training since early November along with other students from the school including Matthew Baldwin, Ceilidh Kiegle, Connor Herridge, Cortland Doyle, Finn Whelan, Josh Roe, Ethan Shelden, and Elliott Austin. "These students enjoy solving difficult math problems and display perseverance and precision in competitive contests," commented coach Suzanne McDevitt. The state competition lasted about four hours with a very exciting

countdown round where the top 12 students in the state competed in a head to head, single elimination competition where questions were posted on a large screen and the competitors buzzed in. Julian Oates was selected as one of these top 12 individuals and had to answer questions like this: *The sequence 2, 7, 12, a, b, 27 is arithmetic. What is the value of a+b?* (The answer is 39.) Congratulations to all of the students who participated in the Math Counts program.

Maple Leaf Farm earned three-year CARF accreditation

Maple Leaf Farm has been awarded a three-year accreditation for its residential drug and alcohol treatment and detoxification programs by The Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF). This is the highest level of accreditation that can be awarded and shows the organization's substantial conformance to the CARF standards.

CARF praised Maple Leaf Farm's board, leadership, and staff members' heart for their

work and compassion. Maple Leaf Farm's peaceful and remote location was also seen as conducive to intensive therapy and as an environment for change. Clients of Maple Leaf Farm expressed a deep appreciation for the dedication and commitment of staff, providing services in a compassionate and respectful manner.

For more information, go online to www.mapleleaf.org or call 802-899-2911.

Become a Forest Pest First Detector

Vermont's Forest Pest First Detector Program will provide free training this spring for volunteers interested in scouting for adelgid in their communities. Early detection of these invasive pests will help minimize economic and ecological damage to forests and prevent populations from becoming established in the state.

Training will be offered from 9:30 AM-5:00 PM on Saturday, June 7 (rain date June 8) at Essex High School, Essex Junction. To register, contact Caitlin Cusack, Forest Pest First Detector Program coordinator, at 802-656-7746 or caitlin.cusack@uvm.edu. If you need a disability-related accommodation to participate, please call by May 1. Continuing education credits are available for both the online and in-person training.

To become a certified Forest Pest First Detector, volunteers must complete seven online modules before the on-site classroom and field

training day. They also must be able to identify common tree species and be available to respond to screening calls about various pests, visit sites and collect pest samples, and serve as a local liaison between their community and federal and state partners. A two-hour commitment per month for a year is expected.

The training will cover a wide range of topics including pest biology and identification, survey protocol and tools for sample collection, and how to work with the media and respond to calls from the public about various pests.

Once certified, volunteers will receive a toolkit containing a manual, supplies for collecting samples, and other tools and reference materials. They will be invited to participate in additional trainings and research projects and be given access to the National Plant Diagnostic Network's resources.

For more information, visit www.vtinvasives.org/firstdetectors.

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We will not be receiving any phone books but are told to use 411 or their internet services.

Help update the Jericho Underhill Phone Book. Email us your correct phone number, cell number and/or your email address. Send your information to Brenda Boutin at mtgazette@earthlink.net.

UNDERHILL JERICHO FIRE DEPT.

By Kitty Clark

EMERGENCY CALLS:

- March 26, 3:10 PM - EMS Intercept in Underhill
- March 30, 2:00 PM - 14 South Main St., Jericho, for a water problem
- March 31, 1:15 PM - EMS, Jericho
- March 31, 3:44 PM - EMS, Jericho
- April 1, 12:33 PM - EMS, Essex
- April 3, 3:27 PM - EMS, Westford
- April 3, 7:50 AM - 30 Griswold St., Jericho, smell of electrical burning
- April 4, EMS, Jericho
- April 4, 4:33 PM - VT RT. 117 near Skunk Hollow, for arching wires
- April 5, 3:12 PM - 485 Browns Trace, Jericho, for lift assist
- April 7, EMS, Underhill
- April 7, EMS, Underhill
- April 7, EMS, Jericho

- April 7, EMS, Jericho
- April 8, 8:58 AM - 310 Browns Trace, Jericho, chimney fire
- April 8, EMS, Underhill
- April 8, EMS, Jericho
- April 8, EMS, Jericho
- April 9, Check on a sinkhole at 394 Poker Hill Rd., Underhill, SQ51 only
- April 10, 4:26 AM - 19 Randall Dr., Jericho, for a carbon monoxide (CO) alarm activation
- TRAINING:
 - April 1, Tuesday night drill, Chief and Officer meetings, committee meetings and work on the Gator and Indian Paks
 - April 8, Tuesday night drill, Pumping and Drafting, apprentice training
- REMINDER, the snow is actually going away and the grass is drying up, so if you plan on doing any burning, you must get a burn permit.
- Practice fire safety every day!

Jericho Town Clerk Office news – MMU budget revote

Many of you are aware that the Mount Mansfield Union School District #17 budget vote that took place on Town Meeting Day did not pass. A second vote will be taking place on Tuesday, May 6.

Due to election laws that govern re-votes, the polling place for all five towns will remain the same. For Jericho voters, this will be at the Jericho Elementary School. We anticipate setting up a small voting area in the lobby near the gym entrance. This is an effort to decrease our disturbance while school is in session. I anticipate the busiest times for voters will be at 7:00 AM when the polls open, and at the conclusion of school. Please be respectful of school buses so that they can continue their routes without delays. The polls will be open between 7:00 AM and 7:00 PM on Tuesday, May 6 at the Jericho Elementary School. Anyone who requested an early/absentee ballot for Town Meeting will automatically be mailed a May 6 ballot. In addition, early/absentee voting is available to everyone at the Jericho Town Clerk Office during regular office hours. Early voting will be available up until 5:00 PM on Monday, May 5. Early ballot requests can be made in person, in writing or by calling 899-4936 x 1.

Jessica Alexander,
Town Clerk for Jericho

COMING EVENTS

Thursday, April 17

Green Writers Press Celebration Party, 7:00 PM, Phoenix Books Burlington, 191 Bank St., Burlington. Meet the publisher and authors behind Green Writers Press, a new Vermont-based publishing house dedicated to sustainable practices. Founder Dede Cummings will introduce GWP; we'll launch *The Beavers of Popple's Pond* by Patti Smith, and get the scoop on other GWP books like *So Little Time*. Speakers will include Peter Biello, Don Bredes, Dave Cavanagh, Greg Delanty, John Elder, Maeve McBride, Howard Frank Mosher, and Sharon Webster. Free! For information, www.phoenixbooks.biz or 448-3350.

Saturday, April 19

Celebration of National Poetry Month, 2:00 PM, Phoenix Books, 191 Bank St., Burlington. Join members of the Poetry Society of Vermont for the 2nd Annual PSOV Poetry Reading. Free. Information: <http://www.phoenixbooks.biz> or 448-3350.

Saturday, April 19

Beekeeping Workshop, 1:00-3:30 PM, 18 MacLean Rd., Alstead, NH 03602. Charles Andros, former NH/VT Apiary Inspector. Topics in early spring management: locating apiaries, equipment, handling bees, feeding syrup and supplements, making nuclei, reversing, and requeening. Inside if it is a rainy day. Registration required; lindenap@gmail.com or call 603-756-9056.

Mud Season Egg Hunt, 10:00 AM-noon, Green Mountain Club Visitor Center, 4711 VT Rt. 100, Waterbury Center. Separate hunts for kids under 7 and over 7. Hunt starts at 10 sharp! For information, Thorin Markison, 802-241-8327 or groups@greenmountainclub.org.

Easter Bunny Visit, 11:00 AM-2:00 PM, Laughing Moon Store, 78 South Main Street, Stowe. Separate hunts for kids under 7 and over 7. For information, Thorin Markison - 802-241-8327 or groups@greenmountainclub.org.

Friday, April 25

Senior Art Show Opening Reception, 3:30-5:00 PM, Senior Center of Essex Junction, 2 Lincoln Place, at the Five Corners. 878-6944. Meet featured artists Marie Cowan and Loretta Masi.

Evening of Irish Cuisine & Culture, 6:00 PM, North End Studios, Studio A, 294 N. Winooski Ave., Burlington. Part of the International Dinner Series, a classic hearty Irish meal followed by entertainment by local Irish performers. Tickets in advance or at door (if available). For information and/or tickets: 802-863-6713 or northendstudios.org.

Meet author Baird Hersey, 7:00 PM, Phoenix Books Burlington, 191 Bank St., Burlington. Hersey, author of *The Practice of Nada Yoga: Meditation on the Inner Sacred Sound*, will introduce nada yoga, the yoga of listening, take questions, and lead a guided meditation. Free. For information, www.phoenixbooks.biz or 802-448-3350.

Saturday, April 26

St. Thomas Knights of Columbus Polish dinner, 5:30-7:00 PM, St. Thomas Church hall, Underhill Center. Menu: kielbasa, pierogi, cabbage, potatoes, sauerkraut, dessert, beverages. Adults \$12, children 6-10 \$6, under 6 free; \$33 max per immediate family. Take out available. Information, 802-899-4632.

Quebec Genealogy Records at Library & Archives, Canada class, 10:30 AM-12:00 PM, VT Genealogy Library, Hegeman Ave., Fort Ethan Allen, Colchester. Research archivist, author, and speaker Denyse Beaugrand-Champagne, will present a talk about the collection, how to search it, and how to access many of their databases online. She will also discuss Coroners' Inquiries and Guardianship Records. Modest charge for the class. For more information, www.vtgenlib.org or call 802-310-9285.

Saturday-Sunday, April 26-27

48th annual VT Maple Festival Antique Show, 10:00 AM-5:00 PM Saturday, 4:00 PM Sunday, St. Albans Town Educational Center, 169 Main St., St. Albans. Free admission; benefit snack bar. Part of a citywide celebration of Vermont maple syrup harvest. For information, 802-893-6277 or www.VTMapleFestival.org.

Thursday, May 1

Best of the Burlington Writers Workshop 2014 Reading, 7:00 PM, Phoenix Books Burlington, 191 Bank St., Burlington. Join Peter Biello, Martin Bock, Paul Hobday, and Amanda Vella, the editors of *The Best of the Burlington Writers Workshop 2014*, for a reading of poetry and prose from this new anthology. For information, www.phoenixbooks.biz or 448-3350.

Friday, May 2

Bridge Tournament, 1:00-4:00 PM, Essex Junction Senior Center, 2 Lincoln Place, Essex Jct. Join us for an afternoon of bridge, fun, refreshments, and prizes. Pre-registration required by April 28. \$8 / person

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A Poem

By Suzanne Kusserow
Mountain Gazette senior columnist

Poetry can be defined as:

It is a balance of rhythm and timing.

The characteristics of poetry are:

Why go any further? This is the easy stuff, the dictionary meanings: easy to copy, memorize for a test, recite when called upon. Poetry can also be defined by the poets and writers themselves. "Poetry arises from a bleeding heart" (Gibran). "A poem should begin with delight and end with wisdom." (Frost) "Poetry arrived in search of me." (Neruda). Such wonderful illustrations from the masters! Do they help us? Or simply make us feel incompetent; we could never write like that!

There is yearning with this, both for the writer and the reader. Some words defy explanation; the feeling of the word needs to carry it, not the dictionary definition. Yearning is such a word; it has a voice all its own; definition devitalizes it. It is a cry that always goes unanswered, a hope that what one has written will be understood... that there will be a connection with the reader... that words can create a bridge over which feelings can be shared. A good poem can push us out of despair, boredom, or conversely, do the opposite. What, therefore, makes it good? Is it what we know about meter, rhyme, alliteration, line structure, the positioning of explosive consonants, as in Shakespeare's line: "Full fathoms five my father lies"? No. That does not help me label a poem 'good'. Suppose instead, we take away the label POEM at the top of the page, lengthen the lines back into sentences, revert to punctuation drilled into us from our early training. And then you read "normally" without prejudice or fear of ignorance. You read... and suddenly stop. "Now in the green West hangs a yellow star." "Sing me to sleep, with the songs of the earth." "When I am old and softened with age." "You dance to the absurdities of life." "stiff-wintered Protestants", "the beginning of the curve of joy."

There is a phrase, a juncture of words, an oxymoron that leaves you balancing between two words. Something catches your heart. Something you will remember, a phrase that stays in the attic of your mind, to be used at odd times when nihilism threatens to take over. Thus, you have reversed the process. You have let the grasp of words and phrases that hit you between the eyes, become the definition of a good poem. The labels follow after the reading, not before. You define a good poem, by virtue of a gasp, a sudden view into another world, a pairing of words that rub against each other. You found it, you felt it, it has possessed your mind, if only for a second. Therefore, you have earned the right of definition.

So now, what do you do with it? Write: phrases, words, couplets, crazy pairings... on a napkin at Friendly's, on your mind when it is wandering, on the palm of your hand, on the margin of a newspaper, when the banality of meaningless social repetitions makes you crazy enough to turn them upside down. It doesn't have to go anywhere, or to anyone, but do it enough and it will loosen your mind and widen your world. Even two lines can make a good poem!

Short is my life now.
All the shoulds I have done,
And what I didn't,
Sit before me like pudgy Buhddas
lined up and laughing.

Here's the message about texting and social media safety

By Lewis First, M.D.

Chief of Pediatrics at Vermont Children's Hospital

Parents have been texting me about how to ensure their children and teens stay safe when they send text messages and use social media on their computers and cell phones. Well, let me send some messages out to everyone on the subject of digital communication.

It appears that texting and messaging – including photo and video apps like SnapChat – and the popularity of social media sites

like Facebook and Twitter have surpassed email as the preferred methods of communication for children and adults. Because children do not have the maturity and life experience needed to use these communication tools safely, parents need to understand what these networks and apps are about and help their children learn to navigate them safely.

Step one is to learn about them if you haven't already, because your children certainly will. Create a profile for yourself on the social media network or app your child will be using. You should have a policy that your children need to keep you as a friend or follower if they want to have access to the technologies in your home that enable them to text, send messages, or otherwise use social media.

Make their use of digital communication a topic for dinner by asking what might be new or exciting on social media that day. Be prepared to share your own experiences online with



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Saturday, May 3

Using Obituaries and City Directories in Genealogy Research class, 10:30 AM-12:00 PM, VT Genealogy Library, Hegeman Ave., Fort Ethan Allen, Colchester. Obituaries and city directories can be key to answering some of your vexing genealogy questions. Lynn Johnson will demonstrate the value of using these resources, cautionary information, and some information on sources. Modest charge for the class. For more information, www.vtgenlib.org or call 802-310-9285.

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Beekeeping Workshop, 1:00-3:30 PM, 18 MacLean Rd., Alstead, NH 03602. Charles Andros, former NH/VT Apiary Inspector. Topics: finding queens, requeening and two-queen colonies, pollen collection, swarm control, supering, and bee

venom therapy. Inside if it is a rainy day. Registration required; lindenap@gmail.com or call 603-756-9056.

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Saturday, September 6

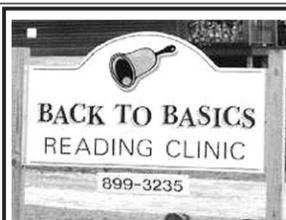
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your children. The more your children feel comfortable talking about their use of social media and texting, the less likely they are to get into trouble. And don't forget to make the evening meal a "no screen and no texting zone" so you can have that conversation.

Keep the home computer or tablet in a public part of your home so you can monitor your children's online time and set time limits for social media and messaging.

Remind your children that everything sent over the internet or a smartphone can be shared – even SnapChat photos and videos can be retrieved – so they need to use good judgment in the texts and pictures they are sending. Remind them that sexting or bullying using these apps and sites can result in possible legal action against them and affect their future careers or even their ability to get into college.

There are also parental controls that your internet service provider can help install so you can download and monitor your children's internet and texting activity if they are using the home internet service as their source of online communication.

Be alert to the signs of trouble: skipping activities, meals, or homework, or grade drops. These could represent internet, smartphone, or social media addiction, something you should talk about with your pediatrician, who can offer suggestions to help break such an addiction or refer you to others that may be able to help.

Hopefully tips like this will allow you to send just the right message when it comes to parents and children working together to enjoy texting and social media safety.

COLLEGE NOTES

Saint Anselm College student **Meghan Bartlett**, of Jericho, VT a junior English major was inducted into the college's TAU Chapter of Delta Epsilon Sigma National Scholastic Honor Society. Forty Saint Anselm College students were inducted in a ceremony on campus.

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ONGOING EVENTS

ADULT ACTIVITIES

Free yoga classes for veterans – 10:30-11:30 AM, Mondays through May 5, Thursdays through May 8, VA Medical Center, White River Jct., VT. Therapeutic yoga classes to all VA-enrolled veterans and Champ VA patients. Space limited; please contact Pat Pierce 802-295-9363 x6230 to sign up. Yoga mats, props provided. Classes are considered non-scheduled visits, with no co-pay/travel pay authorized. Certified instructors, one a Marine.

Chittenden County Postage stamps and post card club, 1st Wednesday of the month 6:15-8:30 PM, A IDX Circle GE Healthcare Building, South Burlington Information email: Laineyrapp@yahoo.com or call me at 802 660-4817

Drop in Watercolor Painting, Every 3rd Saturday, 9:00-11:00 AM, River Arts Center, Morrisville. An opportunity to refine your watercolor skill set or learn new techniques if you're a beginner. Bring your own materials, no registration required, drop in. Suggested donation \$8. Call 888-1261, or visit our website: www.riverartsvt.org for more details.

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

Essex Art League meets the 1st Thursday of the month, from 9:00-11:00 AM, at the Essex Junction Congregational Church, VT Rt. 15. The meeting agenda includes a business and social time, and features a guest artist presentation. A detailed calendar, listing featured speakers, is published on the League's website: www.essexartleague.com.

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

Mt. Mansfield Scale Modelers gather on the 3rd Thursday of the month, 6:30-8:30 PM. Modelers encompassing all categories of interest and skill levels are welcome. Brownell Library, Kolvoord Community Room, Lincoln Street, Essex Junction.

The Women of the United Church of Underhill meet on the 2nd Saturday of each month, 8:00 AM at the Church located at the park, VT Rt. 15, Underhill Flats. Women interested in sharing Christian prayer and discussions are welcome. Contact Julianne Nickerson at 899-3798 for more information.

Smugglers Notch 55+ Club meets every Wednesday at Smugglers Notch for a social time, then break into groups to ski. We start with a brief organizational meeting, coffee and rolls, and then we head out to the trails in self-selected ability groups, gather informally throughout the summer for a wide variety of outdoor activities. Membership benefits include various discounts at Smuggs. For more information call Deborah at 644-5455 or just attend a meeting at the Morse base lodge starting at 9:00 AM every Wednesday.

The **Underhill Historical Society** meets at the Underhill Town Hall on the 2nd Monday of the month, 6:30 PM. Anyone welcome.

HEALTH EVENTS & GROUPS

Al-Anon meetings, Jericho United Methodist Church, Thursday mornings 10:00 AM, and Saturday mornings, 10:00 AM.

Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting "Wing It" group meets Sundays, 11:00 AM, Maple Leaf Farm, Stevensville Rd., Underhill. Open Speaker meeting followed by a Brunch (\$10 charge for the brunch).

Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting, "The Firing Line" group meets Wednesdays, 7:15-8:15 PM, Maple Leaf Farm, Stevensville Rd., Underhill. Open Step meeting.

Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting "The Firing Line" group meets Saturdays, 8:00-9:00 PM, Maple Leaf Farm, Stevensville Rd., Underhill. Open Speaker Discussion meeting.

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

Brain Injury Support Group - offer survivors and family members, caregivers, friends and the community a place to come and receive valuable resources and information about brain injury. The support group is a place to share experiences in a safe, secure and confidential environment. Monthly meetings: 4th Fridays at the YMCA in Winoski 11:00 AM-noon; 1st Wednesdays at Fanny Allen in Colchester, 5:30-7:30 PM; and 2nd Tuesdays at the Saint Albans diner in Saint Albans. Call the BIAVT help line, 877-856-1772.

International Cesarean Awareness Network supporting mothers and families recovering from or learning about cesareans and VBACs. For more information email ICANvt@gmail.com or call Jessilyn at 644-6700.

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

TOPS Chapter 145 meets 6:15 PM Thursdays, Eagles Club, VT Rt. 109, Jeffersonville. Weigh-in 5:15-6:00 PM.

Healing Circle Breast Cancer Network, support group for women with breast cancer, monthly meetings 1st Tuesdays 5:30 PM, Northwestern Medical Center, Conference Room #1. RSVP at 524-8479.

Lamoille Home Health & Hospice: Offering Hospice Volunteer Training. Health care professionals share their knowledge and passion for hospice. Please contact Charlene at 888-4651 or ccamire@lhha.org for more information.

Franklin County Prostate Cancer Support Group, monthly, 1st Tuesdays, 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 more 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, United Church of Underhill, Underhill Flats.

KIDS

Playgroups are free of charge and open to all children birth through age 5 and their caregivers. At playgroup you will find stories, songs, crafts, free play, local events and information, and more. It is a wonderful opportunity to play with the children in

your life, meet other playmates, and connect with other parents and caregivers. Playgroups follow the school calendar. Come to any or all groups that fit your schedule. For more information on any of the playgroups, please contact Heather Lebeis at 899-4415 or underhillplaygroup@yahoo.com.

Mondays: Jericho Community Center, 9:30-11:00 AM
Wednesdays: Richmond Free Library, 8:45-10:15 AM
Thursdays: Bolton's Smilie School, 9:00-11:00 AM the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month
Thursdays: Huntington Public Library, 11:00 AM-12:30 PM
Fridays: Underhill Central School, 9:30-11:00 AM
Kids' Yoga, 3-5 years & 6 years and up. Toddler tumbling and new moms' groups. The Well, 644-6700.

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

SENIORS/COMMUNITY MEALS

Jeri-Hill XYZ Seniors meet at the Town Hall in Underhill Center on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month. All seniors are welcome. Dinner served at 11:30 AM. For information, Bette Workman, 899-4446, Loreen Teer, 899-1363 or Doug Keith 899-2582.

Johnson Community Meal - 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month, 11:30AM-12:30 PM, United Church, Johnson. Come for a hot meal and get to know your neighbors. Meal will be followed by community gathering. For information, please contact: Ellen Hill, 635-1439, ellen.hill@jsc.edu.

Westford Senior lunches – Join Westford Seniors for lunch at the Red Brick Meeting House on the Common, monthly on the 2nd Monday. No lunch in July or August. Lunch served at 12:00 noon with a short meeting or presentation following. Call 878-7405 or 879-7382 for information or for a ride.

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

Huntington senior meal site – The Huntington senior meals are served monthly on the 3rd Tuesday, 12:00 noon at the Community Baptist Church, Huntington Center.

St. Jude's Church, Hinesburg, senior meals held on 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month with bingo games afterward. Everyone is welcome including caregivers. Dinners \$4 per person. For information call Ted Barrette, 453-3087.

Starksboro First Baptist Church, Starksboro senior meals, 4th Thursday of the month, 11:30 AM. Call Brenda Boutin, 802-453-6354 for more information.

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

SPORTS ACTIVITIES

Ongoing Pilate classes, Dakini Studio, Underhill, Mondays and Thursdays, 6:00 PM. Register at 899-4191. For more information and other scheduled classes, dakinstudio.wordpress.com.

Qi Gong, the ancient Chinese art of movement, classes: Saturdays 9:00-10:00 AM, 562 VT Rt. 15, Johnson; Saturdays 11:00 AM-noon, River Arts, Morrisville; and Sundays 11:15 AM-12:15 PM, Artful Cup, Jeffersonville.

Zumba, Fairfax, Tuesdays 7:00-8:00 PM and Saturdays 9:00-10:00 AM. Contact Pam Adams 370-4437 or pamaj68@aol.com.

Zumba Fitness, Monday evenings only, 5:30-6:30 PM, River Arts Center, Morrisville. Certified instructor Karen Machia. No registration required, drop in. 888-1261 or www.riverartsvt.org for more details.

Zumba Fitness, Saturdays 8:30 AM, Jericho Community Center. Licensed instructor Lori Preiss. 899-0343 or lori@greenmountainfitness.com.

SUPPORT GROUPS

CFS, Fibromyalgia, Lyme Disease, Chemical Sensitivity and Gulf War Syndrome, 1:00-3:00 PM, monthly, 3rd Thursdays, The Bagel Cafe, Ethan Allen Shopping Center, Burlington. For information, www.vtfids.org. Lainey at 802 660-4817, or 800-296-1445 ask for Rik

Alzheimer's support group, monthly on the 3rd Wednesday, 9:30-11:30 AM, The Arbors, 687 Harbor Rd., Shelburne. Free education for individuals and families in the early stages of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias. For information and to register, contact Nicole Houston, 985-8600.

Approach Autism With Advocacy, Recovery & Education (AAWARE) in the Lamoille Valley, 3rd 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, monthly on the 3rd 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 & ORGANIZATIONS

Cambridge Area Rotary meets on 1st Thursday of the month, rotating to local restaurants, 7:00-8:00 AM. For information, Anita Lotto, 793- 0856, or Chuck Hogan, 644-8134.

Westford Fire Department, Mondays, 7:00 PM, at the fire station next to the Town Garage. For information, email John Quinn, jquinnivt@aol.com.

Jericho-Underhill Water District meets 1st Monday of the month, United Church of Underhill, Underhill Flats, 7:00 PM. For information, 899-4076 or 899-3810.

Jericho Historical Society, monthly on 2nd Thursdays, 7:30 PM, Old Red Mill, Jericho.

Jericho Underhill Park District Board meeting, 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 7:00 PM, Deborah Rawson Memorial Library project room, Jericho. Residents of Jericho and Underhill always welcome. 899-2693 for information.

Jericho Energy Task Force meets monthly, 2nd Thursdays, 7:00-8:30 PM, Jericho Town Hall, VT Rt. 15, Jericho.

THRIFT SHOPS & FOOD SHELVES

Westford Food Shelf, open monthly, 3rd Saturdays, 8:00-10:30 AM, United Church of Westford. All are welcome. Fresh produce, meat, and non-food items available.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

OBITUARIES



Kasey Lee Farnsworth, 23, of Bolton, VT passed away on Monday, March 24, 2014 after a brief illness. He was surrounded by the loving comfort of his family and friends. He was born on February 5, 1991, the son of Russell and Laurie (Lafreniere) Farnsworth. He graduated from Mount Mansfield Union High School in 2009. Kasey worked for CSSD, driving school bus for the last few years, and was formerly employed at Gulliver's Doggy Day Care. He loved sports: Boston Bruins, Patriots, Yankees, and Dale Jr. in NASCAR. His hobbies also included spending time with family and friends, bonfires, going for a "rip" as he would say, fishing, and anything a good ol' Vermont boy would love. Survivors include his parents; brothers Bryan Farnsworth of Bolton, and Russell Strickland of Burlington, VT; nephews Corey and Julian Farnsworth; several aunts, uncles, and cousins; and the many, many friends he encountered in his young life. He was predeceased by his grandparents Russell and Vivian Farnsworth and Ronald and Charlene Lafreniere; and sister Heather Farnsworth. He will be missed by many, as his smile and laugh were infectious to everyone he met. He may have shown a solid shell on the outside, but was willing to always go above and beyond to help anyone who needed him. We would like to thank everyone at FAHC for all they did during his time there. Visiting hours were held Tuesday, April 1, 2014 at Gifford Funeral Home in Richmond, VT. A funeral service was celebrated at Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Church in Richmond on Wednesday, April 2, 2014. Gifford Funeral Home in Richmond was in care of arrangements. Because of his love of animals, those wishing to make donations in his name can do so through Save Our Strays and/or the Humane Society of Chittenden County.



Georgiann Carolyn Jacobs, age 68 years, died late Wednesday evening, March 26, 2014 at her Ross Lane residence in Jeffersonville, VT. Born at home in Swanton, VT on April 22, 1945, she was the daughter of the late George and Rose (Downie) Lavigne. She was a graduate of the former Swanton High School. Georgie was employed for many years as a pharmacist assistant beginning at Bayside Pharmacy in Virginia Beach, VA and later working in Vermont at the Cambridge Pharmacy and Jack Rixon's Pharmacy in St Albans, VT. She was also associated with both Prouty's and Blouin's IGA and North Country Bait and Tackle in Swanton. She was active in the Fraternal Order of Eagles Ladies Auxiliary in Jeffersonville and was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, Charles DaPrato Post 778, in Swanton. Georgie will be remembered as a devoted mother and grandmother, always putting her grandchildren first. She leaves her two daughters and their husbands: Pam and Stan Beauregard of Jeffersonville, and Debbie and Kevin LaPan of Swanton; grandchildren Bobby and Jonny Beauregard of Jeffersonville, and Christopher LaPan and his fiancé Brittany Ploof, and Carolyn LaPan, all of Swanton; brothers and sisters Barbara and Richard Fearn of Gainesville, FL, Dixie Root of West Swanton, Richard Lavigne of Panama City, FL, and Danny and Nancy Lavigne of Swanton; former husband James George Hill of Homosassa, FL; as well as many nieces and nephews. Besides her parents, Georgie was predeceased by her sisters, Doreen and Evelyn, and brother, Steve. Friends called at The Kidder Memorial Home, 89 Grand Ave., Swanton on Thursday, April 3, 2014, with a funeral service that evening officiated by Father John G. Feltz. To offer private online condolences please visit www.kiddermemorialhome.com. Gifts in Georgie's memory may be made to Rural County Transit, 29 Sunset Dr., B1, Morrisville, VT 05661; or to the American Cancer Society, 55 Day Lane, Williston, VT 05495.

David John Langlois passed away peacefully on Monday, March 31, 2014, and will be missed by his wife of 34 years, Rachel. David lived in Underhill, VT and was a true Vermonter. He worked in construction and in the lumber industry all of his life. He enjoyed fast cars and racing, and was as quick to smile as drive fast. His humor was appreciated by those who knew and loved him. Playing softball and all things Vermont were a passion of his. David loved German Shepherd dogs and his current dog, Myisha, will miss his presence. David leaves behind his stepsons Guy Pillsbury of Essex Junction, VT and Michael Pillsbury of Charlotte, NC. David's family was with him in his final days, and his brothers, sisters, nieces and nephews will miss him. His mother, Alice, and father, Donald, predeceased him. There are no plans for a funeral or memorial service.

Mary (Severance) Edwards, 97, of Jeffersonville, VT passed away on Saturday, March 29, 2014, in Copley Hospital in Morrisville, VT. She lived the last five years of her life at The Manor in Morrisville, VT. She was born in Colchester, VT on March 1, 1917, the daughter of the late Charles L. and Laura M. (Plante) Severance. Mary graduated from Cambridge High School in 1936, and was a graduate of Fanny Allen School of Nursing. Mary married Thomas Smith Edwards on October 23, 1937 in Adams, NY. He predeceased her on May 18, 1983. Mary was employed as a practical nurse at Kerbs Hospital in St. Albans, VT for many years. She was on the State Board of Nursing from 1973-1983. Mary was also a member of the Second Congregational Church in Jeffersonville, Green Mountain Auxiliary #3210 Fraternal Order of Eagles, Jeffersonville Cemetery Association, Crescendo Club, and Cambridge Historical Society. She leaves her sister Virginia Mangels;

two sons, Smith T. Edwards and his wife Janice, and Ronald C. Edwards and his wife Barbara; daughter Sharon McNally and husband Gary; daughter-in-law Jenene Edwards; 10 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; six great-great-grandchildren; and several nieces, nephews and cousins. Mary was also predeceased by her son Gale E. Edwards; grandson, Ross H. Edwards; three brothers, Leland Severance, Erwin Severance, and Bertrand Severance; and two sisters, Bernice Severance and Lorice McLane. A special Thank You to The Manor in Morrisville, VT for the wonderful care they provided to our mother. Visiting hours were held on Sunday, April 6, 2014 at A.W. Rich Funeral Home - Fairfax

Chapel, 1176 Main St., Fairfax. A funeral service was held at the Second Congregational Church, Jeffersonville, on Monday, April 7, 2014, with the Reverend Mick Comstock officiating. Burial will be held in the spring in the family lot in Jeffersonville Village Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Second Congregational Church of Jeffersonville, P.O. Box 188, Jeffersonville, VT 05464; or the Jeffersonville Cemetery Association, P.O. Box 334, Jeffersonville, VT 05464. The family also invites you to share your memories and condolences by visiting www.awrfh.com.

ONGOING EVENTS



FLOYD-JUDD
Kenneth and Karen Floyd of Underhill in Morrisville, VT are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Kaylie Elizabeth Floyd, to Michael John Judd Jr., son of Michael Sr. and Lisa Judd of Norwich, VT. Kaylie graduated from Champlain College and is employed at Trapp Family Lodge in Stowe, VT. Mike attended Vermont Technical College and works at Green Mountain Coffee Roasters in Essex Junction in Morrisville, VT. A 2015 wedding is being planned.

BIRTHS

JEFFERSONVILLE
(Tilton) Dustin Tilton and Darienn Houle had a son, Mason Blane Tilton, on February 25, 2014 at Copley Hospital, Morrisville, VT.

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LIBRARY NEWS

DEBORAH RAWSON LIBRARY, UNDERHILL

A new book discussion group is starting! What qualities make a piece of writing "spiritual"? What sets a spiritual essay apart from others and make it exceptional? Using the new book *Best Spiritual Writing of 2013*, the group will attempt to answer these questions and many more about the contemporary religious landscape in this country. This excellent collection includes diverse viewpoints and is sure to spark lively discussions about "questions of ultimate concern." Leading the discussions will be John Michael McKnight, Ph.D, of Underhill Center. Professor McKnight teaches in the CORE division of Champlain College and has participated in many adult learning sessions at the library over the past five years. **Wednesday evenings, 6:30-8:00 PM, from April 16 to May 7, 2014.** Please register soon by calling 899-4962 and to receive the free book that is provided for participants.

Representatives George Till and Bill Frank will be at the library on Thursday, April 17, 6:30 PM to give the community a legislative update. Come and ask questions, express your thoughts, and have a discussion with our local representatives. No registration required.

Family Movie Night, Friday, April 18, 6:30-9:00 PM. "HOP" over to DRML for a fun family night! Wear your PJs, grab a pillow and bring the whole gang! Arrive a few minutes early to settle in! We will provide the popcorn! Call 899-4962 for details. No registration required.

Scrabble night! Monday, April 21. Come join your neighbors for an evening of challenging word fun and laughter!

Poetry Reading, Monday, April 28, 6:30 PM. Come enjoy a lovely evening of poetry reading by local residents. Jericho Town Library holds an annual poetry writing workshop lead by Mary Jane Dickerson, and this is the ending event with participants sharing their work. This event is cosponsored with the Jericho Town Library. For more information contact Donna at 899-4686.

Inventive Vermonters: A Sampling of Farm Tools and Implements, Saturday, May 3, 2:00 PM. Vermonters have always been inventive, especially when it comes to agricultural innovations. Time- and labor-saving inventions that ease the hard work of farming have always been important in our rural, agricultural state. In this illustrated lecture, retired engineer Paul Woods presents a sampling of farm tools, implements, and artifacts invented or produced in Vermont, examining their use, uniqueness of design, and the often fascinating stories of the inventors themselves. All ages welcome. Presented by The Vermont Humanities Council.

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.

FAIRFAX COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Events are free unless otherwise noted. Please pre-register. Call or email libraryprograms@fwsu.org

Thursday, April 17, 3:00-4:00 PM: Maker Series: Legos are Back!!

Saturday, April 19, 10:00 AM-noon: Saturday Drop-In Fiber Group! A fun monthly event. Bring your knitting, crochet, or other fiber arts project. All welcome. Some instruction available.

Tuesday, April 22, 9:30-11:00 AM: Pirate Party for ages 0-6. Must pre-register. Stories and crafts and a snack.

Thursday, April 24, 3:00-4:00 PM: School Vacation Edition of Crafternoon with Nicole.

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LCPC seeks nominations for Marvin Awards

The Lamoille County Planning Commission (LCPC) is seeking nominations for its annual Jim Marvin Awards for "Excellence in Project Design" and "Excellence in Community Service."

The Community Service award recognizes citizens for dedication and commitment to benefit the community. The Project Design award recognizes projects that benefit overall community design. Recent recipients include Johnson State's Visual Arts Center and Boyden Function Hall in Cambridge. The awards will be presented at the LCPC annual meeting in June.

Jim Marvin was a dedicated volunteer from Johnson whose unending energy and desire to learn served as a model and challenged us to better our communities as a place to work and live. Additional information and nomination forms are available on the LCPC website, www.lcpcvt.org, or call 888-4548. Nominations close at 4:00 PM Monday, May 5.

4-H Poultry Skills Bowl

Veterinarian Dr. Emily Buskey shares information about poultry health and diseases with participants and parents at the State 4-H Poultry Quiz Bowl and Skill-a-thon held Saturday, March 22 at Johnson State College.

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REVIEWS

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Emile A Gruppe Gallery, 22 Barber Farm Rd., Jericho. Current Exhibit: *Landscape Perspectives*, Fiona Cooper Fenwick, Jane Neroni, Julie Davis. On Thursday, April 24, Harald Aksdal's new show "Landscapes as Meditations" opens with an artist reception Sunday, April 27, 1:00-4:00 PM, for the public to meet the artist and view his new watercolors. The show will hang through Sunday, June 1. Harald states, "My initial work focused on details.... now I find that I am moving gradually from the 'how' to the 'what'... art has become my spiritual path with each piece building upon an and adding to my previous work - improving and testing technique (the 'how') while adding to and building upon the Spirit (the 'what')... leading to infinity." Sunday, May 4. Jericho author Maeve Kim will read from her third - and first published - novel *There's Nothing 86 Tonight*, 3:00-4:00 PM. A local teacher, birder, naturalist, and musician, Maeve began writing at age 11. The book is a love story about three people who have been isolated by circumstance and trauma. Gallery hours: Thursday-Sunday, 10:00 AM-3:00 PM or by appointment. Information, www.emilegruppegallery.com or 899-3211.

In the Studio with Mary Bryan, Friday, May 2-Sunday, September 7, Bryan Memorial Gallery, 180 Main St., Jeffersonville. Bryan Memorial Gallery celebrates the 30th anniversary of its founding with an exhibition of paintings by Mary Bryan, in whose memory the gallery was built. The exhibition of 100 paintings includes watercolors, oils, collages, and egg tempera paintings, painted over 30 years in Vermont, Massachusetts, Alaska, the Southwest, England, and the Caribbean. Opening reception Sunday, May 6, 2:00-4:00 PM. Artists Roundtable, discussing the work and world of Mary Bryan, will precede the reception at 1:00 PM. A preview of the exhibit can be seen at www.bryangallery.org. For information, 802-644-5100. Gallery hours: May 3-July 1, Thursday-Sunday, 11:00 AM-4:00 PM; July 2-September 7, daily 11:00 AM-5:00 PM.

4th Annual Jericho Plein Air Festival, to celebrate, nurture, and enhance the visibility of our art community. Call to Artists: Saturday, July 19, festival headquarters: the Emile A. Gruppe Gallery, 22 Barber Farm Rd, Jericho Center, VT. Painting sites to be announced. Registration: \$20. The work created on Saturday will be exhibited at the Emile A. Gruppe Gallery from July 20-August 10, 2014, with an opening reception on Sunday, July 20 from 2:00-4:00 PM. For information and registration materials contact Barbara Greene at blgreene@myfairpoint.net or (802) 899-2974.

Senior Art Show, weekdays Wednesday, April 23-Tuesday, May 20, 10:00 AM-3:30 PM, Senior Center of Essex Junction, 2 Lincoln Place, at the Five Corners. Opening Reception Friday, April 25, 3:30-5:00 PM to meet featured artists Marie Cowan and

Loretta Masi. For information, 878-6944.

Essex Art League - Say goodbye to winter by taking in the beautiful new display offered by members of Essex Art League in April, Union Station, Main Street Landing, Burlington. Demonstrations and a chance to interact with some of the artists and learn about their work will be held on Saturday, April 19, 11:00 AM-3:00 PM. The exhibit will be on display until Sunday, April 26.



Milton Plein Air Outdoor Art day, 7:00 AM and on through the afternoon, Milton Grange, VT Rt. 7, Milton. Sponsored by the Milton Artists' Guild, all ages, skill levels, and mediums are welcome. Bring friends and supplies and set up at designated sites. Registration starts 7:00 AM at the Grange. Create until 1:00 PM, then "meet and greet" artists at the Grange reception till 2:00 PM. Public welcome. Some will visit with artists all day and at reception. Basic art supplies will be available for purchase. Pre-registration starts Friday, April 21 - email Pilar Paulsen, cherrystreetstudio@yahoo.com, and include name, city, and contact. For information, call 831-224-5152 or go online to www.miltonartistsguild.org.

The Governor's Gallery, Pavilion Office Building, 5th floor, 109 State St., Montpelier. RE-ENVISIONED, Fabric Collage & Colored Pencil by Dianne Shullenberger, through Friday, June 27, Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM-4:30 PM.

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Annual Roland Pigeon country music concert, Sunday, April 27 at the United Church Westford, 4:00-5:00 PM. All are invited to join Roland, family, friends, and fellow musicians for an afternoon of a wide variety of country, folk, and old time fiddle music. Both young and older talent will be participating and offer a broad appeal to audiences of any age group. Free. Refreshments will follow the entertainment. Information: 802-879-4028.

Walk and Roll to School Day May 2

Students from the Underhill ID and Browns River Middle Schools are celebrating Intergenerational Walk and Roll to School Day on Friday, May 2, with the goal of having all students participate in the benefits of walking and biking to school. Walking School Buses will depart from the United Church of Underhill at 7:30 AM, Green Crow Lumber (CCTA parking lot) at 7:40 AM, and Mills Riverside Park at 7:40 AM. For more information, contact Andrea Sandy (UID) at andrea.sandy@cesvt.org or Suzanne McDevitt (BRMS) at suzanne.mcdevitt@cesvt.org.

Senior Art Show at 5 Corners

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Cards for Maggie Wolf, turning 100

Longtime Jericho resident Maggie Wolf will be 100 on Wednesday, April 23 - send her congratulations for her 100th birthday! Send cards to:
Maggie Wolf
100 Wake Robin Drive
Room 203
Shelburne, VT 05482

Send us your news!
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or call
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GMBC Intro Group Rides

Tired of riding alone on the same old bike paths and roads but worried that you don't have the skills for a group ride? The Green Mountain Bicycle Club (GMBC) will be offering Introductory Group Rides every other Saturday during the months of May and June. Experienced riders will explain the rules of the road and teach novice cyclists how to ride safely in a group.

The rides will start at 10:00 AM at the Wheeler log at Dorset Park in South Burlington, and will travel between 12-20 miles. No one will be left behind! There will be at least two ride leaders who will teach group dynamics including signaling and passing, as well as learning to respect (and be respected by) cars. The pace will be determined by the ability of new riders. Cyclists must wear helmets and have bikes in good working condition. Riders under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

The GMBC's Introductory Group Rides will take place on Saturdays, May 3, 17, and 31, June 14 and 28. Contact GMBC Advocacy Chair Viola Chu at hviolachu@gmail.com for more information.



Vermont 4-Her's prove they are Hip to Horses in statewide competition

More than 80 Vermont 4-H club members turned out on April 5 for the annual State 4-H Horse Hippology Contest, co-sponsored by University of Vermont (UVM) Extension and Chittenden County 4-H.

The event took place at two Jericho locations, Freedom Farm (judging) and Browns River Middle School (written test, slides and identification stations). The 4-Hers earned points for their judging skills in both a hunter under saddle and paint horse class as well as their overall knowledge of breeds, colors and markings, forages, tack, animal nutrition, veterinary procedures, anatomy, horse care and other equine science topics.

The competition was arranged by age with different questions and skills tests for each age group. Rosette ribbons were awarded to the top scorers in each division through tenth place with the top four seniors (ages 14 and up) being named to the Vermont 4-H Horse Hippology Team, which will compete this fall at the New England

Regional 4-H Horse Contests in Massachusetts and Eastern National 4-H Horse Round-Up in Louisville, Ky., against top teams from several other states.

Members of the 2014 team are Madison Wood, Concord; David Gringeri, West Haven; Lexy Brooks, Whitehall, N.Y.; and Courtney Bronson, Shoreham.

Other seniors who ranked in the top ten in their division, in order, were Beverly Gartland, Essex; Ruth Snow, Shelburne; Alexis Walker, Essex Junction; Lindsey Wood, Concord; Kate Patenaude Derby Line; Bethany Demuyneck, Underhill.

Winners of the Novice Senior Division were Nicole Cutler, Waterbury; Erin Flanders, Proctor; Kayla Yurkevich, Halifax; Hannah Hobbs, Brattleboro and Tatianna Mitchell, Brattleboro. This division is open to individuals 14 years old or older who are either new to 4-H or who have never participated in the hippology contest before.

Highest scorers in the junior divisions, in order of placement, were: 12 and 13 years old: Hannah Lang, Essex; Olivia Suker, Shrewsbury; Hailee Blades, Jeffersonville; Callon Fish, Rutland; Sophia Dedell, Woodstock; Audrey Teague, Jeffersonville; Kathryn Morin, Essex; Bridget Webber, West Burke; Zachary Chagnon, Winooski; Linden Malmgren, Jericho.

10 and 11 years old: Faith Ploof, Colchester; Emma Cushman, Barre; Grace Parks, Essex; Abigail Young, Barre; Eva Joly, Essex Junction; McKenna White, Whiting; Julia Hulett, West Pawlet; Carly Jenkins, Jericho; Allison Tourville, Georgia; Hannah Carroll, Colchester.

8 and 9 years old: Chloe Barewicz, Jericho; Ryley Dubois, Addison; Brittany Webber, West Burke; Jenna Dolloph, Chester; Caroline Murray, East Montpelier; Lauren Bentley, Richmond; Zoe Aigner, Fair Haven; Marleigh Cary, Rutland; Jordan Bombard, Duxbury; Gigi Rodd, Burlington.

Hillary Fay of Westford and Ursula Ovitt of Huntington served as judges for the horse judging classes. Teen assistants for the event, all members of past state hippology teams, were Allison Bachmann, Ira; Kaelyn Jenny, Essex Junction and Emma Pearson, North Hero.

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A Moment in Time – Conversations with Senior Citizens

From China to Vermont - Priscilla Brownell Brown



Priscilla Brownell Brown gazes out a glass door warching squirrels and birds at a feeder.

By Brenda Boutin
Mountain Gazette Staff

Brownell Mountain, Brownell Road, Brownell Memorial Library all have connections to Priscilla Brownell Brown. No, they are not named after her nor does she lay claim to any great story other than ancestry. The Brownell ancestors came to Vermont at the same time as Ethan and Ira Allen.

Priscilla says she is a Vermonter although she was born in China. She is the daughter of Henry C. Brownell, who, with his wife Jane, served 44 years as a professor at Lingnan University in Guangzhou, China where he taught history and political science. She is the second child having one older brother Lincoln and one younger brother Chauncy plus two sisters.

The family lived a privileged life. Servants cooked, cleaned and cared for the children. "Our Amah was like a mother to us," Priscilla says with a smile. "The servants lived in the cellar. I remember going down to watch my Amah do her hair." Priscilla says she didn't have much. She had some kind of gooey stuff. It was made from a piece of wood placed in water that made a sort of slime. The Amah would slick her hair back and add a false bun. According to Priscilla a Chinese's woman's hairline was very important so the servant would take 2 strands of string, roll it up in the stray hairs along her forehead and pull the wayward hair out.

"She called us monkeys because we were so hairy," Priscilla recalled. The Amah would punish them by twisting the hair on their arms.

Priscilla says they were envied for their excellent cook. He was touted as the best cook on campus. But he thought foreigners were funny. The cook would get a month off each year. He would go home to his farm where his wife and a whole raft of daughters lived. He'd come back and soon after he'd have another daughter. "My mother worked at the campus school," Priscilla said. "There was a little Chinese boy there that she thought was so cunning." When her mother asked whose child he was; she was told that he belonged to her own cook. The cook had a second family in

a nearby village. "I don't think my father was upset by the cook having a concubine," She smiles, "I think he was upset because the cook was feeding 2 families from our larder." The Brownell family lived on an island in Pearl River and had to bring all of their supplies by launch or sampan.

Growing up in China was fun, each morning the Amah would take them for walks so that their parents could sleep in. Priscilla remembered having a horse. "An Italian business man got a horse for his daughter," she says. "His daughter didn't want the small Chinese horse, she wanted a larger Mongolian, and so I got the small one." The gentleman had only one stipulation that she call the horse Garibaldi.

The school was right next door. "We would walk home for recess and lunch." She said. "One time we had a rabbit with a litter who was so lazy or dumb that we would run home and haul her out to put the babies on to feed." The whole class wanted to help.

When she was thirteen, Priscilla went to the American boarding school in Shanghai. The American run schools' student population was made up of kids of business men, naval families, kids from Shanghai and Russian refugees. At that time Russian nobility were escaping across Siberia to China.

Priscilla's family returned to Vermont every five years. The first time was when she was three. Priscilla went to school here while her father was on sabbatical, attending the Adams School for fourth grade and Burlington High School for her sophomore year.

Their island home in China didn't have electricity. On a trip home when she was eight, her father purchased electrical fixtures and had their home wired. "We got a phone at the same time." She said. "You had to ring up the operator to make a call."

Their water was captured in a cistern. According to Priscilla, the cook would go to the basement and pump the water to a holding tank upstairs. She went

on to comment that they never conserved water because of the prolonged rainy season in China.

"I remember our clothes being washed on a scrub board," she said. "I recall the sound your knuckles made as you washed the clothes." She smiles.

Her grandfather owned a farm in Williston, VT and one side of Brownell Mountain. "I loved going to the farm," she said. Her grandfather had built a cabin near a brook and Priscilla and some classmates would pack up and camp there on weekends. "There as a stream that had been dammed up." She remembered. "We would paddle around out there."

At age 17, Priscilla left China for the last time to go to college. Her parents and younger sisters remained in China for many years.

Priscilla met her husband and love of her life William Clay Brown at a dance at Fort Ethan Allen in Colchester, VT. The Fort was a Cavalry Post and Bill was a Cavalry Officer. He was a graduate of the University of Massachusetts where he was in the Cavalry ROTC and was a Thomason Officer.

Priscilla and Bill dated for a couple of years. "He didn't really ask me to marry him," she said. "He just gave me a ring." "I wasn't surprised," she said. "We were married near Boston. Two years later, in 1940, we were stationed at

Fort Knox although Bill had wanted to go to Fort Riley, Kansas where there was a Cavalry unit.

Bill and Priscilla had a son, William Clay Brown III, by the time we entered the war.

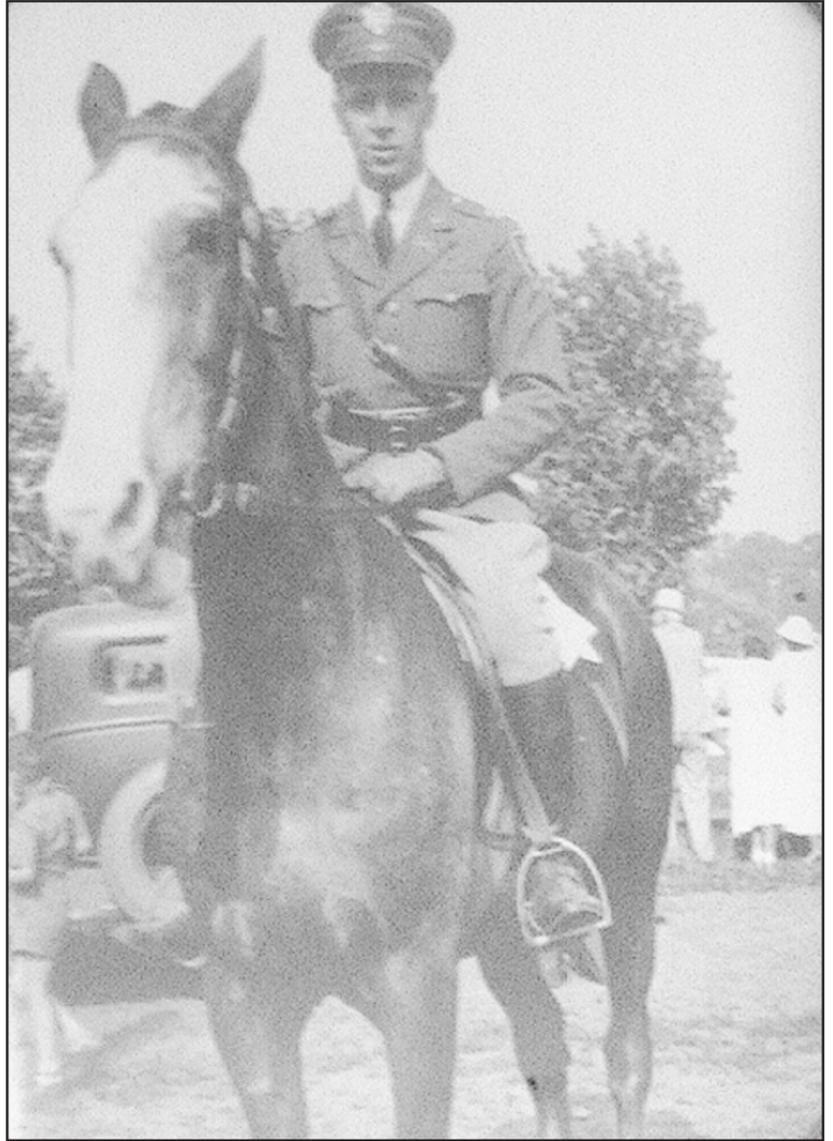
Bill served in World War II. He was overseas for three and one-half years, taking part in the African campaign. He lost many friends at Kasserine Pass and was in the campaign from Anzio to Rome in Italy. He came home on VJ Day. Soon they had their second child, Chris, a daughter.

Priscilla did the best she could while he was gone. She lived with family and friends.

Her parents and youngest sister were interned in Hong Kong after Pearl Harbor for 6 months and were part of a political exchange. The Japanese wanted their diplomatic contingent from the United States exchanged for prisoners from Hong Kong and Shanghai. They exchanged all of the Americans, but kept the British detainees until the end of the war.

My parents came home from Hong Kong needing rest and recuperation, "she said. Priscilla and her son moved in with her parents for a year while her husband was overseas. After the war, her parents returned to Canton and continued to teach until they retired and returned to Burlington. Her parents lived into their 80s and 90s.

Priscilla attributes her age to good genes on



Bill was a graduate of the University of Massachusetts where he was in the cavalry ROTC and was a Thomason officer.

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her father's side, clean living and good nutrition. Her grandfather lived to 90, one great-aunt to 104 and another great-aunt to 99.

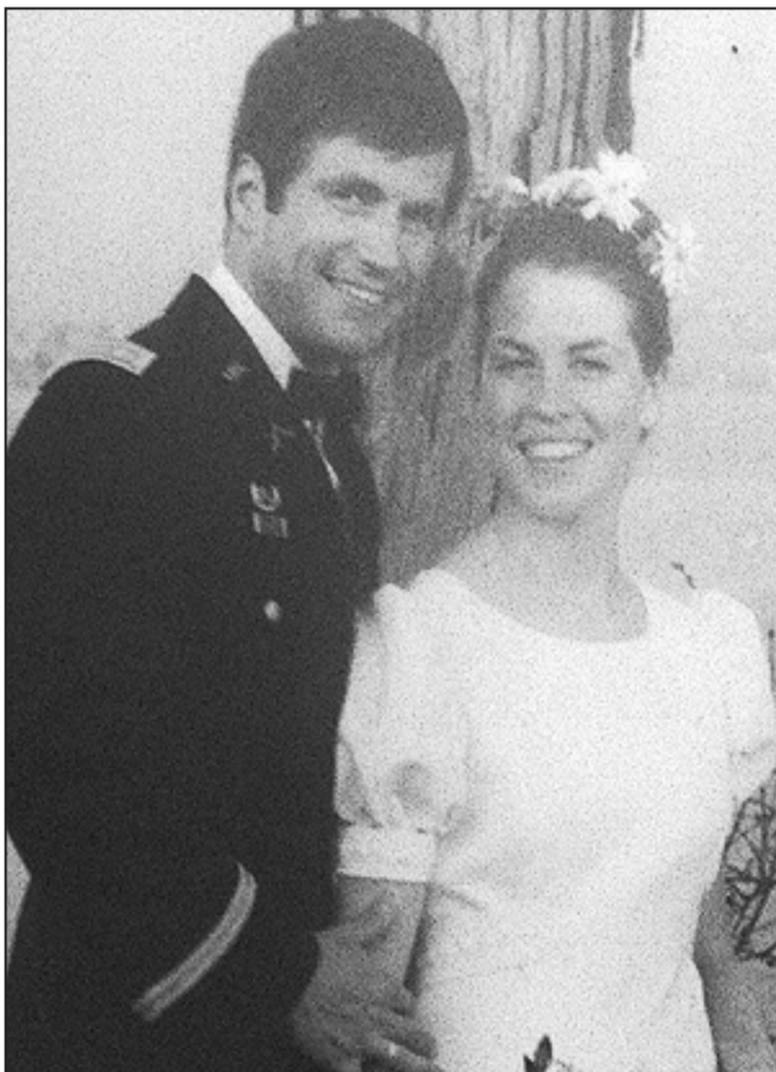
The family lived in Elmira, NY. Priscilla taught school there for ten years after her children were in High and Junior High School.

Priscilla and Bill settled in So. Burlington, VT and they bought a home where they could see the Green Mountains. Bill worked at General Electric and Priscilla taught school in So. Burlington until they retired. They built a home in Underhill, VT at the foot of the mountains. "Our daughter Chris and her husband had a home in Jericho, so we started looking out here." She said. Priscilla can see the mountains from her sliding glass doors along with animals who call the woods home. "I see red and gray squirrels a lot." She says. "They come to the bird feeders." All kinds of animals visit her back yard. Deer with fawn, moose, fox and a bear which this 97 year-old chased away with pots and pans.

The Browns have been avid boaters since they moved to Vermont, attributing this to their son who built his first boat as a teen and is still an enthusiastic boater. Bill and Priscilla started with a leaky Penn Yan and graduated to larger cruisers that they took on many trips, down the Hudson, to the America Cup in RI and on many other adventures.

She still drives a little and is grateful for her daughter's help and love.

She is a tiny lady with plenty of energy and a clear resounding voice. There is so much more to her story and you can see it all by accessing it through MMCTV channel 15 or by going to www.vimeo.com/mmctv.



Priscilla's daughter Christine and husband Jack Chase.

This is the first in a series called *A Moment in Time: Conversations with Senior Citizens* presented to the communities of Underhill, Jericho, and Richmond by *The Mountain Gazette* and *MMCTV*.

The second part in this series appearing in May will feature Orellyn Emerson of Jericho, VT.

BROWNS RIVER MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL NOTES

By Kevin Hamilton

I'm grateful every day for the good work that happens at Browns River Middle School. Our staff continues to shine and I just want to share with you just a few of the many great moments that took place in March and April. Let's celebrate our successes:

1. Cheers to Julie Bean and the Kitchen Village for hitting a record of serving 290 student meals and 54 adult meals on Monday.



2. Congratulations for the outstanding student participation in our after-school programs: Math Counts, Engineer Club, Claymation Club, and Graphic Novel Club.



3. Kudos to Greg Martin and the 20 students involved in the Spectrum Sleep Out to help raise awareness on youth homelessness in Vermont.



4. Bravo to our 80 drama students who took part in the original musical *Scheherazade and the Arabian Nights*.



5. Great job to our Green Team for organizing lots of ways for our school to be more sustainable. We look forward to participating in the *Vermontivate*.

Please make sure to get out and vote on the Mount Mansfield Union School District Budget on Tuesday, May 6.



BRMS student recognized for financial literacy poster

Emerson Morse, a student at Browns River Middle School, has earned an honorable mention award in the *Be Money Wise* financial literacy poster competition sponsored by the VT State Treasurer's Office in partnership with the VT Bankers Association. Now in its seventh year, the contest encourages adults to discuss the annual poster theme with students and provides a creative outlet for students to demonstrate their knowledge. The 2014 theme was, "Think . . . before you spend." There were 387 posters entered this year.

SeniorEd accepting applications

SeniorEd of Vermont, the Adult Computer Learning Center, located at the Pines on Dorset St. in South Burlington, announces that it is now accepting enrollments for its May/June courses (Fundamentals, Introduction to Computing, and Keeping Track with Excel) and its seminars/workshops (Get started with Windows 8, Mailmerge with Printmaster, Digital Photos with Picasa, and Scrapbooking with Printmaster).

Enrollment and a description of the offerings can be found on the SeniorEd web site, www.SeniorEd.org. Instructors are experienced professionals who volunteer to help their peers in a friendly, informal setting. Classes meet once a week for four or five weeks and seminars/workshops meet once or twice.

Copley Hospital seeking volunteers

Are you looking to share your time and talents as a volunteer? Copley Hospital in Morrisville offers volunteer opportunities that make a difference in someone's day, will help you learn new skills, make new friends, and give back to your community. Many volunteer opportunities are available Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM-4:00 PM; there are also some short-term opportunities.

Volunteers are needed for several events, including: Bike Helmet Fitting (Friday, May 2), Stowe Weekend of Hope (Saturday-Monday, May 3-5), Stowe Wine and Food Classic (Friday-Sunday, June 13-15) and the Copley Golf Scramble (Saturday, July 12). Other opportunities: Information Desk – welcome and assist patients and visitors; Library Aide – assist with computer health searches, photo copying, bulletin board maintenance, and general office support; General Clerical Support; Gift Shop Attendant – greet and assist shoppers, run a cash register, process credit card sales, etc.; Second Chance Thrift Store – tagging and marking of items, register knowledge, customer sales, etc.

For information on how to volunteer call Jill Baker, Community Relations Department, 802-888-8302.

Litter Patrol: Adopt-A-Block for a Cleaner Community

By Bernard Paquette

Does the sight of plastic water bottles, soda cans, plastic bags, or beer bottles along the side of the road bother you? Who picks up litter between Green Up Days?

By signing up to Adopt-A-Block, you can be part of the solution and keep your neighborhood litter-free. Here is how the program works.

Send an email to [Bernie\(dot\)paquette@yahoo\(dot\)com](mailto:Bernie(dot)paquette@yahoo(dot)com) and let me know what road (or section of road) or park you would like to adopt. You can sign up yourself, your family, or your business. Then clean up your adopted route at least once every four to six weeks (or more often if you are so inclined!). Adopt a block, a street, a spot, a park or a place, and keep it litter free.

Businesses please commit to clean up your storefronts at least twice a week. Where there is heavy traffic, daily clean up may be required.

If you would like to, send photos of the individual or group performing clean ups, and before and after – site photos, to me and I will post them on the Litter with a Story to Tell web site. Include volunteer's names and the name of your Pick Up Artists group if you have one.

Send me an email (or photo) with a quantification of litter cleaned up, date, and location.

Send me litter alerts (location and photo) of littered areas needing attention beyond your adopt-a-block. I will publish a request for help.

Send me your insight "When I pick up litter I feel..." (fill in the blanks) and I will publish with what others have shared @ <http://www.litterwithastorytotell.blogspot.com/2013/04/earth-day-how-i-feel-when-i-pick-up.html>.

Record retrievals on a litter survey form. (Email me for the form).

Here are a few things to keep in mind when collecting litter: Wear bright-colored clothing so that you are easily visible to

passing motorists.

Five-gallon buckets or plastic bags work well as containers to carry the litter as you walk.

Wear gloves.

Do not attempt to pick up any hazardous material or any large, heavy items.

Walk on one side of the street, towards traffic, then crossing the street for the return trip. Please be very alert.

It is perfectly fine for more than one person to volunteer for the same adopt-a-spot.

Take the time to enjoy your surroundings!

For more inspiration read "What is so great about litter picking?" @ <http://www.litterwithastorytotell.blogspot.com/2013/11/whats-so-great-about-litter-picking-365.html> Here are a few excerpts:

Focus is on Community with Adopt-a-Block.

The aim of the Adopt-a-block program is to build upon existing community partnerships and to encourage residents, school groups, scouts and other young persons' organizations to help save the earth locally and personally through community clean ups.

- Socializing as you clean up with others in Y/our town, city, or village.

- Provides a civics lesson and a positive example to children and others.

- Relationships created and nurtured through invitation and participation.

- Coalitions/Alliances: Connecting businesses, non-profits, and community groups creates synergy where 1+1=3.

- Small local projects are great catalyst for change in behavior and action while building trust and cohesion in the community.

Earth is the only planet with people and litter-easier to clean it up than move.

Along with his Green and Clean column, Bernie Paquette, of South Burlington, publishes Litter with a Story to Tell: short stories, essays and photos reflecting Vermont values of Green and Clean and Community; inspiring people to maintain a litter-free environment. Bernie's web site is <http://www.litterwithastorytotell.blogspot.com/>.

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May 8	May 15
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July 10	July 17
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- Bridal - February 6 • Memorial Stories of Veterans - May - 15 • Senior Profiles - June 5
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- Bridal - August 21 • Harvest Market - September 18
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Memorial Day

stories will be published in the *Mountain Gazette* May 15.

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Deadline for articles is May 8 at 5:00 PM.

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Friday, April 25, 9:30-11:00 AM: Month of the Young Child. Event to be determined.
NO Preschool Story hour on Tuesday, April 29.
Tuesday, April 29, 6:30-8:00 PM: Vermont author Howard Coffin discusses Franklin County Civil War history. Subsidized by the VT Humanities Council.
 Fairfax Community Library: 75 Hunt St., Fairfax, VT, 05454; Phone: 849-2420; Program Planner: Karyn Norwood at knorwood@fwsu.org; Library News: <http://www.bfafairfax.com/pages/communitylibrarynews.html>. Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/home.php?#/pages/Fairfax-Community-Library>.
 School Year Library Hours: Monday, Wednesday 8:00 AM - 5:30 PM; Tuesday and Thursday 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM; Friday 8:00 AM - 3:15 PM; Saturday 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM.

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Children's story time includes music with Derek and readings, crafts and snacks with Elizabeth every Wednesday from 10:00 AM-noon.
High school students needing to fulfill community service obligations can stop into the library to see Donna personally or call any time the library is open.
April is National Poetry Month! The theme is "The Examined Life," led by Mary Jane Dickerson, retired UVM English professor. This workshop is sponsored by the Jericho Town Library and the Deborah Rawson Memorial Library; come celebrate with us on the following dates: Working session Monday, April 21, 6:30-8:00 PM at the Jericho Town Library. The conclusion, a final evening of sharing, is at the Deborah Rawson Memorial Library on Monday, April 28, 6:30-8:00 PM. Poets of all ages are encouraged to participate. Attendance in the past has been a mixture of middle and high school students and adults. Registration is required. To sign up, please call the Jericho Town Library at 899-4686.
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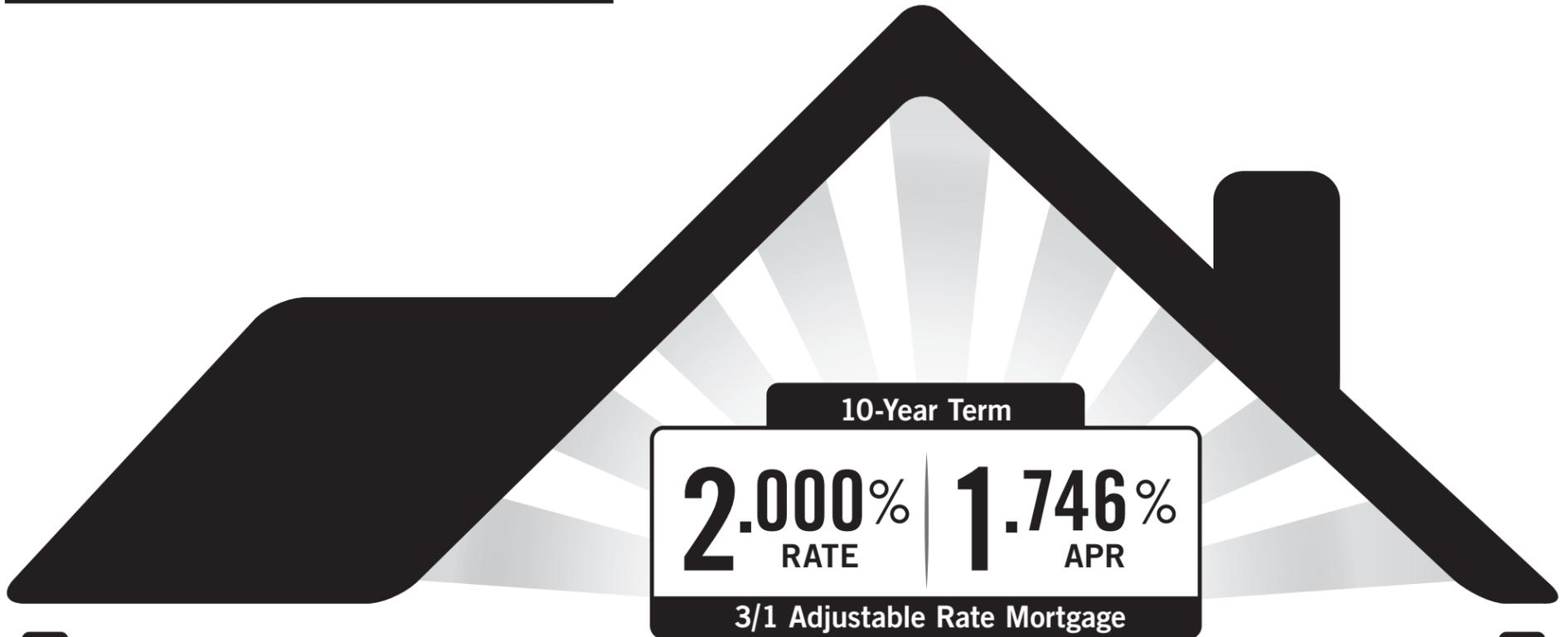
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Interested individuals can submit a letter of interest to Todd Odit, Town Administrator, via email at todit@jerichovt.gov, or via mail to PO Box 39, Jericho, VT, 05465.

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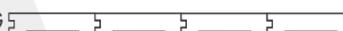


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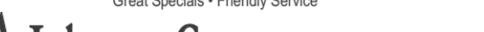
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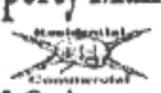
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11:00 lunch

Friday, April 18
United Church, Hinesburg
12:00 noon
Spinach Pie, Parslied Potatoes, Wax Beans,
Wheat Bread, Tapioca Pudding

Monday, April 21
Covenant Church, Essex Ctr.
12:00 noon
BBQ Riblets, Roasted Potatoes, Whipped Squash, Whole Wheat
Bread, Butterscotch Pudding

Tuesday, April 22
Get ready for the Ballpark
Essex Grill, Essex Jct.
Check-in 10:30 AM Lunch 11:00 AM
Cheeseburger, French Fries, Veggies

Wednesday, April 23
IHOP LUNCH
University Mall, So. Burlington
Check-in 10:30 AM
Lunch 11:00 AM
Pot Roast Dinner

Thursday, April 24
Holiday Inn, So. Burlington
Check-in 11:00 AM
Lunch 11:30 AM
Turkey Dinner

Friday, April 25
United Church
Hinesburg
12:00 noon
Beef Stew, Garden Salad, Biscuit, Brownie

Monday, April 28
Covenant Church, Essex Ctr.
12:00 noon
Swedish Meatballs, Egg Noodles, Brussels Sprouts, Biscuit,
Mandarin Oranges

Tuesday, April 29
Pizza Putt, So. Burlington
Check-in 10:30 AM
Lunch 11:00 AM
Spaghetti & Meatballs

Wednesday, April 30
Dutch Mill
Shelburne Road, Shelburne
Check in 10:30 AM
Lunch 11:00 AM
Baked Stuffed Chicken

Milk is the beverage provided at each meal.
Please see back of this sheet for additional information.

LEGAL NOTICE

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR AUTHORIZATION UNDER
VERMONT WETLAND GENERAL PERMIT**

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: April 17, 2014 to April 28, 2014

PERMITTEE INFORMATION

PERMITTEE NAME: Town of Jericho (c/o Todd Odit)

PERMITTEE ADDRESS: P.O. Box 39
Jericho, VT 05465

GENERAL PERMIT NUMBER: 3-9025

WETLANDS PROGRAM PROJECT NUMBER: 2014-019

PROJECT INFORMATION

PROJECT LOCATION: Hanley Lane, Jericho

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Installation of two bypass lanes to replace two culverts on
Hanley Lane.

WETLAND IMPACT: 2145 square feet

BUFFER ZONE IMPACT: 35 square feet

EXPIRATION DATE OF AUTHORIZATION: Five years from issuance of authorization

FURTHER INFORMATION

An application for authorization under Vermont General Wetland Permit (#3-9025), required pursuant to the provisions of Section 9.7 of the Vermont Wetland Rules has been received by the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources (VANR). The wetland proposed to be impacted has been designated as a significant (Class II) wetland in the Vermont Wetland Rules. The complete application can be viewed on the Agency of Natural Resources website:

<http://www.watershedmanagement.vt.gov/cfm/notices/info.cfm?id-4434> or by calling (802) 490-6100 for an appointment to view the application in person at the Vermont Wetlands Program (VWP) Office in Montpelier.

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