

# Community working to save Wheeler Field



Banner presents general and contact information on the project. PHOTO BY PHYL NEWBECK

**By Phyl Newbeck  
Special to the Mountain Gazette**

There is a long history behind Wheeler Field which sits at the corner of Nashville and Stage Roads in Bolton. Usage of the field has evolved over the years and a new group has formed to make sure the land stays open. Friends of Wheeler Field

is a collaboration between concerned citizens, the West Bolton Golf Course, and Vermont Building Resources with the goal of creating a permanent community park.

John Westie is the president of Friends of Wheeler Field. "It was agricultural land," he said "and in the late 1980's, Xenophon and Irene

Wheeler who owned the property and built the golf course agreed to let the town use the corner to promote community events." In 1993, a Little League field was built during a bubble of time when Bolton had enough youngsters to compete against teams from Jericho and Underhill. Remembering when Bolton had fielded a team in the 1920's, Xenophon leased the land to the league for one dollar a year. "I remember a lot of community picnics there, as early as 1989," Westie said. "The Streeter family put on fireworks displays through the 1990's which were very popular, well reviewed and well attended. They rivaled some of the larger towns."

The current owners of the golf course, Jeff and Mary Brown, have decided to sell some of their land. They offered the community a 30-month window to raise money to purchase the property and create a park so in July of this year, Friends of Wheeler Field was born. Westie is joined on the board of directors by Jen Dudley-Gaillard who serves as treasurer and Adam Miller who is the recording secretary. "We've been raising a little money," Westie said, "but we'll need \$12,500 for a down payment so we can get a signed purchase and sales agreement with closing in two and a half years."

Although there are several Bolton citizens who are good at grant writing, the Friends group plans to also hold events to raise both awareness and money close to home and will use the golf course as a base for some of them. "We're just getting going," Westie said. "It's a beautiful project and it will preserve open space and allow families to spend time looking up at the mountains and the sky." The field provides views of Bolton Notch and Oxbow Mountain. Westie noted that the presence of a conserved park will probably

enhance property values.

Vermont Building Resources will build six houses on Nashville Road, adjacent to the property, but they are collaborating with the Friends and are willing to sell their seventh lot to the group. "Lot eight was planned to be part of the park," Westie said "but lot seven wraps around the property and would add additional and safer road access."

While it might seem odd to some that a developer is assisting in a conservation effort, this isn't the first time Vermont Building Resources has engaged in this kind of collaboration. Founder Chuck Reiss has a master's in environmental biology and builds sustainable homes. Most of the houses in the new development will have rooftop solar and heat pumps and will be close to net-zero with thick walls, tri-plane glass and healthy materials. Reiss is hoping to incorporate battery capacity and has set aside an area where a utility battery might be placed to prevent undue reliance on the grid during the winter months. "We advocate sustainable construction," Reiss said, "but sustainability is also about building community. We like to do projects that conserve agricultural land or community space so this fits with our philosophy."

A conceptual plan for the park has been created with a gazebo, picnic area and playground but the first step is to purchase the land and let it lie fallow to make sure there is agreement on what to do next. "It could be a full-fledged, first-rate public park serving citizens beyond West Bolton," Westie said. "It's a great destination. I think that it would probably attract Jericho citizens from Nashville Road and those from Richmond, as well."

# Take a walk through the 45<sup>TH</sup> United Church of Underhill Old Fashioned Harvest Market September 28 and 29



Plans for the 45<sup>th</sup> Annual United Church of Underhill Old Fashioned Harvest Market began in May with a meeting of the steering committee consisting of co-chairs, David Clift and Thad Luther, and members Peter Mitchell, Bill McMains, Liz Manz, Bev Frank, Lou Wilson, Betty Wilson, Jen Mihok and Chris Larsen. Task sharing was outlined and the various jobs allotted and everyone got to work. Subsequent monthly meetings revealed that licenses were secured, meetings with Underhill and Jericho officials had been held and requirements met; and venue chairs were already working to prepare for the big weekend – September 28 and 29. All preparations indicate that this much-anticipated yearly event will be up and running for the enjoyment of the surrounding communities right on time.

Introduced this year was a pre-market ice cream social to which the immediate neighbors of the church were invited as the committees way of saying thank you for their acceptance of any inconveniences caused by traffic limitations, etc.; and for their year after year support of this event. This was a getting to know you evening for those

who live in the area and for them to meet and talk with some of the planners of the Old Fashioned Harvest Market, to offer suggestions or new ideas, and to enjoy free ice cream provided by Palmer Lane Maple.

The Clutter Barn got an even earlier start, beginning in April to clean the building and arrange/repair/replace racks, tables and shelves to be ready for opening day the first weekend in May when donations of saleable/serviceable second-hand items began to be gratefully received. Faithful volunteers have put in many hours getting prepared for tag sales on the last weekends of May through August and, ultimately, for sales during the two days of Harvest Market. All planning to enjoy the Market are invited to drop in for a unique shopping experience. An area will be provided where purchases may be held while customers are partaking of the exciting festivities. And take time to wander over to the parsonage barn to find a favorite book at the Book Nook.

The everpopular Boup Bowl at the Old Fashioned Harvest Market has seen some changes in the past two years. Due to state health regulations, soup

will only be served on Saturday. The venue chairperson is working overtime to assure that there will be enough delicious homemade soup on the menu to satisfy the cravings of Market attendees all day. Volunteers are already busy cooking and freezing old family recipes, traditional flavors and/or testing new blends.

Visit the green across from the church and sample fresh made apple cider, warm or cold, at the cider tent; and then move on to the refreshment tent for grilled sausages, burgers or hot dogs. Check the entertainment sign posted near the entrance to the church frequently and enjoy various musical performances offered by talented performers throughout both days, alternating at the outdoor music venue in front of the church, or in the church sanctuary. Vendors will be offering striking craft and art creations at the arts and crafts emporium located in the church fellowship room just inside the back door of the building and downstairs. Before heading back outdoors, be sure to follow the tantalizing aromas to the cookie factory for an irresistible treat.

Back outdoors, the lemonade stand is handy to the exit. Managed by the youth of the church, this is a thirst quencher not to be missed. The silent auction crew will be waiting to welcome bidders (see more on this venue in the next issue of *Mountain Gazette*). Just around the corner of the church is the country store offering typical old time goods – purses, totes, t-shirts, home-made apple pies, pizza, baked beans, cheese, jellies, and lots of other good stuff

Stop at the french fry booth to get some to die for fries to snack on while wandering through the vendors' field where over 70 amazing crafters and flea market dealers are offering their goods. Don't miss deep fried dough, sub sandwiches, and onion rings to be found among the vendors' booths for



an anytime treat to quiet that hunger pang.

By now, the youngsters probably have already found their way to the children's games in the field behind the church parsonage. While Mom and Dad are working their way around the market, the kids can safely participate in bean hole toss, dunking booth, the zucchini contest, sawdust scramble, log sawing, and others games and contests. And children of all ages will want to jump on the wagon for a hay ride.

Since the church facilities cannot always accommodate the needs of large gatherings, an ample number of porta potties will be available for the comfort of all volunteers, vendors, and guests. The church will provide walk around security both Friday and Saturday nights; and the Vermont State Police, Underhill-Jericho Fire Department, and Essex Rescue will be on site during both days to help make Harvest Market a safe and enjoyable event.

It's been a journey of teamwork and camaraderie from May to September for the members and friends of the United Church of Underhill to present the Old Fashioned Harvest Market to be enjoyed by the surrounding communities and some farther away places. The festivities kick off with a fun run at Mills Riverside Park beginning at 8:00 AM on Saturday, followed by the opening day parade – just the right beat to get everyone in the mood for a whole weekend of amusement and celebration.

## COMING EVENTS

**Saturday, September 7**

**Fall Wildflower Walk, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM,** Mills Riverside Park. Come join Liz Thompson for a casual walk along the trails of the park. We will be exploring the many plants that brighten the landscape and provide fall color. Liz is the Director of Conservation Science for the Vermont Land Trust and co-author of [Wetland, Woodland, Wild-land: A Guide to the Natural Communities of Vermont](#). She also teaches field botany and plant ecology at UVM. There will be refreshments at the pavilion; all are welcome. For more information contact the event host Jericho Underhill Land Trust, 899-2693 or [julandtrust@gmail.com](mailto:julandtrust@gmail.com).

**VT Genealogy Library Open House, 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM,** VT Genealogy Library, Hegeman Ave., Fort Ethan Allen, Colchester. Join us for 30-minute demonstrations of Family Tree Maker, RootsMagic, Ancestry.com, FindMyPast.com, and the basics of DNA Testing. Take in demonstrations of the Internet resources we offer. Volunteers will be on hand to give tours of our library with its many resources. There will be many genealogy books for sale and free refreshments. This event is free. For more details: [www.vtgenlib.org](http://www.vtgenlib.org) or 802-310-9285. Classes \$10. We are open for research Tuesdays 3:00 – 9:30 PM and Saturdays 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM.

**Sunday, September 8**

**Huntington Chicken BBQ and Salad Supper, 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM** or until all are served, Brewster-Pierce School, Huntington. Proceeds benefit the Friends of the Huntington Public Library, a new non-profit organized to support the town's municipal library and its activities and programs. Slow-roasted half chicken, baked beans, fresh dinner roll, piece of homemade pie, beverage, and a choice of seven fresh salads made with local vegetables and fresh herbs. Vegetarian option available. Tickets: half-chicken dinner \$12; salads dinner \$9; under 12 child's chicken dinner \$6.50. Tickets are available at the door, or reserve your meal by calling 434-4583 or 434-2690. Takeouts available; half chickens for the freezer available for \$7; whole pies available for \$15 beginning at noon.

**Tuesday, September 10**

**VDA Benefit Bake at American Flatbread, 5:00 – 11:30 PM,**

American Flatbread Burlington Hearth, 115 St. Paul St., Burlington. Eat pizza! Come join the fun and help make the second annual Benefit Bake a success and help Vermont Dance Alliance's ability to schedule and produce public dance events. Part of all dinner and take out pizza proceeds will be donated in support of VDA: \$3 for each large flatbread and \$1.50 for each small flatbread sold during the Benefit Bake. Gluten-free pizza crust is available, too! Dine in or take out.

**Voices from the Attic: The Williamstown Boys in the Civil War, 7:00 PM,** Dorothy Alling Memorial Library Community Room, Williston. This is a uniquely personal Civil War story as seen through the eyes of two Vermont brothers who left behind a treasure trove of letters discovered recently by Carlton Young. He will be discussing the brothers' experiences as told in the letters. Co-sponsored by the Chittenden County Historical Society and the Williston Historical Society.

**Wednesday, September 11**

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

**Tales and Treasures of Essex, 7:00 PM,** Fort Ethan Allen Museum, 11 Darcy Dr., Fort Ethan Allen, Essex. For the Essex Community Historical Society's September *Tales and Treasures of Essex*, Will Parkinson leads a virtual reality tour of Fort Ethan Allen. Come and tour officers' row, the enlisted men's barracks the horse barns, and other buildings at a fort that was established as a U.S. Cavalry post in 1894.

**Thursday, September 12**

**MMU Boosters Lasagna Dinner, 4:30 – 6:30 PM,** Mount Mansfield Union High School cafeteria, Browns Trace, Jericho. This fundraiser helps the Academic Boosters to sponsor activities and events that encourage a positive focus on students and offers incentive grants to faculty for enriching students' academic life. Meal includes lasagna, green salad, rolls or bread, beverage, and pie. Tickets: adults \$8; MMU students and younger \$6; preschoolers \$3; family (two adults and two students) \$25. Tickets available at the

MMU Main Office, Beaudry's Store in Huntington, and the Jericho Center Country Store on Browns Trace in Jericho.

**End of Life Doula presentation, 6:00 – 8:00**

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

**Saturday, September 14**

**Beginning Genealogy, 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM,** VT Genealogy Library, Hegeman Ave., Fort Ethan Allen, Colchester. Do you watch genealogy shows on TV and think about starting your own search? Get started now while you can talk to those family members who lived the history you're interested in! Sheila Morris will help you get started by discussing how to find records, plus methods and best practices for conducting sound research. She will also share strategies on how to organize what you find. Bring as much information as you can about your grandparent's births, marriages, deaths, and where they lived. After the talk, our volunteers can help you get started using our many resources. For more details: [www.vtgenlib.org](http://www.vtgenlib.org) or 802-310-9285. Classes \$10 for members; \$15 for non-members. We are open for research Tuesdays 3:00 – 9:30 PM and Saturdays 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM.

**Friday, September 20**

**Food Truck Night, dinnertime,** Moore Park (across from Town Hall), Underhill Center. All are welcome!

**Wednesday, September 25**

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

**Thursday, September 26**

**Jericho Democratic Committee organizing meeting, 6:00 PM,** Community Center, Browns Trace, Jericho Center. For more information, contact Chair Dan Dixon, [dandixon33@gmail.com](mailto:dandixon33@gmail.com), or Gaye Symington, [gsym@together.net](mailto:gsym@together.net).

**Sunday, October 6**

**Richmond Art Crawl, 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM,** Bridge St., Richmond. Start in front of the Richmond Town Hall – come celebrate fall with local artists and craftspeople at this stop that is part of Open Studio Weekend. Sponsored by Radiate Art Space. Free parking; kids' activities, rain or shine. For more information: [richmondartcrawl@gmail.com](mailto:richmondartcrawl@gmail.com).

**Westford fall soccer registration**

K and PK soccer starts on Saturday, September 7 on the Town Common. The fee is \$30 per player. Please specify shirt size on the registration form.

Grades 1 and 2 coed, 3 and 4 boys, 3 and 4 girls, and 5 and 6 girls practice Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:00 PM, starting September 3 (practice days are subject to change dependant on coaches' availability). Games are on Saturdays. Registration fee \$40; please specify shirt size on the registration forms.

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## COMMUNITY COLUMNS

## Friendship

By Sue Kusserow, *Special to the Mountain Gazette*

I am home after a brief but painful stay in the hospital. I have no wish to reiterate or bore you with my diagnosis and symptoms. Instead, the value of friends as a major and constant social support has been so apparent and enveloping. It urges me to write about this item of consequence in my life.

My first friend was Janet. She lived in a small town in Connecticut (yes, there were such things) and as preschool thespians, we played in the loft of the family barn. There were princes, trolls, and evil ones that required major lengthy plots to vanquish them... and there was, of course, a princess whose monarchy needed to triumphantly (as a page, I blew on a bent toy trumpet) be re-established against all odds. Of course, the page also led her to her throne (a hay bale draped with a flowery tablecloth). I was always the male lead: handsome but usually malevolent. She was always the princess. Of course, the fact that she was tiny with long blond hair, like a modern Rapunzel, and I was scraggly and covered with scratches from summer runs, rather type-cast us.

I took a school bus 18 miles to high school; there was no activities bus, so it was hard to cultivate and maintain friends. So, books became my quasi-friends. But in college/nursing curriculum, my class was bonded irrevocably by the startling and fearful awe of facing illness and death at 17-18 years old. After clinical classes, we huddled in a small dorm room, playing Canasta, to ease the loss of someone we had cared for and tried, with the innocence of neophytes, to help. Friendships from that time of growth and teenage despair will never be forgotten.

Years later, my husband and I moved to another small town... this time in Vermont... and the list of friends enlarged in number, scope, and depth. The weather was close and omnipotent; in a small town that will range from a topic for small talk, to the bonding that got us through the winters. Now, I can look back over the many unexpected swings and vagaries of dark nights and flooded creeks and rivers, and also the sharing of the rejoicing moments of spring.

So, how does one qualify as a friend? First, someone who listens, who neither judges nor overly sympathizes, but who knows how and when to quiet into a therapeutic distance. She may make a phone call to share a smile, or make an impulsive visit "just to catch up," or an errand and job completed "because you have enough on your plate." Or it might be a tiny remembrance: "Hey, when you go to the grocery, I've picked some flowers. Stop by my porch and pick them up." Small things seem to grow exponentially when offered with unexpected friendship.

A friend is someone you can call in the middle of the night, who will pull you back into reality and tell you it's not a good time to talk... and appear the next morning with a pot of coffee and a "What is it?" as she grabs two mugs from the cupboard and milk from the fridge. You do not have to agree with your friend. You know that even in the raucous fun of a good debate, she will never be deliberately unkind. She will join in your laughter and, in your sadness, your tears will come from her eyes. But she will not accept whimpering about someone else. As a matter of fact, when I deliberately bellowed about someone, one friend said: "Do you really think you know that person well enough to be their judge? Where did you get such omnipotence?" Yet, a friend never asks you to be anything more than what you are.

A friend is brave in herself; she doesn't lie and expects you to reciprocate with equal honesty. But don't think I am describing some elevated being whose maturity is stifling. Above all, a friend shares her foibles, and chuckles at how alike we are!

Small innocuous things have a wonder all their own. Friends reach out with such gifts. And strangers mischievously creep into our lives with an awkward beauty uniquely blessed with their own personae. Some will move on as acquaintances; some will make an effort to connect; still others will grow with you and become a friend... not many, but enough to rejoice in happenstance and fate... and also, of course, in the work and responsibility it takes in any successful relationship.

My friends who have died still come back in the form of memories, spilling over my thoughts with balm and beauty. Due to my own aging process, I can still be a sympathetic conduit for gentle recall. It is a backwards journey, but a worthwhile one. There is a joy in sharing with others what I remember of such friends, still vital for me and for their families.

So, to friendship: raise a glass or a coffee cup. And don't forget a long hug... past and present, coming and going.

## Asking your child questions about school

Parents are frequently testing me with the question of how can they better learn what is happening in school, when the usual response to "how's school?" is "fine" or "nothing happened" to simply end the conversation. So let me try to take on that assignment and offer some advice.

*How you ask matters*

How you ask about school does make a difference. If your child thinks your questions are coming from a detective interrogating a suspect to see what really happened at school, you will never solve that mystery. If you ask questions that have a positive tone and are open ended, then you're going to learn a lot more, not just about school, but about your child as well.

*Questions to avoid*

Please avoid asking questions that require a yes or no and/or a one-word answer, like "fine" or "okay." These will rarely give you an inkling as to what is happening at school. Instead, ask open-ended questions such as "I hear your class size is bigger than last year—what's that like for you?" or "What's the biggest difference between your classes last year and this year?" Open-ended questions like these will usually open a conversation that won't end abruptly.

Asking your child about the best things or most interesting things that happened at school is better than, "Did you have fun at school?" This latter question is more close-ended and will get you a one-word answer. Asking "Who do you enjoy talking with most?" is better than "Are the kids in class nice?"

*Asking about social time*

Another good angle is not just to ask about class but about social times like recess and lunch. Asking "What's the best game being played at recess?" is better than "Did you play with anyone at recess?" Try to ask "What's the funniest thing that was said at lunch?" It will get you further than "How was lunch?"

*Positive encouragement matters*

Finally, don't forget to offer praise or positive encouragement for what sounds like something your child is proud of or did well at. This helps to strengthen your child's self-esteem.

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## Fleet Aircraft Service Squadron 201 (NAS) Malta

By Doug Boardman  
*Special to the Mountain Gazette*

Most of my boot camp buddies graduated from boot camp and got promptly orders for shipping out on a ship. A few of us were selected to go on to a school. I graduated second in the class and therefore had second choice of duty, which happened to be Malta. The first choice was England and the third choice was Guantanamo Bay, and I thought that England might have been a better choice but it was better for me to come in second because I got to go to an island in the middle of the Mediterranean Sea, which was ideal.

While I was in boot camp and school for six months, Sandy worked for National Life and was contemplating going to college. She wrote me a letter every day and "sealed it with a kiss" on the back. I had ten days leave after school, and I found out that I was being promoted to third class Petty Officer and was able to bring my wife overseas with me. We had to make a decision to either call an engagement off, go for a long engagement, or get married? That was an easy decision since we would be able to be together again, so our parents got together with Sandy and got organized, had everything planned by the time I got home – except for five feet of snow that snowed the night before our night wedding. I spent all morning on our wedding day shoveling the path to the church and the meeting house. I got to Sandy's house and sat down for a minute before I had to pick up the wedding cake in Barre. Sandy's mother felt so sorry for me because I was in a dead sleep, so she picked up the cake.

My father was against me marrying but he was always against most of the things that I voiced, and after I did them he bragged about my accomplishments – but not to me. My mother was happy because she married my dad when she was 18 and they were married for 65 years. Sandy's parents were very supportive of us and treated me as their son that they never had, and I have always said I was so lucky to have such great in-laws. My best man was supposed to be Bill Bugbee, my best friend for over 60 years, but he was in the Air Force and stationed overseas. I did have my cousin fill in for him and he worked for his father as an assistant undertaker.

After the 6:00 PM wedding at the church, I carried Sandy down the path to the community house for the party. We both had shoes but no boots, so we basically slid down the path but as I have always said: when I was with Sandy I could be standing in a pile of poop; as long as she was with me I was a happy camper. My father did help me by hiding my car so my sister's boyfriend and his buddies wouldn't mess with it. At another wedding they had jacked the car up and took the tire off. I was afraid they would tie cans, junk, rags, and write all over it, so it remained drivable.

It was brutally cold and we didn't go very far on our short honeymoon, so I did put a blanket over the engine so it would start in the morning, but it was embarrassing to see a guy with my blanket tooting his horn and following behind me to give me back the blanket.

It was a short time that we could spend together but I figured that in three months we would be together again forever, and I was on top of the world. As usual, the military screwed up my itinerary and flew me to Tripoli, Libya instead of French Morocco. There was no regular plane to Malta so I had to talk to the mail planes' pilots to try to hitch a ride with the mail plane, which became a real problem because it was against the rules to have passengers on the mail plane. I wasn't supposed to be in Tripoli so I was told to stay out of sight, and I had a bunk where the Arabs were housed and had no job and they all had a job but didn't work. They just sat outside and smoked hashish or something really stinking. I finally got to Malta.

Next column: Pretty girls, motorcycles, Malta, Becks, and Heineken Beer.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## Many years of community support for the Summer Campership Program

To the Editor,

Sixteen children from Jericho and Underhill received scholarships to attend the Jericho Recreation Summer Camp this summer. The children enjoyed three weeks of summer camp fun and learning that their families could not have otherwise afforded.

This is the 19th year that the Mission Committee of the United Church of Underhill has organized donations from area church congregations, service clubs, and businesses to help kids get to camp. This year, scholarship support was received from the Calvary Episcopal Church, Community Bank, the Essex Jericho Underhill Ecumenical Ministries, Essex Pediatrics, Jericho/Underhill Lions Club, Jericho United Methodist Church, University Mall/Key Point Partners, Snowflake Chocolates of Jericho, St. Thomas Church, Union Bank, United Church of Underhill, and the UCU Community Dinner.

The schools' guidance counselors and nurses who recommend the children for the scholarships are very enthusiastic about the positive impact of the children's summer experiences as they start back to school. The kids who participate in a fun and enriching program during the summer return to school ready to learn. Our thanks again to our great community!

Janet Grant  
Underhill

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## Cirque de Fuego ignites town green – smoking hot theatre



By Bernie Paquette

Cirque de Fuego performed their Fire Theatre on the Jericho Center Green for the town audience on Friday, August 2.

Lisa Buckton, Jericho Center Library Director, introduced the troupe. "There is no better way to draw our Summer Reading Program to a close than with Cirque de Fuego. This year we celebrated the national theme, *A Universe of Stories!* Be prepared to be transported to a dazzling universe with Jericho's very own Cirque de Fuego."

The large crowd became enchanted from the moment the first of the troupe stepped out and literally lit up the stage. The performance was well choreographed, with thumping music, fire dancing, fire breathing, and fire juggling. The fire was not the only heat: each performing member was equally sizzling in his or her performances.

Chris and Kim Cleary lead the troupe Cirque de Fuego. They may be best known to at least Jericho residents for their six-foot-plus wooden letters in front of their house, spelling out BELIEVE or other messages – like LOVE BEE or BEE LOVE or I LOVE.

Like this summer, the Cirque de Fuego fire theatre at Jericho Center was HOT and all too soon up in smoke.



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Phone: (802) 879-4313

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Worship Service: Sunday 10:00 AM

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

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

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

**Healing Circle Women's Cancer Support Group:** first Tuesday of every month, 4:30 PM socialize, 5:00 – 6:30 PM meeting, Northwestern Medical Center Conference Franklin Room. Pre-

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Breastfeeding Moms Group:** first Wednesday of each month, 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM. Please call 527-5586 to find location of next group. Pre-registration required; call 527-5586. Free. This group meets once a month for snacks, crafting activities, making baby

blankets, and information from the experts.

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

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

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

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

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

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## Costs too high to preserve school house

To the Editor,

Four years ago I purchased the Old School House on VT Rt. 15 with the hopes of rehabilitating the building and converting it into an office for the company I started 25 years ago on Poker Hill Road. The initial estimates were high, but I was optimistic we could make the financing work, so we went ahead and purchased the building.

We immediately put on a new slate roof to avoid further water damage, removed the asbestos to make the building safe to work in, and introduced significant supports to the basement infrastructure so we could begin internal construction.

Then we received seven bids to complete the work. All the bids were at least double what we had initially received. We then worked with a local contractor who would purchase the building and do all of the work himself. It was too expensive for him. We worked with a local family to share the costs to rehabilitate the building with them, putting a bakery on the first floor. It was again too expensive.

We have spent two years trying to sell the building. We have not received a single offer.

It is with this knowledge and a heavy heart that we have decided to bring the building down. A Vermont company will help us reclaim all reusable materials. Much will be reused in the construction of a new building we plan to erect on the site – a state of the art, exemplary building with solar energy and the highest energy efficiency possible. The design will be tasteful and reflect a traditional, small, single-story Vermont school house, which will become the new office for the educational publishing company I continue to run. A historic plaque will commemorate the location of the original school house.

Please know we have investigated dozens of scenarios with local officials and others to save the building. The financial costs are simply too high. I have loved Underhill as my home for 47 years. I hope I will make the town proud with what I provide in the coming months.

Ross Brewer  
Underhill

## LIBRARY NEWS

## DEBORAH RAWSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

The library's Sunday hours (1:00 – 4:00 PM) will resume September 8. The library will be closed Saturday, September 28 and

Sunday, September 29 for Harvest Market.

All events are free and some activities require advance registration.

Story Hour with Beth and David London – Friday, September 6, 10:30 AM. Beth and David, formerly of Poker Hill School, share stories and songs with young children and their families; snack will follow. No registration required.

Would you consider donating pizza coupons? If you keep your coupons for free pizza at Mountain High Pizza in Jericho, please consider donating your coupons to the DRML children's program. The library is gathering coupons toward Teen-Movie-and-Pizza nights beginning in October. There will be a bucket at the circulation desk to deposit donated pizza coupons. Thank you!

CSWD's The Basics of Home Composting, Saturday, September 7, 10:00 AM. Chittenden Solid Waste District's Community Outreach Coordinator, Lauren Layn, will outline the benefits of "closing the loop" with your own household food scraps and yard debris in a presentation on maintaining a healthy compost system. Lauren will show you what type of bin is best for you; where to locate your bin; what to put into your bin (and what to avoid!); how to manage your bin; how to harvest your compost; and alternatives to a backyard bin, including pick up service or drop-off composting. In 2012, the Vermont Legislature unanimously passed the Universal Recycling Law (Act 148). This presentation focuses on keeping organic materials — like food scraps and other food waste — out of the landfill, which we be required for all Vermonters by 2020.

Chess Club, Monday, September 9, 6:30 PM. Enjoy the ancient game of feudal

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## NEWS BRIEFS

## Westford residents encouraged to explore trail systems

The Westford Conservation Commission encourages residents to explore and enjoy the Westford Trails that are spread throughout the town.

• **Schultz Trail:** About .7 miles up Machia Hill Road, the trail is on the left and marked by a "Public Trail" sign. The trail runs from there to Old #11 Road, with parking on the sides at the road at either end.

• **Goodrich Trail:** Runs from the end of Machia Hill Road all the way to Repa Road in Underhill. This trail runs straight ahead from the end of Machia Hill Road, right past a house, and up into the woods along a logging road (follow the yellow WCC signs). Parking along Machia Hill

Road. Please don't park in the turnaround area.

• **School Trails:** Endless options that go through the woods, along the river, and around fields. Travel from the kiosk around the athletic fields and back to the school with *Aliens Love Underpants*, a story walk spread over a distance suitable for all ages.

• **Maple Shade Forest:** Cross Brookside Road from the kiosk and follow that remarkable stone wall up into the woods where trails lead to two different beaver ponds.

Bring your bug spray, and always do a tick check after outdoor activities. Feel free to help us maintain the trails by clearing any small debris to the side. Have fun!

## Jericho Dems to hold organizing meeting

The organizing meeting of the Jericho Democratic Committee will take place at 6:00 PM on Thursday, September 26 at the Community Center on Browns Trace in Jericho Center.

For more information, contact current Chair Dan Dixon, [dandixon33@gmail.com](mailto:dandixon33@gmail.com) or Gaye Symington, [gsym@together.net](mailto:gsym@together.net).

## Lasagna Dinner September 12 benefits MMU Boosters

The MMU Academic Boosters has been serving lasagna every fall for over 30 years as its only fundraiser to support its activities for the year. The lasagna dinner at the high school has allowed parents, teachers, staff, and students an opportunity to enjoy a tasty meal before the MMU Fall Open House. The meal is open to the community and many show up for food and to support the school.

This year's event will be held on Thursday, September 12, from 4:30 – 6:30 PM in the MMU cafeteria. The meal includes lasagna, green salad, rolls or bread, a beverage, and delicious pie for dessert. Tickets are \$8 – adults; \$6 – MMU students and younger; \$3 – preschoolers; \$25 – family (two adults and two students).

Tickets can be purchased at the MMU Main Office, Beaudry's Store in Huntington, and at the Jericho Center Country Store on Browns Trace across from the green in Jericho Center.

The MMU Academic Boosters is a group of parents and teachers whose goal is to promote, recognize, and reward the scholastic achievements of students. The group believes that academic excellence deserves public recognition, and the Academic Boosters organization believes that such recognition motivates students to achieve their academic potential.

Each year, the Academic Boosters has sponsored activities and events that encourage a positive focus on students, including a Freshman Scholars Breakfast, an Academic Recognition Night, ice cream for effort, and Honor Roll Rewards, which is a community program that involves local businesses. The group also offers incentive grants to faculty for enriching the academic life of all MMUHS students. Grants have included initiatives in math, science, vocal music, and library acquisition. The lasagna dinner funds all these activities.

## Green Mountain Bike Club day touring rides

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

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

Additional local Social Rides will be scheduled as weather permits in the Champlain Valley. Please email [lightspd@comcast.net](mailto:lightspd@comcast.net) to be added to the Social Riders email contact list, which is the only guaranteed notification for these rides.

Weekend Social Rides are usually announced by Thursday.

Saturday, September 7, NEK weekend, Day 1: Moose Country Meandering. 67 (S) loop up through Norton and Canaan on VT Rts. 114, 102, and 105, with (hopefully) more moose than cars. For the short ride we will do the new Kingdom Lakeview Loop, is a 50-mile ride which passes three lakes, one pond, and one river. Meet at 9:30 AM, Island Pond fishing access or along VT Rt. 105 in front of the Irving store. Leaders: Pat Stabler and Tom Evers, 781-929-9085 / [everstab@verizon.net](mailto:everstab@verizon.net). Camping is available at Pat and Tom's house just outside East Burke; early birds get beds or floor space in the house. BYOB drinks and/or potluck BBQ for anyone who is interested on Saturday afternoon/evening. There is also the Tiki Bar in East Burke, which is not to be missed.

Sunday, September 8, NEK weekend, Day 2: Willoughby Wanderings. 47-mile (M/S) ride up through Sutton and Barton, along the shore of Lake Willoughby and through part of Willoughby State Forest. A 30-mile (M) version of the ride

returns to Burke via U.S. Rt. 5. Meet at 9:15 AM, Kingdom Trails parking area. Leaders: Pat Stabler and Tom Evers, 781-929-9085 / [everstab@verizon.net](mailto:everstab@verizon.net).

Sunday, September 8: Pleasant Valley Pedaling. The 50-mile route (M/S) travels through Jericho into Underhill and then via Pleasant Valley Road into Cambridge. This ride is an extension of the old Pleasant Valley Voyager. Meet at 9:15 AM, Williston Central School. Leader: Matt Kuivinen, 881-9045 / [mattkui@earthlink.net](mailto:mattkui@earthlink.net); co-leader: Brian Howard, 505-1148 / [bjhowd@gmail.com](mailto:bjhowd@gmail.com).

Sunday, September 15: Century Day. Three rides, all following the same route for the first 25 miles, with a food stop in Bristol. The Metric Century is 62 miles (M) via Bristol and Vergennes. The full Century is 100 miles (S), traveling down to the Crown Point Bridge and returning through the Champlain Valley. Those looking for an extra challenge can do the Double Gap Century, which is 113 miles and includes the Middlebury and Appalachian Gaps. Meet at 7:30 AM, Wheeler lot, Veterans Memorial Park, S. Burlington. Leader: Kevin Batson, 825-2618 /

[kevbvt@gmail.com](mailto:kevbvt@gmail.com). Metric Century Leader: Phil Littler, 309-2464 / [phil.littler@me.com](mailto:phil.littler@me.com).

Sunday, September 22: *Venice en Québec*. Ride 40 (E/M) miles from Alburgh across the border through farmland to *Venice en Québec*, a summer resort on Missisquoi Bay. We will stop for lunch in Venice. There are stores and restaurants there, or you can bring your own lunch. The return is through the Alburgh Springs border crossing. Bring your passport or the required customs documents. Meet at 9:45 AM, Alburgh Community Education Center. Leader: John Bertelsen, 864-0101 / [jo.bertel@gmail.com](mailto:jo.bertel@gmail.com); co-leader: Karla Ferrelli, 864-0101 / [karla.ferrelli@gmail.com](mailto:karla.ferrelli@gmail.com).

Sunday, September 29: East of Eden. Ride 50 or 60 (M/S) miles through the rolling hills around Eden, with your choice of a long, gradual climb up VT Rt. 105 or a shorter, steeper route on VT Rt. 242 up to Jay Peak. Meet at 9:45 AM, Eden Elementary School on VT Rt. 100, about half a mile south of VT Rt. 118. Leader: Brian Howard – 505-1148 / [bjhowd@gmail.com](mailto:bjhowd@gmail.com); co-leader: Matt Kuivinen - 881-9045 / [mattkui@earthlink.net](mailto:mattkui@earthlink.net).

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conquest with fellow tacticians. Whether you're a grandmaster or a total novice, you'll enjoy putting your skills to the test at our monthly chess club. Participants are encouraged to bring their own boards and chess sets.

Deborah Rawson Book Lovers, Tuesday, September 10, 7:00 PM. DRBL is a monthly adult book discussion group that meets the second Tuesday of each month. This month's selection is *Still Life* by Louise Penny. New members are always welcome to drop in on any meeting. For more information, contact [Christine@cstaffa.com](mailto:Christine@cstaffa.com).

Scrabble, Thursday, September 12, 11:00 AM. Join us on the second Thursday of every month for the original wordplay game. Exercise your mind and improve your vocabulary, especially of two- and three-letter words.

Knitting with Neighbors — Thursdays, September 12 and 26, 6:00 PM. New to knitting and looking for support to get past the first row, or remember how to cast on? This is the group for you. Experienced knitter just looking for inspiration to try something new or share your knitting wisdom? This is the group for you. Not new to knitting, but new to Jericho or Underhill? You will find some friendly faces here. If you would like help picking a first time project, please feel free to contact Julie Hehir, [juliehehir@comcast.net](mailto:juliehehir@comcast.net).

Mah Jongg, Monday, September 16, 1:00 PM. Join us to explore the ancient Chinese tile game of winds, dragons, and number tiles. If you like Rummy-style card games, you'll love Mah Jongg! All are welcome, no experience necessary!

Pamela MacPherson presents *Vigil: The Poetry of Presence*, Thursday, September 19, 6:30 PM. Join us for a presentation of a collection of poems focused on "holding space" with the dying. These poems, taken unedited from Pam's personal journal, are her means of processing experiences sitting vigil with individuals who are in the last days and hours of life. Hear her stories, read her poems, and feel more empowered when your presence is meaningful for those close to you who are dying. Pam's inspiration comes from over there decades of involvement with hospice, as well as her involvement with the VNA's Madison-Deane Initiative, a program working to "change the face of dying" through education of the general public and healthcare professionals about quality care at the end of life.

Cook the Book, Monday, September 23, 12:15 PM. After the summer off, Cook the Book will be returning in September and we hope you'll be joining us. For the month of September our selected cookbook is *From the Cook's Garden* by Vermont author Ellen Ecker Ogden. The book will be available the beginning of September and will remain at the front desk. We are requesting that you make two copies of your selected recipe, one for you to take home and the other to leave at the front desk of the library. On Monday, September 23, 12:15 PM, bring your prepared dish and a serving utensil to the program room where you and other participants will have the opportunity to sample each other's creation. The library staff will assist you in signing up for the event and provide you with a form to avoid duplication of recipes. Advanced registration required, please call 899-4962 or visit the circulation desk to register.

Vermont Humanities Council Presents: *That The People May Live: The Life and Legacy of Nicholas Black Elk, Holy Man of the Lakota*, Monday, September 30, 6:30 PM. This lecture explores the life and legacy of Nicholas Black Elk (1866-1950), the Lakota holy man made famous by the book *Black Elk Speaks*. Presenter Damian Costello begins with Black Elk's Great Vision and his struggle to discern his calling during the events of the Great Sioux War. During his long life, Black Elk lived out his vision in three overlapping roles: as a traditional healer, a Catholic teacher, and a revivalist of Indigenous traditions. In the midst of great tragedy, Black Elk wove these three strands into one beautiful life exemplifying survival, hope, and reconciliation. The talk is based on extensive historical research, extended residency in Indian country, and continuing conversation with Lakota elders. Damian Costello specializes in the intersection of Catholic theology, indigenous spiritual traditions, and colonial history. He is an international expert on the life and legacy of Nicholas Black Elk.

Mystery Book Club, Tuesday, September 24, 7:00 PM. Join us for a discussion of *The Dry* by Jane Harper. All are welcome to attend this monthly book discussion group.

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

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

### JERICHO TOWN LIBRARY

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

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

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

For more information on programs and library services, please visit our website at [www.jerichotownlibraryvt.org](http://www.jerichotownlibraryvt.org) or call 899-4686.

### VARNUM MEMORIAL LIBRARY, JEFFERSONVILLE

For Children

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

For Adults

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

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

### WESTFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

WANTED: Artists and Travelers – We are seeking artists to display their art at the library as well as people willing to talk about their travels (abroad or domestic) for our Travel Talk Series.

Thursdays, 6:30 – 8:00 PM: Fiber Arts Group. Knit, crochet, and stitch with a vibrant group. All levels welcome, help given to beginners. Questions? Contact Marianne, [mfishcar@together.net](mailto:mfishcar@together.net)

Thursdays, September 5, 12, 19, 26, 11:00 AM: Early Literacy Storytime. For birth to preschool, this storytime consists of several stories around a theme, and a theme-based craft. All ages and levels of attention are welcome. Don't worry if they fidget – they are still getting a lot out of it! No registration needed. September 5: Gardens and Veggies. September 12: Bees and Honey. September 19: Pirates. September 26: Fall.

Wednesday, September 11, 7:00 – 9:00 PM: Trustees meeting. Wednesday, September 18, 7:00 – 8:00 PM: Adult Book Club. The Library Book by Susan Orlean.

Thursday, September 19 – Library closes at 5:00 PM for the community forum *Westford's Future*, 5:30 – 8:00 PM at the Westford School. Facilitated by the VT Council on Rural Development. Potluck 5:30 PM; forums 6:30 PM.

Sunday-Saturday, September 22 – September 28: Banned Books Week: "Censorship leaves us in the dark: keep the light on!"

Wednesday, September 25, 7:00 – 9:00 PM: Compost Alive! Presented by master composter Laurie DiCesare. Learn what to include/exclude, mix in, accelerators, and what to do with it once you make it. Plan for hands-on activities, and bring scraps to add. Sign-up appreciated.

Friday, September 27 – Banned Books Week Read-In. Drop in anytime between 1:00 – 7:00 PM to read a banned book. Snacks provided.

Coming in October: Crazy 8's Math Club will meet Thursdays for grades 3-4, Fridays for K-2. Kids will ride Bus 3; pickup by 5:00 PM.

Library Hours: Closing early Thursday, September 19 at 5:00 PM. 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 <http://westfordpubliclibrary.org>; email [westfordpubliclibrary@gmail.com](mailto:westfordpubliclibrary@gmail.com). Like us on Facebook. 878-5639, Bree Drapa, Librarian.

### RICHMOND LIBRARY

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

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

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

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

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

### DOROTHY ALLING MEMORIAL LIBRARY, WILLISTON

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

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

Preschool Music: Mondays, 11:00 AM and Thursdays, 10:30

AM. Up to age 5 with a caregiver. No pre-registration. Limit: one session per week per family.

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

Dorothy Alling Memorial Library, 21 Library Lane, Williston. 802-878-4918, [www.williston.lib.vt.us](http://www.williston.lib.vt.us).

### FAIRFAX COMMUNITY LIBRARY

All events are free unless noted. Pre-registration encouraged. [www.fairfaxvtlibrary.org](http://www.fairfaxvtlibrary.org), 802-849-2420. Call or email [libraryprograms@fwsu.org](mailto:libraryprograms@fwsu.org).

Saturday, September 21, 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM: VT Fairy Tale Festival. Young and old will enjoy stepping back into their favorite storybook tales at this enchanted event! Local Vermont libraries will be bringing their stories to life, the old stories, the folk and fairy tales of yore, at Vermont's fairytale festival. This is an outdoor event at the Sherburne Memorial Library in Killington, featuring storytellers, vendors, crafts, and activities. Come spend the day using your imagination, being creative, and embracing the magic of fairy tales at this fun, interactive event! This event is FREE, but please bring canned goods to donate to the local food bank! For information: [www.sherburnelibrary.org](http://www.sherburnelibrary.org) or [Vtfairytales@gmail.com](mailto:Vtfairytales@gmail.com).

Youth events

Tuesdays, September 10, 17, 24, 9:30 – 10:30 AM: Preschool Story Hour. Join us for themed stories, songs, and activities for ages 0-6. No registration necessary.

Wednesday, September 11, 3:15 – 4:15 PM: LEGO Club. Kids ages 6+ enjoy themed Lego play after school. Please register.

Tuesday, September 17, 3:15 – 4:15 PM: LEGO Wind Racers. Build your own Lego speedsters, and race them with wind power! Ages 6+ Please register.

Tuesday, September 24, 3:15 – 4:15 PM: Straw Weaving Bracelets. Learn how to make a pretty bracelet out of plastic straws and colorful yarn. For ages 6+. Please register.

Adult events

Throughout September 2: Library Card Sign-Up Month. Newcomers to the library are encouraged to sign up for a library card this month. Each new patron will receive a chocolate, as well as an entry into a drawing for a prize. This year, the prizes will match our game-night theme!

Thursday, September 12, 6:30 – 7:30 PM: Book Club: *Becoming* by Michelle Obama. The Book Club will discuss the former First Lady's memoir, described as a "deeply personal reckoning of a woman of soul and substance who has steadily defied expectations." Stop by the library to request a copy of the book. All are welcome!

Friday, September 13: Halloween candy donations begin! The Fairfax Community Library will be collecting candy again to share with those who live on or near Main Street in Fairfax who have crowds of trick-or-treaters on Halloween. To donate: please drop off bags of candy to the library by Friday, October 18 at 3:15 PM. To receive: Please call or email the library with your name, address, and phone number by Friday, October 18, 3:15 PM to sign up for a share. We'd love to help you out! We will divide the donations among those who signed up. Donation pick up will be the week of October 21-26.

Saturday, September 21, by appointment: Tech Help with Josiah. Need help with technology? Come to the library to ask Josiah Witt your technology questions. Schedule your free appointment today at [go.jwitt.me/techhelp](http://go.jwitt.me/techhelp) or ask a librarian.

Saturday, September 28, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM: Fall Perennial Swap. Swap the extra seeds and plants you have left after your fall harvest. Bring something to swap something!

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

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

### BROWNELL LIBRARY, ESSEX JUNCTION

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 [fronidesk@brownelllibrary.org](mailto:fronidesk@brownelllibrary.org).



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## 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 WEDNESDAY September 25, 2019 at the Jericho Town Hall to consider the following

- A request to the DRB by Chris Ardivino for a Preliminary and Final plat review for a 2 lot minor subdivision. This property is located at 89 Raceway Road which is in the Rural Agricultural Residential Zone District.

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

Chris Flinn  
Zoning Administrator  
[cflinn@jerichovt.gov](mailto:cflinn@jerichovt.gov)

ART / MUSIC / THEATER

ART/PHOTOGRAPHY

Bryan Memorial Gallery presents its 2019 *Land and Light and Water and Air* Thursday, September 5-Sunday, November 3. For more information, <http://www.bryangallery.org/pdfs/2019LandandLight.pdf>. Bryan Memorial Gallery, 180 Main St., Jeffersonville; 802-644-5100; [www.bryangallery.org](http://www.bryangallery.org). Gallery hours: Thursday-Sunday, 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM, and by appointment.

Established and emerging artists present art work in any medium for *Beyond the Seed*, an exhibit running September-December in the Jericho Town Hall. The show is open during regular Town Hall hours. Enjoy a snack and stop by, on your way home or on your way to work, and see the show.

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

The Gallery at Lake Champlain Access Television (LCATV) is hosting Milton Artists' Guild members Trine Wilson, Dot Grazier, and Doris Weeks for a group show titled *3 Birds of a Feather Fiber* in August and September, including an open reception on Friday, August 30, 5:00 – 7:00 PM at LCATV's offices at Creek Farm Plaza, Colchester. For more information, contact [info@lcatv.org](mailto:info@lcatv.org) or 862-5724; a promotional video for the exhibit can be found at [lcatv.org](http://lcatv.org). Milton Artists' Guild will host a Photo Club on Sunday, August 25, 3:30 – 5:30 PM, open to the public – everyone who enjoys and has a passion for photography. Also open to the public is ArtBiz, held every third Tuesday (August 19) from 6:00 – 8:00 PM, for everyone who wishes to learn more about running your art business. Milton Artists' Guild Art Center & Gallery, 199 U.S. Rt. 7 South, Milton; open Wednesday-Saturday, 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM and Sundays, 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM (closed Monday and Tuesday); <https://www.miltonartistsguild.org>.

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

At the Shelburne Museum, running through Thursday, October 31 is *In Their Element: Jonathan D. Ebinger, Rodrigo Nava, Dan Snow* – an outdoor installation featuring sculptures that complement and amplify one another through their shared engagement with fire, wind, and earth, pushing the boundaries of their respective materials and processes. Through October 20 at the Pizzagalli Center for Arts and Education's Murphy Gallery, the Museum presents *William Wegman: Outside In*, a comprehensive exhibition exploring over four decades of the renowned artist's ongoing fascination with the natural world showcasing over 60 works of art from his collection in a variety of media. For information, 802-985-3346 or [www.shelburnemuseum.org](http://www.shelburnemuseum.org).

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

Dianne Shullenberger Gallery, 228 Nashville Rd., Jericho, VT 05465; 899-4993 or [vtDianne@hotmail.com](mailto:vtDianne@hotmail.com).

Emile A Gruppe Gallery, 22 Barber Farm Rd., Jericho; [Emilegruppegallery.com](http://Emilegruppegallery.com), 802-899-3211.

Helen Day Art Center, 90 Pond St., Stowe; gallery hours: Tuesday-Saturday, 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM and by appointment; 802-253-8359, [www.helenday.com](http://www.helenday.com).

HAVOC Gallery, 27 Sears Lane, Burlington; [www.HAVOCGallery.com](http://www.HAVOCGallery.com); [HAVOC@havocgallery.com](mailto:HAVOC@havocgallery.com) or 800-639-1868. The gallery is easily accessed from downtown Burlington, just a three-minute drive south on Pine Street from the center of town. Hours: Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM and every first Friday, 5:00 – 8:00 PM.

MUSIC

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The Jericho Café and Tavern will present live music on Fridays and Saturdays, 7:00 – 10:00 PM: September 6: *Red Hot Juba*; September 7: *Ninasbrew*; September 13: *Starline Rhythm Boys*;

September 14: *Gneiss*; September 20: *The Jeff Salisbury Band*. For more information and a full listing of music offered each month, see [www.jerichocafeandtavern.com](http://www.jerichocafeandtavern.com).

Higher Ground and Grace Potter present two days of music at the Grand Point North Fest, 3:00 PM both days Saturday-Sunday, September 14-15 at Waterfront Park, Burlington to see Grace Potter, *Gov't Mule*, *Trombone Shorty & Orleans Avenue*, *Rainbow Kitten Surprise*, *Lucius*, and more! Family friendly and for all ages. Food and beverage vendors on site. Glass, pets, outside alcohol, blankets, and coolers are all prohibited; rain or shine. Two-day and single-day passes available at <https://www.highergroundmusic.com/event/1834314-grace-potters-grand-point-burlington/>.

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

THEATER/FILM

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

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

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**Rehabilitation**

By Sue Kusserow

Special to the Mountain Gazette

I am in a special world. Like many medical/restorative units, it can be viewed from the outside: a five-floor brick building with a wide entrance of gliding doors. But to be correctly informed, it must be seen from the inside.

I am here to get balance, motion, strength, rehabilitation issues straightened out due to a fracture of the left femur, possibly due to the degeneration of an artificial hip put in five years ago.

This unit and its long-term care units are run by a polyglot of diverse workers who somehow put it together. To name some categories: social work, occupational therapy, physical therapy, food service, billing and business, cleaning, admissions, security,

maintenance, nursing (aides, LNAs, LPNs, RNs, BSNs, NPs, PAs), and MD supervision. The administrative body that runs this building, and many others, is not in situ. And all these units must somehow overlap to provide care to both long-term “residents” (not called patients anymore) and rehab. I can’t imagine it all running smoothly. Like many care facilities, it is a swarm of good days and bad days, staffing shortages (traveling nurses usually don’t like Vermont in the winter), varying care loads, and a great many employees who try and put forward their ideas of efficiency mixed with kindness... most especially in small doses, since this is all the time that a shift will allow.

The skilled nurse can fit in warmth and compassion, connecting quickly and briefly. It is not a question of degree of education, but a personal dedication to human connection. An aide pushes a wheelchair into a room, making train noises as she chugs in. An LPN briskly walks to a room, but stops to hug an old man clinging to the wall and watching morning workers buzzing by. Ellen is wheeled into place for breakfast, asking repeatedly: “Where’s my doctor?” Today she is refusing meds and no amount of cajoling can change her mind.

The day begins. Divisions are not by outside time but broken up by meals, meds, and activities both therapeutic and amusing. TVs blare all over, but are seldom viewed. A nurse takes a routine blood pressure. She slows her pace, calms her voice, touches bare skin, leans close, with the illusion that she has nothing else to do. I will remember that tableau: briskness can be dropped as a convenient cover-up for efficiency; the structure of the day can be bent to include small homilies.

The day ticks on... breakfast trays move in and then out, burying their loads somewhere beneath us. The morning system demands palliative procedures... progress for some, a holding pattern for others. Outside a fire engine screams, pushing its way through the bustle of cars.

Lunch features Ellen again: she is inadvertently humorous and verbally entertaining, due to a twist in thinking that connects her with staff. The other entrant for lunch is an old man pushing his wheelchair with his feet over the juncture of a carpet and wooden floor. He is positioned, draped in napkins, his food cut up. He sits in solitude, with very little output... nothing that would make the staff stop and visit. He scoots back to his room.

The clock time of 4:00 – 7:00 PM is here, called sundowner syndrome by long-time staff. I remember it particularly as a nurse-surveyor, part of a team hired by the state, to investigate a unit, checking records, watching for white-outs, comparing staff hours with payroll records, joining patients for dinner to see how the food is presented, served, and accepted. I remember

the restlessness of darkness and winter hours... especially anxious for many residents... getting to bed, hoping to get to sleep.

A nurse comes in with medications and stays briefly to chat, drooping her body into a chair. She is young and clever and wants to preserve her instincts of kindness against the ever-increasing symptoms of details and data.

The evening limps on. Like the rest of the health care system, it has a wide range of expectations and rewards, for a panoply of givers and receivers. I take my walker down the hall to try and urge ancient muscles into better shape and ease the pain in my hip. My thanks to all who have helped!

Ellen relaxes in her chair and starts to sing *God Bless America*. An aide joins her. Pretty soon, I’m there, too. It is a golden moment.

**Richmond Art Crawl coming in October**

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There will be kids’ activities, and the event will be held rain or shine. Free parking is available.

Some of the vendors include: Alexandra Haselton, Dee Christie-Paint Storms Studio, Jessica LaBonte-Cedar Tree Pottery, Libby Davidson-Starflower Studio, Martin Dessau, Mollie German-Mountain High Ceramics, Polly Wellford-Wellford Pottery, Virginia Diambou-Wink of Africa, Sherry Daniels-Quadri, Alyson Chase

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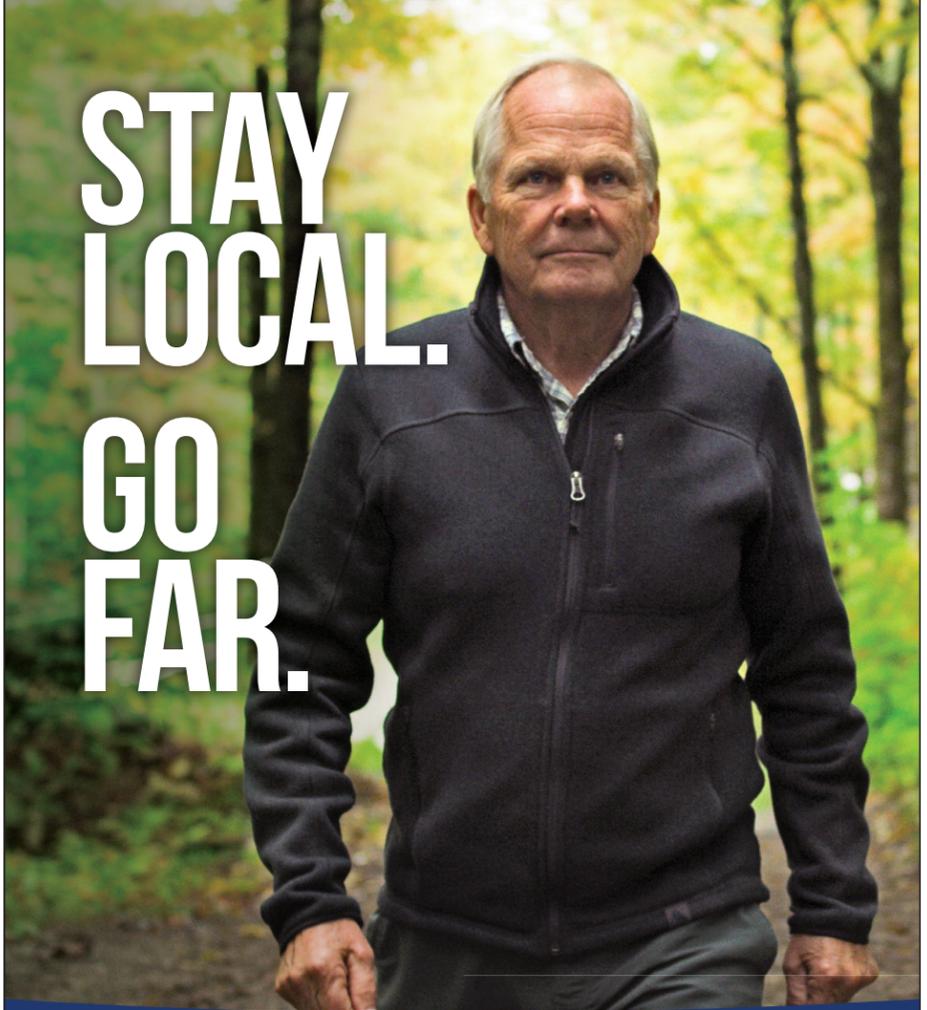
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