



Own a piece of Underhill Center history

To the Editor,

No one really knows how the cast iron bathtub first came to South Hill. It's tucked away in one of those utterly unremarkable corners of the woods, that is absolutely stunning every time you manage to find it.

Local lore recounts many a cow whose thirst found satiation in this tub. Someone thoughtfully piped up from the cheerful rivulet conveying water off the hill on its way to the Browns River, and for many, many years this tub did indeed runneth over with cool refreshment.

Some stories insist that at least one (human) inhabitant would bathe in this tub, au naturel, singing loudly to no one in particular.

All legends have their time, and this one has come to an end. The tub has cracked lengthwise and, as you can imagine, is quite rusty. The enamel is in good shape considering the age and exposure.

The tub is free for the taking, but you will need a few strong hands, a wheelbarrow, and maybe an hour to load and haul your treasure along approximately a quarter-mile of trail from where it now sits to where a vehicle can access.

Dan Bigelow
Underhill Center

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**Have a safe holiday.
Remember fireworks
are dangerous.
Use caution - the life you
save may be a loved one.**

Weststock benefit concert for the Red Brick Meeting House

By Phyl Newbeck
Special to the Mountain Gazette

A lot more people claim to have been at Woodstock than the actual attendance but if you missed that epic event, you'll have the opportunity to attend a local and ever so slightly smaller version of those festivities. On Sunday, July 3, Westford will be holding *Westock* — a benefit concert for the Red Brick Meeting House.

Michael Kirick, the man behind the monthly coffee house events which have been going on for six years, is the organizer for *Westock*. "The Red Brick Meeting house has been a public building for a number of years," he said, "and we want to do what we can to keep it that way." In 2016, Kirick started holding his monthly coffee houses at the venue. "It was just a public event where musicians could get together to perform and people could hang out and enjoy the music," he said. "Coffee was free but there was a donation bucket for the musicians and for a maintenance fund for the building." Kirick said a couple of bands formed as a

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WESTSTOCK

200th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION FOR THE RED BRICK MEETING HOUSE

on Westford Common

LIVE MUSIC

A BENEFIT CONCERT

JULY 3 - 2022

4 - 8 pm

FOOD TRUCKS
WESTFORD COUNTRY STORE SPECIALS & KICKBACK BREWERY LIBATIONS

1 DAY OF MUSIC & THAT'S IT

FEATURING:
Charlie Coranough
Aaron & Alaria
Stony Ridge Band
Howling Waters
The Weststock House Band
With Special Artists

LIVE MUSIC

GOOD WILL DONATIONS

4th of July events

Westford Common Hall 4th of July events

The Westford Common Hall (WCH) is very excited to be participating in the 4th of July events and hope that you will come visit us up at the top of the Common!

We are offering rental space to vendors of food and drinks, homemade goodies, maple syrup, honey, farm fresh products, and whatever else you can dream up, for only \$20 a table. No individual insurance is necessary, so if you are a local kid who wants to bake cookies to sell, or a local farmer/hobbyist who would like to sell your homemade bread or local farm products, we've got you covered!

Only 10 spaces are available (you provide your own table and pop-up canopy), so please email heather@WestfordCommonHall.org to reserve your spot and get more details.

Come hungry, because we will be cooking up sausages donated by the Butcher Barn (thank you!) as well as hot dogs, to benefit the Westford Common Hall and the many projects we have on the horizon.

While you're at the top of the hill, come inside to tour our historic building and view some amazing artwork produced by our talented board members!

We'll be posting more soon on our Facebook page, so follow us here for updates: <https://www.facebook.com/westfordcommonhall>.

We look forward to seeing you on July 4th!



4th of July information — Richmond

RICHMOND: The Celebrate Richmond VT, Inc group is planning the July 4th event in Richmond this year, and all are invited to join in the festivities! There will be a fun run (starts at 10:20 AM at Camel's Hump Middle School), the traditional 4th of July parade (starts at 10:30 AM from Harrington's, look for Bolton's fire truck!), activities in the park, music, and of course, fireworks!

Parade floats from other towns, or any other participation in the parade, are most welcome! There will be cash prizes for the best top three parade floats: \$300, \$200, and \$100!

Interested in participating as a food or craft vendor? Just get in touch! Lparent@richmondvt.gov or 802-434-2221.

We hope to see you at the Richmond Farmers' Market on Fridays at Volunteers Green, 3:00 – 6:30 PM, and on July 4th in Richmond!

Cambridge to have July 4th parade and celebration

This year's July 4th events in Jeffersonville combine the efforts of Cambridge Area Rotary with Cambridge Arts Council and Cambridge Community Center to add Artists and Kids' Games

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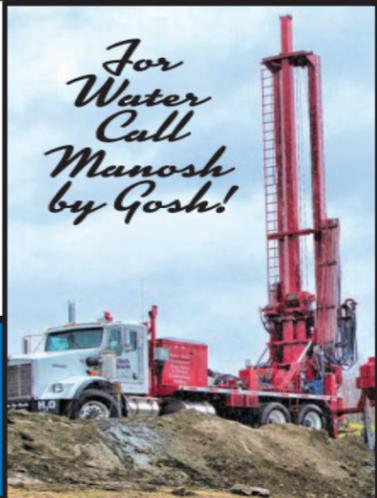
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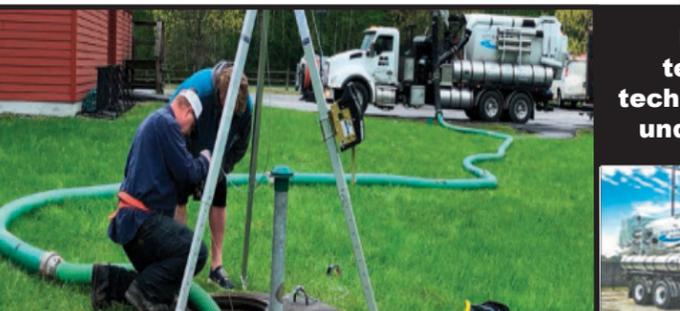
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to the Celebration on Main Street (formerly in the field behind Cambridge Elementary School). As always, Smuggs will host the fireworks at dusk!

The July 4th Parade, Main Street Celebration, and Fireworks in Jeffersonville are presented by Cambridge Area Rotary, Cambridge Arts Council, Cambridge Community Center, and Smugglers' Notch Resort.

The PARADE, 10:00 – 11:00 AM, with the theme *Democracy in Action* will feature Grand Marshals Sally Reynolds and Bonnie Hitchcock (long-time poll workers). There will be cash prizes for floats: Theme, GM's Choice, Kids, Vehicle, and Business. The parade route will run from G.W. Tatro's to Main to Depot to Maple to Church to Main.

The MAIN ST. CELEBRATION, 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM will be along Main St. from Cambridge Community Center to Visions of Vermont — note, this is a new location, with extended hours, and art!

- artists: Visions of Vermont, Bryan Memorial Gallery;
- live music by *Sky Blue Boys & Cookie*;
- the national anthem by Annie Rheame;
- Rotary's Silent Auction table;
- Varnum Library book sale;
- bouncy house and kids' games at Cambridge Community Center;
- food: Scout Troop 39 (burgers, dogs, fries), Waffle Wagon, Kingdom Creamery Ice Cream, Green Mountain Kettle Corn, Annie's Treats;
- beer: Red Leaf Gluten Free Beer, Brewster River Pub & Brewery.

The FIREWORKS will be held at dusk, at Smuggs! Jeffersonville parking at Silo field and Cambridge Elementary School.

Events are subject to change. For more information, visit Cambridge Area Rotary's Facebook Event page, <https://fb.me/e/3skl006Fk>.

For more information, contact Rockin' Ron Carter, rcarter@smuggs.com.

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result of the musical connections but when COVID hit, they had to stop the events.

Now that restrictions on indoor gatherings have been lifted the coffee houses are back on schedule, but the lack of revenue during the pandemic hasn't helped the building's upkeep. "This year is the 200th birthday of the Red Brick Meeting House," Kirick said, "and it needs a lot of repair work." Last fall, someone suggested getting musicians together for a fundraiser, but schedules didn't align, so Kirick is planning a big concert on the Westford Commons on Sunday, July 3. "We've got a core group of musicians to be the house band," he said, "and there are a number of Westford residents or folks from nearby who've been at the coffee houses or the summer concerts who will join them. We've had a lot of interest from musicians." The concert will run from 4:00 – 8:00 PM. There is no rain date, so the organizers are crossing their collective fingers for a dry day.

Musical guests will include Charlie Cavanaugh, *Aaron & Alaria*, *Stony Ridge Band*, *Howling Waters*, *the Weststock House Band*, and many special guests. A number of food trucks will be present, and the Westford Country Store will have special food for the occasion. Kickback Brewery will be providing adult beverages.

Kirick said the meeting house is open to the public all year and rented out for hours or days at a time. "There is an income stream that has been coming in, but during COVID that income stream disappeared and we're coasting on fumes," he said. "We have a limited budget from the town which barely pays for electricity and fuel, and we really want to maintain interest in this historical structure for generations to come."

The concert is free, but Kirick will be soliciting donations online and there will be a tip jar at the event. In addition, organizers will be selling some of the folding chairs that date back to the building's past as a Baptist church. "We've sold them before," Kirick said. "They're in a storage shed so they've been subjected to the elements, but they are rugged and heavy. There are single chairs and triplets so you can buy a piece of history."

With any luck, the concert will bring in enough money for the Red Brick Meeting House to provide a community meeting place for another 200 years.

League of Women Voters Secretary of State candidates' forum

The League of Women Voters of Vermont will host a live (and live-streamed) Candidates Forum for the office of Secretary of State on Wednesday, June 22 at St. Johnsbury Athenaeum, 1171 Main St., St. Johnsbury, from 7:00 – 8:30 PM. A meet-and-greet has been scheduled for 6:30 PM.

Due to COVID protocols, the in-person audience will be limited to 45 guests and attendees must pre-register with the Athenaeum at <https://secure.qgiv.com/for/lowv/event/851635>. Masks are strongly recommended.

The Forum will also be live-streamed on Kingdom Access Television, <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCuFh4fkCFqJDn7ICWLSjgSA>.

Five candidates are vying for the nomination for Secretary of State, the position responsible for administering and overseeing state elections. Confirmed candidates participating in the Forum are: Representative Sarah Copeland Hanzas, (Democrat-Bradford), John Odum, Montpelier City Clerk (Democrat), Chris Winters, Deputy Secretary of State (Democrat), and Robert Millar (Progressive). Candidate H. Brooke Paige (Republican) has been invited.

Tom McKone, former Executive Director of the Kellogg-Hubbard Library, will serve as moderator.

The Forum is sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Vermont, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, Burlington Chapter, and St. Johnsbury Athenaeum.

The League of Women Voters regularly sponsors candidate forums as part of its mission of encouraging informed and active participation in government. Questions can be sent to league@lwvofvt.org.

- Links:
- LWVVT Blog: <https://lwvofvt.org/secretary-of-state-candidate-forum>
 - Registration: <https://secure.qgiv.com/for/lowv/event/851635>
 - Livestream: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCuFh4fkCFqJDn7ICWLSjgSA>

NEWS BRIEFS

Cambridge Selectboard packets

By George Putnam, Cambridge Selectboard Chair

Selectboard packets are now being posted on the town's website, <https://www.cambridge.vermont.gov/>.

In the left sidebar, select Document Center, Selectboard, Packets. Packets are posted at the same time as agendas, generally on the Friday before a Tuesday meeting.

Regular Selectboard meetings are the first and third Tuesdays of the month.

Packets going back to the March 15 meeting have been posted. Packets include the agenda, so there is no need to also download the agenda.

Two open seats on Jericho's Affordable Housing Committee

Are you interested in volunteering to make our town a more welcoming place for folks from all economic backgrounds? The Jericho Affordable Housing Committee has two openings.

We meet the second Tuesday of each month from 7:00 – 8:30 PM. In addition, you can expect to spend a couple hours on committee work outside of meetings — attending a seminar, reaching out to a stakeholder, reading some material, or working on a project. Now is a great time to join, as we are starting new projects and the town is considering ways to use ARPA funding to invest in affordable housing.

All we require is a desire to learn and a willingness to work to foster affordable housing in our town. You don't need any housing/development/public service expertise to join, though it is welcome. It would be a bonus if you can add a new perspective to help round out the committee (e.g. a renter, a multi-generational household member, a landlord).

To find out more, reach out to SJDube@jerichovt.org, watch some of our recent meetings on <http://mtmansfieldctv.org/jericho-meetings/>, or attend a meeting (next meeting July 12).

To apply, go to https://jerichovt.org/boards-committees/survey_tools/town-board-application.

View the Underhill-Jericho Memorial Day Parade online

By Angelike A. Contis, MMCTV

Mount Mansfield Community Television (MMCTV) live-streamed the Underhill Jericho Memorial Day Parade on Memorial Day, Monday, May 30. Watch the MMCTV recording of the parade and ceremony online at <https://archive.org/details/jericho-underhill-memorial-day-parade-2022>.

Many thanks to MMU student Phoebe for doing the camerawork!

You can see what's streaming live daily on the MMCTV website at <http://mtmansfieldctv.org/live-streams>.

Underhill town-wide reappraisal complete

Underhill's town-wide reappraisal is complete. New assessments are now available on the Town of Underhill website. Booklets were put in the mail on Thursday, June 9.

We realize there may be some questions about the reappraisal process, so with the help of MMCTV, we have created a video with Assessor Tom Vickery to hopefully help answer them. To access the video, go online to the town website, <https://www.underhillvt.gov/> and click on reappraisal links on the home page).

As always, you can contact Amanda Bosley, abosley@underhillvt.gov or 802-899-4434 ext. 104 with questions. Thank you everyone for your cooperation over the last two years.

Failed septic systems

By Amy Grover, Bolton Town Clerk and Treasurer

It is a terrible feeling to have a toilet that is not flushing correctly, and then — even worse — to find a wet spot or a puddle on your lawn in the vicinity of your septic system when there hasn't been any rain for days... and you realize that your septic system is failing.

There may be financial assistance available to you through the State of Vermont, not only for repairs to /replacement of a septic system, but also for "on-site water" (wells), if you meet eligibility requirements. Currently the first round of applications for funding has been closed, and applications are under review, but there is potential for future rounds of funding.

Find more information online at <https://anr.vermont.gov/content/funding-install-or-replace-water-or-wastewater-systems>.

We also want to note that there has been an incident in Bolton, requiring a massive clean up effort, which was the incentive for providing this information. While we are not going to provide the details, we hope that whoever was responsible will recognize that their actions were illegal, extremely concerning on multiple levels, and have stopped. Please reach out for help if needed, including contacting the Town Office. We want to support all of our residents.

Sinkhole reroutes I-89S traffic, Waterbury-Richmond

**By Theresa Wood, State Representative
Washington-Chittenden**

June 2

In case you missed it, the VT Agency of Transportation closed the northbound I-89 lane between Waterbury and Richmond overnight on Friday, June 3:

The Vermont Agency of Transportation (AOT) will close both northbound lanes of Interstate 89 between Waterbury exit 10 and Richmond exit 11 from 10:00 PM Friday, June 3 to 6:00 AM Saturday, June 4, to expedite the construction of crossovers that will get traffic off the southbound lanes — where a sinkhole has formed due to deterioration of an aging culvert.

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Wood4Good update — we need your help

To the Editor,

Did you know that last year Wood4Good helped 75 local families by providing them at least one cord of free firewood?

Did you know that this is the most important time of the year in terms of production for Wood4Good? We need to process the wood so it is ready for distribution this upcoming winter and the window for that is rapidly closing!

Please come volunteer for our cause. Wood4Good needs the following help:

- Drivers to drive our dump truck to distribute free wood to families. If you can load the truck, even better — but that is not necessary.

- Chainsaw operators to help us cut the firewood we have at the woodlot, specifically Wednesday, June 15 from 2:30 – 6:30 PM. We have saws and chaps and need at least three more operators. We can use your help other days as well.

- We have a regular volunteer day every Sunday, 9:00 – 11:30 AM, and we need YOU to come help us. Whether you can run a splitter handle (not physical) or load the machine or throw firewood into a pile (think your kids) we need your help.

Come give to a higher purpose project. This winter is going to be really hard for so many in our community, with the price of heating going way up

Please support me and my sons make a difference for 150 families this year, doubling last year's production. Giving back feels great.

Feel free to text me if you can help us in any way, at 802-310-1949; or go online to <http://www.Wood4Goodvt.org>.

p.s. — Please consider giving to our local 501c3. The fuel costs are hitting our operation really hard and we need help to pay for the rising cost of operations. Please consider giving us a tax deductible donation. Whatever you can give will really help.

Warmly,

**Eric, Devin, and Logan Axelrod
Jericho**

Thank You Vermont Electric Coop!

To the Editor,

The Cambridge Elementary School PTA is excited to announce that we have received a \$1000 grant from the Vermont Electric Coop's (VEC) Community Fund to help with playground improvements! Thank you to the Vermont Electric Coop CEO Rebecca Towne and to all of the VEC members who voluntarily donated to the VEC's Community Fund! Your generous support will directly impact your community, and we are grateful to be a part of such a caring and supportive community!

**Meghan Reese
Jeffersonville**

Rebecca Pitre seeks Lamoille-3 VT House seat

To the Editor,

I'm Rebecca Pitre, and I'm running for Lamoille County District 3 State Representative. I read recently that the Constitution of Vermont is the shortest state constitution in our nation. So, I'm going to follow suit and not waste your time with a bunch of idle chatter.

My husband Tom and I are blue collar through and through. We are self-employed and a team in every way — from construction to sugaring to caring for livestock. A strong work ethic and frugal living have benefitted us well through nearly forty years of marriage. I apply those principles to every task I take on.

My life has always revolved around serving my family and community. Through more than sixty years of living, I've acquired a ton of experience, an abundance of education and, more importantly, common sense. I've always considered myself a bit of an independent. But when a friend asked me if I would consider running as a Republican, I decided to read the party platform. The Vermont Republican Party platform is beautifully written. It truly sums up my feelings and the reasons why I am running for office.

As Will Rodgers said, "A stranger is just a friend I haven't met yet." I'm looking forward to making your acquaintance in the coming weeks. In the meantime, please check out my website. I can also be found on Twitter and Instagram. Feel free to contact me directly by email (rebeccaforthehouse@gmail.com) or see <https://rebeccaforthehouse.com/>.

**Rebecca Pitre
Waterville**

Supports Sarah George for state's attorney

To the Editor,

I know that during the busy summer months the August 9 primary can sneak up on us, and there is an important race underway in the Democratic party for Chittenden County state's attorney. Sarah George, the incumbent, is being challenged by a more conservative voice within the Democratic party.

Sarah has been a champion of criminal justice reform and has implemented fair, evidence-based practices that keep our communities safe while also working towards a more fair and equitable criminal justice system. Please consider making a donation towards her campaign (<https://www.sarahforstatesattorney.com/about-sarah>), and going out of your way to cast your vote for her in the primary!

**Michelle Sprague
Underhill**

COMING EVENTS

Game of Logging Level I for Women Owning Woodlands

Learn to be safe in the woods! Game of Logging Level I focuses on introducing the participant to open face felling and the development of techniques to safely use it.

Topics covered include personal protective equipment, chainsaw safety features, chainsaw reactive forces, bore cutting, pre-planning the fell, and understanding hinge wood strength. Each person in the class will fell a tree.

This event on Friday, June 24, 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM, will be hosted in Fletcher. Class size is limited to 10. The cost for this class is \$150 for Women Owning Woodlots (WOW) participants, thanks to a grant from the Day Break Fund (formerly the High Meadows Fund).

For more information or to register, contact VT Coverts, info@vtcoverts.org.

Wednesday, June 15

Craft Group, 6:00 – 8:00 PM, Underhill Town Hall (upstairs), Underhill Center. Gather your current craft project and join us for a couple of hours of socializing, and productivity of course! The group meets every two weeks. All are welcome. For questions or more information contact Amy Tower, 802-355-9671 or atowerinvt@gmail.com.

Friday, June 17

Underhill Food Truck Night, 5:00 – 8:00 PM, Moore Park, 15 Pleasant Valley Rd., Underhill Center. Come eat food and listen to music! Local favorite *Raised By Hippies* will play music and local food trucks will be available: Mac's Sugar Shack, Taco Truck All Stars, Half Baked VT (pizza), Papa Gyros, Farm to Cheese (cheese /charcuterie boxes). Sponsored by the Underhill Recreation Committee.

Saturday, June 18

Bird Walk with the Bird Diva, 8:00 – 11:00 AM, meet at Cambridge Junction Rail Trail. The Cambridge Conservation Commission sponsors this fun and informative outing with Bird Diva Bridget Butler. Bridget has 11 pairs of binoculars to lend if needed. Bring bug spray, drinks, and snacks. Limited to 15 participants, with priority given to Cambridge residents; first-come, first-served. To reserve a spot contact Jake, jakebaileyvt@yahoo.com.

Tuesday, June 21

Caribou Across the Arctic: Stories from the Land, 5:30 – 7:00 PM, on Zoom. Jericho naturalist and wildlife tracker Susan

Morse's by-donation presentation will benefit the Jericho Town Library in a live Zoom meeting that will also be recorded and available for later viewing. Over Arctic islands, mountains, boreal forests, and open tundra, Sue has tracked, studied, and photographed caribou and their remarkable diversity of habitats for 15 years. Her stories are illustrated with photos she has taken in some of the most remote habitats in North America, getting close to caribou and their wild neighbors including polar bears, musk oxen, Arctic foxes, ptarmigan, and wolves. Sue engages us to contemplate the full significance of caribou and the vast wilderness landscapes these animals inhabit. Link to join: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89381420024?pwd=NUVOMS9odHpPNHF4SDFIOE13dzdaZz09>. Attendees are encouraged to make a contribution to Jericho Town Library, P.O. Box 1055, Jericho, VT, 05465; or on Venmo, [@jtl-donate](https://venmo.com/jtl-donate), confirmation code 0012.

LVRT Management Plan Public Meeting, 6:00 – 7:30 PM, online webinar. As the Lamoille Valley Rail Trail (LVRT) nears its completion, VTrans is reaching out to municipalities and residents for feedback and will hold this LVRT Management Plan Public Meeting. Your input is welcome and can help better this important recreational and transportation corridor. The 93-mile corridor will aid in connecting communities so please join in on the conversation and help in creating a cohesive vision. To learn more please visit the Lamoille County Planning Commission Website (<https://www.lcpcvt.org/>). To join the webinar, click <https://vhb.zoom.us/j/83786651561?pwd=U0JPTDdlVlcybC9rNmUxWjdURFdyQT09#success> or alternately, go online to <https://zoom.us/join> and enter Webinar ID: 837 8665 1561, Passcode: 199438, Via Telephone: +1 312 626 6799.

Friday, June 24

Train Talk at JCPA Meeting, 7:00 – 9:00 PM, Jericho Community Center, Browns Trace, Jericho Center. Few are aware that from 1877-1938, a busy railroad ran through Jericho from Essex to Underhill and beyond. Traces of the loop that took the train up the elevation from the Red Mill to the Elementary School, which could still be clearly discerned in 1960, are largely eradicated now, but there are many other places where the remnants of its path survive. Join the Annual Meeting of the Jericho Center Preservation Association (JCPA), when Jerry Fox will relate the 60-year history of the Burlington and Lamoille railroad. The Chittenden County Historical Society is pleased to co-sponsor this interesting evening of history and conversation.

Friday-Sunday, June 24-26

St. Thomas Church Yard Sale, daily, St. Thomas Catholic

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Join Liz Thompson, Vermont Land Trust Director of Conservation Science, on Thursday, July 14, 7:00 – 8:00 PM, for an evening virtual ramble through Vermont's lowlands and highlands. We'll explore wetlands, river shores, lakeshores, upland woods, roadsides, and mountaintops to learn more about the native wildflowers that show themselves in July and August. We'll learn about the ecology of these plants, their places in the ecosystem, how they reproduce, and how to identify and find them. The talk is richly illustrated with colorful photos from Thompson and her photographer friends. Free; find more information and pre-register at <https://vt.org/events/midsummer-wildflowers/>. PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Brick Meeting House memories to celebrate its 200th birthday

Westford's Brick Meeting House is celebrating its 200th birthday year, and an open house is planned for Sunday, July 3 in conjunction with the music event *Westock*.

Folk are invited to write up and send in any memories or stories they have related to activities, events, family ties, etc., connected to the BMH. These will be displayed at the open house.

Please send submissions or questions to tom3040k@yahoo.com.

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During the closure, a signed detour will be in place routing traffic to U.S. Rt. 2 between Waterbury and Richmond. The 13-mile detour is expected to add 10 minutes of travel time due to the lower speed limit on U.S. Rt. 2. Traffic delays are not anticipated given the volume of traffic typically traveling on I-89 at that location during the night.

The completed crossover will move southbound traffic across the median and onto the northbound left lane for about a mile. Northbound traffic will be reduced to the right lane.

AOT maintenance crews and highway engineers monitor all transportation infrastructure on an ongoing basis and recently detected a sinkhole in the southbound shoulder south of Richmond exit 11. Deterioration of the culvert fifty feet below the surface is causing soil to migrate beneath the roadway.

Westford Selectboard meeting minutes

By Nanette Rogers, Westford Town Administrator

Interested in knowing what was discussed at the Thursday, May 26 Westford Selectboard Meeting? The draft minutes of the meeting can be viewed at <https://westfordvt.us/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/2022-05-26-Draft-Minutes.pdf>.

State voucher program to sponsor new EMTs

By Andy Forsberg, EMS Supervisor and UJFD Captain

The State of Vermont has opened up a voucher program that gives us certain funds to sponsor new providers that want to get into Emergency Medical Services (EMS). This program is open from June 1-November 1, 2022.

If you have thought about becoming a First Responder with Underhill Jericho Fire Department (UJFD), please let me know and we may be able to get you into a class to make that happen. We are able to sponsor two people for Emergency Medical Technician (EMT).

Reach out to andy@ujfd.org with any questions or if you are interested in joining and taking an EMT class.

You can support immigrants, migrants, and refugees

Hearts You Hold, a Vermont-based non-profit, supports immigrants, migrants, and refugees in a concrete way, by taking the time to ask them what they need or want. As a potential donor, you can read through the requests and pick one (or more) to fund!

For more information, go online to <https://heartsyouhold.org>.

Westford ARPA funding information

By David Baczewski, Westford Selectboard member and ARPA Committee Chair

The Westford ARPA Committee Informational Meeting met on Tuesday, June 14 at 7:00 – 9:00 PM, at the Westford School.

The Selectboard and the Westford ARPA Committee have announced that the Town of Westford is ready to receive requests for ARPA Funding. Our goal is to award \$400,000 of the \$632,000 in federal relief funding as early as this fall.

In order to receive consideration for funding, Westford residents and community groups will need to complete an application process, explained in detail at the above mentioned ARPA Informational Meeting. In order to maximize this once in a lifetime opportunity, if you were unable to attend in person, the

link for Zoom will soon be available.

In the meantime, the application process and scoring rubric can be found at <https://westfordvt.us/arpa-american-rescue-plan-act-information/>.

Please feel free to reach out to me (dave.baczewski@gmail.com) or any ARPA Committee Member with specific questions.

Nature photos needed for Jericho calendar

Do you have a great photo of nature in Jericho? We are looking for photos for next year's calendar, which will have a nature theme. Closeups of insects or flowers, great bird or wildlife shots, scenery — let's have a variety!

Please respond directly to Liz Thompson (ehthomps@uvm.edu) and include your high-resolution, ideally landscape-format, photos taken in Jericho. If you have film photos, let me know and we can arrange for conversion.

This is a fundraiser for our amazing Community Center.

Friday, July 15 is the deadline, but the sooner the better! We've already received a few great photos, but get yours into the mix!

Jericho Community Cupboard opens

The Jericho Community Cupboard, a food-sharing shed, is ready to go! The Cupboard is located at 331 Browns Trace, Jericho Center, at the parking lot shared by the Community Center in Jericho and the Congregational Church office building.

Everyone is welcome to take food! See that heirloom tomato you've always wanted? Need a fresh cucumber to accompany your sandwich from the general store? Grab a snack! It's free and you don't need to give something in order to take something.

Everyone is welcome to give food! Sick of all that rhubarb? Not sure what to do with all that kale? Mustard greens got you down? We've got room for your fruits and veggies!

The following items are welcome: fresh fruits, vegetables and herbs, non-expired canned and dry goods, eggs (please write the date and place them in the cooler!)

Please do not donate any non-food items (i.e., clothing and household goods).

Volunteers are still needed to help maintain the Cupboard. Volunteering involves taking one day a week to tidy up the shed, dispose of veggies that have become old and tired, and swap out ice packs in the cooler. Please contact chris.sims3909@gmail.com if you are interested in helping out!

Underhill Community Food Shed is open

We are excited to announce the Underhill Community food shed opened on Monday, June 13, beginning the season for the third year!

Along with food contributions, we are also seeing if there are any extra plant starts... we are excited to get our herb garden going, along with offering extra plants for the taking; herbs, rooted perennials, onion sets, seed potatoes, or anything extra is appreciated.

We would appreciate any food items, and are trying to keep it to only food items and that are good quality/unopened. There will be a cooler maintained with cooler packs for perishables.

2022 Westford Farmers' Market and Pop-Up Shops begin July 4th

The Westford Farmers' Market and Pop-up Shops will be returning this year on the Town Common and are currently seeking local food and craft vendors. Interested vendors, please fill out this form online at <https://forms.gle/fJAecDFppEycT1Ju9>, even if you've previously participated in the Farmer's Market or Pop-up Shops.

The first market will be kicked off during the 4th of July Parade on the Westford Town Common, taking place Monday, July 4, 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM. As you know, lots of neighbors will be there!

Following markets will take place on one Saturday per month from 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM on the Westford Town Common in July, August, and September — dates TBD.

Our goal is to strengthen the direct connection between customers and producers by creating a market for folks to find fresh, local food and unique, hand-crafted products from their neighbors.

After filling out this form, we will contact you with more information and the application for the town. If you have any questions about this form, you may send an email to westfordfarmersmarketvt@gmail.com.

See you at the market!

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HEALTH NEWS

State voucher program to sponsor new EMTs

By Andy Forsberg, EMS Supervisor and UJFD Captain

The State of Vermont has opened up a voucher program that gives us certain funds to sponsor new providers that want to get into Emergency Medical Services (EMS). This program is open from June 1-November 1, 2022.

If you have thought about becoming a First Responder with Underhill Jericho Fire Department (UJFD), please let me know and we may be able to get you into a class to make that happen. We are able to sponsor two people for Emergency Medical Technician (EMT).

Reach out to andy@ujfd.org with any questions or if you are interested in joining and taking an EMT class.

Calling all central Vermont breast cancer survivors!

Have you ever wanted to paddle in a dragon boat? Are you recovering from treatment and looking for an activity that will help you on your wellness journey? Come paddle with breast cancer survivor members from Dragonheart Vermont at the Waterbury Center State Park!

Two FREE dragon boat paddling sessions will take place on Tuesday, June 28 and Friday, September 9, from 5:30 - 7:00 PM. These padding sessions are free and available to breast cancer survivors!

Experience the thrill of dragon boat paddling, the second fastest-growing water sport in the world. Feel the physical benefits, enjoy the camaraderie, and learn the history of how an ancient water sport became a recommended path for breast cancer patients. Please join us at the Waterbury Center State Park. All ages and abilities are welcome.

Advance registration is required; sign up for one or both sessions. Water shoes and moisture wicking lightweight clothing are suggested. All paddling and safety equipment will be provided. Free parking is provided to all participants; however, we suggest car-pooling due to limited parking. Click on this link to sign up: <https://forms.gle/7CgSgAczvDILKBgBA>.

Dragonheart Vermont strives to strengthen and empower breast cancer survivors and supporters through the challenging sport of dragon boating, instilling in its members the values of teamwork, fitness, and community giving.

Helping children cope when a loved one is deployed

With Memorial Day being a time to think about those who have given their lives defending our country, parents who have a loved one who is going to be deployed for a military assignment

away from home, or has already been deployed, have been asking me to do my duty and help them help their children deal with the separation. Well, let me salute this important issue and provide some information on this topic.

- Don't keep deployment a secret. If a parent is going to be going away in the military, it needs to be discussed by all family members old enough to understand, in advance. Having a deployed person leave something for a child to keep safe while they are gone, and having the child give a keepsake to that person, can help maintain the closeness during the deployment.

- Listen to your child's questions and answer them as truthfully as possible. Reassure your child and tell them how long a loved one will be away and that safety precautions will certainly be taken — but do not make false assurances that no one will ever be hurt. It is okay to say that the person deployed knows their job and will be working hard to do it well so they can stay safe.

- Make a calendar with special events like birthdays and holidays that a child can keep track of to know better when the return is planned. Older children whose parents are away may be good supports for younger children.

- Keep routines in place, and set limits before, during, and after someone returns, no matter how joyful that latter occasion is.

- Alert the school, and other key people outside of the family who work with your child, that a family military deployment is happening so they can watch your child for signs of stress such as problems in school performance, behavior, or mood changes. If your child is struggling, talk with your child's health care professional to see if individual or family counseling is indicated to deal with the sadness and anxiety associated with someone being away on deployment.

- Finally, it is important that a parent who remains home with the children find time for themselves so they stay refreshed and feel better about helping others through this tough experience. If you appear stressed, your child may become equally stressed.

Hopefully tips like these will put you at ease when it comes to helping you and your child deal with the deployment of a loved one.

Lewis First, MD, is Chief of Pediatrics at UVM Children's Hospital and Chair of the Department of Pediatrics at the UVM's Larner College of Medicine.

Ann's story: breakdown and redemption

From VT Dept. For Children And Families

At the age of 34, Ann became pregnant with her son. "It was a miracle," she says. "After years of fertility treatments, I was pretty sure that it would never happen. Then, six months into a new relationship, I got pregnant and had my son. He is the love of my life. My son's father is an entirely different story

though. In and out of prison, he left me with a lot to deal with on my own."

Ann is a hard-working, responsible citizen with a successful career in the health care system. She works two jobs when it's necessary to make ends meet.

For a long time, Ann handled everything life threw at her. And she really held it together. Then, what she calls "the event" happened.

She's not exactly sure what happened or why. It's still a bit fuzzy. But she believes several factors combined into a perfect storm that led to a breakdown:

- the stress of being a single mom and her son's only source of support;
- a toxic relationship;
- environmental contaminants where she lived at the time;
- an ongoing lawsuit with her landlord;
- two drugs prescribed to help with anxiety and other issues;
- unresolved childhood trauma.

It was all too much. Though she doesn't know how she got there, she wound up in a gas station in New Hampshire having what looked like a paranoid episode. The police were called, and she was taken by ambulance to Dartmouth Hospital. That's when DCF become involved.

They took her son into custody because she wasn't able to take care of him and there was no one else. Her son's father was in prison, his parents lived in another state, and her own parents were elderly and couldn't care for him.

She later spent a month at another hospital. One day, she woke up in prison not knowing how she got there. That was her breaking point and the start of her redemption.

After months of hard work and supervised visits, her son is now back home with her. She is in therapy, back working, off all medications, setting healthy boundaries with her son's father, and practicing self-care.

"If a parent engages with the worker and places their child at the top of the list, they will usually succeed," said Ann's DCF worker David. "To her credit, that is exactly what Ann did."

Ann now sees what she went through as a blessing and a curse. While it was painful to be away from her son, the experience taught her a lot. It made her stronger. It taught her the importance of taking care of herself.

It also taught her that there is help available when you need it. And to not be afraid of it.

"The system worked," said Ann. "DCF did what they were supposed to do. They kept my child safe while I couldn't."

"My workers gave me the emotional support I needed, with absolutely no judgment. And I will be forever grateful for their help."

National Reunification Month is held every June to celebrate families who have overcome obstacles to provide safe, loving homes for their children and the professionals that helped them keep their families together.

WORSHIP SERVICES

Virtual services at MMUUF

Sunday services at the Mount Mansfield Unitarian Universalist Fellowship are held at 9:30 AM on the second and fourth Sundays of each month, September-June. Services are led by members of the fellowship and by invited guest speakers, including visiting UU ministers and leaders of other faiths. Each service explores a different topic. Worship, reflect, and sustain one another, within an inclusive spiritual community, built on values of honoring and affirming the worth of every person, striving for justice, participating in the world community, and respecting the natural web of existence. Services will be exclusively held over Zoom; please contact info@mmuuf.org or 802-899-2558 for how to join. Located at 195 VT Rt. 15, Jericho. Learn more at www.mmuuf.org and www.uua.org.

Jericho United Methodist Church

Jericho United Methodist Church welcomes you to grow in Christ with us. We hold dear the United Methodist Church's motto: "Open doors. Open Hearts. Open Minds." We recognize that our faith journeys are all unique, just as we as individuals are all unique. Know that whoever you are, whatever you do, you are welcome here. We believe that we grow together or not at all. All are welcome! Join us Sundays at 10:00 AM. There will be music, prayer and message from our pastor, Rev. Taeseob Cho. Please contact Rev. Cho at the church phone number, 802-899-4288, or his email, umccho@gmail.com. Located next to the Jericho Town Hall on VT Rt. 15.

United Church of Underhill

The United Church of Underhill is an active, vibrant congregation. We are young and old; single, couples, and families; believers, questioners, and questioning believers. All are welcome. Some people think of us as the Harvest Market Church or the Clutter Barn Church. We gather to worship together every Sunday morning at 10:00 AM. Our service is traditional but lively, with music, a children's sermon, and much

more. For instructions on joining worship from home, please see <https://unitedchurchofunderhill.com/joining-worship-from-home/>. We provide many opportunities for worship, fellowship, and service, but we also welcome you to come in, be still, and contemplate your faith. Located at 7 Park St., Underhill. Pastor's office (with voicemail) 802-899-1722; church secretary, Tuesday and Wednesday 11:30 AM – 2:30 PM (no voicemail) 802-899-4583.

Second Congregational Church, Jeffersonville

The Second Congregational Church in Jeffersonville would like to invite all who feel called to join us for our online church services, Sundays at 10:30 AM. Know that no matter who you are or where you are in life's journey, you are welcome at our church; or in this case, our web-space! <https://www.facebook.com/SecondCongregationalUCC>

Jericho Congregational Church is here to help

Jericho Congregational Church — "An Historic Church Proclaiming an Eternal Message" on the Green in Jericho Center, VT. Senior Pastor, David Coons and Youth Pastor, Peter Anderson. Current offerings: Sunday School at 8:30 AM for all ages, Fellowship at 9:30 AM, Worship Service at 10:00 AM; Nursery care provided. Summer schedule (began June 12): Worship Service at 9:00 AM; Fellowship at 10:30 AM; Youth group 6:15 PM Sundays in our Sunday school building. 899-4911; officejcc@comcast.net; www.jccvt.org.

All are welcome at Good Shepherd, Jericho

You are invited to worship at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church on VT Rt. 15 at 9:00 AM every Sunday. The building is accessible — all are welcome! There are varied musical styles in worship services, including Folk, Contemporary, Celtic, Latin

American, and traditional. Weekday online offerings include Centering Prayer. We are an open-minded Christian community with a focus on social justice issues, where people from different faith traditions, along with those who aren't sure where they belong or what they believe, seek the support of a spiritual home. We welcome you in the name and love of Christ. More information is at www.goodshepherdjericho.org or contact Pastor Arnold Isidore Thomas at 802-899-3932 or pastorthomas@goodshepherdjericho.org.

Calvary Episcopal Church

Calvary Episcopal Church in Jericho has now resumed worshipping in person on Sundays at 9:30 AM. If you would like worship service information, please contact the parish administrator at calvarychurchjericho@gmail.com, or call 802-899-0453. All are warmly invited!

St. Thomas Catholic Church

St. Thomas Catholic Church in Underhill Center invites you to join us in person for the Holy Mass at 8:30 AM every Sunday. There is also a vigil Mass at 4:00 PM on Saturday evenings. Our priest, Fr. Richard Calapan, also celebrates Mass during the week, on Tuesdays at 6:30 PM and Fridays at 8:00 AM. Confessions are available on Tuesdays before Mass. Visit us at www.stthomasvt.com or call 802-899-4632 for more information.

Waterville Union Church

We meet in person at 9:30 AM at the church; masks recommended. Zoom is only available when there is bad weather or illness of a speaker. We do not post our recorded services to Facebook. But information can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/watervilleunionchurch>, watervilleunionchurchvt@gmail.com; 32 Church St., Waterville.

MISCELLANEOUS NEWS

Essex-Colchester VT Rts. 2A, 289 resurfacing project

The Vermont Agency of Transportation in conjunction with Frank W. Whitcomb Construction Corporation (FWW) is set to begin resurfacing of VT Rt. 2A from the intersection of VT Rt. 2A/Lincoln Street and North Street, Essex to the intersection of U.S. Rt. 7 in Colchester, including SNR 127 between the intersection of VT Rt. 2A and U.S. Rt. 7.

This project also includes the resurfacing of VT Rt. 289 from the intersection of VT Rt. 117 to the intersection of VT Rt. 2A, including VT Rt. 2A between the on/off ramps of VT Rt. 289.

The completion date for this work is October 14, 2022.

This project will consist of a milling the existing roadway, new traveling surface, guardrail work, ditching, and the installation of new shoulder material.

FWW was anticipated to have begun construction activities on Sunday, June 12. This work will be performed during nighttime hours, 7:00 PM – 6:00 AM. During the construction period, motorists should expect traffic flow to be maintained at all times, with one-way alternating traffic during construction hours with traffic control present.

The posted speed limit will be strictly enforced as the safety of the workers along with the motorists is of the utmost importance. We ask motorists to use extreme caution while traveling through the zone.

If you would like to receive weekly project updates via email, contact sbarrett@coibsinc.com, reference VT-2A/289.

For more information contact Public Information Consultant Stephanie Barrett, 802-399-7847 or sbarrett@coibsinc.com.

Clutter Barn tag sale June 25

The Clutter Barn will hold a tag sale on Saturday, June 25, from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM. The Clutter Barn is next door to the United Church of Underhill (UCU) on Park St. in Underhill Flats.

Thanks to our donors, we have two floors and two tents full of gently used items... from the useful to the unique. Summer clothes for all ages, household items, electronics, CDs, DVDs, LPs, children's toys, books and games, puzzles, linens, fabric, crafts, sewing and knitting supplies, sports equipment, furniture, canning jars, tools... even an electric lawnmower.

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Ethan Tapper, Chittenden County forester, was honored by the Vermont Urban and Community Forestry Program with its 2022 Tree Steward Practitioner Award for his work including management plans for municipal forests and public forestry education.

Ethan Tapper recognized as tree champion

Several Vermont tree champions recently were recognized by the Vermont Urban and Community Forestry Program (VTUCF) for their stewardship of their community's forests and trees.

Recipients of the 2022 Vermont Tree Steward Awards included Chittenden County Forester Ethan Tapper, who received the Practitioner award. This honor recognizes a practitioner's leadership in the profession and unique contributions to the field of urban and community forestry.

The Hamilton Award went to Paul Wiczorek of Hinesburg. This award goes to a tree warden who has advanced the goals of urban and community forestry through public education and sustainable forestry practices.

Also, Ethan was featured in the U.S. Forest Service's Inside the Forest Service blog — read the article online at https://www.fs.usda.gov/inside-fs/recognition/vermont-forester-self-taught-communications-whiz.

Jericho land stewardship: managing invasive honeysuckle

By Bernie Paquette

Things are happening in the Tillotson HOA pond area in Jericho. After receiving permission from the HOA, one of the residents (Barbara) and I started cutting down invasive honeysuckle around the pond earlier this year.

With the ten- to twelve-foot thickets of invasive honeysuckle removed, the areas of the woods are now looking like they should and the view of the pond is improved.

Now Barbara is pursuing a possible purchase of some native shrubs from the Intervale Conservation Nursery in Burlington for planting to help replace the invasive honeysuckle.

This effort by a band of a few people joining together in solidarity of land stewardship through a small bit of sweat, no chemicals, and a willingness to do continued management is encouraging.

The management of the re-growth will be much easier as hand pulling or light cutting is all that is necessary.

My partner Maeve has initiated a similar project (with Amy, the VT Fish & Wildlife representative) on Dead Creek Wildlife Management Area land, with a July volunteer date set.

I hope to convince the Legislature to set the Saturday following Green Up Day as VT Invasives Management Day.

I think land stewardship starts with knowledge and awareness

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followed by persistence and patience. In addition, caring plus contribution equals community. It makes me happy to be part of that mix.

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Church, Underhill Center. Plan ahead! This annual sale offers housewares, small appliances, books, games, puzzles, linens, craft supplies, small furniture, tools, holiday decorations, toys, and sports equipment.

Saturday, June 25

Clutter Barn tag sale, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM, Clutter Barn, next door to the United Church of Underhill (UCU), Park St., Underhill Flats. Two floors and two tents full of gently used items, from the useful to the unique: summer clothes for all ages, household items, electronics, CDs, DVDs, LPs, children's toys, books and games, puzzles, linens, fabric, crafts, sewing and knitting supplies, sports equipment, furniture, canning jars, tools... even an electric lawnmower.

Sunday, June 26

Lamoille Paddle and River Clean-Up, 10:00 AM, Willow Crossings Launch Site, Lamoille River, Jeffersonville. Join the Lamoille County Conservation District for a free Lamoille river paddle and clean-up event.

Wednesday, June 29

Craft Group, 6:00 – 8:00 PM, Underhill Town Hall (upstairs), Underhill Center. Gather your current craft project and join us for a couple of hours of socializing, and productivity of course!

Visit Trillium Hill Farm, 5:30 – 7:00 PM, Hinesburg. Farmers James Donegan and Sara Armstrong Donegan of Trillium Hill Farm and Rebecca Roman, VT Land Trust Project Director, will lead a tour of Trillium Hill Farm with farmers James and Sara Donegan.

Thursday, July 14
Discover summer wildflowers, 7:00 – 8:00 PM, online. Join Liz Thompson, Vermont Land Trust Director of Conservation Science, for an evening virtual ramble through Vermont's lowlands and highlands to explore wetlands, river shores, lakeshores, upland woods, roadsides, and mountaintops and learn more about the native wildflowers of July and August.

Bumble Bees of New England. A comprehensive guide to various bumblebee species including Tricolored, Red-belted, Common Eastern, Two-spotted, Brown-belted, Northern Amber, Golden Northern, and Yellow-banded Bumble Bees. Includes photos, descriptions, and abundance graphs.

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Our simple solutions are failing our complex systems

By Bill Schubart

In the '60s, I began to understand that politics was something that could affect my life as I grew up.

I watched Walter Cronkite report nightly on domestic and international political affairs and heard WDEV-Radio Vermont report on the Vermont Legislature's deliberations on whether such-and-such a town should continue to be a "dry town" or might vote to become a "wet town" and sell alcohol, or whether daylight savings time still served farmers and schools, or whether a governor should serve for two years or four years, or whether Vermont should allow pari-mutuel betting. Supporters argued that allowing bets on the trotters at agricultural fairs benefited the fairs and the State. Opponents argued that betting would attract organized crime and promote gambling.

Later in the decade, we banned billboards but upheld Blue Laws prohibiting sales of alcohol and goods deemed non-essential on Sundays, the basis of which was religious.

Those issues and others like them were often binary and thus comprehensible to most of us. Perhaps our best recent example is Vermont's right-to-dry-law that makes it illegal to ban someone from putting up a clothesline.

Our executive, legislative, and judicial branches were largely reactive to comprehensible problems as they rose to confront us. We listened, discussed, chose sides, and made changes.

But alas, that is yesteryear.

Driven by relentless progress in science, technology, and information delivery, the challenges we face now are complex systems that have evolved and accelerated in complexity over the intervening decades. They can't be addressed by the citizen-legislature lawmaking we've revered for two centuries. In fact, reacting to and trying to amend the spin-off problems that emanate from complex systems often makes the situation worse.

What are Vermont's most evident complex systems?

- public education and funding: access, quality, and expense;
- public safety and criminal justice;
- our environment that sustains human, animal, and plant life;
- economic stability, business regulation, and tax systems;
- regenerative agriculture: the source of a safe and secure food supply;
- energy: generation, transmission, and consumption;
- population health: cost, access, and quality;
- housing: cost, location, and availability.

Over my 77 years, I've spoken to many business leaders, legislators, and governors about issues facing Vermonters. For the most part they're bright, committed men and women who understand service and leadership and are committed to advancing the lives of Vermonters. But they, too, are daunted by

the increasingly opaque nature of the complex issues we face, each of which has developed its own language and technology systems. I've spoken to legislators who've said, off the record, that in committee people tend to agree with the last cogent person they heard testify on a problem. I've had the same experience, struggling to place information in the larger context.

Another daunting element of complex systems is that they're all interwoven. Education, housing, food security, and population health are all integral to criminal justice. Agriculture affects and is affected by energy, the food supply, population health, economic stability, and the environment, and so on.

And Vermont is but one small star in a federal galaxy. Federal policy, statute, and regulation all limit how Vermont can address and solve its challenges, and our economic security is interwoven with that of the nation and, increasingly, the world.

Healthcare is a good example. Our efforts to make healthcare affordable and accessible to all Vermonters are complicated by the national understanding that healthcare is a competitive business rather than a defined right, as it is in most other countries. Vermont is powerless over Medicare, Medicaid, national insurers, or Pharma, and is left to innovate in reaction to existing national policy, as Governor Shumlin discovered.

One of the single largest expenses for businesses is healthcare, and very few business leaders outside the healthcare business itself understand what drives its costs. In 2005, Toyota chose to locate its new multi-billion dollar plant just north of the border in spite of generous U.S. economic incentives because Canada had a national healthcare system and Toyota could avoid that major operating expense.

Debated for decades with no action is the ongoing question of how can a one-year budget cycle, a two-year executive and citizen legislature with inadequate support systems, begin to address the complexity of the issues we face?

Governor Scott, who has proven himself to be a solid crisis manager, is going to run again and Vermonters will probably reward him for his past leadership. But will he rise to lead the effort to resolve Vermont's daunting complex challenges?

At the end of the current biennium, we're losing a significant portion of the Legislature's institutional memory and leadership. There is value in change. It adds new blood and refreshes the pool of ideas, and we must nurture new leadership in all aspects of governance. But ideally leadership transitions are incremental rather than tidal.

Over the years, the Legislature has convened a number of citizen commissions to study, address, and advise them on complex systems. I've served on three of them: Blue Ribbon Tax Commission, Vermont Farm-to-Plate, and a one-off study group on executive compensation (convened by the Snelling Center) in the three branches of government. With the exception of Farm-to-Plate none, sadly, had much follow-on impact on the system it addressed.

What I've come to understand about these systems is that

success requires four functional elements:

- a *clear mission*, driven by shared values and supported by ironclad policies;
- *good governance* (an independent board of trustees);
- *independent stakeholder oversight* with defined regulatory authority;
- *accountability* as defined by agreed-upon performance metrics.

Each must be clearly articulated and independent of one another. Any one is not enough and there can be no overlap.

Furthermore, we must provide adequate research and knowledge resources for each to deliberate and function properly. This will include internal and external stakeholders and may include finite contracted consulting resources.

It's also critical to understand and differentiate the motives and intent of internal and external stakeholders if one is to overcome the inertia that inhibits change. In the case of healthcare, it would include patients, providers, payers, and professionals, each with their own agenda.

Internal stakeholders may fear the loss of current privilege and not be able to imagine the opportunities created by change. External stakeholders are often the unwilling victims of problems in complex systems and will advocate for change that relates to their issue. In my experience, community stakeholders will generally seek common ground in the goals of change and try to mesh their mission with that of the complex system under study.

By way of example, a community stakeholder working on housing and homelessness might advocate for re-envisioning the vacating state college campuses as new communities of learning and converting empty dorms into energy-efficient, affordable housing to meet the needs of our aging population, as homes for new Vermonters, or for Vermonters leaving the criminal justice system, for example.

This is where leadership is vital. The Governor and legislative leaders must stay the course and advocate for a vision of the future that addresses the challenges and opportunities for all stakeholders — a key element in healthcare and education especially.

If we're to re-imagine and re-engineer our complex systems, we will need to do the same for the processes that lead to change. We must elect and support innovators in all branches of government and, of critical importance, provide our legislative and commissioned bodies with the research, analysis, and data to generate effective change.

As we wrestle with the problems of today and devise solutions, it's also vital that we have metrics to gauge our success or failure. I was asked recently if there was a simple metric that we could use to assess the effectiveness of our efforts.

My answer: "Count the number of people in our emergency rooms, homeless shelters, and prisons. That will give you an idea of how well we are managing our complex systems."

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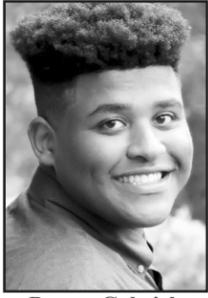
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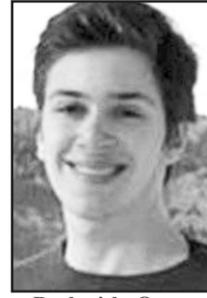
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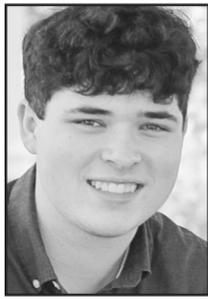
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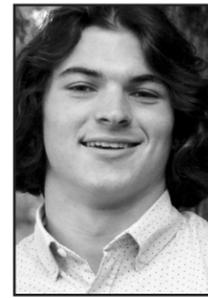
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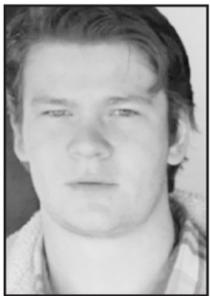

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Diamond, Jada



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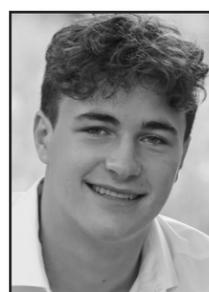
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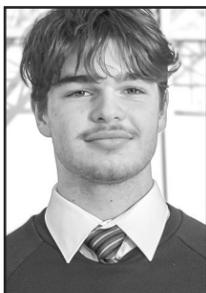
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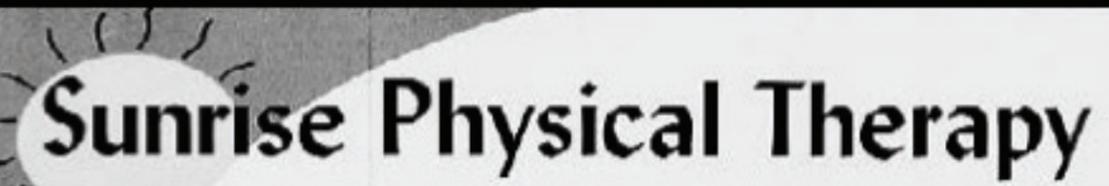


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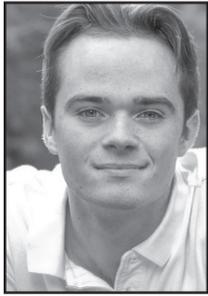
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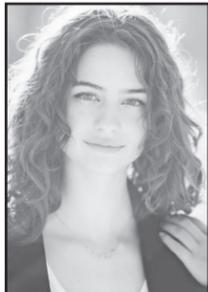
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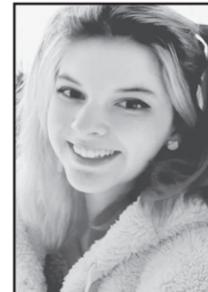
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Malone-Wolfsun,
Kelly



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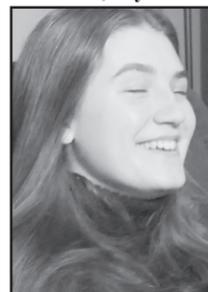
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Reynolds, Joseph



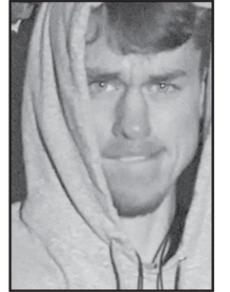
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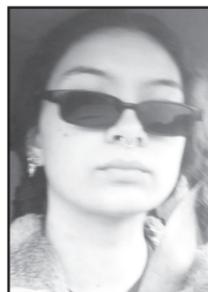
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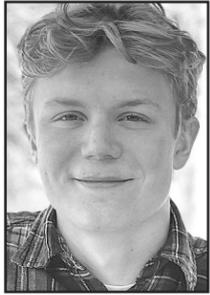
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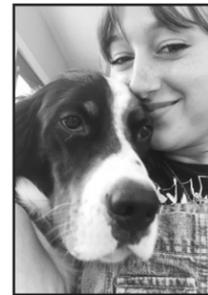
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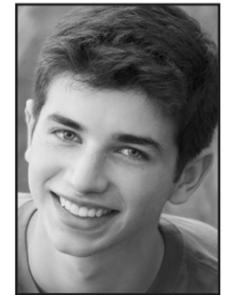
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Wolcott, Reece



Workman, Eleanor



Worthley, Meadow



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Soren

**Congratulations
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College graduations

David Ahlers of Jericho, VT graduated in May 2022 with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from the University of Vermont, Burlington, VT.

Peter Barbagallo of Jericho, VT graduated in May 2022 with a Master degree in Social Work from the University of Vermont, Burlington, VT.

Brianna Borch of Jericho, VT graduated Magna Cum Laude in May 2022 with a Bachelor of Science in Food Systems from the University of Vermont, Burlington, VT.

Anna Burke of Jericho, VT graduated in May 2022 with a Bachelor of Science in Middle Level Education from the University of Vermont, Burlington, VT.

Jordan Calderara of Underhill, VT graduated in May 2022 with a Master of Education in Interdisciplinary from the University of Vermont, Burlington, VT.

Tess Cartwright of Jeffersonville, VT graduated in May 2022 with a Bachelor of Science in Food Systems from the University of Vermont, Burlington, VT.

Alyssa Cassanelli of Waterbury, VT graduated in May 2022 with a Bachelor of Science in Medical Science from the University of Vermont, Burlington, VT.

Jacob Crawford of Jericho, VT graduated Cum Laude in May 2022 with a Bachelor of Science in Wildlife & Fisheries Biology from the University of Vermont, Burlington, VT.

Kyle DeCoster of Underhill, VT graduated in May 2022 with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from the University of Vermont, Burlington, VT.

Emma Downie of Waterbury, VT graduated in May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology from the University of Vermont, Burlington, VT.

Emily Doyle of Jeffersonville, VT graduated in May 2022 with a Master of Education in Special Education from the University of Vermont, Burlington, VT.

Jacob Drake of Underhill, VT graduated in May 2022 with a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science from the University of Vermont, Burlington, VT.

Griffin Erickson of Underhill, VT graduated in May 2022 with a Bachelor of Science in Exercise and Movement Sciences from the University of Vermont, Burlington, VT.

Suzanne Graham of Underhill, VT graduated in May 2022 with a Master of Professional Studies in Leadership for Sustainability from the University of Vermont, Burlington, VT.

Justin Haenel of Underhill, VT graduated Summa Cum Laude in May 2022 with a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics from the University of Vermont, Burlington, VT.

Lindsay Hollowell of Westford, VT graduated in May 2022

with a Master degree in Accounting from the University of Vermont, Burlington, VT.

Aaron Hogan of Jericho, VT graduated in May 2022 with a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Vermont, Burlington, VT.

Lukas Keating of Jericho, VT graduated in May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Studies from the University of Vermont, Burlington, VT.

Tyler Machia of Jeffersonville, VT graduated in May 2022 with a Master degree in Public Administration from the University of Vermont, Burlington, VT.

Paul Marshall of Jericho, VT graduated in May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts in History from the University of Vermont, Burlington, VT.

Liam Nelson of Underhill, VT graduated in May 2022 with a Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences from the University of Vermont, Burlington, VT.

Julian Oates of Underhill, VT graduated in May 2022 with a Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry from the University of Vermont, Burlington, VT.

Ryan Parker of Cambridge, VT graduated Magna Cum Laude in May 2022 with a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science from the University of Vermont, Burlington, VT.

Wynne Catherine Plagge of Waterbury, VT graduated magna cum laude from Clark University, Worcester, MA on Sunday, May 22, 2022. Plagge earned a Bachelor of Arts in geography and Women's and Gender Studies.

Daniel Rainville of Westford, VT graduated in May 2022 with a Bachelor of Science in Art Education from the University of Vermont, Burlington, VT.

Hannah Randall of Jeffersonville, VT graduated in May 2022 with a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Sciences from the University of Vermont, Burlington, VT.

Eric Recchia of Jericho, VT graduated in May 2022 with a Certificate of Graduate Study in Ecological Economics from the University of Vermont, Burlington, VT.

Jackson Rettew of Jericho, VT graduated in May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts in Psychological Science from the University of Vermont, Burlington, VT.

Elias Rosenblatt of Westford, VT graduated in May 2022 with a Doctor of Philosophy in Natural Resources from the University of Vermont, Burlington, VT.

Ethan Sander of Jericho, VT graduated in May 2022 with a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science from the University of Vermont, Burlington, VT.

Kaitlyn Schels of Waterbury, VT graduated in May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts in Psychological Science from the University of Vermont, Burlington, VT.

Matthew Skelly of Waterbury, VT graduated in May 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts in Music from the University of Vermont, Burlington, VT.

Joshua Springer of Jericho, VT graduated in May 2022 with a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics from the University of Vermont, Burlington, VT.

Taylor Stewart of Waterbury, VT graduated in May 2022 with a Doctor of Philosophy in Biology from the University of Vermont, Burlington, VT.

Anthony Storti of Cambridge, VT graduated in May 2022 with a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science from the University of Vermont, Burlington, VT.

Cheryl Sullivan of Underhill, VT graduated in May 2022 with a Doctor of Philosophy in Plant & Soil Science from the University of Vermont, Burlington, VT.

Andrew Sweet of Cambridge, VT graduated in May 2022 with a Bachelor of Science in Secondary Education – Social Science from the University of Vermont, Burlington, VT.

Nicole Thompson of Underhill, VT graduated in May 2022 with a Master of Education in Curriculum & Instruction from the University of Vermont, Burlington, VT.

R. Kirsten Tyler of Westford, VT graduated in May 2022 with a Doctor of Philosophy in Natural Resources from the University of Vermont, Burlington, VT.

Elizabeth Wallace of Waterbury, VT graduated in May 2022 with a Master degree in Business Administration from the University of Vermont, Burlington, VT.

Sarah Wason of Waterbury, VT graduated in May 2022 with a Master degree in Business Administration from the University of Vermont, Burlington, VT.

Kyle Wright of Underhill, VT has received a bachelor of arts degree from College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, MA.

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door. Cashiers are outside the back door. Masks are suggested inside the Clutter Barn.

Besides sales at the Clutter Barn, books for adults are on sale at the Damkot barn on VT Rt. 15 (a block and a half from the Clutter Barn). Look for the painting of Starry Night on the barn doors.

Support the UCU mission of community service and buy some fun and useful “stuff.”

Our next donation days are Saturdays, July 2 and 16. Our next Tag Sales are Saturdays, July 30 and August 27.

Our final sale of the season is at the annual Old Fashioned Harvest Market, always the last full weekend in September — this year on Saturday-Sunday, September 24-25.

Nature photos needed for Jericho calendar

Do you have a great photo of nature in Jericho? We are looking for photos for next year’s calendar, which will have a nature theme. Closeups of insects or flowers, great bird or wildlife shots, scenery — let’s have a variety!

Please respond directly to Liz Thompson (elthomps@uvm.edu) and include your high-resolution, ideally landscape-format, photos taken in Jericho. If you have film photos, let me know and we can arrange for conversion.

This is a fundraiser for our amazing Community Center. Friday, July 15 is the deadline, but the sooner the better! We’ve already received a few great photos, but get yours into the mix!

Harvest Market vendor application is open

The Old Fashioned Harvest Market will occur on Saturday-Sunday, September 24-25, 2022 at the United Church of Underhill, and there will be the usual Flea Market in the field behind the church. We will have 90 spaces again this year and interested vendors of arts, crafts, antiques, junk, and homemade specialty food items and the like are invited to apply for a space.

As always, vending of food for on-site consumption is limited to the church itself and to other local nonprofit groups raising funds. See vendor information and application form on the event website: <https://underhillharvestmarket.com/2022-flea-market-vendor-info/>.

We’ve applied for excellent fall weather again this year in order to maximize the fun!

Trailblazers: Green, a free jobs training program in renewables

Vermont Works for Women (VWW) is offering *Trailblazers: Green*, a free training program to support the entry and success of women and gender-expansive individuals in the renewable energy field.

Participants will learn solar installation basics, get hands-on practice, and also hear from folks in wind energy, biomass, and weatherization about the many available jobs in these growing fields.

The upcoming free training will be held August 16-September 30 in S. Burlington. Trailblazers is open to women and gender-expansive individuals ages 16+, no experience necessary!

Visit our website to learn more and apply today: <https://bit.ly/3GWnZKD>.

Heat pumps... for A/C?

From Efficiency Vermont

Another glorious Vermont summer full of sun and fun is just around the corner. For some, that means bike rides and backyard cookouts. For others, secret swimming holes and maple creemees.

What summer shouldn’t mean? Melting into your couch, or lying awake in bed, too hot to fall asleep. That’s no fun at all. There are a range of solutions to help you keep indoor temps comfortable no matter what surprises June, July, and August have in store.

A ductless heat pump is an excellent option to consider. These energy-efficient appliances cool much like a traditional AC unit while drawing just a fraction of the power. What’s more, they pull double duty come winter, providing enough energy-efficient

warmth to give your current heating source a well-deserved, money-saving break.

Hire an Efficiency Excellence Network (EEN) contractor now and you’ll get a \$350-\$850 instant discount on qualifying models.

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Don’t wait until it’s too hot to get on contractors’ schedules... they’re booking up fast!

For more info on ductless heat pumps, visit www.encyvermont.com/blog/how-to/keeping-cool-with-heat-pumps.

And be sure to check out the rebates available through our partnerships with your electric utility: www.encyvermont.com/heat-pump.

Tips for staying safe in severe summer weather

From Green Mountain Power

The start of summer is a great time to do a check and make sure you are prepared for severe weather. Basics to have at home as you prepare for any storm:

- a charged cellphone;
- the GMP app on your cellphone;
- flashlights with fresh batteries;
- bottled water.

Also, always be alert to changing weather conditions — which can change quickly. GMP has more tips that can help you get ready for storms any time of year: <https://greenmountainpower.com/safety/>.

It is important to always stay far away from any downed lines or trees. Assume they are still energized and call us — we will help! The number is 888-835-4672. If you’re having a medical emergency, call 911.

Downloading the GMP app is a great way to report outages and get restoration alerts easily, plus it is super convenient for managing your GMP account and tracking energy usage right from your phone or tablet anytime. It is available in the app store, and more details are on the GMP website <https://greenmountainpower.com/apps-skills/mobile-app/>.

Volunteer Opportunities with United Way

LEND A HAND. VOLUNTEER

United Way’s Volunteer Connection site is set up to help connect agencies and volunteers. Agencies are working hard to navigate volunteering during this time, but opportunities are increasing. To learn more about these and other opportunities, go online to Volunteer Connection at <https://unitedwaynwvt.galaxydigital.com/>.

IN THE STORE — Green Mountain Habitat for Humanity invites volunteers, age 16 and older, to help in their Habitat ReStores in Williston and Milton. Tasks include unloading

donations, sorting clothing, stocking shelves, testing electronics, and assisting customers. Volunteer for an hour, a day, or daily, Monday-Friday, 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM and weekends 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM. For information, contact volunteer@vermonthabitat.org.

SERVING A NEED – Champlain Inn Low Barrier Homeless Shelter is seeking volunteers, age 18 and older, to help set up, serve a meal that has already been provided, and clean up at their evening meal, any day Monday-Sunday from 6:00 – 8:30 PM. Contact Andre Clark, clark@anewplacevt.org.

FROM THE HEART – Burlington City Arts’ *Art from the Heart* program is once again seeking volunteers to visit patients and family members at UVM Medical Center/Children’s Hospital to make the hospital a more comfortable and creative place through the arts. Volunteers visit patient rooms and waiting areas, one-on-one and in small groups, and can simply talk about a TV show or music or hold a painting party or creative writing project. Volunteers can also create a drawing on a door or window in a patient’s room. No art skills are needed, just an enjoyment of the arts and a compassionate approach. Shifts are typically three to four hours long. A minimum commitment of six months is requested. Contact Rebecca Schwarz, rschwarz@burlingtoncityarts.org.

IF YOU BUILD IT, THEY WILL COME! – Green Mountain Habitat for Humanity is now building homes on North Avenue in Burlington and is looking for volunteers age 18 and older to help make these homes a reality for eligible families. No previous construction experience is needed; all training and tools are provided. Come and bring a friend (and a lunch), weekdays from 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM. Contact Bridget Mientka, 802-598-0355 or bmientka@vermonthabitat.org.

AND JUSTICE FOR ALL – Ohavi Zedek (which means Lovers of Justice) is looking for volunteers to participate in and/or lead their social justice/social action work. This includes addressing issues such as antiracism, women’s rights, inclusion, LGBTQ, food justice, and seeking peace where there is conflict. Flexible

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COLLEGE HONORS

Jonathan Thomas Aselin of Jericho Center, VT has been named to the Dean’s List for the Spring 2022 semester at Clarkson University, Potsdam, NY. Aselin is a senior majoring in mechanical engineering.

Devyn Beliveau-Gale of Jericho, VT has been named to the Dean’s List for the spring 2022 semester at Castleton University, Castleton, VT.

James Birmingham of Waterbury, VT has been named to the dean’s list for the spring 2022 semester at the University of Vermont, Burlington, VT. Birmingham is majoring in Computer Science in the College of Arts and Sciences.

Brianna Borch of Jericho, VT has been named to the dean’s list for the spring 2022 semester at the University of Vermont, Burlington, VT. Borch is majoring in Food Systems in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

Amelia Boucher of Underhill, VT has been named to the dean’s list for the spring 2022 semester at the University of Vermont, Burlington, VT. Boucher is majoring in Social Work in the College of Education and Social Services.

Myra Boulanger of Underhill, VT has been named to the Dean’s List for the spring 2022 semester at Castleton University, Castleton, VT.

Samantha Chapman of Jericho, VT has been named to the Dean’s List for the spring 2022 semester at Castleton University, Castleton, VT.

Nicholas W. Degree of Cambridge, VT has been named to the Dean’s List for the Spring 2022 semester at Clarkson University, Potsdam, NY. Degree is a senior majoring in engineering and management.

Zachary Fisher of Waterbury, VT has been named to the Spring 2022 Dean’s List at Stonehill College, Easton, MA.

Emma Forsyth of Jericho, VT has been named to the Spring 2022 Dean’s List at Hofstra University, Hempstead, NY.

Eleanor Gautsch of Jericho, VT has been named to the dean’s list for the spring 2022 semester at the University of Vermont, Burlington, VT. Gautsch is majoring in Physics in the College of Arts and Sciences.

Lazarria Harris of Westford, VT has been named to the dean’s list for the spring 2022 semester at the University of Vermont, Burlington, VT. Harris is majoring in Neuroscience in the College of Arts and Sciences.

Ceilidh Rose Kiegle of Jericho, VT has been named to the Dean’s List for the Spring 2022 semester at Clarkson University, Potsdam, NY. Kiegle is a sophomore majoring in computer science.

Ella King of Underhill, VT has been named to the dean’s list for the spring 2022 semester at the University of Vermont, Burlington, VT. King is majoring in Elementary Education in the College of Education and Social Services.

Christine Lawson of Jeffersonville, VT has been named to the dean’s list for the spring 2022 semester at the University of Vermont, Burlington, VT. Lawson is majoring in Environmental Sciences in the Rubenstein School of Environment and Natural Resources.

Connor McCormack of Underhill, VT has been named to the dean’s list for the spring 2022 semester at the University of Vermont, Burlington, VT. McCormack is majoring in Business Administration in the Grossman School of Business.

William Micuch of Jdfersonville, VT has been named to the Dean’s List for the spring 2022 semester at Castleton University, Castleton, VT.

Idabella Mosca of Jericho, VT has been named to the dean’s list for the spring 2022 semester at the University of Vermont, Burlington, VT. Mosca is majoring in Business Administration in the Grossman School of Business.

Conor Munns of Jericho, VT has been named to the dean’s

list for the spring 2022 semester at the University of Vermont, Burlington, VT. Munns is majoring in Exercise Science in the College of Nursing and Health Sciences.

Amelia Nordle of Waterbury, VT has been named to the Dean’s List for the spring 2022 semester at Castleton University, Castleton, VT.

Ryan Parker of Cambridge, VT has been named to the dean’s list for the spring 2022 semester at the University of Vermont, Burlington, VT. Parker is majoring in Computer Science in the College of Engineering and Mathematical Sciences.

Rosemarie Phelan of Jericho, VT has been named to the Dean’s List for the spring 2022 semester at Castleton University, Castleton, VT.

Stefan Pilo of Underhill, VT has been named to the Dean’s List for the Spring 2022 semester at Clarkson University, Potsdam, NY. Pilo is a senior majoring in mechanical engineering.

Iain Pless of Jericho, VT has been named to the dean’s list for the spring 2022 semester at the University of Vermont, Burlington, VT. Pless is majoring in History in the College of Arts and Sciences.

Faith Ploof of Westford, VT has been named to the dean’s list for the spring 2022 semester at the University of Vermont, Burlington, VT. Ploof is majoring in Exercise Science in the College of Nursing and Health Sciences.

Brenna Redmond of Jericho, VT has been named to the Spring 2022 Dean’s List at Hofstra University, Hempstead, NY.

Owen Senesac of Cambridge, VT has been named to the Dean’s List for the spring 2022 semester at Castleton University, Castleton, VT.

Liam Wilson of Jericho, VT has been named to the Dean’s List for the spring 2022 semester at Castleton University, Castleton, VT.



Chittenden County Fish & Game Club's Annual Father's Day Fishing Derby will be held at 1397 Wes White Hill Rd., Jonesville on Sunday, June 19, 8:00 – 11:00 AM. There will be prizes for children ages 14 and under, and trophies in age groups 5-14. A lunch will be available. Admission is free! The photo above is from the last Fishing Derby, showing 2019 Fishing Derby Grand Prize Winner Colby Little of Starksboro with his trophy for catching the largest trout.

PHOTO BY SUSAN WINTER

FATHER'S DAY IS JUNE 19

How to become a father who knows best

With Father's Day approaching, guys expecting to be dads for the first time have been asking me for some parenting tips — so let's see if I can help dads-to-be get ready for their taking on this new role.

Ask questions and learn

First guys, if you are somewhat anxious or overwhelmed about welcoming a new baby into your home, be reassured, you are not alone and it's normal. If you feel you don't know anything about babies there are online videos you can download, and childbirth classes available in many communities — some are even designed for dads only — that teach you everything from how to hold a baby to how to change a diaper, not to mention proper installation of a car seat and childproofing of your home. The good thing about those classes is that you meet other dads-to-be who feel just as anxious as you do, and the teachers know this and encourage any and all questions, no matter how hesitant you may be to ask them.

Remember to have fun

Don't worry about whether or not you will be a good dad — since any new role requires learning with experience. Don't worry either that being a father means an end to having time for fun. You can certainly have fun playing with your baby — but

you can also find time for your partner and yourself, either when your infant is asleep or through the magic of having a friend or relative babysit. If you enjoy the outdoors, you can take your baby along with the help of a baby carrier.

Be a good parenting partner

It's important to remember that you can do everything your partner can do except breastfeed — although you need to be just as much a supportive champion for breastfeeding as mom is. In addition, given that parenting a baby is a shared experience, be sure to do just that, whether it's changing, diapering, or bottle-feeding pumped breast milk in the middle of the night while mom sleeps. Doing these things yourself will allow you to develop your own unique style that will make sure your infant knows from the start that you're essential to the mix, just as much as mom is.

In turn, you'll love parenting and truly understand why Father's Day is celebrated this month, not just for your own dad but for the dad you are about to be.

Hopefully, tips like these will help everyone go father, I mean farther, when it comes to striving to be a terrific dad for your new baby.

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scheduling with a monthly meeting and working sessions during the day or evening. Contact Andie Lowe, 802-864-0218 or office@ohavizedek.org.

THRIFT STORE – Marketplace of Peace thrift store in Burlington serves the local community, new Americans, and those in need. They are in need of volunteers, age 14 and older, to help keep displays, shelves, and racks neat and organized. Weekdays except Wednesdays between 11:00 AM – 3:45 PM. Background check required. Contact Andie Lowe, 802-864-0218 or office@ohavizedek.org.

STEM ACTIVITY FACILITATOR – Echo, Leahy Center for Lake Champlain is seeking volunteer STEM Activity Facilitators, age 16 and older, to guide guests in their IT Gallery through hands-on problem solving activities and to encourage guests to think like engineers. These volunteers can light the spark to inspire the next generation of scientists and engineers! No engineering or science background needed. All training provided. Proof of full COVID-19 vaccination is required. Flexible scheduling 10:30 AM – 5:00 PM. Contact Billy Ernest, 802-864-6832 or volunteer@echovermont.org.

No A/C?

From Efficiency Vermont

As usual, the weather can't seem to make up its mind. Welcome to Vermont, right?

All the same, summer is right around the corner, and with

it, warmer temps on the horizon. What's your plan for keeping things cool? Now is a great time to consider how you'll manage the heat and humidity in your home this coming season.

While things like heat pumps, and ENERGY STAR window units can cut the heat efficiently, there are a good number of passive cooling options that can help you keep comfortable through the coming warmer months.

Check out Efficiency Vermont's nine tips for keeping your house cool — without the air conditioning, online at www.efficiencyvermont.com/blog/how-to/summer-guide-to-energy-savings-comfort.

Real challenges, real change

By Val Davis, Executive Director, Lamoille FiberNet CUD

Two persistent and longstanding challenges faced by Vermont Communications Union Districts (CUDs) are to connect everyone in their communities and to provide service at the best possible rates. This set of challenges has persisted in Vermont since broadband became a common everyday word. Lamoille FiberNet has been in discussions with many Internet Service Providers (ISPs) for months, and many of our board members have been attending community meetings and town halls with legislators since before Lamoille FiberNet was founded. These meetings included sessions with existing CUDs and local Vermont companies that have stepped up to improve access to high speed internet over the past decade. The challenges I list are

very real, and real change will be needed to address them.

Lamoille FiberNet board members, all volunteers representing the towns in which we live, agreed to have their CUD partner with Northwest Fiberworx CUD to enable us to come to a preliminary agreement with Google Fiber to bring symmetrical (equal up and down speeds) 100mb and 1gb service to our communities, with customer service and pricing that give good value to our town residents. As two very new CUDs, we are interested in the longevity and experience Google brings to the table, their excellent customer service record, and the rate scale that Google Fiber can offer. This partnership has the potential to allow us to build out our district rapidly and comprehensively.

Lamoille FiberNet is committed to offering an open network: a marketplace where multiple internet service providers (both local and national) can utilize the infrastructure we will build, own and operate. This increases options for those of us who live in rural, less densely populated areas where ISPs often don't provide service. Our CUD's commitment is our greatest asset, and we are committed to a cooperative approach toward resolving these persistent challenges to high-speed internet service in Vermont.

The mission of Lamoille FiberNet Communications Union District (LFCUD) is to make locally controlled, affordable and reliable high-speed Internet service available to every address in our member towns: Belvidere, Cambridge, Eden, Elmore, Hyde Park, Johnson, Morristown, Stowe, Waterville and Wolcott. For more information: http://www.LamoilleFiber.net.

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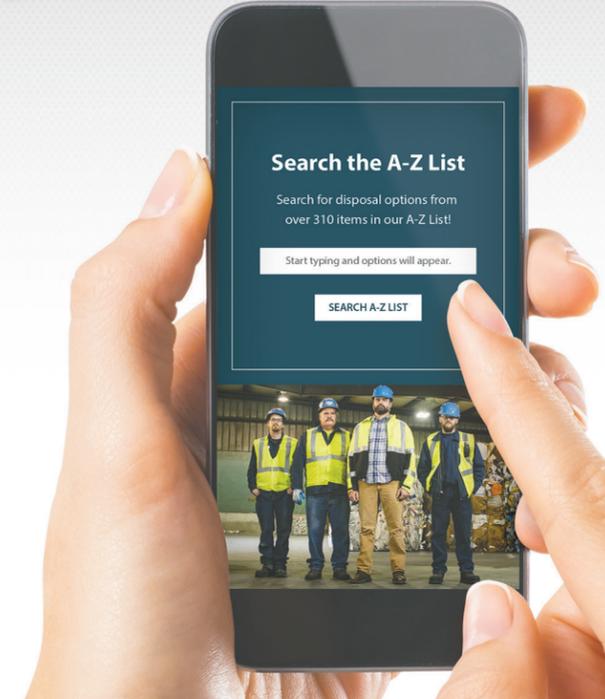

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Chittenden Solid Waste District

LIBRARY NEWS

DRML and JTL Summer Reading Program video

Ms. Abbey and Ms. Gretchen are pleased to present this year's Summer Reading Program promotional video. The theme this year is *Oceans of Possibilities*, so enjoy your journey from the bottom of the sea to the top! Follow this link to the YouTube video: <https://youtu.be/up6WTHZSgq>

DEBORAH RAWSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

The library is open, no appointment needed: Tuesday and Thursdays 10:00 AM – 8:00 PM, Wednesday and Friday 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM, Saturday 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM, and Sunday 1:00 – 4:00 PM. Everyone over the age of 2 is required to wear a mask. Please try to limit your visit to 30 minutes. Curbside pickup is still available; contact 802-899-4962 or rawsonlibrary@drml.org.

To register for programs, call 802-899-4962, or email Erik (program.assistant@drml.org) for Adult Programs or Abbey (youth_librarian@drml.org) for Youth Programs.

Fundraiser: Wine and dessert night returns! Saturday, June 18, 7:00 – 9:00 PM at the Jericho Community Center. Please join us for this delicious fundraising event. Come enjoy local Snipe Island Wines and a selection of decadent desserts. Tickets can be purchased in advance at the library or at the door the night of the event, \$10 per person for just unlimited desserts, \$15 for one glass of wine with unlimited desserts, \$20 for two glasses of wine with unlimited desserts. There is also a silent auction with 31 items, so bring your cash or checkbook! Items are currently available at the library to bid on and preview. Winners will be awarded at the end of the evening. You don't need to be present to win, you just have to have the highest bid. We have certificates for services, food certificates, photographs and paintings by local artists. All proceeds from this event go directly to the library.

Thursday, June 16, 7:00 PM: DRML Board of Trustees meeting, in-person at the library; all participants must wear a mask. A virtual meeting is available for those who wish to remain remote. Please contact Holly (dawsonmemlib@gmail.com) to receive the link.

Ongoing

Tuesdays, 3:00 PM: Story Time [PreK-K] We're gearing up for the summer program theme *Oceans of Possibilities*. Freddy will tell his best ocean jokes, we'll read stories about pirates, ocean creatures, and so much more. Hope to see you there.

Farmers' Market! All summer long, DRML and JTL are taking turns at the Farmers' Market. Visit us to sign up for summer reading and get your goodie bag, peek through some free books, and definitely blow bubbles!

Check out these great programs!

All programs meet in person at DRML. We still ask that everyone over the age of 2 years wear a mask to protect our vulnerable populations. If you would prefer to join programs via Zoom, please email youth_librarian@drml.org.

Thursday, June 16, 3:00 – 4:30 PM: Read to Wyatt [all ages] Practice your read-aloud skills with therapy dog Wyatt and his handler Ms. Sue. They love when you visit and share the stories you love. You can sign up when you visit the library, call us at 802-899-4962, or email youth_librarian@drml.org.

Friday, June 17, 3:00 – 4:00 PM: Lego Club [ages 6+] Whether you build a rocket ship, a garden, or a house, there's no wrong way to LEGO. Build whatever you like and when you're done we will put it on display in the kids' room! You can sign up when you visit the library, call us at 802-899-4962, or email youth_librarian@drml.org.

Saturday, June 18, starting at 3:00 PM: Summer Kickoff with Rockin' Ron the Friendly Pirate [all ages] Avast ye! Let's have a rockin' party to celebrate the start of the DRML and JTL collaborative summer programming! At 3:00 PM we'll have some ocean themed outdoor games to play, and Rockin' Ron takes the stage at 4:00 PM.

Monday, June 20-Friday, June 24, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM: Animation Camp [ages 8+] We're teaming up with our community partners at MMCTV again for another week-long animation camp! Whether you've been coming to the animation club all year, or this is something new you want to try, you're all welcome. We'll screen all the animations Friday starting at noon. Spots are limited to 10 participants so be sure to sign up quickly! Visit the library, call us at 802-899-4962, or email youth_librarian@drml.org to sign up.

Saturday, June 25, 9:00 PM: Outdoor Movie Night [all ages] Bring your blankets, lawn chairs, and bug spray for an outdoor movie night. Please call or visit www.drml.org to see what movie we'll be showing.

Sunday, June 26, 3:30 – 5:30 PM: Dungeons & Dragons: Sinister Secrets of Saltmarsh [ages 8+] Seeking six brave adventurers to discover what's really going on in the seaside town of Saltmarsh. In the first meeting of our summer D&D session, we will be crafting brand new characters starting at level 1. If you've never played and have been curious, this could be the perfect introduction. You can sign up when you visit the library, call us at 802-899-4962, or email youth_librarian@drml.org.

Wednesday, June 29, 3:00 – 4:00 PM: Older Kid Crafts: Mermaid Lanterns [ages 8+] Decorate a glass jar with an underwater scene using paint, glitter, beads, and silhouettes we cut with our Cricut machine. You can sign up when you visit the library, call us at 802-899-4962, or email youth_librarian@drml.org.

Thursday, June 30, 1:00 PM: Very Merry Theatre presents *The Further Adventures of Peter and Wendy* [all ages] Our good friends at Very Merry Theatre will be back with their wagon to put on a great show for us. Hope to see you there!

Please visit drml.org for the most up-to-date information on programs at DRML.

Contact information: email rawsonlibrary@drml.org; website www.drml.org; phone 802-899-4962.

JERICHO TOWN LIBRARY

We are open 10:00 AM – 7:00 PM Tuesday, 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM Wednesday-Friday, and 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM Saturday.

Wednesdays, 10:30 AM: Storytime takes place in our programming area on the second floor of the library and is intended for children aged 0-5 (though all are welcome!). We usually share a few books together and a related craft or activity. Please note that masks are required indoors for everyone over 2 years old.

Jericho Town Library's Makerspace is exactly what it sounds like: an area for kids and teens to create, tinker, build, code, and explore the world of STEM. With support from the VT

Department of Libraries' ARPA grant, we currently have 3D Pens, SPIKE Prime Lego robotics, and a 3D printer. The Makerspace is located on the second floor of Jericho Town Library and is open for kids aged 7-18 whenever the library is open. Come to the library and get started creating! While the Makerspace is free for all children and teens, the 3D printer can also be used by adults who pay for the cost of their materials. Visit our website to read about using the Makerspace and 3D printer! <https://www.jerichotownlibraryvt.org/makerspace.html>

Find us on Facebook and Instagram (@[jerichotownlibrary](https://www.facebook.com/jerichotownlibrary)) for regular updates on our programs, services, and collections. 802-899-4686, library@jerichotownlibraryvt.org, www.jerichotownlibraryvt.org.

Please check our website and the notice boards outside of the library for updates and more information on programs and library services: www.jerichotownlibraryvt.org or 802-899-4686.

VARNUM MEMORIAL LIBRARY JEFFERSONVILLE

Please let us know how we can assist you by contacting varnumrequests@gmail.com or 802-644-2117.

Summer is almost here, and we welcome you to view our website for our complete list of summer events, such as the Summer Reading Program, the *Oceans of Possibilities* tour by Rockin' Ron, and our annual 4th of July Book Sale! <http://www.varnumlibrary.org/calendar>

We have also created a survey for our community to share feedback on programming, services, opportunities for improvement, and more. It matters to us how our decisions, such as not renewing the Homecard Program, impact our patrons. Through this survey, we are gathering data and measuring interest in the program, alongside assessing our systems and reports as we consider the next best steps for the Varnum.

We want to thank you all for taking the time and energy to share your thoughts about this change and encourage you to continue to reach out for information whenever you wish. Your input has been a valued resource, and we hope that you will be able to continue using the Varnum as we evolve and grow in different measures.

Here is the link to the survey: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeSx39U5-bLFCFCgu6pDs5V-NvIyiI-AP3AclhAZZlmKlJfBoGQ/viewform>

Read-A-Thon to fundraiser: When we decided to host our first ever Read-A-Thon to fundraise for the Varnum Memorial Library, we were hoping for several hundred dollars. Not only did we exceed that goal, we also promoted reading for our young patrons during a school vacation that involved a teenage homeschooled, a preschooler, and even readers living outside of Cambridge. Unfortunately, due to the pandemic we didn't have any in-person events to promote the program; however, 14 readers registered and most of them were very actively reading and raising funds. Our top fundraiser raised \$485! Our top reader read 625 minutes over the two-week period in February and March (30 minutes/day for 10 days was the suggested goal).

The structure of the Read-A-Thon provided an enjoyable experience for many families. Sponsors included encouraging words and proud statements about their readers on the event website. A few folks were even inspired to sponsor readers they didn't even know, all to support the Varnum! The R-A-T structure allowed for readers to choose incentive prizes based on how much they raised. A variety of choices included books, fancy school supplies, fidgets, slime, stuffies, and headphones. Some prizes were even donated back to the Varnum to be used during the upcoming Summer Reading Program.

Seventy-one separate donations were made resulting in \$1841.25 raised for the Varnum. Donations ranged from \$10 to \$100. Not surprisingly, grandparents tended to be the most generous sponsors. The next time we host one of these events, we hope to involve more readers of all ages and add an in-person component. Email can only go so far. Thankfully, due to the online platform and tools, it only took one volunteer board member to coordinate the event. Most importantly, readers had the freedom to choose their own reading material and they accepted the challenge by choice!

Wednesdays, 10:00 AM: Two-Book Tuesday story time! Come join us and share in a relaxed story time, followed by a craft to make or take. We will aim for the front porch, weather depending. If indoors, masking is requested.

Tuesdays, June 14, 21, 3:30 PM: *Live Your Why*, Passport Edition. Attention 5th-8th graders: looking for fun events within our community? Opportunities to make new friends? How about chances to win prizes? Join us: Passports and all materials are supplied by Healthy Lamoille Valley. No need to bring anything. For more information, contact varnumrequests@gmail.com or 802-644-2117.

Thursdays, 4:00 PM: Dungeons and Dragons. Are you curious about Dungeons and Dragons? Are you an experienced player that needs a party? Come join us at the Varnum. No experience needed; all ages welcome!

The team at the Varnum: April, Carol, Carrie, Courtney, Hope, Jan, Karen, Krista, Laura, Lesley, Liv, Mark, Teelha, and Valerie.

The Varnum Memorial Library is open for curbside pickup and

in-person browsing. Please continue to wear a mask. Our hours are: Tuesdays 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM; Wednesdays 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM; Thursdays 8:00 AM – 6:00 PM; Fridays 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM; and Saturdays 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM; closed Sunday-Monday. (Note, hours at the Varnum can vary week to week; please check the website to be certain.)

The Varnum Library, P.O. Box 198, 194 Main St., Jeffersonville, 802-644-2117; thevarnum@gmail.com; www.varnumlibrary.org.

WESTFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

The library hours of operation (meaning come in and browse the shelves, use the computer, grab a DVD, etc.): Tuesdays 10:00 AM – 7:00 PM, Wednesdays 1:00 – 7:00 PM, Thursdays 10:00 AM – 7:00 PM, Fridays 1:00 – 7:00 PM, and Saturday 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM, no appointments needed. Patrons of all ages are welcome, children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. If you feel you need curbside service, for whatever reason, please email Bree at the library and we can work something out. We want nothing to impede you from using the library.

Events for everyone

The Library is accepting donations for the annual Fourth of July Book Sale. We will be accepting donations on Saturdays, June 11 and 25, 9:00 – 11:00 AM. We are also limiting drop off of donations to two boxes per person. *Not accepting:* VHS tapes, cassettes, music CDs, textbooks, encyclopedias, magazines, and moldy or damaged books. Ask yourself, "Would I lend this to a friend?" If the answer is no, then keep it out of the book sale. We are accepting: books in good condition, hard covers, paperbacks, kids books, DVDs, and audiobooks. *Do not use the book drop for donations* — it damages the library books and makes a big mess.

The Westford Food Shelf is now open twice a month, on the first Wednesday of each month (July 6), 4:30 – 5:30 PM, on the third Saturday (June 18, July 16), 8:00 – 9:00 AM. With increased openings, they need more inventory! The Westford Public Library has food collection bins at all curbside pickups from now on. These bins are for non-perishable food and household items.

The Summer Reading Program!

The Summer Reading Program 2022 runs June 11-August 5. Online registration opened June 11; you can register in person at the library, or with this link: <https://forms.gle/mG8vL3mFMPKX7dr19>.

Age levels, reading goals, and prizes:

- ages 0-2 "Guppies" (babies and toddlers): fun activities for families to do together, stuffed animal prize at the end;
- ages 3-8 (kids): 10 books/150 minutes read per raffle ticket;
- ages 9-12 (teens): 3 books/240 minutes read per raffle ticket;
- ages 13-18 (teens): 1 book read per raffle ticket;
- adults - 18+ (adults): 1 book per raffle ticket; adults fill out their own raffle tickets at the library as they read.

Raffle tickets will be made by Ms. Bree when reading logs are turned in (due August 4). Raffle tickets will also be given for coming to programs. Prizes consist of gift certificates to Essex Cinemas, Phoenix Books, Westford Country Store, and more! Prizes will be awarded at the end of the SRP Ice Cream Party on Friday, August 5.

Every time you come to the library you can work on our sticker mosaic! Last year it was a unicorn, what will it be this year? Get a strip of stickers to place every visit. Together is better!

"Finding Nemo" Find the hidden clown fish in the library and get a prize! The prize bucket returns after a long couple of years without it. All ages welcome to participate each visit to the library.

Westford's hiking trails and storywalks! Poetry Walk: on Maple Shade Trails. Story Walk: Enjoy Duck and Goose Go to the Beach on the school trails starting in June. See the kiosk for the exact trail. A new story will go up in August. Westford Trail Passport: This exciting program is back and better than ever!

Westford Night at a Lake Monsters Game! Tuesday, July 12, 6:35 PM, vs. Pittsfield Suns. The library has purchased 20 kids' tickets (12 and under) and reserved a block of seats. Call the box office to reserve your kids' tickets (maximum two per family) and order reduced price tickets (\$7/\$5) in our very own "Westford" block. It's also 25¢ hotdog night!

Champ is coming to visit Saturday, July 9 from 10:00 – 11:00 AM!

Thursdays, 11:15 AM: Ocean Storytime On the Common. Bring your lunch and a blanket and be ready for fun! Every week we will read stories related to the ocean. We will sing and move, too! Take-home crafts available. We will use the gazebo if weather is bad. June 16: Summer Fun; June 23: Jellyfish; June 30: Sink or Float; July 7: Whales; July 14: Pirates; July 21: Keep Oceans Clean; July 28: "Crabby" Storytime; August 4: Sandcastles and the Beach.

Mondays, June 20-August 1: Marine Mondays. Virtual reality dives of our National Marine Sanctuary Sites every Monday on our Facebook Page; from NOAA. 360 degrees on your device or can be used with a VR headset.

Summer Reading Program/events schedule and details (events with a (*) require pre-registration).

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FATHER'S DAY IS JUNE 19**Tips for celebrating Dad his way**

Last month, I shared what mothers were telling me they wanted for Mother's Day. This month, it's Dad's turn, so let me start off by sharing what dads really want for Father's Day — no, not a funny T-shirt or necktie, but gifts that cost very little but are essentially priceless!

First, while dads certainly will thrill to being allowed to sleep in, have breakfast in bed, or ownership of the remote control for the entire day, what they really hope for is that the rest of the family will pause to celebrate Dad's skills as a parent — that's right, his parenting skills.

Let dad pick the plan

For example, while you might think that Dad would want some time to himself on this special day to play some golf, you might also plan family activities that both Dad and your children will enjoy such as a trip to the beach, or if golf is Dad's passion, the driving range or mini-golf where everyone can have some fun.

Give Dad a day when he can say "no" the first time and that will end the discussion, which would probably be a treat for the big guy.

Make gifts meaningful

Dads do love getting gifts, but they love it best when the gifts and cards are homemade and reflect the fun times dads and their families have together. A great idea is to make him a certificate that says "world's greatest Dad," frame it, and he will be more apt to want to save that more than anything purchased at a store.

Tell dad why he's so great

Finally, perhaps over a meal of Dad's favorite foods or out at his favorite restaurant, gather the family (including the in-laws) so that they can tell Dad why he is so special and what makes him a great dad — especially if he is just as aware and involved in his children's health and wellbeing as his partner and can balance work and family in a way that has earned him this very special day.

Hopefully with gifts like those I have just mentioned, Dad will realize that the best gift of all is the family that surrounds him, and at the same time the family will realize that Father's Day is an occasion that should be celebrated — not just on Sunday, June 19, but every day of the year.

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More Than an Object
The Contemporary Still Life

Sky Hopinka
FAINTING SPELLS

On exhibit at Burlington City Arts (BCA) from Wednesday, June 22 through Saturday, October 8, More Than an Object: The Contemporary Still Life on the first floor, and Sky Hopinka: Fainting Spells on the second floor. BCA's summer exhibitions are open Wednesdays-Fridays and Sundays 12:00 – 5:00 PM, and Saturdays 12:00 – 8:00 PM.

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ART / MUSIC / THEATER

The Westford Music Series moves out of the Westford Common Hall onto the Common for the final concert of the season, featuring Jerry "guitar man" Thigpen on Sunday, June 26, 7:00 PM. As one of North Florida's best and most popular bands, the Jerry Thigpen Trio released two albums in the past five years featuring their broad variety of styles and outstanding musicianship, with dynamic performances. Jerry picked up a guitar at age 11 and never put it back down. His style of playing and writing combines his love of the blues, from the Mississippi Delta to Chicago, with "rock-and-roots" influences. He will perform songs from his albums as well as original material that displays his style of seasoned blues/rock with a dash of British invasion, all served up with gutsy guitar playing and soulful vocals. Free will donation.

The line-up for Westford's summer concerts is:

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*Tuesday, June 14, 5:30 – 6:30 PM: Bob, the Reading Tortoise. Readers entering grades 1-5 can sign up for a 15-minute reading slot.

Friday, June 17, 4:00 – 6:00 PM on the Common: Crafternoon Whale Noise Maker. Drop in to make something that sounds like a whale/bagpipe mix!

Tuesday, June 21, 3:00 – 5:00 PM in the Library: Crafternoon Sock-topus. Drop by anytime to make an octopus stuffed animal.

*Tuesday, June 21, 5:30 – 6:30 PM: Bob, the Reading Tortoise. Readers entering grades 1-5 can sign up for a 15-minute reading slot.

*Wednesday, June 22: Ocean in a Bottle 4-7pm at the Library - Sign up required (3 slots - 4-5, 5-6, 6-7), using glitter, glue, and ocean inspired beads and shells, make a swirling marine world captured in a bottle.

Friday, June 24, 4:00 – 6:00 PM on the Common: Crafternoon Sock-topus. Drop by anytime to make an octopus stuffed animal.

Saturday, June 25, 11:00 AM on the Common: VINS Watershed Wildlife. Trace the raindrop's journey with a watershed model, meet two animals who depend on the water cycle. VINS is always a hit!

Tuesday, June 28, 3:00 – 5:00 PM in the Library: Crafternoon DIY Paddleboats. Drop in and design a paddleboat, see if it will work and float.

*June 29, two sessions 5:00 – 6:00 PM or 6:00 – 7:00 PM: Gyo-taku (Japanese Fish Printing). Sign up for one of the sessions. How did ancient fisherman record their catches without cameras? They literally printed their fish. Using block ink and rubber fish, you will learn this ancient and honored artform. Recommend for those entering fourth grade and up.

Friday, July 1, 4:00 – 6:00 PM: Float Building. Also last day to sign up to ride the float in the Fourth of July parade.

Monday, July 4, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM: Library Book Sale. \$5 per bag, bring your own bag.

Monday, July 4, Parade! At 11:00 AM (riders meet 10:30 AM at Town Garage)

Tuesday, July 5, 3:00 – 5:00 PM in the library: Crafternoon Under the Sea Framed Mosaics. Make a frame-worthy sticker mosaic.

July 6 - Pirate Treasure Day - Two Sessions 4-5 and 5-6 on the Common - Come find gold and jewels! We will be panning for gold and using vinegar to eat away at fizzing treasure chests. Recommended to get there at the start of a session or the treasure might be gone! Wear clothes that can get wet/dirty.

Friday, July 8, 4:00 – 5:00 PM in the library: Crafternoon Under the Sea Framed Mosaics. Make a frame-worthy sticker mosaic.

Saturday, July 9, 10:00 – 1:00 AM: Champ visits the Library! Come get your photo taken with the area's favorite Lake Monster, Champ! We will also have fun bubbles and water play on the Common. Don't forget about Westford Night with the Lake Monsters on Tuesday, July 12!

Tuesday, July 12, 3:00 – 5:00 PM in the library: Crafternoon Ocean Life Suncatchers. Make something cool for your room!

Wednesday, July 13, 5:00 – 7:00 PM in the library: No Sew Book Bags. Keep trash out of the ocean and landfill! Upcycle an old t-shirt into a cool bookbag, explained at 5:00 and 6:00 PM. Participants should bring their own t-shirt(s). Recommended for those entering fourth grade and up.

Friday, July 15, 3:00 – 5:00 PM in the library: Crafternoon Ocean Life Suncatchers. Make something cool for your room!

Tuesday, July 19, anytime 3:00 – 7:00 PM: "Buried Treasure" Coded Scavenger Hunt around the Common. Stop in at the library to get a decoder wheel and get started. Clues will lead you around the Common and to a "treasure." Repeated on July 30 from 10am-2pm.

*Wednesday, July 20, 5:30 – 6:30 PM: Bob, the Reading Tortoise. Readers entering grades 1-5 can sign up for a 15-minute reading slot.

Friday, July 22, 4:00 – 6:00 PM on the Common: Crafternoon Liquid Watercolor Sea Life Shapes. Messy watercolors make beautiful sea creatures.

Tuesday, July 26, 3:00 – 5:00 PM in the Library: Crafternoon "Hodge Podge." Did you miss a Crafternoon? Enjoy making the leftover projects.

*Wednesday, July 27, 5:30 – 6:30 PM: Bob, the Reading Tortoise. Readers entering grades 1-5 can sign up for a 15-minute reading slot.

Friday, July 29, 4:00 – 6:00 PM on the Common: Crafternoon "Hodge Podge." Did you miss a Crafternoon? Enjoy making the leftover projects.

Sunday, July 30, anytime 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM: "Buried Treasure" Coded Scavenger Hunt around the Common. Stop in at the library to get a decoder wheel and get started. Clues will lead you around the Common and to a "treasure."

Tuesday, August 2, 3:00 – 5:00 PM in the Library: Crafternoon "Hodge Podge." Did you miss a Crafternoon? Enjoy making the leftover projects.

Wednesday, August 3, 4:30 – 6:30 PM in the Library: "Treasure Inside." Take things apart (toys, computers, appliances) and see what is inside, take it one step further and make cool art from what you find inside, if you like. Great for the mechanically curious.

Thursday, August 4: Summer Reading Logs due by 7:00 PM.

Turn in at the library or online via google form.

Friday, August 5, 4:30 – 6:30 PM on the Common: End of Summer Ice Cream Party and Raffle. Celebrate the end of Summer Reading with "All You Should Eat" Ice cream! We will announce the winners of our Summer Reading Prize Drawing as well! You do not need to be present to win. Prizes can be picked up anytime at the library. Volunteer scoopers needed.

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We are asking everyone to please wear a face mask in the library. To help meet the needs of all library users, Curbside Pickup Services will be provided on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 3:00 – 7:00 PM upon request.

All events are free unless noted. Pre-registration required; please sign up at least one week before the program date; call 802-849-2420 or email libraryfairfax@gmail.com.

Family event

Thursday, June 30, 1:00 PM: Summer Reading Kickoff — *Tales from the Deep!* Celebrate the start of the Summer Reading Program with master storyteller and award-winning author Michael Caduto as he performs Native myths and legends at the Fairfax Library!

Youth Events

Wednesday, June 15, 3:00 PM: Mini Boat Making. Make a mini boat that not only floats, but can also propel itself through water! Materials provided. Ages 8+ Please email libraryfairfax@gmail.com or call 802-849-2420 to register!

Wednesdays, June 18, 25, 10:30 AM: Preschool Story Time. Join us for stories and songs! Children's books will be available to check out as well. Before you leave, pick up an activity to make at home!

Wednesday, June 22, 1:00 PM: Crystal Shells. Grow crystals on shells to make trinkets fit for a mermaid palace or a pirate hoard! Ages 8+ Please email libraryfairfax@gmail.com or call 802-849-2420 to register!

Wednesday, June 29, 3:00 PM: Paper Tube Fish kite. Make a cute little fish out of a paper tube! Materials provided. Ages 8+ Please email libraryfairfax@gmail.com or call 802-849-2420 to register!

Adult Events

Summer Reading Challenge for Adults: Kids shouldn't be the only ones who get to have fun with the summer reading program! This year, we are doing a summer reading challenge for adults as well. Pick up your summer reading bingo card from the library, and complete the challenges to get a bingo and a prize!

Thursday, date TBD: Library Book Club. This month, the book club will discuss *Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine* by Gail Honeyman. The book club will meet in the library and a Zoom link will be available if you would like to attend remotely. If you would like to borrow a copy of the book or request the Zoom link, please email libraryfairfax@gmail.com or call 802-849-2420. All are welcome!

Hours: Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays 10:00 AM – 5:30 PM; Tuesdays and Thursdays 9:00 AM – 7:00 PM; and Saturdays 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM.

For up-to-date info about programs, visit our website www.fairfaxvtlibrary.org, where you can also find a link to the interactive Google calendar. 75 Hunt Street, Fairfax; 802-849-2420.

RICHMOND LIBRARY

Library hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM; Wednesday, 10:00 AM – 8:00 PM; and Saturday, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM. Our webpage, Facebook, and email reflect this information.

Fine days are arriving. Enjoy good weather days outside at our different picnic tables. One of our tables is ADA compliant. We have a WiFi booster, too. So get some work done, stream some music, have Skype session, all without worrying about signal drop.

Outdoor Summer Yoga Series: Melt away Monday by giving yourself the gift of mindful movement as you relax into the Vermont summer breeze. This gentle, flowing yoga class will incorporate breath work and meditation and is open to everyone. Classes are guided by Carrie Mailloux, RYT 200. Each class is by donation, with proceeds going to the Richmond Food Shelf. Classes will be held on the Library lawn every Monday, 7:00 – 8:00 PM; began June 6.

Brown Bag or not? *Discover Between the Covers* is a book chat via Zoom with Stacey Symanowicz (Huntington Public Library) and Rebecca Mueller (Richmond Free Library). They present new and hidden gems from both libraries on the third Wednesday of each month at 12:00 PM. After the librarians offer selections, participants are welcome to chime in and let everyone know what's on their nightstand or end table. Zoom links are posted on <https://richmondfreelibraryvt.org/collections/book-chats/>. The next session is Wednesday, June 15.

Fiction Book Group: June's book is *Matilda* by Roald Dahl. This Dahl favorite is about an exceptional little girl with extraordinary powers. (The much-loved story was recently made into a musical that was performed by Lyric Theatre last month.) All are welcome to join the monthly discussion at the library;

books are available approximately one month ahead. Contact Gwen Landis, 802-434-5012 or gwenne1972@yahoo.com, for information on participating. Tuesday, June 14, 6:00 PM.

Blood Pressure Monitors: Is it time to take a reading on your blood pressure? The Library has several monitors to loan.

Mystery Book Group: June's book is *The Monogram Murders: A New Hercule Poirot Mystery* by Sophie Hannah. British writer Hannah was authorized by Agatha Christie's estate to write new stories based on Christie's characters. This the first in her series of Hercule Poirot novels. In this mystery set in 1920s London, only the talented Belgian detective and his "little grey cells" can solve a diabolically clever puzzle. All are welcome to join the monthly discussion at the library; books are available approximately one month ahead. Contact Maureen Parent, 802-434-2055 or msparent@gmavt.net, for information on participating. Thursday, June 16, 7:00 PM.

June Art Show: On the walls for May and June you will find the work of watercolor artist Deana Allgaier, a resident of Huntington. She is a self-taught artist by night and a trained chef and registered dietitian by day. She loves to create, whether it is with paint or with food, and is inspired by things she finds and observes in and around her home in Vermont. She has been exploring with different color palettes and lately has been drawn to painting abstract landscapes, still life, and local buildings. You can find more of her work on her website (www.dastudiovt.com) or visit her art studio in the Fuller Building next to the post office in Huntington.

Our weekly children's programs will take a break for the summer months. We will resume Baby Laptime, Storytime, and Playgroup in September. Pick up a copy of our summer flyer to see when there are special summer programs that might be a good fit for your child.

Summer Reading Program: Every summer we join the VT Department of Libraries and libraries across the country in offering reading program materials around a common theme. This year's theme is *Oceans of Possibility* and features the artwork of Sophie Blackall. Registration for the program will begin on Monday, June 13. Kids will learn all the details at school in early June and will go home with a flyer detailing all of the special programs and events happening at the Library this summer. Middle-school-age youth and those who are homeschooled can pick up a flyer at the library in early-June. Below are a few of the first special programs of the summer.

Oceans of Drumming: Everybody Plays a Drum: Master drummer Saragail Benjamin will present "oceanic" stories and we'll make wild rhythms together on our drums. Everyone gets one! No registration is required for this program for all ages on Monday, June 20 at 11:00 AM.

Make Music Day: Join us for some fun music making as we sing and strum together on the library lawn. Bring your own instrument or use one of ours (rhythm sticks, shakers, and more) as we work through a familiar song list. Bring a picnic lunch to enjoy while we make music together. All ages and musical talents are welcome on Tuesday, June 21, 12:00 PM.

VINS Watershed Wilderness: Where does a drop of rain falling in your backyard come from? Where does it go? And who does it meet along the way? Join an environmental educator from the Vermont Institute of Natural Science (VINS) in exploring the ways in which our green mountain landscape and the oceans of the world are intimately connected. We'll trace the raindrop's journey with a watershed model, and meet two live animal ambassadors who depend on this cycle, while learning ways we can help our land and oceans stay healthy. No registration is required for this program on Friday, June 24, 10:30 AM. All ages are welcome.

Very Merry Theater presents *The Further Adventures of Peter Pan*. Vermont's only touring company for actors ages 6-15 will present this original musical. Fun for the whole family on Tuesday, June 28, 12:00 PM on the Library lawn.

Golden Dome Book Award Winner: Vermont students in grades 4-8 have spoken, and their 2021 Golden Dome Book Award winner is *Millionaires for a Month* by Stacy McAnulty. The list of nominees for 2022-2023 is out and we have brand new copies of them all ready to be checked out and enjoyed over the summer.

Contact us at 802-434-3036 (leave a message after hours) or rfl@gmavt.net.

Richmond Free Library, 201 Bridge St., P.O. Box 997, Richmond, VT 05477; 802-434-3036; fax 802-434-3223; www.richmondfreelibraryvt.org.

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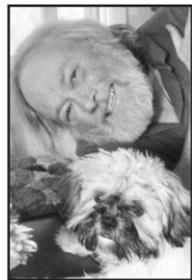
A remembrance gathering for **Michael Patrick McKeown**, 73, of West Bolton, VT, who died on Wednesday, December 22, 2021 will be held on Saturday, June 18, 1:00 – 3:00 PM at 191 Black Fly Hill, West Bolton. Feel free to bring a lawn chair and a memory to share. Mike's obituary can be found at <https://www.corbinandpalmer.com/obituary/Michael-McKeown>.

Margery "Midge" Burchuk,



91, of Jericho, VT passed away peacefully on Tuesday, May 10, 2022 at her home. She was born the daughter of Herbert M. and Ruth Kingsland on December 28, 1930 in Boonton, NJ. Margery is survived by her sister Jane Lund of Rumford, ME; brother Herbert M. Kingsland Jr, and his wife Janet of Port Charlotte, FL; her three children: Nicholas W. Burchuk of Jericho; William T. Burchuk of South Hero, VT; and David Burchuk and his wife JoAnn of Madbury, NH. She is also survived by her two grandchildren: Alec Burchuk and Alicia Burchuk; as well as by nieces and nephews. Margery was predeceased by her husband Nicholas Burchuk; sister Ruthanne Herbig and Henry F Herbig II; and sister Nancy Headden. Margery attended Pratt Institute in New York City for Home Economics and graduated in 1951. While attending Pratt, Margery met her husband Nicholas Burchuk. Upon graduating she worked at a test kitchen in New York for *Better Homes and Gardens* developing recipes for cookbooks. She moved with her husband to Detroit, MI a few years later. Margery then settled in Jericho, VT in 1969, where she resided the rest of her life. She also spent time at her family summer camp on Lake Champlain in South Hero, sharing it with family and friends. She especially enjoyed watching the boats and sunsets while relaxing by the lake! Margery was fond of baking, cooking, and gardening. She also enjoyed freezing and canning her garden's harvest. Margery was well known by friends and family for her yummy homemade desserts including Red Velvet cake, chocolate chip cookies, seasonal pies, and sweet breads. You could usually find cookies in her cookie jar. Midge also canned pickles, tomatoes, dilled beans, relish, and jams. One of her family's favorites was her homemade raspberry jam, made with the harvest from her raspberry patch. Margery also enjoyed traveling and eating out at upscale restaurants. She traveled to Australia, New Zealand, Hawaii, Alaska, and multiple cruises, to name a few. She had

several dogs over the years that kept her company when the rest of the family were in school or working. A memorial service was held on Saturday June 11, 2022 at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Middlebury, VT. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Vermont Heart Association.



Rodney Jay Bruner, 70, of Underhill, VT passed away in his home, of natural causes. He was born to parents Harvey Bruner and Joyce Flanders. Rod graduated from South Burlington (VT) High School in June, 1969. Rod then served in the U.S. Air Force during the Vietnam War era and became a strong supporter of organizations like the Disabled Veterans Foundation. Rod worked as a Department Technician at IBM from around 1980-2001. Before his retirement, Rod worked as the manager of Go-Go Gas in Essex Junction, VT for over ten years. Rod loved his Harley Davidson motorcycle. Some may know him better by his nickname, Dusty, because of his love of taking his bike on dirt roads. Rod spent most of his life in Vermont and built lasting relationships with so many people. He leaves behind countless friends and family that will miss him dearly. There were visiting hours Monday, June 6, 2022 at Corbin and Palmer Funeral Home, Essex Junction. Burial will be private and at the convenience of the family. "My dad was the kindest, most giving, selfless person I've ever known. Dad would do anything for anyone and positively influenced every life he touched. He isn't just my dad, he's my best friend." — Michelle Bruner (daughter) "He'll always be the biggest, baddest man I ever knew." — Nate Bruner (eldest son) "Thanks for all the candy!" — Isla and Sloane Bruner (granddaughters of the Royal Bruner House) "They were out of French cut green beans so I used these instead... it'll be fine." — Amanda Bruner (almost not daughter-in-law) "I'm not only going to miss my role model but my fellow Giants fanatic and good friend. He was a lot of things and I plan on continuing a lot of his traditions. Love you Dad!" — Travis Bruner (youngest son) "Bark, Bark" — Charlie a.k.a. Cha Cha (his beloved dog)

An interment with full Military Honors accorded by the VT Air National Guard will be held for **William A. Donahue** of Bolton, VT on Saturday, June 18, 2022 at 11:00 AM in St. Sylvester Cemetery, Websterville, VT. Arrangements by Elmwood-Meunier Funeral Home, Burlington, VT.

Grace Katherine Riley, 21, of Westford, VT died unexpectedly on Thursday, June 2, 2022 due to accidental fentanyl poisoning. Grace was predeceased by her beloved grandmother Zilda Deering of Bridport, VT, and her sweet cousin, Richard Chaplin



(Jessica Barnier) of Essex, VT. Grace was a beloved daughter, granddaughter, sister, niece, cousin, and friend. She leaves behind her parents Scott and Amy Riley of Westford; her little brother Asa Riley, also of Westford; her brother Christopher Bougor (Sierra); and her nephew Sonny from Aurora, CO. Grace leaves behind two sets of grandparents, Stephen and Doreen Goodrich of Littleton, CO, and David and Betty Riley of Bainbridge, NY; uncle Sean Goodrich (Claire) of Littleton, CO; uncle Bryan Riley and aunt Stacy

Riley of Hinesburg, VT; and many cherished cousins and friends. Grace graduated from BFA Fairfax High School in 2018 and attended CCV with coursework in psychology. It was Grace's goal to complete her degree and become an addiction counselor. Grace was a unique blend of spiffire and kindness. She had an infectious laugh that could be heard from a great distance. Grace loved to play basketball and enjoyed her high school team as well as informal hoops beyond graduation. Grace was an artist who was fond of creating unique abstract portraits. She leaves behind many works of art to cherish. Grace loved fishing with her Daddy and Asa and cuddling up to binge *The Office* with her Mom. Grace enjoyed long boarding on the Burlington (VT) waterfront and singing songs in her car at the top of her lungs. Grace loved all animals, but especially, her golden Trooper and her cat Callie. More than anything else Grace loved to play with her little brother Asa, and always had time for him. In honoring Grace's wishes, we will forgo a formal funeral and have an informal gathering to celebrate her life. The gathering will be held on Thursday, August 4 at The St. John's Club in Burlington, VT. People are welcome to stop in any time between 5:00 – 8:00 PM to celebrate our sweet Gracie. Grace will be forever missed, every second of every day. Arrangements are under the direction of the Conroy-Tully Walker Funeral Home of Portland. To view Grace's memorial page, or to share an online condolence, please visit www.ConroyTullyWaker.com. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in Grace's name to Jenna's House, 117 St. Johns Rd., Johnson, VT 05656.

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- July 10: Rebecca Padula and Ukelele Clare
- July 17: Mango Jam
- July 24: Atom and the Orbits
- July 31: Shellhouse
- August 7: Rockin' Round Table
- August 14: McCaffrey, Coane, and Rowell
- August 21: Emma Cook

For more information: 802-363-0930.

Bella Voce Women's Chorus auditions! Bella Voce is pleased to announce that we are holding auditions for Sopranos and Altos throughout the month of June for our next concert season. Bella Voce is Vermont's premiere women's choral group of auditioned singers based in Northwestern Vermont (Burlington-Essex Junction). We perform under the leadership of Artistic Director and Conductor Dr. Dawn Willis, performing local live concerts twice per season, and occasionally touring internationally. The group has produced over seven nationally-distributed recordings. If you are interested in joining this dynamic group of women singers, please email Dawn Willis at director@bellavocevt.org to make an appointment. More details about auditioning for Bella Voce can be found on our website <http://www.bellavocevt.org>.

A retrospective of the work of Jericho artist Marcia Rosberg (1936-2021) is currently showing at the Jericho Town Hall. Marcia considered herself a self-taught artist with a lifetime of drawing and painting experience. But she also expanded her skills with classes from UVM and participated in the Vermont Studio Center in Johnson. She exhibited extensively throughout Vermont and received a number of awards. Marcia often participated in the Town Hall art shows and we were glad when her family agreed to a showing of her work that spanned her career. Pieces are representative of her early years and up to the present. The show will be up through Sunday, June 26.

Art in the Park: A small group of Underhill and Jericho residents has been incubating the idea of art in the parks, specifically Mills Riverside Park and the Jericho Center Green. The idea is to create some sculptures reflective of the history of out towns and that will also enhance the park experience. The group would welcome participation from the community in joining the group or by donations. An application has been submitted to the Vermont Arts Council and is in the final stages of acceptance. There will be a need for more resources and input from the community. Please contact Kirk Peterson, kirkmakespizza@gmail.com or 802-338-6520, for details of the next meeting.

Tuesday, June 21 is international Make Music Day! Vermont musicians are invited to make it happen across Vermont! Join music makers in 1000 cities and 120+ countries who come out and play, celebrating music in their communities all over the world. It started in France 40 years ago and Vermont is the first statewide participant in this totally inclusive festival that everyone can be a part of. Every style of music is welcome in every kind of place, from front porches to Main Street sidewalks, library steps to parks, and anywhere that people can share and enjoy music with each other. For more information and to put yourself on the festival map, visit <http://www.bigheavyworld.com/makemusictv>. Vermont Make Music Day is coordinated by Big Heavy World and made possible by our community partners Front Porch Forum, Vermont Public Radio, and our national presenting sponsor, the NAMM Foundation. Questions? Problems registering? Contact David, dafschein@bigheavyworld.com or 716-640-4639.

Call to Artists: 2022 Jeffersonville Art Jam: The Cambridge Arts Council will be hosting the Jeffersonville Art Jam again this year. The Art Jam is a collaboration between the Visions of

Vermont Galleries, the Northern Vermont Artists Association, the Bryan Memorial Gallery, and the Cambridge Arts Council. The Cambridge Arts Council will have booth space available for up to 25 vendors on Saturday, June 25 (rain date, June 26) and Saturday, July 2 (rain date, July 3). We may have extra dates available if the weather cooperates. The booth space is 10'x10', you bring your own canopy and tables. The festival runs along the south side of Main Street in Jeffersonville.

To register, please reply to cambridgeartsvt@gmail.com to let us know if you want to participate on June 25, July 2, or both. To reserve your space, send your \$25 per day registration fee to Cambridge Arts Council, P.O. Box 436, Cambridge, VT 05444. Hours are 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM (set-up time 8:00 AM – 11:00 AM). Feel free to send a photo or two of your new work for promotion on our social media sites, especially if you have not participated in our events before. Check out last year's festivities, this year's sign-ups, and share with your friends at <http://www.facebook.com/cambridgeartscouncilvt>.

Arts in Jeffersonville: Bryan Memorial Gallery (current hours: Thursday-Sunday, 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM). Now showing through Sunday, November 6: *Legacy Collection*, an invitational season-long exhibition consisting of sixteen contemporary New England landscape artists. Through Sunday, June 19: *Tell Us a Story*, in which each participating artist creates a visual story through three pieces of artwork. Through Sunday, June 19: *Selected works of Alden and Mary Bryan*.

Jazz trumpeter Ray Vega and his QuARTet will perform at the First Congregational Church of Essex Junction (FCCEJ) on Sunday, July 10 at 7:00 PM. The Ray Vega QuARTet delights audiences with a variety of jazz styles. Ray Vega has established himself as one of the innovators of the international Jazz and Latin music scenes. A multi-talented trumpeter, percussionist, composer, and arranger, he presents Jazz from a refreshingly original and contemporary perspective. The performance is part of the Community Concerts at First music series celebrating artists from Vermont and New England. Suggested donation of \$20 per adult (children under 18 free). Concert proceeds support FCCEJ community outreach and Dismas House. Space is limited. Reservations can be made in advance or donation at the door (cash, check or credit card). FCCEJ is located at 39 Main St., Essex Junction. For more information: <https://www.fccej.org/v5/community-concert-july-2022/>.

Visions of Vermont Fine Art Galleries (current hours: Wednesday-Sunday, 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM). Now showing through Sunday, November 6 at the Carriage Barn: Work by Eric Tobin and other local and regional plein air painters.

Jeffersonville Art Jam: Saturday, June 25 (rain date June 26) and July 4th weekend, 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM. Village-wide celebration of art and community, with artists' booths, vintiles, and bands (*Crickets Blue*; Jenni Johnson and *the Junketeers*) at various locations. Cambridge Area Rotary sponsors a parade, booths, games and children's events on Monday July 4. Two Sisters Mill & Mercantile is also having events in conjunction with the Jeffersonville Art Jam: June 25 Crafter Demos; July 2 Fashion Show; and a July 3 "Wool Chat." All galleries and outdoor events are free (though, donations accepted), and open to the public.

Milton Artists Guild has a variety of upcoming workshops! Origami: Intuitive Painting: Saturday, July 9, 9:00 – 11:30 AM; Introduction to Abstract Painting: Saturday, July 23, 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM; Clay Whistles: Sunday, July 24, 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM; Introduction to Still Life Painting: Saturday, July 30, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM; Introduction to drawing with charcoal and chalk: Sunday, July 31, 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM; Cartoons, caricatures,

and book illustrations: Sunday, August 14, 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM; Introduction to Acrylic Painting: Sunday, September 18 and 25, 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM. To sign up for a workshop, go online to <https://www.miltonartistsguildstore.com/workshops>.

Burlington City Arts: BCA's exhibitions are open Wednesdays-Fridays and Sundays 12:00 – 5:00 PM, and Saturdays 12:00 – 8:00 PM. On exhibit from Wednesday, June 22-Saturday, October 8, *More Than an Object: The Contemporary Still Life* on the first floor, and *Sky Hopinka: Fainting Spells* on the second floor. *More Than an Object* presents the creative possibilities, vitality, and inventiveness of the still life tradition through a multiplicity of innovative approaches and media, featuring artists Susan Abbott, Christina Erives, Oona Gardner, Ori Gersht, Libby Paloma, Mike Pelletier, William Ransom, Zachary P. Stephens, and Christopher T. Terry. Multimedia artist *Sky Hopinka* explores themes of culture and homeland as he reflects on colonialism and Indigenous identity in two dreamlike films: *When you're lost in the rain* and *Fainting Spells*.

BCA's Family Art Saturday on June 25 at the BCA Center offers a free make-and-take art activity that connects with the *More than an Object: The Contemporary Still Life* exhibition. Create your own artwork using an arrangement of everyday objects and direct observation inspired by the paintings of featured artists Susan Abbott and Christopher Terry, who use the form of classical still life to skillfully render and observe objects, light, and shadow. Free and open to the public.

Wednesdays and Fridays at 12:30 PM, City Hall Park will host Summer Concerts, a long-running series that brings 24 free lunchtime concerts, with a broad lineup of locally-renowned acts to the park all summer long. Wednesday, June 15: *Bear's Tapestry*; Friday, June 17: *Alex Stewart Quintet*; Wednesday, June 22: Young Tradition VT's *Scottish Fish*; Friday, June 24: *Twl'n Speak*; Wednesday, June 29: *Phil Henry Trio*.

Thursdays at dusk: Flicks in the Park — grab some friends, some popcorn, and a picnic blanket and take in a movie under the stars. On the schedule June 16: *Moonrise Kingdom*; June 30: *In the Heights*. Both showings begin at 8:30 PM.

Quarry Project Immersive Dance Performance: The Quarry Project is getting closer to showtime! This one-of-a-kind dance/theater performance is being held on the water in one of the oldest, deepest granite quarries in the world, located in Websterville, VT. This is a truly unique event that's happening this summer only, outdoors, in the natural setting of the Wells Lamson Quarry. It's a very exciting time and we are hoping that you can be a part of making it happen. We are looking for volunteers! The performances are August 5-21 (no Mondays or Thursdays). Shifts will last for 2½-3 hours. Volunteer duties will include parking attendants, ushering, processing tickets, and backstage support. Volunteers should be comfortable working outdoors, on uneven ground, near water, and be 18 years old. The one-time 90-minute training sessions will take place Monday-Wednesday, July 18, 19, and 20, in the quarry.

We are also looking for a small crew of construction volunteers for weekends in June. If you know how to use a screw gun and cut dimensional lumber, this job is for you.

As a thank you for our volunteers, you will get a free seat at one of the dress rehearsals on Monday-Wednesday, July 25, 26 or 27, and a copy of the Quarry Project book, a photographic keepsake from this extraordinary performance.

To tell us that you are interested in volunteering for this amazing event, please fill out the following form: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeD9PwYpp1_scV3rogHp7SogfqDlDTwnBvX8Lh77FduLv-LOW/viewform. For more information visit The Quarry Project website at <https://thequarryproject2022.com/>.

SUMMER CAMP INFORMATION

YMCA Summer Day Camp in Underhill: The YMCA's Camp Koda returns to Underhill this summer, at a time when kids need a safe and stimulating environment during the summer more than ever.

Camp Koda offers seven one-week sessions for children who have completed kindergarten through age 12. Parents have three-day or five-day options and, as a licensed program, eligible families can use state subsidy for this camp. Y financial assistance may also be available. Learn more and register at <https://www.gbymca.org/summer-camps/camp-koda>.

Each week has a different theme, so campers who come for multiple weeks remain engaged and having fun. In addition to fun, fun, fun, kids develop skills, gain confidence, and build positive relationships with peers and adults.

Y staff create opportunities for your child by providing creative, age-appropriate, and safe activities that promote social, physical, intellectual, and emotional growth — all through recreational play and hands-on activities.

Learn more and register at <https://www.gbymca.org/summer-camps/camp-koda>.

Westford Recreation summer program sign up is open! View the Westford Recreation Summer Guide and registration form online at <https://westfordvt.us/recreation/>. For information on the programs, contact Westford Recreation at recreation@westfordvt.us. The summer programs are all at Westford School, unless otherwise noted:

- Yogalates with Erin Menut: Wednesdays, 8:30 – 9:30 AM, through June 29 at the Red Brick Meeting House (four sessions for \$40, or \$12 drop in)

- Parent & Me Soccer (for toddlers through children entering Kindergarten), Wednesdays, 9:30 – 10:30 AM, June 21-August 17 (nine sessions for \$25)

- K-1st grade Soccer: dates/times TBD ***Coaches needed! Please email us if interested!*** (\$20)

- 2nd-4th grade Soccer: Thursdays, 5:30 – 6:30 PM and Saturdays, 8:30 – 9:30 AM (\$20)

- 5th-8th grade Pick-Up Soccer: dates/times TBD ***Parent Volunteer needed! Please email us if interested!*** (\$20)

- Ages 16+ Pick Up Soccer: dates/times TBD ***Volunteer needed! Please email us if interested!*** (\$20)

- Parent & Me T-Ball (ages 3-6): Saturdays, 9:00 – 10:00 AM (\$25 for nine sessions)

- Summer Conditioning Program (grade 5 through adult): Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, 6:00 – 7:00 AM, June 20-August 18 (\$20)

- Wildcat Walkabout: Teens who want to enjoy an adventure once a week during the summer. This may be biking a trail, swimming in a nature park, or hiking the Westford trails. For those interested, contact Lori at hockeygirl13d@gmail.com.

- More information coming soon for these emerging programs (email if interested!): Adult Pick-Up Volleyball, Basketball, and Volleyball (\$20)

- Summer Paint & Sip Series: Fridays, 6:00 – 8:00 PM at the Red Brick Meeting House (\$20 each session)

Cambridge CC Buck Lake Camp; scholarships may still be available. Are you looking for something for your child to do this summer? Do they love the outdoors? The Cambridge Conservation Commission (CCC) would like to help send your child to the VT Fish and Wildlife's Green Mountain Conservation Camp at Buck Lake.

Camp runs in one-week sessions in June, July, and August for boys and girls, ages 12-14. Please send an email to Conservation Commission Member Tim Larned, timlarned@myfairpoint.net, stating why you would like to go and what you love about the outdoors, to be considered for this scholarship. The amount of the scholarship will be determined by the number of applicants. Scholarships will be awarded until funds are depleted. Camp spots fill fast so please respond ASAP.

Campers will meet game wardens, foresters, fisheries and wildlife biologists, and others who work in the outdoors. Some of the fun activities that take place include learning

about forestry, wetland ecology, orienteering, outdoor safety skills, fly fishing and spin casting, fly tying, archery, hiking and camping, canoeing, swimming, firearm safety, and much more... Opportunities for new friendships abound! Campers will receive both their State Hunter Education and Bow Hunter Certifications at the completion of the week.

For more information about the camp and specific dates, go to www.vtfishandwildlife.com.

Clay and Papermaking Camp — Come enjoy a week of clay, art, nature, and more at Bolton Valley's Slopeside Studio. The Clay and Papermaking Camp will be held Monday-Friday, June 13-17, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM.

Campers ages 7-13 will learn basic and intermediate pottery wheel skills. The week will start with papermaking and sculpture. They will enjoy nature hikes and outdoor art-making including painting, field sketching, and tie-dye. Each camper will make a set of colorful polymer beads. The cost is \$380, which includes all art supplies and kiln firing.

For more information, contact karakware00@gmail.com.

New horseback riding camps in Underhill: Impulsion Riding School, previously Synchrony Dressage Riding School, is moving from Freedom Farm in Jericho to Poker Hill Road in Underhill! We offer beginner through advanced lessons, camps, and horsemanship/show teams!

There are single-day camps for kids ages 5-6, and multiple day camps for ages 7-12. All camps run 9:30 AM - 2:30 PM, and are limited to eight kids per day. Camp dates: Monday, June 13; Monday-Thursday, June 20-23; Monday, August 8; Tuesday-Friday, August 9-12.

For more information about the camps: <https://www.facebook.com/110786301545451/posts/123045810319500/?d=n>.

Vermont Youth Dancers has openings in summer dance camp programs: *The Shoemakers and the Elves* (ages 4-6) will run Monday-Friday, June 20-24, 1:00 – 5:00 PM; and *A Cricket In Time Square* (ages 6-9) will run Monday-Friday, July 11-15, 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM; both at Synergy Center for Dance & Performing Arts, Jericho. These camps include different dance styles, acting games, storytelling, a craft, and lots of fun! They end in a Vermont Youth Dancers-style performance that tells the story through dance to current music. For more information and registration, contact vermontyouthdancers@gmail.com. More information about Vermont Youth Dancers at vermontyouthdancers.org.

The Magic of TDI: TDI Summer Camp is a one- to two-week summer program, in person once again at Northern Vermont University in Johnson, from Sunday-Saturday, June 19-25 and/or Sunday-Saturday, June 26-July 2, 2022.

TDI, which is offered by the Green Mountain Center for Gifted Education, combines the relaxed atmosphere of a summer camp with academic and creative opportunities for advanced and gifted students entering grades 4-10. Students have fun with peers while exploring a wide variety of topics including Writing and Laughing, Case of the Green Ping Pong Ball, Model Roman Senate, Simulating Chaos, Clowning Around, Gravity-Powered Catapults, and Starting a Business. There are overnight and commuter options. Visit <https://www.tdivermont.org/> for our website, and info@tdivermont.org to contact a TDI director.

If you have any questions about the program please don't hesitate to contact the above email or muffin615@gmail.com.

Westford Rec is offering summer programs, including: Archery Mondays, June 20 and 27, 4:30 – 5:30 PM at the Westford School (limited slots available), \$50; Parent and Me T-Ball for ages 3-6 on Saturdays, June 25-August 20, 9:00 – 10:00 AM at the Westford School, \$25. Sign up for all Westford Rec programs at <https://westford.us/recreation>; for more information or to volunteer, contact recreation@westfordvt.us.

MMCTV TV Camp June 27-July 1 — There are still spaces for middle schoolers, 10-15 years old, to sign up for a week of filmmaking learning and fun with Mount Mansfield Community TV (MMCTV), scheduled for Monday-Friday, June 27-July 1, 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM. This year, we'll be focusing on making a

scene from *Star Wars* (the 1977 film) as a part of Crowdsourced Cinema VT. It's a great chance to learn about filming and editing, while having fun! The camp will be held at the MMCTV studio in the Richmond Town Center. Cost: \$130 for Jericho/Underhill/Richmond residents. Find out more and register online at <https://forms.gle/yVthrX7nxytcbhAJA>. Details and registration are online at our website www.MtMansfieldCtv.org. Space is limited.

Summer Camp at Green River Reservoir! Interested in the outdoors? Want to learn new skills, build meaningful relationships, learn, and detox from digital overload? Join *Water Wanderings* for summer 2022 camps. On the first day, we pack up our canoes with gear and food and head out to our home for the week, a remote campsite with no electricity, running water, or buildings. We set up tents, tarps, and a cooking area, which becomes our home for the week. Each day, explore the stunning beauty of the Green River Reservoir State Park, and learn about fire building, knot tying, canoeing, swimming, ecology, environmental justice, and equity. With only 12 people per session, including counselors, we form a tight knit group and have many adventures together.

Water Wanderings is more than doubling our size this summer by offering one camp for 13-15 year olds Monday-Friday, July 11-15; a family camp for people of all ages Saturday-Tuesday, July 16-19; and two camps for young people ages 9-12 Monday-Friday, July 25-29 and August 1-5.

Our scholarships for Black, indigenous, and campers of color, and inclusive sliding scale, ensure cost is not a barrier for low-income families. The parent of one of last summer's campers wrote, "I appreciate that this camp offers kids a place to explore nature and topics such as diversity and inclusion, as well as valuable life skills like fire building, cooking, and outdoor survival. This is all done with the guidance of the amazing counselors!"

Find out more and register at <http://waterwanderings.org> or reach out to us directly at waterwanderings@gmail.com or 802-730-9667. Spaces are limited. Secure your spot!

Musical Theater Camp for Kids at Poker Hill Arts — Two wonderful teachers will be hosting a one-week musical theater day camp at Poker Hill Arts, Poker Hill Rd., Underhill, Monday-Friday, July 18-22. The camp, which will run 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM, is for children entering second grade or exiting fifth grade at the end of the current school year. There are just a few more spaces open. Read more online at <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1McOkftOITmT0D7ZFjMcJMLw-xKUdleJ8IpnQRgYoXJE/edit> or email Dana, dthomas0712@gmail.com.

Lamoille Natural Resource Conservation Summer Camp: Registration is now! At the camp located on Cole Hill Road in Morrisville, kids will spend the days learning through hands-on exploration at our 40 acres forest reserve. Camp groups are capped at 10-12 kids and run from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM. The cost per camper \$225 for LCCD members and \$275 for non-members; scholarships are available. This year we are offering:

- Layers of Life (5-8 year olds, July 11-14);
- Guardians of the Watershed (8-12 year olds, July 18-22); and
- Wild Art, a collaborative camp with River Arts (8-12 year olds, July 25-29).

For more information and to register, go online to <https://lcnrcd.com/summer-camps/>.

Burlington City Arts will offer a summer camp, and registration is now open for their half- or full-day camps and aftercare; full and partial scholarships are available. For more information, see BCA's digital summer camp catalog at <https://www.burlingtoncityarts.org/adult-youth-and-family-classes>.

Green Mountain Conservation Camp Sponsorships: GMCC, operated by VT Fish & Wildlife since 1966, is open to any child 12-14 years old with an interest in the natural world and joining a welcoming community. Financial aid is available to cover full cost. To learn more, contact 802-522-2925 or FWGMCC@vermont.gov, or go online to <https://vtfishandwildlife.com/node/244>.

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for more information or email

mtngazette@gmavt.net.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Jericho Development Review Board will hold a public hearing at 7:00 pm on WEDNESDAY July 13, 2022 at the Jericho Town Hall to consider the following.

- A request to the DRB by C&M Custom Homes review for a 9 unit PUD. This property is located at 177 Browns Trace which is in the Low-Density Residential Zoning District.

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

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SCHOOL NEWS

New after school music program in Underhill next fall

There is a huge need for more after school programming in VT (and indeed the whole nation). A new after school music program will start up for the 2022-23 school year for students in grades K-4: the Underhill Community Music Studio, which will be at Poker Hill Arts.

Dan DiFranco (of Underhill) will open an after school music program in the fall at Poker Hill Arts. Dan has 12 years of experience with after school programming in Vermont.

He will also be teaching private piano and guitar lessons afternoons and weekends at Poker Hill Arts, beginning Monday, June 27.

The Underhill Community Music Studio (UCMS) After School Music Program will be open in the fall on Wednesdays and Thursdays; and if there is enough demand, Dan will add Fridays. His program will have a similar schedule to Poker Hill Arts, with children able to take the bus to Poker Hill Arts and stay as late as 5:30 PM.

For more information and to sign up, please contact Dan at timbolandusa@gmail.com.

CTE Preschool registration is open

The Center for Technology Essex (CTE) Preschool registration is now open for the 2022-23 school year, for children ages 3-5 years old.

The CTE Preschool is a state-licensed, Reggio Emilia-inspired preschool with small class size and outdoor explore time daily. This philosophy from Italy encourages children to explore and investigate many of their interests by providing an environment rich in materials.

We also provide a focus on early math and literacy. Children take part in free explore time, circle/story, art activities, snack/lunch, and gross motor/outside time, each class.

Classes run Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from October-May, 10:00 AM – 1:30 PM. The monthly cost depends on the number of days attended per week: one day, \$40; two days, \$80; three days, \$120. Scholarships available.

For more information contact Melissa, mbrott@ewsd.org, or visit <http://www.ewsd.org/domain/1692>.

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Free June weekend program for high school sophomores

The Cambridge Area Rotary will be sponsoring two students to attend the Rotary Youth Leadership Academy (RYLA), which will be held at the Lyndon campus of Northern Vermont University, Friday-Sunday, June 24-26. Students currently enrolled in their high school sophomore year are eligible.

The RYLA is a nationally recognized honor that focuses on developing leadership skills, communication abilities, and team-building tools. This unique opportunity brings young people from VT, NH, and Québec together to share, evolve, and learn to be more effective and self-confident leaders in their schools, teams, communities, and other facets of everyday life. Over these two and a half days, participants can expect to learn by experience and actions, learn about personality traits and how to bring out everyone's talents, learn about their own traits and talents, and they have fun while doing this! The weekend will include a service project where participants will personally make a difference for someone that they do not know.

Please share this information with any high school sophomores that you know. Applications are due soon! We want to support local students.

The application can be found on the Cambridge Area Rotary Facebook page, <http://facebook.com/CambridgeAreaRotaryVT>. Alternately, contact rachaelvw@gmail.com for a link to the application.

For more information on RYLA from a student perspective: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oGEF5ludjX0>.

Saxon Hill School preschool openings

Saxon Hill School has openings for the 2022-2023 school year in the three-day Green Class that meets Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, 8:30 AM – 12:00 PM. More information can be found online at <https://saxonhillschool.org/our-programs.html>.

Saxon Hill School is a family-run, cooperative preschool that combines the Reggio Emilia approach, expert teachers, and active family participation to honor the natural curiosity of our children. Located in Jericho, we serve children from ages 3-6 from Chittenden and surrounding counties. Act 166 approved, 5 STAR, and NAEYC accredited.

For more information: <http://www.saxonhillschool.org/> or email secretary@saxonhillschool.org.

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SENIOR NEWS

VT Labor Council, VT Green Football Club in partnership

Vermont Green Football Club (VGFC) is a new men's soccer club kicking off its inaugural season this summer. VGFC will compete in United Soccer Leagues (USL) League Two and play their home matches at the University of Vermont's Virtue Field.

VGFC is embarking on an ambitious mission to build a club that embeds environmental justice

in its competitive strategy, operational processes, and culture. The Club believes soccer can be a powerful catalyst for a more environmentally sustainable and socially just world.

Fundamental to environmental justice are social and economic justice, of which the labor movement has long been a leader. VGFC sits just under the professional leagues USL Championship and USL League One. The players for VGFC are predominantly top-end college players who have aspirations of making the jump to the professional ranks. VGFC aims to provide an experience that prepares these players for life as professional players, which includes understanding their value and rights as a professional player.

In recognition of VGFC's mission, the Vermont State Labor Council, AFL-CIO is partnering with the Club to support each other's work in the community. This partnership affirms the relationship between athletes and owners as one in the same with the worker and bosses.

To kick-off this first-ever in the world of sports teams partnerships, there will be a Labor Night to celebrate the solidarity between athletes and workers, as well solidarity with all living beings on our shared planet.

Labor Night will take place on Wednesday, July 13, at 6:00 PM at the UVM Virtue Field.

The benefits of being a union member extend beyond the workplace. We are proud to announce our partnership with Vermont Green Football Club in offering a 10% discount on tickets for all VT AFL-CIO affiliated union members. Tickets may be purchased online (<https://vermontgreenfc.com/>). Use promo code AFLCIO2022 to get 10% off. Join us in solidarity and soccer!

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