



Copley Accountant Jared Gilbert (right) has been named Team Hero. He is pictured here with Gilbert are Controller Angela Lamell and Interim CEO Jeff White. PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Copley Hospital golf outing nets \$16,500

Mother Nature could not have been kinder to the 17 teams that participated in the 32nd Annual Scramble Golf Tournament at Stowe Country Club. Overall, the event raised \$16,500 for Copley's Charitable Care Program, a program that helps patients receive care regardless of ability to pay. "It was a great feeling to see so many people understand how important Copley is to our community, and how much their support is needed," states Dean Mudgett, Copley's Director of Development and Community Relations.

The Scramble would not be possible without the generous support of Copley's sponsors. This year's leading sponsors included: NFP, Vermont Federal Credit Union, Community National Bank, MVP Health Care, and Union Bank. Businesses and individuals participating in the event as "hole sponsors" were Apogee Physicians, Benoit Electric, Berry Dunn, Coca Cola, C.P.S.I., Merna DeCoveny, Downs Rachlin Martin PLLC, Freeman French Freeman Inc., Hickok & Boardman Retirement Solutions, The Alchemist, and Thomas Marhevko. Cellars at Jasper Hill, Donald P. Blake, Inc., and Steel Construction provided silver sponsor support, and Lamoille Valley Chevrolet continued their long-time support as the Hole-in-One sponsor.

In addition to sponsors, Mudgett extends gratitude to the Charlmont Restaurant, Shaw's General Store, Stowe Country Club, The Whip Bar and Grill, Trapp Family Lodge, and Vail Resorts EpicPromise for their generous donations of team and individual prizes.

Team prizes for gross and net were awarded during the post tournament luncheon. Those teams awarded:

First, Second and Third Place Gross Scoring Teams:

- 1st Place with a score of 61: Renaye and Ben Novogroski, Scott Keyes, and Dom Foti
- 2nd Place with a score of 61: Bill Hunt, Chris Altadonna, Walter Frame, and Guy Fortin
- 3rd Place with a score of 64: Mark Antell, Nick Antell, MD, Andrew Antell, and Ethan Hutchins

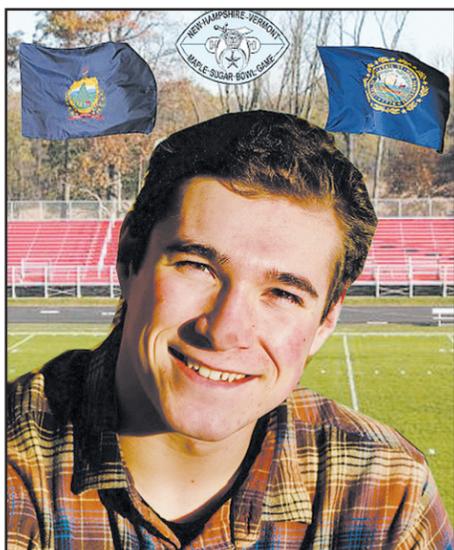
First, Second, Third, and Fourth Place Net Scoring Teams (adjusted handicap):

- 1st Place with a score of 55: Hal Stevens, Jim Hodge, Michael Sweatman, and Sebastian Sweatman
- 2nd Place with a score of 57: Lynn Altadonna, Mary Skelton, Gordon Decker, and George Gunn
- 3rd Place with a score of 61: Jim and Pat Mogan and David Coddaira, MD, and Mary Jean Coddaira
- 4th Place with a score of 61: Michele Pressman, Debbie Levy, Judith Wine, and Steven Levine, MD

Six golfers gathered post tournament to determine the winner of the putting contest. Judith Wine of Stowe, this year's Putting Contest winner, went home with a certificate for an overnight stay and breakfast at Trapp Family Lodge.

Mudgett extends gratitude to the team at Stowe Country Club including Head Pro Daniel Ruane, Josh Nicholls, and Susan Horton, as well as the Food and Beverage team led by Summer Nelson. "It was a pleasure working with such a dedicated and well-organized team of professionals. All their hard work made for an exceptional day for our golfers. We always have a wonderful time thanks to the team at the club."

David William Seymour joins MMU's Maple Sugar Bowl team



"The honor of being invited to join the Vermont team for the 66th Shrine Maple Sugar Bowl Game came as a huge shock. This surprise was replaced by over-the-top excitement at being able to play football one more time with some of my MMU brothers, former coaches and alongside some of Vermont's most talented athletes," says David William Seymour of Huntington. "I was born in Vermont, grew up in New Hampshire and spent the last two years at Mount Mansfield Union High School. The MMU football family was such an important part of my high school experience. I am grateful for the memories I will gain by playing in this historic game that connects players and coaches between Vermont and New Hampshire. Having completed my high school career at MMU, I will be attending the Community College of Vermont Allied Health Care Program. While attending classes I will be working at the UVM Medical Center gaining experience in all aspects of health care. I hope to work toward a career that compliments my love of sports, athletics, and fitness and which helps people in their pursuit of the same." David - player #56 - will be replacing Vermont player #68 Jacob Grenier as a tackle. PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

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Mount Mansfield Villages (MMV) is a non-profit, membership organization for the residents of Cambridge, Underhill, and Jericho. Based on the national organization called the Village to Village Network, each "village" is comprised of members who join for an annual fee and are able to request services provided by volunteers of the organization. If you live in Cambridge, Underhill, or Jericho and are over age 50, you can become a member by visiting our website (www.mountmansfieldvillages.org) and filling out an application, emailing us at mountmansfieldvillages@gmail.com, or calling us at 802-858-5381 (leave a message and someone will call you back). The annual fee is modest and we have assistance for those who financially qualify. Pictured is the MMV Board of Directors, from left: Steve Webster (Underhill), Nori Geary (Underhill), Howie McRae (Underhill), Nancy McRae (Underhill), Lonni Rodgers (Underhill), Betsy Harper (Cambridge), Dan Waterman (Jericho), Jeanne Hutchins (Cambridge). PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Mount Mansfield Villages update

By Betsy Harper, sparksharper@gmail.com

What do you do when you reach a stage in your life where you are still active but some of the everyday tasks become more difficult to safely manage, or you lose your ability to safely drive and yet you want to remain in your home and in your community? That's a question that was often a topic of discussion at the Pleasant Valley Book Group, which was formed thirty years ago by a group of women living in the Cambridge and Underhill area of Pleasant Valley.

Several of the members took this question to the next level and helped start Mount Mansfield Villages (MMV), a non-profit, membership organization for the residents of Cambridge, Underhill, and Jericho. Based on the national organization called the Village to Village Network, each "village" is comprised of members who join for an annual fee and are able to request services provided by volunteers of the organization.

Services range from rides to appointments, the grocery store, or other locations, to small home repairs, friendly visits, daily phone checks, and technology assistance, to name a few. A list of recommended service providers (plumbers, electricians, carpenters, etc.) is available for members to hire. Social and educational events are also offered.

Why is this needed? We are getting older! By 2030, if current trends continue, almost 27% of Vermont's population will be age 65 or older (compared to about 18% in 2017). This will create even more need for support and services for our aging neighbors.

In addition, we are becoming increasingly isolated. We have less family support. More people live alone and sometimes far from a town center. Often, the privacy that we cherish can turn into loneliness. There are few options for housing that enable older adults to stay in their communities.

Mount Mansfield Villages started providing services to its members on June 1, 2019.

We have over 25 volunteers who have completed an orientation, training, and background checks, and we have a growing list of recommended service providers. Our Board of Directors is working hard to provide opportunities for our neighbors to remain active, socially connected, and independent in their homes and communities

News from the Clutter Barn

The 2019 season for the United Church of Underhill Clutter Barn has moved quickly along and we are now planning for the final Tag Sale prior to the Old Fashioned Harvest Market. Mark your calendars for Saturday, August 31, 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM, and come on in to see what treasures are among the many tables, shelves, and racks just waiting to be moved to a new home!

The Clutter Barn is continuing to accept donations of gently used household items on Saturdays, August 17 and 24 and September 7 and 14, in an attempt to offer "new" merchandise at the Saturday, August 31 sale and at the Harvest Market (Saturday-Sunday, September 28-29) when we will be open all weekend. In order to

for as long as possible.

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Don't need services yet? Become a volunteer, donor/sponsor, or service provider to help sustain the organization. As one member of the book group said, "I'm going to volunteer now because I want to know that Mount Mansfield Villages will be there for me and my husband in the future, should we need it."

We have two upcoming events that are free and open to the public:

- HomeFit Presentation, Wednesday, August 21, 6:00 - 8:00 PM, at the Underhill Town Hall. "The AARP HomeFit Guide was created to help people stay in the homes they love by turning where they live into a "lifelong home," suitable for themselves and anyone in their household. The guide offers solutions that range from simple do-it-yourself fixes to improvements that are more involved and require skilled expertise, but are well worth the expense" (from <https://www.aarp.org/livable-communities/info-2014/aarp-home-fit-guide-aging-inplace.html>). Please join us to learn how you can make your home more safe and efficient.

- "End of Life Doula" Presentation, Thursday, September 12, 6:00 - 8:00 PM, at the Varnum Library, Jeffersonville. "End of Life Doulas strive to make the dying process as peace-filled and beautiful as possible. We get to know the dying person and their family, provide an environment that honors their wishes and fulfills their end of life needs, and can make the last days and hours comfortable, peaceful, and richly meaningful" (from <https://endoflifedoulasvt.com>). Please bring any questions you have about services that are available from the End of Life Doula program.

For more information about Mount Mansfield Villages:

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Beginning on September first the Mountain Gazette's new email address will be bboutin@gmavt.net

prepare for the Market, we will be closed on Saturday, September 21. We are now accepting fall and winter clothing; please, no more summer clothing!

Our hearts are full of thanks for the support we continue to receive from the immediate community - and beyond. With your help, we are able to offer useful items for sale at very reasonable prices and to reach out to various charities and folks in need during the season. In addition, our financial contribution to the United Church of Underhill helps to make our many in house and outreach programs possible.

For more information, go to unitedchurchofunderhill/serve/clutter-barn/.

NEWS

State seeks views on funding available for clean water projects

As Vermont prepares to significantly increase the funds available for clean water projects, the state's Clean Water Board is reaching out to Vermonters, asking them to weigh in on the best way to allocate funds. Public input will help the Board make its budget recommendation, representing approximately \$33 million of the \$50 million anticipated to be available for water quality projects in State Fiscal Year 2021. Clean water funding supports municipalities, farmers, and others implementing priority projects to improve water quality in Vermont's lakes, rivers, and wetlands.

"We want to hear directly from Vermonters on how they think these funds should be invested," said Julie Moore, Agency of Natural Resources Secretary. "We've identified four priority areas for clean water projects: stormwater runoff from developed lands including parking lots and roads, agricultural conservation practices, natural resources restoration, and wastewater treatment infrastructure. We are asking the public to provide feedback on how much money should be directed toward each area. This feedback will allow us to better consider Vermonters' priorities in making decisions about how to allocate funds."

The Clean Water Board is accepting comments through Friday, September 6, 2019. The easiest way to provide feedback is via the Board's eight-question online questionnaire, at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CWFSFY21>. Vermonters are also invited to participate in the Clean Water Budget Public Hearing. Attendees will learn more about clean water funding as well as the budget process, and provide comments on the Board's draft State's Fiscal Year 2021 clean water budget. The meeting will be held on Thursday, August 22 at 10:00 AM, in the Winooski Room, National Life Building, Montpelier, and online via Skype (<https://meet.lync.com/vermontgov-vermont/emily.bird/23FYLBLD>). To attend in person, please RSVP by email: anr.cleanwatervt@vermont.gov, with "Clean Water Fund Public Hearing RSVP" in the Subject line.

The Clean Water Board recommends annual clean water budget allocations, totaling \$32.9 million for State Fiscal Year 2021. Vermont's clean water funding comprises Capital Funds and the Clean Water Fund, with revenue from the Meals and Rooms Tax allocation, Property Transfer Tax Surcharge, and unclaimed bottle deposits. The Board consists of five state agency secretaries: Administration; Agriculture, Food and Markets; Commerce and Community Development; Natural Resources; and Transportation. In addition, four members of the public are appointed by the governor.

Learn more about how to participate in the clean water budget process at the clean water funding webpage, <http://dec.vermont.gov/watershed/cwi/cwf/>.

AARP Foundation now recruiting volunteers for Tax-Aide

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide has kicked off volunteer recruitment for its Tax-Aide program, the nation's largest volunteer-run tax-preparation service. The foundation is looking to expand its team of volunteers for the upcoming tax season and is accepting new volunteers through the end of October.

Tax-Aide offers free in-person tax preparation and assistance to low- and moderate-income individuals nationwide. Volunteers make a difference in their communities by helping taxpayers, and their families, who might otherwise miss out on the tax credits and deductions they've earned. There are a variety of volunteer roles including tax preparers, client facilitators, technical and management assistance, and interpreters. Every level of experience is welcome and IRS training is provided.

Last year, 219 Tax-Aide volunteers helped more than 10,000 Vermonters file their federal and state tax returns at 54 sites around the state including senior centers, libraries, and other convenient locations. More than \$5 million was refunded to Vermont taxpayers last year alone through the program.

The program has grown since its inaugural team of just four volunteers in 1968, and has served over 68 million taxpayers since its inception. The program now involves 35,000 volunteers and serves over 2.5 million taxpayers annually at nearly 5,000 sites nationwide. In 2019, taxpayers who used AARP Foundation Tax-Aide received \$1.4 billion in income tax refunds and more than \$200 million in Earned Income Tax Credits (EITCs). Taxpayers do not need to be a member of AARP, or a retiree, to use Tax-Aide.

To learn about our volunteer opportunities, visit aarpfoundation.org/taxaide or call 1-888-OUR-AARP, 888-687-2277. AARP Foundation Tax-Aide is offered in coordination with the IRS.

State testing public water supplies for PFAS begins

As part of the state's expanded effort to identify sources of PFAS (per and polyfluoroalkyl substances) chemical contamination in the environment, the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources (ANR) sent letters to public drinking water system operators to begin testing for PFAS.

Act 21, which was passed by the Vermont Legislature and signed into law by Governor Phil Scott in May, requires all public and non-community water systems to conduct monitoring for PFAS by December 2019. If monitoring confirms PFAS contaminants in excess of 20 parts per trillion (ppt), the water system is required to implement treatment to reduce PFAS contaminants below that level.

"We are pleased to have worked with the legislature to advance these next steps in the state's nation-leading PFAS response," said ANR Deputy Secretary Peter Walke. "I want to thank all of the public water suppliers for moving forward expeditiously with this important work. We all share the goal of protecting Vermonters from the impacts of PFAS and other contaminants."

PFAS is a large group of human-made chemicals that have been used in industry and in many consumer products since the 1950s because they are resistant to heat, water, oil, grease, and stains. PFAS chemicals include PFOA (perfluorooctanoic acid) and PFOS (perfluorooctane sulfonic acid).

PFAS can be found in drinking water, food, indoor dust, many consumer products, and in the workplace. Some PFAS do not break down easily and therefore stay in the environment for a very long time, especially in water. There are currently five PFAS chemicals regulated by the State of Vermont.

According to the VT Department of Health, virtually everyone is exposed to PFAS chemicals, some of which can have adverse effects on human health. Although more research is needed, studies in people have shown that certain PFAS may:

- affect growth, learning, and behavior of babies and older children;
- lower a person's chance of getting pregnant;
- interfere with the body's natural hormones;
- increase cholesterol levels;
- affect the immune system;
- increase the risk of cancer.

ANR has already begun to implement many of Act 21's requirements. In July 2019, the agency finalized its statewide sampling plan for PFAS. The plan outlines ANR's monitoring approach to test PFAS levels in a variety of sectors, including car washes and landfills.

Before December 1, all public community water systems, schools, and other water systems that serve the same 25 people for more than six months of the year will be required to test for PFAS substances in drinking water. In total, samples will be collected from approximately 650 public water systems. If a system has levels above the 20 ppt state standard, the system operator will post "Do not drink" (DND) notices, and find a solution to reduce contamination.

In instances where contamination is found, the state will quickly work with water system operators to identify potential PFAS sources and provide guidance to those communities. The state will also investigate the source in order to identify any party responsible for the contamination. ANR is also developing an emergency response manual for communities and engineers to use during the response.

Over the next five years, ANR will embark on a series of steps to safeguard the public from PFAS contamination:

- testing of all public drinking water systems by December 1, 2019;
- further investigation of additional potential sources and impacts of PFAS;
- finalization of a drinking water standard;
- development of the scientific basis for and eventual setting of water quality standards for lakes, ponds, rivers, and wetlands.

As part of Act 21, ANR will also be evaluating PFAS as a class of chemicals, and whether it is possible to regulate them as a class. The new law requires ANR to adopt water quality standards for the regulated PFAS contaminants.

Learn more about the state's response and actions to identify PFAS contamination at dec.vermont.gov/pfas. For information about PFAS and public health, visit healthvermont.gov/water/pfas.

Bolton Band Fest to benefit Smilie Outdoor Education

Come celebrate the outdoors at the Bolton Band Festival on the Smilie Memorial School playground (gym if rain) Sunday, August 25, 1:00 – 5:00 PM, to benefit SMS Outdoor Education. Last school year, Smilie's Outdoor Ed committee worked with the generous firm A. Ginsburg Architects, a local architectural design company interested in designing outdoor learning spaces and in giving back to the community.

Adam Ginsburg's firm donated their time and designed a pair of outdoor gathering spaces for Smilie, an uncovered and a covered, so that there are "classrooms" in which to learn outside in any weather. He will also manage the project.

Time to fundraise, thus the festival! There will be three or four bands, including *The Dog Catchers*, *Woodstack*, and *Step Aside Tribe*, along with information about and a tour of the developing outdoor education spaces. A silent auction, bake sale, ice cream, popcorn, maple cotton candy, and fun activities (including disc golf and corn hole) will all add to the festival feeling and help raise money. Have fun in the outdoors and help bring learning outside too!

Contact Virginia Haviland, 434-5801, with questions, donations, or to offer silent auction items or services.

Jericho Farmers' Market needs you!

Jericho Farmer's Market, one of the most lively, community-supporting farmers' markets in Chittenden County, could use your help. We need more volunteers to help with set-up, tear-down, POP kid's program, and operation of the Manager's Tent – which includes credit and debit card processing, welcoming, and cheerful dispensing of information. If you are interested in serving this lively community asset, please contact our market manager Elizabeth King, JerichoFarmersMarket@gmail.com.

Cub Scout registration, information session on Labor Day

Interested in joining Cub Scouts?

Pack 620's annual registration event is coming up and scouting is now open to Kindergarten through fifth-grade BOYS AND GIRLS!

Come to our event at Mills Riverside Park on Monday, September 2 from 3:00 – 5:00 PM. There will be lots of games, fun stuff, and snacks – we hope you will check it out! We will be in the front field where the Farmers' Market is held.

Scouting is a great chance to create memories that will last a lifetime, and build a stronger family while you enjoy the scouting program.

We hope to see you at our event – it's a lot of fun with great people. The kids love all the activity and it is just a sampling of the fun things we do in scouts, for scouts of all ages!

Please feel free to email cubpack620vt@gmail.com for more information!

Seeking UID class photos

A group of us is working on a permanent historical display about the UID School's History that will be shown in the building for years to come, and we need your help in finding the last photos.

Please email me (angelike.contis@gmail.com) if you have the following 4th grade (or 3rd/4th combined grade) photos: 1973-1974, 1982-1983, 1983-1984, 1984-1985, 1991-1992, 1999-2000, 2003-2004. (Bonus points if you have the names to go along with them!)

We are also looking for photos of the UID building's opening in 1971 and its expansion in the early 1990s. Thanks for taking the time this summer to dig up any photos you might have in your family's collection!

- Angelike Contis, UID Historical Panel Committee

Volunteers needed for Champlain Valley Fair

It is getting to be Champlain Valley Fair time and the sugarhouse at the fair is in need of volunteers. We offer a ticket/parking pass, food stipend, a tee shirt, and a good time. There are two shifts available. Morning shift is 9:30 AM – 4:00 PM and the evening is 4:00 – 10:00 PM. We are open to half shifts also. Please call Megan Davis, 825-8294, to schedule. If you have questions, please call Nancy Bradford, 899-3433.

The annual fair, held on the Champlain Valley Fairgrounds in Essex Junction, begins on Friday, August 23 and ends on Sunday, September 1. Thank you.

COMING EVENTS

Wednesday, August 14

Taco Night, 5:30 PM, Richmond Congregational Church, Richmond. Come to Taco Night and learn all about the church mission trips to Costa Rica. Proceeds pay for materials to build houses for families in need on the February 2020 trip. Adults \$10; children \$5; children under 5 free.

Thursday, August 15

Celebrate Your Farmer Social, 5:30 – 7:30 PM, West Farm, 497 West Farm Rd., Jeffersonville. Join us for farm-fresh pizza and a celebration of West Farm! Operated by Angus Baldwin, West Farm is a ten acre certified organic vegetable and herb farm located on the Brewster Uplands Conservation Trust property in Jeffersonville. Angus and his crew sell their produce to hospitals, schools, restaurants, stores, and through Deep Root Organic Co-operative. Come and enjoy dinner baked in NOFA-VT's wood-fired pizza oven, followed by a farm tour. Farmers: Interested in a wash-pack efficiency tour? Arrive at 4:30 PM to enjoy this before the social starts. Suggested donation \$10. For more information or to RSVP, <https://nofavt.org/events/celebrate-your-farmer-social-west-farm-jeffersonville>.

Book launch: Time is Always Now, 7:00 PM, Phoenix Books Burlington, 191 Bank St., Burlington. Join Rebecca Starks, co-founder of *Mud Season Review* and former director of the Burlington Writers Workshop, to celebrate her new poetry collection, which unfolds against a backdrop of nature, often permeated in unexpected ways with the human dynamics of family, neighborhood, and nation. Her poems convey the urgency within moments of transformation, whether seasonal, as in wilderness and garden; physical, as in the trajectory of youth, aging, and death; or political, as in the challenges of misgovernance and the environmental exigencies of our time. Proceeds from ticket sales go

to the VT Foodbank. Ticket (\$3) includes a coupon for \$5 off a copy of the featured book; coupons expire at closing the evening of the event. Information: www.phoenixbooks.biz or 448-3350.

Friday, August 16

Food Truck Night, dinnertime, Moore Park (across from Town Hall), Underhill Center. Five food trucks – Palmer Maple Creemee Truck, Papa Gyros, Maudite Poutine, Northern Fire & Slice, and Taco Truck All-Stars – will be accompanied by the rocking sounds of local favorites *The Smokey Newfield Project*. There will be free children's face painting! All are welcome!

Sunday, August 18

Chicken Barbeque, 12:00 – 3:00 PM, St. Mary's Church, Main St., Cambridge. A chicken barbeque with rolls, salads, desserts, and games for the kids!

Wednesday, August 21

Craft Circle, 5:30 – 7:30 PM, District 5 Schoolhouse, corner of Pleasant Valley and Stevensville Rds., Underhill Center. The Craft Circle meets every second and fourth Wednesday of each month. All are welcome! For more information or with questions, contact Amy Tower, 355-9671 or atowerinvt@gmail.com.

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Friday-Saturday, August 23-24

St. Thomas Catholic Church Food Booth event, St. Thomas Catholic Church, Underhill Center. The annual food booth event takes place at the annual yard sale. There will be delicious homemade meatball subs, amazing cinna on rolls, Lucy & Gloria's yummy Marinara sauce, baked goods, and more. Stop in early to pick up your favorites!

Sunday, August 25

Bolton Band Fest to Benefit Smilie School, 1:00 – 5:00 PM, Smilie Memorial School playground, Bolton. This fundraiser benefits Smilie Memorial School Outdoor Education to work with local architectural design firm A. Ginsburg Architects. Last year, the firm donated time to design two outdoor gathering spaces for Smilie – one covered, one not – and this fundraiser supports the project to build them. There will be music by *The Dog Catchers*, *Woodstack*, and *Step Aside Tribe*, information about and a tour of the developing outdoor education spaces, as well as a silent auction, bake sale, ice cream, popcorn, maple cotton candy, and fun activities (including disc golf and corn hole). Contact Virginia Haviland, 434-5801, with questions, donations, or to offer silent auction items or services.

Monday, August 26

Summer Reading Party and Book Launch, 6:00 PM, Phoenix Books Essex, 2 Carmichael St., Essex. All ages

Thursday, August 31

Book talk: The Best is Yet to Be, 7:00 PM, Phoenix Books Burlington, 191 Bank St., Burlington. Join Larry Sudbay for a reading and Q&A featuring his book. Special guest Dr. Melanie Bui (Asst. Professor, Dermatology Division, Dept. of Medicine, UVM) will highlight the work being done on melanoma research at

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COMMUNITY COLUMNS

Boot camp and dumpster diving duty

By Doug Boardman

Special to the Mountain Gazette

I sat on my bunk with a pile of clothes and I was almost naked and clearly afraid of what was happening next. I looked around and saw a bunch of guys naked except for jockey underwear with shaved heads, and thinking that we all looked like prisoners and if we tried to walk away, we would be prisoners. I found out the favorite punishments of the D.I. were a kick in the butt, cleaning the latrine with a toothbrush with all your buddies, peeling potatoes, guarding garbage dumpsters, and any other stupid forms of grief they could think of to lay on you while stripping you of any dignity you had left.

Some of the guys were quietly crying but I was quietly pissed off and was going to pretend that they were breaking my spirit but they never would get my soul. The D.I. picked one of us to be his assistant (snitch). I knew enough not to volunteer for anything and of course I wasn't the type they wanted. He picked the biggest idiot in the barracks for his assistant. He had already become what they wanted us to become, a soldier who would obey the orders of officers, no matter how stupid they were. They didn't want you to think, just obey. I didn't buy into their system but I pretended to.

I wasn't prepared for the 3:00 AM wakeups and the inspections, especially lining up outside in a storm. I also found out this wasn't their first rodeo. We of course didn't have washing machines, we had pails and an outside clothesline, but we only had a short amount of time for our washing because lights were out at ten o'clock. We found out that we shouldn't have a pail under our bunk full of soaking clothes because the first week, they came in at 3:00 AM and banged on all our bunks with a steel piece of pipe down the line. Most of us hadn't had time to hang up our laundry and of course they looked under our bunks first thing and dumped our buckets and made us mop up the spill.

After a couple weeks, I decided to put some Clorox in the bucket to whiten my jockey shorts. I didn't think about how much to put in but I wanted them nice and white so I put the whole bottle in the bucket and hung them on the line. The next morning I started pulling them off the line and they disintegrated in my hand, they only thing left of my shorts was the elastic band. I guess I should have read the label. The air was full of cotton feathers off my shorts plus I had to pay for new jockeys. They give you your first set although I am sure I paid for all of them.

If one guy screws up, the whole barracks suffers – like cleaning the latrine and showers with a toothbrush, although you have a separate toothbrush to brush your teeth with. Also, we had to guard the garbage dumpsters. One night I heard voices coming from one of the dumpsters and I walked closer and said, "Is somebody trapped in there?" The top opened a little bit and two heads peeped out and I said, "Go ahead and stay in there if you want, I won't report you." I thought if they were that desperate to do what I think they were doing, then have at it!

In order to pass boot camp, you had to do a lot of things and an important one was jumping off a high platform into a deep pool while holding your pair of dungarees in your hand with tied bottoms. As you hit the water you trap air and supposedly you have a life jacket. Your hand holds the waist together and the legs go under your arms. They help you float for about 15 seconds. After that you are required to swim underwater the length of the pool.

They also make you march every week for the so-called E flag. I developed a "corn" on the side of my right foot that made my foot feel like I was sliced with a knife. It bled through my sock but I had to march anyway. I finished marching the best I could, but I still limped a little bit and hoped they hadn't noticed. We finished marching and stood at attention for inspection and got the news that we came in last. The D.I. came between the three lines of us. I was in the second line and he walked in front of me and then walks in back of me and when he did he kicked me real hard in the butt, and I fell straight forward on my face and my rifle. They obviously had observed me limping and as a punishment I had to run around the macadam with my rifle between my upright arms, and the whole barracks had to clean the latrine with toothbrush. I wasn't too well liked at that moment, but a lot of others screwed up now and then and we all had to suffer. As for the corn on my foot, which is like dead skin in the middle, I had to cut it out myself with a knife. All the corpsman would do is give me a band aid and an aspirin.

If you screwed up a lot, you would have to repeat boot camp again and again. It was very tough to get out of the Navy. Some tried the gay thing but that didn't work because they put you in a separate compound for a couple weeks to sort you out.

I graduated from boot camp with flying colors and I got to go to school afterwards for another 13 weeks. I like to think it was my outstanding record at boot camp but it was my typing ability of 50 wpm, and they only needed 30 wpm. That was my high school class that my buddy and I were typing 50 wpm in one week, and the rest of the time we were throwing spitballs, etc. I had all my kids take typing because that was the one course that did the most for me.

I graduated second in my class and had the second choice of duty out of three of us. I graduated and became a Telemat, which is a dual rating as a postman and a teletype operator, and made a Petty Officer third class. The guy who beat me out took England and I took Malta. That was the greatest duty I ever had. The third choice was Guantanamo Bay and I was sure I didn't want to go there.

Next column: Fleet Air Surface Squadron 201(FASRON 201 NAS) MALTA

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UVM/UVMMC. A portion of the proceeds from sales of this book will benefit melanoma research in the UVMMC Department of Dermatology. The book is a unique collection of inspiring stories; originally shared over many years in a corporate newsletter, these tales cross the line from business to a place of personal reflection. Free and open to all. Information: www.phoenixbooks.biz or 448-3350.

Saturday, August 31

Bird Monitoring Walk, 7:30 – 9:00 AM, Birds of Vermont Museum, 900 Sherman Hollow Rd., Huntington. Join experienced birders on the monthly bird monitoring walk on the museum's property. Great activity for adults, older children, and somewhat more experienced birders. Please bring your own binoculars. Outdoors; free; donations welcome. Please pre-register: 802-434-2167 or museum@birdsofvermont.org; <http://www.birdsofvermont.org>.

Jericho man laments zucchini plant failure

By Bernie Paquette

The generosity of Jericho, VT gardeners is never as evident as when the inevitable overflow, dare I say cascading endless growth and accumulation, of that endearing yet overbearing squash the zucchini erupts in August.

This year one Jericho resident reluctantly, and with no small amount of embarrassment at being exposed having a failed bed of zucchini, was granted his just reward. None to share, none to harvest for zucchini bread, pickles, sandwiches, quiches, cakes, kebabs, zucchini dip... Moreover none to sneak onto his neighbor's porch for "National Sneak Some Zucchini Into Your Neighbor's Porch Day."

In Vermont in August, we measure not lessening daylight hours; Vermonters do not lament the soon-to-be-over hot weather of summer. We mark August by the few minutes it takes throughout the day and especially at night whereby zucchini vines produce hundreds of tiny squash. Which, and don't blink too many times or else, quickly grow into gargantuan, enormous, extremely big, large, massive, yuuuuge, colossal, immense, tremendous, gigantic, giant, monstrous, mammoth, elephantine, mountainous, epic, king-sized, hefty, whopping, mega, jumbo, bumper crop of gargantuan, ginormous zucchinis. In short, a bumper crop by the minute, nearly every minute for days on end.

Now I do not like hyperbole nor are superlatives appropriate in the same sentence using the word zucchini. Frankly, no hyperbole begins to create the image of what one zucchini plant births in a single season.

One Jericho resident, though being meticulous with seed planting, using tweezers to obtain only a single seed in a no wind environment, did somehow overlook a second clinging wannabe monster – a second zucchini seed. Thus two zucchini plants did take hold in this (withholding the name of this poor unfortunate soul until they recover emotionally from the trauma of being overrun by zucchini vines and bruised by the until-now considered docile vegetable).

They took hold in this beautiful manicured garden of many types of vegetables from multi colored carrots, softball sized onions, tomatoes (plentiful but behaved), not too small and not too large radishes, green, red, and yellow peppers (never enough), along with nasturtiums intertwined with peas and beans in their third harvest.

Meanwhile these two innocent looking zucchini plants bided their time, growing ever so slowly at first as not to draw attention to their overpowering, overwhelming, overtaking potential.

By early August little could be seen in this vast array of ripening vegetables of all colors except for a dense matt of vines covering every square inch and rapidly climbing the extended fence and barb wire racing towards the gardener's back porch.

The 9-1-1 call from the gardener relays a call of first shock, then desperation, followed by a lament – "Heaven help me, what am I going to do with this football field of zucchini. Please help me. As fast as I pick them, they sprout two more. I started harvesting them onto my stretched out shirt, then moved to five-gallon buckets, now if I wait even one day, a single zucchini does not fit in my wheel barrel. In addition, I have hundreds of them – new ones EVERY DAY!"

A weak remorse: "I just did not see the second seed!"

Whereby the 9-1-1 respondent recites a well-worn phrase: "Quietly, and discreetly, sneak some zucchini onto your neighbor's porch." It is only a crime if you are caught doing it. For goodness sakes, we all do it!

Such that it is, few porches are left untouched or unburied with secret 'donations' in August. Residents are advised, as if they did not already know, unlike in the other months of the year, to lock their car doors. It is embarrassing enough for ones porch to overflow with 'donated' zucchini. (Don't you know how to make zucchini bread, pickles, dip, butter, spaghetti sauce...?) How do you explain to the police officer that pulls you over for 'obstructed view' that your neighbors filled your unlocked car with zucchini while you fell asleep on zucchini sentry watch? The Vermont statutes for driving while intoxicated with zucchini are unforgiving. Flatlanders beware.

Remember that (no) green thumb Jericho resident who FAILED at growing even a single zucchini plant this year? Needless to say the opportunity of filling an empty porch with 'donations' – well let's just say, the residents of Jericho are very, very generous with vegetable offerings in August. No, that resident's porch is not turning green with mold and definitely not with envy from others. No, that resident is not short on recipes that use zucchini – his mailbox fills with them daily. And no, that resident's porch is not on fire, at least not yet. The flames are from an attempt to turn his 'reward' into a Guinness Book Record for the biggest zucchini porch fry the world has ever seen.

Jericho residents, beware the 'clinging zucchini' seed, and if you somehow manage to NOT grow a zucchini plant – FILL YOUR PORCH with basketballs, and footballs and bikes, and old washing machines, and mattresses. If you see a neighbor or relative approaching your house with a heavily laden bag, lock your house doors and windows, and do not answer the door. As for your car, lock it twice over, fill it with empty beer cans (the fine is lower), and for heaven's sake do not fall asleep during the day and especially at night on "National Sneak Some Zucchini Into Your Neighbor's Porch Day."

Please don't fill our porch with zucchini. Just because it is empty right now does not mean that I am that resident who failed to grow his zucchini plant this year!

I relay this Jericho story because I will always believe caring, and sharing – plus contribution and a wee bit of humor – equals community, genuine relationships, trust, a place of belonging.

P.S. The last I heard the European record for a single zucchini weighed in at 65 pounds. I believe they buried it with the guy it crushed when it rolled over onto him.



When we walked the trail at the LaPlatte River Marsh Natural Area in Shelburne, we were riveted by the sight of a young green heron figuring out how to catch a fish. The poor youngster started

out on a limb a full yard above the water – and fell in twice. Then it tried hopping to another branch, overcorrected, and almost fell in again. Finally, the bird went to a much lower branch and successfully caught two fish in a few minutes. It's a steep learning curve when your very life depends on it!

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HEALTH PROGRAMS AND CLASSES AT NORTHWESTERN MEDICAL CENTER

Brain Injury Support Group – third Thursday of each month, 5:30 – 6:30 PM, NMC Conference Center, Grand Isle Room. Meet other people in similar situations, share the hardships and accomplishments, gain valuable emotional support, obtain information, and discuss a variety of brain injury topics. Anyone touched by brain injury (traumatic or acquired) can attend: survivors, caregivers, friends, and family. All are welcome at our support group. Free; no registration required. For information contact Jess Leal, 877-856-1772.

Cancer Exercise Sessions – Tuesdays and Thursdays, flexible times, NMC Rehab gym, Cobblestone Health Commons. Featuring Wendy Lawrence, Physical Therapist. Pre-registration required; call 524-1064. Free for the first 8 weeks, then \$40. Designed for cancer survivors; helps improve strength and balance while fighting fatigue to bring back optimal function. You'll get started with an individualized physical therapy evaluation and customized treatment if needed – both services are billable to insurance. After these first two or three visits, participants move on to a free, 8-week open gym program that is supervised by one of NMC's Athletic Trainers to continue work on strength and conditioning. Exercise with others can be fun and supportive, especially in the comfortable atmosphere of the rehab gym. After the eight week free open gym program, participants can choose to continue their workouts at the gym for a monthly fee of \$40. Start the program at any time, and use the gym when it is convenient for you. Simply call our Physical Therapy team to get started and find out what hours the gym is open.

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

Vermont Quit Partners Fresh Start Tobacco Cessation Class, Wednesdays, 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM, NMC Cobblestone Building, Suite 202. Pre-registration required; to sign up for a session call Chari, 524-8480. Free. Enter this class at any time and join others for this series to help you successfully quit smoking. Sessions include: understanding why you have an addiction and how to quit; mastering the first few days, mastering obstacles; and staying quit and enjoying it forever. When you are ready to quit, the tools and support can make all the difference. We can provide you with what you need to be successful! As a Vermont resident, you can get free patches, gum and lozenges.

Healing Circle Women's Cancer Support Group: first Tuesday of every month, 4:30 PM socialize, 5:00 – 6:30 PM meeting,

Northwestern Medical Center Conference Franklin Room. Pre-registration not required; free. A self-help cancer support group for women of all ages and lifestyles who have cancer. At our monthly meetings, we share information, offer each other support and comfort, and learn new things from speakers. We extend an invitation to any woman who has cancer, whether you are newly diagnosed or a long term survivor. Please call 802-524-8479 with any questions or to RSVP (not required).

Have You Lost a Loved One to Suicide? Second Thursday of every month, 6:00 – 7:30 PM, Northwestern Medical Center's Grand Isle Room. Pre-registration not required; free. If the answer to the question is "yes," please consider attending a free, confidential group that meets monthly in St. Albans. Everyone in the group, including its facilitators, has had someone close to them take their life and knows how devastating that experience can be. You can just come and listen to others share what they are going through and how they are coping or you can share your own story. The choice is always yours to do what feels best to you. For more information on dates, times, and location or to answer any questions you may have call Tony, 802-393-6503.

Chronic Disease Support Group Workshops: Various times and locations. Pre-registration required; contact Deana Chase, LICSW, 802-370-5626. Free. Are you or someone you know living with a chronic health condition? Then the Healthier Living Workshop is for you! Learn to feel better by learning how to deal with frustration, fatigue, and pain, manage symptoms and medications, and improve strength and flexibility. Each session is 2½ hours once a week, for six weeks.

Shadows of the Moon Autism Support Group: for one-on-one phone support, please call Cheryl at 802-868-7745 or Laura at 802-849-2817.

Alzheimer's Support Group: last Tuesday of each month, 6:00 – 7:00 PM, Northwestern Medical Center Franklin Room. Pre-registration not required. Free. This group is for those with Alzheimer's and caregivers, family members, and friends and is facilitated by Amanda Wilson. Please call the 24/7 Helpline at 800-272-3900 or visit alz.org/Vermont to confirm details.

Parkinson's Support Group: second Tuesday of each month, 10:00 – 11:30 AM, Pillsbury Senior Community, conference room next to the library on the first floor, 3 Harborview Dr., St. Albans. Pre-registration not required. Contact Pat, 802-524-5520, or Judy 815-895-2312. Free. This group is open to those with Parkinson's and their caregivers including family and loved ones. The monthly meetings can provide an open forum to share experience with others who are coping with Parkinson's disease, gaining education and support. Wheelchair accessible.

Breastfeeding Moms Group: first Wednesday of each month, 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM. Please call 527-5586 to find location of next group. Pre-registration required; call 527-5586. Free. This group

meets once a month for snacks, crafting activities, making baby blankets, and information from the experts.

Breastfeeding and Infant Massage Group: second Wednesday of each month, 9:30 – 11:15 AM, Alburgh Library. No pre-registration required. Free. Join other moms and babies to learn how to massage your baby and discover more about breastfeeding and parenting.

Latch On! Discussion Group: third Saturday of each month, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM, Northwestern Medical Center Family Birth Center. No pre-registration required. Free. Learn about breastfeeding and share your stories. Enjoy light refreshments and connect with other moms.

Baby Bumps Support Group for Mothers and Pregnant Women, second and fourth Monday of the month, 4:00 – 5:00 PM, Northwestern Medical Center Family Birthing Center. Pre-registration required; contact Rhonda Desrochers, 802-527-7531. Free. Pregnancy can be a wonderful time of your life. But it can also be a time of stress that is often compounded by hormonal swings. If you are a pregnant woman, or have recently given birth and feel you need some help with managing the emotional bumps in the road that can come with motherhood, please come to this free support group led by an experienced pediatric Registered Nurse. This group is for both pregnant women and mothers. Presented jointly by Franklin County Home Health Agency, Northwest Counseling and Support Services, Northwestern Medical Center, and the Vermont Department of Health.

Foot Clinics: various times and locations. Pre-registration required. Call Franklin County Home Health Agency, 802-527-7531 to schedule. Fee: \$20. Regular care of your feet can prevent problems. If you are an elderly and/or disabled person who is unable to do your own foot care, please consider attending a Foot Clinic. Franklin County Home Health Agency offers monthly Foot Clinics throughout the year in St. Albans, Swanton, Franklin, East Fairfield, and Enosburg.

Who's Your Person, What's Your Plan? (End of Life Planning): We plan for all life's milestones – marriage, birth, retirement. But few of us have plans in place for our end of life. And none of us can plan for the unexpected. Do you know who you want to speak for you and make medical decisions for you when you can't do this for yourself? Everyone 18 years and older should have a Health Care Agent – your person to speak on your behalf. By completing an advance directive you can provide this information to your family and physician. Start this conversation with your family before you are in a health crisis. Information and materials to help facilitate your conversation are available at <http://www.fchha.org/healthcareagent/> as well as www.starttheconversationvt.org. You can also call Franklin County Home Health Agency to learn more about completing an advance directive. We are also available to speak to community groups. Start the Conversation today. It's a gift.

School boards' proposal right for first-ever healthcare benefit

To the Editor,

Vermonters recognize that one of our most important public responsibilities is the education of our children. Not only is it a moral and legal imperative, but it is also critical for the economic future of our state. Providing a high-quality education for Vermont children means that we must make sure that those who choose to work in our schools are fairly compensated for the work they do. A large and growing share of that compensation is the high quality, generous health insurance that is provided by school districts to teachers and other education employees.

As is the case for many Vermont employers, health insurance and other benefits can help attract, recruit, and retain a committed, high quality workforce. Yet the state, just like all businesses and households, must live and work within our means. In order for health insurance benefits to remain high quality and generous they must also be affordable for the taxpayer. The balancing of these two factors is the task before the Commission on Public School Employee Health Benefits.

The Commission was mandated by the legislature to determine the relative shares of health insurance premiums and out-of-pocket expenses that should be paid by Vermont school districts and their employees. This is the first time in the state's history that a statewide healthcare benefit for education employees has been negotiated. Previously, health care benefits had been determined through collective bargaining by each school district, so negotiating a single statewide agreement is not an easy task. Unfortunately, the school boards and the school employee unions have been unable to reach an agreement since beginning meeting in April. The two sides are now engaging in mediation in an effort to reach a resolution. While some minor issues were agreed upon in our first mediation session, the major task before us to agree upon generous health care benefits that are also affordable for taxpayers remains.

During the bargaining process, the school board representatives presented a proposal that reflects our commitment to providing high quality, generous benefits to our educators and school staff. The benefits we have put forward in our proposal would provide

health care benefits that are on average the equivalent of platinum plus on the exchange. They are high-quality, generous benefits.

The proposal also reflects our commitment to ensure these benefits are financially viable for taxpayers. Healthcare costs have been outpacing inflation for years. The last two years saw an even sharper increase in health insurance rates with annual double-digit growth. This year is looking similarly grim, with both Blue Cross and Blue Shield and MVP Health Care asking regulators for another round of double-digit increases for their Vermont Health Connect plans. The Commission is not going to reduce health care costs – that is not possible in our role, nor is it our job. But it is absolutely critical that the agreement we reach with school employees results in health insurance benefits that may be more sustainable for taxpayers into the future.

The union representatives on the Commission have so far been unwilling to provide data on how much their proposal will increase costs to taxpayers, despite previous requests for this crucial information. What we do know is that the unions' proposal will cost taxpayers more. While we are disappointed the Commission was unable to reach an agreement because the union commission representatives were unable to provide an analysis of the increased cost of their plan, we remain committed to working for a resolution through the mediation process.

Negotiating a statewide health benefit for the first time is a complex task, and we have only one chance to get it right. At the end of these negotiations, our educators and school employees will continue to receive the high quality, generous benefits they deserve. It is our hope – and our expectation – that these benefits will also be affordable for Vermont taxpayers who are footing the bill. We are confident that through mediation we will reach a resolution that balances both of these commitments.

Elizabeth Fitzgerald

Employer Chair, Commission on Public School Employee Health Benefits;
Chair, South Burlington School Board.

OBITUARIES

Gregg M. Smith passed away peacefully at home Sunday, July 14, 2019 with his sister by his side. He was born December 25, 1947 in Trenton, NJ. Gregg grew up and spent most of his life Newtown, PA with his parents, Eugene and Edith Smith. He graduated from Franklin Pierce University and worked for the State of Pennsylvania in Social Services until his retirement, which he enjoyed in Florida until his diagnosis of Lewy body dementia. He moved to Vermont in 2017 and lived with his nieces, Mary Jo and Kim. He enjoyed spending time with family and had a very special relationship with his great nephew, Joseph. Gregg is survived by his sister Cheryl and husband, Jot Quick of Johnson, VT; niece Mary Joe and husband Rob Schantz of Jericho, VT; niece, Kim Quick and partner Eric Nichols of Morrisville, VT; nephew Toby and wife Kelly Quick of Fletcher, VT, and nephew Dr. Trevor and wife Rebecca Quick of Belleair Beach, FL. He will be missed by his faithful companions Nanny, Max, and Baxter, who spent happy hours on Gregg's lap. He was predeceased by his parents, Eugene and Edith Smith, and nephew Tommy Quick. A special thanks to The Manor and Lamoille Home Health & Hospice for the wonderful care they provide. Donations in Gregg's name can be made to The Manor or Lamoille Home Health & Hospice. Interment will be held in Newtown, PA at a later date. Faith Funeral Home is assisting with arrangements.

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LIBRARY NEWS

DEBORAH RAWSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

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Thursday, August 15, 7:00 PM: Charlotte Ide: *Exactly Paradise*. Join author Charlotte Ide for a discussion of her memoir, a travelogue of her teenaged adventures abroad. Charlotte will speak to how her travels have changed her perspective on life.

Tuesday, August 20, 7:00 PM: Mystery Book Club. Everyone is welcome to join us for a discussion of *Payment in Blood* by Elizabeth George.

Wednesday, August 28, 7:00 PM: Vermont Reads 2019 Discussion Group. On the 56th anniversary of the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom, join us for a discussion of John Lewis' graphic memoir *March vol. 1*, the Vermont Reads book for 2019. We will explore the book and the greater historical context. Please register for this discussion group to check out a copy of the book.

Thursday, August 29, 7:00 PM: Protest Song Sing-a-Long. In honor of the Vermont Reads 2019 title *March vol. 1* by John Lewis and the anniversary of the historic March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom, join us for a protest song sing-a-long led by the Mount Mansfield Freedom and Unity Singers! This is a participatory program, but all are welcome to attend; you need not sing to come, and you need not think yourself a singer to sing! Copies of song sheets will be provided by the library.

Library hours: Tuesday 12:00 – 8:00 PM, Wednesday 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM, Thursday 12:00 – 8:00 PM, Friday 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM, Saturday 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM, Sunday 1:00 – 4:00 PM; closed Monday.

For information on any of the library's programs, call 899-4962. DRML is located at 8 River Rd., Jericho; www.drml.org.

JERICHO TOWN LIBRARY

Story Time – Wednesdays, 10:30 – 11:30 AM. Pop in for a casual hour of story time, smiles, songs, and laughter with Lisa! There's a ukulele – maybe even two! Recommended ages: 0-5 years.

JTL Board meetings are held the second Monday of every month (September 9) at 5:30 PM. All are welcome to attend.

Jericho Town Library has new, expanded library hours: Mondays 2:00 – 5:00 PM; Tuesdays 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM and 2:00 – 5:00 PM; Wednesdays 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM and 2:00 – 7:00 PM; Thursdays 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM and 2:00 – 5:00 PM; Fridays 2:00 – 5:00 PM; Saturdays 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM.

For more information on programs and library services, please visit our website at www.jerichotownlibraryvt.org or call 899-4686.

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For Children

Baby Got Books: Tuesdays, August 20, 27, 9:30 – 10:30 AM. A new story time for our littlest library visitors. Join Cari for nursery rhymes, movement activities, songs, stories, and finger plays proven to promote early literacy, language, and communication skills.

Children's Story Time and Crafts with LN, Thursdays, 10:00 – 11:00 AM. The library is a warm, cheery place for children to meet other children! Join us for stories read by people who enjoy sharing good books and a craft, too.

Drag Queen Story Hour: Saturday, August 17, 10:00 – 11:00 AM. Emoji Nightmare and Nikki Champagne, two of Vermont's favorite drag queens, are returning to Lamoille County for another edition of Drag Queen Story Hour (DQSH)! They will be sure to delight and captivate audience members of all ages as they share stories focused on individuality, activism, gender, creativity, expression, and social responsibility. The event is just what it sounds like – drag queens reading stories to children in libraries, schools, and bookstores. DQSH captures the imagination and play of the gender fluidity of childhood and gives kids glamorous, positive, and unabashedly queer role models. In spaces like this, kids are able to see people who defy rigid gender restrictions and imagine a world where people can present as they wish – where dress-up is real.

STEM Free Play: Monday, August 19, 4:00 – 5:00 PM. Come explore some of the games the Varnum has to offer including STEM-based toys like ball mazes, K-nex, LEGOs, and more. For young and old!

Summer Reading Celebration with NASA Ambassador Caleigh Cross: Friday, August 23, 1:00 – 2:00 PM. Celebrate your summer reading accomplishments with a cupcake decorating party and listen to stories of what it's like to live on ISS – the International Space Station!

For Adults

Hunter: The Reckoning Role Play: Wednesdays, August 14 and 28, 7:00 – 9:00 PM. This role-playing game is based on White Wolf Game Studio's *World of Darkness*. Players will take on the roles of

hunters (or Imbued) – humans who are given powers by unknown entities to fight the supernatural. Recommended for adults only.

Adult Game Night: Wednesday, August 21, 7:00 – 9:00 PM. Come for a fun night of tabletop games, cards, and role playing and board games. Experienced players and newbies alike are welcome.

Crescendo Club Library Association Meeting: Tuesday, August 27, 7:00 – 8:30 PM.

The Varnum Library, P.O. Box 198, 194 Main St., Jeffersonville, 802-644-2117; thevarnum@gmail.com; www.varnumlibrary.org. Hours: Mondays and Tuesdays 12:00 – 7:00 PM, Wednesdays 3:00 – 7:00 PM, Thursdays 9:00 AM – 7:00 PM, Fridays 2:00 – 5:00 PM, and Saturdays 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM. Closed Sundays.

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RICHMOND LIBRARY

Knit Night in the Mezzanine – 3rd Floor, Wednesdays, 6:30 – 8:00 PM. Join other knitters in the Mezzanine Lounge for social and skill exchange. All levels, any handcraft – crochet, tatting, needlepoint, etc. – welcome.

Bridge! Tuesdays and Thursdays, 4:00 – 6:00 PM.

Tuesday Games! Tuesday afternoons, play cribbage (1:00 PM), mahjong (2:00 PM), or bridge (3:00 PM).

Open Monday and Wednesday, 10:00 AM – 8:00 PM; Tuesday and Thursday, 1:00 – 6:00 PM; Friday, 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM; Saturday, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM; closed Sunday.

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

DOROTHY ALLING MEMORIAL LIBRARY
WILLISTON

All events free. Children 8 and younger must be accompanied by an adult while at the library.

Summer reading programs for children and teens: *A Universe of Stories!* Register for the Summer Reading Challenge and win free books and raffle tickets. Keep track of the amount of time you spend reading, including books, magazines and audio books. (Williston/St. George residents.) Free. Sign up online at www.williston.lib.vt.us or at the library. See full list of summer activities on our website.

Preschool Music: Mondays, 11:00 AM and Thursdays, 10:30 AM. Up to age 5 with a caregiver. No pre-registration. Limit: one session per week per family.

Summer Story Time: Tuesday, 10:30 AM: Moon & Stars. Stories and a simple craft activity. All ages.

Food For Thought Teen Library Volunteers: Thursday, August 22, 4:00 – 5:00 PM. Teens meet for pizza, discussion, and planning special events at the library. Community service opportunity. Grades 7-12. New members welcome. Free.

Kindergarten Kickoff and Library Open House: Monday, August 26, 6:30 PM. New kindergarten students and their families are invited to listen to stories, get a library card, and meet new friends. For Williston and St. George students entering kindergarten in 2019. Register online (www.williston.lib.vt.us) or at the library. Dorothy Alling Memorial Library, 21 Library Lane, Williston. 802-878-4918, www.williston.lib.vt.us.

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All events are free unless noted. Pre-registration encouraged. Take advantage of our Attraction Passes for free or reduced cost entry. Passes may be reserved up to a week in advanced and must be returned on the same day as they are taken out.

- Birds of Vermont: free admission for one family (immediate family only). Seasonal.
- Echo Leahy Center: admits up to two adults and three youths with a co-pay of \$7 each. (www.echovermont.org) Year round.
- Lake Champlain Maritime Museum: one family free entrance. (www.lcmm.org) Seasonal.
- Shelburne Farms: free admission for one family to the walking trails and children's farmyard. (www.shelburnefarms.org) Seasonal.
- Shelburne Museum: half-price admission for two adults and up to four accompanying children. Must show your library card and driver's license along with the pass. (<https://shelburnemuseum.org>) Seasonal.
- Vermont Historic Sites: free entry for one family or groups of up to eight people. (<http://historicsites.vermont.gov>) Seasonal.
- Vermont's History Museum: free family admission. (www.vermonthistory.org) Year round.
- Vermont State Parks: free entry into state park day areas for up to eight people in one vehicle, 10:00 AM to sunset. (www.vtstateparks.com) Seasonal.
- Education and Enrichment for Everyone: good for one free class. Lectures are held Fridays, 2:00 – 3:00 PM, at Faith United Methodist Church, S. Burlington. (www.EEEVermont.org)

For up-to-date info about programs, visit our website: www.fairfaxvtlibrary.org, where you can also find a link to the interactive



Rebecca Nase Chomyn was raised in Vermont and, after a sojourn in Sonoma County working for the Voight Family Sculpture Foundation, has now returned to Vermont. Rebecca's talent goes beyond the metal arts; she has illustrated a children's book written by her mother (Who Paints the World?), paints in watercolor and acrylic, creates one-of-a-kind seasonal chalkboard art at the Essex Resort and Spa, and displays her metal work at Artist in Residence Gallery and at the Milton Artists' Guild.

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

BROWNELL LIBRARY, ESSEX JUNCTION

Parents, ask at the Youth Desk for the special Champlain Valley Exposition Summer Reading Incentive.

Estimation Jar: Kids and teens can estimate the number of starbursts in the jar and win the contents.

"Universe of Stories" T-Shirts for sale at \$6. Cash or checks payable to: Brownell Library Foundation.

Adopt a Pet – All summer long, children can adopt a pet for a week and keep a journal of what they do together. Please return your pets by the end of the summer!

Tuesday, August 13, 3:00 – 4:30 PM: Maker Tuesdays. Build a space city with recyclable materials. Bring materials or use ours. For ages 6-12.

Wednesdays, August 14, 21, 28, 12:00 and 1:00 PM: Tech Help with Clif. Offering one-on-one technology help. Reservation required. Please call 878-6955 at least 24 hours in advance.

Wednesdays, August 14, 28, 3:00 – 5:00 PM: LARP. Live Action Role Play (LARP) is a DIY adventure in a mythical land. Create your own character and enter the story. Fun and fantastic for ages 11 and up.

Wednesday, August 14, 6:30 – 7:30 PM: Final Party at Maple Street Park. Celebrate the end of Summer Reading with *No Strings Marionette Company's Nick of Time* at Maple Street Park. Suspend reality and take a trip that is truly out of this world. Join Astronaut Nick Eastman and his robot companion Glitch on a space mission to study black holes. After encountering a deep-space alien, Nick is sucked into a time warp and explores many intriguing dimensions of puppetry. See if our time travelers can decipher the gravity of their situation and save Earth in the *Nick of Time*. Kids who hand in their reading log will get a free book after the show. Reading logs can be picked up from the Brownell Library all summer.

Thursday, August 15, 5:00 – 7:00 PM: Teen Volunteer party. This after hours pizza party is our BIG THANK YOU to the teens who volunteered this summer. Grades 6 and up.

Friday, August 16: Library closed for Bennington Battle Day. Mondays, August 19, 26, 12:00 and 1:00 PM: - Tech Help with Clif. Offering one-on-one technology help. Bring in your new gadget or gizmo and Clif will sit with you to help you learn its ways! Reservation required. Please call 878-6955 at least 24 hours in advance.

Tuesday, August 20, 7:00 – 9:00 PM: Brownell Library Trustees Meeting.

Friday, August 23, 9:30 – 10:15 AM: Music with Raph! Come sing and dance with Raph. All ages.

Friday, August 23, 5:30 – 8:30 PM: Dungeons & Dragons. Embark upon imaginary adventures. A Dungeon Master serves as this role-playing game's referee and storyteller. Game starts at 6:30 PM; come early for help with character design. For teens and adults.

Friday, August 30, 9:30 – 10:30 AM: Play Time for Little Ones. Active play time for kids 0-5 years old. Check out our new blocks and tunnel!

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

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Wayne D. King, 82, of Jericho, VT died unexpectedly early Friday morning, July 26, 2019 at Elderwood at Burlington (VT) while in rehab. Wayne was born on January 26, 1937 in Franklin, VT, the son of Arthur and Clara (Ferkey) King. He married Donna Kay Clifford on September 29, 1961. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, and cutting firewood, and loved woodworking. Wayne started Wayne D. King Trucking in 1969, transporting milk from farms to creameries. He is survived by his wife of over 50 years, Donna King of Jericho; his son Donnie King and his wife Robin of Westford, VT; and his daughter Rebecca Tanielian and her husband Steven of Westford; his grandchildren Kaylee, Justin, and Derek, and his great grandchildren Autumn and Blake. Wayne will also be missed by his little companions Abby and Sissy. He was predeceased by his sisters Phyllis and Doris. There will be no services at this time, however a celebration of his life will be announced at a later date.

Marcel P. Lehouiller, age 82 of Essex Junction, VT passed away Wednesday, August 7, 2019 at the McClure Miller Respite House in Colchester, VT after a long and courageous battle with a rare neurological illness. He was born in Ham-Nord, Québec, Canada, on November 22, 1936 to Antonio P. and Jeanne (Guertin) Lehouiller. His family moved to Underhill, VT and purchased a dairy farm in 1948. Marcel graduated from Cathedral High School June 10, 1955. He subsequently purchased the family farm in 1965.

During his time as owner/operator he earned the distinguished award as "Dairy Farmer of the Year," sponsored by the Farm Bureau Organization. He retired from dairy farming in 1988/89, and successfully auctioned his dairy herd and machinery. Marcel then was employed as a mechanic by Iroquois Manufacturing in Hinesburg, VT until final retirement in May 2000 as a result of disability due to illness. His hard-working years were also filled with sharing family activities and sports events: skiing, snowmobiling, swim meets, baseball, field hockey, ice hockey, corn roasts and hay rides, camping, boating, and trips to the Maine coast. He thoroughly enjoyed his time with Essex Youth Hockey Association, coaching and mentoring young athletes. "Love hockey" was his mantra; a dedicated Montréal Canadiens fan, and ice skating in the men's league with his brothers John and Mike was a favorite pastime. Marcel married Joan Ingham on July 18, 1964 and had recently celebrated their anniversary of 55 years with "date night" at the Respite House. Children and grandchildren provided gifts of dinner, flowers, cards, and a very special video of the family memories. Truly a celebration of "JOY." Marcel is survived by his wife Joan and their children: son Scott Lehouiller, wife Mary Lynn, children Samuel and Anna, of Battle Creek, MI; daughter Kimberly Cummings, husband Jeff, their son Pacey of Fernandina Beach, FL; and son Travis Lehouiller, wife Darcie, children Luke, Jagger, and Talon of Williston, VT. Marcel

leaves his brothers and their wives: John and Aline, Maurice and Valerie, George and Barb; his sisters Armande Thibault, Laurette Atkins, Pierrette Lyman, Francoise and Wayne Beauchemin, Lise and John Wursthorn, Diane and Don Blaise, Suzanne and Steven Owen; his sister-in-law Carleen Lehouiller, as well as numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews, and countless friends. He was predeceased by his parents; brothers Gerald and Michael Lehouiller; sister Lynn Kittell; and beloved son Gregoire M. Lehouiller on August 16, 1978. Marcel was a loving husband, dad, grandpa, brother, and friend. He had an easy going, fun-loving nature, worked hard from dawn till dusk, and could dance all night! A man determined to get things done and proud of his faith. Simply put, "A spirit of humility and kindness." Marcel's family extends special thanks and gratitude to the exceptional caregivers at VNA Adult Day, Pinewood Rd., Essex Junction, and the McClure Miller Respite House. Visiting hours were on Monday, August 12, 2019 at Ready Funeral Home, Essex Junction. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Tuesday, August 13, 2019 at St. Thomas Catholic Church in Underhill Center, VT, followed by interment at St. Thomas Cemetery, Range Rd., Underhill Center; a reception followed. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Thomas Church Handicap Access Renovation, St Thomas Church, Vision 2020 Fund, P.O. Box 3, Underhill Center, VT 05490.

ART / MUSIC / THEATER



The Gallery at Lake Champlain Access Television (LCATV) is hosting Milton Artists' Guild members Trine Wilson, Dot Grazier, and Doris Weeks for a group show titled 3 Birds of a Feather Fiber in August and September, including an open reception on Friday, August 30, 5:00 – 7:00 PM at LCATV's offices at Creek Farm Plaza, Colchester. For more information, contact info@lcatv.org or 862-5724; a promotional video for the exhibit can be found at lcatv.org. PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

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Bryan Memorial Gallery presents *THEN AND NOW*, through Monday, September 2, a *plein air* landscape exhibition of works by twelve 20th century masters of the medium, and thirty contemporary *plein air* landscape artists. Paintings by the masters were selected for their identifiable and preserved locations in Vermont. Contemporary artists were then invited to paint at the same locations as their predecessors over the course of a year. Iconic locations such as Stowe Village and Mount Mansfield were visited and revisited by artists in every season. The exhibit brings together works by 20th century masters alongside contemporary treatments of the same scenes, underscoring aesthetically the passage of time, the lineage of style, and the diversity of vision. In all, 120 paintings, arranged in groups of three and four fill Bryan Memorial Gallery's Main Gallery and Middle Room. All of the contemporary works are for sale, and a small selection of the master works are also for sale. Open to the public at no charge. A preview of the exhibit can be seen at www.bryangallery.org. Also, Bryan Memorial Gallery will present its 2019 *Land and Light and Water and Air* Thursday, September 5-Sunday, November 3. For more information, <http://www.bryangallery.org/pdfs/2019LandandLight.pdf>. Bryan Memorial Gallery, 180 Main St., Jeffersonville; 802-644-5100; www.bryangallery.org. Gallery hours: Thursday-Sunday, 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM, and by appointment.

An exhibition by artist Michael Smith, titled *I can't move, case studies in still life behavior* will run through Saturday, August 24 at the Emile A Gruppe Gallery, Barber Farm Rd., Jericho. According to Michael, a still life is a depiction of an arrangement of inanimate stuff, and has occupied an important place in the visual arts for centuries. A still life is steadfast and immobile. It will not turn away from the artist's (or viewer's) gaze. But when no one is looking, a still life might begin to display its obvious hidden colors. "These paintings are presented to document some of these seldom observed situations," says Michael. For more information, see emilegrupppegallery.com.

Established and emerging artists are invited to submit one or two pieces of art work in any medium for *Beyond the Seed*, an exhibit scheduled for September-December in the Jericho Town Hall. The only requirement is that the work must be wire hung to hang on a gallery system. For more information and registration materials, contact Catherine McMains, catherine.mcmains@gmail.com. Registration forms as well as the policies and procedures, which include information on hanging requirements, can also be found on the Town of Jericho website, Jerichovt.org. Registration deadline is Friday, August 23.

All the *Waters* is the theme for the art show currently hanging at the Jericho Town Hall. The show is open during regular Town Hall hours. Enjoy a snack and stop by, on your way home or on your way to work, and see the show. Paintings in oil, watercolor,

SCHOOL NEWS

Getting ready for the start of school

By Mark Carbone
Principal, Camel's Hump Middle School

This summer, our teachers have been working on professional development in Readers and Writers Workshops and continuing their work with math instruction. The 2019-2020 academic year will also see our teachers working on inquiry, sustainability, and equity.

The physical plant at Camel's Hump Middle School (CHMS) is undergoing the annual rigorous fall preparation including: duct cleaning, painting, window replacement, a new water line, and new backstops for our softball and baseball fields.

Mark your calendars for the Fifth Annual Pumpkin Chuckin' on Saturday, October 26 from 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM. Come and witness pumpkins in flight in expert to novice divisions. This fun family event helps support the continuation of the PROSPER Program – a seven week program for fifth and sixth grade students and their families to assist both through the challenges of adolescence.

CHMS continues to look for parent and community volunteers to help in the education and success of our students. Math and reading volunteers are needed to support math and literacy development skills. Math volunteers will help with basic calculation and computation skills. Literacy volunteers will assist with reading fluency and comprehension. Training is provided and schedules are flexible.

Please consider volunteering. For more information, please call 434-2188 or mark.carbone@mmusd.org.

The next Mount Mansfield Unified Union School Board meeting will be held on Monday, September 16, 6:30 PM at Camel's Hump Middle School. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend.

and pastel, photography of local bodies of water – and some far, far away – and an underwater scene in glass and a 3-D aquarium round out the show. Many mediums and voices interpret the waters in our world. The show will hang through August 2019.

Helen Day Art Center in Stowe is pleased to present three exhibitions opening this summer. *Dusty Boynton: Reliefs* will be the first exhibition of its kind where this nationally recognized Vermont-based artist, known for her monoprints and paintings on canvas, will highlight her sculptural reliefs. In Suzy Spence's paintings in *On the Hunt*, equestrians roam over bucolic landscapes or cluster in psychologically charged groupings, fierce and elegant. An equestrian, Spence's paintings consider contemporary issues of gender and power through the potent metaphor of fox hunting. In the group exhibition, *Composing Form*, artists from Puerto Rico, Estonia, China, and the United States work within the medium of ceramics to explore a range of complex narratives, historical references, and formal concerns. The artists Robin Best, Cristina Córdova, Sin-Ying Ho, Sergei Isupov, Kadri Pärnamets, Tara Thacker, and Jerilyn Virden bring with them a variety of histories and stories that sculpt their realities and inform their aesthetics. Helen Day Art Center, 90 Pond St., Stowe; gallery hours: Tuesday-Saturday, 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM and by appointment; 802-253-8359, www.helenday.com.

River Arts has several exhibits on display at its Morrisville gallery through Wednesday, September 25. *Undercover: Figurative Work by Open Studio Figure Drawing*, in the Common Space Gallery, is a selection of artwork created by members of the group, which meets twice a month and working from a live model, produce beautiful artwork in a variety of media. *Morrisville Mosaics* is the culmination of a community collaborative project. *A Life In Art – Catherine "Catchi" Childs* is on exhibit at the Morrisville Town Offices. Childs was born on Long Island, NY in 1920. One of her favorite childhood memories and early artistic influences was when she posed as a model for the "Oz" children for the *Wizard of Oz* book series being illustrated by John R. Neill, who lived next door. River Arts offers ongoing drop-in sessions for adults: Photo Co-op meets on third Thursdays, 6:00 – 8:00 PM, \$5 suggested donation; Poetry Clinic meets first and third Tuesdays, 6:00 – 8:00 PM, \$5 suggested donation; Open Studio Figure Drawing meets first and third Tuesdays, 4:00 – 6:30 PM, \$10/session, punchcards available; Writing Lab, meets on select Sundays, 3:00 – 5:00 PM. River Arts of Morrisville Inc., 74 Pleasant St., Morrisville; 802-888-1261, <http://www.riverartsvt.org>.

HAVOC Gallery exhibits fine art by Joël Urruty, Mandy Daniels, George Peterson, Gordon Auchincloss, John Rose, Damien Hirst, and Bruce R. MacDonald – Large, Precise, and Multidimensional. The Gallery is also open by appointment (call 800-639-1868) and most days there is someone there, so just stop by. The hours of the gallery might be chaotic, but the vision of HAVOC and the art is not. HAVOC Gallery has 18' ceilings and massive doors for natural light. The gallery is easily accessed from downtown Burlington, just a three-minute drive south on Pine Street from the center of town. Hours: Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM and every first Friday, 5:00 – 8:00 PM. HAVOC Gallery, 27 Sears Lane, Burlington; www.HAVOCGallery.com; HAVOC@havocgallery.com or 800-639-1868.

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Milton Artists' Guild will host a Photo Club on Sunday, August 25, 3:30 – 5:30 PM, open to the public – everyone who enjoys and has a passion for photography. Also open to the public is ArtBiz, held every third Tuesday (August 19) from 6:00 – 8:00 PM, for everyone who wishes to learn more about running your art business. Milton Artists' Guild Art Center & Gallery, 199 U.S. Rt. 7 South, Milton; open Wednesday-Saturday, 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM and Sundays, 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM (closed Monday and Tuesday); <https://www.miltonartistsguild.org>.

Burlington City Arts (BCA) will be running a Summer Artist Market every Saturday, 9:30 AM – 3:30 PM on lower Church St., Burlington, in front of City Hall and the BCA Center. This outdoor market offers unique handmade items by Vermont artists – ceramics, jewelry, games, clothing, accessories, and more. The Market will run through October 12. At the BCA Center, summer exhibitions run through Sunday, October 6: are Sara Amos: *Unique Multiples* and Job Site: *Alisa Dworsky and Bill Ferehawk*. For information, <https://www.burlingtoncityarts.org/exhibitions>. Burlington City Arts, 135 Church St., Burlington; <https://www.burlingtoncityarts.org/>.

At the Shelburne Museum, running through Sunday, August 25 at the Shelburne Museum's Colgate Gallery, Pizzagalli Center for Art and Education, *Harold Weston: Freedom in the Wilds* presents American 20th century painter Harold Weston's early Adirondack views and selections from the *Stone Series*, alongside diaries, letters, photographs, and related ephemera that make a case for the connections between spirit, nature, and Weston's art. Weston (1894-1972), an American modernist painter and social activist, was called "the Thoreau of the Adirondacks." This is the first exhibition to pointedly illuminate the links between the artist's written words – much in his distinctive, lyrical handwriting – with Weston's prodigious body of work. Running through October 31 is *In Their Element: Jonathan D. Ebinger, Rodrigo Nava, Dan Snow* – an outdoor installation featuring sculptures that complement and amplify one another through their shared engagement with fire, wind, and earth, pushing the boundaries of their respective materials and processes. Through October 20 at the Pizzagalli Center for Arts and Education's Murphy Gallery, the Museum presents *William Wegman: Outside In*, a comprehensive exhibition exploring over four decades of the renowned artist's ongoing fascination with the natural world showcasing over 60 works of art from his collection in a variety of media. For information, 802-985-3346 or www.shelburnemuseum.org.

Visions of Vermont Art Galleries in Jeffersonville is open Tuesday-Sunday, 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM. Hosts Jane and Terry Shaw, 644-8183; Visions of Vermont, 100 Main St., Jeffersonville. For more information, visit www.VisionsofVermont.com.

Dianne Shullenberger Gallery, 228 Nashville Rd., Jericho, VT 05465; 899-4993 or vtidianne@hotmail.com.



Join artist and choreographer Hanna Satterlee for a summer performance in the beautiful Horsford Gardens, Charlotte, on Friday, August 16, 7:30 PM for an Art in the Garden magical movement tour. There will be group, solo, and duet work using the landscape and environment as inspiration and collaborator. PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Emile A Gruppe Gallery, 22 Barber Farm Rd., Jericho; Emilegrupppegallery.com, 802-899-3211.

MUSIC

Come celebrate the outdoors at the Bolton Band Festival on the Smilie Memorial School (SMS) playground (gym if rain) on Sunday, August 25, 1:00 – 5:00 PM, to benefit SMS Outdoor Education. Last school year, Smilie's Outdoor Ed committee worked with the firm A. Ginsburg Architects, who donated their time and designed a pair of outdoor gathering spaces for SMS – an uncovered and a covered space – for "classrooms" in which to learn outside. Adam Ginsburg will also manage the project. This fundraising festival will have at least three bands (*Woodstack* and *Step Aside Tribe* are confirmed), along with information about and a tour of the developing outdoor education spaces. A silent auction, bake sale, ice cream, popcorn, maybe maple cotton candy, and fun activities including disc golf games and corn hole, will add to the festival feeling and help raise money. Join us for some fun in the outdoors and help bring learning outside, too! For more information, donations, or to offer silent auction items or services, contact Virginia Haviland, 434-5801 or Virginia.haviland@mmusd.org.

The Jericho Café and Tavern will present live music on Friday and Saturday, August 16 and 17, from 7:00 – 10:00 PM. On August 16: *Rushmore*; on August 17: *The Lloyd Tyler Band*. For more information and a full listing of music offered each month, see www.jerichocafeandtaVERN.com.

Johnson's Tuesday Night Live will be on stage from 6:00 – 8:30 PM at the Legion Field on School Street, through August, with *Mal Maiz*, an Afro-Latino Orchestra based in Burlington, on August 20, and with blues, rock, jam, and funk wrapping up the season with the *Eames Brothers Band* on August 27. This free community event brings young and old together for good music and visiting. Many vendors will provide good eats at this family friendly event. The Johnson Historical Society will be there with slices of homemade pie and cake. Bring a chair or blanket and perhaps an umbrella in case of rain. Parking is along School Street, in the elementary school parking lot, and at the McClelland Building lot on College Hill. Summer showers may dampen the enthusiasm for a few minutes, but it is lightning and thunder that cancels the event. Information at 730-2943.

Dana and Susan Robinson will be at River Arts on Friday, October 18 at 7:00 PM (doors open 6:30 PM) sharing their vivid songwriting and storytelling with fiddle tunes, banjo grooves, elegant melodies, and rich harmony singing. Their compositions have been featured in Ken Burns' *The National Parks, America's Best Idea* and *The Dust Bowl*. Since 2003 Dana and Susan have performed hundreds of concerts across the U.S., Great Britain, and Canada. Tickets are \$15; seniors and students \$10. River Arts of Morrisville Inc., 74 Pleasant St., Morrisville; 802-888-1261, <http://www.riverartsvt.org>.

Burlington City Arts' annual summer concert series presented by VSECU kicked off on June 12. All are welcome to enjoy free concerts, this year on lower Church Street near City Hall. The series takes place on Wednesdays and Fridays at 12:30 PM through August 28. The 2019 line-up features both local favorites and some from further afield that may be new to Burlington audiences. It's an excellent opportunity to listen to new music, have lunch with a friend or co-worker or enjoy being outside with your community, supporting live music. August 14: John Emil (American Roots and Blues); August 16: Bessette Quartette (Groovy Jazz); August 21: Jenni Johnson and the Jazz Junketeers (Vocal Jazz); August 23: Alison Turner (Indie Pop); August 28: TBD. For more information: www.burlingtoncityarts.org/summerconcerts.

THEATER/FILM

SynRgy Dance Company presents their annual production bringing personal reflections to the stage with *A Letter to My Younger Self*, Friday-Saturday, August 16-17 at Main Street Landing Black Box Theater, 60 Lake St., Burlington. Directed and choreographed by 2Inspire Dance LLC owner Rose Bedard, through dance, narrations, and music the production captures the struggles and triumphs that young women go through as they navigate their adolescence on the way to adulthood. Part of proceeds will be donated to a local organization supporting women and children. For more information or tickets (\$12 at door; \$10 in advance), contact 2Inspiredancevt@gmail.com.

Auditions for Shelburne Players' fall play *The Secret Garden* will be held at the Shelburne Town Center activity room, 5420 Shelburne Rd., Shelburne on Friday, September 6, 5:30 – 7:30 PM and Saturday, September 7, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM. Performance dates are Friday-Sunday, November 15-17 and Thursday-Saturday, November 21-23. There are five male roles, including two of school age, and five female roles, with one of school age (10-12). Also looking for help with stage managing and costuming. For more information, contact Sue Martin, suemartin455@yahoo.com or Director Beth Curtis, bcurtis5440@yahoo.com; and check the website – www.shelburneplayers.com – for more details, sides, and updates.

Call for dancers and videographers – for an April 2020 MFA Thesis Performance in St. Albans. The work will explore storytelling through multimedia and contemporary movement practices. For information, <https://vermontdance.org/event/call-for-dancers-3>.

SPORTS NEWS

GMBC Day Touring Rides

All riders must wear helmets and obey the rules of the road. Please do not ride two abreast if there is traffic in either direction. For mornings with questionable weather, please call the ride leader to make sure the ride is still taking place. Ride leaders are obligated to go to the starting point and provide maps but may choose not to ride if the weather is miserable. Riders below the age of 18 must have a signed waiver from a parent.

E indicates an easy ride, M is for moderate, and S is for strenuous. Rides begin promptly 15 minutes after the meeting time. Social Rides are more leisurely versions of the mapped ride – usually the shorter route – with longer food breaks. Always contact the social ride leader before the ride to make sure those versions of the ride are taking place.

Additional local Social Rides will be scheduled as weather permits in the Champlain Valley. Please email lightspd@comcast.net to be added to the Social Riders email contact list, which is the only guaranteed notification for these rides. Weekend Social Rides are usually announced by Thursday.

Saturday, August 17: Upper Valley Weekend Day 1, * NEW * Randolph Ridge Runner. This ride twice does a figure eight through different parts of the Upper Valley, including a visit to Brookfield and its famous floating bridge, with distances of 43 (M/S) and 48 (S) miles. Meet: 9:30 AM, north side of the South Royalton Green. Leaders: Pat Stabler and Tom Evers, 781-929-9085/everstab@verizon.net. Co-leader: Bryan Harrington, 899-2908/

alpinefogman@yahoo.com. After the ride, cyclists can camp out in South Royalton, stay at an area hotel, or return home. There is a \$10 fee for camping, part of which might be refunded. We generally all go out to dinner together on Saturday night. Talk to Pat and Tom to get more info about the camping.

Sunday, August 18: Upper Valley Weekend Day 2, Woodstock Wandering. We will ride through the rolling hills of South Woodstock, Brownsville, Hartland, and into Quechee. The short ride (40-M/S) will return to Woodstock via River Road. The long ride (50-S) continues to West Hartford and through Pomfret before returning to Woodstock. Meet: 9:30 AM, Billings Farm Museum overflow parking lot, VT Rt. 12, just north of Woodstock. Leader: Bryan Harrington, 899-2908/alpinefogman@yahoo.com. Co-leaders: Pat Stabler and Tom Evers, 781-929-9085/everstab@verizon.net.

Sunday, August 18: Double Ferry South. 41 miles (M/S) heading from Burlington down to Charlotte where we'll take the ferry to New York. Roads there offer some beautiful views of the lake, which will be followed by the ferry from Port Kent to Burlington. Bring money for the ferries. Meet: 8:45 AM, Curtis Lumber parking lot. Leader: Kerry Crosby, 578-3249/crosbykn@comcast.net. Co-Leader: Brian Hofmann, 316-8952/brnhoffmann@yahoo.com.

Saturday, August 24: Gravelling in Newark. A mellow gravel ride from Café Lotti in in East Burke. The 31- and 37-mile options wind around a lovely ridge, mostly in Newark with gorgeous views. Enjoy refreshments at Café Lotti before and after the ride. Those interested

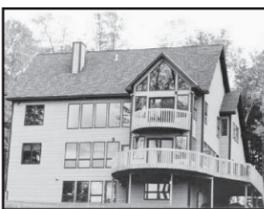
can camp at Pat and Tom's house outside East Burke and ride again on Sunday, either road riding, gravel riding, or mountain biking at Kingdom Trails. Meet: 9:30 AM, Café Lotti, East Burke (park in East Burke School lot behind the cafe). Leaders: Pat Stabler and Tom Evers, 781-929-9085/everstab@verizon.net.

Sunday, August 25 Ride: Buck Hollow and Beyond. The 40-mile (M) route goes north to Fairfax, through Buck Hollow into Fairfield, returning via St. Albans. The longer loop (58-M/S) continues into Sheldon. There are potential food stops in St. Albans, Georgia, and Fairfax. Meet: 8:45 AM, Milton High School. Leader: Joyce McCutcheon, 893-1690/mellowmitti@aol.com. Co-Leader: Dave Merchant, 825-3808/dpierchand@comcast.net.

Saturday August 31: Waitsfield and Waterfalls. Enjoy a scenic tour through the countryside of Waitsfield and Warren with a visit to Moss Glen Falls south of Warren (not the one in Stowe). Turn around at the falls for a 35-mile (M) ride or continue up Middlebury Gap, with a stop at Texas Falls before turning around for a 60-mile (M/S) ride. A stop at the Warren Store is always popular and the general store in Hancock provides an additional respite for those on the long ride. The Social Ride option starts at the store in Warren and rides to Rochester for lunch and then back. Meet: 8:45 AM, Waitsfield Elementary School (on the left traveling south on VT Rt. 100). For those coming from the Burlington area, we suggest carpooling at the Richmond Park and Ride at Exit 11 off I-89. Leader: Bryan Harrington, 899-2908/alpinefogman@yahoo.com. Co-leader: Phyl Newbeck, 899-2908/phyll@together.net. Social Ride Leader: Donna Leban, 862-1901/lightspd@comcast.net.

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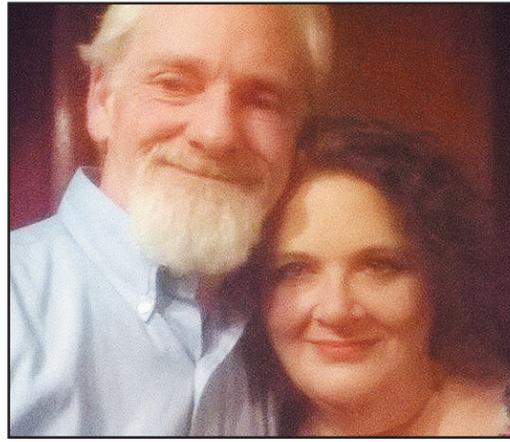
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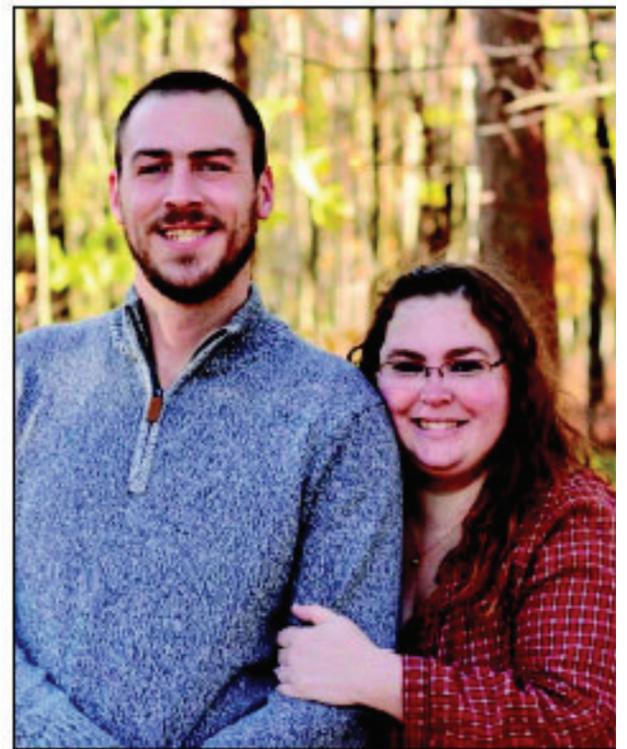


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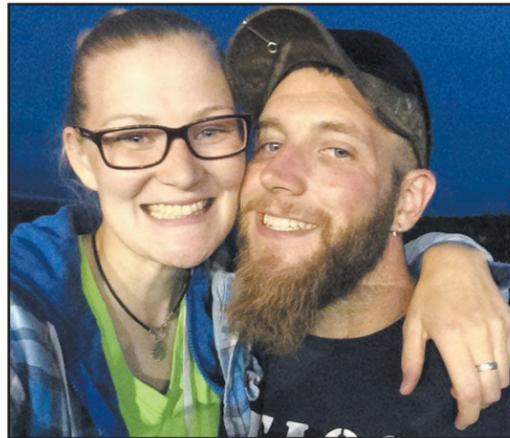


ENGAGEMENT



Josie Gadway, godmother and Donny Lewis Bacon and the late Gloria May Bacon, parents, proudly announce the engagement of Cassandra May Bacon of Bakers Mills, NY to Roger Paul Martin son of Shawt and Ramona Martin of Goshen, VT. A September 2019 wedding is planned.

Roger is the grandson of Brenda Boutin owner/publisher of the Mountain Gazette.



Brenda and David Boutin are proud to announce the upcoming weddings of their children Charles LaPlant to Nancy Bilzing of Bland, MO and David Arena to Morgan Cote of Bristol, VT.

Charles and Nancy will wed on September 10, 2019 in Missouri.

David and Morgan will enjoy a ceremony in October. Brenda is the owner/publisher of the Mountain Gazette.

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