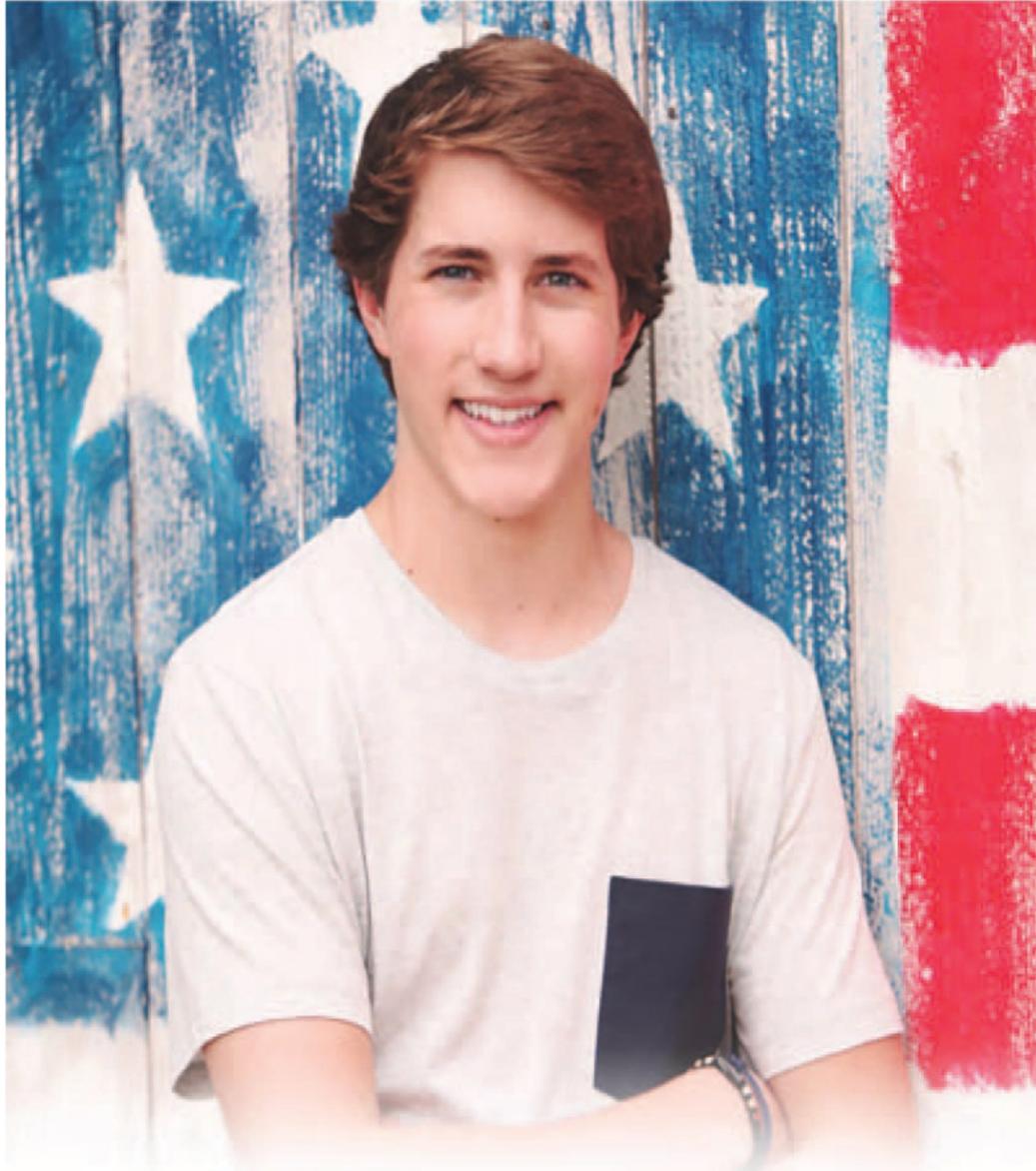


1ST Annual JOHNNY'S AMBASSADORS #STOPDABBING WALK

Save the Lives of Our Youth!



We aim to educate parents and teens about the dangers of high THC marijuana on the developing adolescent mind. We want to raise awareness of those impacted by addiction and get all teens to #StopDabbing (dab is a high-potency marijuana).

1ST Annual Virtual Walk Sept. 20, 2020

On September 20, we'll walk for **Suicide Prevention Month** in honor of Johnny Stack and all our loved ones gone too soon. If your life has been touched by **YOUTH SUBSTANCE ABUSE, MENTAL ILLNESS, OR SUICIDE**, please join us!

JOIN OUR COMMUNITY!

Participation is free. To register and/or pledge a suggested \$25 donation to help reduce substance misuse: <https://tinyurl.com/Vermontwalk>

or share on Twitter

Consider CREATING OR PARTICIPATING ON A TEAM. Just walk with us in your neighborhood with friends or family. Take a photo and share it using #StopDabbing, on facebook at www.facebook.com/BetterVermont/ or on twitter @physiciansvt

To learn more about Johnny's Ambassadors: <https://johnnysambassadors.org/fundraisers/>

COMMUNITY COLUMNS

Dwane Austin, age 83, of Jericho, VT passed away at The McLure/Miller Respite House, Colchester, VT on Thursday, August 27, 2020 following a long battle with COPD. He was born on March 21, 1937 in Orleans, VT, the son of Gordon and Ida (Lathe) Austin. After graduating from Orleans High School in 1955, he joined the U.S. Navy and served his country for 20 years. In 1962 he married Shirley (Hoyt), also of Orleans, and they have one son, Mark. He thoroughly enjoyed military life and his 20 years of service took him and his family to many areas of the country: Quonset Point, RI; Rota, Spain; Norfolk, VA; and Pensacola, FL, where he worked with the Navy's Blue Angels flight demonstration team. Proud of his Vermont heritage, upon his retirement in 1975 there was no question that he would retire in Vermont, and he and his family moved to Jericho where they still reside. For the next 23 years he served as custodian at Browns River Middle School, retiring from there in 1998. "Yard work" was his relaxation and he could be found on any nice day, mowing and trimming his lawn and engaging in conversation with anyone who happened by. He is survived by his wife Shirley, his son Mark and wife Jackie, of Hinesburg, VT; and by several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents, his sisters Avis, Evelyn, and Wanita, and his brother, Dale. In accordance with his wishes there will be no services at this time. Donations in his memory can be made to Essex Rescue, 1 Educational Dr., Essex Jct., VT 05452; or UVM Home Health/Hospice, 1110 Prim Rd., Colchester, VT 05446.



Clemence Marie (Gagnon) Bergeron of Winooski, VT, a devoted wife, an exceptional mother, an adoring grandmother, great-grandmother, and thoughtful friend, died at home on Tuesday, September 1, 2020 surrounded by her loving family. She was born in St. Justin, province of Québec, on December 19, 1921. The daughter of the late Arthur and Marie Louise Gagnon, Clemence was surrounded by many opportunities for enrichment. She came to the United States after marrying the love of her life, Raymond Bergeron, on July 5, 1947; he predeceased her on October 24, 1980. She is also predeceased by her child Aline Marie, who died as a baby on November 1, 1951; her son Paul on June 9, 2014; her grandson, David Gaworecki on May 16, 2018; and great grandson, Grady Howrigan on July 28, 2017. She experienced a rich cultural French-Canadian heritage and became a strong promoter of Catholic education. After finishing her studies at the regional school in St. Justin, she demonstrated at a very early age a wide range of talents and an unquenchable pursuit of perfection in all that she undertook. For more than 30 years, Clemence was an expert seamstress who sewed for local bridal shops and for untold numbers of people in the area. Clients called upon her when they required especially challenging and delicate sewing projects. She was an excellent homemaker, caring well for her nine children. She also enjoyed embroidery, knitting, and weaving as well as her passion for sewing. She was an avid member of La Société des Deux Mondes, a lifetime member of the Daughters of Isabella and the Ladies of St. Anne, and worked many years for her parish, St. Francis Xavier in Winooski, VT,

making liturgical robes and caring for altar linens. Clemence valued her faith very highly and remained faithful in her devotions to Our Lady of Perpetual Help, St. Anthony, and St. Jude. Her daily practice of prayer included multiple rosaries, demonstrating her generous commitment to her family and those she loved. Clemence was a remarkable woman, always congenial and sharp witted. She thoroughly enjoyed visiting with family, friends, and neighbors on her porch and over the phone with a friendly and welcoming attitude and vibrant conversation. She thrived on social interaction and truly treasured each person she encountered. Clemence leaves a beautiful legacy through her loving family: Diane and John Gaworecki of Essex Junction, VT; daughter-in-law Gail (wife of Paul Bergeron) of Sterling, MA; Robert and Kathy (Berry) of Jericho, VT; Marcel and Linda (Lucchini) of Richland, WA; Roland and Mary (Lanahan) of Irondale, AL; Roger of Essex Junction, VT; Lucille and Bruce Dupont of Colchester, VT; Claudette and Ray Bouffard of Swanton, VT; Claude and Bonnie (Bragg) of Thetford Center, VT; 27 grandchildren and 38 great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews in the U.S.A. and Canada. Clemence is survived by her dear relatives from Québec: her sister, Jeannette Clement of Québec City and her brother Clement Gagnon and his wife Marie-Jeanne of St. Leon, her two sisters-in-law Marie Claire Gagnon of Louiseville and Pauline Gagnon of Montreal. Clemence was predeceased by seven brothers: Paul, Maurice, Pierre, Germain, Jacques, Claude, and Joseph Yvon; and by four sisters: Lucienne Gagnon, Therese Racine, Anne Rose Gagnon, and Noella Francoeur. In the local area, she is survived by brother-in-law, Conrad Bergeron of Williston, VT, and sister-in-law, Pauline Boulerice of St. Albans, VT. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, those who wish to honor her memory make contributions to St. Francis Xavier Church or School, 3 St. Peter St., Winooski, VT 05404. Visiting hours were held at LaVigne Funeral Home, Winooski, VT on Monday, September 7, 2020. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Tuesday, September 8, 2020 at St. Francis Xavier Church in Winooski, with interment following in the St. Francis Xavier Cemetery.

Kinsley Marie Millard, 9, of Jericho, VT passed away following a tragic accident on Thursday, August 27, 2020. She was born on February 5, 2011 in Burlington, VT, daughter of Brandon Millard and Heather Tetrault. Kinsley was a sassy, energetic girl who had a zest for life like no other and was wise beyond her years. She loved dancing, swimming, camping, and animals. She was known as the neighborhood dog wrangler. If anyone's dog got loose, we knew Kinsley would ensure their return to home safely. Her smile and laugh would light up a room. She loved being with her friends, whether it was in person or via video chats. She never let a minute of the day go by without joy. Kinsley had aspirations of becoming a nurse. She had a kind, healing soul and gentle touch. If someone was hurt or sick she made sure to be the caretaker. Kinsley loved her dogs Loki and Odin, hamster Almond, and three cats Silva, Bella, and Smokey. Her morning routine was to greet the pups with hugs, kisses, and snuggles on the couch. Kinsley had a firecracker personality and always kept us on our toes. She would constantly say, "Ready?"



Are you ready?" And our go to answer was, "Kinz, we're never ready for you." Kinsley's summer days were spent camping all over Vermont with her family, with her best friend jumping on the trampoline, making dance videos, and playing outside. Kinsley is survived by her parents Brandon Millard and Heather Tetrault, brother Logan Millard, maternal grandparents Brenda Davis and Andy and Kathy Tetrault, paternal grandmother Dina Robar, maternal great-grandparents Leo Paul and Rita Tetrault, aunts and uncles, Amber Currier, Ryan and Courtney McCall. She was predeceased by her maternal great grandparents Al and Rita Davis. Private services were held for Kinsley. Memorial contributions can be made by visiting <https://www.gofundme.com/show/your-support-for-brenda-davis-and-her-family>. The family invites you to share your memories by visiting awrfh.com.

If I could reach up and grab a star for every time you made me smile, the entire evening sky would fit in the palm of my hand.



Paul B. Switzer, 70, of Jeffersonville, VT passed away early Saturday morning, September 5, 2020, at his home with wife Marsha by his side. Fondly known as "Switz," he was passionate about his family, friends, reading, jazz and classical music, skiing, telling a good joke, and life. Born to Verne and Barbara Molaghan Switzer on February 27, 1950 in Brattleboro, VT, Switz was the second eldest of five children. He graduated from Brattleboro Union High School in 1968 and attended the University of Vermont and Windham College. He earned his electrician's license while working for Diamond Electric. Switz was a lifelong skier, having mastered the slopes of Hogback Mountain in southern Vermont as a youngster. He became a professional ski instructor and taught at Haystack, Mount Snow, and for most of his career at Smugglers' Notch in Jeffersonville. He was awarded his 40-year ski instructor pin and certificate from Professional Ski Instructors of America. In 1988, Switz walked into The Brewski after a day on the slopes at Smugs and met the love of his life, Marsha McGuire. A few years later, he proposed not once but twice and the two were married on a hilltop overlooking Spofford Lake in New Hampshire on May 2, 1992. Their life together was filled with love, laughter, skiing, music, and Sunday football games cheering on the Patriots and Giants. Switz had a large network of friends on and off the slope. He merely had to step out his front door and someone would soon stop and offer to give him a ride to the mountain. He had a quick wit, was a master at *Jeopardy*, and could tell a story like no other. *Reader's Digest* should have devoted space in every issue for his jokes. Whether he was singing *Boardwalk* at family gatherings or sharing après ski cocktails with friends at The Brewski, Switz brought love and laughter everywhere he went. Besides his wife, Switz is survived by his sister Leslie Switzer and her husband Tom Mitchell, sister JoEllen Switzer and Steve Wilcox, brother Jay Switzer, sister-in-law Sandi Switzer, and with great pride nieces Hilary Seifer, Shannon Switzer, Kristen Switzer, Linsey Wright, and grandnieces Ava Lunge. A celebration of life will be scheduled soon in Jeffersonville so family and friends can share stories and laughter in honor of Switz. Please visit awrfh.com to share your memoirs and condolences.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Underhill Cemetery fence painting

To the Editor,

This is our Fence Painting Project Report:
The following people have volunteered: Kasey Clark, Boy Scout, three sections (completed 9/6/20); Pam Clark, three sections (completed two, 9/6/20); Brian Clark, three sections; Lois Lavoie, one section (completed 8/22/20); Mark Lavoie, one section (completed 8/22/20); Alan Morse, one section (completed 8/27/20); Rachel Becker, one section (completed 9/4/20); Doug St. Amour, two sections (completed 8/14/20); Mike Henry, two sections; Deb Henry, two sections; Ann Hudson, one section (completed 8/15/20); Katelyn Hudson, one section (completed 8/15/20); Mary Martelle, one section; Randy Clark, three sections.

We have also received donations for fence painting from: Linda Sperry, Shirley Coffey, John Andrews, Carol Chase, Kathleen Langlais, Lindsay Townsend, Joan Schillhammer, Deb Belcher, Patti Huff, Carol and George Pilgrim, Warren and Cheryl Donaldson.

To summarize, we have 104 sections of fence and 10 sections of gates for a total of 114 sections to do. (Tracy Bisette and Tim Boucher had completed nine sections.)

We have a man that contacted us and said he would paint the remainder of the fence for \$32 a section. We agreed to hire him and he has done nine sections in three weeks; not sure he will complete the task. Thus far we have completed and/or have pledges of 43 sections. Therefore we are 38% complete and have only 71 remaining sections.

Please contact Sexton Randy Clark at honorarchief@aol.com or text 802-899-2233 to ask questions and or volunteer.

Thanks everyone —
p.s. For those that were waiting for me to contact you about materials, we have them and we are ready for you to start whenever you have the time. Just contact me and I will meet you at the cemetery.

We mentioned above that we had hired an individual to paint for \$32.00 per section, if you know of someone looking to make a little money, send them our way and we will furnish all the materials. Thanks

Randy Clark, Underhill

Bicycles in CSWD scrap metal bin

To the Editor,

I just came back home after taking some rusty scrap metal to the CSWD. In the scrap metal bin were two nicer vintage bicycles. These bikes looked like they were stored indoors and well cared for. At a glance I could count several useful components that appeared to be free of rust or damage. It's probably been more than a year since I posted about seeing this sort of thing, but it's worth bringing up.

If you're willing to spend time and gas money to take a bike all the way to the dump, chances are someone is just as willing to pick it up from your house. These bicycles usually have parts that can be used to save other bikes if they're not in fully working order.

CSWD can't be expected to manage every type of waste uniquely or hold items for people, but some things should really not be heading their way if they have use and can be moved on for more life. The re-use shed, before it was closed, was an excellent way of mitigating the issue of wastefulness. Stores like Habitat for Humanity ReStore and ReSource provide a viable means of recycling goods into the hands of people who need them. I visit regularly searching for that tool, fixture, or component to complete a project.

When the bicycle season comes to a close and I ready my storage space, I hope to resume accepting unwanted bikes. For now, I appreciate email replies (bringabicycle@gmail.com) if you're looking to move an old bike on and wish to leave contact information.

John Arnst, Jericho

Protect United States Postal Service

To the Editor,

The League of Women Voters, committed to the right of all citizens to vote, stands in favor of mail-in balloting and supports funding levels for the United States Postal Service (USPS) in the U.S. House HEROES Act and Delivering for America Act.

The U.S. Postal Service plays a critical role to the success of the November General Election occurring in the midst of a pandemic.

Delivering ballots is an essential function of USPS. The post office processes hundreds of millions of absentee ballots from unformed service members dating back to the Civil War and for U.S. citizens living abroad. They also support Colorado, Hawaii, Oregon, Utah, and Washington with their mail-in elections.

Today, USPS is the subject of partisan attacks designed to weaken its role and core functions. Under the leadership of Postmaster General Louis DeJoy, the agency has undergone operational changes that have slowed down and adversely affected mail delivery for Americans who receive and mail-in their ballots.

Not every voter will vote by mail, but for those who do, there must be confidence and trust that their ballot will be received on time. In the 2018 general election, about 25 percent of ballots were cast by mail. Undermining the postal service disenfranchises citizens.

The U.S. House of Representatives recently passed the Delivering for America Act which invests \$25 billion in USPS, establishes requirements for processing election mail, and prevents additional changes to services before the election.

It is now up to the U.S. Senate to act. Contact Senators Patrick Leahy and Bernie Sanders. Tell them why the U.S. Postal Service cannot afford to make changes that threaten service reliability and transparency at this pivotal time!

Bernie Sanders: www.sanders.senate.gov/contact or 800-339-9834

Pat Leahy: www.leahy.senate.gov/contact or 800-642-3193

Sue Racanelli

President, League of Women Voters of Vermont

Special education services in MMU school district

To the Editor,

First day of school is coming soon! Back to school is always a crazy time of year for parents and students. I'm a parent of a child with an IEP. My child receives special education services in the MMU school district, specifically at Camel's Hump Middle School.

Do you have a child with an IEP or Section 504 Plan in the district?

Would you like to be a part of an information-sharing group for students/families receiving special education services in the district?

Please email me directly (radcliffinn@gmail.com) and we can discuss ideas for working together and supporting each other during this very difficult time for our young people. If you are not up for it right now, I completely understand. Just know that I am here and happy to listen and help if you are struggling. Thanks for your time,

Wendy Radcliff, Jericho

Voting

To the Editor,

Please vote.
Here is a quote by Keith Ellison, the former Attorney General in Minnesota: "Not voting is not protest. It is surrender."

And from comedian George Carlin: "If you don't vote you lose the right to complain."

Participate, please.

Thanks,

Ann Greer, Jeffersonville

100 Women Who Care in Chittenden County

To the Editor,

100 Women Who Care, a local Chittenden County chapter, is thrilled to announce that we awarded Spectrum Youth and Family Services \$3000 at the first virtual meeting. Each member committed \$100 quarterly (\$400 annually, or \$200 if a team of two women). Each member can then nominate a local non-profit in Chittenden County quarterly. At our first meeting on Tuesday, July 28, members voted on and chose Spectrum. Thank you to all of our members and nominations.

We would love to grow our membership to 50 members and donate \$5000 at our next meeting on Wednesday, October 28. For more information on our giving circle, *100 Women Who Care of Chittenden County*, please visit our website www.100wvcvt.com. You will be happy that you did! You can also email me (tag3son@yahoo.com) with questions. Thank you!

Tina Gallagher, Jericho

LIBRARY NEWS

DEBORAH RAWSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

While DRML is still closed to the public, we are offering curbside pickup as well as appointments for browsing and use of library computers. Please call us at 899-4962 to arrange for pickup or for an appointment.

Curbside pickup hours are: Tuesday and Thursday, 1:00 – 7:30 PM; Wednesday and Friday, 1:00 – 5:30 PM; and Saturday, 11:00 AM – 1:30 PM.

Appointments for browsing: Thursday, 12:00 – 6:45 PM; Friday, 10:45 AM – 4:45 PM; Saturday, 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM.

Appointments for computer use: Thursday, 12:15 – 7:00 PM; Friday, 10:15 AM – 5:00 PM; Saturday, 10:15 AM – 1:15 PM.

Watch for future details about a book sale the weekend of September 26-27.

Adult Programs

Unless otherwise noted, all programs are free and open to all, but registration is required. To register, please email program_assistant@drml.org.

Mah Jongg — Monday, September 21 at 6:30 PM. Mah Jongg returns! Please join us as we explore the ancient Chinese tile game of winds, dragons, and number tiles. If you like Rummy-style card games, you'll love Mah Jongg! We'll be meeting on the free website MyJongg.net, with a Zoom call allowing us to chat once again. All are welcome, no experience necessary!

Vermont Reads 2020 Discussion: The Hate U Give, Thursday, September 24, 7:00 PM. All are invited to join our continuing discussion of the Vermont Reads 2020 selection *The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas. The VT Humanities Council has provided us with a number of copies to distribute in order to facilitate conversations about this important work. Adult and teen readers are invited to participate. To request a copy, please contact rawsonlibrary@drml.org.

Banned Books Week: Dear Banned Author, Sunday, September 27, 4:00 PM. In turbulent times, books are tools that help people navigate the world around them. Intellectual freedom and access to information uplift people in crisis and during more peaceful times, so help us champion the right to read during Banned Books Week, September 27-October 3! This program will focus on writing letters of encouragement and support to Banned Authors. The Top 10 Most Challenged Books of 2019 features a number of books that help readers, especially and specifically young readers, understand and navigate tough situations, including: *George* by Alex Gino; *Beyond Magenta: Transgender Teens Speak Out* by Susan Kuklin; and *Drama* by Raina Telgemeier. Frequently challenged books also include classics such as *George Orwell's 1984*, *Margaret Atwood's The Handmaid's Tale*, and more contemporary fiction like J.K. Rowling's *Harry Potter* series. See a book, series, or graphic novel that you love? Do you believe in the freedom of individuals to choose what they read? Show your support of Banned Authors in this letter-writing workshop. For more information about Banned Books Week, please visit bannedbooksweek.org.

Mystery Book Club: Boundary Waters by William Kent Krueger, Tuesday, September 29, 6:00 PM (instead of our usual 7:00 PM). We will meet outside so bring your chair! We will be discussing *Boundary Waters* by William Kent Krueger. If you need a book, please call the library (899-4962) to request a copy. Due to delays with our courier you should request soon so that it has time to arrive.

Youth Programs

Outdoor Storytime (ages 0-preschool). By popular request we will meet on the back lawn of the library, Tuesday mornings in September, from 10:30 – 11:00 AM for movement-based stories and songs. Storytime will also be streamed via Facebook Live for those who want to stay home. This program is weather dependent. If it is a rainy morning we will not meet. If you are not sure if storytime is happening, check our Facebook page or call 899-4962. For the safety of all who attend, everyone must maintain 6' of social distance, and everyone over the age of 2 must wear a mask. Please bring a blanket or a towel for your family to sit on.

Curbside Crafts (any age) are available on Wednesdays during curbside pick-up from 1:00 – 5:30 PM, and come with pretty much everything you need to complete the craft. There are only a limited number available, so first come, first served. Extras will be put out each day until they're all gone. September's crafts include *Touch It Take It* sidewalk chalk, Paper Plate creations, Fireworks Paintings, and Origami kits.

Young Writers Group (twens and teens), Thursday, September 17, 4:00 PM. Join the young writers to play writing games, hang out, and work on that novel, book of poetry, or comic book you've been dying to create! Please pre-register at <http://bit.ly/DRMLYouth920>.

Disney® Trivia (all ages), Friday, September 18, 7:00 PM. Test your knowledge of all things Disney®! We'll have questions on all your animated favorites, both new and classic. Please pre-register at <http://bit.ly/DRMLYouth920>.

Modern Times Theater (all ages), Saturday, September 19, 11:00 AM. The one and only Punch and Judy, presented live, and updated for the 21st century. Allow Mr. Punch to deftly remove your bad mood, whilst he exhausts your child! Gawk as Judy struggles to balance a checkbook before being eaten by the carnivore du jour! Feast your eyes upon the diaper change that should not be! It's a melodrama of epically small proportions, and it's so funny that you'll forget to take out your phone for at least the first half hour. Presented in collaboration with Jericho Town Library. Please pre-register at <http://bit.ly/DRMLYouth920>.

D&DRML (ages 9+), Sunday, September 20, 3:30 PM. The adventurers have learned that dragon-related goods have been flooding local markets, but not all of them are authentic. After a

run-in with a shady merchant that resulted in a burned down barn and some bandits reformed to farmers, what will happen next? Join us and see. Beginners are welcome! Please pre-register at <http://bit.ly/DRMLYouth920>.

Science Friday STEM Craft Show and Tell (ages 9+), Friday, September 25, 4:00 PM. Let's try something new! Pre-register for a Light Up Magic Wand craft kit and pick it up starting Wednesday, September 23. Do the craft and join us Friday the 25th at 4:00 PM to show off your work, OR wait till Friday and complete the craft during our meeting. Please pre-register at <http://bit.ly/DRMLYouth920>.

All our online services are up and running on our webpage, www.drml.org. As we find new and exciting things we will post them on the webpage and on our Facebook page.

Our WiFi will remain active and is accessible from the parking lot or other areas adjacent to the building. WiFi is available 24/7. A password is not needed to connect. Please be aware that our WiFi does not offer a secure connection.

For a full list of online resources, including digital e-book and audio book services, classes including language courses, and compilations of filmed programs, please visit <https://www.drml.org/how-to-use-a-closed-library/>.

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

JERICHO TOWN LIBRARY

As many know, our wonderful librarian Lisa has moved across the country to accept an exciting new position! We thank her for her hard work, warm and friendly nature, and dedication to our little library. We are sad to see her leave, but excited for her new adventure! Best wishes and good luck, Lisa!

JTL is pleased to announce that we are now open for curbside service, following our regular Monday-Friday schedule. Our interim librarian, Loona Brogan, is eager to help with your library needs.

Thanks for your help and understanding during this time of transition! You are welcome to contact Susan Macmillan, JTL Secretary, spmjericho@gmail.com, or any Board member if you have questions.

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

VARNUM MEMORIAL LIBRARY JEFFERSONVILLE

We are open for curbside pickup Tuesdays and Thursdays, 3:00 – 5:00 PM, and Saturdays, 1:00 – 3:00 PM. To request an item, please search our catalog at <https://staff.kohavt.org/> and send your request to varnumrequests@gmail.com.

We still have some unclaimed craft kits and clays kits available to be picked up; email us if you want one or didn't get a chance to pick yours up.

We have lots of free books available; please stop by during curbside service and see what we have for you to take home.

We are planning on beginning our inter-library loan services again on September 14, so please stay tuned!

Join the Varnum Memorial Library and co-sponsor, Second Congregational Church of Jeffersonville, for a book discussion on this year's *Vermont Reads* selection, *The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas. This discussion will be held online via Zoom on Sunday, October 18 at 5:00 PM. We have a limited supply of books, so please only request one per household and consider sharing with your friends and family. Please send book requests to varnumrequests@gmail.com.

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

WESTFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Westford Public Library is open for limited in-person services on Wednesdays, 1:00 – 7:00 PM (curbside 3:00 – 5:00 PM), and Saturdays 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM (curbside 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM). The first hour of each day is reserved for senior and immunocompromised patrons. *Curbside service is still the preferred option.* Please see our detailed plan at <https://westfordpubliclibrary.wordpress.com/visiting-during-covid/>. Visits are limited to 30 minutes or less. The children's area will be closed — browsing in main area only. Masks and social distancing are required for patrons ages 2 and up; children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

The book drop to return library items is open and ready to accept your Westford Library books and other items. Not for the book drop: books from the school, items from other libraries, book donations. Please note that email reminders will resume for overdue books.

All Zoom links will be on PPF and Facebook, or contact Bree to email them to you.

School has only recently restarted and many of you have questions about resources, especially all you new homeschoolers. The Vermont Department of Libraries, along with several state agencies and groups, has put together an online resource page: https://libraries.vermont.gov/services/children_and_teens/homeschooling_resources. The Westford Public Library has enrichment and homeschooling materials. Let Bree know what you might need. It is best to email or call ahead to discuss your needs. Also, if you are doing an enrichment unit, try to narrow it down with age/grade range and specific titles. The library can also get books from other libraries, but it can take up to two weeks, so plan ahead!

Adult Book Group meets the third Wednesday of the month (via Zoom), 7:00 – 8:00 PM. September 16: Open Season by Archer Mayor. Book one in the Vermont-based Joe Gunther mystery series, now up to 30 books. Print copies available at the library; audiobooks available on Libby.

Celebrate Banned Books Week, September 27-October 3. Cen-

sorship is a dead end: find your freedom to read! Banned Books Week highlights the benefits of free and open access to materials while drawing attention to the harms of censorship by spotlighting actual or attempted banning of books from across the United States. Resources will be made available via Facebook for those interested. It would be awesome to read a banned book this week, available curbside or in the library.

Wednesdays: Curbside pickup, 3:00 – 5:00 PM; get your orders in by 7:00 PM the night before. Form on our website and Facebook page.

Thursdays: Early Literacy Storytime, for birth to pre-school! We now have in-person, outside, and socially distant storytime at 11:30 AM on the Common. Bring a blanket and masks and talk to your kids about social distancing ahead of time. Snacks or a lunch are a good idea, too. We will sing songs, read stories, move, and have fun! If weather is bad, storytime will be sent out digitally. Feel free to watch a "re-run" at <https://westfordpubliclibrary.wordpress.com/story-time/>.

Saturdays: Curbside pickup 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM; get your orders in by 7:00 PM the night before. Form on our website and Facebook page.

Library cards can be renewed or created via email or the phone.

Free Downloadable Ebooks and Audiobooks: Libby/Overdrive, free with your library card. Don't know your number, card expired, don't have a card? No problem! Can all be done over email. Here are two helpful links:

- <https://help.libbyapp.com/6144.htm>
- <https://help.overdrive.com/en-us/categories/getting-started.htm>

Like us on Facebook. Bree Drapa, Librarian. 878-5639; <http://westfordpubliclibrary.org>; westfordpubliclibrary@gmail.com.

RICHMOND LIBRARY

Please note, there is lots of new information on our website, <https://richmondfreelibraryvt.org>, on homeschooling resources (on our home page), finding books and more, a long list of online resources, book clubs, and more.

Outdoor Storytime — Wednesdays, 11:00 AM, on the library lawn behind the building, and observing physical distancing and all other safety protocols. Families are asked to bring their own blanket or chairs, and to set up their space on a premarked spot on the lawn. No registration is needed. Storytimes will include books with big, bold pictures, rhymes, songs, stretches, and the opportunity to pickout some picture books to take home. Outdoor Storytime will continue until it grows too cold, or until COVID-19 protocols change.

Book groups are meeting remotely and books are available at the library; please contact the book group coordinator to find out the plan for each meeting.

Mystery Book Discussion Group — Thursdays, 7:00 PM. Group coordinator Maureen Parent, 434-2055 or mparent@gmavt.net. September 17: *Blessed Are Those Who Thirst* by Anne Holt; October 15: *Snowblind* by Ragnar Jónasson; November 19: *The Woman in Cabin 10* by Ruth Ware.

(Mostly) **Fiction Book Discussion Group** — Tuesdays, 6:00 PM. Group coordinator Gwen Landis, 434-5012 or gwenie1972@yahoo.com. October 13: *The Alice Network* by Kate Quinn; November 10: *Britt-Marie Was Here* by Fredrik Backman; December 8: *Emma* by Jane Austen.

Online Resources — Visit the Richmond Free Library Youth Services page to connect with TumbleBooks for a fun, gently animated picture book storytime and Storyline Online to hear great children's authors and other celebrities reading aloud from fabulous picture books. Here you will find links to other great youth sites as well including resources for elementary-aged and older youth.

Remember to browse our catalog at rfl.kohavt.org! We have more than books to lend — request audiobooks on CD, Playaways, Magazines, and Movies! Log in to your account with your library card barcode and your last name as the password to reserve items, or call or email the Library. Not sure what to read next? Let us help!

We are again able to offer library patrons access to the physical collection. This includes books, audiobooks, magazines, and DVDs. We cannot allow visitors beyond the outer foyer but you will find that this space has been adapted to serve as a safe and convenient place to pick up your item requests. Book bins in the foyer have been labeled alphabetically. Requested items will be bagged, labeled and placed in the bins according to patron's last name. The door will be left open so visitors need not touch anything except their own bag. Please be mindful of others and wait your turn to enter the space if there is already someone there.

There are three ways to request materials:

- Place a hold on whatever you like through your library account at rfl.kohavt.org. You will need your library barcode number to log in to your account. Your password is your own last name (capital first letter). Please note that the maximum number of holds allowed per account is five.
- Call us at 434-3036. Leave a message if it is after hours.
- Email us at rfl@gmavt.net.

Pick up times are: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM; Tuesday and Thursday, 12:00 – 4:00 PM; Saturday, 12:00 – 2:00 PM. All items can be returned to the outdoor book return bin anytime.

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

LIBRARY NEWS continued



HARVEST MARKET NEWS

Clutter Barn final tag sale for 2020 – Saturday, September 19

With grateful thanks to our community friends and neighbors for their faithful support, our many volunteers, and our dedicated organizers, the UCU Clutter Barn offers its final Tag Sale in a year that has been anything but normal. Mark your calendars for Saturday, September 19, and take advantage of a fine selection of gently used merchandise at affordable prices prepared and displayed with safety in mind for your shopping pleasure! Located adjacent to the United Church of Underhill on Park Street in Underhill, the Clutter Barn has been a favorite second-hand shopping haven for many years. Restricted in its operation this year due to the COVID-19 crisis, the attending staff and a host of helpers worked their way through mandates and restrictions to serve Underhill, Jericho, and the surrounding areas by providing an abbreviated season of a depository for out-grown household goods, clothing, books, toys — and much more — and making these items available for sale to those looking for a great bargain!

The Tag Sale will open promptly at 9:00 AM and run until 3:00 PM. To assure a safe shopping experience, masks are required. Contact information (name, phone number, and time of visit) will be recorded for all shoppers. Entrance to the building will be at the front door only, with exit at the back door. Outdoor tents at the back of the building may be entered at their location, noting visual guidelines. The number of shoppers inside the building and in the tents will be limited, so please be patient with us and observe social distancing in both locations. Sanitizing stations for both Clutter Barn volunteers and our customers will be available throughout. Several cash-out stations will be located outside. Customers will be asked to read off prices to cashiers and to bag their own purchases — bags will be provided, or bring your own. Wrappings will be provided for fragile items.

Thanks to the many friends and neighbors who donated gently used items all through the summer, the Clutter Barn seems to be bursting with articles of every description, so plan to stock up on

extraordinary deals in every department! Fall and winter clothing in all sizes is just waiting to keep someone warm and cozy as chillier air sets in; shoes and boots are in big supply; a large choice of fabric for sewing projects during the long winter weeks is ready to fill that need; linens fill the shelves; a holiday gift or two — or three — may be found in the over-supply of toys! All-occasion and Christmas cards and lots of holiday accessories will make shopping for the up-coming season quite simple!

A large assortment of children's, teen, youth, and young adult books will be located at the Clutter Barn campus. All other books will be located off the premises in the Damkot barn at 379 VT Rt. 15 — a white house with a big red barn with *Starry Night* painted on the doors — just down the street. Books at this location will be available for \$5 a bag of five or more; under five books at the traditional Clutter Barn prices. Bags will be provided. Keep in mind that parking is limited to roadside — use discretion. This location will also be open from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM and all above-listed precautions will apply.

The Clutter Barn staff and volunteers look forward to serving our community of folks who have become like family! Pray with us that 2021 will offer all of us a less restricted environment and we can return to social togetherness as it was meant to be.

ATTENTION! After coming to the decision that the Harvest Market couldn't be held in its full grandeur, our thoughts dissolved into a soup-y situation and things got all jammed up! But we planted our feet on firm ground and baked up an idea for a micro-representation of three of the Market venues! So after you've shopped to your heart's content at the Tag Sale, stop by the tent at the back of the church to choose from an assortment of COOKIE FACTORY treats, a selection of COUNTRY STORE jams and aloe plants, and a variety of SOUP BOWL soups, frozen in two-serving containers. Just a taste of the Old Fashioned Harvest Market for your enjoyment!

Harvest Market news... virtual, of course!

UCU OLD FASHIONED HARVEST MARKET VIRTUAL ZUCCHINI PATCH CONTEST – Hey, kids of all ages! The United Church of Underhill Old Fashioned Harvest Market may not be a face-to-face event this year, but we still want to share all the excitement of our annual Zucchini Patch Contest. This is a “just for fun” contest for those who have grown zucchinis in their gardens (or can “borrow” one/some from a friend or neighbor). Have you found that some of them have gone unnoticed until they are — well — pretty large; or that they have grown in odd shapes; or that they look like they would like to be dressed up in costume or other decoration? Great! You are eligible to enter the Zucchini Patch Contest. To enter, send an email with the required picture of your zucchini(s) and include your name, age or grade, and town where you live to zucchini@underhillharvestmarket.com. For the biggest zucchini category, include the length, width (diameter), and weight; for a decorated zucchini, include the title or theme of your creation. THE CONTEST IS NOW OPEN! The deadline for all entries is 2:00 PM on Sunday, September 27. Entries will be posted at <http://underhillharvestmarket.com> as they are received for all to see. More details, including how to measure your zucchini, are also available at this website. Pick your zucchini, use your imagination, take a picture, and join us in our virtual Zucchini Patch Contest!

Not to be upstaged (!), A VIRTUAL PET SHOW is also on the schedule. Did you know that each year a Children's Pet Show is one of the events offered at the UCU Old Fashioned Harvest Market? This is where children can present their dogs, cats, rabbits, and other pets and talk about the many attributes of their favorite animals. This year, to help make up for the absence of our usual Harvest Market festivities, there is a chance for kids to show off the many animals that have provided comfort and companionship during the long months of school interruptions and isolation. We will be collecting photos of pets to put into a UCU VIRTUAL

HARVEST MARKET SHOW that will be “aired” at <http://underhillharvestmarket.com> later in September (dates to be announced). All children ages 12 and under from Underhill and Jericho may participate and are welcome to submit 1-3 photos (sorry, no videos) of their pets. Kids should feel free to include themselves with their pets in their pictures (with parents' permission). Include also a sentence or two describing the pet's behavior, attributes, and/or reasons for being a favorite animal. More than one pet — or owned by brothers and/or sisters? Include them all! Don't forget to include the pets' names and first name only of the pets' “owner.” Send your entries to petshow@underhillharvestmarket.com by September 14 to be sure they are included in the Show. Take a “paws” in your day, snap a picture or two! We hope to receive lots of entries and we look forward to sharing your pets with you!

Harvest Market Virtual Flea Market and Artisan Emporium

As has been previously announced, Harvest Market will not be held in a face-to-face fashion this year due to health concerns related to the COVID-19 crisis. Instead, we are taking the opportunity to celebrate Harvest Market and the ways it has brought us together in community over the years.

As part of that celebration, we are excited to highlight the wonderful vendors whose spirit and creativity have helped to define the spirit of the Market and who usually display their creations in the field and inside the church building.

Please reach out to these vendors directly to keep in touch with them and support them by going to www.underhillharvestmarket.com and clicking on *Flea Market and Artisans Market* to see their contact information. The holiday season is coming soon, so place your orders today!

Gardening at Deborah Rawson Memorial Library

The Master Gardeners at Deborah Rawson Memorial Library in Jericho are hard at work. In mid-August they replanted for a late crop of beans. The beans and other vegetables will be donated to the Essex/Jericho/Underhill food shelf, located at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Jericho on the third Saturday of September. On alternative weeks, the Master Gardeners donate produce to JeriHill Senior Housing on Raceway Road in Jericho. Have you noticed that during this pandemic, there has been an increased interest in gardening? Experts believe that gardening distracts the mind from stress and provides something else to focus on. If you do not have a garden, please take a break from your daily activities stop at DRML to enjoy the garden.

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Visiting the ECHO Center with Library Pass (changes)

By Bree Drapa, Librarian, Westford Public Library

The Library is happy to offer a discounted rate to the ECHO Center, but there are some changes. Free admission on all open days at ECHO ended on Monday, September 14.

Starting Wednesday, September 16, ECHO's new schedule will be:

Wednesdays: FREE admission, 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM (choose from three time slots: 10:00 – 11:30 AM, 12:30 – 2:00 PM, 2:30 – 4:00 PM).

Friday to Monday: paid admission, 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM (choose from three time slots: 10:00 – 11:30 AM, 12:30 – 2:00 PM, 2:30 – 4:00 PM). Admission: \$6 kids; \$12 adults (regular admission).

There is a discounted library price for guests who visit with the ECHO pass: adults will be \$6 and kids will be free, for up to four guests. Tickets are required to be purchased online prior to visiting. To learn more and secure tickets, please visit <https://www.echovermont.org/plan-your-visit/reopening-information/>.

Library patrons booking tickets should use the code *vlib2020*. Using that code on the ticketing website will reduce the price at checkout.

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helpful children! Don't forget to bring water, snacks, and necessary layers for dynamic VT weather. This is a great way to contribute to maintaining the trails we all love and enjoy! To sign up, contact westfordcc@googlegroups.com.

VT Relay for Life, open to virtual and remote in-person participation; 6:00 PM at Technology Park for an outdoor movie theater style experience where participants will be expected to stay in their cars and maintain social distancing. Hosted by Star 92.9, Ben & Jerry's and ReArch Company. For information and to register, go online to <https://secure.acevents.org/site/SPageServer/?pagename=relay>. Relay For Life is the American Cancer Society's signature fundraiser dedicated to helping communities attack cancer. It may look different this year, but now more than ever, cancer patients and researchers need your help to sustain the fight against cancer. Our lifesaving mission has been threatened by suspended events and a decrease in donations, so your support is urgently needed to continue research, patient programs and cancer screening. Through funds donated, time given, or awareness raised, our communities are teaming up to make a difference, whether we're connecting virtually or sharing space. You can join a relay event (virtually, or in person) and help raise money for the cause, or donate online.

Wednesday, October 7

Red Cross Blood Drive, 1:00 – 6:00 PM, Covenant Church, 1 Whitcomb Meadows Lane, Essex. Sponsored by the Jericho-Underhill Lions Club. Please log into RedCrossBlood.org and enter “Covenant” to schedule an appointment.

Thursday-Friday, November 5-6

UVM Extension Master Gardener State Conference Gardening for Resilience: Feeding our Soil, Seeds, Habitats, and Communities, 12:00 – 2:00 PM, on Zoom. Have you ever asked yourself if something is compostable, or if you're composting correctly? Have asked yourself what Vermont's new composting law means in practical terms? Please join us online to hear Natasha Duarte (CAV) and Cat Buxton, Vermont soil and compost experts, speak about the new composting law and to learn how to promote the healthy soil so important to abundant growth in the garden and to healthy ecosystems. Speakers also include: Sylvia Davatz, expert seed saver and founder of Solstice Seeds; keynote speaker Dan Jaffe Wilder, Horticulturalist and Propagator for the Norcross Wildlife Sanctuary; and Jamaica Kincaid, award-winning writer, novelist, and Harvard professor. Register online; the \$40 fee includes access to both days, and to a live recording of the conference. Partial scholarships are available. To learn more or to register please go to <https://www.uvm.edu/extension/mastergardener/state-conference>.

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OLD RED MILL HISTORY

Continuing Blair's mission

By Louise Miglionico

When my husband and I moved to Jericho in 1987, one of the first places we visited was the Old Red Mill. We had the honor of meeting Blair Williams, who quickly signed us up as members of the Jericho Historical Society, received a donation from us toward the replacement of the roof on the mill, and told us the story of "Snowflake" Bentley. This charming woman had us hooked.

Starting in 1855, the mill went through many changes of milling function. In 1975, the Jericho Historical Society became concerned about the future of the mill and took ownership of the building as a "cultural, educational, and recreational site for the community." The mill is on the National Register of Historic Places and is a frequently visited tourist site. It is one of the most photographed buildings in the country.

Since our first encounter with Blair, my husband and I have been on the board of the Jericho Historical Society, and have participated in many fundraisers to help with the continuous repairs and maintenance of this charming building. Once again, need has arisen to solicit funds for a major repair project.

On October 31, 2019, an unusually heavy rainstorm caused the riverbank to collapse quite close to the mill. The U.S. Department of Agriculture Resources Conservation Service concluded that 50 feet of the bank needed to be stabilized. They stated that, "recovery measures, that if left undone, pose a risk to life and/or property." The total cost is projected to be \$296,713. The Jericho Historical Society will be responsible for 25% (\$74,178.25).

This comes at a particularly challenging time as the income from the Old Mill Craft Shop has been greatly diminished due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Jericho Historical Society is applying for grants to help with this expense. In addition, they have started a GoFundMe request (Old Red Mill Jericho Vermont Restoration) and will accept private donations. Such donations can be sent to: Louise Miglionico, 68 VT Rt. 15, Jericho VT, 05465. Please make a check out to Jericho Historical Society and write "riverbank repair" in the memo space. All contributions are tax deductible, as the Jericho Historical Society is a 501c3 organization.

So, once again, we request that Blair's hard work and enthusiasm be honored and continued. Thank you.



Chittenden Mills history

By Gary Irish

There are seven mill privileges (sites where there is enough drop in the river to be useful for powering a mill) on Browns River in Jericho. The first is literally under the VT Rt. 15 bridge, which crosses the river in Jericho Corners, and the last is where Cilley Hill Road crosses the river. Site number two, just upstream from the VT Rt. 15 bridge, is perhaps the best of the seven, and has been used to power mills from an early day. About 1820, Truman Barney built a grist mill here, and by the 1840s, Matthew Barney was operating a starch mill, where starch was made from potatoes. By the early 1850s, Anson Field, Sr. was operating both a starch factory and a cabinetmaker's shop, where he carried on an extensive furniture business. In 1857, James Hutchinson, who had made money during the California gold rush selling cattle and mules to the prospectors, bought the site and built a grist mill. Over the next two decades, the mill had several owners. One was Clark Wilbur, who decided to sell the mill and move to Minneapolis, where he worked in the Washburn-Crosby A Mill, at the time the largest flour mill in the world. He was working there on the night of May 2, 1878, when flour dust exploded, destroying the mill and was one of the 18 men killed in the explosion.

The mill was purchased in the late 1860s by Lucian Howe and Ferdinand Beach, and in 1871 Howe became the sole owner. Howe, along with other local businessmen, promoted the building of the Burlington and Lamoille Railroad through town, and once it was in operation, he shipped in large quantities of grain from the Mid-

west to be ground in his mill, along with locally grown grain. In the early 1880s he went into partnership with his son Frank, and in 1885 they decided to expand their business even further. The mill shut down in June of that year, and the Howes completely rebuilt the mill. The front of the old building was torn off, and the mill expanded closer to the road. Much of the stonework from the 1857 mill still remains, but the upper floors were entirely new, being constructed of 2"x6" plank laid flat one on top of the other. Those, along with the roof, were covered with unique metal shingles designed by L.B. Howe. They hired Mr. A.C. Chick from Melrose Highlands, MA to blast the river channel to give a greater head of water, and thus more power. He did this using dynamite, a new and novel item at the time, and much of the village turned out to see the blasting. He not only lowered the tail race, but actually blasted inside the wheelhouse, and much to the surprise of villagers was able to do so without damaging the walls. This increased the "head," the distance the water drops, to 27 feet, greatly increasing the amount of power available.

Four Tyler turbines along with 20 tons of shafting and gears from Edwards, Stevens & Co. of Winooski were installed to convert this increased head to power to operate the new milling machinery. Almost all of the milling equipment was purchased new from the Case Manufacturing Co. of Columbus, OH, and consisted of roller mills, replacing the older mill stones, along with middlings purifiers, for what was called the gradual reduction process, which produced a better quality of flour. The mill was back in operation in January 1886, producing Howe's Best Flour, which

was shipped to markets all over northern Vermont. At that time it was named "Chittenden Mills" in honor of Governor Thomas Chittenden, first governor of Vermont and great-great-grandfather of Frank Howe. George Clerkin was the head miller for the Howes, and flour making continued until his death in 1904, when the roller mills were sold and flour making ceased. The next four owners continued operating the business as a feed mill until it closed in 1946. It was last operated by E.W. Bailey Co. of Montpelier, and when they sold the mill, to eliminate competition, it was stipulated that no milling could take place there for a period of ten years.

At that time Floyd White and his father George started Chittenden Mills Service Station, and used the rear part of the mill building as part of their automobile repair business. They also used the main room in the mill as a room to paint automobiles, although a tarp had to be hung over the cars to keep grain dust from sifting into the fresh paint.

There were rumors in the early 1970s that the mill building was to be converted into a restaurant, and townspeople wanting to preserve this much photographed historic building decided to purchase it in 1973. It was given to the historical society to restore and maintain. Today the mill houses a craft shop operated by the society to provide funds for ongoing operations, along with a display of Case roller mills, a flour packer, and other milling equipment obtained by the society in 1974 from the Pleasant Valley Roller Mills in West Leesport, PA, and a display of Snowflake Bentley artifacts.

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CHILD FIND NOTICE 2020 - 21

Any individuals from birth through age 21 with disabilities currently residing within Bolton, Buel's Gore, Huntington, Jericho, Richmond, or Underhill, and who are in need of special education and related services need to be identified, located and evaluated by Mt Mansfield Unified Union School District (MMUUSD). This includes children: not enrolled in school, attending private or independent schools located within the afore mentioned towns, enrolled in home study programs, suspected of having a disability despite advancing from grade to grade, who are highly mobile (such as migrant children), and who are homeless or wards of the state. Any person with information about any disabled person fitting these descriptions should contact:

Special Services Director
10 River Road
Jericho, Vermont
Phone: 802-434-2128

In accordance with MMUUSD policies and with 34 CFR Part 99 (the Family Education Rights Privacy Act of 1974), this public notice informs all parents within their jurisdictions about how information is maintained when it is collected during identification, location and evaluation of all people with disabilities.

- Personally identifiable information will be protected by each school.
- Personally identifiable information about people eligible, referred or considered for special education services is maintained.
- Parents have the right to know what types of information have been designated as directory information (i.e. contained in a student's education record and is not generally considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if disclosed). This information includes the student's name (unless otherwise requested), address, phone number, date/place of birth, major field of study, participation in officially recognized activities/sports, weight/height, membership in athletic teams, dates of attendance, degrees/awards received, and the previous school attended.
- Parents have the right to know the types and locations of educational records kept by the school and the titles and addresses of officials responsible for the records.
- A list of the names and positions of employees within MMUUSD who have access to personally identifiable information shall be available for public inspection.
- If anyone other than an authorized MMUUSD employee looks at the educational record of a child, that person shall so indicate by signing his/her name, date and purpose for reviewing the record on a form to become part of the education record.
- Parental permission will be obtained prior to disclosing confidential information to anyone who is not an authorized employee of MMUUSD.
- Information relevant to a child's specific disability (such as: medical information, intelligence test results, social/developmental history, comprehensive evaluation report and the individualized education program) will be part of the education record.
- Personally identifiable information will be gathered from screenings, qualified diagnostic centers and other sources, as deemed necessary, to complete a comprehensive evaluation. Parents, or an eligible student, will be able to access personally identifiable information and inspect and review their education record(s) no later than 45 days after the request is made.
- Parents have the right to a response to reasonable requests for explanations and interpretations of the educational records.
- Parents may obtain a copy of the educational record without a fee for copying, if a fee will be a financial burden and/or will prevent them from obtaining the records.
- Parents have the right to request the education record be amended. The school district will decide whether to amend the record within a reasonable time of the request. If the district refuses to amend the record, it shall inform the parent and advise the parent of the right to a hearing. If, as a result of the hearing, it is found the educational record must be amended, the school district will amend the record and inform the parent in writing. If, as a result of the hearing, it is found the disputed information is not inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of the privacy right of the child, the school will inform the parent of his/her right to place in the educational record a written statement commenting on the information or stating any reasons for disagreeing with the results of the hearing. This written statement will become part of the educational record and will always be included whenever the contents of the education record is properly viewed or requested.
- Parents have the right to a hearing to challenge the educational records of their child.
- Parents will be notified prior to the school district's destruction of personally identifiable information about their child.
- The parent has the authority to inspect and review records relating to his/her child unless MMUUSD has been advised that the parent does not have the authority under applicable state law governing matters such as guardianship, separation and divorce.
- Parents have the right to file a complaint with the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the MMUUSD to comply with this policy.

NOTE: If there are parents within the below mentioned schools who need this information interpreted, please notify your local school.

Brewster-Pierce Memorial School 434-2074	Smilie Memorial School 434-2757
Richmond Elementary 434-2461	Jericho Elementary 899-2272
Underhill Center School 899-4676	Underhill ID Pre-K 434-2962
Browns River Middle School 899-3711	Camels Hump Middle School 434-2188
Mt Mansfield Union High School 899-4690	

Lions to sponsor October 7 blood drive in Essex

The Jericho-Underhill Lions Club is sponsoring a Red Cross Blood Drive at the Covenant Church, 1 Whitcomb Meadows Lane, Essex, on Wednesday, October 7, from 1:00 – 6:00 PM. Please log into RedCrossBlood.org and enter "Covenant" to schedule an appointment.

Have you completed the census for your household?

From the Bolton Economic Resource Committee

There are many funding opportunities that the town of Bolton applies for every year, and some of this funding is based on the data the state and federal government have based on CENSUS information. Did you know that by not filling out the Census that could cost the town of Bolton thousands of dollars in funding? Every 10 years the federal government tries to reach every household in the country — not an easy task, especially during COVID-19 when knocking on doors is just not happening!

If you have not filled out your census, please do so immediately as the federal government has now reduced the time to complete this process by 30 days and Bolton needs your voice now! On September 30, the federal government is shutting down data collection for the Census. Make sure you are counted!

<https://2020census.gov/en/ways-to-respond.html>

This link will show you how to fill this out online, on the phone, or the printed copy you received in the mail. Please help make sure Bolton has accurate data as the funding for the next 10 years depends on your data inclusion!

Bolton Notch Tunnel Project complete by Sept. 18

By Amy Grover, Bolton Town Clerk and Treasurer

The Bolton Notch Tunnel Project is for the rehabilitation of the existing concrete box culvert to include new lighting on the Notch Road in Bolton under Interstate 89. Projected completion date: Friday, September 18. Anticipated work schedule for the week beginning Monday, September 14: No work is planned for Monday, Tuesday, and Friday. Wednesday and Thursday: Daytime activities to complete the tunnel's lighting system. Traffic control will be present, allowing for one lane of alternating traffic within the tunnel. All work will stop and traffic will be held to allow for pedestrians to walk through the tunnel safely. As part of Governor Scott's "Work Smart, Stay Safe" order, all construction crews are currently subject to safety restrictions and precautions.

Cambridge tax bills mailed

By Mark Schilling, Cambridge Town Clerk

After a delay caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, property tax bills for the Town of Cambridge have been mailed.

Due to social distancing procedures during the current State of Emergency, we are requesting that people avoid coming to the office to pay taxes. Please use one of the following methods to pay:

- Pay by mail – Our local post office is very secure and we check mail several times a day.
- Pay online – Go to www.cambridgevt.org/payonline for instructions. A vendor service fee applies.
- Drop box – There will be a secure drop box outside the office door during regular business hours.
- No cash please – Please pay with check whenever possible. Local banks can provide a check for a nominal fee.

Thank you for your cooperation and for helping to keep everyone safe.

Trashy toilets

By Trevor Welch, Head Water/Wastewater Operator, Village of Jeffersonville

The number of wipes passing through our system seems to have gone back down to pre-COVID levels. The amount of trash people flush down the toilets is still staggering. The ONE thing that is supposed to be flushed down the toilet is toilet paper. Anything other than toilet paper can and does lead to problems that cause Village sewer rates to go up. I suspect that there are just a few folks on the system that regularly flush wipes, hygiene products, and other plastics. Please make sure you have a trash can in the bathroom, and encourage each other to use them. Toilets are not trash receptacles.

On-call firefighters needed

Join a team! Challenge yourself! Serve your community!

The Underhill Jericho Fire Department is looking for healthy, service-minded adults to fulfill the role of part time, on-call firefighters. Training is provided. Keep your day job and respond when you are available. Make a difference! Please visit our website to fill out an application: www.ujfd.org/join-the-ujfd.

This is a last call before we run an apprentice training class for new firefighters this fall. Thank you for considering to join our department!

Jericho Conservation Commission Bioblitz

As part of its mission to help you connect with the natural world, the Jericho Conservation Commission is hosting a Bioblitz. What is a bioblitz, you ask? It is a community-based science project that uses your photos of plants, insects, fungi, and animals to collect information on the diversity of nature in an area.

This event will be following strict COVID-19 guidelines.

The Bioblitz will take place at Mobbs Farm, Jericho, any time between now and September 26. Jericho residents of all ages, visitors from other towns, families, individuals, beginners, experts! We want YOU to participate — to be outdoors and take time to observe the big and little parts of natural communities that surround us, to help the scientific community, to have fun, to be amazed!

Please check out our BioBlitz page on the town website, <https://jerichovt.org/bioblitz>. It has all the details on how to register and make your observations. While there you can sign up to get updates.

Tomasi Meadow, conserved for today and tomorrow!

The Jericho Underhill Land Trust is delighted to report that the Tomasi Meadow is now permanently conserved and owned by the Town of Underhill. This could never have taken place without the direct wishes of the Tomasi family and overwhelming community support. Thank you all!

Westford Senior Luncheons cancelled

The luncheons have been cancelled indefinitely due to the COVID virus. I will let you know when I feel it would be safe to return. Thanks for understanding — Carol Howrigan, President; 878-3090.

Westford Planning Commission to meet September 21

The meeting of the Westford Planning Commission on Monday, September 21 is scheduled to cover revisions to two chapters of the draft 2020 town plan, the town plan work plan, and the 2020 work plan. The meeting is set to convene at 6:30 PM on Zoom (646-558-8656, or <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87824046968?pwd=Y2F1UXZRSzZ6QTJ0ZjRwMnVPNUxKZz09>, meeting ID 878 2404 6968 passcode 092120). For more information, please contact Melissa Manka, Westford Planning Coordinator.

Westford Town Center Revitalization Projects: Q & A

By Melissa Manka, Westford Planning Coordinator

Recently, there have been a few posts on FPF commenting on the Town's efforts to find a solution to the lack of wastewater capacity in the Town Center, and the Town's interest in potentially being involved in the redevelopment of 1705 VT Rt. 128. Some of these posts included information that is inaccurate. The Town has created a question and answer page on its website that is updated whenever new information is available. If you are interested in the most up to date and accurate information regarding the Town's efforts, please visit the question and answer page at <https://westfordvt.us/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Town-Center-development-Questions-Answers-Revised-8.28.20.pdf>.

Outdoor Drive-In Movies at The Mansfield Barn

3 Irish Farm Road, Jericho, VT

20x40 foot screen ! (70 Car Limit!)

Tickets available in advance through Essex Cinemas WEBSITE www.essexcinemas.com

Info call 802-899-2823 (Rain or Shine) (Grounds open 6pm)

\$25.00 per car load. (7 people max per car)

*You must have a FM radio to hear the sound.

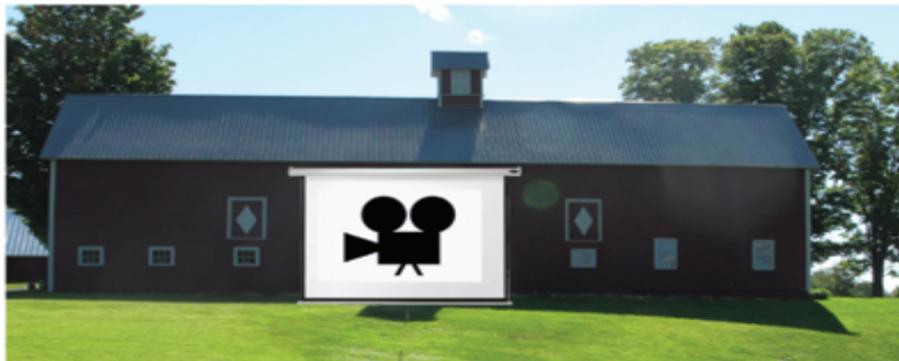
Bathrooms on site.

Dates

SATURDAY 9-26-20 7:00pm **Smokey and the Bandit PG 1h 36min**

SATURDAY 10-3-20 7:00pm **Dirty Dancing PG 1h 40min**

SATURDAY 10-10-20 7:00pm **Monty Python's Holy Grail PG 1h 31min**



10% Discount at Jericho Café and Tavern to anyone who presents their Essex Cinema tix confirmation on the date of the movie you are seeing.

Call ahead and bring food to the movie or eat at the Tavern. Dinner and movie while staying in Jericho!!

Info or questions contact Grant Allendorf at 802-899-2823.



Tickets

ESSEX CINEMAS + X

Visit the Essex Cinemas website to purchase tickets for our next showing: www.essexcinemas.com



Grant Allendorf: 802-899-2823
Please visit mansfieldbarn.com for more info.



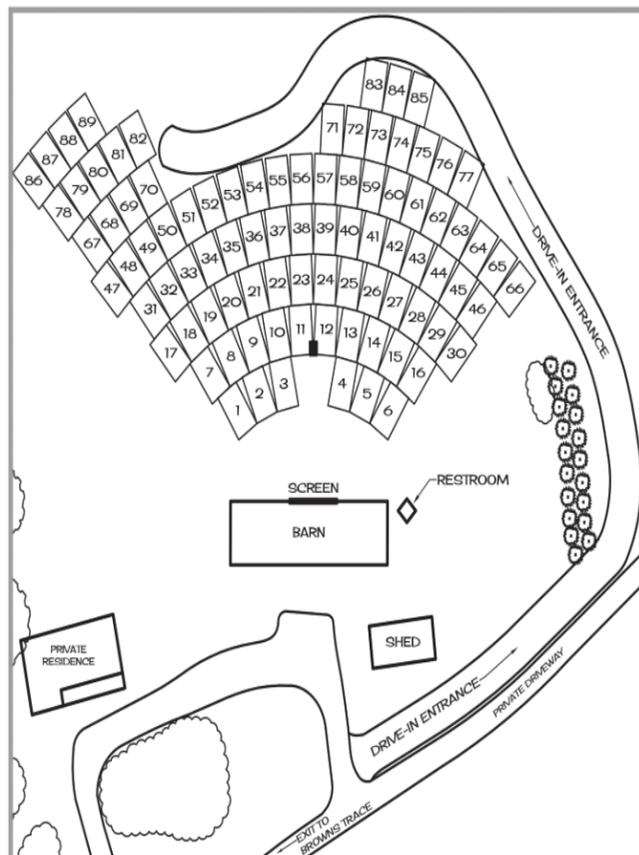
Drive-In

outdoor drive-in movies at *The Mansfield Barn*

3 showings in fall 2020!



Vintage Vermont "Keeping it rural since 1840" 3 Irish Farm Rd Jericho, Vermont



Tune in to either 87.9 or 88.9 on your FM radio. Please be mindful of social distancing guidelines. Masks are required when you're outside your vehicle.



9/26/20 - 7:00PM
Smokey and the Bandit (PG)
Run time: 1:36
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10/3/20 - 7:00PM
Dirty Dancing (PG-13)
Run time: 1:40
-
10/10/20 - 7:00PM
Monty Python and The Holy Grail (PG)
Run time: 1:31

For info, call Grant Allendorf: 802-899-2823 or visit mansfieldbarn.com.

Enjoy the show!
Designed by Warren Irish

Early voting by mail in Jericho

By Jessica R Alexander, Town Clerk, jerichovermont@yahoo.com

All active Jericho voters will automatically receive an early/absentee ballot by mail for the Tuesday, November 3, 2020 General Election. On Monday, September 21, the Secretary of State's office will begin mailing absentee ballots to all active registered voters. All ballots will be sent no later than October 1. Ballots will be accompanied by a postage paid return envelope addressed to P.O. Box 67, Jericho, VT 05465. Voters are not required to return the ballot by mail. Ballots can also be returned to the Town Hall drop box located to the left of the front steps at 67 VT Rt. 15.

It is important to follow the instructions when sealing the voted ballot into the certificate envelope. The Town Hall drop box is available 24/7 through 7:00 PM on Tuesday, November 3. On election day, Tuesday, November 3, polls will be opened at the Mount Mansfield Union High School (MMUHS) from 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM. MMUHS is located at 211 Browns Trace, Jericho. Completed early/absentee ballots can be returned on Election Day at the polls. For those voters wishing to vote inside the polling place, the opportunity will be available on Election Day with appropriate safety precautions in place.

Voters who registered to vote in Jericho after Monday, August 31, 2020 will need to request an early/absentee ballot. The Secretary of State's office used the Vermont Elections Management Systems Data from 10:00 AM, August 31, 2020. Those needing to change their mailing address on file should contact the Jericho Town Clerk's Office. A separate phone extension has been set up for early/absentee ballot questions: 802-899-4936 x100.

The early/absentee ballot received by voters is exactly the same as the ballots used at the polls on Election Day. The ballot needs to be received back by 7:00 PM on Tuesday, November 3, 2020 in order to be counted. The voted ballot needs to be sealed into the certificate envelope and the certificate envelope needs to be signed by the voter in order to be counted.

Once the certificate envelope is signed and sealed, anyone can return the early/absentee ballot for the voter — EXCEPT ballots may not be returned to the Clerk by any candidate whose name appears on the ballot for that election, or any campaign staff member of any such candidate, unless that candidate or campaign staff member: (a) is returning their own ballot; (b) is returning the ballot of an immediate family member, as defined in 17 V.S.A. §2532, who has requested their assistance with the return of that ballot; (c) is returning the ballot of a voter for whom the candidate of campaign staff member is a caretaker, and has requested their assistance with the return of that ballot; or (d) is a Justice of the Peace performing his or her official duties pursuant to 17 V.S.A. §2538.

If you make a mistake or change your mind with the ballot that was mailed to you, please call the Jericho Town Clerk's Office to arrange for a replacement ballot. Once a voted ballot has been cast it cannot be returned to you.

Thank you for considering voting by mail so that we can all stay safe.

Camp Ethan Allen Training Site (CEATS) training schedule update

The Camp Ethan Allen Training Site has updated their schedule based on a need for increased firing times. Schedule is below.

In addition, from September 14-16, the 572 Brigade Engineer Battalion will conduct training using a Demolition Effect Simulator on Camp Johnson, Colchester from 8:00 AM – 7:00 PM each day. This non-standard training on Camp Johnson fulfills necessary training year 2020 requirements to simulate safely detonating Improvised Explosive Devices from roadways.

Vermont units are on a compressed timeline because of training requirements leading up to likely 2021 deployments, training year 2020 requirements, and limited use throughout the spring. Live fire is set for nights over the course of the next few weeks.

While preparing for deployment, units also have requirements that must be met within the training year, which ends September 30. Training has often occurred at Fort Drum to meet requirements. Fort Drum has implemented a mandatory two-week quarantine period for National Guard units, which equates to an annual training (AT) period, eliminating Fort Drum as a possibility to mitigate the impact on the community around CEATS.

CEATS is a subordinate unit of the Garrison Support Command. Plans, operations, range safety, and all operations at the range are run by a dedicated full-time and part-time staff. Range staff has also led multiple efforts to mitigate the impact of noise on the local community. The range schedule, as it stands, is below. Range operations are subject to change.

All noise complaints and range inquiries should be directed to the Vermont National Guard State Public Affairs office, 802-338-3000, option three. You can also email inquiries through the VTNG Public Affairs mailbox at: ng.vt.vtarnng.mbx.vtng-statepao@mail.mil.

Please feel free to contact us with any concerns that might arise.

Range usage schedule:

SEPTEMBER 2020:

- Week of September 14-20
- 14-18 September Small Arms 1600
- 14-16 September .50 CAL 1600
- 17 September Demo 1600
- 18, 20 September .50 CAL/ Small Arms 1600
- 19 September .50 CAL/Small Arms 2200
- Week of September 21-27
- 22-25 September Small Arms 1600
- 21 September DEMO 1800/ Small Arms 2000
- 23-25 September .50 CAL 2200
- 24-25 September Chittenden County Sheriff 1600
- 25/27 September .50 CAL 1600
- 26 September .50 CAL 2200
- Week of September 28-October 4
- 28 September-2October Small Arms 1600
- 28 September Burlington PD 1600
- 29 September DEA 1600
- 1 October Burlington PD 1600
- 3-4 October Small Arms 1600

OCTOBER 2020:

- Week of October 5-11
- 6-9 October Small Arms 1600
- 6 October FBI 1600
- 7 October US Marshalls 1600
- 8-9 October Burlington PD 1600
- 8-9 October Essex PD 1600
- 7-9 October Small Arms, .50 CAL 2200
- Week of October 12-18
- 12-16 October Small Arms 1600
- 13-14 October Burlington PD 1600
- 15-16 October US Marshalls 1600
- 17-18 October Artillery 2000
- 15-18 October Small Arms, .50 CAL 2200
- Week of October 19-25
- 20-23 October Small Arms 1600
- 19-20 October Small Arms, .50 CAL 2359
- 21-24 October Small Arms, .50 CAL, Mortars 2359
- Week of October 26- November 1
- 26-30 October Small Arms 1600
- 26, 29-30 October Burlington PD 1600
- 26-30 October .50 CAL 1600
- 31 October .50 CAL 2200

General Election/Town Meeting/Presidential Primary

INSTRUCTIONS FOR EARLY OR ABSENTEE VOTERS

1. Mark each ballot, put ballot(s) in this envelope, and seal envelope.
2. Complete and SIGN the certificate below.
3. Place this certificate envelope marked "Voted Ballot(s)" inside the envelope marked "Vermont Official Early or Absent Voter Ballots."
4. Mail or deliver the "Vermont Official Early or Absent Voter Ballots" envelope to your Town Clerk's office in time to be received before the close of the office on the day before the election. (Be sure to check your Town Clerk's hours.) You can also deliver this envelope to the polling place before 7 p.m. on Election Day.

Early or Absentee Voter Ballot(s) of: Jane Doe
(Print your name)

I swear or affirm, under penalty of perjury, that I am:

1. a.) A legal voter on the voter registration checklist for the Town or City of: Westford OR

b.) A member of the Uniformed Services or merchant marine on active duty; or an eligible spouse or dependent of such a member; or a U.S. citizen temporarily residing outside the U.S.;

OR

Other U.S. citizen residing outside the U.S.

AND

2. I am a U.S. citizen, at least 18 years of age (or will be by the date of the election), and I am eligible to vote in this jurisdiction; and

3. I am not registering, requesting a ballot, or voting in any other jurisdiction in the U.S. except the jurisdiction:

Town or City of Westford.

In voting, I have marked and sealed my ballot in private and have not allowed any person to observe the marking of the ballot, except for those authorized to assist voters under state or Federal law. I have not been influenced.

My signature and date below indicate when I completed this document.

The information on this form is true, accurate, and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that a material misstatement of fact in completion of this document may constitute grounds for conviction of perjury.

SIGNED: Jane Doe DATE: 8/20/20

Back

BE SURE TO FILL OUT AND SIGN THE CERTIFICATE/OATH ON THE OPPOSITE SIDE OF THIS ENVELOPE OR YOUR VOTE WILL NOT COUNT!

NOTE: If these ballot(s) have been brought to you by two justices of the peace, return them to the justices after you have sealed AND SIGNED the envelope.

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO MARK YOUR BALLOTS IN PRIVATE – but if you ask for help, the justices will assist you.

VOTED BALLOT(S)

A REPUTATION FOR RESULTS!

 <p>Georgia - \$389,000</p> <p>4 bed, 3 bath updated Georgia home w/ Mtn Views. Lg vaulted family room has a gas fireplace & attached sunroom. Separate living/tv room & master suite complete 1st floor. Upstairs has 4 spacious rooms w/ great closet space. The new attached garage features a loft space & 1st floor office w/ separate heated & finished entrance.</p>	 <p>Fairfax - \$374,900</p> <p>To be built! 1872 SF Country Colonial on wooded 0.81 acre lot on over 6+ acres of common land. 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, open floor plan, hardwood floors on every level. Large kitchen & adjoining family room, perfect for gathering. 2 car garage, front porch, rear deck & big backyard for enjoying your new modern home in the country.</p>
 <p>Jericho - \$315,000</p> <p>Easy country living in this 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath townhome tucked in behind Jericho center. Open concept w/ updated kitchen features SS appliances & walk-in pantry. Lg dining, 1st floor office & living room w/ gas fireplace. Nine foot ceilings, gleaming HW floors and freshly painted. Full basement and 2 attached car garage.</p>	 <p>Westford - \$150,000</p> <p>This amazing land borders Essex and is an easy commute to towns and schools. Build your home on this 8.14 acre parcel with wonderful 1.5 acre pond that greets you as you arrive. Septic permit for 4 bedrooms. Land is mostly level and open, some trees add shade and interest to the land.</p>

CALL NANCY TODAY!

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