

Underhill’s new Select Board members



Dan Steinbauer on the left, Robert Stone on the right. PHOTO CONTRIBUTED.

By Phyl Newbeck
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When Catherine Kearns resigned from the Underhill Select Board in December, a call went out for people to fill her position until Town Meeting. Three men, including Bob Stone and Dan Steinbauer applied, and Steinbauer was chosen. On Town Meeting Day, Steinbauer was officially elected to fill the remaining two years of Kearns’ term, while Stone was elected to a three-year term after Kurt Johnson chose not to run for reelection.

Dan Steinbauer is no stranger to the Select Board. He previously served two terms, leaving the board eight or nine years ago, which is why he was asked to apply for Kearns’ seat when she resigned. Steinbauer is troubled by the constant turnover on the Board, believing he is the last person to have served more than one term. He had hoped another qualified person, preferably younger, would have been interested in filling the remaining two years of Kearns’ term but when none appeared, he decided to place his name on the ballot. Steinbauer likes what he has seen of the current board and some of the committees which they have established, referring to the infrastructure committee as one which has particularly impressed him. “There are a lot of competent people on staff right now,” he said. “I’m enthusiastic about what can get done and believe Underhill is in a really good place right now.”

Steinbauer is a licensed drug and alcohol counselor. He is partially retired but rents an office in South Burlington to see clients one day a week. “I’m still able to make a contribution in that field,” he said. Steinbauer is also very active at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and has frequently filled in when they were between ministers. He is in charge of the Equal Exchange Chocolates and Coffee Ministry, which is a cooperative with other houses of worship and non-profits to teach people about fair trade.

Steinbauer continues to serve on the Underhill Conservation Commission and as the town’s representative to the Chittenden Solid Waste District. He is a certified Master Composter and Master Gardener and in his role as a certified First Detector, he is helping to prepare Underhill for the potential of an emerald ash borer infestation. “I’m coming in with no agenda,” he said, “but I will be looking at my Select Board duties through the lens of someone who is interested in conservation.”

Browns River Little League seeks volunteer umpires

The Browns River Little League, which serves Jericho and Underhill children, is looking for volunteer umpires this season! We strive for the highest level of sportsmanship in a friendly environment. Little league is committed to volunteer staff leading by example with good humor. You don’t need to be a baseball expert or an athlete to learn the rules of the game and make sure that children and their families enjoy a season of play and learning together.

The League has had women coaching and girls playing, but we’ve never had a woman behind the plate and we’d love to change that. Umpiring is first and foremost about fairness and safety, not about being the judge who’s always right. Those of us who have done this for a while can give you

plenty of examples of the times we got it wrong. We want people who aren’t afraid to do their best while knowing that they will make mistakes.

If you’re not sure and just want to learn more, there will be an organizational meeting, Sunday April 14 at 2:00 PM in the Deborah Rawson Memorial Library program room. The league offers support, training and equipment, a flexible commitment, and no in-depth knowledge is required, just an interest in baseball and helping local kids and their families. Teens and adults, men and women are all welcome. If you’re interested or want more info, contact Bob Robbins at robbins@together.net or 899-2436. Season runs early May to mid-June. Come out, learn a new skill, and join our local families in the spring sunshine!

Bob Stone hadn’t run for election since fifth grade at Browns River Middle School when his sister came up with the slogan “no phony baloney with Stoney” for his Student Council campaign. He lost in a three-way race. “My career in politics fizzled until now,” he said. Stone didn’t have a chance to resurrect the slogan, but notes that it was much easier to run this time since he was unopposed.

Stone was 17 when he first volunteered to serve with the Underhill Jericho Fire Department. He continues to serve as one of their three captains while attending to his full-time job as a Vermont Fire Marshal. Based in Williston, Stone’s office covers Chittenden, Franklin, and Grand Isle Counties, investigating fires, doing inspections, and reviewing plans for new construction and conversion of existing buildings for new purposes. “It’s a whole assortment of interesting things,” he said. “There is never a dull moment.”

Because of his work reviewing plans, Stone initially considered applying for a position on the Planning Commission or the Development Review Board but decided to run for Select Board when he saw there was an open position. One of his ideas is the implementation of a community needs assessment to determine what Underhill may lack, particularly in the area of youth and families. Assets he believes he brings to the board are “keeping a level head and listening to what people have to say.”

Stone grew up in Underhill and continues to have good relationships with many people in town. “It would be great if we could get more people involved with their community and local government,” he said. “I know my neighbors but I’m not sure that’s universal. I also don’t see the younger demographic at Town Meeting. We have to bridge that gap and I would love to work towards that.”

Steinbauer believes the Select Board has become a more formal body since the days he served, thanks in large part to new state regulations. “Anything I can contribute, I certainly will,” he said. “I think the three of us will be a good team and be a benefit to the town.”

For Stone, there are two things that make Underhill special. “We’ve got the prime seats for Mount Mansfield,” he said. “We’re in the VIP section of the state of Vermont. There’s nobody blocking our view.” Just as he thinks the mountain is special, Stone also believes Underhill residents are a cut above. “The people here are as beautiful as the mountain,” he said.

The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee



The Theatre Department at Mount Mansfield Union High School, Jericho, presents the hilarious musical The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee. The competition heats up as unusual characters clash at this spelling bee, and all kinds of pandemonium ensues. Join the fun Friday-Saturday, April 5-6, 7:30 PM and Sunday, April 7, 2:00 PM. Tickets: \$7 students and children, \$9 general admission; available at the door on show nights, or can be reserved by calling 899-4690 x 1715. PHOTO CONTRIBUTED



Local realtors were honored last week at Shelburne Museum’s Pizzagalli Center for Art and Education for their 2018 sales and service achievements. Jericho residents Cecile Provost (left) and Rebecca Lemire (right) of Coldwell Banker Hickok & Boardman Realty were each recognized. Provost received the Coldwell Banker International Sterling Society Award, which recognizes the top 25% of all Coldwell Banker Sales Associates worldwide. Cecile was also recognized for receiving a 5-Star and 100% Overall Satisfaction Rating from her clients in 2018. Lemire was recognized for outstanding customer service by receiving a 5-Star and 100% Overall Satisfaction Rating from her clients. PHOTOS CONTRIBUTED

Nominate an outstanding Vermonter to the VT Agricultural Hall of Fame

The Vermont Agricultural Hall of Fame is now accepting nominations for the 2019 inductees. All nominations must be submitted by noon on Wednesday, May 15. Nominations will be accepted in three categories:

Emerging Leader: This category highlights individuals who are stepping up to become the next generation of agricultural leaders in Vermont. Age 40 or younger (born after June 1, 1979), these individuals demonstrate a deep commitment to Vermont’s working landscape and are poised to lead our Ag community into the future. They are remarkable for their service, youthful energy, and dedication to Vermont agriculture.

Ag Innovator: Individuals in this category have demonstrated a fresh and forward-thinking approach to agriculture. They are making a significant, positive impact on Vermont, in areas such as growing the local economy, promoting stewardship and conservation, improving community health and nutrition, or developing new tools and practices, among others. They are notable for their unique perspective and unconventional approach. (Age is not a factor for consideration in this category.)

Lifetime Achievement: This category recognizes individuals who have made a significant

contribution to the advancement, improvement, or development of Vermont agriculture over the course of their long career. Nominees shall have played an active role in Vermont agricultural issues for at least 30 years.

To be eligible for the Vermont Agricultural Hall of Fame in any of the three categories, nominees should play a significant role in Vermont agriculture, including but not limited to: farmers, ag business owners, service providers, researchers, educators, outreach professionals, public servants, and employees or leaders of non-profit and government organizations.

To nominate a Vermonter for the 2019 Vermont Ag Hall of Fame, or to learn more, visit <http://cvexpo.org/hall-of-fame/>. If you do not have access to a computer, you can request a paper copy of the nomination form by calling the Champlain Valley Exposition at 802-878-5545 and asking for Jackie Buttolph. Nominations sent by mail must be postmarked by May 15, 2019.

Since its founding in 2003, more than 75 Vermonters have been inducted into the Vermont Hall of Fame. Inductees are honored each year at a luncheon hosted during the Champlain Valley Fair. This year’s luncheon will be held on Wednesday, August 28.

4-H NEWS



Among the 30 contestants in the Chittenden County 4-H Invitational Horse Hippology Contest on Friday, March 15 in Burlington were (from left): Anna-Lise Cooledge, Westford; Haleigh Demers, Milton; Jenna Bennett, Highgate; Abigail Geno, Barre; Tucker Murdough, Essex Junction; Summer Le, Colchester; and Kiera Newton, Milton, all of whom won ribbons in the 12- and 13-year-old division.

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Competitors in the Senior Division at the Chittenden County 4-H Invitational Horse Hippology Contest on Friday, March 15 in Burlingto, proudly show off the rosettes ribbons they won. Front, from left: Allison Tourville, Georgia; Faith Ploof, Westford; Emma Zimmermann, Northfield; and Addie Boutin, Essex Junction. Back: Grace Parks, Essex; Emma Cushman, Barre; Madison Zimmermann, Northfield; and Chloe Barewicz, Jericho.

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County hippology contest attracts 30 competitors

4-H’ers from three counties demonstrated their knowledge and understanding of equine science at the annual Chittenden County 4-H Invitational Horse Hippology Contest on Friday, March 15 in Burlington.

Thirty youths gathered on the University of Vermont (UVM) campus for the competition, which consisted of a written general knowledge exam, horse judging, slides, and identification stations. For the latter, the 4-H’ers were tested on types of jumps, bridle and harness parts, body condition scoring, riders’ head gear, grooming

equipment, markings, and types of bits, among other topics.

The winners in each age group were as follows:

8- and 9-year-olds: Maya Lewis, Williston (first); Madeline Langlois, Westford (second); Jakob Marinoff (third) and Natalie Chevalier (fourth), both from Highgate; Addison Tomasi, Milton (fifth).

10- and 11-year-olds: Allyssa Blodgett, Colchester (first) and Sophie Schifilliti (second), both from Colchester; Adaline Ploof, Westford (third); Allie Hoffman (fourth) and Hannah Smiley

(fifth), both from Milton; Jillian Murdough, Essex Junction (sixth); Emma Sibley, Georgia (seventh); Kelsey Paradee, Swanton (eighth); Samantha Provost (ninth) and Lily Provost (tenth), both from Milton.

12- and 13-years-olds: Anna-Lise Cooledge, Westford (first); Haleigh Demers, Milton (second); Jenna Bennett, Highgate (third); Abigail Geno, Barre (fourth); Tucker Murdough, Essex Junction (fifth); Summer Le, Colchester (sixth); Kiera Newton, Milton (seventh).

Seniors (14-18): Grace Parks, Essex (first);

Emma Cushman, Barre (second); Madison Zimmermann, Northfield (third); Chloe Barewicz, Jericho (fourth); Allison Tourville, Georgia (fifth); Faith Ploof, Westford (sixth); Emma Zimmermann, Northfield (seventh); Addie Boutin, Essex Junction (eighth).

For more information about the UVM Extension 4-H horse program, contact 4-H livestock educator Wendy Sorrell at 802-651-8343 ext. 513 or wendy.sorrell@uvm.edu.

COMING EVENTS

Thursday, April 4
Free Community Soup and Bread Supper, 4:30 – 6:30 PM, Covenant Community Church, 1 Whitcomb Meadows Lane, Essex. Serving a variety of hearty soups and breads plus a sweet dessert. Stay at the church to enjoy your meal with friends and family, or pick up to take home. Donations welcome but not expected. (Off VT Rt. 15, across from John Leo’s, near Jericho-Essex town line.) For more information call Pastor Jeannette Conver, 879-4313.

Saturday, April 6
Orphan Train Riders, 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM, VT Genealogy Library, Hegeman Ave., Fort Ethan Allen, Colchester. What was an Orphan Train? Who rode them? Why were they used? When did it all start and when did it end? Dan Bean will answer these questions and others as he reviews how he became a Vermonter because of one such train. Discussion will also cover other OTR descendants and their fates. If you’ve ever

read a novel or book on Orphan Train Riders and wanted more information, this is your opportunity – or come learn for the first time about a fascinating bit of our past. For more details: www.vtgenlib.org or 802-310-9285. Classes \$10. We are open for research Tuesdays 3:00 – 9:30 PM and Saturdays 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM.

Thursday, April 11
Copley Hospital Auxiliary Spring Luncheon, 10:15 AM, Green Mountain Technology and Career Center, Morrisville. The luncheon is open to the public. This social event includes a short business meeting, a presentation on a new collaboration that connects people with active addiction to recovery coaches while in the ER, followed by lunch. The price of the seated luncheon is \$13; reservations needed by April 4, please contact Lois Keith, 888-3701, or Judy Grosvenor, 888-9106.

An evening of poetry, 7:00 PM, Phoenix Books Burlington, 191 Bank St., Burlington. Join Nancy Richardson and Al Salzman for an evening featuring Richardson’s collection *An Everyday Thing* and Salzman’s collection *Vietghanistan*. Proceeds from ticket sales go to the VT Foodbank. Tickets, \$3,

include a coupon for \$5 off a copy of the featured book. Coupons expire at closing the evening of the event. Information: www.phoenixbooks.biz or 448-3350.

Friday, April 12
MMU Cabaret-Style Dinner and Show, 6:30 PM seating, 7:00 PM show starts, Mount Mansfield Union High School, Browns Trace, Jericho. Enjoy cabaret style entertainment and table service by talented MMU students, ans support the MMUHS Music Department. Dinner includes salad, bread, pasta, and sauce (gluten free and vegetarian option available), cold beverage and cake. Tickets are at the door, \$12 adults, \$10 students, kids 5 and under free. For more information contact Amy, amy.davisvt@comcast.net.

Saturday, April 13
Lamoille Housing Partnership Benefit, 7:00 – 11:00 PM, Rusty Nail, 1190 Mountain Rd., Suite 2, Stowe. Hosted by Rusty Nail, the Lamoille Housing Partnership, The Alchemist, and Tres Amigos. Tickets are \$25 and include entry, taco bar, one Alchemist beer, a silent auction, and a show by *Last Kid Picked*; see the event Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/events/348221029115984/>.

The Easter Surprise story time and book signing, 11:00 AM, Phoenix Books Essex, 2 Carmichael St., Essex. Join John Churchman for a story time featuring the new *Sweet Pea & Friends* book, about a curious bunny and her baby farm animal friends solving an Easter mystery together. Free; all ages welcome. For more information: www.phoenixbooks.biz.

Lamoille Housing Partnership Benefit, 7:00 – 11:00 PM, Rusty Nail, 1190 Mountain Rd., Suite 2, Stowe. Join Lamoille Housing Partnership, the Rusty Nail, and the Alchemist to benefit affordable housing. Live music from *The Fleetwood Mac Experience*; silent auction; food and drinks from Tres Amigos. \$25/person includes food, beverage, and ticket to the music. 100% of ticket sale and silent auction proceeds benefit Lamoille Housing Partnership. To be a sponsor or to donate an item to the silent auction – or for more information – contact Kerrie Lohr, kerrie@lamoillehousing.org or 802-888-5714; <https://www.facebook.com/events/348221029115984/>

Sunday, April 14
Browns River Little League volunteer umpires organizational meeting, 2:00 PM, Deborah Rawson Memorial Library, Jericho. The organization serving Jericho and Underhill children is looking for volunteer umpires – come out and learn if this is right for you. For more information, contact Bob Robbins, robbs@together.net or 899-2436.

Monday, April 15
Bees Beseiged: A History of Beekeeping, 7:00 PM, Red Brick Meeting House on the Common, VT Rt. 128, Westford. Bill Mares, writer, beekeeper for 45 years, will tell of origins and evolution of beekeeping, sometimes referred to as “farming for intellectuals,” with a particular emphasis on his research in Vermont. Beekeeping goes back 10,000 years, but bees have been much in the news recently as a multi-pronged scourge has devastated many of the nations 2.5 million colonies. Meanwhile, hobby beekeeping has grown exponentially in this country. Hosted by the Westford Historical Society with the VT Humanities Council. Free and open to the public. For information, contact Caroline Brown, 878-8890.

Thursday, April 18
Mansfield Scale Modelers, 6:30 – 8:30 PM, Brownell Library Kolvoord Community Room, Essex Junction. Model builders encompassing all areas of interest and all skill levels are welcome.

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COMMUNITY COLUMNS

Jeffrey Allen Boardman
December 19, 1957 –
March 20, 2019

By Doug Boardman
Special to the Mountain Gazette

I had a column started about pets but little did I know that there would be a tragedy in my family, the third in five years. My second oldest son, Jeff, died on March 20, 2019 around 10:00 PM at his home in Kingston, NY. He was an occupational therapist and worked for the A.R.C. in their school and also went to the kids’ homes that were not able to come to the school. He worked with Downs syndrome kids and others with disabilities for more than 30 years.

I was overwhelmed with the huge number of people that came to his funeral. The funeral director said that it was one of the biggest funerals he had ever had. There was estimated to be more than 500 people attending and the funeral director said he should have rented a stadium for the funeral. People were packed into the funeral home and out the door and on the sidewalk around the block. We stood in front of Jeff’s casket for almost three hours and had to stop greeting people because we had to start the service, and we greeted the rest of the people after the service. Jeff never talked about his job but many of his patients were at his funeral with their parents and told us how Jeff had impacted their lives and actually saved their kid’s life. Jeff called all the kids, his kids, and would take his own money to get them toys etc. for them to play with and hopefully get more flexible. He refused to give up on any of his kids.

I was so overwhelmed by the outpouring of love for my son from these patients, their parents, his fellow workers. Friends from all walks of life and all the family. I met one of his patients who came with his parents and was in his 20s, a very handsome guy who told me he had a mowing business and fixed small engines and that he loved Jeff with all his heart and that Jeff had saved his life. He was one of the patients that Jeff went to his house because he was all crippled up and was consigned to a wheelchair. His parents told me they had tried to get their baby help but nobody seemed to be able to help their baby out. Jeff came to their house and picked the baby out of the wheelchair and examined him and told the parents that he could straighten the boy out. Jeff came to his house every week and he did indeed straighten the boy out, plus getting the kid walking and talking. Jeff never gave up on any of the kids. A couple came up to me and told me how wonderful my son was and how Jeff had extended their kid’s life who had Downs syndrome and wasn’t supposed to live that long; after the boy died, Jeff still went to their house to comfort the parents.

Jeff had friends from NY to Hawaii. Jeff lived life “LARGE” and talking about a bucket list, Jeff filled a barrel. He was always very sociable from the time he was born. I met his boss at the funeral and asked her how come she gave Jeff so much vacation time off. Jeff would go into her office and tell her that he was going on vacation such and such a time and she would tell him she wished she could go with hm. She said that my son was so valuable to everyone there that she would do anything to keep him. Jeff owned houses, made a lot of money, spent a lot of money, was very generous, and would be the first one to show up if you needed help. Jeff was unique in that he would tell you to “get lost or get out of my house, I am going to bed,” and his friends would laugh and he would go to bed and they would stay and party on and finally would let themselves out. They knew that he didn’t really mean it and he reminded me of Don Rickles, whereby he would insult everybody but everyone that knew him loved it because he was kidding. When Jeff was five years old we moved into a new house outside of Poughkeepsie and became best friends with a neighboring girl, and they are still friends after all these years. He is always complaining about her and she still comes to Kingston to see him and he says, “She is coming to see me again, I wish she would stay home,” and the next minute he is worried if she doesn’t get there on time.

The minister was a good friend of my son and as he put it, he said Jeff was probably looking down on all of us right now and saying, “Everyone stop talking about me and go home, I want to get some rest.” On Jeff’s 40th birthday party we took over a resort and had a big party for him. I got up and spoke about Jeff’s childhood and at the end of the speech I said how pleased I was and proud of him and said no parent wanted to outlive their children and Jeff stood up in the back of the room where he was hiding and said, “Don’t worry dad, I will kill you first.” That is an example of his humor and got the biggest laugh of the night. It is not fair that they took you instead of me. No one can ever fill your shoes or take your place. Thank you for all the things you did for all of us. We all love you and I will be up to see you, Mom, and Luke soon. Rest in Peace.

Dad and Family

A Zimbabwe hymn

By Sue Kusserow
Special to the Mountain Gazette

It is 10:00 AM in Harare, Zimbabwe. It is time for a tea break. I have been teaching nurses who have been chosen from the supervisory levels of nursing in Zimbabwe, under order of the government, to spend two years at the University of Zimbabwe, to complete a B.S. in nursing. As a Fulbright Scholar I had the opportunity to spend a year with them. They were middle-aged women with grown children, who spent the class sessions in Harare and weekends at their family homes. Despite – or because of – cultural differences, plus our mutual middle age, experiences in public health, and years of teaching, there was a bond between us, which went beyond teacher/student respect and protocol. I learned to present material in more of an ‘old-fashioned’ didactic form; they, in turn, found surprises in experiential learning and ‘fun’ exercises in communication. I remember observing one of the nurses who had been told she would be a nursing school instructor upon graduation. I was to Pass/Fail her... no in-betweens. The class was 80 students, about half male, since nursing and the Army were about the only available work for them. She had pinned up a huge chart of the eye, and started in explaining the muscles that control eye movement. At one point, she froze and turned to me. I told the students to look up, to look left, to the right, down. “How are you doing this? What moves your eyes?” From there, we went to my glasses, smearing them with some Vaseline (don’t we all carry some...) to explain cataracts. By that time, she had overcome her nervousness and went on with the lecture, even at one point, using pressure points to explain glaucoma. She passed, of course!

Although I didn’t know the customs and mores of this African nation, the principles of public health are universal. I visited clinics in the communal lands, waiting for shrieking flocks of guinea hens to cross the track, with impalas jumping over the hood of my car. I could see a barefoot grandma in the semi-dry field, carrying a baby to get DPT shots and also some cooking oil and flour to take home on her back. The main text for the basic nurses in these isolated clinics was: “What To Do When There Is No Doctor.” All three-year nurses were required to be certified as midwives and most deliveries took place at the clinics. Each clinic had a very minimal delivery kit, which included a razor with which to cut the cord. So, it was obviously down to basics! Some nurses, after years of work, were selected for national positions. I was so impressed with them, and glad to be sharing their success.

Back from tea break, we sat in our newly-ried Western circle, with my joining them on an equal level. “I’m sorry I didn’t have time to write comments on your papers...” (another Western innovation which they dearly treasured). “I just got word yesterday that my brother had died. I had my plane ticket bought, thinking I could make it home before the cancer beat me to him.”

It was quiet; the rustle of papers, the chatter quickly stopped. Finally, the informal leader of the group, stood up. She was the head of the mental health division for the country, with very little funding and even less available medications. “Would you mind if we sang a hymn for you?” The group stood and slowly surrounded my chair, breaking the traditional distance of teacher and pupil. And they began to sing... a soft, gentle, and slow melody, sung in Shona... a hymn that probably all of them had learned as children, when the missionary schools were still open. Their warmth and caring reached out to me... without hands. Instead, the softness of the music and the memories they shared through the medium of singing covered me over... The small dingy classroom with ancient moldy blackboards, rationed chalk, and bare light bulbs glaring from the ceiling, for just a few moments, became a sacred place. These people, whom I would never see again after this year, gave me a gift I would never forget.

Mangwanani
Thank You

Guns and buttons?

By Susan Peden

What do guns and buttons have in common? If you guessed the name *Colt*, you are right. In 1832 when Samuel Colt applied for his first firearm patent, he could not have envisioned that his name would be carried on items from firearms to fuses, brush handles to buttons. Like many new businesses, Colt struggled to get started and experienced both boom and bust in his early firearms endeavors. His innovations with interchangeable gun parts and new production line techniques boosted sales during the 1846-48 Mexican War. By 1851 Colt Patent Firearms Manufacturing was a successful international business with a factory in England, as well as one in his hometown of Hartford, CT. Samuel Colt was a millionaire by 1855, and only 42 years old when he died in 1862. This story does not end here. Upon Sam’s death his wife, Elizabeth, and the rest of the family continued to run and grow the business. The Civil War brought in huge contracts from the Federal government, and the continued migration of Americans into the West fueled more sales through 1870s. Furthermore, a relationship with John Browning, another firearms maker, had developed over the years and new firearms products continued to be made throughout the rest of the 19th century and into the 20th century. Mrs. Colt sold the company in 1901. Gun sales increased during World War I to their highest ever, tripling the company profits by the end of the war. Postwar, spurred on by a shrinking demand for firearms, Colt manufacturing diversified their products but never stopped manufacturing firearms.

The use of buttons to fasten clothing can be traced to the 11th century nobles, and by the 17th century they were in more common use. In those early days all buttons were individually hand-made, with the finer ones only available to the wealthy. In the North American colonies prior to the American Revolution, buttons were mainly imported from Europe. English and French button makers supplied the tailors and seamstresses with finely crafted buttons for their work. The common man sported buttons made from bone, wood, horn, clay, thread, fabric, and “china” (porcelain). Before the development of plastics, buttons were also made from glass, steel, copper, pewter, enamel, tagua nuts, rubber, tortoise shell, milk, and nutshells. To say the least, if it could be made into a button, it was. Button manufacturing in the United States started as a cottage industry. Interestingly enough, Connecticut, the eventual home of Samuel Colt, was one of America’s early button making centers.

Now let’s fast forward to the Roaring Twenties. Perhaps the survival of the Colt Firearms Manufacturing company depended on diversification after World War I. After the close of the war, in 1920 Colt opened its plastics division, first using phelolic resin (Bakelite) and later their own urea formaldehyde, thermosetting amino resin formula to produce products under the Colt Rock brand. The compounds’ heat resistant properties made sturdy, long lasting products that could be mass-produced. These materials can still be found in use on vintage appliances, cosmetic containers, tooth brushes, hair brushes, mirrors, telephones, sewing machines, insulated wire, pistol grips, humidors, pipe holders, and BUTTONS.

The Colt Plastics division produced buttons between 1920 and 1936. It can be assumed that the end of World War I, the crash of the stock market in 1929, and the depression that followed, saw a downturn for all U.S. manufacturing, including firearms. But buttons were a product that never ceased to be needed. According to collectors

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On trails and water

By Jake Tapper
Chittenden County Forester

I often visit woodlots where it’s clear that some active management, often through the strategic harvesting of trees, would benefit the health and resilience of the forest, the quality of wildlife habitat, or some other important objective. In an ideal world I would pick which trees to cut to satisfy those objectives, wave a magic wand and they would be transported to a location of my choosing. In reality, large equipment traveling on logging trails and roads, what I call “forestry infrastructure,” is required to cut and transport trees out of the woods. This infrastructure is somewhat of a compromise – enabling us to manage our forests for a variety of uses and benefits, but also providing some notable challenges.

Forestry infrastructure is comprised of basically three components. “Skid trails” are paths that logging equipment uses to transport trees out of the woods, named for “skidders,” the most common type of logging machines in our woods. A “log landing” is an open area where trees are deposited, cut into products and loaded onto trucks. “Truck roads” are generally roads of the one-lane variety, passable by log trucks and connecting the log landing to town roads.

When water finds its way onto forestry infrastructure it can gain volume and momentum, causing soil erosion. Uncontrolled runoff from skid trails, truck roads, and log landings can create ruts, rills, and gullies, washing soil particles into streams and other bodies of water. These particles form a layer of sediment that can degrade fish, reptile, and amphibian habitat (“sedimentation”) and can lead to water quality degradation downstream in our rivers, lakes, and ponds (“eutrophication”). Steep skid trails, wheel ruts, and exposed soil all further increase the chances and potential severity of soil erosion.

Soil erosion is also problematic for our ability to manage our forests in the long term. In previous articles I have discussed Vermont’s working landscape and the positive role that thoughtful, responsible forest management can play in our forests and our communities. Having well-designed, stable skid trails, truck roads, and log landings supports Vermont’s working forests by protecting our ability to manage them into the future. By contrast, poorly designed and/or maintained forestry infrastructure can become “washed out,” unusable or requiring expensive restoration, which can make forest management in the future difficult or impossible.

The “Acceptable Management Practices for maintaining water quality on logging jobs in Vermont,” or “AMPs,” were developed by Vermont’s Department of Forests, Parks, and Recreation. The implementation of the AMPs protects water quality and prevents soil erosion during and immediately after a logging operation, specifying how to properly stabilize all facets of forestry infrastructure from skid trails to log

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Area Worship Services

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Pastor: Rev. Jeannette Conver
email: cccpastorjeannette@gmail.com
Phone: (802) 879-4313

facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Covenant-Community-Church-125345080830320>

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herapeutic Yoga, Tuesdays through April 30, 5:15 PM – 6:15 PM, NMC Exercise Room. Fee: \$40 monthly; pay in full online at <https://www.northwesternmedicalcenter.org/event/9101/2019-01-09/> or at first class to reserve your spot. Class limited to 12 people. Certified yoga instructor and physical therapist Katherine Lowe will lead you through a monthly series of yoga postures, poses, and breathing techniques designed to ease the stress, anxiety and discomfort associated with pain. Yoga can assist in enhancing our mind-body connection. No previous yoga experience is necessary.

Parkinson’s Support Group, Tuesday, April 9, 10:00 – 11:30 AM, Pillsbury Senior Community, conference room next to first floor library, 3 Harborview Dr., St. Albans. Open to those with the disease, their caregivers including family and loved ones, as well as those wanting to learn about this disease. The fall, winter, and summer monthly meetings can provide an open forum to share experiences with others who are coping with the illness, gain education and support, as well as provide recommendations for dealing with the day-to-day care. Participants can learn from each other, meet new people, have discussions, and listen to presentations. Wheelchair accessible.

Diabetes and You, Thursdays through April 11, 1:00 – 3:00 PM, Richford Rural Health Center, fourth floor CR. Pre-registration required, contact Deborah Robertson, 524-1031. NMC will bill your insurance for the course fee. Scholarships available. No one will be turned away for lack of ability to pay. Join us at this self-management educational series for people with diabetes and their families, proven to help people improve control of this disease. Learn how to keep diabetes from controlling your life and improve your blood sugar control to feel better and delay or prevent complications.

Diabetes and You, Tuesdays, April 16-May 14, 1:00 – 3:00 PM, NMC Grand Isle Room. Join this self-management educational series for people with diabetes and their families, proven to help people improve control of this disease. Learn how to keep diabetes from controlling your life and improve your blood sugar control to feel better and delay or prevent complications. NMC will bill your insurance for the course fee. Scholarships available. No one will be turned away for lack of ability to pay. Pre-registration required; contact Deborah Robertson, 524-1031.

Movement for Parkinson’s, Friday, April 19, 10:00 – 11:00 AM, Homestead at Pillsbury Manor. For people with Parkinson’s (wheelchair bound as well as able to stand), their care partners, and/or others interested in participating. This

dance class is designed to engage participants’ minds and bodies through many styles of dance, while exploring stretching, muscle strengthening, postural stability, and rhythm through instruction and energizing music. The class is offered in a relaxed social environment that emphasizes enjoyment, fun and creativity, with an eye towards connecting with the community. No dance experience required. No fees charged but a donation is always appreciated to cover transportation costs for the instructor. Registration/information: 802-0881-9673 or saramcm28@gmail.com (Sarah) or patrica_rugg18@comcast.net (Patty Rugg). Free.

AARP Smart Driver Course, Friday, April 26, 1:00 – 5:00 PM, Green Mountain Room, Northwestern Medical Center. This four-hour refresher course is open to all drivers 50 years and older. The curriculum addresses the normal physical changes brought on by the aging process, how these changes can affect driving ability, and then offers ways to compensate for those changes. The course addresses changes in vehicles, regulations, and roads. Participants will also learn how to interact with other road users, including truckers, bikers, pedestrians, and distracted drivers. Pre-registration required: call Doug, 802-644-8310; \$15 for AARP members, \$20 for non-members.

ONGOING

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

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

Program now enrolling First Time Mothers: Franklin County Home Health Agency’s Nurse Family Partnership Program (NFP) helps first time mothers in Franklin, Lamoille, and Grand Isle counties. NFP is an evidenced based program that

enrolls mothers during pregnancy and provides them with regular nurse visits until their child’s second birthday. Nurses provide support, education and counseling on health, behavioral, and self-sufficiency issues. Interested women and their healthcare providers can call 802-527-7531 for more information.

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

Healing Circle Women’s Cancer Support Group: first Tuesday of every month, 4:30 PM socialize, 5:00 – 6:30 PM meeting, Northwestern Medical Center Conference Franklin Room. Pre-registration not required; free. A self-help cancer support group for women of all ages and lifestyles who have cancer. At our monthly meetings, we share information, offer each other support and comfort, and learn new things from speakers. We extend an invitation to any woman who has cancer, whether you are newly diagnosed or a long term survivor. Please call 802-524-8479 with any questions or to RSVP (not required).

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

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

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

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

Parkinson’s Support Group: second Tuesday of each month, 10:00 – 11:30 AM, Pillsbury Senior Community, conference room next to the library on the first floor, 3 Harborview Dr., St. Albans.

Copley Board makes plans for CEO search

after three years of service to pursue a new career as the President of Memorial Hospital in North Conway, NH, a member of MaineHealth. Carl Szlachetka, Chair of Copley’s Board of Trustees, expressed appreciation for Mathisen’s service

to Copley, stating, “Art has been a passionate advocate for Copley and our community and we are grateful for his leadership and dedication.”

The Board is working to implement an interim plan, while conducting a national search for Mathisen’s successor, with the goal of ensuring a smooth transition in leadership.

Mathisen noted that while the decision has been difficult, he feels comfortable leaving, stating, “Copley has a great leadership team at all levels and a dedicated board that will continue to move Copley in the right direction. The staff’s dedication to patients, the community and each other is top notch. I know that they will continue to do great things at Copley and support the next CEO with the same vigor and enthusiasm they have provided me.”

During his tenure at Copley, Mathisen has been instrumental in bringing about numerous upgrades to the facility, including the James and Mary Louise Carpenter Surgical Center, expansion of the Oncology/Infusion Center and

Pre-registration not required. Contact Pat, 802-524-5520, or Judy 815-895-2312. Free. This group is open to those with Parkinson’s and their caregivers including family and loved ones. The monthly meetings can provide an open forum to share experience with others who are coping with Parkinson’s disease, gaining education and support. Wheelchair accessible.

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

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

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

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

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

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

a number of other smaller renovations to improve patient care and patient access. Under his leadership, Copley has welcomed a number of qualified medical staff, including orthopedic foot and ankle specialist Bryan Monier, MD, orthopedic surgeon Nicholas Antell, MD, general surgeon Courtney Olmsted, MD, and Emergency Department physician Marty Linseisen, MD. He has also helped grow Copley’s recruitment process, welcoming a number of clinical specialists and non-clinical staff. Under Art’s leadership he developed a Co-CMO (Chief Medical Officer) program, splitting the responsibilities of the position, with Dr. Donald Dupuis taking primarily a clinical focus and Dr. Adam Kunin focusing on governance and policy – a program that has proven to be a great success for Copley.

Art has also led the implementation of a number of innovative programs including a program to help reduce the number of re-admissions in the Emergency Department by adding a social worker, the antibiotic stewardship, and prescription medication drop off. His leadership has helped develop better communication and stronger relationships with our healthcare partners.

“Art has worked hard to provide stability for staff while maintaining our commitment to our patients, community, and future of Copley Hospital. We wish him continued success in his new position,” said Szlachetka.



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Exercises to maintain foot health
Common causes of pain around the foot and ankle

The event is free, but please RSVP so that we may plan refreshments.

RSVP by April 11 to 888-8302 or online at www.copleyvt.org/event/keeping-feet-happy-free-seminar

Bryan Monier, MD is a fellowship trained attending orthopaedic surgeon specializing in care of the foot and ankle and lower extremity trauma at Mansfield Orthopaedics at Copley Hospital. He is skilled in working with athletes, trauma, and geriatric patients. Dr. Monier is an expert in total ankle replacements.



COPLEY HOSPITAL

This is event is part of Copley Hospital's 2019 Health & Wellness Seminar Series.

LIBRARY NEWS

DEBORAH RAWSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Unless otherwise noted, programs do not require registration and are free and open to all.

Adult Programs

Exploring the Bible: The Dickenson Series is a series of three six-week courses about the Bible and it contents. Designed to teach, not preach, these courses focus on the Christian Bible and the stories that have shaped so much of the culture in which we live. The second six-week course in this series, *Introducing the Old Testament*, will be offered beginning in April and ending in June at the Deborah Rawson Memorial Library meeting room. The cost of the course is free except for the price of the student manual (\$10). Dates are all Mondays: April 15, 29, May 6, 20, and June 3, 17, 6:45 – 8:15 PM. For information, contact Bob Sargent, srgntrbt@netscape.net or 899-3093. It is not necessary to have taken the first course to learn a lot from this course. To find out more: exploringthebible.org/faq.

Programs for Young Children

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

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

JERICHO TOWN LIBRARY

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

JTL Board meetings are held the second Monday of every month (April 8) at 5:30 PM. All are welcome to attend.

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

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

VARNUM MEMORIAL LIBRARY
JEFFERSONVILLE

Baby Got Books – a new story time for the littlest library visitors. Join Amber for nursery rhymes, movement activities, songs, stories, and finger plays proven to promote early literacy, language, and communication skills. For ages birth-18 months with an adult, Wednesdays, 9:30 – 10:30 AM.

Children’s Story Time and Crafts with LN, Thursdays, 10:00 – 11:00 AM. The library is a warm, cheery place for children to meet other children! Join us for stories read by people who enjoy sharing good books and a craft. Free and the public is invited! For more information, call the library at 644-2117.

Crescendo Club Library Association – Do you have two hours a month to spare for a great opportunity? The Crescendo Club Library Association is seeking community members interested in helping the library anticipate and meet the needs of all we serve and to promote lifelong learning for everyone. Please let us know if you would like to be an active supporter and member of this organization that has worked to help the community for almost 120 years. Meets on the third Thursday of the month (April 18), 7:00 – 8:00 PM.

The Varnum Library, P.O. Box 198, 194 Main

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

WESTFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

Early Literacy Storytime, for ages birth to preschool, Thursdays, 11:00 AM. Several stories around a theme, and a theme-based craft. All ages and levels of attention are encouraged to come. Don’t worry if they fidget – they are still getting a lot out of it!

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

RICHMOND LIBRARY

AARP Tax Help – Every year, AARP volunteers help seniors prepare and submit their tax returns. If you are interested in meeting with a preparer at the library, let us know and we’ll schedule you for a session. Sessions will be on Monday mornings through April 8. Contact 434-3036 or rff@gmavt.net to schedule.

2019 Vermont Reads – Every year the Vermont Humanities Council selects a book and then makes copies of that book available within Vermont communities that wish to participate. For the fourth year in a row, Richmond is in! This year’s selection is the graphic novel March, which is the first in a trilogy by John Lewis in collaboration with co-writer Andrew Ayden and graphic artist Nate Powell. It tells the story of Lewis’s coming of age in rural Alabama and early life of civic activism. Lewis, who was greatly inspired and influenced by Martin Luther King Jr., is considered one of the big six leaders of the civil rights movement and an early adopter of the nonviolent protest tactics that were instrumental in the desegregation of the South. Lewis has served in the U.S. Congress since 1987. We are thrilled to be working with the Peace and Justice Center to bring three dynamic programs to the Richmond community, each of them designed to explore the themes in March and increase participants’ working knowledge of nonviolent activism.

Weekly children’s programs at the Library run from September through May and follow the CESU school district schedule for vacation days and weather closure days.

Baby Laptime: This 30-minute program is for our youngest visitors. Adults interact with their little person through simple stories, songs, rhymes, bounces, and wiggles that are sure to bring out the smiles and giggles. Baby Laptime is designed for infants through age two. Join us on Mondays at 10:30 AM.

Playgroup with Stories and Music: These Wednesday mornings begin at 10:00 AM with songs, stories, and a simple snack (bring your own) on the alphabet rug. Around 10:30 AM we’ll get out the toys for free play with friends in the library’s sunny and spacious Community Room. We have gross motor and fine motor toys, puzzles, and activities for infants through preschool age children.

Movers and Shakers Storytime: Frequent exposure to picture books not only entertains and delights children but also strengthens their vocabulary and their ability to make sense of the world. We’ll share fantastic new and classic picture books and work some early literacy magic into a child’s day. We’ll couple stories with simple songs and activities for some interactive moving

and shaking. Toddlers and preschoolers and their caregivers are welcome on Fridays at 10:30 AM.

Knit Night: Want some company while you knit? Knitters of all abilities welcome. Join us on Wednesdays from 6:30 – 8:00 PM in the third floor lounge.

Free Coffee and Tea: Warm yourself with a hot cup of coffee or tea during the cold winter season. The beverage table is to the left of the circulation desk on the ground floor. Help yourself and sip while you browse, read, work or gather with friends.

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

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

DOROTHY ALLING MEMORIAL
LIBRARY, WILLISTON

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

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

Gamers Group: Mondays, April 8 and 29, 3:30 – 5:30 PM. Play a variety games including board games and Dungeons & Dragons. Grades 5-8.

Read to a Dog: Thursday, April 11, 3:30 PM. Read to one of our registered Therapy Dogs of VT. Pre-register for individual sessions. All ages.

Preschool Story Time: Tuesdays, 10:30 AM. Includes a simple craft activity. April 9: Five Senses; April 16: Colors; April 30: Dinosaurs. All ages.

Teen Movie Night: Thursday, April 18, 5:00 – 7:30 PM. Marvel comics fans! Join us for a superhero movie set in the mythical African nation of Wakanda. Costumes encouraged. Come dressed as your favorite superhero or book character. Grades 7-12. Snacks and activities provided. Presented by Food for Thought Teen Group.

Preschool Yoga with Danielle: Friday, April 19, 10:30 AM. Simple yoga poses, stories and songs for children birth to age 5 and their caregivers.

Wildlife of Vermont: Live Animal Program: Saturday, April 20, 11:00 AM. Meet creatures that

fly, crawl and slither! Southern Vermont Natural History Museum will bring a variety of animals including an owl, hawk, turtle, and snake, as well as furs, skulls, and other artifacts. All ages. Sponsored by Friends of the Library.

Fairies and Gnomes! Tuesday, April 23, 11:00 AM. All ages. 11:00 AM: Fairy Stories and Dance Party; 12:00 – 2:00 PM: Fairy Houses and Gnome Homes. Use natural materials to create your own home for a fairy or gnome.

Preschool Music: Mondays, 11:00 AM and Thursdays, 10:30 AM (except April 4). Up to age 5 with a caregiver. No pre-registration. Limit: one session per week per family.

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

Ukulele Jam! Join us for some strummin’ fun with Karla Kennedy, WCS Music Teacher. Ukuleles provided or bring your own. Ages 8-adult. Join us for one or both sessions. Part 1: Beginners Session, Monday, April 29, 6:30 – 7:30 PM. Part 2: Beyond the Basics, Monday, May 13, 6:30 – 7:30 PM. For those with a little more experience!

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

FAIRFAX COMMUNITY LIBRARY

All events are free unless noted. Pre-registration encouraged. www.fairfaxvtlibrary.org, 802-849-2420. Call or email libraryprograms@fwsu.org.

Youth Events

Mondays, April 8, 15, 29: 3:00 – 4:30 PM: NEW! Maker Mondays. In this new after school offering, kids ages 10+ will have access to a variety of materials and tools to create self-guided projects (under adult supervision). Youth can plan and create projects using materials such as fabric, LEDs, wood, jewelry supplies, craft materials, and much more! Sewing machines will be also available. This is a weekly offering and is a drop in program. No registration necessary.

Thursdays, April 4, 17, 3:15 – 4:15 PM: READ to a DOG. Kids ages 5-10 can read a book of their choice to a fuzzy, friendly dog. Call to reserve a 15-minute slot.

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landings, and illustrating how to design and install stream crossings such as culverts and bridges. If property implemented on a logging job the AMPs also help to protect landowners and loggers from water quality violations. At the same time, the AMP practices help stabilize forestry infrastructure for long-term use.

There are a few simple ways to protect water quality, minimize soil disturbance, and protect forestry infrastructure in the course of logging. Properly designing a system of skid trails, including minimizing their number, length, and steepness, is critical. When developing a logging contract, you should always require that AMPs be implemented and followed by the logger throughout the harvest. Operating under frozen conditions whenever possible will reduce impacts to your soils and infrastructure, and keeping logging equipment on main skid trails will mitigate soil impacts in the woods. Well placed, installed, and maintained “waterbars” on skid trails, per the AMPs, will divert runoff into undisturbed areas, where soil particles and runoff are captured.

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of Colt buttons today, there are at least 82 identified styles of Colt buttons. Many of the designs are named for prominent colleges and universities. Salesmen’s sample cards and advertisements in publications verify the styles and names of various buttons, though they were not marketed by Colt under the Colt name. They were sold to other distributors who labeled them under their own brands. No Colt inventory records seem to have been found at this time.

Early Colt Rock colors are commonly black, brown, red, green, and dark blue. The later urea formaldehyde material yielded brighter colors, from pink and purples to yellow and bright red, green, royal blues. This may be one way to tell the general age of some of the buttons. The heyday of Colt buttons ended about 1936, but certainly by World War II, when the plastics company focused on supporting the war effort. The Colt plastics division was sold in 1958 to Charles Bently and retained the Colt name.

Today, button collectors around the world are beginning to recognize that modern plastics and resins and just as collectible as other highly sought after buttons from earlier times. Colt buttons are enjoying the spotlight! They can be found in button boxes in the attic, antique shops, flea markets, and rummage sales. Button dealers sell Colts online and at button shows, and hobbyists show off their collections on Pinterest or their FaceBook pages.

I am often asked what Colt buttons look like. There are several ways begin to identify Colt buttons:

- Colts seldom have four holes.
- The two holes on sew-through Colts are closely set together.

- On the back of the sew-through buttons there is often a raised circle with one tiny circular mold mark between the two thread holes.
- Colt buttons may have a shank on the back that looks like a bow tie shape. It too has only one circular mold mark in the center of the shank.
- Some may have painted, lustered, pearlized, iridescent, or metalized finishes.
- Designs range widely from the Cameo rouge button, to tulips, daisies and baseballs, plain shirt buttons, and fancy coat buttons.
- Hot needle testing – phelolic resin is difficult to penetrate with a hot needle.
- Amino resin buttons are oily looking and produce a fishy smell when penetrated with the hot needle.

A quick search around the Internet will produce hundreds of photographs of Colt buttons and belt buckles, salesmen’s cards, and now, FAKES. The ability to 3D print plastic objects has recently been used to make reproduction Colts for the vintage fashion market. You may find yourself completely confused by now but once you start looking at photos, and comparing them to buttons in the flesh, you may find Colt buttons in the least expected places! Happy Hunting.

Susan Peden is the Vice President and an Addison County member of the Verd Mont Button Club. Her interest in sewing historical reproduction clothing for 19th century reenactors lead her to join the Verd Mont Button Club, founded in 1979 to study, preserve, and collect clothing buttons. The club has 24 members from Vermont, New York State, and Massachusetts and is a member club of the National Button Society and the North East Regional Button Association.

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ART / MUSIC / THEATER



Vermont Youth Dancers (VYD) will present Turn To Stone, A Journey to Narnia at Mount Mansfield Union High School on Saturday, April 13 at 1:00 and 6:30 PM and on Sunday, April 14 at 2:00 PM in the classic story The Lion, The Witch, and the Wardrobe. When the Pevensie children are sent away from London during WWII, their game of hide-and-seek turns into the adventure of a lifetime as they pass through a wardrobe into the magical land of Narnia. Will they find their courage to overcome the evil White Witch? Pictured (from left) are Hunter Groff (Peter Pevensie), Aidan Johnston (Edmund Pevensie), Olivia Percy (Susan Pevensie), and Summer Clough (Lucy Pevensie). VYD brings this tale to the stage through dance to current music. Tickets, \$12, available at vyd-narnia.eventbrite.com or vermontyouthdancers.org; unsold tickets will be available at the door, \$14. For more information, 802-448-0893. Wheelchair accessible; first-come, first-served seating. Show is about two hours, including a short intermission. PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

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At the Emile A Gruppe Gallery in Jericho the prelude to Spring in Vermont, known as Mud Season, is welcomed as a harbinger of warming days and cool nights and the setting up of the maple economy. It is also a tease as to what is coming – flowering plants, lots of color, bird songs, and warmth. The current show at the Gallery, titled *Beyond Mud Season*, offers a jump start on your enjoyment of the upcoming seasons and also offers the opportunity to enjoy these works in your own space. Watercolors by Monique Dewyea, Textile Marbling by Linda and Dean Moran, photography by Luci Wilcox, watercolors by Jericho’s Adrienne Fisher and Montpelier artist Susan Bull Riley, “painterly” digital photographic images by Roarke Sharlow. The show will hang through Open Studio weekend, Saturday-Sunday, May 25-26. Emile A Gruppe Gallery, 22 Barber Farm Rd., Jericho; Emilegruppegallery.com, 802-899-3211.

Dianne Shullenberger Gallery in Jericho presents *Delicious Words 2019* on two Sundays in April, the 14th and 28th, at 4:00 PM, featuring Marilyn Gillis: artist “An Artist’s Journey,” Scudder H. Parker: poet “The Poem of the World” – Poetry as Engagement with the World, Margaret Grant: writer [From Here](#) – a collection of short stories about contemporary rural life, and Susan Adams: dessert chef. Tickets to the event, which benefits C.O.T.S. (the Committee on Temporary Shelter), begin at a minimum donation of \$25 (checks made out to Dianne Shullenberger may be sent to the studio at 228 Nashville Rd., Jericho, VT 05465). Please RSVP: 899-4993 or vtddianne@hotmail.com.

On Saturday, April 6, 5:00 PM at the Lodge at Spruce Peak, Helen Day Art Center in Stowe presents its 30th annual Benefit Gala, a black-tie (optional) benefit with both live and silent auction. Tickets, \$135, include a full dinner, dancing, complimentary beer and wine, a signature cocktail, coffee and dessert bar, and late-night snacks. For more information, <https://helendayartcenter.schoolauction.net/gala2019/homepages/show> or see the *Events* tab of the Center’s web page. Helen Day Art Center, 90 Pond St., Stowe; www.helenday.com; 802-253-8358. The gallery is open Tuesday-Saturday, 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM and by appointment.

At the Shelburne Museum and running through Sunday, June 2 is the exhibition *Johnny Swing: Design Sense*, which gives a fascinating glimpse into the various phases of the internationally renowned furniture and lighting designer’s philosophy and practice.

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Thursday, April 4, 6:00 – 7:00 PM: PJ Story Hour. Kids age 0-6 listen to themed stories, followed by a craft and snack. Thanks to Building Bright Futures for this wonderful program.

Tuesdays, April 9, 16, 9:30 – 10:30 AM: Preschool Story Hour: Join us for themed stories, songs, and activities for ages 0-6. No registration necessary. April 9: Libraries. (It’s National Library Week!) April 16: Bunnies. April 23: Hats. April 30: Rainy Days.

Wednesday, April 10, 3:00 – 4:00 PM: Lego Club. Kids ages 6+ enjoy themed Lego play after school. Please register.

Thursday, April 11, 3:00 – 4:00 PM: Crafternoon: Seed Paper. Kids ages 6+ will learn how to make paper using recycled fibers and flower seeds. These papers can be planted in the ground and will grow flowers! Please register.

Saturday, April 13, 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM: Post-Egg Hunt Fun. Kids can have their picture taken with the Easter Bunny, drink cocoa, and make seasonal crafts following the Egg Hunt in the park.

Tuesday, April 16, 6:30 – 7:30 PM: Family STEAM Night-Birds’ Nests. Join us for this great family program, where each month parents and children visit hands-on stations with Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and/or Math (STEAM) activities.

Williston Welcome Centers are looking for full and part time ambassadors. Customer service, cleaning, snow removal, and must be able to work nights, weekends and holidays. Benefits for full time. Please fill out application at either Williston site or our main office at: 60 Main Street Suite 100, Burlington. Please apply in person.

From the early conceptual stages of sketching and model making, to fabricating molds and engineering the structural elements, to the realization of sophisticated works that blur the lines between art and design, Swing’s work is dramatic and inviting. Running through Sunday, August 25 at the Shelburne Museum’s Colgate Gallery, Pizzagalli Center for Art and Education, *Harold Weston: Freedom in the Wilds* presents American 20th century painter Harold Weston’s early Adirondack views and selections from the *Stone Series*, alongside diaries, letters, photographs, and related ephemera that make a case for the connections between spirit, nature, and Weston’s art. Weston (1894-1972), an American modernist painter and social activist, was called “the Thoreau of the Adirondacks.” This is the first exhibition to pointedly illuminate the links between the artist’s written words – much in his distinctive, lyrical handwriting – with Weston’s prodigious body of work. Beginning Wednesday, May 1 and running through October 31 is *In Their Element: Jonathan D. Ebinger, Rodrigo Nava, Dan Snow* – an outdoor installation featuring sculptures that complement and amplify one another through their shared engagement with fire, wind, and earth, pushing the boundaries of their respective materials and processes. From June 22 through October 20 at the Pizzagalli Center for Arts and Education’s Murphy Gallery, the Museum presents *William Wegman: Outside In*, a comprehensive exhibition exploring over four decades of the renowned artist’s ongoing fascination with the natural world showcasing over 60 works of art from his collection in a variety of media. For information, 802-985-3346 or www.shelburnemuseum.org.

At River Arts, Morrisville: Kinder Arts Winter Series, Tuesday mornings, 9:00 – 10:00 AM, April 9 and 23. This free exploratory arts program is for ages 3-5. For adults and teens, on third Thursdays, 6:00 – 8:00 PM, the River Arts Photo Co-op drop-in; \$5 suggested donation. Open Studio Figure Drawing, first and third Tuesdays from 3:00 – 5:30 PM, \$10/session, punch cards available. Youth Drop-In: Big & Messy Art Space, every first and third Sunday of the month, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM, \$5 suggested donation. Music & Movement, first Friday of the month, 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM, free. Poetry Clinic, every first and third Tuesday, 6:00 – 8:00 PM, \$5 suggested donation. River Arts is offering classes on arts ranging from pottery to paints to bookbinding to writing, and more. See the website for details. River Arts of Morrisville Inc., 74 Pleasant St., Morrisville; 802-888-1261, <http://www.riverartsvt.org>.

Ice Shanties: Fishing, People & Culture is an exhibition about the structures, people and culture of ice fishing seen through the lens of Vermont-based Colombian photographer Federico Pardo, whose large-format color photographs of ice shanties at The Meadows in Brattleboro are paired with audio reflections from the shanty owners drawn from interviews conducted by the Vermont Folklife Center. In these conversations the fishers speak of their shanties as structures, remark on the amenities and people they house, detail the practice of ice fishing, and, directly and indirectly, reflect the relationships, connections and community they reinvent each year at the Meadows. The Vision & Voice Gallery is free and open to the public Monday-Friday, 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM. The Gallery is ADA accessible on the first floor (rear entrance) of the Folklife Center headquarters, 88 Main St., Middlebury. For information, 802-388-4964.

Visions of Vermont Art Galleries in Jeffersonville is open Tuesday-Sunday, 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM. Hosts Jane and Terry Shaw, 644-8183; Visions of Vermont, 100 Main St., Jeffersonville. For more information, visit www.VisionsofVermont.com. Bryan Memorial Gallery, 180 Main St., Jeffersonville; 802-644-5100; www.bryangallery.org. Gallery hours: Thursday-Sunday, 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM, and by appointment. Burlington City Art Center – BCA Center, 135 Church St., Burlington; 802-865-7166 or www.burlingtoncityarts.org. For upcoming events and workshops at the Milton Artists’ Guild, please visit <https://www.miltonartistsguild.org/workshops>. Milton Artists’ Guild Art Center & Gallery, 199 U.S. Rt. 7 South, Milton. MUSIC

The next Westford Music Series performance will feature the fun and delightful *Oleo Romeos* on Sunday, April 28, 4:00 – 5:00 PM at the White Church on the Common, VT Rt. 128, Westford. Purveyors of quirky and often hilarious material, the group is known for teasing the most dubious aspects of the human psyche. Challenging the borders of good taste, they have been delighting audiences for 20 years, bringing their whack-doodle sensibilities to modern Americana roots music. The *Oleos* slither through the genres of folk, blues, country, rock, and swing music with amiable assurance. *Oleo* anchors Tyrone Shaw and Jerry Bowers will be joined by raconteur and Telecaster master George Lewis. Free will donations; refreshments.

This month we will learn all about Vermont’s birds and how they make their nests in the spring. Please register. Note that this month’s event is on a Tuesday.

Wednesday, April 17, 3:00 – 4:00 PM: STEM Club. Kids age 6+ will prepare for our second annual Science Fair (Wednesday, May 29) with local inventor Ralph Lemnah. Must register.

Thursday, April 25, 1:00 – 3:00 PM: Life-Sized Candyland. Sign up for a 10-minute time slot as a family and walk through a life sized version of everyone’s favorite game and get treats along the way. A great activity during school break.

Saturday, April 27, 10:00 – 11:00 AM: Exordium: Science with Mr. K. At this special science class for kids, we will explore symmetry. We will look at some examples from nature (skulls, insects, etc.), do several paintings to achieve symmetry, a drawing to create and color, and a simple helicopter demonstrating the need for symmetry. Please register.

Adult Events

Saturday, April 6: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM: Cabin Fever Café with Jacob Richards. Winter in Vermont is LONG. Get out and enjoy some live music from some awesome local bands in this wintertime music series, running the second Saturday of the month through April. Coffee and refreshments will be available by donation. April’s featured artist is Jacob Richards.

Tuesday April 9, 6:00 – 7:30 PM: Needle Felted Eggs. Join fiber artist Nicole Vance as she leads this step-by-step needle felting project, suitable for beginner and intermediate felters. Cost is \$10 for materials.

Thursday, April 11, 6:30 – 8:00 PM: Author Visit at Book Club. In April, we will read and discuss *Lady, Thy Name is Trouble* by Vermont author Lori MacLaughlin. At this special discussion, we welcome Mrs. MacLaughlin to our library as she shares with us



The Oleo Romeos return to the Westford Music Series on Sunday, April 28, 4:00 – 5:00 PM at the White Church on the Common, VT Rt. 128, Westford. With their quirky and often hilarious material, the group is known for challenging the borders of good taste; they have been delighting audiences for 20 years, bringing their whack-doodle sensibilities to modern Americana roots music: folk, blues, country, rock, and swing. Oleo anchors Tyrone Shaw and Jerry Bowers will be joined by raconteur and Telecaster master George Lewis. Free will donations; refreshments. PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Cabin Fever Café – Winter in Vermont is long, so get out and enjoy some live music from local bands in this wintertime music series, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM, at the Fairfax Community Library, Fairfax. Free; coffee and refreshments available by donation. April 6: Jacob Richards. April 13: Jake & Robin.

Chandler Center for the Arts, 71-73 Main St., Randolph, has announced auditions for the 11th annual *Next Generation* performance on Sunday, April 7, beginning mid-morning. Auditions are open to area high school age students age thirteen and up who are seriously studying classical music of all genres – instrumental, ensemble, or vocal, as soloists or in groups. The concert will be presented on Friday, May 17 at 7:30 PM at Chandler Music Hall in Randolph. Inspired by 2007 performance at Chandler of National Public Radio’s youth showcase, *From the Top*, presenters at Chandler created a look-alike program called *The Next Generation*. Dozens of talented teenagers from the Champlain Valley, central Vermont, and the Upper Valley have performed at the classical music event as pianists, vocalists, instrumental soloists, and in chamber ensembles. Students should come prepared to audition the piece they would perform on May 17. In the interest of providing a performance opportunity for as many qualified students as possible, works should not exceed 5-6 minutes in duration. Instrumentalists and vocal soloists need to provide their own accompanist and page-turner. The Steinway concert grand is available, and the auditions and performance will take place on Chandler’s main stage. A modest production fee will be charged for those students chosen to perform. The deadline for audition application is Monday, April 1. Please contact board member Janet Watton for more information about this performance or to schedule an audition: janet@chandler-arts.org or 802-728-9402.

At the Spruce Peak Performing Arts Center: Friday, April 5, 7:00 PM: The Allman Betts Band; Wednesday, April 10, 1:00 PM: The Met Opera: Live in HD *Die Walküre* (Wagner), AARP 20% discount; Saturday, April 13, 7:00 PM: Under The Street Lamp, family 4-pack (save 25% on four or more tickets); Wednesday, May 8, 1:00 PM, The Met Opera: Live in HD *Aida* (Verdi), AARP 20% discount; Friday, May 17, 1:00 PM: ArtSmart – Investigation and insight into works by master composers – Bach, Beethoven, Brahms, Bartok, and Bridge; Saturday, May 18, 7:00 PM: Spruce Peak Chamber Music Society presents Family, Fun, Five “B’s;” Thursday, June 13, 1:00 PM: The Bolshoi Ballet in HD, *Carmen Suite / Petrushka*, AARP 20% discount; Wednesday, June 26, 1:00 PM: The Met Opera: Live in HD *Dialogues Des Carmélites* (Poulenc), AARP 20% discount. Spruce Peak Performing Arts Center, 122 Hourglass Dr., Stowe. For more information: 802-760-4634 or www.SprucePeakArts.org.

The Cathedral Church of St. Paul in Burlington presents a series of free (donations appreciated) *Tuesday noon series* concerts. Bring a bag lunch; coffee and tea are provided. The Cathedral Church of

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about her inspirations as a writer and answers questions you may have. Copies are available at the library. New members are always welcome.

Saturday, April 20, 9:00 – 11:00 AM: Tech Help. Get help with individual tech questions. You can ask any technological question and/or bring in a device with which you need help. You will be ably assisted by our techie, Josiah. Call to reserve a half-hour time slot, or drop in.

Tuesday, April 30, 5:30 – 6:30 PM: Reception for Community Art Project for Peace and Justice. As part of our involvement in the Vermont Reads program, community members decorated 6”x6” canvases in the theme of Peace and Justice. These smaller canvases will be combined into one larger piece and mounted in the library. Please join us for a reception to celebrate this great community undertaking.

For up-to-date info about programs, visit our website: www.fairfaxvlibrary.org, where you can also find a link to the interactive Google calendar. Monday, Wednesday 8:30 AM – 5:30 PM; Tuesday, Thursday 8:30 AM – 8:00 PM; Friday 8:30 AM – 3:15 PM; Saturday 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM.

BROWNELL LIBRARY, ESSEX JUNCTION

POEM VILLAGE: Celebrate National Poetry Month with Brownell Library! Submit your poems to the youth circulation desk during the month of March, and we will display selections around the Village in April.

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

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

OBITUARIES

Norma Jane Stebbins of Jericho, VT, our beloved mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, passed away on Thursday, March 21, 2019, at the McClure Miller Respite House in Colchester, VT. She was born on February 20, 1935 in Burlington, VT, the daughter of Alvin and Doris (Norman) Bushnell. Norma graduated from Burlington High School. She married Edwin (Charles) Stebbins on October 21, 1953 in Burlington. Edwin predeceased her on July 21, 2010. She is survived by her four sons: Craig Stebbins and his wife Cecile, Scott Stebbins and his wife Barb, and Eric and Mark Stebbins, daughter Lisa Stebbins. A funeral service was held on Wednesday, March 27, 2019 in the Corbin and Palmer Funeral Chapel, Essex Junction, VT. Memorial contributions can be made to the McClure Miller Respite House, 3113 Roosevelt Highway, Colchester, VT 05446.



COLLEGE NOTES

Dylan Bailey of Waterbury, VT has been named to the 2019 baseball roster at Castleton University, Castleton, VT.
Jacob O’Brien of Waterbury, VT has been named to the 2019 baseball roster at Castleton University, Castleton, VT.

Tess Milner hired as Office Manager for Lamoille Chamber of Commerce

Congratulations and welcome to our newly hired Office Manager for the Lamoille Chamber of Commerce (LCC). Tess Milner was officially hired as office manager at our Thursday, March 21 board meeting. Tess began part-time employment Monday, April 1. Please feel free to reach out to Tess and introduce yourself as a current LCC member, or welcoming community member.



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Deb Dorain named Copley Hospital's CFO

Art Mathisen, Copley Hospital’s CEO, is pleased to announce the promotion of Deb Dorain to Chief Financial Officer. Dorain began her new role on March 11, 2019. “Deb’s history with Copley and level of experience she brings to her new role has enabled for a successful transition,” said Mathisen.

Dorain has been a member of Copley’s finance team since 2005, serving as Director of Revenue Cycle and Financial Planning. “Deb has shown that she is a committed member of our financial team. Her performance, leadership, and dedication to our patients, staff, and community has been outstanding,” continued Mathisen. Dorain replaces long-time CFO Rassoul Rangaviz, who passed away unexpectedly in December.

Prior to Copley Hospital, Dorain served as Senior Auditor for Berry, Dunn, McNeil & Parker. She received her bachelor of science in accounting at Plymouth State University. She and her family reside in Elmore.



Jennifer Tramantana CNM comes to Copley Women’s Center

Copley Hospital welcomes Jennifer Tramantana, CNM, MSN to its provider team at The Women’s Center. “We are pleased to welcome Jennifer to the Copley community. Her work in women’s health will compliment the services already provided by The Women’s Center,” said Copley Chief Operating Officer Vera Jones. Ms. Tramantana will begin seeing patients on Thursday, April 18.



Jennifer is a native of Algonquin, IL. She graduated in 2009 from Hunter College in New York where she majored in women and gender studies, receiving her BA, and earned her RN at Yale University School of Nursing in 2011. She received her Masters in Science in Nursing, Nurse-Midwifery from Yale University in 2012, after which she passed the American Midwifery Certification Board qualifying exam to become a Certified Nurse Midwife.

For the past seven years, Jennifer has been caring for mothers and babies at clinics and hospitals in Connecticut, New York, and most recently, California. She comes to Copley having worked as an in hospital midwife at a high risk center for Kaiser Permanente in Roseville, CA since 2016. Prior to that, she provided full midwifery care at a private midwife practice in Harrison, NY for Full Circle Women’s Health, and at a private physician-owned practice at Manchester OB/GYN Associates in Connecticut, providing women’s health care including gynecological care for women of all ages, pregnancy care, water birth, and postpartum care.

“What impressed me the most about Copley was the commitment the team places on its patients, newborns, and families. Their focus is on the individualized needs of the patient. Their philosophy and team collaboration makes Copley the right choice for me,” said Jennifer.

Jennifer is currently relocating to the Morrisville area. She will join midwives Jackie Bromley, Kipp Bovey, and Marge Kelso, and OB/GYN William Ellis, MD. Outside of practice, she enjoys hiking, kayaking, baking and knitting, just to name a few. Please join Copley in welcoming Jennifer Tramantana to the Copley family.

The Women’s Center at Copley sees patients Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM. For more information, 888-8100 or copleyvt.org.

Rice invites students to high school for a day

Rice Memorial High School in S. Burlington is inviting all fifth through seventh grade students in the state to *High School for a Day (HS4D)*, an event designed to give students a taste of student life at Rice.

On April 5, from 8:00 AM – 2:30 PM, students that attend will be given a unique opportunity to familiarize themselves with Rice faculty, while meeting potential teachers and friends they may attend classes with at Rice.

Participants customize their *HS4D* schedule by choosing from a variety of hands-on activities specially-created to highlight Rice’s classes, clubs, and sports, such as:

- Math: *Geometry Origami*
- Science: *Battle of the Senses*
- Art: *Painting with Light*
- STEM: *Bridge Building Competition*
- Religion: *The Soul: A Socratic Dialog*

Campus Ministry, athletics, the fine arts, and other academic departments also offer programs.

For more information or if your child or student is interested in attending, contact Caroline Schafer, 802-862-6521 ext. 2235 or schafer@rmhsvt.org.

The ever increasing threat to women’s rights

By Howard Dean

The Trump Administration and conservative, right-wing politicians across the nation are waging a war on women’s rights. Health care coverage, birth control access, and abortion rights are being systematically dismantled at both the state and federal level. With the appointment of Brett Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court, the final dam protecting reproductive rights seems set to break. *Roe v. Wade* could be overturned as soon as this year.

The Trump Administration has committed to overturning the court case which legalized abortion in 1973. In 2018 while speaking to an anti-abortion group, Vice President Mike Pence proclaimed that a change to “the center of American law” would happen “in our time.” With Kavanaugh’s confirmation this time appears to be at hand.

A number of states are passing anti-abortion legislation that will inevitably make its way to the Supreme Court. Since 2011, politicians have passed more than 400 new state abortion restrictions that shame, pressure, and punish people who have decided to have an abortion. Currently, 20 states are poised to ban access to abortion should *Roe* be overturned, threatening access for more than 25 million women. West Virginia has amended their state constitution to ban abortion and prohibit funding for abortion services. Texas voters will consider a similar constitutional amendment this fall. Many state bans are designed to be “triggered” and take effect automatically if *Roe* is overturned.

Overturning *Roe* would block millions of people from the health care they need. If *Roe* is overturned, one in three women of reproductive age could live in states where abortion is not only outlawed, but criminalized.

Vermont currently has no laws affirmatively protecting abortion or reproductive rights. According to the Pew Research Center, 70% of Vermonters support abortion rights. The Vermont legislature is currently considering H. 57, an abortion rights bill, and Proposition 5, a constitutional amendment, which would ensure every Vermonter is afforded the right to reproductive liberty. With the threat to reproductive rights at the federal level it is imperative that the Vermont legislature pass both H. 57 and Proposition 5.

Every person should have the right to control their life, body, and future. Every woman should have the right to decide when and if she wants to become a parent. Every person should have the right to make their own health care decisions with the input of their health care provider and without the interference of politicians.

In this age of radical conservatism with a war being waged against women’s rights, Vermont needs to make it clear that as a state we will guarantee reproductive liberty. Passing H. 57 and amending the Constitution of the State of Vermont to ensure that every Vermonter is afforded personal reproductive liberty is necessary to protect the health, dignity, and civil rights of all Vermonters.

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St. Paul, 2 Cherry St., Burlington is at the corner of Battery and Cheery Streets, with entry on Cherry St. Parking, \$4 per hour in the Cathedral lot (free with handicap plates or tags), or two hours free in the Lakeview City Garage across Cherry St. (enter next to Hotel Vermont). Tickets are sold at the door. April 30: *Gotta Play Schubert – Again!* Last spring we hosted a performance of Schubert’s *Octet* for a mixed ensemble of woodwinds and strings made up of players from the Craftsbury Chamber Players, Scrag Mountain Music, TurnMusic, and the Vermont Symphony. Because we all had such a good time, they’re gleefully going to do it again. May 28: Mount Mansfield Union High School Chorus, Caleb Pillsbury, director. This fine chorus of young singers shares highlights of their spring program. June 11: *Syrinx*, Glenn Sproul, Director. Since 2001, *Syrinx* has offered quality choral music from various traditions to the community, especially to those in senior living communities. From Bach to Broadway, by way of spirituals and other genres, they embody the pleasure that the gift of music can offer.

THEATER/FILM

Vermont Youth Dancers (VYD) will present *Turn To Stone, A Journey to Narnia* at Mount Mansfield Union High School on Saturday, April 13 at 1:00 and 6:30 PM and on Sunday, April 14 at 2:00 PM. VYD puts their own spin on the classic story *The Lion, The Witch, and the Wardrobe*. When the Pevensie children are sent away from London during WWII they have no idea the fantastic journey that begins. Their game of hide-and-seek turns into the adventure of a lifetime as they pass through a wardrobe into the magical land of Narnia. Will they find their courage to overcome the evil White Witch? VYD brings this tale of friendship, loyalty, courage, and true forgiveness to the stage through dance to current music. Tickets, \$12, available at vyd-narnia.eventbrite.com or vermontyouthdancers.org; unsold tickets will be available at the door, \$14. For more information, 802-448-0893. Wheelchair accessible; first-come, first-served seating. Show is about two hours, including a short intermission.

Lyric Theatre Company is proud to present *Mamma Mia!* on the Flynn MainStage, Thursday-Sunday, April 11-14. Woven around the music of *ABBA*, and including such hits as *Dancing Queen*, *Super Trouper*, and *The Winner Takes it All*, *Mamma Mia!* tells the hilarious and touching story of a young woman’s quest to identify her birth father from three possible candidates from her mother’s past. Set against the backdrop of a Greek Island paradise, she invites them all to her wedding on the island they last came to twenty years ago. With music and lyrics by Benny Anderson and Bjorn Ulvaeus and book by Catherine Johnson, *Mamma Mia!* opened in 1999 in the West End and then transferred to Broadway in 2001, where it

ran for 14 years and 5758 performances. The 46-member cast of this local production come from fourteen Vermont communities. Tickets are on sale through the Flynn Center Regional Box Office in Burlington; by telephone: 802/86FLYNN; or online: www.flynntix.org. Tickets are \$24-42 with student, senior, and group discounts available. The six performances include matinees at 1:00 PM on Saturday and Sunday. Curtain time is 7:30 PM Thursday-Saturday, and 6:00 PM Sunday. The matinee performance on Saturday, April 13, will be audio-described for the blind/visually impaired.

Shelburne Players’ spring comedy/farce *Noises Off* by Michael Frayn will be performed at Shelburne Town Center, 5420 Shelburne Rd., Shelburne at 7:30 PM on Friday-Saturday, April 5-6 and Thursday-Saturday, April 11-13; and at 2:00 PM on Sunday, April 7. Open seating tickets are \$18 general admission, \$15 seniors and students, and may be purchased in advance at Shelburne Market or reserved online at www.shelburneplayrs.com or at 802-343-2602.

The Ladies of Laughter – three of the nation’s funniest standup comedy veterans plus a rising young star – will bring their *Funny Fabulous* tour to the Chandler Center for the Arts, 71-73 Main St., Randolph on Saturday, April 6 at 7:30 PM. Kelly MacFarland, Leighann Lord, and Patty Rosborough are all acclaimed standup comics who have headlined major festivals and appeared on Comedy Central. MacFarland will host the evening of hilarity, introducing each of her fellow comics, interspersed with her own standup routine. Leighann Lored calls her standup work “thinking cap comedy.” New York-based Patty Rosborough has co-hosted Comedy Central’s *Short Attention Span Theater* with Jon Stewart. Rising star Olga Namer won the 2018 National Comedy Newcomer Competition and the 2017 Smart Aleck Comedy Festival. For tickets and more information, call the Chandler box office, 802-728-6464 or visit chandler-arts.org.

Dorset Theatre Festival has announced its 2019 Main Stage Summer Season: June 20-July 6 – Noël Coward’s *Private Lives*, directed by Evan Yionoulis; July 11-27 – *Dig*, a world premiere written and directed by Theresa Rebeck; August 1-17 – *Mrs. Christie*, a world premiere by Heidi Armbruster and directed by Giovanna Sardelli; and August 22-31 – *Slow Food* by Wendy MacLeod and directed by Jackson Gay; and the *Pipeline Series: Three New Works in Process* on July 2, July 23, and August 13. All performances will take place at the Dorset Playhouse, 104 Cheney Rd., Dorset. Subscriptions for the 2019 Summer Season and single tickets are on sale now; through June, the box office may be reached by calling 802-867-2223 ext. 101, Tuesday-Friday, 12:00 – 4:00 PM. For more information or to purchase subscriptions and tickets online: www.dorsettheatrefestival.org.

