

Route 36 bus update

By Phyl Newbeck
Special to the Mountain Gazette

There is good news for commuters in Jericho, Underhill and Cambridge. The Jeffersonville Commuter Bus (Route 36) has been extended through June 30, 2018. Previously, service was only assured through June of this year, but both Cambridge and Underhill have joined Jericho in providing funding to keep the bus operating. The bus runs twice a day for the morning and evening commute with stops in Jeffersonville, Cambridge, Underhill, Jericho, Essex and Burlington.

The Route 36 bus debuted in October of 2014 and during the first three years of operation, Green Mountain Transit (GMT) requested \$3,000 from the three towns to support it. Once they determined there was enough interest to continue the route, that amount was raised to \$14,000. At first, only Jericho was forthcoming with the funds. The Cambridge Select Board opted to contribute their \$14,000 in a meeting on April 17. After initially deciding to discontinue funding, Underhill first offered \$5,000 but then raised the figure to \$10,000 at a Select Board meeting on May 9. The GMT board voted to add \$4,000 from their funds to make up the difference.

A recent survey was put together by concerned citizens and posted on Front Porch Forum in the three towns to establish whether there should be any changes in service. Results were inconclusive as some residents wished for earlier buses and others preferred later service. One common theme was the number of people who showed an interest in midday bus service. A common complaint was the lack of a parking and shelter at the stop by Town Hall in Jericho. The Jericho Select Board has directed the Town Administrator to see if GMT is willing to install a shelter at that stop.

Several years ago, prior to the commencement of bus service, the Jericho Energy Task Force suggested that a vacant lot owned by the town at the corner of Route 15 and Packard Road would be suitable for a park and ride facility but residents objected to that proposed use. However, when the Select Board included a ballot item on Town Meeting on whether they should sell the lot, the vote failed, in part because several citizens spoke to suggest that it would be a good location for a parking area for the bus. At this juncture, the Select Board is not inclined to revisit that idea.

Cambridge has decided to leave it to the voters to decide whether the bus should be continued beyond June of 2018. That decision will be made on Town Meeting Day next year. Select Board member George Putnam believes the decision on funding is one that should lie with the voters, not the Select Board. "My goal is that voters have good information for making a decision," he said.

Underhill is also uncertain as to their future with the bus. "It's very much of an unknown," said Select Board Chair Rick Heh. "I think we are all in the spirit of supporting the environmental aspect of the bus but the Select Board has reservations regarding the cost and low ridership." Heh credited Peter Bennett and Michael Oman of the Underhill Energy Committee with working to promote the bus which he hopes will increase ridership. He recognizes that there are Underhill residents who need the bus because they are unable to drive but notes that there aren't enough riders for fares to cover the costs.

According to Select Board Chair Wayne Howe, "Jericho is committed to our singular access to public transportation." Howe cited comments made during Town Meeting and a more recent Select Board meeting as evidence of residents' interest in continuing the service. "While mindful of the local costs to support such a program," he said "we expect that higher ridership in the future will increase its utility to our neighbors."

Green Mountain Transit General Manager Mark Sousa admitted to being concerned when it appeared that neither Underhill nor Cambridge would provide funds to continue service but he is happy all three towns have decided to contribute even though Underhill's payment was less than the requested amount. Sousa said the route will remain unchanged for the rest of the year while GMT conducts a comprehensive service analysis; the first in many years. The analysis began in January and will conclude at the end of the year but Sousa is hoping some recommendations will come out this fall so municipalities can take them into consideration for their budgets.

Sousa said it is too early to voice either optimism or pessimism for continuation for the route. "We're going to put a marketing effort behind it," he said. "We'll do some on-the-bus surveys and some outreach." In addition, Sousa said GMT will put more effort into maintaining the Riverside bus stop and is looking into the possibility of providing a shelter for the stop at Jericho Town Hall.

"Ridership nationally is down 6-10% because of the cost of fuel and other issues," Sousa said "but if fuel prices go up it's a double-edged sword because we'll also have to pay higher costs." Sousa hopes the system analysis will allow GMT to better understand the service that is needed and make the bus more efficient. "We're looking at a whole range of issues," he said. "It's almost like taking a whiteboard and thinking about starting a whole new transit agency. Some routes may change, but others may not."

Essex Rotary awards scholarships

Essex Rotary Club presented seven scholarships to students from Essex High School, Mount Mansfield Union High School, and the Center for Technology Essex at a luncheon at the Essex on Wednesday, May 17. Six \$1500 Rotary Scholarships were awarded to young men and women who have demonstrated high ethical standards and applied the ideal of Rotary's motto Service above Self in their community and personal lives. The award to Essex High School student Hannah Baker was for the first time given in memory of Ray Cota, a long-time member of the Club and community who passed away recently. The Club also presented a Scholarship Award in memory of Carolyn Barra, an Essex High School student who was diagnosed with primary pulmonary hypertension, which has no cure and no known cause, in March 2001. Carolyn endured difficult experimental treatment, and passed away in the fall of 2002, her senior year. The \$3000 award recognizes academic achievement, excellence in the performing arts and involvement in community



The Essex Rotary scholarship recipients. Front row, from left: Kia Gravel-Pucillo (MMUHS), Hannah Baker (EHS), Hari Adhikari (CTE); back row: Henry Weith (EHS), Eliza Bryan (MMUHS), Geraughty Badger (CTE), Benjamin Centracchio (EHS). PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

service. The Rotary Scholarship recipients were Hannah Baker and Henry Weith from Essex High School, Kai Gravel-Pucillo and Eliza Bryan from Mount Mansfield Union High School, and Geraughty Badger and Hari Adhikari from the Center for Technology Essex. Essex High School senior Benjamin Centracchio received the Carolyn Barra Scholarship.

Rice students named to National Honor Society



Rice Memorial High School students Sophia Rossi of Jericho, VT and Kyle DeCoster of Underhill, VT were recently inducted into the Rev. Raymond A. Adams Chapter of the National Honor Society. PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Take the Reading Without Walls Bingo Challenge

This summer, children entering grades 4-8 in the fall are invited to take the Reading Without Walls Bingo Challenge! National Ambassador for Young People's Literature Gene Luen Yang started the Reading Without Walls program to celebrate reading and diversity by challenging children nationwide to read a book about a character who doesn't look or live like them; read a book about a topic they don't know much about; and/or read a book in a format that they don't normally read for fun. Sign-up begins June 1, but feel free to join throughout the summer, until August 31.

Sign up at one of the Phoenix Books locations: Burlington, 191 Bank St., Burlington, 448-3350; Essex, 21 Essex Way, Essex, 872-7111; Rutland, 2 Center St., Rutland, 855-8078; or Misty Valley, 58 Common St., Chester, 875-3400.

Congratulations college graduates

Kiley Ashley of Cambridge, VT graduated with a BA degree in Psychology from the University of New Hampshire, Durham, NH on Saturday, May 20, 2017.

Shannon Begins of Jericho, VT received a BS in Business Management from Champlain College, Burlington, VT on Saturday, May 13, 2017.

Tiana M. Bibb of Jericho, VT graduated summa cum laude on Saturday, May 13, 2017 from the University of Maine in Orono, ME with a bachelor of arts degree in political science.

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Justine De Ritchie to be recognized for academic achievement

Justine De Ritchie will be recognized at an event on Monday, June 5, 6:30 PM in the MMU Gymnasium by the Mount Mansfield Union High School Academic Booster organization for her consistent academic achievement. Refreshments will be served in the MMU cafeteria following the ceremony.



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VT Dept. of Health: How to be tick smart

Tick season has arrived, but the Health Department says Vermonters can enjoy being outside in our beautiful state by knowing how to avoid ticks and their bite.

Visitors to the healthvermont.gov/BeTickSmart website will find information and resources about how to avoid ticks and what to do if you find one. The department has also updated its crowd-sourced Tick Tracker, where people can share information about ticks they find around the state.

Reports of tickborne diseases in Vermont are up, in part, because of the greater awareness of symptoms and illness by the public and health care providers. In 2015, Vermont had the highest incidence of Lyme disease in the country. The number of reported cases of anaplasmosis quadrupled since 2012, and last year saw the first Vermont cases of a newly recognized tickborne disease caused by Borrelia miyamotoi. Health officials have also been on the watch for Powassan virus, which has been reported in surrounding states.

"Vermonters can get ill with a tickborne diseases at any time of year, but ticks are very active right now, so most people get sick in June and July," said Bradley Tompkins, infectious disease epidemiologist at the Health Department. "Absolutely, we all should be out enjoying what Vermont has to offer – whether a walk in the woods, gardening or outdoor sports," said Tompkins. "Just make it a priority before you go out the door to know the basic precautions for preventing tick bites."

Health Department offers these tips to Be Tick Smart:
Protect: Use an EPA-registered tick repellent on skin; apply permethrin to clothing; wear light-colored pants and long sleeves.
Check: Perform daily tick checks on yourself, children, and pets; shower soon after spending time outdoors.

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COMING EVENTS

Thursday, June 1

Free Community Soup and Bread Supper, 4:30 – 6:30 PM, Covenant Community Church, 1 Whitcomb Meadows Lane, Essex. A quick, easy, and delicious meal to enjoy with friends and family at the church, or to pick up to take home. Choose from a variety of hearty soups and breads and a sweet dessert. Donations are welcome, but not expected. Call Pastor Steve Anderson, 879-4313, for more information.

City on the Verge book launch, 7:00 PM, Phoenix Books Burlington, 191 Bank St., Burlington. Join acclaimed author Mark Pendergrast for the Vermont book launch for his inspiring narrative of ordinary Americans taking charge of their local communities. This deeply researched history of Atlanta, GA uses the BeltLine saga to explore issues of race, education, public health, transportation, business, philanthropy, urban planning, religion, politics, and community. Pendergrast was born and raised in Atlanta and is the author of eleven books. He lives in Vermont. Proceeds from ticket sales will go to the VT Foodbank. Tickets \$3 per person include a coupon for \$5 off the featured book. Coupons expire at closing the evening of the event. Seating is limited. Information: www.phoenixbooks.biz or 448-3350.

Friday-Saturday, June 2-3

Rummage and Bake Sale, 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM, Eden Congregational Church, Eden Mills. Donations may be dropped off at the church on Saturdays, May 20 and 27, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM.

Saturday, June 3

VNA Adult Day Program Open House, 9:00 – 11:00 AM, Adult Day Program, 25 Pinecrest Dr., Essex Junction. Learn about all our program has to offer, from nursing oversight to specialized memory care. Each day is filled with healthy meals and snacks, activities, personal care for participants and social interaction in a safe, home-like environment. Our program is offered in three convenient locations – Essex Junction, S. Burlington, and Colchester. Meet staff and participant families and take a tour of our Essex facility. Learn how your loved one can spend a free day with us at one of our three locations! Breakfast | Raffles | Giveaways. To learn more about our Adult Day Program: 860-4407 or www.vnacares.org/adultday.

Tuesday, June 6

Lila and Theron book launch, 7:00 PM, Phoenix Books Burlington, 191 Bank St., Burlington. Join Bill Schubart to celebrate the launch of his new novel. Bill Schubart first introduced us to the Lila and Theron characters in his 2008 short story collection, *The Lamoille Stories*. Now he finishes their stories. Bill grew up in a small town in Lamoille County in northern Vermont. Ticket holders will receive a gift with purchase of a copy of *Lila and Theron* at the event (while supplies last). Proceeds from ticket sales go to VT Foodbank: \$3 per person includes a coupon for \$5 off the

featured book. Coupons expire at closing the evening of the event. Information: www.phoenixbooks.biz or 448-3350.

Monday, June 12

Transition Town Jericho, 5:30 – 7:00 PM, Jericho Town Library, Jericho Center. Local homesteader Tom Baribault will lead a presentation on water catchment systems. A dip/chip event – bring either to share. Information: transitiontownjericho.net.

Tuesday, June 13

Operatic Divas and Naked Irishmen: An Innkeeper's Tale, 7:00 PM, Phoenix Books Essex, 21 Essex Way, Essex. Nancy Hinchliff. At 64, divorced and retired, with no prior business experience and little start up money, the author bought a turn-of-the-century mansion in Louisville, KY and turned it into a charming inn. Her book tells this humorous and engaging tale, full of strange and interesting guests and events. Free and open to all. Information: www.phoenixbooks.biz or 872-7111.

Nestlings Find Nature (for preschoolers), 10:30 – 11:30 AM, Birds of Vermont Museum, 900 Sherman Hollow Rd., Huntington. Preschoolers discover birds through stories and investigative play, and discover how nestling songbirds grow and develop in their challenging world. Books, crafts, nature walks, and outdoor activities. Parents and siblings welcome. Fee included in admission. More information: 434-2167, museum@birdsofvermont.org, or www.birdsofvermont.org.

Tuesday, June 15

Book launch for Rosemary Gladstar's Herbal Healing for Men, 7:00 PM, Phoenix Books Burlington, 191 Bank St., Burlington. Discover safe, effective herbal recipes to address the often-neglected health issues specific to men. Rosemary is a world-renowned educator, activist and entrepreneur, and the founder of Sage Mountain Herbal Retreat Center, the International Herb Symposium and the Women's Herbal Conference. Light fare and door prizes. Proceeds from ticket sales go to VT Foodbank: \$3 per person includes a coupon for \$5 off the featured book. Coupons expire at closing the evening of the event. Information: www.phoenixbooks.biz or 448-3350.

Saturday, June 17

Basket Weaving class, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM, Milton Artist Guild Art Center & Gallery, 199 U.S. Rt. 7 South, Milton. Tracie Quirion will teach adults how to weave a berry basket. Materials included: \$40 MAG members, \$45 non-members. Register at www.miltonartistsguild.org/workshops or by emailing castlegarden_vt@yahoo.com.

Sunday, June 18

FATHER'S DAY!

Father's Day Fishing Derby, 8:00 – 11:00 AM, Chittenden County Fish and Game Club, Jonesville. Annual free derby for youths ages 14 and under. Trophies in age groups 5-14 years; prizes

for all. Lunch available. Follow signs from the Jonesville bride to 1397 Wes White Hill Rd., Jonesville. One of the oldest Vermont fishing derbies.

Saturday, June 24

Bird Monitoring Walk, 7:30 – 9:00 AM, Birds of Vermont Museum, 900 Sherman Hollow Rd., Huntington. All birders welcome to walk in forest and meadow. Free; please pre-register. More information: 434-2167, museum@birdsofvermont.org, or www.birdsofvermont.org.

Sunday, June 25

Fledglings Figure It Out (for elementary age), 2:00 – 3:00 PM, Birds of Vermont Museum, 900 Sherman Hollow Rd., Huntington. Kids aged 5-10 (siblings welcome) meet up for a new bird challenge, from what you can eat with a beak like that to why do some birds dance. Fee included in admission. More information: 434-2167, museum@birdsofvermont.org, or www.birdsofvermont.org.

Tuesday, June 27

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ONGOING EVENTS

ADULT ACTIVITIES

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

The Vermont Genealogy Library in Fort Ethan Allen, Colchester has the resources to help you find those elusive ancestors. We are open every Tuesday from 3:00 – 9:30 PM. We continue to be open every Tuesday. Please see our website www.vgenlib.org for more information including directions and how to contact us if you are visiting the area.

Toastmasters of Greater Burlington, 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 7:00 PM, Holiday Inn, 1068 Williston Rd., S. Burlington. Do you want to develop your speaking and leadership skills? Ace an interview? Ignite your career? If so, Toastmasters of Greater Burlington is the place for you. You'll find a supportive learn-by-doing environment that helps you achieve your goals. For information, 802-782-4832.

Eagles Auxiliary #3210 holds bingo at the club house, VT Rt. 109, Jeffersonville, Friday nights. Doors open at 5:30 PM. Bingo starts at 6:45 PM. For information, contact Sally, 644-5377.

Handbell ringers, Tuesday evenings, United Church of Underhill. All are welcome at rehearsals. Two ensembles; opportunity for small groups/shorter time periods. We ring a variety of music in a variety of settings and look forward to new faces joining us. Beginners welcome. Call Amy, 899-2154, for information.

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

Smugglers' Notch 55+ Club meets Wednesdays, after Thanksgiving through the last Wednesday in May, at Smugglers' Notch for a social time, then breaks into groups to ski. Brief organizational meeting, coffee and rolls, and then head out to the trails in self-selected ability groups. Gather informally in summer for a wide variety of outdoor activities. Membership benefits include various discounts at Smuggs. Information: Deborah, 644-5455 or just attend a meeting at the Morse base lodge, 9:00 AM every Wednesday.

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

HEALTH EVENTS & GROUPS

La Leche League of Essex Junction – monthly breastfeeding support meetings, first Thursdays, 6:30 – 8:00 PM, Essex Free Library, 1 Browns River Rd., Essex Junction. Join us whether you are pregnant, nursing your first tiny baby, or weaning your last toddler. Free! We meet downstairs in the children's area.

Al-Anon meetings, Jericho United Methodist Church, Thursdays 10:00 AM, and Saturdays 10:00 AM.

Alcoholics Anonymous meeting, "Women's Big Book" group meets Thursdays 6:00 – 7:00 PM, United Methodist Church, VT Rt. 15, Essex Junction, across from Grange Hall.

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

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

Brain Injury Support Group – a place for survivors and family members, caregivers, friends, and the community to receive valuable resources and information about brain injury. The support group is a place to share experiences in a safe, secure, and confidential environment. Evening group: first Wednesday of every month 5:30 – 7:30 PM at Fanny Allen Campus, 790 College Parkway, Colchester, follow the signs; daytime group last Friday of every month at the Department of Labor, 63 Pearl St., Burlington, 12:00 – 1:00 PM conference room A. Call the BIAVT help line, 877-856-1772.

Autism – Vermont Healing Network, excellent autism resource 1-800-800-4005, vermontfamilynetwork.org.

Foot Clinics – Having trouble trimming your own toenails? Franklin County Home Health provides foot clinics around the county that can help. Call 802-527-7531 for an appointment and information. Cost: \$20.

Champlain Valley Prostate Cancer Support Group, 6:00 – 8:00 PM, 2nd Tuesdays, Hope Lodge, 237 East Ave., Burlington. Newly diagnosed? Prostate cancer recurrence? General discussion and sharing among survivors and those beginning or

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Introducing your children to music

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While listening to music is certainly enjoyable, when children actively participate by singing, playing, or dancing, even more benefits can occur. For example, children who are actively involved in music do better in reading, and demonstrate better focus, goal-setting, concentration, and cooperation.

Active participation with music has also been shown to be associated with better math and science performance, since music helps build reasoning skills and cognitive development. Music also improves peer relationships and one's self-esteem, and high school students involved with music are more likely to do better on their SATs and go on to college.

Perhaps the best reason to enjoy playing or listening to music is that it's a fun thing to do. Early school years are a great time to expose your child to a wide array of music, from classical to country and certainly to jazz. It's only from third grade on when children become more focused on popular and up-tempo music like

rock, which is not a bad thing unless it's the only type of music they are exposed to.

So is there a best way to introduce your children to music? Not really, but there are lots of great ways to do the introducing. For example, you could share songs from your childhood or adolescence with your children. Sing in the car or put music on while you are doing chores or your child is playing.

You might combine dancing with music to help your child gain better control of their body movements to the beat, which allows them to build concentration and self-control skills. Make listening to music together a family activity. Introduce a new type of music each week to the entire family and have everyone talk about why they do or do not like it. Outdoor concerts and festivals such as Discover Jazz are great for children to learn about music because they can dance and move around and not bother others.

Hopefully tips like these will tune everyone up when it comes to recognizing the importance of introducing your child to music.

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Michaela Forsberg of Underhill, VT received an AS in Accounting from Champlain College, Burlington, VT on Saturday, May 13, 2017.

Jonathan Griffin of Jericho, VT was awarded a bachelor of science degree in aerospace engineering with high distinction at commencement ceremonies on Saturday, May 13, 2017 for Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Worcester, MA.

Taylor Roberge of Underhill, VT, graduated Saturday, May 20, 2017 summa cum laude from the State University of New York, Potsdam, NY, (SUNY Potsdam) with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Speech Communication and Psychology.

Rebecca Rogers of Underhill, VT received a BS in Health Care Administration from Champlain College, Burlington, VT on Saturday, May 13, 2017.

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The Old Woman Sings with the Kids

By Sue Kusserow

Special to the Mountain Gazette

I am walking down the properly-wide corridors of an elementary school. It is Wednesday. Not that I would forget it; it is one of my favorite days. I look at the displays outside of each room: names inside of maple leaves and snowflakes... strange names to me. I am used to Robert, Amy, Jane, George, names of 80 years ago. These new names are quite descriptive and personalized. I imagine the teachers during the first week of school, daubing each child with a tiny name tag: badges for entering a new world! My own kids went here; two grandkids did, too. And I sang with all of the grades. Now there is a music teacher twice a week who is eager to share the fun of music, as well as the notes. So I stay with the kindergarteners.

Further down the corridor are posters on how to show respect, settle fights without fighting. The principal puts up a huge easel in the hall with a whirl of blank white paper... to answer a daily question: "What makes you happy?" or "Tomorrow is Book Day!" What a temptation to squirrel all over such an expanse of blank white, and turn it into screamingly joyous 'modern art'... a flagrant form of legalized freedom.

A young man is posted at the kindergarten door, and jumps up and down: "Gramma Sue is here!" Two children are appointed to carry my guitar to my little seat in the corner, from which it will take an 'old lady shove' to rise up again. And what a greeting! Boys and girls rush to give me a hug. One small singer once asked:

"Why do you always kiss us on the head?" "Because that's all I can reach," I answer.

We have our opening song, which we try and compose for each month. I can't seem to get the day and the time correctly, which causes fake consternation on the part of the kids. It's an easy way to learn what day follows which. And originally, there are three ladybugs going to the ladybug picnic; by Christmas, we can all count up to twenty who will fly over for a flea sandwich. We have sing-along songs like *Mr. Froggie*, and *The Fox* and of course *Old Mr. Rabbit*, who is an old friend who lives in lots of gardens and eats whatever the singers want. (One time a little boy had him hiding under a kale leaf, slurping on a strawberry ice cream cone.) *Boa Constrictor* slithers out from the library across the hall, and needs to be chased away. I remember learning more about five-year-old sensitivity, when one pigtailed little one started to cry: "I didn't know there were going to be snakes in school!" Rhyming was easy: "The elephant went in two by two. And he had his friend, Mr. Kangaroo."

Sooner or later come the "they-are-getting-restless" songs. We had all previously talked about a time when there was no television or radio, so songs were stupidly silly to help everyone dance and sing. No one knows who *Jump Along*, *Jim Along*, *Josie* were, but it has jumping and running and skipping and marching, hopping, and twisting... enough to help everyone settle down a little. And then we have our quiet songs. I never thought they could listen quietly and thoughtfully about a young mother and her tiny baby. She is rocking her babe, looking out a hewn hole in the cabin, that will one day frame a piece of glass. She counts the stars... and the kids and I look

up to the kindergarten room ceiling, and the magic of song creates stars that we can all count:

Bye and Bye

Bye and Bye

Stars shinin'

Number one, Number two, Number three,

Good Lord, how I love my babe

Bye and Bye.

And we are wrapped together in quiet, so the baby can go to sleep... in a tiny log cabin in the woods of the South. I never thought they could stay quiet, but it is a tender moment for us all!

Each one gets a chance to strum the guitar, laid in my lap, so they can trace where the twangs and trills go into the sound box and then echo into a waiting ear.

I head down the corridor again, learning how to turn anger into understanding, how to say *Hello* in Spanish, wave to a forlorn child tucked into a blanket in the nurse's station, see the maintenance man who always says: "Hello, young lady!" pass the pile of cans for the food shelf, and another box with orphaned mittens and hats. The bustle and warmth of lunch time follow me out the door.

There is a fun sequel to this: Recently I was checking out a spring-green spray of lettuce at Hannaford's when Jennie came bouncing along, dragging her mother and the cart. "Can you teach my Mom how to sing the *Boa Constrictor*?" So, among the celery, onions, and nicely-plump oranges, the three of us were singing about this fat old snake who slithers out of the library almost every Wednesday.

What joy!

LIBRARY NEWS

DEBORAH RAWSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY
UNDERHILL

The silent auction item for the month of June is a gift set of barrel-aged and infused maple syrups from Runamok Maple in Cambridge. Bidding starts at 12:00 PM on Thursday, June 1 and closes on Friday, June 30 at 6:00 PM.

Thursday, June 1, 7:00 PM: *Can We Talk?* Please join us to watch and talk about this short documentary by Matthew Stern that features local residents sharing their views about the 2016 election. An informal discussion with the director and participants will follow the screening.

Tuesday June 6, 7:00 PM: Discussion of the book *The Righteous Mind: Why Good People are Divided by Politics and Religion*, by Jonathan Haidt. Join us to discuss the ideas presented in this work. Whether you have read the book or not, the discussion of the book promises to be a thought-provoking conversation. The *New York Times* describes the book as "a landmark contribution to humanity's understanding of itself... Haidt is looking for more than victory. He's looking for wisdom. That's what makes *The Righteous Mind* well worth reading."

June 8, 6:30 PM: seminar on *How to Get Started Researching Your Ancestors* with Sheila Morris, President of VT-FCGS (VT French-Canadian Genealogical Society, home of The Vermont Genealogy Library). Sheila will have a great handout along with a list of free websites. She will tell you how to research almost any ethnic group plus how to find and use census records. The Vermont Genealogy Library specializes in French-Canadian, English, Irish, and Scottish research.

Wednesday, June 14, 6:30 PM: Beatrix Potter Revisited. Using books, props, and bibliography, Helene Lang highlights Potter's artistic talent and her writing ability. She will take us from the author's Victorian childhood, through the years of her little books, to her years as a countrywoman raising Herdwick sheep in England's Lake District. Helene Lang has taught in public schools and for the United States Navy overseas, and has been a professor of literacy and literature at the University of Vermont. We are able to offer fine programs like this one through the work of the Vermont Humanities Council and the generosity of the Friends of the DRML.

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

JERICHO TOWN LIBRARY

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS & EVENTS

Author Talk With Ron Krupp – Monday, June 5, 5:30 – 6:30 PM. Local Author Ron Krupp shares wisdom and passages from his new Vermont organic gardening book *The Woodchuck Returns to Gardening*. It's a sister-companion to *The Woodchuck's Guide to Gardening*.

HIIT Exercise Series, Mondays in June, 5:30 PM. Join Personal Trainer Ethan Parent of Hammerfit Athletic Club for this once weekly high intensity interval training series in June. On the green or at the Community Center (in inclement weather). The workouts are based around the concept of High Intensity Interval Training – a cardio training protocol that focuses on explosive exercises followed by short intervals of rest. It's a highly efficient workout that is great for fat burning. Join Ethan for these fun, intense workouts! Pre-register: ethan@hammerfit.com.

YOUTH PROGRAMMING

Baby Yoga (ages 0-1), Friday, June 2, 3:00 – 4:00 PM. Join early childhood educator, certified YogaKids instructor, and mama Meredith Bartolo for once-monthly parent/baby yoga. Happy baby, flying baby, and dancing baby are all a part of this baby yoga workshop! We will spend time getting flexible with our babies, stretching them and ourselves. There will be postures for babies that may help with things like colic and gross motor skills, and postures for caregivers that will focus on strengthening and stretching overused muscles and general relaxation. No yoga experience or equipment necessary. Space is limited and pre-registration is required. Please email: sharingcircleeducation@gmail.com.

Dorothy's List Book Club (ages 10+), Wednesday, June 14, 3:45 PM. Calling all DCF readers! Join us for a once monthly (second Wednesdays) book group hosted by MMU student Amelia Moriarity. The group is currently reading *I am Princess X* by Cherie Priest. Copies available at the library. The next book is *The War that Saved Me* by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley. Activities, discussion, and themed snacks!

New Service At Jericho Town Library! Individual Computer Tech Tutoring Sessions, by appointment only, Mondays 3:00 – 5:00 PM. Clif Hamel offers individual computer assistance to help you navigate the library's online resources, teach you how to use your PC or MAC, Internet resources, email, and more. Appointments are

30-60 minutes depending on your needs. Now scheduling Mondays (final appointment 4:00 or 4:30 PM). Schedule your appointment by emailing colleen@jerichotownlibraryvt.org.

All library programs are free and open to the public.

NEWS FROM THE JTL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Board meetings are held the second Monday of every month at 7:15 PM at Jericho Town Library. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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

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

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

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

WESTFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

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

Library Hours: Wednesday 1:00 – 7:00 PM, Thursday 10:00 AM – 7:00 PM, Friday 1:00 – 7:00 PM, Saturday 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM; website www.westfordpubliclibrary.wordpress.com; email westfordpubliclibrary@gmail.com. Like us on Facebook. 878-5639, Bree Drapa, Librarian.

RICHMOND LIBRARY

June Art Show: Nancy Sandblom's grandmother's watercolors.

June Display Case: The Birds of Vermont Museum will be sharing a collection of owl facts and artifacts, an owl tree cavity, and owl pellets. Facsimile eggs, feathers, diagrams, descriptions regarding camouflage, flight, vision as well as carvings all generate understanding of and admiration for these highly adapted birds of prey.

Summer Programs: We are putting together a summer schedule that includes our youth reading program, stories, art, music, yoga, nature programs, movies, crafts, and more. Schedules will be out in early June.

StoryWalk® is a fun way for children and their adults to enjoy a good story and the outdoors at the same time. Pages from a children's book are laminated and attached to wooden stakes, which are installed along an outdoor path. As visitors make their way

down the trail, they're directed to the next page in the story. StoryWalk® was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, and was developed with the help of Rachel Senechal, Kellogg-Hubbard Library. The Richmond Recreation Committee along with the Library will be setting up a StoryWalk® (*Lost* by David McPhail) along the river trail at the Volunteers Green for the first two weeks of June. Take your favorite little person on a fun story meets nature adventure.

Weekly Children's Programs: Richmond Area Playgroup meets on Wednesdays from 8:45 – 10:15 AM in the Library Community Room while school is in session. The last gathering before summer vacation will be June 14.

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Health workshops sponsored by Northwestern Medical Center

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

Prenatal Fitness, Wednesdays, 5:30 – 6:30 PM, NMC Wellness & Fitness Room. Free prenatal exercise sessions to strengthen and prepare you for a successful birthing experience. Join other moms as we lead you through a customized routine designed to make you feel energized and confident. Please consult a physician before beginning this exercise program. Stephanie Freedom, AFAA. Pre-registration required; contact Stephanie, 802-288-1141 or stephanie.freedom@gmail.com to register or for more information. Free to Northwestern OB/GYN patients.

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.

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

Healing Circle Cancer Support Group. 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. Held the

first Tuesday of every month, 4:30 – 5:00 PM socializing, 5:00 – 6:30 PM meeting, NMC Conference Franklin Room. Please call 802-524-8479 with any questions or to RSVP (not required). Free.

Have you lost a loved one to suicide? If 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. Second Thursday of every month, 6:00 – 7:30 PM. For more information on dates, times and location or to answer any questions you may

have call Tony at 802-393-6503.

Chronic Disease Support Group Workshops, Healthier Living Workshop – held at various locations and dates. Are you or someone you know living with a chronic health condition? Then this 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. Pre-registration required; contact Deb Robertson, 524-1031 or drobotson@nmcinc.org. Free.

Grief and Recovery Support Group – Experiencing a loss can be painful to face alone. Franklin County Home Health's Grief and Recovery Support Group serves as a safe place to share feelings with others who are coping with grief. This support group is offered free of charge to anyone who would like to talk to others and help one another. It also provides a resource for grief education in our community. The group meets the first and third Wednesday of each month from 7:00 – 8:00 PM at the Franklin County Home Health office in St. Albans, 3 Home Health Circle. For more information and to pre-register, contact Lori Wright, 527-7531.

Shadows Of The Moon Autism Support Group – for 1:1 phone support, please call Cheryl, 802-868-3658, or Laura, 802-849-2817.

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

Parkinson's Support Group – open to those with Parkinson's and their caregivers, including family and loved ones. Monthly meetings can provide an open forum to share experience with others who are coping with the disease, gaining education, and support. Second Tuesday of each month, 10:00 – 11:30 AM, Pillsbury Senior Community, 3 Harborview Dr., St. Albans. Wheelchair accessible. Free; pre-registration not required; for information, contact Pat, 802-524-5520 or Judy, 815-895-2312.

Free monthly events for pregnant and nursing moms: Breastfeeding Moms Group, first Wednesday of each month, 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM. Meet once a month for snacks, crafting activities, making baby blankets, and get information from the experts. Free; call 393-6591 for location and to pre-register. **Breastfeeding and Infant Massage Group**, second Wednesday of each month, 9:30 – 11:15 AM, Alburgh Library. Join other moms and babies to learn how

to massage your baby and discover more about breastfeeding and parenting. Free; no registration necessary. **Latch On! Discussion Group**, third Saturday of each month, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM, Family Birth Center, NMC. Learn about breastfeeding and share your stories. Enjoy light refreshments and connect with other Moms. Free; no pre-registration necessary.

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

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

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. Planning for end-of-life starts with understanding your care options, including hospice and palliative care options. An advance directive can provide this information for your family and physician. Start this conversation with your family before you are in a health crisis. Information and materials to help facilitate your conversation are available on a new website for the Start the Conversation statewide initiative, www.starttheconversationvt.org. You can also call Franklin County Home Health Agency to learn more about your hospice and palliative care options, 802-527-7531, or visit our website www.fchha.org.

United Way Volunteer Connection listings

By Sue Alenick

United Way Volunteer Columnist

LEND A HAND. VOLUNTEER – United Way of Northwest Vermont's mobile-friendly Volunteer Connection search platform connects you to hundreds of volunteer needs with local nonprofits. Search by age, date, county or interest; find nonprofits by causes that are important to you. Now volunteers have even more ways to stay connected to community needs. Go to www.unitedwaynwvt.galaxydigital.com or contact us at volctr@unitedwaynwvt.org or 860-1677.

ONE RIDE AT A TIME – CHAMP (Champlain Adaptive Mounted Program) offers therapeutic horseback riding lessons for people with disabilities. Volunteers are needed to help riders by side walking, horse leading, and grooming. Monday-Saturday schedules. Minimum age for volunteers is 14 and a background check is required. Contact Jean Desranleau, 372-4087 or EGDJAD1971@aol.com.

CHAT WITH KIDS – Fletcher Free Library invites volunteers to participate in their summer learning program for kids. Volunteers chat with the children about books they are reading and the summer learning experiences they are having. June 19-July 28, two- to four-hour shifts, Monday-Saturday 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM, Tuesday and Wednesday, 5:00 – 7:00 PM, or Sunday, 12:00 – 2:00 PM. Contact Rebecca Goldberg, 865-7216 or rgoldberg@burlingtonvt.gov.

CREATE A PLAN – Green Mountain Habitat for Humanity is seeking a business-minded volunteer to help research new business plans/outlines and best practices related to their cause. Flexible scheduling, a few hours a week. Contact David Mullin, 872-8726 or dmullin@vermonthabitat.org.

A SPECIAL HOUSE – Ronald McDonald

House Charities of Burlington has need of volunteers to fill two important roles: In House Staff volunteers provide caring support to guest families, register incoming families, check out guests, answer phones, do occasional light housekeeping, etc. Overnight Relief Managers sleep on-site and manage the day-to-day operation of the house during their shift. They serve either from Friday 9:00 PM to Saturday 12:00 PM, or from Saturday 6:00 PM to Sunday at 12:00 PM and are asked to cover a shift 4-6 times a year. Contact Deanna Cameron, 862-4943 or Deanna@rmhcvvt.org.

NEW CITIZENS – Ethan Allen Homestead will be declared a Courthouse on Ethan Allen Day, Friday, June 23, as a new group of American citizens are sworn in at the home of Vermont's founding father. Volunteers can share this moving ceremony by helping to move tables and chairs, setting up podiums and flags, and helping to decorate in advance. Arrive at noon for a 2:00 PM ceremony. Refreshments and complimentary tour of the Homestead are offered to volunteers. There is also a need for a volunteer to do on-going custodial work, tidying the visitor center, washing windows, etc. Contact Dan O'Neil, 865-4556 or ethanallenhomestead@gmail.com.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT – Age Well is in need of Meals on Wheels delivery volunteers in Highgate, Swanton, Milton, and Vergennes to deliver Meals on Wheels to homebound elders. Drivers pick up food at a central location and deliver to recipients along their route. They also visit with elders to be sure all is well. One or more weekdays a week or one day a month, 10:45 – 11:45 AM. Training provided. Background check, license and insurance checks required. Contact Erica Marks, 662-5249 or emarks@agewellvt.org.

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Remove: Use tweezers to grab the tick up close to skin; pull the tick straight up, do not twist; wash hands and bite area with soap and water; put clothing into the dryer for 10 minutes on high heat.

Watch: Symptoms may include fever, headache, joint pain, muscle aches, fatigue or a rash soon after a tick bite. Not all people with Lyme disease report a rash; symptoms may begin as soon as three days after a tick bite, but can appear as long as 30 days after a bite. Contact your health care provider if you develop any of these symptoms.

Go to www.healthvermont.gov/BeTickSmart for facts about tickborne diseases in Vermont, to see a video to learn how to safely remove a tick, and to order educational and awareness materials like booklets, cards, and stickers.

The Health Department's Tick Tracker allows people to go online and report where they encounter ticks. This crowd sourced tool provides a way to collect and share anecdotal information about where, and what kind of ticks people find. Launch the Tick Tracker at www.healthvermont.gov/tracking/tick-tracker.

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During the following years the Playhouse grew and enjoyed decades of successful summer theater seasons until in 1970 the wooden building that housed the Playhouse burned to the ground. All might have been lost had it not been for Michael and Margaret McCarthy, two major financial contributors to the college, deciding to fund a new theater as a permanent home for the Playhouse. And in 1975, the Playhouse celebrated a grand-reopening in one of the finest theater facilities in the state of Vermont, the McCarthy Arts Center Theater.

Now, hundreds of productions and more than a million audience members later, Saint Michael's Playhouse operates on an Actors'

Equity Association CORST contract with an Acting Company comprised of professional actors from the greater Burlington area along with actors from Broadway, Off-Broadway, and regional theaters from across the country.

ON THE MAINSTAGE

Kicking off the 70th Anniversary season is *Million Dollar Quartet*, the high voltage, Tony® Award-winning Broadway musical inspired by the true story of the famed recording session that brought together rock 'n roll icons Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis, and Carl Perkins for the first and only time. *Million Dollar Quartet* plays June 20-July 1, and is directed by Keith Andrews.

Following *Million Dollar Quartet* is the Vermont premiere of Tom Dudzick's comedy, *Miracle on South Division Street*. Living in a rough neighborhood in Buffalo, NY, Clara Nowak knew her family was special ever since the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared in her father's barber shop in 1942. But when new information and secrets are revealed, the family legend begins to unravel in hilarious and heartfelt ways. *Miracle on South Division Street* plays July 5-15 and is directed by Kenneth Kimmins.

The next show of the 70th Anniversary season is the area premiere of *Murder for Two*, the hilarious new musical whodunit. Two actors play thirteen roles, not to mention the piano, in this wild-and-witty homage to old-fashioned murder mysteries. Mixing classic musical comedy with a dash of Agatha Christie, everyone is a suspect in this madcap mystery. *Murder for Two* plays July 19-29 and is directed by Jeremy Scott Lapp.

The finale production of the season is the Pulitzer Prize-winning

American comedy classic *You Can't Take It With You* by George Kaufman and Moss Hart. Meet the gloriously madcap Sycamores and enjoy the mayhem that ensues when their daughter Alice's fiancé arrives with his straight laced, conservative parents for dinner on the wrong evening. Everyone has family, but none quite like the Sycamores. Their zany antics and unconventional ways offer hope that love and laughter lead to happiness, even in the most troubling of times. *You Can't Take It With You* plays August 2-12 and is directed by Catherine Doherty.

PLAYHOUSE JUNIOR

In addition to the four mainstage shows of the subscription season, Playhouse Junior offers theater performances for young audiences. *The Jungle Book* plays August 4-6 and is directed by Jon Van Luling. Adapted from Rudyard Kipling's book and the beloved animated film, *The Jungle Book* is a song-filled celebration of friendships, fun and exciting adventures, and show-stopping Disney tunes including *The Bare Necessities*, *Trust In Me*, and *I Wan'na Be Like You*.

TICKET INFORMATION

The four mainstage plays of the 2017 season are available as part of the subscription series – *Million Dollar Quartet*, *Miracle on South Division Street*, *Murder for Two*, and *You Can't Take It With You*. Season subscriptions range in price from \$124-143. Single ticket prices range from \$35-46. The Playhouse is located at McCarthy Arts Center, VT Rt.15, Colchester. Subscriptions and single tickets may be purchased online at saintmichaelsplayhouse.org or by calling 802-654-2281 or visiting the walk-up window in the lobby of McCarthy Arts Center.

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Windows 10 and Related Technology: Trying to navigate your smart phone? Missing your Windows 7 Operating System and bewildered by Windows 10? Scott Lowe will guide to the way to greater functionality, a six-week session on Tuesdays, May 30-July 18 at 6:00 PM (with a break for the 4th of July).

Piano Concert to benefit Senior Center: The Greenfield Piano Associates will perform Wednesday, May 31 at 7:30 PM featuring some of Vermont's finest pianists and diverse repertoire. \$10 suggested donation.

Book Discussions (copies available at the first floor desk): Tuesday, June 13, 6:30 PM: *Outliers*, by Malcolm Gladwell. Thursday, June 15, 7:00 PM: *Death at La Fenice*, by Donna Leon.

English Country Dance with Val Medve. No experience necessary, wear soft-soled, no-marking shoes and comfortable clothes. \$3 fee. Six-week session starts Wednesday, June 21 at 6:30 PM.

Summer Keys with pianist Annemieke McClane. Three-week series begins on Thursday, June 22 at 7:00 PM. Donation.

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

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- Shelburne Museum: half price admission for two adults and up to four children. Must show library card and driver's license along with the pass. Seasonal. <https://shelburnemuseum.org/>
- Vermont State Parks: free entry into state park day areas for up to 8 people in one vehicle, 10:00 AM to sunset. Seasonal. www.vtstateparks.com
- Vermont Historic Sites: free entry for one family or groups of up to 8 people. Seasonal. <http://historicsites.vermont.gov>
- Vermont's History Museum: free family admission. Year round. www.vermonthistory.org

Youth Events

Tuesdays, 9:30 – 10:30 AM: Preschool Story Hour. June 6: Monkey Business. June 13: Picnics and Outdoor Play. Bring a snack for a picnic outside. (If it's raining, we'll have snack and crafts inside. No nut products please.) Join us for themed stories, songs, and activities for ages 0-6. No registration necessary for story hour.

Tuesday, June 6 or Wednesday, June 7, 3:00 – 4:30 PM: Sewing Club I & II. Youth age 10+ will learn a variety of sewing skills with Karin Hernandez. Must register.

Tuesday, June 6, 6:00 – 8:00 PM: Family Game Night. Join us for this fun monthly tabletop game event! Bring a favorite game or come and learn a new one. Drop in. All ages.

Thursday, June 8, 6:00 – 7:00 PM: PJ Story Hour. Kids age 0-6 listen to themed stories, followed by a craft and snack. Thanks to Building Bright Futures for this wonderful program.

Monday, June 12, 3:00 – 4:00 PM: Craftsmen: Beaded Wind Chime. Kids 6+ will create whimsical wind chimes using drift wood, beads, and bells. Must register.

Wednesday, June 14, 3:00 – 4:00 PM: LEGO Club. Ages 6+ enjoy themed Lego play after school. Please register.

Thursday, June 29, 6:00 – 7:30 PM: Summer Reading Kick-off with Backpack Theater. This talented youth theater company presents two plays: *Peter Pan* and *The Three Little Bears*. Held in the Multipurpose Room. All ages. (Note the library will be closed this week, but Summer Reading registration materials will be available at the show.)

Adult Events

Thursday, June 8, 6:30 – 8:00 PM: Non-Fiction Book Group discusses *The Country Year – Living the Questions* by Sue Hubbell. This book offers readers an insightful reflection on the natural world and life in general by a beekeeper in the Ozark Mountains. Copies are available at the library. New members welcome!

Saturday, June 10, 9:00 – 11:00 AM: Tech Help. Get help with individual tech questions. You can ask any technological question

and/or bring in a device with which you need help. You will be ably assisted by our techie, Josiah. Call to reserve a half hour time slot, or drop in.

Thursday, June 15, 6:00 – 7:00 PM: Introduction to Beekeeping. Join Michael Willard, President of the Vermont Beekeepers Association, for this introductory course on keeping honey bees. Michael will cover all the basics for how to start and maintain a colony of bees and answer any questions you have. Please register. (Drop-ins are welcome too).

The library is open Monday and Wednesday 8:30 AM – 5:30 PM, Tuesday and Thursday 8:30 AM – 8:00 PM, Friday 8:30 AM – 3:15 PM, Saturday 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM.

Summer hours begin on Wednesday, June 21: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 10:00 AM – 5:30 PM; Tuesday, Thursday, 9:00 AM – 8:00 PM; Saturday, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM.

The Library will close for its annual cleaning from Monday, June 26, through Saturday, July 1. We will reopen on Monday, July 3, at 10:00 AM.

We will also be closed on Tuesday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day. Come see us in the parade!

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

DOROTHY ALLING MEMORIAL LIBRARY, WILLISTON

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

Preschool Story Time: Tuesdays, 10:30 AM. Includes a simple craft activity. All ages.

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

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

Dorothy Alling Memorial Library, 21 Library Lane, Williston. 802-878-4918, www.williston.lib.vt.us.

BROWNELL MEMORIAL LIBRARY, ESSEX JCT.

Tuesday, May 30, 3:15 – 4:00 PM: Read to Daisy. Daisy loves to listen to kids read. She is certified by Therapy Dogs of Vermont. Daisy's owner is Maddie Nash, retired school counselor. For all ages.

Wednesday, May 31, 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.

Thursday, June 1 - Online registration begins for Summer Reading Club for Kids and Teens: *Build a Better World*, A summer full of events featuring reading and STEM activities, community building events, movies and more! Register online at www.brownelllibrary.org. All kids, from pre-readers to teens, receive reading records when they come to the library. Every time they bring in their reading record, we count the books they read or listened to, or the activities done, and give them special stickers to track their progress. Watch our book count grow in the library! We also have many programs planned for the summer. All summer events are free. Teens may volunteer by registering online at www.brownelllibrary.org. Open the calendar to find the dates of the events. Click on the programs to register. Teen reading records may include books read or listened to, programs participated in, or teen volunteering at programs. "Build a Better World" T-Shirts for sale at \$6, sizes: child's 4T, S, M, L; adult S, M. Checks payable to: Brownell Library Foundation. Limited supply.

Thursday, June 1, 3:00 – 5:00 PM: Library closed for Village employee event

Friday, June 2, 10:00 – 10:30 AM: Summer Story Time. Come listen to picture book stories and have fun with puppets, songs, and rhymes.

Friday, June 2, 6:00 – 8:00 PM: Magic: The Gathering. Whether you know the game or are curious to find out more, come have tons of gaming fun!

Saturday, June 3, 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM: Teen De-Stress Day. Join us for a movie marathon of *Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them*, *Doctor Strange*, and *Rogue One*. We will also have board games, coloring pages, and crafts available for teens to relax during the hectic end of the school year.

Mondays, June 5, 12, 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.

Monday, June 5, 7:30 – 9:30 PM: Vermont Astronomical Society: *Let's Go To Mars, an Exciting Trip to the Red Planet* by Al Boudreau. We'll figure out how to get to Mars, look at the landscape, and find a place to land. Then we'll figure out how to develop a Mars colony. Sorry, you'll have to figure out how to get back to Earth (if you want to)!

Tuesday, June 6, 3:30 – 4:30 PM: LEEP. Library Elementary Event Planners meet for their last meeting of the year. Snacks served. For middle school students.

Wednesdays, June 7, 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.

Thursday, June 8, 3:00 – 4:00 PM: Making Slime. Come explore the science of the gross with us and make slime. Grades K and up.

Fridays, June 9, 23, 10:00 – 10:45 AM: Songs and Stories with Matthew. Matthew Witten performs songs about our world and tells adventurous tales. Funded by the Brownell Library Foundation. For all ages.

Fridays, June 9, 23, 3:30 – 5:00 PM: LARP. Live Action Role Play with Sydney is open to all middle and high school students who want to have adventures in a mythical land.

Fridays, June 9, 23, 6:30 – 8:30 PM: Dungeons & Dragons. Embark upon imaginary adventures. Our Dungeon Master, Aiem, serves as the game's referee and storyteller. Please call the library to join. Grade 6 and up.

Fridays, June 9, 30, 6:30 – 8:30: Maggie's Fiber Friday for Adults. Maggie Loftus, veteran knitter, will be settled in front of the fireplace in the Main Reading Room. She invites adult knitters and crocheters to join her with their projects and engage in conversation. Bring patterns to share if you'd like. If you wish to contact Maggie: 6maggie2@myfairpoint.net.

Monday, June 12, 6:30 – 7:30 PM: Must Read Mondays! *Major Pettigrew's Last Stand* by Helen Simonson. Major Ernest Pettigrew (retired) leads a quiet life in the village of St. Mary, England, until his brother's death sparks an unexpected friendship with Mrs. Jasmina Ali, the Pakistani shopkeeper from the village. Drawn together by their shared love of literature and the loss of their respective spouses, the Major and Mrs. Ali soon find their friendship blossoming into something more. But will their relationship survive in a society that considers Ali a foreigner? Pick up a copy of this 2017 *Vermont Reads* book at the main desk.

Fridays, June 16, 30, 10:00 – 10:30 AM: Summer Story Time. Come listen to picture book stories and have fun with puppets, songs, and rhymes.

Friday, June 16, 6:30 – 8:30 PM: Family Movie. Free popcorn and drink.

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

Wednesdays, June 21, 28, 3:00 – 4:00 PM: Young Athletes. Special Olympics Young Athletes Program introduces children to the world of sports prior to Special Olympic eligibility at age 8. YAP is an eight-week unified sports program for children ages 2-7 with and without intellectual disabilities. Parent must accompany child.

Friday, June 23, 6:30 – 7:30 PM: Summer Reading Program Kick-Off Party. Brownell Teens will "Build a Better World" with a marshmallow roast for families on the library lawn. Teens will entertain kids with bubbles, sidewalk chalk, badminton, hoops, a beanbag toss, and more.

Monday, June 26, 3:00 – 4:00 PM: Harry Potter 20th Anniversary Party. Harry Potter fans gather for games, coloring, and crafts to celebrate the publishing of the first Harry Potter book.

Tuesday, June 27, 3:30 – 4:30 PM: Teddy Bear Picnic. Bring your favorite bear or stuffed toy to hear Matthew Witten and John Hadden sing earth-friendly songs and act out rollicking stories. You'll be dancing and singing! Refreshments served by Brownell Library Foundation. Bring blankets or lawn chairs. The picnic will move under pavilion if it rains.

Thursday, June 29, 2:00 – 3:00 PM: Escape the Labyrinth. Join us as we build a giant labyrinth and then attempt to solve our devious creation. For kids entering Grades 1 and up.

Friday, June 30, 4:15 – 5:15 PM: Backpack Theater presents *Peter Pan* and *The Three Bears*. This talented teen troupe brings reading to life with a presentation of these two beloved stories. For kids entering K and up.

Friday, June 30, 6:00 – 8:00 PM: Magic: The Gathering. Whether you know the game or are curious to find out more, come have tons of gaming fun!

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.

ART / MUSIC / THEATER

ART/PHOTOGRAPHY

Visions of Vermont Art Galleries in Jeffersonville welcomes the 86th annual Northern Vermont Artists Association's June Juried Show, Sunday, June 4 through Saturday, July 1. Over 50 artists from the oldest art organization in Vermont will exhibit their works in a variety of mediums. The public is welcome to an opening reception (with refreshments) on June 4, 3:00 – 5:00 PM, with an awards ceremony at 3:30 PM. The galleries are 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.

Emile A Gruppe Gallery presents *Wild Fibers*, an exhibit of works by the VT members of The Surface Design Association, an international community of artists engaged in the creative exploration of fiber and fabric. Meet the artists on Friday, June 2 at an opening reception from 5:00 – 7:00 PM. The show will hang through Sunday, July 9. On Friday, June 16, 6:30 – 7:30 PM, Eve Jacobs-Carnahan will give a talk, *25 Years of Knitters Speaking Out*. From woven tapestries to painted, dyed, rusted, and distorted fabric, the diversity and creativity evident in these works are a fine example of the exciting work being done in the field of textile art today. Dianne Shullenberger is a well known Vermont artist who incorporates natural fibrous materials such as red osiers twigs, bamboo, marram grass, pods and leaves. Many of these materials are cut open to expose different patterns, colors and shapes, and are then combined into elegant and intriguing collages. The knitters in the group, Eve Jacobs-Carnahan, Leslie Roth, and Mary Sawabini, have branched out from the traditional flat surface, employing various types of yarns to stitch 3-D shapes such as leaves, flowers, heads, or hands. With the support of armatures, these knitted bits become fantastical creatures or familiar natural forms. The quilted works in the exhibit are not what you might expect. Judy Dale's curved shapes and subtle color shifts undulate across the quilted surface; Roz Daniels collages bold large-scale printed fabric to create dynamic modernistic designs; Mary Lowe creates colorful abstract designs that dance with color and movement. In the mixed media category are Sharon Webster's assemblages created from a wide range of meaningful objects, Debra Kraemer's book created from painted and marbled fabric, and Elizabeth Fram's hand-dyed surfaces embellished with exquisite patterns of hand stitching. Gruppe Gallery, 22 Barber Farm Rd., Jericho; open 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM Thursday- Sunday or by appointment; 802-899-3211.

Bryan Memorial Gallery presents *Traveling Artists*, a group show by 60 artists of works from their travels, from the United States – California, Utah, New Mexico, Florida – to the other side of the globe – Myramar, Finland, Armenia, Cesky-Krumlov. Over one hundred works in a variety of mediums reflect how small the world has become and how artists can adapt almost anywhere. In the East Gallery, the 2017 *Legacy Collection*, featuring 19 living and 14 deceased artists whose works continue the legacy of Gallery founder Alden Bryan and Mary Bryan, in whose honor the gallery was founded. All of the work in both exhibits is for sale and is also available on the Gallery's website: www.bryangallery.org. Call to artists: *Land and Light and Water and Air*, a juried exhibit of Vermont and New England landscapes. Submissions due to the jury by Friday, July 14. The exhibit runs from September 8-November 5. Cash prizes awarded. For complete specifications, please go to www.bryangallery.org and click on *Call To Artists*. Bryan Memorial Gallery, 180 Main St., Jeffersonville; Thursday-Sunday, 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM and by appointment; 802-644-5100; mickey@bryangallery.org.

Burlington City Arts begins its 2017 spring exhibitions with *Ready, Fire! Aim*, a joint exhibition with the Hall Art Foundation in Reading, VT; it runs in Burlington through Sunday, July 9. This group show explores the psychology of impulsive action

and strategic thinking. *Ready, Fire! Aim*, brings together artworks addressing issues of violence and decay, gestural abstraction and linear precision, as well as the sensible and the absurd. The presentation will include work by six emerging to nationally recognized Vermont-based artists, while the Hall Art Foundation's presentation (through November 26) will feature a selection of paintings, sculptures, and photographs by internationally recognized, contemporary artists. Also at BCA, UVM grad and former BCA artist-in-residence Justin Hoekstra returns with *Heavy Smile*, a solo exhibition of large-scale abstract paintings. BCA exhibitions are free for public viewing Tuesday-Thursday, 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM, and Friday-Saturday, 11:00 AM – 8:00 PM. BCA center, 405 Pine St., Burlington.

At the Shelburne Museum: *Upstream with Ogden Pleissner*, through October 31 will feature paintings, prints, and ephemera from the Museum's permanent collection to transport viewers to some of the avid anglers' favorite streams, rivers, and lakes from Maine to Wyoming. This summer running Saturday, June 3-Wednesday, August 23, the museum presents *Wild Spaces, Open Seasons: Hunting and Fishing in American Art*, the first major exhibition to explore the visual culture of hunting and fishing in both painting and sculpture from the early 1800s to WWII. The exhibition will include a wide variety of portraits, landscapes, still lifes, and genre scenes, and will include iconic works by Thomas Eakins, Winslow Homer, and John Singer Sargent, as well as key pictures by specialist sporting artists such as Charles Deas, Alfred Jacob Miller, Carl Rungius, and Arthur Fitzwilliam Tait. This is the only east coast venue for this exhibition, and will include objects like decoys, antlers, and firearms; more than 70 paintings and sculptures. Shelburne Museum, Shelburne Rd., Shelburne; 802-985-0881 or klevesque@shelburnemuseum.org.

Essex Art League meets the first Thursday of the month, September-June, from 9:00 – 11:00 AM at the Essex Junction Congregational Church on VT Rt. 15. The meeting includes a business and social time followed by a guest artist presentation. For a detailed calendar of meetings, speakers, and online gallery of members' works: <http://www.essexartleague.com/>.

MUSIC

Vermont Youth Dancers (VYD) will present *Mad At Nothing, or: A Hatter's Guide to Wonderland* at Mount Mansfield Union High School, Jericho on Friday, June 30 at 7:00 PM and on Saturday, July 1 at 2:00 PM. *Mad At Nothing* is a reinvention of the Lewis Carroll classic story told through dance and popular music, and will appeal to young children, teens, and adults with its dynamic performers and vibrant twist on classic storytelling. The production follows the story of Alice, a high spirited girl who feels out-of-place in her subdued hometown. By happy accident, she stumbles into another world full of outlandish creatures and wild adventures. Alice dubs this world "the Wonderland," and befriends its wacky inhabitants, finally feeling like she belongs. But the longer she stays, the stranger and more dangerous the Wonderland becomes. When a jealous queen threatens to destroy everything Alice and her friends hold dear, Alice faces a terrible choice: stay and watch the Wonderland fall apart, or leave the only place that has ever felt like home. This year's cast of 20 teens includes many local talented dancers from Jericho, Colchester, Underhill, Huntington, and Essex. Tickets are available online for \$8 (vyd-alice.eventbrite.com). Any unsold tickets will be available at the door for \$10. Call 802-448-0893 for more information. First come first served seating, wheelchair accessible. Show runs approximately 1½ hours, including a short intermission.

Cathedral Arts, Burlington presents *Inspired by the Muse – Water Music and more* at 7:30 PM on Friday, June 2. Members of Greenfield Piano Associates perform descriptive works inspired by warer of Chopin, Ravel, Debussy, MacDowell, Griffes, and

others. Admission is by donation to Greenfield Piano Associates Scholarship Fund. Wheelchair accessible; free handicapped parking with plates or tags at the Cathedral; parking is free at the Cathedral on Sundays, or two hours free in the city lot at Macy's. For information: 802-864-0471.

THEATER/FILM

The Stowe & Mad River Dance Academy will present *Mary Poppins* Friday-Sunday, June 2-4 at the Dibden Center for the Arts at Johnson State College, Johnson. Dancers range in age from 3 to 18. Performances will begin at 6:00 PM on June 2 and 3, and 1:00 PM June 4. Tickets (\$20 adults; \$16 youths under 18) are available at the door or in advance by calling 253-5151.

Dorset Theatre Festival opens its 40th anniversary season with the world premiere of Theresa Rebeck's *Downstairs*, starring brother and sister Tim Daly and Tyne Daly, who will be appearing together for the first time on the stage. The show will run for 16 performances between June 22-July 8, at the Dorset Playhouse, 104 Cheney Road, Dorset. *Downstairs* is a thought-provoking family drama written with Tim and Tyne in mind. The play follows the story of Eileen (Tyne Daly), whose brother Teddy (Tim Daly) has decided to move home and live in her basement. Eileen's husband is less than thrilled about this. And Teddy is more than a little off his game. As the brother and sister struggle to understand their present and their past, questions of betrayal, disappointment, and madness rise and fall. Who is saving whom? Subscriptions for the 2017 Summer Season now on sale; single tickets go on sale April 1. For information call the box office, 802-867-2223 ext. 2 Monday-Thursday, 12:00 – 4:00 PM; to purchase subscriptions and tickets online, www.dorsettheatrefestival.org.



From left, Valerie Broderick, Emmy Schoepke, Molly, Bryan, and Emma Ryley in the Stowe & Mad River Dance Academy production of *Mary Poppins* Friday-Sunday, June 2-4 at the Dibden Center for the Arts at Johnson State College, Johnson. Performances will begin at 6:00 PM on June 2 and 3, and 1:00 PM June 4. Tickets (\$20 adults; \$16 youths under 18) are available at the door or in advance by calling 253-5151.

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rejoining the battle. Information: Mary L. Guyette RN, MS, ACNS-BC, 802-274-4990.

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

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

KIDS

Playgroups free of charge and open to all children birth-5 years, and their caregivers. Stories, songs, crafts, free play, local events and information, and more – an opportunity to play with the children in your life, meet other playmates, and connect with other parents and caregivers. Playgroups follow the school calendar. Come to any or all groups that fit your schedule. For information on any playgroup, contact Heather Lebeis, 899-4415 or underhillplaygroup@yahoo.com. Mondays: Good Shepherd Church, VT Rt. 15, Jericho, 9:30 – 11:00 AM; Wednesdays: Richmond Free Library, 8:45 – 10:15 AM; Fridays: Huntington Public Library, 10:00 AM – 11:30 PM.

Early Literacy Storytime, Thursdays, 11:00 AM, Westford Public Library. Stories and activities using early literacy concepts

for ages birth-preschool. Drop-in; no registration needed. New families welcome. Information: Victoria, 878-5639 or westford_pl@vals.state.vt.us, or visit www.westford.lib.vt.us and click on Events @ Your Library.

SENIORS/COMMUNITY MEALS

Jeri-Hill XYZ Seniors meet at the Catalyst Church on the Raceway, Underhill on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month. All seniors welcome. Dinner served at 11:30 AM. Information, Bette Workman, 899-4446, Loreen Teer, 899-1363, or Doug Keith, 899-2582.

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

Westford Senior Lunches – Join Westford Seniors for lunch at the Red Brick Meeting House on the Common, monthly on the 2nd Monday. Lunch, 12:00 PM; short meeting or presentation after. Call Carol Howrigan 878-3090 for information or for a ride.

Bolton Up and Downtown Club meets the last Thursday of the month at the Bolton Fire Station. Meal at 5:00 PM. Open to adults

60+. Contact Doris Wheelock at 434-3769.

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

St. Jude's Church senior meals, Hinesburg, 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month. Free bingo games afterward. Everyone welcome, including caregivers. Suggested donation \$4 per person. Information: Ted Barrette, 453-3087.

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

TOWN GOVERNMENT & ORGANIZATIONS

Cambridge Area Rotary meets on 1st four Thursdays of the month, upstairs at 158 Main restaurant, Jeffersonville, 7:00 – 8:00 AM. Information: Susan Lassiter, 644-6600 or Slassiter@unionbankvt.com.

Westford Fire Department, Mondays, 7:00 PM, at the fire station next to the town garage. Information: John Quinn, jquinnivt@aol.com.

Jericho Village Water District Board of Commissioners meet on the 3rd Wednesday of the month, 7:00 PM, Old Red Mill, Jericho.

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

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

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

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

THRIFT SHOPS & FOOD SHELVES

Essex/Jericho/Underhill Food Shelf, open 3rd Saturday each month, 9:00 – 11:30 AM, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, VT Rt. 15, Jericho. Meat, dairy, produce, pantry items, pet food, and some non-food items. All are welcome.

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

The Heavenly Cents Thrift Shop, just east of Five Corners, Essex Junction, VT Rt. 15, 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM Tuesdays and Wednesdays; 4:00 – 8:00 PM Thursdays.

TOWN OF JERICHO- DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Jericho Development Review Board will hold a public hearing at 7:00 pm on Thursday June 22, 2017 at the Jericho Town Hall to consider the following:

- A request to the DRB by Larry & Rene Hagerty for a 3 lot minor subdivision (1 existing lot 2 new building lots). This proposal will be heard as a preliminary and final plat subdivision review. This property is located at 54 Packard Road located in the Village Zoning Districts.

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

Chris Flinn
Zoning Administrator
cflinn@jerichovt.gov

Green Mountain Bicycle Club 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 be accompanied by 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.

Sunday, June 4: Grand Isle Flats. One of the flattest rides of the season with a food break at the 20-mile mark. The 28-mile ride (E/M) circles Grand Isle and includes some dirt. The pace will be more casual than the long ride. Riders on the 58-mile (M) ride can visit St. Anne's Shrine (bathrooms and picnic tables but no food) and a fossil bed. Unlike other GMBC rides, the long and short rides have very different routes. Meet 9:15 AM, Folsom School, South St. in South Hero. Those coming from the Burlington area may consider carpooling from the Colchester Park and Ride, Exit 17 off I-89, UVM, or Veterans Memorial Park in S. Burlington. Leader Amy Otten, 878-4070/amyotten@netscape.com; co-leader Ralph Kilmoyer, 878-4070/ralphkilmoyer@comcast.net.

Sunday, June 11: Hinesburg Hollow. This route travels south through Huntington via the beautiful Hinesburg Hollow Road. The short route is 25 miles (M) and returns to Williston via North Road, while the long one is 47 miles (M/S) and continues through North Ferrisburgh to the lake and back through Hinesburg. Meet 9:15 AM, Williston Central School (by the tennis courts). Leader Tom Kennedy, 735-5359/etomkennedy@gmail.com; co-leader Holly

Creeks, 233-9013/creeksh@yahoo.com.

Sunday, June 18: Champlain Bridge Ride. Both rides head out Lake Road and across the bicycle-friendly Champlain Bridge. The 43-mile route (M) stops at Crown Point, NY while the 55-mile route (M) makes a loop on the New York side through Port Henry. Meet 9:15 AM, Vergennes Union High School, Monkton Road, east parking lot. Leader John Bertelsen, 864-0101/jo.bertel@gmail.com; co-leader and social ride Leader Karla Ferrelli, 864-0101/karla.ferrelli@gmail.com.

Sunday, June 25: Jaunt from Jasper Mine. This rolling hill ride (60 M/S) passes through Georgia and Milton before heading to St. Albans Bay for a lunch break and over to Swanton. The shorter version (40 M) turns around after the lunch stop. This ride has a short stretch along the shore of the Lamoille River and a longer stretch along Lake Champlain. Meet 9:15 AM, Jasper Mine Road, off U.S. Rt. 2 heading towards Grand Isle. Leader Dorothy Pumo, 829-8729/dpumo5@gmail.com; co-leader Tom Kennedy, 735-5359/etomkennedy@gmail.com.

GMBC offers introductory rides

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

The rides will start at 10:00 AM at the Wheeler lot at Veterans Memorial Park in S. Burlington and will travel between 12-20 miles. Nobody will be left behind. There will be at least two ride leaders who will teach group dynamics including signaling and passing, as well as learning to respect (and be respected by) cars. The pace will be determined by the ability of new riders. Cyclists must wear helmets and have bikes in good working condition. Those under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

Please contact the ride leaders listed below for more information.
 June 3: Amy Otten - 878-4070 / amyotten@netscape.com
 June 10: Holly Creeks - 233-9013 / creeksh@yahoo.com

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Amanda Rooney-Wheelock of Bolton, VT received an AS in Business Management from Champlain College, Burlington, VT on Saturday, May 13, 2017.

Casey Sheredy of Jeffersonville, VT graduated magna cum laude with a BA degree in Psychology from the University of New Hampshire, Durham, NH on Saturday, May 20, 2017.

William Tanona of Waterbury, VT received a BS in Software Development from Champlain College, Burlington, VT on Saturday, May 13, 2017.

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Clifford Leet Hill, Jr., 82, of Underhill, VT, passed away on Saturday, May 13, 2017, surrounded by his loving family in his home of 52 years. Cliff was born on March 17, 1935 in Burlington, VT, the son of the late Clifford and Aleda (Hinsdale) Hill. Cliff grew up on the family farm in Williston, VT and graduated from Burlington High School in 1955. On August 29, 1959, he married Nancy Ann Miller in Alburgh, VT. Cliff enlisted in the Vermont Air National Guard at the age of 17, joining the full-time workforce in 1957. He served for 34 years, working as a jet mechanic, crew chief, and flight line supervisor before eventually retiring at the rank of Master Sergeant. A talented boxer, Cliff was the Vermont Golden Glove Light Heavyweight Champion of 1956. He was also very active in the community, serving as a leader in the Boy Scouts and 4-H, as well as selectman and member of the planning commission for the town of Underhill. Cliff was particularly passionate about and dedicated to the Freemasons, where he served as the Master of the Mount Mansfield Lodge four times during his 54 years of membership, in addition to holding the positions of District Deputy Grand Master and Grand Representative to Australia and Tasmania. Cliff also belonged to the Scottish Rite, the York Rite, and the Shriners, and was an active member of the Green Mountain Chapter of the National Sojourners. Cliff was extremely patriotic, with a love for nature and the outdoors. An important aspect of Cliff's life was his farm, where he devoted the majority of his time in his retirement years. He was dedicated to this work and passed his knowledge and work ethic onto his children and grandchildren. Cliff was a strong, loving son, brother, husband, father, and grandfather, who took pride in and was incredibly supportive of his family. He was an exceptionally kind man with a lighthearted sense of humor, and he will be dearly missed. Cliff is survived by his wife of 57 years, Nancy, and their four children: Deborah Ducharme and her husband, Darryl, of Williston; Susan Culbertson and her husband, Gary, of Richfield Springs, NY; Clifford Hill III of Burlington; and Robert Hill and his wife, Lisa, of Underhill; as well as his grandchildren Michael and wife Sarah, Katie, Jessica, Brianna, and Alissa, and step-grandchildren Anthony, Devin, and Amanda. Cliff is also survived by his sister, Velma Hill, of Las Cruces, NM, as well as his brother, Robert Hill, and wife Jeanette of Bristol, VT. He was preceded in death by his parents and his sisters, Anita Hill Alexander and Joyce Hill Boomhower. A Masonic service, open to the public, will take place on Saturday, June 3, 2017 at 11:00 AM at Mount Mansfield Lodge #26, 65 VT Route 15, Jericho, VT. Please visit www.aurfh.com to express condolences online. In lieu of flowers, contributions in memory of Cliff may be made to the Shriners Hospital for Children.



Edward G. Farmer, Underhill, VT, born December 20, 1928 and passed away Wednesday, April 26, 2017. The children of Edward G. Farmer invite family and friends to gather to celebrate his life. Please join us in sharing stories and photos at the Underhill Town Hall on Saturday, June 3, 2017 from 1:00 – 4:00 PM.

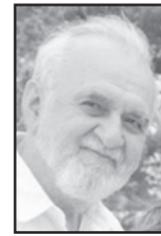


Beverly Weston passed away on Sunday, May 7, 2017 after many years of failing health, at Haven Hospice in Palatka, FL. Beverly was born in Jeffersonville, VT in 1941. She married Marcel Cyr in 1959 and together they raised four children in Essex, V T. Later they moved to Jeffersonville. Marcel predeceased her in 1996. She later married William Weston. They summered in Alburgh, VT and wintered in Florida. Bev spent many years employed as a bookkeeper by A.C. Hathorne, and upon retirement opened Bev's Needleworks in Essex. Bev enjoyed camping, bowling, knitting, and snowmobiling. While in Florida, Bev was a member of the Moose Club in Crescent City and was a member of the Volusia County Sheriff Department for five years. She is survived by her husband, William G. Weston, her four children: Cheryl Cyr and her son Justin Wood of Milton, VT; David Cyr of Pomona Park, FL; Mark Cyr, his wife Joanne, and their three children, Kimberly, Katherine, and Kristina of Richmond, VT; and Michael Cyr of Georgetown, TX. She is also survived by William's children, William A. Weston of Orange City, FL and Barbara Weston Delaney, and her two children Gage LaPlant and Dane Delaney of Deland, FL. She is also survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins, and in-laws. She was predeceased by her parents, George and Jennie Sargent, her sister Ruth Sargent, her husband Marcel Cyr, and her grandchildren Andrew and Amanda Cyr. A memorial service will be held in Vermont in July. Arrangements are in the care of the Ready Funeral & Cremation Service. To send online condolences to her family please visit www.readyfuneral.com.



Gladys Irene Russin Legrand, 92, passed away on Saturday, May 20, 2017 at the McClure Miler VNA Respite House. Gladys was born in Jericho, VT March 4, 1925 to Willie and Lena (Pecor) Russin. On November 15, 1943 she married Marcel Legrand. Together they raised five children. Gladys enjoyed doing picture puzzles and sewing. Gladys was predeceased by her parents, all eight siblings, her husband Marcel, a son Leo, and a granddaughter Elizabeth. She is survived by her son Robert and his wife Reba of Jericho, daughter Theresa of Westford, VT, and son Raymond and his wife Rae Marie of Florida, Peggy Legrand of Colchester, VT, 16 grandchildren, 35 great-grandchildren, and 10 great-great-grandchildren and one due in November; many nieces, nephews, and a special friend, Sue Knapp. A Mass of Christian burial was celebrated on Thursday, May 25, 2017 at St. Thomas Catholic

Church in Underhill Center, VT. Burial immediately followed in St. Thomas Cemetery. Visiting hours were Wednesday, May 24 at the Corbin and Palmer Funeral Chapel, Essex Junction, VT. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to VNA Adult Day Care Program, 1110 Prim Rd., Suite #1, Colchester, VT 05446.



Mr. Louis Kotorman, 86, of Westford, VT passed away peacefully on Saturday, January 13, 2017 at his daughter's home in Coppell, TX. Family was gathered by his side along with Envoy Hospice of Dallas, TX. He was born in Transylvania, Hungary, on October 9, 1930 to Louis and Maria (King) Kotorman. He came to America in 1960, after escaping the Hungarian Revolution. He was employed by Iowa State University as an engineer, where he met his wife, Margit. Later, he was employed by IBM, where he helped invent the memory chip and developed advanced voltage contrast scanning electron microscope techniques. After 22 years at IBM, he was hired as a research associate at Clarkson University for 10 years, sharing his knowledge and experience while utilizing the scanning electron microscope. He loved to invent, hike, fly his plane, explore astronomy, and run with his dog, Mokush. He also enjoyed sharing his love for music by helping teach the piano to his grandchildren. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Margit, his daughter, Erika and her husband, Rick Rothwell, his sons, Mark Kotorman and his wife Laurie, and Dan Kotorman and his wife Holly, 4 grandsons and 4 granddaughters, as well as three great granddaughters, one brother Ernő Kotorman, and his nieces and nephews. He was loved very much and will be deeply missed. In lieu of flowers/gifts, the family asks that a contribution be made to the Green Mountain Club of VT.

LeBourveau was named the tournament MVP



Sydney LeBourveau pitched her third complete game in two days and drove home the go-ahead run with a sixth-inning double as third-seeded Terriers of Thomas College, Waterville, ME completed a three-game sweep of the North Atlantic Conference Tournament on Saturday, May 27, 2017 with a 2-0 win over Castleton (Vermont) University at the Winkin

Complex on the campus of Husson University. LeBourveau was named the tournament MVP after scattering four hits with three strikeouts and four walks, and her team is now bound for the NCAA Division III championships. The Jericho, VT native is a 2015 graduate of Mount Mansfield Union High School in Jericho.

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