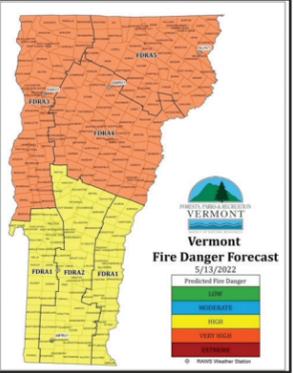


Underhill, Jericho burning permits on hold



Per Andy Forsberg, UJFD EMS Supervisor and Captain, all open burning has been suspended in Underhill and Jericho; no permits will be issued as conditions are not safe at this time. Rainy conditions may alter the ban; please check with your town's Fire Warden and obtain a permit before you consider burning.

Parker Ripley is Underhill's Town Forest Fire Warden. Based on the increasingly dry conditions and the risk of wildfires, Ripley has suspended the

issue of open burning permits until conditions improve. A reminder that if you were issued a permit today or previously, your permit is only good for the day it was issued. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Parker Ripley, 802-734-7114; if he cannot be reached on the weekend, please call Nate Goldman, Assistant Fire Warden at 802-363-3548.

NEWS BRIEFS

Westford July 4 planning

By Meghan Valyou Orisko, Board Member
Westford Recreation Department

Quest for artisan, craft vendors
Howdy (Yankee) Doodle Folks! Since we won't have fireworks on the Common, we need arts and crafts that'll snap, crackle, and pop!
The Recreation Department is on a quest to find artisan, craft, and food vendors for a fantastically festive Fourth! For those individuals or organizations eager to add some flash to our festival, please contact the Recreation Department at recreation@westfordvt.us. There is no fee, but space is limited.

Westford's annual Fourth of July Celebration on the Common is scheduled for 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM on Monday, July 4, 2022. Vendors are encouraged to setup starting at 9:30 AM, and breakdown by 1:00 PM.

Thanks to those that will help us make this event the best one yet!

Seeking pizzaz for the July 4 parade

For my fellow fans of freedom, we need your help to celebrate America's birthday! The Recreation Department is casting for Patriotic Parade Participants! For those individuals or organizations eager to walk, gallop, drive, or dance twice around The Common, behind our parade leader Gus the Donkey, please contact the Recreation Department at recreation@westfordvt.us. The Parade will take place at 11:00 AM on Monday, July 4th.

Thanks to those two-legged, four-legged, and four-wheeled parade participants that will help us make this celebration the best one yet!

Eisenberg's Fly Fix

By Phyl Newbeck
Special to the Mountain Gazette

Jamie Eisenberg didn't start fishing until she was almost 30 years old. "I had been living in suburbs and cities and then I moved to rural New Hampshire," she said. "I saw someone fly fishing and I had no idea what they were doing, but I became transfixed and the next day I bought a fly rod." These days, Eisenberg wants to pass on her love for the sport to others with her brand-new business, *Eisenberg's Fly Fix*.

If her name sounds familiar it's because Eisenberg was one half of the duo behind the recently sold Poorhouse Pies. Prior to running the much beloved self-serve pie establishment, Eisenberg had been a cooking instructor and she believes that background is helpful for her new business. "The type of teaching I did in culinary school was hands-on," she said. "It was all about technique, practice, and repetition, and all those things come into play with fly fishing."

Eisenberg's new business has multiple parts. She offers guiding services, coaching, and fly rod building and repair. She is already booked for most of May and has started booking further into the summer months. "Most people want to learn or to brush up on their skills," she said, "but I'm also doing some repairs and have one rod-making commission."

Before she got into the culinary world, Eisenberg was an artist with a degree from the Rhode Island School of Design. "Handcrafting things that are really functional was part of my background," she said. Eisenberg has been tying flies for almost three decades and has taught others to do the same. She built her first rod 25 years ago. "It was fun, and I intended to do it again," she said, "but life took over and I didn't take it up again until last winter." After becoming friends with Roland Tremble of *Tie by Night Fly Shop* in South Hero, she got back into rod building. "I'm fairly new to it," she said, "but it's a natural fit for me and now I've built over a dozen rods."

There are many reasons why Eisenberg enjoys fly fishing. "It's great to be outside in our beautiful landscape, but it also involves a lot of science and technique," she said. "You get to know the life cycle of bugs and fish and you see the changes through the seasons."

Eisenberg fishes predominantly for trout but notes that there are many species available locally. "People don't realize what a gem the Browns River is," she said. "It's stocked with different fish but there are also wild species." Locally, Eisenberg also



Jamie Eisenberg

fishes on the Lee River, Mill Brook, and Seymour Brook.

Eisenberg notes that her entry into the world of fly fishing coincided with her becoming sober. "I found that fly fishing was something I could do to keep me focused on something healthy," she said. "It's outside and it's good for the spirit. It just kicked in and worked for me." Her goal is to create a comfortable place for others to learn the sport and she hopes that women will take advantage of her services. "I was hesitant to get into the man's world of fishing and it was kind of daunting, so I want people to know that I'm accommodating to anyone," she said. "I want to provide a comfortable place to learn a great sport."

Eisenberg is in her 60s and realizes that she may not be able to work as a guide for too many years, which is why she added teaching, fly tying, and rod building and repair to her portfolio. "I'm trying to build up a business so that I can have a small income into retirement," she said. "There is a shelf life to guiding but I can do the other things forever." Much like the opening of Poorhouse Pies, Eisenberg wants to start slowly. "I want to find that comfortable niche where I can still be creative and teaching is something I can do into my twilight years," she said.

NEWS BRIEFS

Jericho updates

By John Abbott, Jericho Town Administrator

As warm weather arrives (temporarily) a couple of announcements and reminders;

- The Mobbs Committee, Town of Jericho and Vermont Land Trust officially closed on the conservation agreement for Mobbs Valley Farm. After years of effort (including a vote by Jericho residents to commit necessary funds and work spearheaded by Pete Davis, Mobbs committee members, Livy Strong and JULT, and many VLT staff) it has officially become a place to be enjoyed for generations to come. Gratitude to all involved for making this dream a reality.

- There are currently a number of committee openings available and opportunities to serve our community. All committees and commissions work in advisory capacity to the Select Board and rely on the contributions of our neighbors. Committee work is critical to the function and future of Jericho!

Conservation Commission: 3 vacancies; Trails Committee: 3 vacancies; Affordable Housing Committee: 2 vacancies; Planning Commission: 1 vacancy.

You can apply by simply going to this link on the Join in Jericho site: https://jerichovt.org/boards-committees/survey_tools/town-board-application.

CSWD 2022 Rover schedule

The Rover, Chittenden Solid Waste District's (CSWD) mobile household hazardous waste collection, is on the move this spring and fall for collections. Please visit our online calendar for dates near you: <https://cswd.net/hazardous-waste/rover/>.

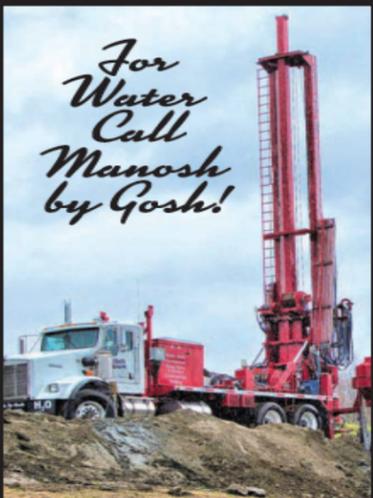
Can't make one of these dates? Remember that the Environmental Depot is open year 'round by appointment. Schedule an appointment at the Depot online at <https://cswd.net/environmental-depot-drop-off-scheduling/>.

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4-H NEWS

County 4-H'ers tested on equine knowledge



Several Chittenden County 4-H club members took part in the county hippology contest that was held on Friday, May 6, in Burlington. They were (front row, from left): Nora Kidder, Cambridge; Josephina Kasha-Hare, Milton; and Micah Burdo and Kinzi Grindell, both from St. Albans. Middle row: Emma Sibley, Georgia; Adaline Ploof, Westford; and Sydney Gorton, Milton. Back row: Haileigh Demers, Westford; Madeline Tylenda and Tucker Murdough, both from Essex Junction; Emma Cater, Colchester; Jenna Bennett, Highgate; and Logan Claypool, Milton.

PHOTO BY MARY FAY

Chittenden County 4-H held its annual hippology contest on Friday, May 6 at the University of Vermont in Burlington, attracting participants from three counties, all members of Chittenden County 4-H clubs.

The 4-H'ers competed by age group, with everyone taking a written exam, judging a photo class of Arabians, and viewing slides to answer questions. They also visited several identification

stations where they learned about feeds, jumps, equine hair styles, and bones of the leg, among other topics, and were evaluated on how well they understood the information.

Scores from all phases of the competition were combined for an overall score and placement.

In the Senior Division, ages 14-18, competitors placed as follows: Haileigh Demers, Westford (first); Madeline Tylenda (second) and Tucker Murdough (third), both from Essex Junction; Emma Cater, Colchester (fourth); Jenna Bennett, Highgate (fifth); Logan Claypool, Milton (sixth).

Emma Sibley, Georgia, placed first in the Junior Division, ages 12-13, followed by Adaline Ploof, Westford (second) and Sydney Gorton, Milton (third).

Placements for Juniors,

ages 8-9, were Nora Kidder, Cambridge (first); Josephina Kasha-Hare, Milton (second); Micah Burdo (third) and Kinzi Grindell (fourth), both from St. Albans.

There were no competitors in the Junior Division, ages 10-11.

For information about the 4-H horse program in Chittenden County, contact Martha Manning, 802-524-6501, ext. 449, or martha.manning@uvm.edu.

Registration open for Natural Resources Weekend Academy

Teens interested in exploring Vermont's natural resources and related career opportunities are invited to attend the fifteenth annual Natural Resources Management Academy (NRMA), Friday-Sunday, July 15-17.

University of Vermont (UVM) Extension 4-H and the Vermont Department of Fish and Wildlife sponsor the annual event, which will be held at the Green Mountain Conservation Camp at Buck Lake in Woodbury, VT. Anyone entering grades 7-10 in the fall is eligible to attend.

Registrations will be accepted until Wednesday, June 1 at <https://go.uvm.edu/4hcal>. Space is limited to 30 participants. The fee is \$125, which covers two nights' accommodations in rustic cabins, all meals, snacks, activities, and workshops.

Participants must be fully vaccinated or provide proof of a negative COVID test taken within 24 hours of arrival. If you require a disability-related accommodation to participate please contact Lauren Traister, UVM Extension 4-H Teen and Leadership Program coordinator, at 802-888-4972, ext. 402, by Wednesday, June 1.

Expert-led, hands-on workshops held throughout the weekend will focus on a diverse range of topics including furbearers, biometrics, natural resources planning, field ornithology, and pollution prevention and watershed planning. There also will be supervised learning opportunities for shooting sports, fishing, and boating.

Other fun activities include nightly campfires and s'mores, a canoe scavenger hunt, and free time to swim or fish. The weekend will conclude with cake and a graduation ceremony that families are welcome to attend.

The academy is part of the Summer of Science program, which offers a number of workshops and classes for teens in July and August. To learn more, go to <https://go.uvm.edu/4hcal>.

CAMP INFORMATION

Splash Dance

Summer is on its way, which can only mean one thing: Splash Dance is back! Don't miss this weekly DJ-fueled family dance party in City Hall Park in Burlington, sponsored by Burlington City Arts. Kids and caregivers come to boogie along in the interactive splash pad to some of Vermont's best DJs. Splash Dance will run on Fridays and Saturdays, doubling the good vibes and fountains of fun!



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Summer camp, summer fun information

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

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

Our scholarships for Black, indigenous, and campers of color, and inclusive sliding scale, ensure cost is not a barrier for low-income families. The parent of one of last summer's campers wrote, "I appreciate that this camp offers kids a place to explore

nature and topics such as diversity and inclusion, as well as valuable life skills like fire building, cooking, and outdoor survival. This is all done with the guidance of the amazing counselors!"

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

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

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

For more information, contact karakware00@gmail.com.

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

There are single-day camps for kids ages 5-6, and multiple

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Upcoming programs at Cambridge Community Center

Free Playgroup, Tuesdays 9:00 AM – 10:30 AM. Clean indoor shoes/ grippy socks suggested. Parent/guardian must remain with children.

Youth Learn To Play Disc Golf, Thursdays May 5-June 2. Ages 7-10, 4:30 – 5:30 PM; ages 11-17, 5:30 – 6:30 PM. \$50 full session or \$12 per class.

Toddler and Me Soccer, Tuesday May 3-June 7, 4:30 – 5:30 PM, \$8 per class. Parent or guardian must accompany toddler during entire class.

Uplifting Stretch with Annie, Fridays 8:00 – 9:00 AM, \$5 per person. Meet at the Gazebo unless inclement weather, in which case we will move inside. Bring a towel and water bottle and yoga mat if possible.

Strength Training with Taylor, Mondays, Wednesdays, or Thursdays, 6:30 – 7:30 AM or 8:00 – 9:00 AM. \$60 full session or \$12 per class. New session began May 9.

Vermont Voltage Tennis Camp, ages 7-10, June 27-July 1. Times: 9:00 – 10:00 AM, 10:15 – 11:15 AM, or 11:30 AM – 12:30 AM. \$125 for the week.

Adult pickup sports, including Pickleball and Basketball. For more information or to register, visit <https://cambridgeccvt.myrec.com/info/activities/default.aspx>.

Westford Selectboard meeting draft minutes

By Nanette Rogers, Westford Town Administrator

Draft minutes from the Thursday, April 28 Westford Selectboard meeting can be viewed at <https://westfordvt.us/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/2022-04-28-Draft-Minutes.pdf>.

Westford Trail Maintenance Day

By R Kirsten Tyler, Westford Conservation Commissioner

It's that time of year again... Do you enjoy hiking the beautiful trails in Westford? Please consider signing up for Westford Conservation Commission's volunteer trail maintenance day — Sunday, May 22, 9:30 AM – 12:00 PM.

We will meet at the kiosk in front of Westford Elementary School, where we will divide into groups. Groups will then head to various trails in Westford for clearing, clipping, and lopping. Westford Conservation Commission members will bring some necessary tools but please bring your own loppers, clippers, pruners, cutters.

Don't forget to bring water, snacks, and necessary layers for dynamic Vermont weather.

This is a great way to contribute to maintaining the trails we all love and enjoy!

To sign up, please contact westfordcc@googlegroups.com.

Reminder: Jericho ARPA survey

The Town of Jericho is receiving \$1,493,000 in federal economic relief funding through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. The Town conducted a survey in the fall of 2021. Several items rose to the top in the fall survey as agreed upon priorities.

We are now conducting a follow-up survey. The goal for this survey is to take a deeper dive into the already identified priorities to further understand Jericho's ARPA funding priorities. We are seeking input on this survey through the end of May. Following the completion and analysis of the survey, we will hold further community conversations as we continue to refine the priorities.

Please take our survey, online at <https://jerichovt.org/embeds/projects/12841/survey-tools/12085?>

If you'd rather fill the survey out by hand, hard copies of the survey are available in the Jericho Town Clerk's office and at the front desks of the Deborah Rawson Memorial Library and the Jericho Town library.

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COMING EVENTS

Wednesday, May 18

People of Chinese Descent in America, 7:00 PM, on Zoom. How far have we come as Americans in confronting racism? This topic remains so intimidating and painful that we prefer not to talk about it in public for fear of what we might say or reveal, or how others might see or treat us. This forum will focus on both Vermont and the nation with the intent of providing a model for each state to address its own history pertaining to racism and bigotry. Karen Lew Biney-Amisshah, former Director of Education at the Museum of Chinese in America (MOCA), New York City, will share the joys and challenges people of Chinese descent have encountered and continue to experience in the United States. Recommended Reading: *The Chinese in America* by Iris Chang. Moderated by the Reverend Dr. Arnold Isidore Thomas, Pastor, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Jericho. Registration link: https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/WN_zJhR3T6TT5mCze-276X-mA. Sponsored by the Vermont Racial Justice Alliance, Mount Mansfield Community Television, and Good Shepherd Lutheran Church; financially supported by the VT Humanities Council, the VT Community Foundation, and viewers.

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

Medicinal Plant Walk, 5:00 – 6:30 PM, Misty Meadows town trails, Westford. Join Westford herbalist Amber Kennedy to explore the fields, woods, and maybe aquatic plants by the brook. Learn to identify plants, notice what ecosystems they grow in, learn their Latin and folk names, botanical terminology and identification tips and tricks, discuss how herbalists harvest, prepare, and use them for remedies, and folklore and historical uses. Please plan to arrive a few minutes before class as we start with an important intro on the safety considerations of identifying plants, and some ethics and sustainability guidelines should you choose to use the information you learn to forage or wildcraft plants on your own property. Space is limited, so sign up in advance please. Minimum of five students needed in order for class to run: <https://www.bohemobotanika.com/events/>.

Saturday May 21

CES PTA's Kids Clothing Swap, 9:00 – 11:30 AM, in the Cambridge Elementary School (CES) cafeteria. The Cambridge Elementary School PTA is having our first kids' clothing swap! Have your kiddos outgrown last year's summer clothes? Of course they have! There is \$10/family suggested donation to participate. All proceeds from this event will go toward new playground equipment for the Cambridge Elementary School. For information on how to participate, please see our FaceBook event page, <https://www.facebook.com/events/1423106081476228>. Start gathering items to swap and join us!

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

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

Musical Theater Camp for Kids at Poker Hill Arts — Two wonderful teachers will be hosting a one-week musical theater day camp at Poker Hill Arts, Poker Hill Rd., Underhill, Monday-Friday, July 18-22. The camp, which will run 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM, is for children entering second grade or exiting fifth grade at the end of the current school year. There are just a few more spaces open. Read more online at <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1McOkfOIOTmTOD7ZFjMcfMLw-xKUdleJ8IpnQRgVoXJE/edit> or email Dana, dthomas0712@gmail.com.

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

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

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

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

MMCTV TV Camp June 27-July 1 — There are still spaces for middle schoolers, 10-15 years old, to sign up for a week of filmmaking learning and fun with Mount Mansfield Community TV (MMCTV), scheduled for Monday-Friday, June 27-July 1, 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM. This year, we'll be focusing on making a scene from *Star Wars* (the 1977 film) as a part of Crowdsourced Cinema VT. It's a great chance to learn about filming and editing, while having fun! The camp will be held at the MMCTV studio in the Richmond Town Center. Cost: \$130 for Jericho/Underhill/Richmond residents. Find out more and register online at <https://forms.gle/yVthrX7nxytcbhAJA>. Details and registration are online at our website www.MtMansfieldCtv.org. Space is limited.

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

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

Bolton Community Spring Plant Sale, Bake sale and Car Wash, 9:00 – 11:00 AM, Smilie Memorial School next to the playground (plant and bake sale) and Bolton Fire Station (car wash), Bolton. Come purchase vegetable, flower, herb, or perennial plants at low cost to add to your garden. We are requesting donations of plants — extra seedlings left over from your own gardens, or perennials that you are looking to pass on. *Please note that across the state, some gardeners are reporting the appearance of jumping worms. Before donating plants to our sale, please read and follow these guidelines to minimize the spread of this invasive species: https://www.uvm.edu/sites/default/files/Extension-Community-Horticulture/Guidelines_for_Plant_Sales_to_Avoid_Jumping_Worms.pdf.* Drop off donations to Sarah Courtemanche (802-881-6731) or Lexie Haselton (802-318-1296). Please call or text ahead of dropping off, and label what you are dropping off (name of plant, and if it is hardened off). Enjoy local baked goods while you peruse the plants. Have your car washed at the fire station by our 4th grade class to support their end-of-year field trip. Organized by the Smilie Community Association; all proceeds to benefit the Smilie Memorial School. Questions? Email Sarah (Sarah.k.courtemanche@gmail.com) or Lexie (Lexie.haselton@gmail.com).

Saxon Hill School 5K Run/Walk and Kids Fun Run, 8:30 AM – 1:00 PM. Saxon Hill School, Jericho. Organized by parents of Saxon Hill School (SHS) children as a fundraiser to support SHS and to connect with our local community. 5K Run/Walk begins at 9:00 AM (check in 8:30 AM); the Kids Fun Run starts at 10:30 AM. All participants will receive a post-race prize and one entry into a raffle for local goods! There will be family activities, and refreshments will be available. For more information and to register, please visit <https://runsignup.com/Race/VT/Jericho/SaxonHillSchool5KFunRun>.

Sunday, May 22

Antiques & Collectibles Appraisals, 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM, Brick Meeting House, Westford Common. This Westford Historical Society fundraiser will have three antiques dealers/appraisers ready to look over your treasures. Cost is by donation, with \$20 suggested for three items. No more than three items please, and they must be "hand held" carry-in items, no large furniture, please! No pre-appraisal registration needed, first come first served. All appraisal values are at the discretion of the appraiser and not a certified appraisal. Coffee, tea, and light refreshments will be available. For questions please contact Barry Conolly, 802-878-8929; Guy Roberge, 802-696-2465; or Beth Menut, 802-893-2263.

Saturday, May 28

Jeff Church Spring Flea Market, 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM, Second Congregational Church, Jeffersonville. Vendors and seekers of fine treasures, join us! As of May 1, the flea market still has a few spaces available for the upcoming Memorial weekend sale. Vendors can set up indoors or out. Indoor spaces come

olds, July 25-29).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Campers will meet game wardens, foresters, fisheries and wildlife biologists, and others who work in the outdoors. Some of the fun activities that take place include learning about forestry, wetland ecology, orienteering, outdoor safety skills, fly fishing and spin casting, fly tying, archery, hiking and camping, canoeing, swimming, firearm safety, and much more... Opportunities for new friendships abound! Campers will receive both their State Hunter Education and Bow Hunter Certifications at the completion of the week.

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



The Annual Meeting of the Underhill Cemetery Association will be held on Wednesday, May 18 at 7:00 PM at Allegiance Trucks (formerly Clark's Truck Center), 6 Orr Rd., Jericho. The Cemetery is located on Park Street in Underhill. From the 2022 Newsletter: "Scott Tower asked about the VT Cemetery Association. They did not have a meeting last year, we are waiting to see if they may this year, it's usually in May or June. When you go to their website, it shows our cemetery taken from the same spot each season. It says "You can tell a lot about a town by the way it cares for its cemetery." " Photo taken May 10, 2003. PHOTO BY SARA RILEY, donated to the Association

with table and chairs; outdoor vendors, please bring your own table and chairs (tents welcome, 10'x10' maximum). Spaces are \$25; payment due at time of reservation. Sell your crafts, used items, new items, clothes, etc. We will have refreshments available and a church bake sale. Application is available on the website at <https://jeffchurchvt.org/calendar-of-events>. Contact Melody, 802-644-2409 or amtobin912@gmail.com for more information. If you wish to donate items to our church table, please call Becky, 802-644-8827.

Wednesday, June 1

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

Antiques, collectibles appraisal event benefit WHS

The Westford Historical Society (WHS) is having a fundraiser on Sunday, May 22, so mark your calendars! It is an Antiques & Collectibles Appraisal and will be held at the Brick Meeting House on the Westford Common, 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM. There will be three antiques dealers/appraisers ready to look over your treasures.

The cost is by donation, with \$20 suggested for three items (no more than three items please, and they must be "hand held"). Carry in items, no large furniture, please!

No pre-appraisal registration needed; first-come, first-served basis. All appraisal values are at the discretion of the appraiser and not a certified appraisal.

Coffee, tea and light refreshments will be available.

For questions, please contact Barry Conolly, 802-878-8929; Guy Roberge, 802-696-2465; or Beth Menut, 802-893-2263.

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HEALTH NEWS

Lions thank blood donors

The Jericho-Underhill Lions club thanks everyone who gave the gift of life and donated blood at our blood drive on Wednesday, May 4. The American Red Cross collected 35 units of much-needed blood.

As always, the club is very grateful to the Covenant Church for donating the use of their facility for this event.

The Lions Club members hope you have a wonderful summer and look forward to seeing you at our blood drive in October.

Lyme disease

By Mary Kintner

Lyme disease is an infection caused by a bacteria transmitted by the black legged tick (formally known as the deer tick.) Lyme disease appears to be growing exponentially. In 2002, 37 cases were reported; in 2011, 623. This year veterinarians were alerted to be aware of tick borne illnesses. "Lyme literate" physicians (those aware of and accepting the existence of chronic Lyme) are reporting an increased incidence this season.

First symptoms of Lyme include flu-like symptoms: chills, fever, swollen joints — especially the knees, headache, "brain fog," and extreme fatigue. The telltale sign is a painless bull's eye rash, but as few as 50% get this sign. If Lyme is diagnosed, treatment in the first stage of infection is oral antibiotic for ten days. If treatment is not successful or the infection is not recognized, Lyme can become chronic.

Chronic Lyme is controversial. Many in the medical community do not recognize its existence. I have seen and read too much to subscribe to this conclusion. Symptoms of chronic Lyme are varied. In fact, Lyme is sometimes called the great imitator because there are so many presentations. When Lyme becomes chronic, the heart, nervous system — including the brain — and the joints, especially the knees, can be affected. People with chronic Lyme have been misdiagnosed with chronic fatigue, fibromyalgia, ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease), HIV, rheumatoid arthritis, multiple sclerosis, lupus and Parkinson's, to name a few. The lack of recognition by health care professionals puts many people at risk for severe complications.

The first case of Lyme diagnosed in Vermont was identified in 1988. The highest rate of infection has been in the four southern counties of Vermont. Infections are most common in the months May, June, and July. The incidence of Lyme parallels the deer population. Lyme is linked to climate change and increased urbanization by creating ideal habitat for deer and ticks. The ticks are found in areas of high grass and leaf litter.

Prevention of Lyme is always best. Wear light colored clothing to increase your ability to spot a tick. Tuck your pants into your socks. Wear a hat. Insecticides can be used. There are some herbal alternatives, including cinnamon leaf oil, vanilla extract, eucalyptus oil, catnip oil, and/or citronella. After you have been in a potentially infested area, inspect yourself. If you find a tick, immediately and carefully remove it with tweezers or special tick removers, being sure to remove all of the tick. Save it in a bag with the date removed for identification in case you become symptomatic. Wash the area and your hands thoroughly with disinfectant.

Treatment can include long-term antibiotics, dietary management, and supplements, as well as supportive care like chiropractic to balance the nervous system and ease symptoms.

Be tick aware. Take steps to prevent Lyme disease. If you find a tick or bull's eye rash, seek immediate medical care. If you find yourself struggling with unresolved neurological or musculoskeletal signs and symptoms, find a Lyme literate physician for treatment. The sooner, the better!

For further information contact International Lyme disease Society (ILADS), view the documentary "Under Our Skin" or contact me at <https://jerichochiro.com>.

Mary Kintner is a chiropractor and Rn working in Jericho

Annual Opioid Forum June 1

Join us Wednesday, June 1, 6:00 – 8:00 PM at Green Mountain Technology and Career Center (GMTCC) for the 5th Annual Opioid Forum. This year's theme is *Reigniting Community Connections*.

For more information contact Jessica Bickford, jessica@healthylamollevalley.org.

Health care is a self-driving truck with no GPS

By Bill Schubart

After major budget shortfall projection, UVM Health Network suspends adolescent mental health unit project

"The ball's in your court," Brumsted told regulators on Wednesday. "That (money) either sits there and simmers until hopefully we can resurrect this project."

I cannot pretend to know what motivated the University of Vermont Health Network's (UVMHN, the Network) recent announcement about suspending its future mental health plans. I can only hope that our region's dominant tertiary-care hospital recovers its lost sense of mission and focus on "population health" and the wellbeing of Vermonters rather than business expansion and asset-accretion.

So, please read the above headlines carefully. What do they say to you about UVMHN's much-touted commitment to "population health?"

Do they tell you, as they wish, that given the rejection by the Green Mountain Care Board (GMCB) of its midyear request for permission to raise its fees another 10% on top of the 6% increase they just got for the current year, that they cannot address one of the most serious health problems we face in Vermont, the mental health care and wellbeing of all Vermonters, especially children, adolescents, and young adults?

Is it a simple quid-pro-quo hostage tactic to ultimately get a double-digit increase in 2023?

Or, given the need for reform focused on population health, is it actually a beneficial outcome that they won't be expanding given their present medical model of inpatient psychiatry? UVMHN has not had a stellar history in mental health services and may lack the creative vision that providing quality mental health services demands.

The fact that these questions are in play means that UVMHN is essentially failing Vermonters, as each question is inconsistent with any vision for patient-centered care.

As to the first question, here are some important data regarding UVMHN's comparative costs: Vermont's academic medical center is one of the most expensive in the country. As of September 1, 2020, UVMHN has \$194,792,000 in cash reserves and \$544,279,000 in "Board-designated assets." According to page 7-8 of UVM Medical Center's (UVMHC) 2020 990 tax form, it pays 26 administrators salaries that substantially exceed those of the key medical service providers — nurses, hospitalists, and primary care docs. The three "total" columns on page 8 add up to \$16.9M a year for 26 UVMHC administrators — an average annual salary of \$650,000 each.

As to the second, is UVMHN holding Vermont's mental health system hostage in its negotiations for hospital budget increases? When the GMCB declined UVMHN's request for 10% rate hikes, the Network announced that these projects, so critical to Vermonters, and, especially, young Vermonters, have slipped again in priority. Is Vermont's debilitated mental health system being used as leverage for the GMCB approving substantial budget increases in years when they project losses, while allowing the Network to keep revenue overages in years when the budgets produce significant positive fund balances?

Furthermore, UVMHN has just announced it will not renew its contract with a number of nursing homes for whom it has supplied medical directors and on-site physician visits, both of which are mandated by state regulation. Nursing homes cannot admit patients without this physician component and will, as of June 30, be left out of the network while patients remain stuck in hospitals. Is this a pattern?

No other regulated entity in Vermont would be allowed these liberties with Vermont dollars, nor should they be. Holding the mental wellbeing of Vermonters hostage in defiance of mission is indefensible.

The third case is probably the best outcome of all, given UVMHN's mixed history with mental health care provision, which ranges from evasion to inpatient care remote from family and community.

Especially with young people, hospital diversion to community-based resources, which are better-equipped to handle acute mental health issues, makes more sense than storing young people on gurneys in emergency rooms for lack of in-hospital mental health beds, as is currently the case.

It's also important to hold the State accountable here. Since closing its flooded State Hospital in Waterbury in 2011, Vermont has never had an appropriate vision and policy for providing for those with chronic mental health issues. Off-ramping care to hospitals with no clear state vision or policy is equally unconscionable.

UVMNH's proposed 25-bed psychiatric facility at the Central Vermont Medical Center (CVMC) in Berlin was put on hold because estimates for the project, which included upgrades to CVMC, came in at \$150 million. So let's take the \$150 million and invest it in community-based mental health, where it would go a long way to producing tangible improvement in mental health care at the community level where it belongs.

Further points in question:

UVMHN's current strategy denies the necessary collaboration between independent primary care practices, federally qualified community-health centers (FQHCs), critical-access community hospitals, tertiary-care hospitals, and health insurance providers. Only an organic design that acknowledges the unique role and mission of each will ever deliver on the promise of "population health."

Now that UVMHN has crossed an ethical Rubicon and become both a healthcare provider and a commercial insurer with its Medicare Advantage insurance business — businesses currently being snapped up by private equity because of the immense profit potential at the expense of policy holders — how will they reconcile the inevitable conflict when they deny care to

their policy-holders through "claim denials?"

How much money did they spend in public relations and marketing to acquire the modest number of UVM Medicare Advantage policy holders, money that could have gone to patient care and caregiver salaries?

Does the UVMHN Board of Trustees have any sense of how the institution they manage is perceived by those who need it? Why is there no longer a public comment period at each Board meeting? Why are there no community stakeholders on the search committee for the new CEO, Dr. John Brumsted's ultimate replacement? Does the Board perform annual 360 performance reviews of their CEO with stakeholder input? Does the Board regularly review performance-against-mission for the institution they govern? How many on the Board are also highly compensated employees of the UVMHN system, and is their intrinsic conflict managed? Do Board members know and understand its mission?

If UVMHC's costs as compared to other regional academic medical centers are so high, how does this align with access and affordability, both intrinsic to its mission?

The final issue, and perhaps the most troubling, is the State leadership's absence from this discussion.

When then Governor Shumlin moved the functions and mission of the Department of Health (DOH), which oversaw the health of Vermonters, into the Executive Office, they never got clearly returned and are now six free-standing departments of health within the Agency of Human Services: the Department of Mental Health; the Department of Health Access; the Department of Health; Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living; Department for Children and Families; Department of Corrections.

Do these agencies not share a single mission supported by different aspects of their work? What is the coordinating and oversight role of the Agency of Human Services in articulating, ensuring, and regulating the healthcare infrastructure to deliver population health to Vermonters?

What was or is the role of the Green Mountain Care Board? That depends on whom you ask and when you ask it. Con Hogan's answer would have differed from Kevin Mullin's. Is it the source and overseer of Vermont's mission with regard to the wellbeing of Vermonters, or is it simply a financial regulatory body whose role is to sustain the flagging hospital business models?

Governor Scott, whose crisis management of COVID has been by all measures excellent, must be asked what the State's role is in overseeing the wellbeing of Vermonters and the access and affordability of its healthcare infrastructure. Until he answers that question, we'll continue to stumble.

We Vermonters are aging and will need a cost-efficient and effective infrastructure for healthcare. Where will it come from? And how will we support young families considering a move to Vermont when it comes to housing, healthcare access, educational quality, childcare, paid family leave, ... all elements of "population health?"

I have no desire to join the growing number of Chittenden County Vermonters and others in the Northwest who have chosen to bypass the University of Vermont Health Network and its flagship hospital to make the two-hour trip to Dartmouth to find accessible care.

Spring up your child's mood

Parents have been enthusiastically asking me what they can do to raise the mood in their children and themselves, given how energy levels have been sagging over this past year as we continue to face so many challenges in our homes and communities due to the pandemic. So let me see if I can brighten things up by offering some mood-boosting tips for families.

Celebrate the fact that we are coming out of winter and headed into spring. That means more daylight, which is good because sunlight has been found to brighten one's mood — so spending at least 30-60 minutes with our children and other family members outdoors, especially when there is sunshine, will make everyone feel better and boost their mood.

Make sure everyone gets the hours of sleep they need to reenergize and feel good the next day.

Communicate with your family about just how challenging life can be and has been during this pandemic, and be a good listener. Encourage your children to be honest about how they are feeling — and you should be too. Then find ways each day to point out the joy in activities you as a family can do together.

Focus on the positive and what is going right rather than wrong, and share what everyone is grateful for each day. Similarly, performing at least one act of kindness for somebody everyday will also make us feel better about ourselves.

Eating together as a family as much as possible opens lines of positive communication and ensures healthy foods are being digested. Non-nutritious snacks and some fast foods full of fat, cholesterol, salt, and sugars cause spikes and slumps in energy and often may leave your children and you feeling irritable during the day.

Manage or reduce screen time, including time surfing the internet and social media sites, and replace that time with family activities like reading, board games, doing a puzzle, or playing or listening to music or cooking together. As the weather changes, try going out together for a bike ride.

If despite these suggestions you don't see your child's mood change, talk to your child's health care professional who may recommend additional counseling to help with their mood.

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

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Now that I'm ninety

By Sue Kusserow

Special to the Mountain Gazette

So what does it feel like to be 90? I don't know; I've never been there before. I do know that I must be well-equipped for it, and therefore have chosen the following caveats to keep me joyous:

Curiosity... It is with me when I walk in the woods, or beside a vernal pool, or once-more hike my favorite mountain. How has my view changed, now that I am 90? What do I see that I have never quite studied in this light before? Can I shape my observations so that they mirror the object and not my pessimistic predictions for another spring? In the "good old days" most of us were absorbed in the road ahead, the tasks that were waiting to be finished... or started. Now, walks are shorter and slower, finding new sprouts of trout lily rising above the leaf mold, rejoicing in the newly-exploded flowers of a red maple branch. And I continue to amaze myself. I always knew that trees were large plants, obeying the same general rules and patterns as for flowers and pollination and nascent tiny buds waiting for the warmth of spring to turn them into leaves. Yet I still gasp when beauty overcomes botany! Curiosity means never completely resting, always with the itchy feeling of an unanswered question. Some minds rest easy with facts... and that's the end of it. Some people can accept an answer as the contented close to a debate. I envy them. Why does one answer beget another, sometimes plunging one into a new direction, where there are even more questions? Silence is my way of urging random thoughts and soon I am trying to fit the space left by the last question: "I wonder... but why? Is that true? If so, how can you prove it? And is proof necessary for closure?" I am in "the road less traveled," partially enjoying it but wondering if any answer will wholly suffice? Curiosity usually contains a small amount of irritation, necessary to our need for closure. Many amazing discoveries started with such quests for answers. It is a scary but joyous quest; scary because I am making the presumption that my brain will continue to follow the same thought patterns that have kept me on my road less traveled and served me so well.

And I would like a little Courage... actually a whole lot of it! I will save most of it for myself, although I have been lucky to not need an exceptional amount over the years. I can think rationally most of the time (except when trying to remember names); I can feel joy when I write well; peace is still a part of my mind. Courage comes with fear; they are constant companions! And as we age, fear becomes more real, more specific to our body's need to live as long as it can, to function with a reasonable thought pattern. Fear can transform into anxiety: a form of fear that has an exaggerated base. Our reasoning and logic desert us, and the brain that served us so well for so many years begins to tire and the normal defenses become a little rusty. For some, faith is a powerful antidote; for some, resignation is a help. And Courage can be built stronger with acceptance.

It may seem almost unnecessary to list the next caveat, since you and I know its strength so well: Love. Tenderness. The reaching and hugging of so many wonderful people; the hidden and wistful smiles behind the masks; the new friends who lovingly remember the old friends. And Love will not leave when you and I leave; it sends remembrances and memories that both hurt and heal... just when you think you can't cry anymore.

Probably the adjective to grace the word *Love* might be: *strength*. Giving it away doesn't lessen Love; it quietly perpetuates it. What a wonderful metamorphosis!

May the meadows hold us close... the flowers blossom joyously when we walk, and your soul will smile when you make a new friend. A toast to what we have been, and what we honor. Thanks for keeping me writing and you for reading. I hope it has been a joy for us both!

(Always my joy — Editor)

Say goodbye to ephemerals, and some pollinators, in Vermont

By Bernie Paquette

Will we allow ephemerals and pollinators to go the way of chestnuts, elms, and now ash trees? Perhaps it would be wise to visit the spring ephemerals now, not because they bloom for only a short time in spring. Visit them now so that you can tell your grandkids how beautiful they were.

Yes, "were."

The Vermont Center for Ecocology (VCE) tells us, "Spring ephemeral wildflowers are perennial woodland plants that sprout from the ground early, bloom fast, and then go to seed — all before the canopy trees overhead leaf out. Often found in calcium-rich woods, these *ephemerals* include Spring Beauty, Dutchman's Breeches, Blue Cohosh, Hepatica, Wild Ginger, and a few others. Once the forest floor is deep in shade, the plant's leaves wither away, leaving only the roots, rhizomes, and bulbs underground. It allows plants to take advantage of full sunlight levels reaching the forest floor during a short time in early spring."

That has happened for generations, perhaps for thousands of years, because that is part of how the ecology of much of the forested land in Vermont works, or did work. Today we see vast armies of quickly-overpowering invasive honeysuckles. They leaf out before nearly all other plants. Where they do, no longer can any appreciable level of sunlight reach the forest floor in early spring.

VCE also tells us, "Once these plants are gone from the forest, it is rare that they return." Between forest fragmentation, competition from invasive plants, and climate change, these Vermont spring specialists may soon no longer welcome us in spring in Vermont.

Let a single three- or four-inch-tall dandelion, or heaven forbid a bit of heals-all, erupt on our lawns and we run for an arsenal to eradicate them — though both these plants provide at least some minimal benefit to pollinators and do not invasively take over the landscape.

Why is it then that we are not out with saws and loppers cutting down invasive honeysuckle, which (a single plant) can grow fifteen feet high and about as wide?

The Vermont Invasive website declares, "These invasive species compete with native plants for sunlight, moisture, and pollinators. And while birds eat the fruit, it is poorer in fats and nutrients than fruits from native plants, so the birds do not get enough nutrients to help sustain long flights during migrations. When songbirds nests in non-native honeysuckle they [birds] suffer a higher predation rate than when their nests are built in native shrubs such as arrowwood (*Viburnum dentatum*).

"Forest regeneration is severely impacted by honeysuckle

WORSHIP SERVICES

Virtual services at MMUUF

Sunday services at the Mount Mansfield Unitarian Universalist Fellowship are held at 9:30 AM on the second and fourth Sundays of each month, September-June (May 22: Lewis Randa; June 12: final service until the fall). Services are led by members of the fellowship and by invited guest speakers, including visiting UU ministers and leaders of other faiths. Each service explores a different topic. Worship, reflect, and sustain one another, within an inclusive spiritual community, built on values of honoring and affirming the worth of every person, striving for justice, participating in the world community, and respecting the natural web of existence. Services will be exclusively held over Zoom; please contact info@mmuuf.org or 802-899-2558 for how to join. Located at 195 VT Rt. 15, Jericho. Learn more at www.mmuuf.org and www.uua.org.

Jericho United Methodist Church

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

United Church of Underhill

The United Church of Underhill is an active, vibrant congregation. We are young and old; single, couples, and families; believers, questioners, and questioning believers. All are welcome. Some people think of us as the Harvest Market Church or the Clutter Barn Church. We gather to worship together every Sunday morning at 10:00 AM. Our service is traditional but lively, with music, a children's sermon, and much more. For instructions on joining worship from home, please see <https://unitedchurchofunderhill.com/joining-worship-from-home/>. We provide many opportunities for worship, fellowship, and service, but we also welcome you to come in, be still, and contemplate your faith. Located at 7 Park St., Underhill. Pastor's office (with voicemail) 802-899-1722; church secretary, Tuesday and Wednesday 11:30 AM – 2:30 PM (no voicemail) 802-899-4583.

Second Congregational Church, Jeffersonville

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

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All are welcome at Good Shepherd, Jericho

You are invited to worship at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church on VT Rt. 15 at 9:00 AM every Sunday. The building is accessible — all are welcome! There are varied musical styles in worship services, including Folk, Contemporary, Celtic, Latin American and traditional. Weekday online offerings include Centering Prayer. We are an open-minded Christian community with a focus on social justice issues, where people from different faith traditions, along with those who aren't sure where they belong or what they believe, seek the support of a spiritual home. We welcome you in the name and love of Christ. More information is at www.goodshepherdjericho.org or contact Pastor Arnold Isidore Thomas at 802-899-3932 or pastorthomas@goodshepherdjericho.org.

Calvary Episcopal Church

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

St. Thomas Catholic Church

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

Waterville Union Church

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

infestations. The shrubs form dense colonies in the understory, out-competing native shrubs and trees. Sunlight can no longer reach the forest floor, reducing the diversity and abundance of native wildflower and fern populations.

"Shrub honeysuckles reproduce mainly by seed but some vegetative re-sprouting can occur in established populations. Plants mature between three to five years of age. Each plant produces thousands of berries as fruit, and each fruit contains two to six seeds. Seeds can remain viable for three to five years."

The U.S. Forest service tells us, "Ecological Impacts: In forests, the plant can adversely affect populations of native members of the community. It can spread rapidly due to the seeds being dispersed by birds and mammals. It can form a dense understory thicket which can restrict native plant growth and tree seedling establishment."

The Vermont Fish & Wildlife website tells us how to identify the enemy. Invasive shrub honeysuckles are often much larger than native honeysuckles and can be identified by their *oppositely arranged, egg-shaped leaves* that lack fine hairs along the margins. Shrub honeysuckles often leaf out much earlier and retain leaves much later than native species, making them easier to identify.

The flowers are tubular, can be yellow, white, or pink in color, and appear throughout the early summer. Honeysuckle produces small, orange to bright red berries that ripen in early fall. The bark is usually lighter in color and can look braided or shaggy. Invasive honeysuckle also has a hollow stem center. This is the easiest way to tell the difference between invasive and native plants, as native species have solid white stem centers.

Mechanical removal by cutting or pulling plants can be effective (VT F&W). Cutting/mowing can help slow the spread of honeysuckle. Cutting/mowing will encourage re-sprouting and may need to be conducted for three to five years to fully exhaust the root system and kill the plant.

If we can manage for relatively inoffensive dandelions, we can surely rally and fight back against despicable, detrimental, devastating, invasive honeysuckle.

After you finish cutting down these dastardly invasive plants, spend a few minutes quietly appreciating the lovely Vermont native spring ephemeral beauties and the pollinators they attract while they are still here to enjoy!

We have a fast-moving wildfire (invasive plants) moving through our forestlands as well as our rural towns, even our cities in Vermont.

Write your legislator, and ask for funding for a VT Conservation Corps type of organization to tackle large areas of honeysuckle management. Perhaps starting with our Wildlife Management Areas and state parks.

Ask legislatures to declare the last Saturday in April as Invasive Plant Removal day.

Create a local project and raise funds to tackle an acre at a time until you free your town of invasive honeysuckle.

Join the Jericho Invasive Plant Possee, the work is not too hard, more hands make it easier, and the camaraderie and sense of accomplishment are rewarding in themselves.

Invasive honeysuckle, the elephant in the room is destroying the view, the ecological balance, destroying resources of immense value. We can fight back. We can manage the battles *before* we lose the war, and the ephemerals!

MISCELLANEOUS NEWS

Need help with your child's car or booster seat?

From the VT Department of Health

Did you know that half of kids in Vermont are riding in a car or booster seat that's installed incorrectly? In a crash, car seats and booster seats save lives, but only if they fit the child and are secure.

If you are responsible for transporting children, make sure they are riding safely by attending a FREE car seat inspection event in your community! At these events, a friendly Nationally Certified Child Passenger Safety Technician will check your child's current car seat or booster seat and give you helpful tips on car seat selection, harnessing, and installation for the future.

Events will be posted throughout the spring and summer! Find the event calendar online <http://www.beseatsmart.org/calendar-of-events.php> or follow us on Facebook @BeSeatSmartVT.

No events near you? No problem! Visit a free Inspection Station in your community. Check out the list of locations and call to make your appointment: <http://www.beseatsmart.org/car-seat-inspection-stations.php>.

Want to help parents, grandparents, and caregivers at these events? Become a Certified Child Passenger Safety Technician: <http://www.beseatsmart.org/become-a-safety-tech.php>.

Thank you for doing your part to Be Seat Smart!

Vermont Master Naturalist Cambridge registration open

The Vermont Master Naturalist (VMN) program is coming to Cambridge for the first time for the Sept 2022-May 2023 program year, and applications are now open to join our cohort: <https://forms.gle/337jLcNiHuyJvzYeA>.

The VMN program invites a team of local naturalists and interested amateurs to join for a series of five field days to study the natural history of their town, then apply their naturalist knowledge towards service projects for their community. Field days feature instruction from experts focused on different layers of the landscape, from bedrock and glacial geology to natural communities and wildlife, plus reading the landscape to reveal the history of natural and human processes that have occurred over time.

Visit <http://vermontmasternaturalist.org> or contact sophie.mazowita@gmail.com for more details.

LEGISLATIVE REPORTS

From the VT Senate: the FY 2023 State Budget

By Rich Westman, State Senator, Lamoille District

May 1

This past week the State Senate passed its version of the 2023 State Budget and on Friday (April 29) the Senate appointed its members to the Conference Committee. The six-member Conference Committee — three from the House, three from the Senate — works out the differences between the House and Senate each year on the Budget. I think that both as a House member and now as a Senate member I've served on a dozen or so Budget Committees of Conference. It makes the end of the session extremely busy and very interesting for me.

It generally takes around two weeks to work out differences and with the passage of the Budget, it nearly always marks the end of the Legislative session. The Budget is always one of the few "must pass" bills.

The Chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee generally chairs the Conference Committee because the Budget is a House Bill. This year the Budget is House Bill 740. The Chair of a Conference Committee is generally from the body where the bill didn't originate.

H740, this year's Budget, with all sources spends nearly \$8.3Billion unduplicated. With General Fund, Transportation Funds, Education Fund, Special Funds, Federal Funds, and Federal American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA) Funds, it's a massive, complicated bill. It sets our priorities for the 2023 fiscal year. I find the following one-page summary and balance sheet helpful as I try to explain what's going on from a high level in this massive spending document:

<https://lifo.vermont.gov/assets/Uploads/bc57dcfd91/Senate-FY23-Budget-Summary.pdf>

We've done a number of things to get our "fiscal house in order" in the Senate version of the budget bill this year. We've tackled the pension and health care benefits deficit issue for teachers and state employees, reduced deficits in the Worker's Compensation fund, paid off \$20 million in bonded indebtedness early, established an IT modernization fund, and a number of other initiatives to get our fiscal house in order after COVID. We did this while maintaining more than \$284 million in reserves, which helps us with our bond and fiscal ratings.

We've made strategic investments in numerous areas in our base services. These include an 8% increase to our Designated Agencies. Designated Agencies are organizations, not state agencies, that provide services, like for example home health agencies and community mental health agencies. There are increased funds in our base spending to higher education, \$10 million each to the state colleges and UVM. There is also another \$14.9 million in one-time funds for the transformation of the state college system. Addiction treatment, childcare, and 911 dispatch also received additional funds in this year's budget.

We've made one-time investments of \$95 million in broadband; \$205 million in initiatives to address climate change; \$70 to VHCB for housing; \$94 million for water and wastewater projects; and \$117 million for community, workforce, and economic initiatives.

Any state budget is complicated, with numerous spending formulas and federal matches. This year, with the last of the Federal ARPA funds, it's especially complicated. What is worrisome is the fact that we're at the last of all those federal COVID relief funds. Next year, without federal help on the horizon, we'll be returning to a more normal pre-pandemic world with a smaller workforce and with a smaller tax base.

Because of that, it is all the more important that we set ourselves up financially for what's to come. This includes setting our fiscal house in order. It also means we need to transform vital services offered by places like our state college system, getting the VSC to a more sustainable place.

VT House update

By Theresa Wood, State Representative
Washington-Chittenden

May 3

Fun fact: Yesterday someone asked me what the number on the legislative license plates means? The number merely represents the number of your seat on the House floor; that's it, plain and simple!

The last couple of weeks have seen many bills traveling back and forth between the House and the Senate with various changes to the original bills. I'll focus my update on bills I haven't previously reported on. You can find the full language of the bills by using the search function on the legislative web page located at <https://legislature.vermont.gov/>.

S.206 — is an act relating to the planning and support for individuals impacted by Alzheimer's disease and related conditions. The House amended the bill by adding a report from the Vermont State Police on the potential implementation of an updated missing persons procedure.

S.210 — is an act relating to rental housing health and safety. This bill requires registration of certain rental properties. It also provides over \$40 million for housing initiatives.

S.100 — this is an act relating to providing universal school meals for one year. During the pandemic this has been in place across the State; this bill provides for a process to determine whether this should continue and to provide no cost breakfast and lunch for an additional year.

S.286 — this is an act relating to public pension benefits for teachers and State employees. This bill passed on a unanimous vote of both the House and Senate, and has been vetoed by the Governor.

S.287 — this bill proposes to increase equity in education funding by addressing student weighting for poverty and English language learners. As passed the House, implementation would begin in 2025.

S.285 — this bill continues to address health care reform issues, including affordability and accessibility.

Thanks for reading, and we expect to wrap things up next week sometime.

May 9

We are in the final days of this year's legislative session. Below are key bills that saw action last week; if you want to see the full details of a bill, you can use the search engine on the legislative webpage at this site: <https://legislature.vermont.gov/>.

S.281 — this is an act relating to the hunting of coyotes with dogs. It develops a permit system and requires permission of landowners. Until the system is developed, there is a moratorium that takes effect.

S.258 — is a bill that relates to agricultural water quality, enforcement, and fairly farming. It includes a new definition to modernize the definition of agricultural activities. It also extends the Task Force to Revitalize the Dairy Industry.

S.148 — this bill relates to addressing environmental justice in Vermont. It provides a definition of environmental justice along with creating an Environmental Justice Advisory Council.

S.188 — is a bill that addresses small cannabis cultivation as farming and instructs the Cannabis Control Board to establish a cannabis quality control program.

S.283 — this bill makes miscellaneous changes to education law including requiring a report on issues related to suspension, expulsion, and exclusionary practices of young children, as well as reports on standardizing the entrance age for kindergarten, impact of a statewide uniform school calendar, and a statewide remote learning policy. It also extends the deadline for PCB testing in schools.

S.234 — this bill is a major update to Act 250 to include a variety of areas, including promoting vibrancy in and around downtowns as well as creating more fairness for small communities.

S.90 — this is an act that instructs the Vermont Department of Health to create a statewide registry for ALS (also commonly known as Lou Gehrig's disease). It requires health care providers to report information on any individual diagnosed with ALS.

S.139 — is a bill instructing the Agency of Education to develop a model school policy that eliminates the use of discriminatory school branding and instructs school boards to review their own school branding to insure compliance.

S.226 — is an act relating to safe and affordable housing. The bill provides \$22 million to expand access to safe and affordable housing in all 14 counties, including zoning and tax credits, consumer protections, and funds for new construction and repairs.

Additionally, the full House and Senate unanimously overrode the Governor's veto on the teachers' and state employees' public pension.

Thanks for reading and please feel free to reach out to me at twood@leg.state.vt.us.

Senate update: Public Pensions, Prop 5

By Kesha Ram Hinsdale, State Senator
Chittenden District

May 4

We are in the final days of the 2022 legislative session, and consequential decisions can happen quickly. The best way to share urgent thoughts or concerns with me and other legislators is by calling our Sergeant at Arms in the State House, 802-828-2228, and relaying a message. I will speak only for myself, but I read each message even if I don't have time to respond right away. Your voice makes a difference.

The end of session also brings vetoes from the Governor. Today, the Senate unanimously overrode the Governor's veto on the path for public pensions moving forward. This maintains our promise to educators and state employees and approves a sustainable, balanced approach that was agreed to by labor leaders, legislators on a unanimous tripartisan basis, and the Governor's own officials.

On this Teacher Appreciation Week, I want to extend deep gratitude to our teachers for their tireless, selfless work to hold our communities together. We owe it to all state workers to keep our promise to secure their retirement, and that is what we intend to do. I also want to commit my support to finding resources for universal school meals and removing PCB contaminants from our schools, so we can have nourished kids and healthy school environments.

The Governor also vetoed the Burlington City Charter amendment approved by 63% of voters to advance Just Cause Eviction. Vermont is experiencing its lowest housing vacancy rate in 20 years, and this was a meaningful step toward ensuring the balance of rights and responsibilities between tenants and landlords. It is currently unclear when we will take a vote on this veto decision.

Finally, I know many of us were jarred by the leaked Supreme Court opinion that would effectively repeal 50 years of settled law on privacy, access to abortion, and access to contraceptive care. We knew it was coming, but that does not make it any easier to steel ourselves for a fight to ensure half of our population doesn't become second class citizens.

This makes it all the more important that we advance Prop 5 this November and enshrine abortion access and reproductive freedom in our Vermont Constitution. Abortion will then remain legal and accessible in Vermont, and our work will be to protect providers who help perform abortions for Americans coming for help from outside of the state. I remain united with the majority of Vermonters and Americans in fighting this assault on reproductive rights and restoring abortion access for all.

Again, please don't hesitate to be in touch: kramhinsdale@leg.state.vt.us.

P.S. Senator Tom Chittenden and I joined Town Meeting TV last week to provide a brief update on some of the additional work we've been focused on in the Legislature, including redistricting, housing, transportation, and economic development bills. You can watch the segment here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SUau-03d1aI&list=PLlJLn4BZd2N2KdcCvgUyG5lQyebq31gB&index=1>

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Adopt-a-Drain and keep Lake Champlain clean!

Are you interested in keeping our local streams, rivers, and Lake Champlain clean?

Adopt a storm drain this spring and help keep pollutants and other materials out of our storm drain systems.

Adopt-a-Drain is an exciting new initiative in Chittenden County funded by members of Rethink Runoff. Adopt-a-Drain asks residents to adopt a storm drain in their neighborhood and keep it clear of leaves, trash, and other debris to reduce water pollution.

You can choose how frequently to clear your drain and report how much debris is collected.

You'll receive a welcome packet, small yard sign, and the clever perk of getting to name your drain. A few early adopters include punny names like *Obi-Wan-Drainobi*, *R2Drain2*, and *Brain Drain*.

How creative can you get?

Adopt a drain today at <https://vt.adopt-a-drain.org>.

MMU Class of 1977 45th Reunion information

The 45th reunion of the Mount Mansfield Union High School class of 1977 will begin Saturday, July 23, 2022 at 6:00 PM with a Captain's Dinner Dance Cruise on the Spirit of Ethan Allen! This will include dinner, dancing, and cash bar. The fee per person is \$80.

On Sunday, July 24 we will continue our celebration at Conant's Camp on Lake Iroquois at 10:00 AM. The event is brunch, BYOB, swimming, relaxing, and good conversation.

If you would like to contribute to the Spirit Award from MMU class of 77, we would welcome your donations. We have been able to offer this scholarship to a senior each year and would

like to continue this tradition, but our funds have been depleted.

Please spread the word and share this invitation with any classmates we have been unable to reach by e-mail or Facebook.

Payment may be made by using one of the following methods: Venmo to [@Allen-Begnoche](https://venmo.com/Allen-Begnoche); or by check, payable to "Class of 1977 c/o Allen Begnoche" and mailed to Allen Begnoche, 58 Butler Dr., S. Burlington, VT 05403.

Volunteer Opportunities with United Way

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

MAKE A MATCH — Home Share Vermont is in need of volunteers to help make home sharing possible by making phone calls to applicants from their office. Here's a great way to address two important needs in the community: affordable housing, and aging in place. Strict confidentiality and basic computer skills are needed. About two hours a week during normal business hours. Background check required. Contact Kirby Dunn, kirby@homesharevermont.org or 802-863-5625.

SAILING, SAILING — Northeast Disabled Athletic Association invites sailing enthusiasts to volunteer to sail with challenged sailors from June through the end of September from the Moorings Marina in Colchester. Tasks include rigging and preparing boats, greeting new sailors, assisting sailors into lifejackets and slings and transfers from wheelchairs into boats, and de-rigging boats upon returning. Volunteers should have knowledge of rigging and de-rigging sailboats, Google Docs, and online communication. Contact Nate Besio, sailing@disabledathletics.org or 802-310-2912.

ON THE BOARD — HANDS (Helping And Nurturing

Diverse Seniors) has a place on their Board for a volunteer Treasurer. HANDS provides non-denominational food, nutritional workshops, and healthy, culturally-appropriate food through their "Diverse Pantry." The Treasurer would assist with budgeting, simple bookkeeping including Quick Books, and sharing financial reports at Board meetings. Training provided. Five to seven hours a month. A two-year commitment is encouraged. Contact Megan Humphrey, meganhumphrey@gmail.com or 802-864-7528.

DOCKSIDE AMBASSADORS — Local Motion is looking for volunteers, age 18 and older, to greet arriving passengers and provide touring information. Training provided on site. Volunteers hours will be eligible for City Market member worker credit that can translate to discounts on groceries. Sign up at <https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/11570228173285040112/false#/invitation>.

Jericho Photo Contest — very "cool" monthly prizes!

By Bernie Paquette

The Jericho Observing Life in Nature Photo Contest (JOiNPC) celebrates the power of photography to advance conservation and connect both photographers and viewers with wildlife and the outdoors. The most compelling nature images can help protect wildlife in profound ways.

Bernie Paquette and The Jericho Conservation Committee bring you JOiNPC.

Who: Everyone, especially YOU!

What: Photograph (with phone or camera) any insect, reptile, arachnid, or amphibian in Jericho, VT.

When: May 1 through October 31, 2022.

Where: Anywhere in Jericho, VT.

Prizes: Monthly prizes or Peoples Choice awards are

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Creemee gift certificates from Palmer Lane Maple and other local establishments.

No photography skills are required. The observation is the important part, not the quality of the photo.

View instructions and photos that were taken in our backyard last year at <https://jerichovermont.blogspot.com/2022/04/joinpc-jericho-observing-life-in-nature.html>.

Observe and support nature, our lives depend on it!

Seeking host families for exchange students

Will you open your heart and home? FLAG is looking for host families for students ages 15-18 years old, for the 2022-2023 school year. If you're curious about what's involved, please contact epaula@flag-intl.org for more information.

You do not have to have a teen of your own to host. Single parents, parents of young children, couples with no children, empty nesters — all make great host parents!

Our exchange students have their own spending money and health insurance. We ask host families to provide three meals per day, a place to store their things (dresser and/or closet), a non-portable bed, and to treat the student like one of your own. Students are expected to help out around the house and to be an active member of their host family.

Below are descriptions of some of the available students. I'd be happy to help you find a great match!

Estelle is a generous and motivated girl from Switzerland. She enjoys gymnastics, skiing, swimming, sometimes surfing, and outdoor activities. She would like to try new activities while in the U.S. such as cheerleading, volleyball, and tennis. Estelle also enjoys animals, reading, listening to music, meeting with friends, and watching movies. She's excited for her year abroad and to meet her American family.

Chonkanok from Thailand is described as a friendly, outgoing, and mature young lady. Her nickname is TingTing. She enjoys playing badminton, dancing, and swimming in her free time. Chonkanok has also been learning how to play the ukulele and guitar. She is excited to make new friends and start her year abroad!

Marc is an open-minded boy from Germany who loves soccer, swimming, and cycling. In his free time. He also enjoys video games, photography, and volunteering. Marc is described as talkative and has a good sense of humor. During his exchange year, he is looking forward to learning about Americans and their culture, as well as trying new activities. He hopes to have pets in the U.S. and can't wait to meet his host family!

Paula is a girl who is both Spanish and Italian. She lived in Spain until a few years ago, when her family moved to Italy. She enjoys surfing and dancing. She has competed in basketball since she was young and loves the sport! She also enjoys reading,

writing, and playing the piano. Paula is a sweet and polite girl. She has a good knowledge of the English language and would also like to improve it. She is highly motivated and very enthusiastic to face this experience.

Domonkos is a friendly, ambitious boy from Hungary coming for the academic year. He enjoys skiing, cross fit, soccer, cycling, gliding, handball, tennis, ice skating, swimming, fishing, and golf. He knows what he wants and how to achieve it. He's open-minded and likes challenges.

City Nature Challenge 2022 results

By pamela "flask" gude
Bolton Conservation Commission,
2022 Bolton City Nature Challenge Organizer

We have just wrapped up the 2022 City Nature Challenge, a worldwide event organized by the California Academy of Sciences and the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County.

In Bolton during the challenge we made 468 observations of 162 species and we had identification help from 59 people across Vermont, in 13 states across the U.S., and even identifiers from Canada, Germany, Poland, and Russia.

Globally, the most commonly observed species was the common dandelion, and the city with the most observations was La Paz, Bolivia, which made 137,000 observations over the four days of the challenge.

Our project page with our observations and our stats can be found here: <https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/city-nature-challenge-2022-bolton-vt>.

Thank you, everybody who made observations and identifications. We look forward to next year's challenge, which will be from April 28-May 1, 2023. See you out there!

Share your ideas for the regional walking & biking plan

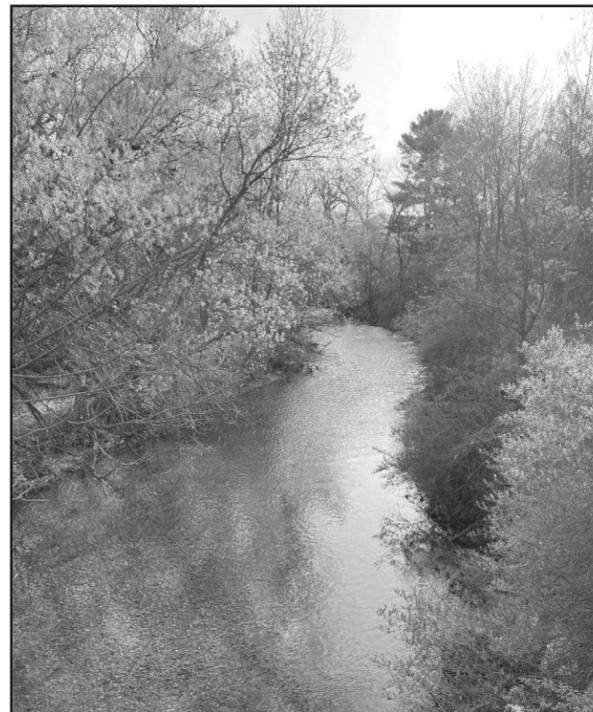
By Emma Vaughn, CCRPC Communications Manager

The Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission (CCRPC) is updating the regional walking and biking plan, and we need your help.

What makes walking or biking difficult? What connections are missing? What would you change right away?

You can share feedback using an online map at <http://tinyurl.com/RegionalWalkBikePlan>, or simply email your comments to Bryan Davis, bdavis@ccrpcvt.org.

Walking and biking are an important part of our transportation system. They are an affordable and healthy way to get around, and also good for the environment. Lend your voice today!



The Browns River, taken from the bridge at Mills Riverside Park. The temperatures may be saying "June" or even "July" but the tree foliage tells the true story of a warm day in mid-May.
PHOTO BY SUZANNE FREITAS

Jumping worms

Across Vermont, some gardeners are reporting the appearance of jumping worms. (You *really* don't want these: see page 10 of the January 20, 2022 edition of the *Mountain Gazette*, at <https://www.mountaingazetteofvermont.com>; click the link for 2022 and then for January 20.)

Before accepting new plants in your garden — or giving them to others — please read and follow these guidelines to minimize the spread of this invasive species: https://www.uvm.edu/sites/default/files/Extension-Community-Horticulture/Guidelines_for_Plant_Sales_to_Avoid_Jumping_Worms.pdf.

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LIBRARY NEWS



This week the Master Gardeners are planting carrots in the Deborah Rawson Memorial Library Garden. Carrots are a cool season crop, and they need to be started in early spring. A good rule is to plant carrots when the soil temperature is around 50°F. The Gardeners sow seeds directly into the garden soil rather than transplanting. Carrots do not like to have their roots disturbed. Seeds are sowed ¼" deep, 2-3" apart in rows one foot apart. In a couple of months, the carrots will be ready for harvest. The produce will then be donated to the Essex-Jericho-Underhill Ecumenical Ministry (EJEUM) Food Shelf located at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 273 VT RT. 15, Jericho. PHOTO BY SUZANNE FREITAS

DEBORAH RAWSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

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

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

Adult programs

Tuesday, May 17, 6:00 PM, on Zoom: Legislative Update. Join your local representatives George Till and Trevor Squirrel for an update on the current legislative session. Registration required, please email program_assistant@drml.org.

Thursday, May 19, 7:00 PM: DRML Trustees Meeting. This

meeting will be held in-person; all participants must wear a mask. A virtual meeting is available for those who wish to remain remote. Please contact Holly (drawsonmemlib@gmail.com) to receive the link.

Tuesday, May 31, 7:00 PM: Mystery Book Club. We will be discussing The Janus Stone by Elly Griffiths. We will be meeting in person in the program room. Masks are required. A Zoom meeting will also be available for those who prefer a virtual option. Please contact Holly (drawsonmemlib@yahoo.com) if you would like to receive a link to the Zoom meeting.

Youth programs

Coming soon from the bottom of an ocean near you, the DRML and JTL Summer Reading Program promotional video!

Ongoing

Tuesdays, 3:00 PM: Story Time [PreK-K]. Come share jokes with Freddy the Fox, sing, play and hear wonderful stories!

Scavenger Hunt! We've moved them all around! Can you still find them? Hunt for the six cutouts hiding all over the library. When you find them all, visit the front desk to enter a raffle for a Pop It Fidget toy! You can play the scavenger hunt and enter as often as you like. Winner will be drawn at the end of May.

Check out these great programs!

Friday, May 20, 11:00 AM: Stories and Songs with the Londons! [preschool] David and Beth are back for more songs and stories! We hope you can join us. We will be outside so dress for the weather (which will hopefully be warm by then).

Wednesday, May 25, 3:00 – 4:00 PM: Save Fred! A STEM Game [ages 6+]. Hapless gummy worm Fred has capsized his boat and needs your help! Using only a few materials and a couple of guidelines, work with your team to save Fred! (And then probably eat him.) Space is limited so please sign up when you visit the library, call us at 802-899-4962, or email youth_librarian@drml.org.

Thursday, May 26, 3:00 – 4:30 PM: Writers' Club [tween/teen]. This is the last time we will meet this year! Come play games and celebrate all you've accomplished this year.

Friday, May 27, 3:00 – 4:00 PM: Crafternoon: Painting Flowers. [ages 6+] Bubble painting, string pulling, and watercolor resist oh my! Try your hand at a variety of techniques to paint beautiful flowers. Please sign up when you visit the library, call us at 802-899-4962, or email youth_librarian@drml.org.

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

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

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

JERICHO TOWN LIBRARY

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

Wednesdays, 10:30 AM: Storytime takes place in our

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

Jericho Town Library's Makerspace is exactly what it sounds like: an area for kids and teens to create, tinker, build, code, and explore the world of STEM. With support from the VT Department of Libraries' ARPA grant, we currently have 3D Pens, SPIKE Prime Lego robotics, and a 3D printer. The Makerspace is located on the second floor of Jericho Town Library and is open for kids aged 7-18 whenever the library is open. Come to the library and get started creating! While the Makerspace is free for all children and teens, the 3D printer can also be used by adults who pay for the cost of their materials. Visit our website to read about using the Makerspace and 3D printer! https://www.jerichotownlibraryvt.org/makerspace.html

Find us on Facebook and Instagram (@jerichotownlibrary) for regular updates on our programs, services, and collections. 802-899-4686, library@jerichotownlibraryvt.org, www.jerichotownlibraryvt.org.

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

VARNUM MEMORIAL LIBRARY JEFFERSONVILLE

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

Are you ready to get your grow on? Seeds are now available at the Varnum! There are vegetables, flowers and herb seeds to help bolster or begin your garden. There are plenty for everyone, so don't be shy and come check the seed library out. Would you like to donate some to share? Bring them in and we will help with the packaging. Let's grow something good, together!

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

Tuesdays, May 17, 24, 31, June 7, 14, and 21, 3:30 PM: Live Your Why, Passport Edition. Attention 5th – 8th graders: looking for fun events within our community? Opportunities to make new friends? How about chances to win prizes? Join us: Passports and all materials are supplied by Healthy Lamoille Valley. No need to bring anything. For more information, contact varnumrequests@gmail.com or 802-644-2117.

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

The team at the Varnum: April, Carol, Carrie, Courtney, Hope, Jan, Karen, Krista, Laura, Lesley, Liv, Mark, Teelah, and Valerie. The Varnum Memorial Library is open for curbside pickup and

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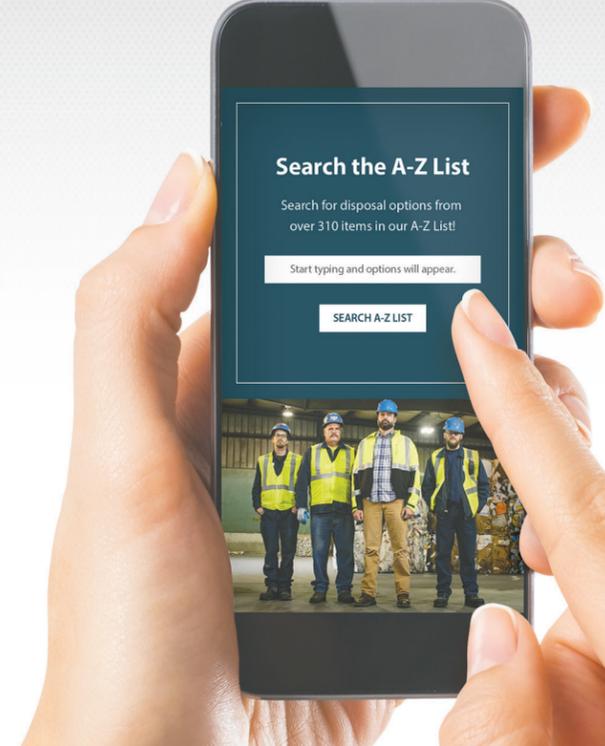


Now serving you with eight Drop-Off locations in Chittenden County.

Visit cswd.net for locations and materials accepted.



Chittenden Solid Waste District



SENIOR NEWS

Community Senior Center launches YouTube channel

The Richmond Community Senior Center has launched a YouTube channel with a large variety of recorded programs that we've presented in recent years. There are currently 47 programs you can watch including ones about history, gardening, travelogues, animals, and others.

You can Google "Community Senior Center Richmond VT YouTube channel," or use this link: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC70Cd_iRmwfoSMJltYW-bTA. There might just be something you'd like to watch sometime.

If you have any questions, contact jane@cscvt.org.

Keeping older drivers safe, mobile, and independent

Most older drivers are very safe drivers. But the fact is that as all of us age, we may experience changes in vision, physical fitness and reflexes — changes that can affect our driving.

By understanding these changes and the risks that come with them, we can help older Vermonters stay safe, mobile and independent. The VT Department of Health, in partnership with the VT Agency of Transportation, has launched an Older Driver Safety Program, which includes new resources and a webinar series that begins later this month. The program features information for drivers, their families, caregivers and health care providers, as well as policy makers and public safety officials.

People over 65 have a higher risk of being

injured or killed in a traffic crash, and the likelihood increases as we age. According to the VT Agency of Transportation, in 2021 almost 20% of deaths and 17% of injuries on our roadways were among people 65 and older.

This free webinar series — sponsored by AARP Vermont, Vermont Highway Safety Alliance, University of Vermont Medical Center, Vermont Department of State's Attorneys and Sheriffs, Vermont Criminal Justice Council, VT Department of Motor Vehicles, VT Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living, and VT Department of Health — will explore how we can all play a role and take action in keeping older Vermonters safe, mobile, and independent while also ensuring our roadways are safe and our communities are accessible and livable for all. Learn more and register for these free events: bit.ly/road_to_mobility.

The webinars, each held on a Wednesday from 12:00 – 1:00 PM, include:

(Caregivers and Loved Ones: Supporting the Older Drivers in Your Lives — April 27)

Law Enforcement: Your Role in Older Driver Safety — May 25

Policymakers and Local Decision-Makers: Creating Safe & Livable Communities — June 29

The series is presented free in partnership with AARP VT, Vermont Highway Safety Alliance, University of Vermont Medical Center, VT Department of State's Attorneys & Sheriffs, VT Criminal Justice Council, VT Department of Motor Vehicles, and the VT Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living.

Learn more about the Older Driver Safety Program: <https://www.healthvermont.gov/emergency/transportation-safety/older-adult-drivers>.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I'm running for the Westford/ Milton House seat

To the Editor,

Today (May 3) I'm announcing my candidacy for the newly created CHI-25 seat in the VT House of Representatives.

Over the last many years, I've served Westford in many different ways: running the food shelf, being on the Selectboard, sitting on the Board at the Westford Common Hall, and participating in a committee that arose from the VCRD Community Visit. These experiences have allowed me to get to know so many of you, and I'd consider it an honor to represent you at the Statehouse.

I feel called to serve to help create better systems to help hardworking Vermonters live, work, and thrive in our state. We are facing an affordability crisis here and across the nation, but I don't believe we can cut our way to prosperity. We need smart investments in housing, transportation, childcare, mental health, and other systems that allow Vermonters to stay in our state and contribute to our economy.

You can follow my campaign at <https://www.facebook.com/andrewsforvermont> or direct any questions to me at julia@andrewsforvermont.com.

**Julia Andrews
Westford**

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

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

WESTFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

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

Events for everyone

The Library is accepting donations for the annual Fourth of July Book Sale. We will be accepting donations on Saturdays, May 21 and June 11 and 25, 9:00 – 11:00 AM. We are also limiting drop off of donations to two boxes per person. *Not accepting:* VHS tapes, cassettes, music CDs, textbooks, encyclopedias, magazines, and moldy or damaged books. Ask yourself, "Would I lend this to a friend?" If the answer is no, then keep it out of the book sale. We are accepting: books in good condition, hard covers, paperbacks, kids books, DVDs, and audiobooks. *Do not use the book drop for donations* — it damages the library books and makes a big mess.

The Westford Food Shelf is now open twice a month, on the first Wednesday of each month (June 1), 4:30 – 5:30 PM, on the third Saturday (May 21, June 18), 8:00 – 9:00 AM. With increased openings, they need more inventory! The Westford Public Library has food collection bins at all curbside pickups from now on. These bins are for non-perishable food and household items.

Children's events

Thursdays, 11:15 AM, outside, as of May 12! On the Common. Early Literacy Storytime, birth to pre-school. Bring a blanket and a snack, both will help your kiddos with sitting in place. We will read stories, sing songs, dance, and enjoy being outside with each other. No need to sign up or make a reservation. Just show up and enjoy! We will be outside for storytime all summer long! In case of light rain, we will be in the gazebo. In case of thunder

and heavy rain, we will be in the library. Crafts will be a blend of takeaways and in-person. May 19: Bicycles; May 26: Rainbows.

Saturday, June 4, 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM: the Library's Baby Tea returns! Save the date for Westford Family Fest. We have not been able to have our annual Baby Tea for a couple of years, so we celebrating all children born from March 2019-March 2022. If your child was born in Westford, you should receive an invite in the mail very soon. If you have moved into town and your child fits into that age category, you are invited too! Please contact the library for more details, 802-878-5639 or westfordpubliclibrary@gmail.com.

Adult events

Thursdays, 6:30 PM: the Fiber Arts Group meets every Thursday in person at the library.

Wednesday, May 25, 7:00 – 8:00 PM: The Adult Book Group meets to discuss *Beautiful Country* by Qian Julie Wang. In person at the library! This memoir puts readers in the shoes of an undocumented child living in poverty in the richest country in the world. In Chinese, the word for America, *Mei Guo*, translates directly to "beautiful

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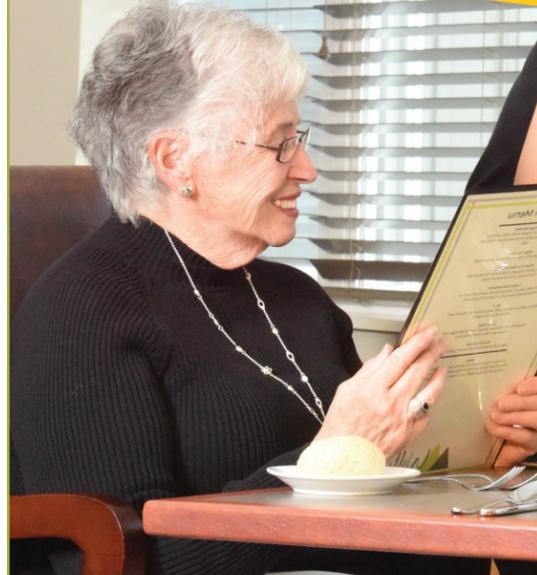
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A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Saturday, May 21, 2022 at 11:00 AM at St. Thomas Catholic Church, 6 Green St., Underhill Center, VT for **Robert M. Legrand** of Jericho, VT, who passed away on Thursday, January 6, 2022. Burial will immediately follow at St. Thomas Catholic Cemetery in Underhill Center. Arrangements are in care of Corbin and Palmer Funeral Home, 9 Pleasant St., Essex Junction, VT.



Stephen Hooper Gelatt, 83, of Jericho, VT, husband of Julia Blake, died on Monday, April 25, 2022 at home with his wife beside him. He had been in declining health for several months. He was born in Fort Erie, Ontario, Canada, and was proud of his Canadian citizenship. Most of his youth was spent in Central Lake, MI, where he grew up with five siblings on a small farm. He graduated from high school in 1956 and remained in contact with childhood friends, attending several school reunions, the last in 2021. Steve attended a Bible college; then for ten years he was minister in several churches. During the 1960s Steve ran a coffeehouse in the inner city of Pittsburgh, PA. As an adult student, Steve graduated from the University of Maine with Highest Distinction, his degree in Philosophy. He was a Trustee Scholar, and earned a Masters, also at UMO, in Liberal Studies. Steve was President of the Graduate Student Association for two years, ran the Computer Lab for the College of Education, and was associate statistician for the Office of Institutional Research. He then taught at Job Corps in Maine, before moving to Vermont in 1990. Here he worked for Vermont Student Assistance Corporation for several years, followed by part-time teaching at the maximum security prison. After 2001 Steve applied for a U.S. Customs position, and graduated from the Federal Law Enforcement Center in Georgia — probably the oldest person to successfully complete that two-month course! Afterwards he worked on the U.S./Canadian border as a Customs Inspector for a while. In 1991 Steve married Julia Blake, and they enjoyed many

years together on their Jericho land, which they named Lilac Mountain Farm. They raised Jacob sheep and sold breeding stock around the Northeast. The beautiful Vermont scenery and seasons were a great joy to Steve. At various times he and Julia also made a home for horses, cows, goats, pigs, llamas, and beloved dogs. Steve created the farm, and managed the fields and animals, doing much of the vet work, machine repairs, and haying. He trained several boys in farm work, always emphasizing safety, and these young men became good friends. Steve was an idea person who liked planning projects. He designed the barn and the extension to their home; working with the builders and doing some of the work himself was a pleasure. Steve had a wide range of skills and experiences. He enjoyed traveling with Julia, especially in Europe, where they spent extended time in rural Britain, their favorite place. Discussing world affairs with Europeans was a real pleasure for him. In their Jericho home, they were hosts for *Servas* for several years, an international peace/hospitality organization, in which they welcomed guests from Europe and the U.S. In addition, many friends and family have enjoyed gathering in Steve and Julia's warm and welcoming home for a visit or a potluck supper. In Vermont, Steve joined the First Unitarian Universalist Society in Burlington, VT and remained a strong supporter of the church's social action agenda. He was deeply interested in politics and loved discussing ideas, the Big Questions, and ethical issues. An avid reader, he devoured many varieties of books, from philosophy to poetry and fiction, as well as daily reading several newspapers online from around the world. In his last months Steve was cared for by a wonderful Hospice team, especially nurse Sandra Harms. He also received caring medical help for many years from Dr. Charles MacLean. All of that is much appreciated and valued. He is survived by his wife, Julia Blake; by two sons, Stephen W. (Lois) of Richford, VT and Michael (Maria) of Crown Point, NY, as well as a "surrogate" son Jake O'Neal of Bolton, VT. Two beloved granddaughters, Mia O'Reilly (Trevor) and Michelle Gele, also survive him, as well as two great-granddaughters, several dear nieces, and many friends. Steve was predeceased by his sister Ruth and his brother-in-law (and close friend) Stan Miller, as well as his brother Paul.

Three brothers survive him: Peter and Dan of Michigan and Jim of Washington State. A memorial service celebrating Steve's life will be held in a few weeks. Exact date, place, and time will be posted on www.gregorycremation.com. Instead of flowers, memorial donations can be sent to the UVM Home Health and Hospice, Habitat for Humanity, or the Heifer Project.



Wayne Rodney Siple, 70, of Jericho, VT passed away peacefully on Monday, May 9, 2022 at his home with his family and friends by his side. Wayne was born August 21, 1951 in Burlington, VT to Geraldine Siple and the late Marvin Siple. Wayne graduated from Mount Mansfield Union High School, Class of 1970 where he played soccer, baseball, and basketball.

After high school Wayne worked 40 years in the construction field. In his free time Wayne enjoyed fishing, hunting, golfing, and playing cards with his lifelong friends Sonny Metivier and Mike Gordon "Gordy." Wayne leaves behind his wife Carlene; they were together since 1980 then married in 2002. He also leaves behind their four children, Troy and his wife Angel of South Dakota; his daughters Kristina Ellis of Jericho and her significant other Shawn Boutin, and Lisa Zeno of Essex and her significant other John Berthiaume; his stepson Dwayne Pike of Burlington his brother Marvin "Butchy" and his wife Shirley of Williston; his sisters Denise and husband Doug Bedell of Jericho, Lori and her husband Raymond Germain of Bolton. Wayne also leaves behind many nieces, nephews, and cousins along with his grandchildren Chelsae Smith of Essex, Ashley Sanders of Milton, Caleb Green of Essex, Adriana and Brynn Ellis and Kayden Magnus of Jericho; his great-grandchildren Bryleigh Barbour and Kayden Saine. Although we are deeply saddened by this great loss we are all thankful he is at peace and is no longer suffering. Many thanks to his visiting nurse Caitlin and the hospice team for their great care. There will not be any services held as requested by Wayne himself. Please visit awrffh.com to share your memoirs and condolences.

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country." Yet when seven-year-old Qian arrives in New York City in 1994 full of curiosity, she is overwhelmed by crushing fear and scarcity. In China, Qian's parents were professors; in America, her family is "illegal" and it will require all the determination and small joys they can muster to survive. Inhabiting her childhood perspective with exquisite lyric clarity and unforgettable charm and strength, Qian Julie Wang has penned an essential American story about a family fracturing under the weight of invisibility, and a girl coming of age in the shadows, who never stops seeking the light. (review from Amazon.com) Print copies available at Library; ebook, and audiobook copies available on Libby.

Find us on Facebook (www.facebook.com/westfordpubliclibrary) and Twitter (www.twitter.com/WestfordVT_pl). Bree Drapa, Librarian. 802-878-5639; <http://westfordpubliclibrary.org>; westfordpubliclibrary@gmail.com.

FAIRFAX COMMUNITY LIBRARY

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

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

Youth Events

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

Wednesday, May 18, 1:00 PM: Paper Plate Weaving. Learn to use a paper plate as a loom, and create a pretty swirling design! Ages 8+ Please email libraryfairfax@gmail.com or call 802-849-2420 to register!

Thursday, May 19, 26, 3:15 PM: Read with Henry. Sign up for a 15-minute slot to read to Henry, a big friendly Newfoundland dog!

Wednesday, May 25, 3:00 PM: Make your own bouncy ball! Learn how to make your own bouncy balls! Materials provided. Ages 8+ Please email libraryfairfax@gmail.com or call 802-849-2420 to register!

Adult Events

Thursday, May 26, 6:00 PM Sewing Studio with Chris Bessette. Learn some sewing skills with Chris Bessette! Materials provided. Please email libraryfairfax@gmail.com or call 802-849-2420 to register!

Thursday, May 26, 3:30 PM: Library Book Club. This month, the book club will discuss *The Music of Bees* by Eileen Garvin. Book club will meet in the library. A Zoom link will be available if you would like to attend remotely. If you would like to borrow a copy of the book, or request the Zoom link, please contact the library at fairfaxlibrarian@gmail.com or call us at 802-849-2420. All are welcome!

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

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

RICHMOND LIBRARY

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

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

Richmond Library commits to sustainability: We recently enrolled in the Sustainable Library Initiative's Certification Program, which empowers libraries to be leaders in "triple bottom line" sustainability. Our goal is to create a more sustainable,

resilient, and equitable library and community in the face of the climate crisis and biodiversity crisis. By joining the program, the library is committing to work toward embedding the concepts of triple bottom line sustainability into our policies and practices. We will be using the lenses of environmental impact, economic feasibility, and social equity to assess our current practices and work through comprehensive "action items" in twelve categories, such as Energy, Materials, Collective Impact, and Resilience Planning. Richmond is part of a cohort of nine libraries that are working together to achieve certification over the next two years as the Vermont Library Association's Sustainable Libraries Working Group. The other libraries are Brownell, Carpenter-Carse, Charlotte, Lincoln, Norman Williams, Pettee Memorial, Quechee, and Windsor Public Library. The working group's efforts are being supported by the Sustainable Future Fund of the Vermont Community Foundation. The Richmond Library looks forward to collaborating with other Vermont libraries and our community to build a more sustainable future.

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

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

CD release: Concert pianist Elaine Greenfield presents a concert celebrating the formal release of her new double disc CD, *Ravel Compared*, by Parma Recordings. At the concert Elaine will share insights into her eight-year project, discuss Ravel, and play music from the recording. Tickets: adult \$25; seniors and students \$20. Purchase tickets at the door, cash or check. All admission proceeds will be donated to the Vermont Food Bank. Recordings will be available for purchase at the concert (\$30).

Fiction Book Group: June's book is *Matilda* by Roald Dahl. This Dahl favorite is about an exceptional little girl with extraordinary powers. (The much-loved story was recently made into a musical that was performed by Lyric Theatre last month.) All are welcome to join the monthly discussion at the library; books are available approximately one month ahead. Contact Gwen Landis, 802-434-5012 or gwen1972@yahoo.com, for information on participating. Tuesday, June 14, 6:00 PM.

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

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

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

can find more of her work on her website (www.dastudiovt.com) or visit her art studio in the Fuller Building next to the post office in Huntington.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Essex Free Library, 1 Browns River Rd., Essex. 802-879-0313; essexfreelibrary.com

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Talus Pool, (detail), 2021, oil on linen, 78 x 70 in



Abir, Forever, 2021, single channel video (detail still)

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WHAT STILL REMAINS

Join Burlington City Arts on Wednesday, May 25, 5:00 – 7:00 PM, for the announcement of the 2022 Diane Gabriel Visual Artist Award Winner (6:00 PM), and celebrate the closing of BCA's spring exhibitions by Eric Aho and Sarah Trad. Free and open to the public. PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Darol Anger & Mr. Sun Virtual Concert: Saturday, May 21, 7:00 PM at the Richmond Congregational Church, Richmond. The show will also be available on demand for 48 hours following the premiere. Valley Stage Productions has had the pleasure of hosting *Mr. Sun* live a number of times over the past 10 years. Legendary fiddler Darol Anger is at home in a number of musical genres, some of which he helped to invent, and is a member of the original generation of pickers who extended bluegrass, jazz, and classical music to their common ground. Joe K. Walsh is one of the foremost contemporary mandolinists, with four award-winning years in the Gibson Brothers, three solo recordings, and a Berklee professorship. Grant Gordy is a standout in the crowded field of acoustic guitar wunderkinds; his work was quickly recognized for its kaleidoscopic excellence and startling emotion. The group recently added bassist Aidan O'Donnell, a Brooklyn (by way of Scotland) jazz veteran. Ticket options for this performance are available at <https://mandolin.com/events/0fc637b8-7ef7-48b8-86f6-54c90a68f029>. For details and information, contact don@valleystage.net or 802-434-4563.

The Importance of Being Earnest: The MMU Theatre Department presents this year's Senior Theatre Production of *The Importance of Being Earnest* by Oscar Wilde. Performances for the Senior Theatre Production will be Friday-Saturday, June 3-4 at 7:30 PM. Tickets are \$5 for students, children, faculty, and staff, and \$7 for general admission. Tickets are available at MMUEarnest.bpt.me. This end-of-the-year performance is produced and performed by seniors, some of whom have participated in the theatre department for most of their high school careers. This year's production features Troy Riddell, Phoebe Doyle, Sirena Sawyer, Nuala Dougherty, Becky Kline, Blu Mabley-Ward and Cormac Abbey. But this unique opportunity is also one last chance for seniors who have never before participated in a theatre production at MMU, to do so. The senior show always seems to bring new people out of the woodwork, and happily, this year is no different as we welcome Meg Ferguson to the stage in their first MMU production.

But there is one difference this year... You could be on stage in this year's performance of *The Importance of Being Earnest*. The role of The Cook will be raffled off nightly, allowing one lucky audience member to join the cast on stage. So if you've always secretly wanted to perform on stage... here's your chance! Mark your calendar and come out to enjoy this wonderful comedy and you might just win a chance to perform on stage with this year's MMU seniors.

A retrospective of the work of Jericho artist Marcia Rosberg (1936-2021) is currently showing at the Jericho Town Hall. Marcia considered herself a self-taught artist with a lifetime of drawing and painting experience. But she also expanded her skills with classes from UVM and participated in the Vermont Studio Center in Johnson. She exhibited extensively throughout Vermont and received a number of awards. Marcia often participated in the Town Hall art shows and we were glad when her family agreed to a showing of her work that spanned her career. Pieces are representative of her early years and up to the present. The public is invited to a reception on Sunday, May 22, at the Town Hall, 2:00 – 4:00 PM. The show will be up through Sunday, June 26.

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

Tuesday, June 21 is international Make Music Day! Vermont musicians are invited to make it happen across Vermont! Join music makers in 1000 cities and 120+ countries who come out and play, celebrating music in their communities all over the world. It started in France 40 years ago and Vermont is the first statewide participant in this totally inclusive festival that everyone can be a part of. Every style of music is welcome

in every kind of place, from front porches to Main Street sidewalks, library steps to parks, and anywhere that people can share and enjoy music with each other. For more information and to put yourself on the festival map, visit <http://www.bigheavyworld.com/makemusicvt>. Vermont Make Music Day is coordinated by Big Heavy World and made possible by our community partners Front Porch Forum, Vermont Public Radio, and our national presenting sponsor, the NAMM Foundation. Questions? Problems registering? Contact David, dafschein@bigheavyworld.com or 716-640-4639.

Call to Artists: 2022 Jeffersonville Art Jam: The Cambridge Arts Council will be hosting the Jeffersonville Art Jam again this year. The Art Jam is a collaboration between the Visions of Vermont Galleries, the Northern Vermont Artists Association, the Bryan Memorial Gallery, and the Cambridge Arts Council. The Cambridge Arts Council will have booth space available for up to 25 vendors on Saturday, June 25 (rain date, June 26) and Saturday, July 2 (rain date, July 3). We may have extra dates available if the weather cooperates. The booth space is 10'x10', you bring your own canopy and tables. The festival runs along the south side of Main Street in Jeffersonville.

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

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

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

Through Saturday, May 21 at the Sugarhouse Gallery: Paracosm Pop-up Series: *A Topsy Turvy World* by artist Nina Buxenbaum. Sunday, June 5-Friday, July 8 at the Sugarhouse Gallery: Northern Vermont Artists Association's 91st June Juried Show, with juried prizes in 12 categories including Best of Show and Peoples' choice (come choose your favorite!), with an opening reception Sunday, June 5 with the Vermont Fiddle Orchestra.

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

Maya de Vitry (of the Stray Birds): Valley Stage Productions will present Maya de Vitry and her quartet on Thursday, May 19, 7:00 PM at the Richmond Congregational Church, 20 Church St., Richmond, during their 16-city northeast tour. Do you remember *the Stray Birds*? As a vibrant harmonizing trio out of Lancaster, PA they performed from 2010-2018 before heading off in their own creative directions. They produced five albums, toured internationally, and their album *Magic Fire* was cited by NPR as one of Folk Alley's Top 10 Records of 2016. An example of their music can be seen at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UwMpBuQeW00&feature=youtu.be>. All staff, performers, and patrons must show proof of COVID-19 vaccine when they work or attend performances. Patrons will be asked to show their vaccination card or a photo of their vaccination

card when they enter the church. Masks are an option. Please respect those who choose to wear them. Refreshments served outside during intermission. Tickets: \$22 advance/\$25 day of show; seniors 65+ and children under 16, \$15. Contact Valley Stage Productions, don@valleystage.net or 802-434-4563 for more information.

Burlington City Arts: BCA's spring exhibitions are open Wednesdays-Fridays 12:00 – 5:00 PM, and Saturdays 12:00 – 8:00 PM. First floor: *Headwater*, a new series (<https://www.burlingtoncityarts.org/exhibition/eric-aho-headwater>) of monumental paintings by Eric Aho. Second floor: *What Still Remains* (<https://www.burlingtoncityarts.org/exhibition/sarah-trad-what-still-remains>) is comprised of single- and multi-channel videos by Lebanese-American artist Sarah Trad.

Join BCA on Wednesday, May 25, 5:00 – 7:00 PM, for the announcement of the 2022 Diane Gabriel Visual Artist Award Winner, and celebrate the final weeks of BCA's spring exhibitions by Eric Aho and Sarah Trad. Free and open to the public.

Registration for summer adult classes opens Tuesday, May 23, for offerings like watercolor, wheel throwing, digital photography, screen printing, and jewelry. Full and partial scholarships are available (<https://www.burlingtoncityarts.org/apply-scholarship>).

BCA is gearing up for another year of amazing summer programming in City Hall Park, and will present a large number of concerts and events in the park, June-September. With a focus on finding new VT talent and presenting a diverse lineup, we want to hear from you if you're a performer, have a great band, or are a DJ that hasn't worked with us before. Drop a line and a link to Zach Williamson, zwilliamson@burlingtoncityarts.org.

VT Arts Council public art awards

Strengthening the connection between people and place, the five award-winning projects of the Vermont Art Council's 2022 Animating Infrastructure program promise to bring vibrancy and vitality to their communities through public art.

The 2022 awardees are:

- Howard Center, Burlington: \$9200 to support a public art installation in Burlington's South End with artwork by artists living with and affected by mental illness and/or addiction;
- Orleans County Historical Society, Brownington: \$11,000 to support public art installations along the Alexander Twilight Trail;
- The Current, Stowe: \$15,000 to support community-based and collaborative murals at Stowe's public recreation path and Stowe Middle School;
- Town of Lyndon: \$15,000 to support an artistic sculpture and light installation at the Sanborn Covered Bridge;
- Town of Springfield: \$15,000 to support the design, fabrication, and installation of a monumental sculpture of David M. Smith's mid-late 1800s clothespin in Comtu Cascade Park.

Animating Infrastructure grants support community art projects in which public art is integrated into existing or proposed infrastructure improvements. Applicants are encouraged to think beyond the ordinary, envisioning new buildings, roads, bridges, and other public spaces that have the potential for artistic enhancement that creates unique places where people want to live, work, visit, and play. The intent is to enhance a sense of community pride and identity, to foster social connections, and to improve the livability and vibrancy of Vermont downtowns, villages, and neighborhoods.

Three to five grants of up to \$15,000 are awarded through the program each year. At least 80% of grant funds must be used to support the artists' involvement in the design, fabrication, or installation of the artwork. The remaining amount can be used to support the other aspects of the project, such as project management and community engagement activities.

For this year's competition, the Council received 20 letters of interest with project ideas for communities from across Vermont. After initial review of the submissions by an external panel of reviewers, eight applicants were invited to develop full proposals for funding consideration.

For more information about the Animating Infrastructure Program, visit <https://www.vermontartscouncil.org/grants/organizations/animating-infrastructure>.

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SCHOOL NEWS



Seniors (from left) Phoebe Doyle, Troy Riddell, (seated) Sirena Sawyer, Nuala Dougherty, Becky Kline, Blue Mabley Ward, and (seated on chaise) Cormac Abbey perform in the Mount Mansfield Union High School Theatre Department's senior theatre production of *The Importance of Being Earnest*, Friday-Saturday, June 3-4 at 7:30 PM. PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

CES PTA's Kids Clothing Swap May 21

The Cambridge Elementary School PTA is having our first kids' clothing swap! Have your kiddos outgrown last year's summer clothes? Of course they have!

Join us on Saturday, May 21, 9:00 – 11:30 AM, in the Cambridge Elementary School (CES) cafeteria. There is \$10/family suggested donation to participate. All proceeds from this event will go toward new playground equipment for the Cambridge Elementary School.

For information on how to participate, please see our FaceBook event page, <https://www.facebook.com/events/1423106081476228>.

Know before you borrow: free student loan guide

Will your family need a student loan to pay for college? Learn how to minimize borrowing and compare education loans with Vermont Student Assistance Corporation's (VSAC) free guide. We'll help you understand your options so you borrow smart, reduce your costs, and maximize all financial aid.

For more information, go online to <https://www.vsac.org/you-borrow-0>.

Eagles offer two scholarships to Lamoille County seniors

Let's start off the New Year on the right foot. How about some extra funds for school? The Green Mountain Fraternal Order of Eagles in Jeffersonville is accepting applications for two achievement/scholarships they offer: the Robbie Pollander and the Edison A. Reynolds Awards. Both in the amount of \$500.

These awards can be used by the recipients for anything school-related, from books to transportation, or classes to clothing. They are available to any high school graduating senior in Lamoille County. Our awards are not based on academics; they are granted to any high school senior who expresses the qualities of a good citizen in their community with the desire to pursue a higher education.

Requirements for consideration are: The submission of a biography and a theme-based short essay. The theme is "In my community, people helping people." All entries are due postmarked by Tuesday, May 31, 2022. Send to: Fraternal Order of Eagles, Attention David May, P.O. Box 216, Jeffersonville, VT 05464-0216.

There is an additional Scholarship available from the Auxiliary specifically for female students. The criteria are the same as above. All entries should be submitted to Ladies Auxiliary, Fraternal Order of Eagles, P.O. Box 326, Jeffersonville, VT 05464-0216.

Free June weekend program for HS sophomores

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

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

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

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

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



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200+ volunteers needed June 4 for Girls On The Run 5K

On Saturday, June 4, over 2000 girls, coaches, family members, and friends of Girls On The Run VT (GOTRVT) will lace up their shoes at the Champlain Valley Expo, Essex and take part in a non-competitive 5K to support and celebrate the girls' completion of their eight-week life skills and empowerment program.

Designed to allow every girl to recognize her inner strength, Girls on the Run inspires Vermont girls in grades 3-8 to define their lives on their own terms through lessons that encourage positive emotional, social, and physical development. Participating in a *Girls on the Run 5K* gives the girls a tangible understanding of the confidence that comes through accomplishment.

Crossing the finish line is a defining moment when the girls realize even the seemingly impossible is possible.

In order to give our girls the best celebration possible (and we think they deserve it!), we need more than 200 volunteers to make our event a success. From course marshals, registration, and activities... to set up, clean up, and volunteer recruitment, there is a role to suit everyone's talents and time!

Ready to help our girls shine? Register to volunteer at <https://www.pinwheel.us/register/index/GOTRVT-Essex-5K-Volunteer-2022-Registration>.

Saxon Hill School 5K Run/Walk and Kids Fun Run

Join us on Saturday May 21, 2022 for the Saxon Hill School 5K Run/Walk and Kids Fun Run! This event is organized by parents of Saxon Hill School (SHS) children as a fundraiser to support SHS and to connect with our local community.

The 5K Run/Walk will begin at 9:00 AM (check-in 8:30 AM); the Kids Fun Run will start at 10:30 AM. All participants will receive a post-race prize and one entry into a raffle for local goods! There will also be refreshments available and family activities.

For more information and to register, please visit <https://runsignup.com/Race/VT/Jericho/SaxonHillSchool5KFunRun>.

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Cambridge Youth Soccer spring soccer registration

Cambridge Youth Soccer is excited to announce that registration is now open for our spring season. Teams for girls and boys are offered from pre-K through U16, depending on enrollment. For more information please go online to https://system.gotsport.com/programs/842N25686?reg_role=player.

Also, we are eagerly seeking individuals with time and energy to serve who may be interested in joining our board, as well as volunteers interested in working with us in other capacities, such as fields and equipment and program boosterism. Thanks!

Register for Chittenden County Soccer School 2022

Registration is open for Chittenden County Soccer School (CCSS) 2022, Monday-Friday, July 11-15 at Mills Riverside Park in Jericho. Rosters are filling up fast!

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Volunteers needed for VT City Marathon & Relay

It's almost Marathon time! This year's Vermont City Marathon and Relay Weekend is Friday-Sunday, May 27-29. The greatest need this year is for Course Monitors, Relay Exchanges Zones, and Green Team (Recycling, Compost, and Trash) on Sunday, May 29, and at the Expo on Friday-Saturday, May 27-28.

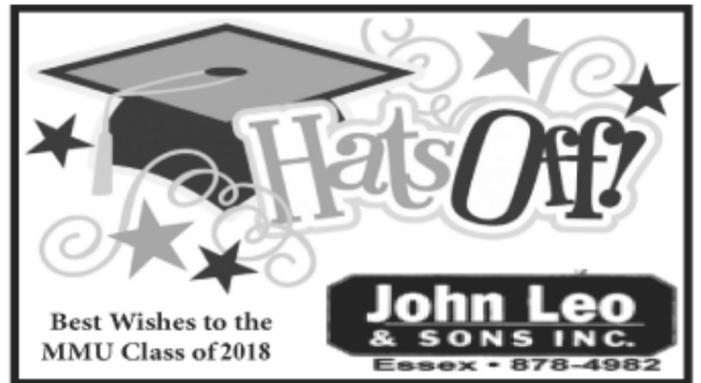
Get involved in this great 33rd annual community tradition — you don't have to be a runner! This is a perfect opportunity for students completing volunteer hours.

All volunteers receive a t-shirt and are entered in two raffles. For the first raffle, M&T Bank has generously agreed to donate \$100 each to the charity of choice for five registered volunteers. And, the weeks of May 16, May 23, and May 30, two pair of Hoka shoes will be raffled off each week to our registered volunteers.

Register to volunteer for the Marathon and Relays at <https://runsignup.com/runvcm/volunteer>.

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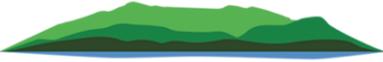


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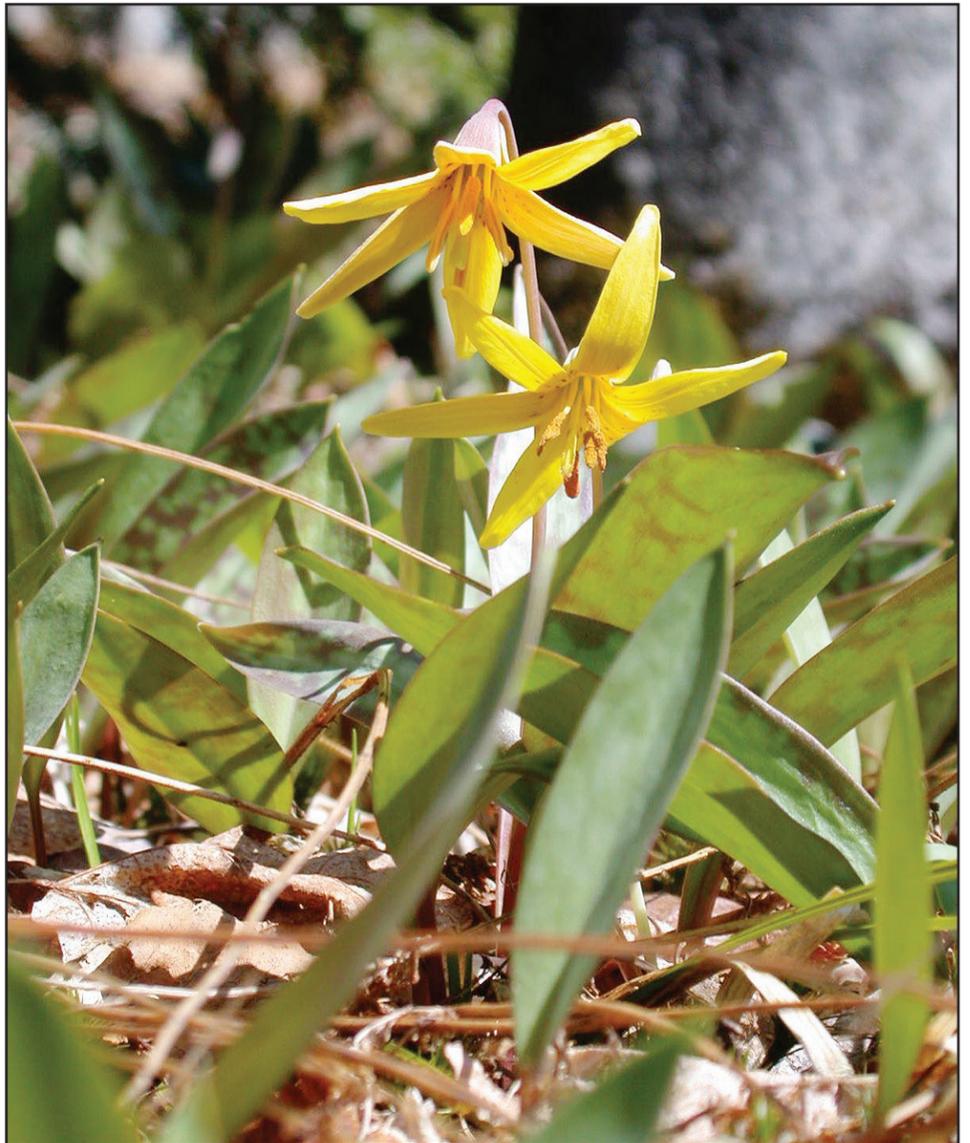
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