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Cambridge Fire Department big winners at VSFC

Cambridge Fire Department award winners at the Vermont State Firefighters Association convention in Bennington. Left to right: Alan Cary; Robert S. King, Fire Chief of the Year; Dan Wyckoff, Line Officer of the Year; Brian Durett, Firefighter of the Year; and Corey White, Youth Firefighter of the Year.
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Members of the Cambridge Fire Department Auxiliary in action during the games at the 2009 VSFA Conference in Bennington.
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By Katherine Quimby Johnson
Special to the Mountain Gazette

The Cambridge Fire Department (CFD) garnered four of the six top honors at the 121st Annual Vermont State Firefighters Conference, held in August in Bennington. Of these four, the greatest honor went to Chief Alan Cary, who received the Robert S. King Fire Chief of the Year award. Second Assistant Chief Dan St. Cyr, who acts as press officer for the department, explained this award's significance: "For Alan to receive this brings a high level of importance and pride to our department, because Robert King was the founding chief of our department." Cary has served on the CFD for 26 years, 12 of those as chief, and, it might be noted, he does not reside in town. In addition to all his activities in emergency management, St. Cyr describes Cary as "a dedicated leader, mentor and friend to the members of our department, community and family."

Corey White, age 16, was named Captain Charles Taylor Youth Firefighter of the Year. White, the son of 1st Assistant Chief Carey White, was the first youth firefighter the department had sponsored to attend the Vermont State Firefighter Association Cadet Academy for training. St. Cyr said that White performed so well that he was asked to take a leadership role during his second year at the academy. "They asked him to be the lieutenant for the new cadets," St. Cyr said, "to help them through the first year."

Eight-year veteran Brian Durett received the Vermont State Firefighter of the Year award. In nominating Durett, 2nd Lieutenant Chris Langlois described Durett as "an outstanding example to his fellow firefighters by always being open to new methods and ideas." Durett also assisted with the start-up of a cadet program for CFD.

Eleven-year veteran Dan Wyckoff, who, like White, joined the department when he was 16, was honored with the Vermont State Line Officer of the Year. As St. Cyr explained, a line officer takes an operational role in the department and on the scene. According to his letter of nomination, among his other activities, Wyckoff is instrumental in helping the department maintain its vehicles and in writing the specifications for the department's new Heavy Rescue Truck, which he also operates efficiently on scene.

The CFD sent a total of 20 Fire Department members and 12 CFD Auxiliary members to the conference in Bennington. While there, they participated in the SCBA Endurance games—timed competitions in which a team engages in the same activities they would in a normal firefighting situation. The CFD Auxiliary took first place in all four of the Auxiliary games, while the men placed first in one and second in another. Of the games, St. Cyr said, "It's a great time to work together in a fun situation." In addition, the department received two trophies from the parade: one for the farthest traveled and another for being the best marching unit, ten people and under.

Republican Committees select nominees to replace Westman

By Katherine Quimby Johnson
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Approximately 40 people attended the caucus of the Cambridge, Waterville, and Belvidere Town Republican Committees on Tuesday, September 8, 2009. The meeting had been called to select three nominees to send to Governor Jim Douglas, from which he will choose a replacement for longtime Representative Rich Westman. In July, after the governor appointed him to head the Vermont Department of Taxes, Westman resigned from the position he had held for the past 27 years.

C. J. Manchester, chair of the Cambridge Town Republican Committee, chaired the meeting. Because not all those in attendance were members of the party committee, Manchester read the list of committee members in each town, which totaled 49. Not all of those were present, as the final tally would reveal.

Four names were placed in nomination: Adam Howard, Heather Sheppard, Mark Stebbins, and Juanita Brown. Brown is a resident of Belvidere, while the other three reside in Cambridge. Each candidate then spoke to the assembly.

A registered Republican since he turned 18, Howard said that one of the things important to him was "a connection to place, faith, and community, and a way of living my family has followed for eight generations." He described how he had formed a partnership to purchase and move a national magazine to Jeffersonville, and that his company now meets an annual payroll of more than $.5 million, employing a dozen people in town and half a dozen people out of state. "I'm proud to be able to employ those people," Howard said. Howard also recalled the truism, "If you want something done, ask a busy person," and closed by saying, "I ask you to ask me to be your voice in Montpelier."

Heather Sheppard described her background working in tourism at Smugglers' Notch Resort and her community service on the school board.

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Chittenden East towns are facing two million-dollar bond issues

By Ted Tedford
Special to the Mountain Gazette

Voters in the Chittenden East Supervisory Union will be asked October 6 to approve bond issues for work at three schools.

Mount Mansfield Union High School's Board is asking for approval of a $1.3-million interest-free bond for work at the high school and at Browns River Middle Schools.

Voters in the Underhill Town School District will vote on that proposal as well as a $1.2-million interest-free bond issue to do major work on parts of the Underhill Central School roof as well as electrical and heating and ventilations systems. School officials say much of the latter two items are old and waste energy.

The two school boards need voter approval to apply for interest-free bonds through the federal American Recovery and Investment Act. Chittenden East Co-Supt. Jim Massingham said if voters approve the bonds, the projects will get in line for part of $25 million allocated to Vermont to approve facilities. He said $2 million has already been allocated to projects in other parts of the state.

If voters approve the bonds, but no money is left in the fund, the bonds won't be issued. The state Department of Education has set a deadline of November 13 for applications for the federal funding.

Massingham said replacing large 40-year-old transformers at MMU and similar ones 37 years old at Browns River Middle School, as well as outdoor lighting, will be necessary even if voters turn down the bonds.

If voters and the state Department of Education approve the MMU bond, he said the Board will save $375,000 in interest costs on the life of the bond. Similar transformers at Camels Hump are already being replaced, he said. The MMU Board had hoped to replace each transformer from a reserve fund over five to seven years with smaller, more energy-efficient transformers. There is always the possibility some of the old transformers might fail, requiring expensive emergency repairs or replacement.

He said the transformers were installed when the Middle schools were heated by electricity, but they have since converted to wood burning furnaces for heat and hot water.

"Because we don't use electric heat anymore, the transformers are vastly oversized, generating tons and tons of wasted heat," Massingham said. The transformers measure 6 by 17 feet and stand 7.6 feet high.

He said the MMU Board also has decided to use the bond money to replace parking lot lighting at the two middle schools. He said some replacement parts are not available and the underground wiring for the lights was installed without conduits. The lighting would be replaced with solar-powered lighting.

Co-Supt. John Alberghini said the Underhill Central School roof on the 1993 and 1986 additions, farthest from the parking lot, has to be re-

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Westford Elementary School back in full swing

By Phyl Newbeck
Special to the Mountain Gazette

Principal David Wells is excited to welcome students back to Westford Elementary School. "We're all very much looking forward to having the children back and starting the school year," he said. "It's not really a school without the children."

Westford will have some new faces this year. Kendra Graham has been hired as the new preschool teacher thanks to a grant which restored the number of preschool slots back to sixteen. Additionally, Beth Kinney has been added to the staff as a half-time special educator. Christina Kelsh has been hired as Westford's new music teacher and Rich Staab is the new athletic director.

Kelsh is happy to be moving closer to her family. The Colchester resident has taught in Maine, Michigan, New Hampshire and New Zealand. "The staff has been really wonderful and supportive," she said, "and the kids have been great so far." Kelsh is hoping to expand the band and choral programs and possibly start an after-school chorus for some of the younger students. "I'll take it from where it is and go from there," she said.

In addition, a familiar face is returning. Gail Piotrowski was laid off in budget cuts but will be returning to Westford to replace Charles Tymon who

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Jericho Elementary School begins new year

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Some changes to Jericho Elementary School are obvious. First and foremost is the new sign at the entrance, created by local stone carver Chris Cleary. The sign is a replica of the bell tower of Jericho's former schoolhouse, now its Town Hall. Below the sign is a message board which can be updated regularly.

There are other physical improvements as well. Both the children's and public bathrooms have been renovated to ensure handicap accessibility. Principal Victoria Graf also reported that a lot of general repairs took place including painting and door repair. "It looks lovely," she said. The school is in the process of converting its heating/cooling system so that it can run on either oil or natural gas. The new system is expected to save both energy and money since the school can switch back and forth depending on the cost of supplies.

It was a quiet summer for personnel changes. The only new hire was Mary Dolan who will be a teaching assistant. Dolan formerly worked at Underhill Central School. Jericho Elementary School has also worked with the Chittenden East Supervisory Union on district guidelines to prevent the spread of the H1N1 virus. "Our children will be washing their hands a whole

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RICHMOND / HUNTINGTON

Kasie Enman of Huntington fastest woman runner in the FJG Race to the Top of VT

Over 600 hikers, mountain bikers and runners assembled at the base of Mount Mansfield's Toll Road on Sunday morning, August 30th in preparation for the second annual Fleischer Jacobs Group Race to the Top of Vermont. Some of the country's top hill climb athletes came from as far away as Hawaii, Oregon, and Texas, along with 14 other states and Canada, to tackle one of the toughest hill climbs in the eastern U.S. Runners and mountain bikers were setting their sights on breaking the course record while the hikers were just in it for the challenge of reaching the summit parking lot while raising money for the Mobius Mentoring Movement. The big question was, who would be the fastest up the mountain, a mountain biker or a runner?

The weather conditions along the course were near 60 degrees with light winds and clear skies until the last 0.3 mile below the summit. Although Mount Mansfield was blanketed with a thick cloud, it was clear at the finish line that the blistering course record times were to be set by runners this year. Jim Johnson (35:30) of Salem, NH and Kasie Enman (40:12) of Huntington, VT were quick enough to claim the titles of King and Queen of the Mountain, easily breaking the previous 4.3 mile course records. Johnson finished almost a minute faster than the top mountain biker, Nathan Ringquist (36:12) of Stowe, VT and Enman's blistering run time put her over four minutes faster than the top female mountain biker, Marilyn Ruseckas (45:37) of Waitsfield, VT. Ringquist set a new men's mountain bike record while Ruseckas tied last year's women's record.

Veteran mountain racing champion Eric Morse of Berlin, VT was second in the men's running division in 36:21, followed by Shawn Gardner from Dallas, TX in 37:56. Another veteran athlete, Donna Smyers of Adamont, VT, was the second fastest female runner (45:56) while Nancy Cook of Belchertown, MA took third in 47:47.

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Matt Mainer of Hinesburg, VT claimed second place (36:31) while Doug Jansen of Pelham, NH rounded out the third position in 37:15. All three times were faster than the record set by Jesse Downs of Jericho Center in last year's race. On the women's side, Kelly Ault of Middlesex, VT finished in second place (50:07) followed by Rebecca Vandyke of Burlington, VT in third (53:37).

Mountain Biking: The Age 14 and under age bracket was captured by Tyler Berliner 43:49.7 Richmond; Age 20-29: 11th Chris Rodgers 52:22.8 Westford; Age 40-49: 5th Stephen Wright 43:38.1 Richmond; 10th Scott Cole 48:33.4 Richmond; 14th Erick Berliner 49:10.0 Richmond; 28th Bob Parker 55:54.3 Westford; 32th Stephen Znamierowski 58:15.3 Richmond; 46th John Abbott 1:32.9 Jericho; Age 50-59 21st Mitch Fliescher 1:02:25.4 Richmond.

Four Jericho and Underhill competitors stood on the age group podium while six others finished with strong results. In the mountain bike division for the 14 and under class, Henry Harmeyer of Underhill led his brother Bill to a 2nd and 3rd with times of 45:25.9 and 45:29.6, respectively. Jesse Downs of Jericho Center, representing the U.S. Army, wasn't able to break his 2008 record but managed to finish a strong 2nd in the 30-39 year age group for mountain bikers. Peter Davis of Underhill was barely edged out of a win in the 60-69 age group, settling for second with a run time of 51:27.9. Other notable results from Underhill and Jericho residents include the following: Women 30-39 Run: 15th, Annalies Baumer 58:25.9; Men 40-49 Run: 7th, Tony Kopecky 46:22.5; Men 50-59 Run: 15th, Brian Clark 56:18.4; Women 40-49 Run: 5th, Pat Harmeyer 56:30.5, 12th Karen Clark 1:01:30.4; Men 40-49 Mt. Bike: 7th, Don Harmeyer 46:10.

Kasie Enman

Other area runners included: Age 20-29: 5th Kimberly Cross 53:36.3 from Huntington; 18th Dottie Olio 1:10:58.1 Cambridge; Age 30-39: 9th Kathleen Lanphear 55:25.9 Huntington; 13th Kim Boyarsky 57:31.7 Huntington; 17th Catherine Ricklefs 58:42.1 Huntington; Age 30-39: 3rd Eli Enman 38:22.7 Huntington; 9th Mark Aiken 45:49.0 Richmond; 14th Dustin Dearborn 47:55.3 Jeffersonville; 20th Andrew Crowder 50:34.4 Bolton Valley; Age 40-49: 15th Dave Hammond 52:42.6 Huntington; 34th David Warren 1:04:32.6 Jonesville; Age 50-59: 15th Rebecca Ryan 1:07:40.4 Huntington; 22nd Robert Thompson 1:02:47.0 Jeffersonville; 34th Terry Ryan (female) 1:10:12.7 Huntington; Age 60-69: 7th Zeke Zuker 58:37.4 Jeffersonville.

Following the competition, participants were treated to a BBQ chicken dinner and over $7,000 in prizes was given away in a raffle. The second annual FJG Race to the Top of Vermont was organized by the Catamount Trail Association and benefited that organization as well as Mobius, a Burlington based non-profit mentoring program.

OBITUARIES

El-Mina M. (Cowin) Pike, 82, of Richmond, VT, passed away on September 2, 2009, at her home surrounded by her loving family. Born on February 9, 1927, in Cheever, N.Y., she was the daughter of the late George and Melvina (Soper) Cowin. She was the sole surviving child of a family of 22. Mina married Roger Pike on January 3, 1948, in New York. Mina was employed for many years for Dr. and Mrs. Wainer of Hinesburg. She enjoyed going to senior dinners and playing bingo. She also enjoyed playing cards with her special niece, Millie. She is survived by her son Keith Pike and his wife Grace of Starksboro, VT; daughters Sandra and husband Edwin Prouty of Port Henry, N.Y., Wanda and her husband Michael Mitchell of Richmond, VT; and daughter-in-law Liz Pecor and her husband Chet Pecor of Monkton, VT. She is also survived by nine grandchildren and 28 great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. Her son Le-Roy Cowin and her husband Roger predeceased her. The family wishes to extend special thanks to the Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice, especially Nancy, Mary and Val. In lieu of flowers contributions can be made to the Visiting Nurse Association at 1110 Prim Road, Colchester, VT 05446. Visiting hours were held on Saturday, September 5; from 5:00 to 8:00 PM at Gifford Funeral Home at 22 Depot Street in Richmond, VT. Funeral services will be held at 1:00 PM on Sunday, September 6, in the United Church of Hinesburg on Route 116 in Hinesburg Village. Burial will be in the family lot in Hinesburg Village Cemetery following the service. Arrangements are under the direction of Gifford Funeral Service, Richmond, VT.

Bernice L. McMillan of Richmond, VT, 84, died Tuesday, September 8, 2009 at Fletcher Allen Health Care in Burlington, VT after a long illness. Bernice was born May 20, 1925, the daughter of Charles and Mildred (Bates) Chapman. She attended Burlington schools. She was very active in her life, but her love was tending to children. She was best known as Nana to all. Bernice is survived by her two sons, James E. McMillan of Underhill, VT and Raymond J. McMillan and his wife Linda of Richmond, VT; her daughter Karen McMillan of Burlington, VT; four grandchildren: Lurenda, John, Nichole, and Robert; a great- granddaughter; and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband James V. McMillan in 1967. Also predeceasing her were her parents; her daughter Mary Button; and her brother Bill Chapman. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Saturday, September 12 in Holy Rosary Catholic Church, Richmond. Burial followed at Lakeview Cemetery, 455 North Ave., Burlington. Donations may be made in Bernice's memory to the charity of one's choice.

Myrtle Marie (Fast) Wheeler, of Starksboro/Richmond, wife of Arthur Albert Wheeler 1982 IBM retiree, passed away peacefully in her sleep surrounded by her loved ones on September 6, 2009. Myrtle, 85, was born in Butterfield, Minn. She enjoyed many careers, hobbies, and lived a very full and adventurous life. During World War II, she served her country as a telegraph worker. Her longest career was with the California Santa Barbara Health Department which she retired from. Myrtle loved to travel. She and Art traveled back, forth and around North America, including Hawaii, Alaska and Canada. They lived in California, New Hampshire, Nevada, Arizona, and Indiana. Most recently they lived in Starksboro, VT with their grandson Daniel Moultroup, who was one of Myrtle's major caregivers at the end of her life, and his family. She is survived by her husband Art Wheeler; daughters Becky Moser of Citrus Heights Calif., Andrea Dorrie of Casa Grande, Ariz. and their families; stepdaughters Bonny Moultroup of Richmond, VT and Teri Galfetti of Waitsfield, VT and their families; many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, extended family, and friends. A small service was held in the Church of the Crucified One on Thursday, September 10, 2009 at 5:00 PM. In lieu of flowers, please send a donation to Church of the Crucified One, 20 VT Route 100, Moretown, VT 05660 in the memory of Myrtle for their Mission works.

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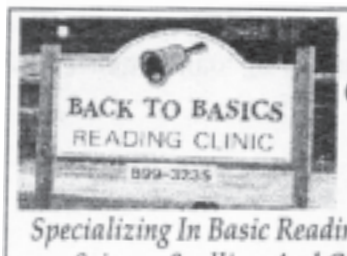

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Court Report

August 19, 2009, **Adriane Whitfield**, 36, Jeffersonville, VT, charged with DUI, first offense, in Williston, VT on June 29, 2009; pleaded no contest; fined $300.

August 19, 2009, **Jennifer Stephens**, 25, Huntington, VT, charged with depressant /stimulant /narcotic possession in South Burlington, VT on January 17, 2009; pleaded guilty; sentenced to six to 12 months, consecutive, suspended but 15 days, probation; charged with vehicle operation – license suspended in South Burlington, VT on January 17, 2009; pleaded guilty; sentenced to six to 12 months, concurrent, consecutive, suspended but 15 days, probation.

August 25, 2009, **Sean C. Paquette**, 33, Jeffersonville, VT, charged with embezzlement, felony, in Burlington, VT on January 1, 2008; pleaded guilty; sentenced to two to five years, suspended but 60 days, probation.

Police Report

On Sunday, September 13, 2009, one vehicle crash occurred as **Thomas Barup**, 31, of Jericho, traveled south on Packard Road in Jericho. Barup drifted off the right side of the roadway and collided with a tree with the front of the vehicle. Barup was extricated from the vehicle by Jericho/Underhill Fire Department and transported toFletcher Allen Hospital in Burlington by Essex Rescue, where he was pronounced dead. State Police are asking anyone that may have seen this accident to contact the VSP at the Williston Barracks 878-7111.

Monday, August 31, 2009 at about 8:30 AM, Richmond police report that a Toyota Corolla operated by Laura Buchanan of Brattleboro, VT was rear ended in a **hit-and-run** incident while Buchanan was driving in the northbound lane on I89 just south of exit 11. There was heavy traffic due to ongoing road construction in the left lane. Anyone who witnessed this collision or has information about it is asked to call the Vermont State Police/Williston at 878-7111.

Vermont State Police are currently investigating a **mail scam**. The mailed letter indicates the recipient has won $49,000 in U.S. funds. Enclosed in the letter is a check for $2875. The letter says to contact the sender for authorization and activation of the check provided. Upon calling the fake company, the caller is provided information as to where to wire tax and processing fees in the amount of $2700. Of course, the check provided in the letter is bad, and the victim has wired $2700 and never receives $49,000. Vermont State Police are warning citizens of the community to beware of this mail scam. The documents and check look authentic but they are not. The scam has been reported to United State Postal Service Inspectors. (Case #09C202258)

Underhill Jericho Fire Department

By Kitty Clark

EMERGENCY CALLS:

August 17, 12:38 PM - EMS Assist on Mullen Road, Underhill

August 17, 2:25 PM - EMS Assist on Pleasant Valley Road, Underhill

August 17, 6:31 PM - Telephone and Cable wires burning near 19 Lee River Rd., Jericho

August 19, 8:36 AM - EMS Assist on Ethan Allen Drive, Jericho

August 22, 1:04 AM - Fire Alarm at Maple Leaf Farm, Underhill

August 25, 7:44 AM - EMS Assist on Packard Road, Jericho

August 25, 4:32 PM - Respond to 67 Old Pump Road, Jericho for a kitchen range smoking.

August 26, 2:22 PM, - EMS Assist at Maple Leaf Farm, Underhill

August 28, 3:43 PM, Responded to an accident on Vermont RT 15 in Westford

August 29, 1:35 PM, Sq.51 only responded to a smoke investigation Ayers Drive, Jericho

August 30, 12:45 AM, Responded to 20 Pleasant Valley Road, Underhill for a smoke alarm

August 31, 10:15 AM, Responded to Maple Leaf Farm, Underhill for a fire alarm

August 31, 3:48 PM, Responded EMS to Plains Road, Jericho

September 02, 6:43 PM, Responded to 8 Kettle Creek, Jericho for a smell of sulfur

September 05, 11:37 AM, Responded Mutual Aid to Cambridge for a structure fire at Smugglers Notch Village

September 07, 11:13 AM, Responded to an accident near 268 Pleasant Valley, Underhill

September 08, 10:52 AM, Responded EMS to Jericho Center Circle

September 08, 2:48 PM, Responded to an accident at the intersection of Browns Trace Governor Peck Rd., Jericho

September 08, 6:36 PM, Responded to an accident near 1119 Vermont RT 15

September 09, 9:18 AM, Responded EMS to Vermont RT 15, Westford

September 09, 2:39 PM, Sq51 only responded to 157 Stevensville Rd, Underhill for an electrical problem

Training on Tuesday, August 18 and August 25 was vehicle extrication.

Community Columns

A View from the Center

By J. Harrison L. Heidel

Special to the Mountain Gazette

Those of you who follow my doings as the local Episcopal priest know that I am soon leaving Calvary Episcopal Church and Underhill Center. Those of you who follow my writings in this column are learning of my departure as you read this, in fact the day this edition of the Gazette is published, September 17, I will be following the movers and my belongings out Pleasant Valley Road headed west to Glenwood Springs, Colorado, the place of my next pastoral call. The folks of St. Barnabas Episcopal Church in Glenwood Springs have invited me to join them there, and I have agreed to do so. I have said a good-goodbye to the folks of Calvary and around the Center, and I will miss you all.

I came by the opportunity to write this column for you quite by chance. A couple of weeks after arriving as Calvary's new priest, I stopped by the Gazette office with a self-written notice of my arrival and asked the owner and publisher if she would print the notice in the Gazette. She would.

Our conversation eventually turned to the fact that a much beloved local columnist (Shad Emerson) had passed away and left something of a void in the Gazette's offering. I told Brenda I like to write, and the conversation turned into an interview….it went something like this. "You write anything besides religious crap?" "Well, I've lived in a lot of rural places, out in the country, and I've written and told stories about living in the country." "Fine, the next deadline for articles is next Thursday….email it to me." "How 'bout if I call it "A View from the Center" since I live in the Center?" "Fine...don't forget, next Thursday." So, A View from the Center was born.

I couldn't wait to tell people I know that I was going to be a published writer. "Don't you have to be paid for your writing to be considered published?" said one friend, a yet unpublished writer himself. "Being able to write and see my writing in a newspaper is payment enough….I volunteered to write for the Gazette," I shot back. "Mmhmm," he said with a cynical tone, "this from a person who sent an essay to the New Yorker just to get a rejection notice from the New Yorker." "Well, they had to read it to reject it; has the New Yorker read any of your stuff?" I called that friend this week to tell them that the editor and publisher of the Mountain Gazette did not reject one of the 28 columns I've written. "In fact," I went on, "she told me just because I'm leaving the area doesn't mean I cannot submit a column when the mood strikes me." "Call me when you can show me the money," he said. "I get paid for writing sermons!" "Not the same," he said.

In my first View from the Center column I wrote:

"The doings and trappings of my life often cast me in much larger and busier places, but I always believed I would someday return to a rural, small town lifestyle. Underhill Center has become that place. The shared similarities of Underhill Center and Orchard Farm, Missouri (my rural boyhood home community) *are uncanny, with the exception of a local tavern and the railroad tracks, neither of which I promise to bring to Underhill Center; well, maybe we could consider a local. But in all honesty, I feel this place does not lack any of the so-called amenities which life in a larger and busier place may seem to offer. It is just right. Some of our younger folk may feel otherwise, but those I've chatted with admit they wish to come back to rural Vermont, after they are through with what they will go off to do someday. Their small town stories they tell will strengthen that desire.*

Life in a lovely place like this should not go unnoticed or not recorded. Someone ought to make notice, comparisons, and reminders of why folks return to or keep themselves in small towns. Life beyond our borders is large, and fast, and easy to hear about. Occasionally, it might be good enough just to have a view from the Center."

Life here in the Center has been lovely, and it does not go unnoticed…Pleasant Valley Road is quite well traveled during the weekends, and I've taken notice, made comparisons, and given reminders in my rural life musings of why folks yearn to or do keep themselves in small towns.

So, farewell friends….I'm crossing borders again, fortunately to another small town. It has been a great happiness to take notice and record stories about fine people and good places and share them with you. I told my yet unpublished friend, "It's been good enough just to have a view from the Center."

J. Harrison L. Heidel is an Episcopal priest in Glenwood Springs Colorado, lives in New Castle, Colorado, and writes about rural life.

Editor's note: I remember Pastor Heidel coming in and our wonderful conversation about writing and the lack of money but I am sure I didn't refer to his choice of writing as *"You write anything besides religious CRAP?"* I am sure I asked him not to write about religion. NO one's religious beliefs are crap to me.

Harrison, thank you for your wonderful columns. May God bless you in your travels.

Art/Music/Theater

ART

Free Demonstration at **Artists' Mediums**, 300 Cornerstone Drive, Williston, Mark Gonyea: Cartoon Design on Saturday, September 19, 11:00 AM -1:00 PM and Tuesday, September 22, 2:00 to 4:00 PM.

Mark Gonyea is a published graphic designer and cartoonist. In lieu of our upcoming 24 hour comic day Mark will speak about comic narration and design as well as the journey to getting published. He will also show some of the media he works in such as drawing on paper and using scratchboard, and how it looks on the web. No sign up required; seating availability is first come, first served. Contact us at 1-800-255-1290 for more details or directions to the store.

Marilyn James opens at the **Emile A. Gruppe Gallery** with a new show entitled "Like Trees" with an artist reception on Sunday, September 13 from 3:00-5:00 PM. The public is invited. The show will run through Sunday, October 11. Marilyn's medium is water soluble oils. An artist's muse can come in many forms. Marilyn's muse, poems about

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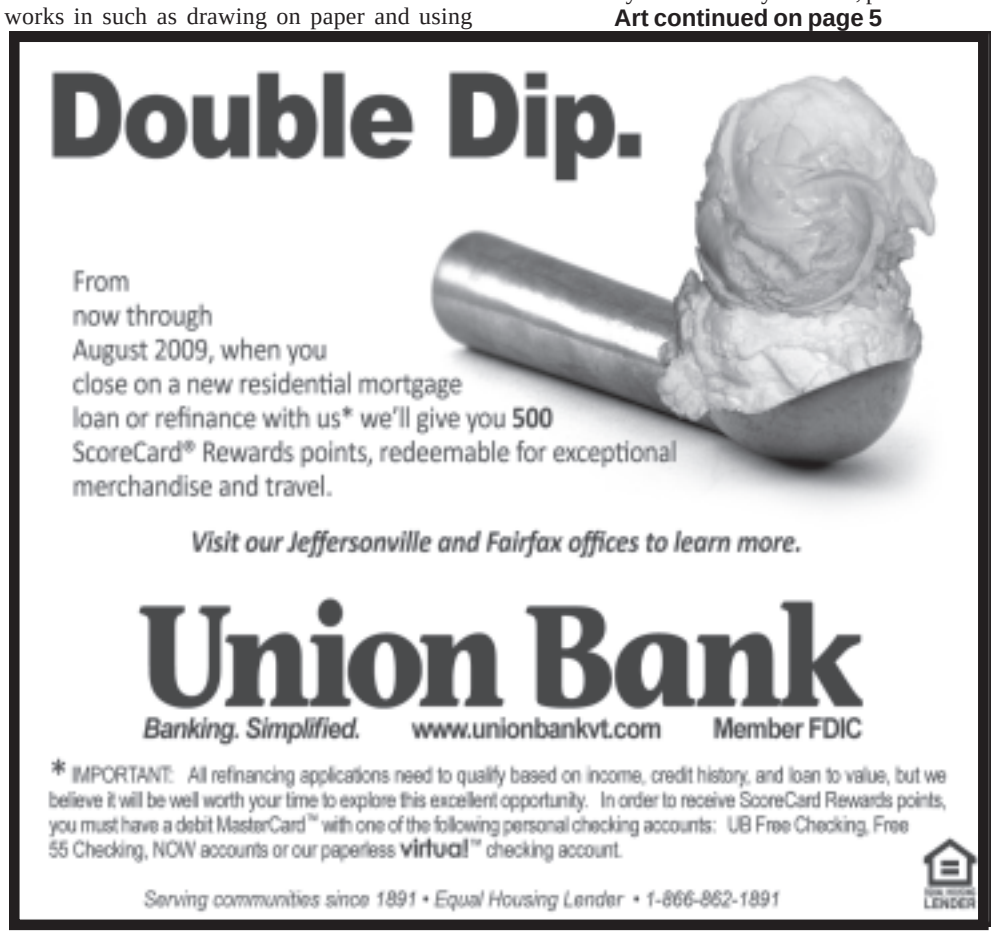

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trees and their simplicity, has inspired her latest works capturing the many seasons of Vermont. The gallery is located in Jericho at 22 Barber Farm Road, 899-3211, *emilegruppegallery.com* .

Marilyn has studied art at the Dayton Art Institute in Ohio, the University of Vermont, the Wooster Community Arts Center in Connecticut, and with many local teaching artists including Cyril Sloan of Essex, Lisa Foster Beach, Tony Couch, Fred Petire and others. Her work is exhibited throughout Vermont and she has exhibited with the Northern Vermont Artist Association and The Essex Art League, of which she was a founding member.

September 18 – 20: **Plein Air Painting with Christopher Magadini**, 3 day workshop, 8 – 4 daily. Bryan Memorial Gallery, 180 Main Street, Jeffersonville, 802-644-5100, *www.bryangallery.org* . Advance registration required. Space limited.

October 5 – 7: **Plein Air Pastel Painting with Jim Markle, PSA,** 3 day workshop, 8 – 4 daily. Bryan Memorial Gallery, 180 Main Street, Jeffersonville, 802-644-5100, *www.bryangallery.org* . Advance registration required. Space limited.

October 20 – 22: **Plein Air Painting with TM Nicholas**, 3 day workshop, 8 – 4 daily. Bryan Memorial Gallery, 180 Main Street, Jeffersonville, 802-644-5100, *www.bryangallery.org* . Advance registration required. Space limited.

Artists' Mediums in Williston needs your art now. *Flights of Fancy,* now through November 2, is open to artists of all ages and any medium. What we are looking for is a variety of fantasy, surreal, abstract or otherwise unique art. Pieces must be framed and ready to hang with your own labels for display. Call for detail, 1-800-255-1290. Or find more information on *www.artistsmediums.com* .

Bryan Memorial Gallery presents *Land and Light,* its annual juried landscape exhibition, now through September 20, 2009. The exhibit features 99 New England landscape paintings by 68 artists from New England and some other parts of the country, and features nine award winners, juried by Stowe, VT artist Rett Sturman.

Bryan Memorial Gallery at 180 Main Street, Jeffersonville, VT and is open daily from 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM. Land and Light Award winners can be viewed at *www.bryangallery.blogspot.org* or *www.bryangallery.org* . For more information, call 802-644-5100.

MUSIC/DANCE

The Vermont National Guard and the Office of the Adjutant General are proud to present Vermont's Own **40th Army Band** in concert. A performance will take place at the following location: Saturday, September 19, 6:00 PM, Milton High School, Milton.

The program, "Pick Your Own Concert," will be a unique and innovative approach to the modern day concert experience. For the first time, the audience will get to choose its own concert from a list featuring popular and patriotic pieces. Bandmaster Chief Warrant Officer David A. Myers, Director of Bands at the Shelburne Community School, will be conducting the band. Further information about the 40th Army Band may be obtained by calling the unit's office in Colchester, weekdays, at 338-3480, or by visiting *www.vtguard.com* .

Friday, September 18

English country dancing. Elley-Long Music Center, 223 Ethan Allen Ave., Colchester. 7:30 to 9:30 PM. Dances taught by Judy Chaves and Martha Kent. Music by Thal Aylward (violin), Carol Compton (squeezeboxes, recorders), Lar Duggan (piano). Casual dress. Come on your own or with a friend. Please bring a finger food snack to share at the break. $8/adult, $5/student (appropriate for youths 12 and over). Info, 802-879-7618 or *mdkent@comcast.net* . **Friday, October 2, 2009**

English country dancing. Elley-Long Music Center, 223 Ethan Allen Ave., Colchester. 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. All dances taught by Val Medve and friends to recorded music. Casual dress. Come on your own or with a friend. Please bring a finger food snack to share at the break. $7/adult, $5/student (appropriate for youths 12 and over). Info, 802-899-2378 or *valandtom@myfairpoint.net* .

THEATER

Theatre MosaicMond presents *A Visit from Miss Prothero*, by Alan Bennett - a Vermont première – is a slice of life magnified. Funny, touching, true. Two people at a critical point in life: one retired, the other soon to be retired.

October 9,10,11 and 16,17,18 and 23,24,25, Friday, Saturday and Sunday at 7:30 PM at the OUTER SPACE CAFE , 208 Flynn Avenue, Suite 31, Burlington, Vermont. *http://www.outerspacevt.com*, tickets: $15 ~ $10, pay at the door. Sorry; we cannot accept credit cards.

Theatre MosaicMond, a new Vermont theater company, treats this one-act comedy as a character study - using Alan Bennett's dialogue between two quite ordinary people to remind us of the power of words, silences, attitudes and relationships. Bennett's sharp and compassionate observation pulls viewers beyond the specifics of a situation towards universals of the mind and the heart – showing us, among other things, how the workplace can affect our lives.

Wyatt Kitchen-Glodgett, age 11, from Jericho (6th grader at BRMS & Poker Hill School alumnus) entered a photograph, a colored pencil picture, recycle art, and a greenhouse exhibit at the CVE fair this year. He received a 1st place ribbon. . It's a picture of him waving to his Dad during the last deployment. Titled "Saying Goodbye"

Kade Kitchen-Glodgett, age 6, from Jericho (1st grader at JES & Poker Hill School alumnus) entered a photograph, a watercolor picture, recycle art, and a greenhouse exhibit at the CVE fair this year. He received two honorable mentions.

Georgette Garbès Putzel, the founder of Theatre MosaicMond, plays Miss Prothero. *(http://www.theatremosaicmond.net*).

Shelburne Players began preparing for their fall mystery *An Inspector Calls* this past week at the rehearsal space at Trinity Episcopal Church in Shelburne. Shelburne Players brings JB Priestley's celebrated thriller to the Shelburne Town Center stage this November. The mystery will be performed at 7:30 PM on November 13, 14, 19, 20 and 21 with a matinee at 2:00 PM on Sunday, November 15. Tickets are $15 general, $10 seniors (over 60) and students, and will soon be available for purchase at Shelburne Supermarket, or reserved by calling 985-0780 (operated by Accu-Rite Payroll Processing). On the Thursday night performance (November 19) all tickets are $10. Tickets can also be reserved for pick up at the door through the web site *www.shelburneplayers.com*. Shelburne Town Center is located at 5420 Shelburne Road in Shelburne (to left of fire station as you enter parking area). More information can be found on the website.

Strawberries in January, September 17-19, 8:00 PM, Champlain College Alumni Auditorium, 163 So. Willard St., Burlington, Vt. **Champlain Theatre** presents Quebec playwright Evelyne de la Chenelière's *Strawberries in January* translated by Morwyn Brebner and directed by Canada's Gordon McCall. De la Chenelière's fresh new comedy tells the tale of four romantically challenged singletons who stumble through contemporary Montréal in search of love. The play won the Masque Award for best original script. General admission $20, Champlain College students free with ID; reserve tickets by calling 651-5962. Tickets may also be purchased at the door. Wheelchair accessible and some shows are audio described.

Two major young men's roles (twenties to early thirties) are available for the **Shelburne Players**' fall production of *An Inspector Calls.* If interested, please contact director Don Rowe at 862-7566 or e-mail him at *donaldrowe@hotmail.com* . Perfomances take place at Shelburne Town Center on November 13, 14, 15, 19, 20 and 21. A description of the play can be found at *www.shelburneplayers.com* .

Coming Events

Thursday, September 17

Chicken pie supper – Binghamville Methodist Church, Fletcher, serving begins at 5:00 PM and continues until all are served. Homemade chicken pie, mashed potatoes, squash, coleslaw, cranberry gel, rolls, pickles, and pie. Adults $8.00, children under 12 $4.00, preschool free.

Friday, September 18

POW / MIA Recognition Day - The VFW Post 6689, 73 Pearl Street, Essex Junction will hold an open house from 1:00 - 5:00 PM for POW / MIA Recognition Day. For more information call the Essex Jct. VFW at 878-0700.

Saturday, September 19

Genealogy classes, Dupont Building, Hegeman Ave. across from

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the VT State Police building in Fort Ethan Allen, Colchester, 10:30 AM. Ancient occupations and names presented by Mike Sevigny. You don't need French ancestors to benefit from this class. All classes are free and open to the public. Come check out the resources we have to help you find your ancestors. For more information or an appointment call 862-8082 or 878-8081, go online at *www.vt-fcgs.org* or send an email to *mail@vt-fcgs.org* .

Friday, September 25 & Saturday, September 26
Giant Fall Harvest Tag Sale, Jericho United Methodist Church, Rt. 15, Jericho, Vermont, Friday, September 25 from 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM, Saturday, September 26 from 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM. This tag sale includes a wide variety of items including clothes, furniture, books, sports equipment and many miscellaneous treasures. Bake sale munchies and coffee will be available.

Saturday, September 26
Chicken pie supper – BFA Fairfax Elementary Gym starting at 5:00 PM, until all are served. Chicken pie, mashed potatoes, gravy, squash, cole slaw, rolls, pickles, cranberry sauce, homemade pies and beverage. Price for adults, $9.00 and for children 6-12, $4.00. Sponsored by the Ladies of the United Church of Fairfax. For more information call 849-6588.

Bingo, Jerusalem School House, Jerusalem, 7:00 to 9:00 PM sponsored by the Jerusalem Ladies Home Circle.

Saturday, September 26 & Sunday, September 27
34th Annual Saxon Hill School Barn and Bake Sale - Enormous 40+ family sale to benefit Saxon Hill School. Hundreds of quality items: children's clothing, toys, household goods, electronics, books, sports equipment, furniture and more. Look for our bake sale table and the huge barn! Saturday 8 AM-5 PM and Sunday 10 AM-4 PM. Rte. 15 in Underhill Flats at the Harvest Market. For information, call Stephanie at 878-7496.

Giant used book sale in the big red barn next to Mills Riverside Park, Saturday 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM and Sunday 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, benefit Rawson Library.

Calvary Episcopal Church will hold its annual Harvest Market Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction on Saturday, September 26 at the Browns River Middle School in Underhill from 4:30 PM to 7:00 PM. Dinner will feature Vermont made pasta sauce, salad, garlic bread and homemade desserts with a choice of beverages. Live music will entertain diners. Tickets may be purchased at the door: Adults $7.00, children 4-12 yrs. $4.00, seniors $5.00. Further information: 899-2326.

Tuesday, October 6
Book signing - Phoenix Books and Café at the Essex Shoppes & Cinema will host Vincent E. Feeney, who will discuss and autograph his new book, *Finnigans, Slaters, and Stonepeggers: A History of the Irish in Vermont* at 6:30 PM. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, please contact Michael DeSanto at 802-872-7111.

Wednesday, October 7
Chicken pie supper, Richmond Congregational Church. Four servings: 4:30, 5:30, 6:30, and 7:30 PM; reservations required, call 434-2516 between 1:00 and 8:00 PM; prices: adults $9.00, age 12 & under, $5.00, preschool, free. Reservations for takeouts are also available.

Saturday, October 10
Historic Jericho buildings on display - From 10:00 AM-3:00 PM, 17 Jericho homes and buildings will open their doors to the public as part of the Community Center in Jericho's fundraiser Tour of Jericho's Historic Buildings. These unique locations offer ticket holders a hands-on lesson in the history of Jericho and the people who lived there. Tickets which are $15 include a map, brochure, and complimentary refreshments. Tickets can be purchased at the Jericho Center Country Store, Old Mill Craft Shop, Irish Family Farm, and the Richmond Corner Market. On the day of the tour available tickets will be sold at the Community Center. Information, 899-3853.

Sunday, October 11
Harvest Ham Dinner, St. Thomas, Underhill Center, 4:00 PM, 5:15 PM, and 6:30 PM. Tickets are $9.00 for adults, $5.00 for children 6 - 12 years of age and those five years old and under will be the guests of the church. Advanced tickets may be purchased at the St. Thomas rectory, the Underhill Country Store, and Wells Corner Market. Tickets will also be available at the door. Purchasing your ticket early reserves your place at the seating of your choice and they are on a first come, first served basis. Take-out dinners will be available from 4:00 - 6:00 PM. Please call 899-4632 to place your order. A delicious ham dinner at the foot of Mt. Mansfield is a great ending for your fall foliage ride. For further information, please call the rectory at 899-4632.

Sunday, October 18
Texas Hold'em Tournament, Eagles Club**,** $60.00 buy-in, 1 additional buy-in allowed first hour. Limited seating. Must be at least 18 to attend. Pre-register by calling 644-2490. Must check in by 9:30 AM or register at the door from 8:00 to 9:30 AM. Games begin at 10:00 AM. B.Y.O.B. - Refreshments available. To benefit The Eagles Charity Fund, a non-profit organization. Call 644-2490 for more information.

HEALTH

Stowe Charities gifts Copley $20,000

Copley Hospital has received a donation of $20,000 from Stowe Charities, Inc., the volunteer organization that annually presents the Stowe Wine & Food Classic. Members of the Stowe Charities, Inc. Board of Directors Peter G. Anderson, Jack Sykas, and Greg Paus, along with SW&FC Committee members Tony Campus and Bruce Cooke, presented the check to Copley Hospital President Mel Patashnick last week. Sam von Trapp, on behalf of the Stowe Wine & Food Classic's presenting resort, the Trapp Family Lodge, also joined the presentation.

According to organizers, this year's Stowe Wine & Food Classic, in the face of tough economic times, exceeded expectations, both in attendance and net revenue. "It is with tremendous gratitude to all of the event's attendees and volunteers that we present Copley Hospital with a $20,000 gift," Anderson said. "Stowe Charities, Inc. is extremely proud to have raised such a significant amount of money for Copley's Charitable Care Program - a cause that not only demonstrates support for our community hospital, but also ensures everyone has access to healthcare."

Currently, Copley Hospital's annual fundraising campaign has raised 96% of its goal of $245,000. Copley Development Director Leah Hollenberger noted that in addition to supporting charitable care, donors have also helped purchase specific equipment such as a patient lifting device, a hematology microscope and an intubation scope. "We are fortunate to live in a community where so many understand the importance of our local hospital and support it through gifts that in turn help us provide the very best care for all," says Hollenberger. She also notes that Copley Hospital Foundation volunteers are still working on raising the campaign shortfall of $10,000 by September 30 to end this year's Annual Fund campaign successfully.

To contribute to Copley Hospital's Annual Fund, contact Leah Hollenberger at 802-888-8301 or send your contribution to Copley Hospital Foundation, 528 Washington Highway, Morrisville, VT 05661.

CCHS Program
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WELCOME TO THE 35TH OLD-FASHIONED ANNUAL HARVEST MARKET

Livy Strong honored citizen; parade marshalls:Jane Andrews, Sandy Wilcot, June Hitchcock

Harvest Market this year honors a woman with the vision and dedication to make Jericho and Underhill a more vibrant community by committing her energies to the Jericho Land Trust. This year's honored citizen, Livy Strong, has been the driving force behind Mills Riverside Park since its inception. This year a celebration to mark the park's tenth anniversary was held with music, picnickers and friends meeting friends. The park is used by community members for hiking, skiing, snowshoeing, organized sports on developed playing fields, weddings, dog walking and of course Thursday's Farmers' Market.

Livy Strong with Valcour.
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In response to becoming Honored Citizen, Livy shared, "It is a huge honor to be named Community Citizen of the Year at the Old Fashioned Harvest Market. There's nothing better than to be recognized for the work that one accomplishes within this wonderful community. Thank you all."

Livy has been the chairwoman of the Jericho Underhill Park District since its inception in 2000. Under her leadership more than one-third of the households in Jericho and Underhill contributed to ongoing projects. Local businesses, artists, conservation and historical organizations, as well as foundations, have been part of this important work. Additional acquisitions by the Park District include Casey's Hill, Kikas Valley Farm, Old Mill Park, Wolfrun Natural Area, private conservation and easement donation by the Northrup family, and private conservation easement donation critical to protecting wildlife habitat for black bear, moose and bobcats.

Livy earned a degree in Oriental Art History from Jochie Deigakiu, a Japanese University in Tokyo, and continued her training at the University of Chicago in art history. She worked as a zookeeper at the National Aviary in Pittsburgh and as an outreach coordinator for the Green Mountain Audubon Society.

Jane Andrews, Sandy Wilmot and June Hitchcock are this year's Harvest Market Parade Marshall for their work together on the Evangelism Committee of the United Church of Underhill. During their six years together the three women have seen their role as offering care to both the church and their community. In this role they welcomed new people to the community, reached out to people in need and visited people with meals.

In response to their honor they all agreed they "feel honored to be recognized for their ministry to the people of their community".

Enjoy the 35th Old Fashioned Harvest Market and the Lawn Mower Brigade

By Phyl Newbeck
Special to the Mountain Gazette

The Lawn Mower Brigade is more than prepared for its role in the parade which kicks off the United Church of Underhill's 35th Old Fashioned Harvest Market on September 26 at 9:00 AM. "We had a triple practice yesterday," Brigade Commander Jim Carter told me on August 20, "five AM, noon and eight PM." Carter, of course, was only kidding. Despite their expert precision moves, the Lawn Mower Brigade does not practice. In fact, sometimes they don't get around to choosing a theme for their parade appearance until a week or two before the event.

The Lawn Mower Brigade started marching in 1995. Over the years they have had many memorable themes. One year they added bikes to their repertoire in honor of Lance Armstrong. In 2003, as a counterpoint to the seemingly naked calendar Men of Maple Corners, the brigade marched as the Men of the Harvest Market wearing strategically placed cardboard boxes. On a particularly rainy year they all wore raincoats…and not much more. In 2007, they celebrated the 40th anniversary of the Summer of Love, and in 2008, in honor of the election, their signs contained the tag line "I approve this message." Kate Mitchell always provides a banner which is carried by children of brigade members. Special guests have also been added to the Brigade's ranks. In 1998, Fred Tuttle marched with the brigade, and Champ padded along with them another year. Carter promises a very special guest this year, but was unwilling to reveal his/her name in the interest of national security.

The Lawn Mower Brigade per-

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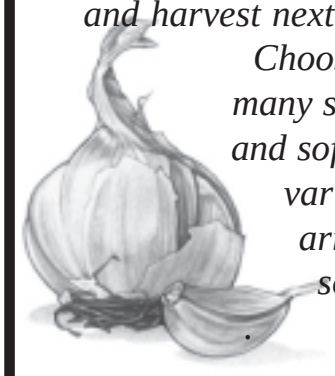

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The 35th Annual Old Fashioned Harvest Market return United Church of Underhill, on Saturday, September 26 fr AM - 5:00 PM, and Sunday, September 27, from 10:30 AM - 4 This family fair will be held on church grounds and at the Route 15 in Underhill Flats. There is no admission fee.

Parking is always at a premium for Harvest Market, so he few suggestions. Parking is available at Browns River Middl on River Road, just off Route 15 (watch for signs). Harvest provides a shuttle bus from the school to the church from 10:0 5:00 PM on Saturday, and 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM on Sunday. is also available in the field behind the Church (enter at Station — benefits MMU Boys Soccer) and at the end of GA off Park Street. First Step Printing and Jacobs Family Ma Park Street will offer parking. On Sunday, you may park in office parking lot — but not on Saturday, so as not to block pick-up truck. Handicapped parking is available along th along the driveway to the church off Park Street, and be parsonage garage on Park Street. Watch for the famous "P direct you to easy off-street parking.

Some of the features of this year's Harvest Market: Over market and craft vendors; Country Store beside the church ing garden produce, baked goods, jams and jellies, Vermont maple cotton candy, baked beans, corn on the cob, pizza, fren penny candy, Harvest Market shirts and aprons, fair trade co more; Clutter Barn beside the Country Store; Cookie Factor stairs in the church; freshly pressed cider and apples in th delicious homemade soups beside the flea market; a Silent A and freshly squeezed lemonade behind the church; Harvest Walk at Mills Riverside Park; Parade starting at Browns Rive School; and refreshments of all kinds.

All Clutter Barn leftovers will be available free to Senior on Monday, Sept. 28, from 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM. On Tues remaining leftovers will be free to everyone else

Community members are invited to participate in Harvest by entering the 5k Harvest Run/Walk at Mills Riverside Route 15 on Saturday morning. Registration is at 7:30 AM; starts at 8:00 AM. For more information about the run, call 8 The Harvest Market Parade starts at Browns River Middle S Saturday at 9:00 AM. Floats and costumed walkers are w Enter the Zucchini Contest where prizes will be awarded for longest, and best decorated; judging starts at 11:00 AM on The Children's Pet Show is at noon on Sunday in the Ch Games area beside the Flea Market. Children under 12 ca their favorite pet — all entries receive a prize.

There are special events for children throughout the we The Harvest Run has a children's division; the parade w children of all ages to participate or watch; Franny the Clow at Harvest Market on Saturday starting at 11:00 AM. There free children's games both days from 1:00 - 3:00 PM and rides from 12:00 noon - 4:00 PM on Saturday and Sunday.

If anyone feels a compelling urge to help at Harvest Mar various areas can always use an extra hand. If you have an two available and want more information, please call Dave at 899-3572.

There is a special need for help with setting up tents and t Friday, September 25, and taking them down on Sunday or (depending on weather) — no experience necessary, just ca Damkot.

If you have questions about any other part of Harvest please call 899-3254 or 899-3572.

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8:00 AM Harvest Fun Run at Mills Riverside Park (registration at 7:45) Info: 899-5415
9:00 AM Parade starts at BRMS. Info: 899-3978
10:00 AM Hannaford' s Fife & Drum Corps, behind church
10:00 AM FFW Band in front church
11 :00 AM Franny the Clown around church grounds
11 :30 AM Larry Lee Ebere, country music, in sanctuary
12:00 noon - 4:00 PM Free Hay Rides in field behind flea market
12:30 PM Cross-cut Log Sawing contest, behind parsonage
1:00 - 3:00 PM Children's Games behind the parsonage (free)
2:00 PM Big Spike, music, in front of church

Sunday, September 27

9:30 AM Special Harvest Market Worship in the sanctuary
10:30 AM Mr. Ed, Dixieland band, in front of church
11:30 PM PW & the Arrowhead Ramblers, in front of church
12:00 PM Pet Show in Children's Games area for children under 12 and their pets
12:00 noon -4:00 PM Free Hay Rides behind flea market
12:30 PM MIchelle Fay Band in front church
12:30 PM HIgh Voltage behind church
1 :00 PM Children's Games behind the parsonage (free)
1 :30 PM Judging of Zucchini Contest in Children's Games area: largest, longest, best decorated
2:00 PM Fairfax-Fletcher-Westford Band in front of church
2:30 PM Charlotte & Shane Brodie in front of church

A dunking booth and a "moon walk" will be part of the entertainment all day Saturday and Sunday in the Children's Games area.

sonnel have changed very little since its inception. One member moved away, but his spot has since been taken by the son of an original brigade member. Carter confessed that it was easier to create maneuvers when they were down a man because they had three lines of three; ten men are harder to coordinate. The brigade performs pirouettes, reverse pirouettes and figure eights. They have recently added "chaos" as one of their steps and this year Carter is thinking of adding "'hesitation', because we're at the age where that is our gait anyway." Carter is amused that people think the brigade actually practices, noting that it wouldn't do any good since all the members suffer from CRS (can't remember stuff). Carter admits that the brigade slows down the parade "because the crowd is at a crescendo. It's like a Beatles concert in the 60s. We've got people in a frenzy."

Of course there is more to the Old Fashioned Harvest Market than just the parade. The market was founded 35 years ago by the United Church of Underhill. Originally called the Fall Festival and held in October, the name and date have both changed over the years. Those interested in the history of the event will be fascinated by a commemorative DVD which celebrates the market's thirty-five years. Harvest Market Chair Dave Damkot promises that this year will be "bigger and better" than previous years.

Come to the market on an empty stomach. The food choices range from healthy soups and chili to not-quite-as-healthy fair offerings like French fries, oodles of onions and fried dough. While much of the food is presented by the United Church of Underhill, various other vendors such as Hannaford's Fife and Drum Corps and the Lions Club will have booths. All along Route 15 will be tables with food ranging from fresh produce to pies. For those wanting to replicate some of what they've eaten, the church has put together a cookbook which features congregants' soup recipes and other healthy meals.

But don't spend all your money on food. In addition to the annual Clutter Barn, there will be tents with all kinds of items that you didn't realize you needed until you saw them. There will be a crafts show at Browns River Middle School, and a book sale at the barn next to Deborah Rawson Memorial Library. Tents and tables set up behind the church will also provide a vast array of material for sale, as will the folks lining Route 15.

The Lawn Mower Brigade performs along Park Street in Underhill during the Harvest Market Parade. PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

The Old Fashioned Harvest Market also offers games for children, a log-sawing contest, and music courtesy of Mr. Ed's swing band. Behind the church a variety of municipal organizations will set up shop so residents can learn about the works of the local land trust, historical societies, conservation commissions, the Jericho-Underhill alternative energy tour, and Two Towns Online, a website/listserv which services Jericho and Underhill.

The Market takes place on the grounds of the United Church of Underhill on Park Street in Underhill off Route 15. Parking is available at the Browns River Middle School/Underhill ID School with free shuttle service to the Market. Hours are 9:00 to 5:00 on Saturday the 26th and 11:00 to 4:00 on Sunday the 27th.

Tree seedlings for sale

Two-year-old balsam fir seedlings will be available and ready for fall planting at this year's Harvest Market. isit with representatives of these very active groups to discover what is going on and become involved with local efforts to maintain open spaces, enhance wildlife habitat and biodiversity, and foster outdoor recreational opportunities.

Come to Harvest Market – find love

By Sara Riley
Special to the Mountain Gazette

Doesn't *everyone* go to Harvest Market?

Between the early Saturday morning Fun Run and the parade that kick off our towns' biggest event and the wrap-up on Sunday afternoon, you can run into just about everyone you know at Harvest Market.

I even get to see Cheryl and Dana, once local residents and parishioners at the United Church, who come back 'most every year to work in the pie-cheese-and-jams tent between the United Church and the Clutter Barn. I generally come away with a sampling of the delicious local foods, especially apple pie, but the real treat is seeing old friends from the kids' elementary school years.

(But oh, the pie. Do you know the definition of a Yankee? All over the world, a Yankee is an American. In America, a Yankee is a northerner. In the north, a Yankee is a New Englander. In New England, a Yankee is a Vermonter. In Vermont, a Yankee is *someone who eats apple pie for breakfast*.)

My best found-at-Harvest-Market story is a romantic one. Sort of. In 1998 I was newly single and for most of that year, the idea of being part of a pair was, well, anathema to me. When to my astonishment I began to think I could consider it, I was even more astonished to find that I was thinking about one man in particular.

We had first met in '91 or so, when he was working at a summer science camp my kids were in and I went along on a field trip to the Montshire Museum. Brian Riley and I were the only adults on a school bus filled with 63 screaming third graders. We sat together in self-defense.

Over the next several years, we'd run into each other off and on in the village. He'd josh me, we'd chat, nothing big. Didn't think much about it. In '98 we hadn't happened to cross paths in two years or more. Brian was just someone I knew around town. The last I'd heard he had been dating someone and for all I knew, they were still together.

So when I found myself all of a sudden thinking about Brian in particular, I did a lot of slapping myself upside the head. I really knew very little about him: he worked at the high school, he lived in Underhill somewhere, he had lost a leg in Vietnam. I didn't even know what branch of the service he'd been in. (Marines, and if you know any, you know how important that is!)

The worst of it was, now that I *wanted* to run into someone in particular, it didn't happen. Not at the general store. Not at the post office. Not at the library. Finally, as September rolled along, I hit on the solution: Harvest Market.

I know, I said to myself, I'll go to Harvest Market. Everybody goes to Harvest Market. Surely I'll see him there.

That Saturday I enjoyed Harvest Market much as usual. The soup kitchen, fresh-baked cookies, the musical performances, Hannaford's Fife and Drum Corps, all the craft booths on the meadow behind and in the church, the Clutter Barn (in a building down Park Street that year), tag sales, the French fry booth.

No Brian. I looked everywhere. I started berating myself: *Sara, you idiot*. (I said a lot more than that to myself, but this is a family publication.) *Just go to the Book Nook, get your books, and go home.*

The Book Nook is the other really big attraction for me at the Market. One cannot have too many books. I went muttering back to my car, got my big picnic basket – I was prepared to carry a lot of books – and, telling myself off under my breath all the way, went back to the Book Nook. That year it was in the building that now houses the Clutter Barn.

I totally forgot all about my quest, and spent a blissful hour or more browsing the books, and filled the picnic basket. Finally done, and completely at peace with all my books, I was at the table to pay and was stooped down rummaging in the bottom of the basket for my wallet, when I heard this great booming voice above me. I looked up, and there was Brian. I was literally at his feet.

I was dumbfounded, and dumbstruck. That doesn't happen often.

We talked for about half an hour, and I'd like to be able to say the rest was history, but no – first we had to get past me being too nervous to say a straight yes to a dinner invite. Our first date was Friday, November 13, our lucky day, and we were married a year later on Saturday, November 13.

So: come to Harvest Market, and find love!

Of course, there are no guarantees; and besides, you may already have found the one for you. But that's how it happened for us. And, in the words of the Supremes song (yes, there's a musical quote for everything): *It happened to me, and it could happen to you.*

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Ongoing Events

ADULT ACTIVITIES

The **Essex Art League** holds monthly meetings at the First Congregational Church, 39 Main St., Essex Jct. For information, 862-3014.

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The **Vermont French-Canadian Genealogical Society library** is now open every Tuesday from 3:00 to 9:30 PM (except for holidays). Our regular Saturday hours (every Saturday, except holidays, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM) have resumed.

We offer Vermont and Canadian Catholic Parish records, Vermont Vital Records on Microfilm, Census records and other resources to assist with family history research. We also have Internet access for our members. Volunteers are available to assist individuals. Learn more about your ancestors, French and English. Volunteers are available to assist you. The library is located at the Dupont Building, Hegeman Ave. across from the VT State Police building in Fort Ethan Allen, Colchester. For more information or appointment call 862-8082, 878-8081, or go online at *www.vt-fcgs.org* or send an email to *mail@vt-fcgs.org* .

The Eagles Auxiliary #3210 holds bingo at the club house on Rt. 109 Friday nights. Doors open at 5:30 PM. Bingo starts at 7:00 PM. For more info contact Sally at 644-5377.

FARMERS' MARKETS

It's that time of year again – for luscious, locally-produced food and crafts. Here are the details for our towns this year.

Mills Riverside Farmers' Market, Mills Riverside Park, VT Rt. 15, Jericho. 3:00 – 6:30 PM, Thursdays, June 11 through September 24. For information, contact Jessamy Pratt, 899-5899 or *jessamypratt@yahoo.com* .

Richmond Farmers' Market, Volunteers' Green, Bridge St., Richmond Village. 3:00 – 6:30 PM, Fridays, June 5 through October 16. For information, contact Carol Mader, 434-5273 or *cmader@surfglobal.net* .

Westford Farmers' Market, Westford Common, VT Rt. 128, Westford. 3:30 – 6:30 PM, Fridays, June 12 through October 16. For information, contact Janet Franz, 878-7405 or *jfranz@sover.net*

Cambridge Farmers' Market, 287 Old Cambridge Rd., Cambridge. 11:00 AM on Saturday until Saturday, September 26 10:00 AM.

The **Sunday Outdoor Market** takes place Every Sunday, June - October, 10:00 AM -3:00 PM, in the field at Three Mountain Lodge, Rte. 108 (the Smugglers' Notch Road), Jeffersonville. Vendors and musicians interested in joining the market please call 644-5736 and ask for Colleen.

HEALTH EVENTS & GROUPS

Alzheimer's Support Group - Free educational support group series for families coping with a loved one with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias. This series gives caregivers the opportunity to better understand and develop strategies for the future. Held monthly at The Arbors at Shelburne. For more information and to register, contact Nicole Houston, Director of Family Services, The Arbors at Shelburne, 985-8600.

Overeaters Anonymous meets 6:00 – 7:00 PM Wednesdays at the Jericho United Methodist Church, VT Rt. 15, Jericho.

TOPS Chapter 145 Jeffersonville meets 6:15 PM on Thursdays at the Eagles Club, Route 109, Jeffersonville. Weigh-in 5:15– 6:00 PM.

Healing Circle Breast Cancer Network, support group for women with breast cancer, meets first Tuesday of every month at 5:30 PM, Northwestern Medical Center, Conference Room #1. RSVP at 524-8479.

Franklin County Prostate Cancer Support Group, first Tuesday of each month, 5:15 - 7:00 PM, Northwestern Medical Center Conference Room #2, St. Albans. This support group offers men opportunities to educate themselves and each other; share and learn from each other's experiences; offer support to each other, a spouse or partner; and advocate early detection of prostate cancer. For information, Fern Mercure, 524-0719.

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

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

KIDS

Underhill Playgroup, kids ages 0-5 with their caregivers are always welcome to join us Fridays from 9:30 - 11:00 AM at Underhill Central School for playtime, crafts, stories, songs and fun! For additional information or questions, please contact Heather Lebeis at 899-4415 or *Underhillplaygroup@yahoo.com* .

Jericho Playgroup Monday mornings 9:30 -11:00 AM at the Jericho Community Center. Starting September 14, following the school calendar. For children from birth to age 5, with a caregiver. Please contact Mariah with any questions at *jerichoplaygroup@hotmail.com* or 899-1750.

Bolton Family Play Night, in the Smilie School gym, usually the first and third Fridays, 6:00 – 7:30 PM. Free. Mostly unstructured play with the school's equipment. Contact Tim Grover, 434-4180.

Kids' Yoga, 3-5 years & 6 years and up. Toddler tumbling and new moms' groups. The Well, 644-6700.

SENIORS

Jeri-Hill XYZ Seniors meet at the Town Hall in Underhill Center on the first and third Wednesday of each month. All seniors are welcome! Dinners are served at 11:30 AM. For information, please call Bette Workman, 899-4446, Loreen Teer, 899-1363 or Doug Keith 899-2582.

Westford Senior lunches – Join Westford Seniors for lunch at the Red Brick Meeting House on the Common the second Monday of each month. Lunch is served at 12:00 noon with a short meeting or presentation following. Call 878-7405 or 879-7382 for information or for a ride.

SPORTS ACTIVITIES

Adult coed volleyball in Westford, 8:00 – 10:00 PM, Mondays, Westford Elementary School gym. Fun, casual volleyball. $2 at the door. Call coordinators Jon and Tammy Brown, 872-8333, for information.

Bolton Men's Basketball, Tuesdays, 7:00 – 9:00 PM, Smilie School Gym. For adults and young adults age 16 and up. Contact Bill Newton, 434-3348.

Pilates Classes offered at Jericho Community Center, Underhill ID School, Mount Mansfield UHS, Cambridge Elementary School and at Dakini Studio in Underhill. Please call Lisa Timbers for more information. 899-4191. *dakinistudio.wordpress.com* .

SUPPORT GROUPS

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

Approach Autism With Advocacy, Recovery & Education (AAWARE) in the Lamoille Valley, third Sunday, 3:00 – 5:00 PM, Second Congregational Church of Jeffersonville Community Room, Jeffersonville. Special topics, guest speakers, resource information; playroom for kids, fenced side yard for outdoor play. For information, Terry Holden, 644-2759 (Jeffersonville) or Tina Karl, 888-3430 (Hyde Park.)

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

Lamoille Valley Kin as Parents, second and fourth Thursdays, 6:00 – 7:30 PM, Lamoille Family Center, Morrisville. Dinner and child care provided. For more information, Imelda at 888-5229 ext. 152 or Rhonda Barr, 888-1376.

Eating Disorders Parental Support Group, third Wednesday, 7:00 – 9:00 PM, Covenant Community Church, VT Rt. 15, Essex Center. For parents of children with or at risk of anorexia or bulimia. We focus on being a resource and providing reference points for old and new ED parents. For information, Peter, 899-2554.

TOWN GOVERNMENT AND ORGANIZATIONS

Cambridge Area Rotary meets on the first Thursday of the month, rotating to local restaurants, 7:00 – 8:00 AM. For information, call Anita Lotto, 793-0856, or Chuck Hogan, 644-8134.

Tim Nulty, Jericho Selectboard member, at the Village Cup, first and third Wednesdays, 8:00 – 9:00 AM, and at the Flour Shop, second and fourth Wednesdays, 8:00 – 9:00 AM.

Westford Fire Department, Mondays, 7:00 PM, at the fire station next to the Town Garage. Volunteer for firefighting, dispatching, radio communications, computer operations, grant writing, equipment maintenance, fire police, education, and much more. For information, email John Quinn, *jquinninvt@aol.com* .

Westford Food Shelf, open on the third Saturday of every month, 8:00 – 10:30 AM, United Church of Westford. All are welcome! Fresh produce, meat, and non-food items available.

Jericho-Underhill Water District meets first Monday of each month at the United Church of Underhill, Underhill Flats, 7:00 PM. For information, call 899-4076 or 899-3810.

Jericho Historical Society, second Thursday, 7:30 PM, Old Red Mill, Jericho.

Jericho Underhill Park District Board meeting, first and third Wednesdays, 7:00 PM, Deborah Rawson Memorial Library project room, Jericho. Residents of Jericho and Underhill always welcome. 899-2693 for information.

Fun Yummies 4-H Club starting soon

The University of Vermont Extension 4-H program and River Arts are offering area youth the opportunity to learn about cooking in a club setting for ages 10-18 (as of January 1, 2010). Club meetings will occur twice a month on Saturdays from 9-10:30 AM. Space is limited.

An informational meeting for interested youth and their parents will be held on Thursday, October 1 at 7:00 at the UVM Extension Office, 29 Sunset Drive, Morrisville (next to Bond Auto).

Please contact Lauren Traister, 4-H Educator, at 888-4972 x 103 or email *lauren.traister@uvm.edu* for more information.

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Tranquility Massage will be closing at the end of 2009 for my retirement. I thank each client for the privilege of working with you through the years. Existing clients, and folks having TM gift certificates or coupons, will continue to be served through December 23. Please call 899-1925 for an appointment.

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Library News

DEBORAH RAWSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY, UNDERHILL

Art for September is paintings by Ken Teft and Janice Solek-Teft.

The Board of Trustees meets Thursday, September 17 at 7:00 PM

Book Donations for the library sale at the Harvest Market may be brought to the Big Red Barn (next to Mills Riverside Park) 10-12 noon on Saturday, September 19. *Please no: textbooks, magazines, encyclopedias, computer manuals, Reader's Digest condensed books or religious books.* Limit 3 boxes per family.

Game night for adults Wednesday, September 23 from 6:30-8:30 PM. Do you love to play board games or card games? Please join us for an evening of game fun. There will be a variety of games to choose from. If you have a favorite game, bring it and a friend!

The Mystery Book Group will meet Wednesday, September 30 at 7:00 PM. The book being discussed is *Open Season* by Archer Mayor. This is open to everyone so please join us.

The library's Sunday hours start September 13. The hours are 1:00-4:00 PM.

The library will be closed Saturday, September 26 and Sunday, September 27 for Harvest Market. Please stop by our book sale at the Big Red Barn next to Mills Riverside Park. Sale times are Saturday 9:00-3:00 PM and Sunday 10:00 AM-2:00 PM.

The library has a new fundraising project. Each month an item will be featured for a silent auction. For September the item is a balloon ride for one, donated by Above Reality. Thank you to Jeff Snyder for donating this item. The winning bid will be announced on September 18.

On Tuesday, October 6 at 7:00 PM author Thomas Middleton will be here to talk about his new book *Saber's Edge: A Combat Medic in Ramadi Iraq*.

Thomas Middleton is an Assistant Fire Marshal and Public Information Officer with the Burlington Fire Department and was a long-time volunteer firefighter and EMT. He served as a combat medic in Iraq as part of Task Force Saber from 2004 to 2005 and as a member of the Vermont National Guard. He lives with his family in Essex, Vermont. He will have books for sale and will be signing books as well. He was recently interviewed on Vermont Public Radio.

Children's Events:

Story times starting again: Stories, songs, fingerplays, snack and craft for preschoolers and their caregivers. Drop in, no registration needed: Wednesday at 11:00 AM, September 23 and 30 and October 7 and 14. Thursday at 10:00 AM, September 24 and October 1, 8 and 15.

Evening story and craft: Families with older preschoolers and/or children in kindergarten through second grade are invited to join us for stories, crafts and light refreshments. We will meet the first Thursday of the month at 6:30 beginning October 1. Please call to register: 899-4962.

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

JERICHO TOWN LIBRARY, JERICHO CENTER

Saturday, September 19 come to the third annual Fall plant sale fundraiser. Please bring plants (extra perennials, that need thinning, herbs, berry vines, bushes, houseplants or anything) to donate to the Jericho Center Green, across from the Library at 8:30 AM. The sale begins promptly at 9:00 AM. If you have some plants to donate, but don't want to dig them up, you can offer them up as "digging rights" for a specific plant(s). Next, look over all the donated plants to decide your 1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc. picks are. In the 1st round, your first pick costs $5. In the 2nd round, you pay $3 for your second pick. The 3rd and 4th round each go for $1, and the 5th and remaining rounds go for 50 cents. You may purchase plants even if you don't have plants to donate. All proceeds go to the Library for books and programs. Call Linda Campbell at 899-2798 with any questions.

Monday, September 21 from 6:30-8:00 PM, If you like to Write? Come check out the writer's club for adults. This is a free program open to the public (can register but not necessary). For more information call the library at 899-4686.

If anyone wants to volunteer to be a part of the catalog automation project which is nearing completion there is still more work to be done, which includes computer and non-computer tasks. So, if you have even an extra hour or two please consider helping. For more information call the library at 899-4686.

Story time including craft and snack is held every Wednesday upstairs at 10:00 AM. Come share the joy of books, finger plays, flannel board, and music.

Upcoming *themes*: Wednesday, September 23, 10:00 AM – Apples; Wednesday, September 30, 10:00 AM - Leaves

The Board of Trustees meets regularly the first Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM at the library. The public is welcome so join us at our upcoming meetings on October 1 and November 5. The hours for the Jericho Town Library on the Green are Monday and Friday 1:00-5:00 PM, Wednesday 10:00 AM-12:00 PM and 2:00-6:00 PM, Saturday 10:00 AM-1:00 PM. For more information call 899-4686 or email us at *Jerichotownlibrary@gmail.com*.

WESTFORD TOWN LIBRARY

Upcoming Events:

Thursday, September 17, 11:00 AM: Storytime. Stories and activities for preschoolers. Theme: School. Note: This storytime will be parent-led.

Friday, September 18, 3:30-6:00 PM, Cookbooks at the Westford Farmer's Market! To help you preserve & enjoy summer's bounty all year long! Browse the Market Manager's table & the special display at the library. Books may be checked out at the library.

Friday, September 18, 6:30 PM. Women's game night. Join this fun and welcoming group for food, laughter and board games!

Thursday, September 24, 11:00 AM: Storytime. Stories and activities for preschoolers.

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Field of Dreams – Alpacas on Poker Hill

Up in the foothills in the shadow of Mansfield the morning dew has taken on that frosty edge we recognize so well and we think quietly to ourselves, "how exciting the change of season." Given the shortness of summer and sheer number of rainy days we dare not voice such enthusiasm for fear of quick retribution. It is September 1, the sky is blue, the morning air crisp, and from the corner of the barn a little pink nose surrounded by a puffy white blanket of fiber, our little girl "Brooksie" greets the morning sun. Truly a fine day to be a baby "cria" alpaca!

Mornings such as these always give me pause to reflect on the beauty of the landscape and the few acres surrounding the vintage farmhouse that my wife and I moved into just two years and a few odd months ago. In the mind's eye I still see clearly the meadow of uncut hay surrounded by old stone, the land long since devoid of grazing dairy cows, the excitement on our faces as we imagined bringing this old farm alive once again. We would gently transform this land to once more fill the field with grazing livestock, this time smaller, longer in the neck, covered with some of the nature's most luxurious fiber, and cuter than a button, no offense meant to the cows of course. Today as the steam rolls off my coffee mug and I muse about the coming day's chores it is the sun glistening on the barn roof and our herd of alpaca giving me the "hey, it's time for breakfast" look which interrupts my reminiscing.

The "Alpaca Chalet" as I've dubbed the barn is nearly completed, at least as much as it can be with my wife Suzanne guiding its creation. She has an artist's talent across many media of expression and the barn was drawn out right here on the breakfast table while looking up at the back pasture, as were the gardens, the pathways, the individual pastures, and a myriad of other wonderful creations still waiting to leap from print to project. I've learned that artistic expression is an ever evolving process. I pound nails, cut boards, and dig post holes. Not nearly so glamorous but a great low cost solution to good health and fitness. Suzanne calls me "Skinny." Together we are hustling to complete a warm room just off the stall areas. Our vet will enjoy that come winter; he was bitterly disappointed that we hadn't made that a priority last fall and frankly we empathize. Veterinary work in the barn in January would certainly keep me out of the profession. This room will also serve as a refuge for visitors to the farm as well as a comfortable work room. National Alpaca Farm Days open house weekend is this September 26 and 27 so the push is on.

This will be our first open house at StoneGate Alpaca. I've not built the stone gate yet, it's on the list and there is no shortage of stone at our end of Poker Hill Road as the bent tines of my post-hole digger will attest. We did hang our farm sign a few weeks ago, suspended over a vertically placed stone in the front yard that was hauled from the pasture during the first year of excavation for the barn. Finally answering to all who have driven by over the past months, what on earth possessed these people to stick a big rock in the middle of their front lawn? You have to have an artist's vision. We've no doubt been pegged as a couple of flatlanders moved north, ah but not so. Suzanne and I are both native to the Green Mountains, she from the Kingdom and myself a suburbanite of Chittenden County.

Alpacas are a fiber producing animal of the camelid family. Often mistakenly referred to as a llama, which for some reason seems to be familiar to everyone, the alpaca is considerably different. Alpacas are much smaller, produce an extraordinary fiber that is highly valued in the textile industry, and being smaller in stature they are far less intimidating. Not to mention they are much cuter! No offense to the llama of course. The Alpaca were imported into the U.S. from South America in the 1980s and since that time importation has been closed. Farmers across the country breed them with the goal of producing the most valued fiber possible. It is very much a cottage industry as the total number of Alpaca currently registered in the U.S. is fewer than 160,000 animals.

Suzanne and I were drawn to the alpaca as an alternative lifestyle of sorts that satisfied our desire to live in the country, raise livestock, and produce the raw material "fiber" which we could then transform into a creative outlet. From roving to yarn, knitting to felting, clothing to artwork, the possibilities abound. I might even take a turn on the spinning wheel!

Join us September 26 and 27 for some time down on the alpaca farm. We are looking forward to hosting this informal event and sharing our animals and experiences with you. In the past weeks we have had three babies born on the farm and they share the pastures with two yearlings and three adult mothers. StoneGate Alpaca is at 638 Poker Hill Road in Underhill and can be reached by taking the long scenic ride up Poker Hill until you are sure you must be in Cambridge or by taking a short trip up Bill Cook Road off Route 15 and turning right onto Poker Hill. Look for the sign hanging over that rock!

David Benway, StoneGate Alpaca

Copley Hospital hosts fall driver safety class

Copley Hospital and the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) are hosting an October drivers' safety class. This one day, four hour class will be held at Copley Hospital on Tuesday, October 6, at 9:00 AM. The program is designed to help older drivers improve their driving skills, and is open to the public.

There has never been a better time to tune up your skills. Because this program is popular, Peters recommends early registration in order to guarantee a spot in this October 6 class. To register, or for more information, contact Copley Hospital's Community Relations office at 888-8302.

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Theme: Story Grab Bag.

Friday, September 25, 6:00 PM: Strategy and board games for teens and adults. Hosted by Matt Taylor.

Back by Popular Demand! Vermont Earth Institute's Menu for the Future Discussion Course Thursdays beginning October 8, 6:00-7:30 PM. A six-week course exploring the connection between food and sustainability. The group will meet 10/8, 10/15, 10/22, 10/29, 11/5 & 11/12. See *www.vermontearthinstitute.org* for more info. The course is free and the library owns a non-circulating copy of the book. You may order your own copy ($20-25) through the library. Sign up in the library, at the Farmer's Market Manager's table, or by calling 878-5639. Note: we are seeking a coordinator to send email reminders to participants and lock the library after the meeting. Maximum course size: 16 participants.

Announcing Toddler Totes! Toddler totes - small book bags filled with two books, a CD/book kit, a "storymobile," and a parent brochure featuring tips for reading to your children and suggested titles - will be distributed to storytime participants in September. These bags were created to help spark excitement, interest and ownership in our youngest patrons and are based on the New York Public Library's "ABC Read to Me" program. Totes will also be available, while they last, to toddlers of new library patrons beginning September 15. This joint project with the Essex Free Library is made possible by a grant from the Vermont Public Library Foundation's Winnie Belle Learned Fund.

Online catalog is now available on library website! The initial implementation of the Westford Public Library Online Catalog contains over 5000 items—adult fiction & nonfiction, picture books, easy readers and transitional fiction, and many juvenile fiction titles and DVDs. Other areas will be cataloged over the coming months. A HUGE thank you to the following volunteers who contributed approximately 150 hours over 15 months: Allison Weinhagen, Braeden Hughes, Christian Frenette, Deb Frenette, Hailey Hathaway, Jenny Hughes, Kayla Roberge, Lani Plonski, Lois Reynolds, Matt Taylor, Sherri McCormick, Maureen Griffin and Mike Hathaway.

Reminder: Effective September 1, 2009, only bar-coded patron cards are valid because we are now checking out items using the automated system. If you don't have a bar code on your card, please stop by to re-register - even if you primarily use a neighboring homecard library. If you don't have a card yet, now is a great time to sign up for one. It's easy, free, and gives you access to a great selection of books, magazines, and movies as well as interlibrary loan, downloadable audio books and more.

The Westford Public Library is open Wednesday 1:00 – 7:00 PM, Thursday 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM, Friday 12:00 – 6:00 PM and Saturday 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM. We can be reached at 878-5639, *westford_pl@vals.state.vt.us* or *www.westford.lib.vt.us* .

VARNUM LIBRARY, JEFFERSONVILLE

The Varnum Memorial Library is open on Mondays and Tuesdays from 1:00-8:00 PM, Thursdays and Saturdays from 9:00 AM-12:00 noon. It can be reached at 644-2117 and is located at 194 Main Street in Jeffersonville.

BMRS student Emma Phalen recognized as March of Dimes Top Youth Fund Raiser

Emma Phalen will be recognized nationally as the March of Dimes Top Youth Fund Raiser in the state of Vermont this year. She was also able to meet Kelly Clarkson and attend her recent September 4 concert at the Champlain Valley Exposition. Kelly Clarkson is the March of Dimes National Youth Ambassador. Emma Phalen, Victoria Rosales, Jen Phalen and Allison Hauser, who is the MOD National Director of Youth Programs, got to meet Clarkson before the show and were then able to attend the concert as her guests. Victoria Rosales was the top fund raiser on Emma's team (Team BRMS) this year.

Recipes by Marian Tobin

Zucchini Rounds

1/3 cup Bisquick
¼ cup Parmesan cheese, grated
1/8 tsp. salt
2 eggs, slightly beaten
2 cups shredded unpared zucchini

Mix Bisquick, cheese, pepper, and salt in a bowl, then add the eggs and zucchini and stir. Fry like hot cakes in butter or margarine.

CVAA Senior Meals

The Champlain Valley Agency on Aging offers an ongoing series of special meals for groups of seniors at a variety of restaurants in the area. The schedule is listed below. All seniors are welcome to join the group and enjoy lunch with neighbors and friends. Participating seniors must be at least 60 years old, or the spouse of someone at least 60 years old. Suggested donation for meals is $3 at Covenant Church and United Church; for meals at other sites, $5. Transportation may be available if needed. Reservations are required for these meals and may be arranged ahead of time by calling 865-0360.

Thursday, September 17 – Ponderosa, Williston, 11:00 check in, 11:15 lunch. All you can eat buffet.

Friday, September 18 – St. Jude Church, Hinesburg, 12:00 noon. Tomato topped meatloaf, no gravy, mashed potatoes, honey dill carrots, fruit bread, and sherbet.

Monday, September 21 – Covenant Church, Essex Center, 12:00 noon. Hot baked ham in pineapple juice, hot baked beans, coleslaw, whole wheat roll, gingerbread with topping.

Tuesday, September 22 – T-Bones, Hampton Inn, Colchester, 10:30 AM check-in, 11:00 lunch. Turkey dinner.

Wednesday, September 23 – Ponderosa, Williston, 11:00 AM check-in, 11:15 AM lunch. All you can eat buffet.

Thursday, September 24 – Holiday Inn, Willow Room, 11:00 AM check-in, 11:30 AM lunch. Turkey buffet.

Friday, September 25 – St. Jude Church, Hinesburg. 12:00 noon. Pot roast, red potatoes, vegetable medley, dinner roll, butterscotch pudding.

Monday, September 28 – Covenant Church, Essex Center, 12:00 noon. Baked fish with tartar sauce, scalloped potatoes, summer vegetables, fruit bread, pineapple.

Tuesday, September 29 – Dutch Mill, Shelburne Road, Shelburne, 10:30 AM check-in, 11:00 AM lunch. Baked stuffed chicken.

Wednesday, September 30 – JP's Diner & Deli, Essex, 10:30 AM check-in, 11:00 lunch. Ham steak, mashed potatoes, vegetables.

Westford Senior lunches resume

Westford Senior Luncheons have resumed. Our first lunch of the fall season was on Monday, September 14. The gatherings are held at the Red Brick Meeting House on the Common in Westford at 12:00 noon. A hot meal is prepared and served by community members, and all seniors and friends are welcome. No need to RSVP. Mark your calendars for the following dates: October 12, November 9 and December 14. Call Perky at 879-7382 for information or if you'd like to join the volunteer group that prepares the meals.

OFFICIAL WARNING

Underhill Town School District

Special Meeting

October 6, 2009

The legal voters of the Town School District of Underhill, Vermont are hereby notified and warned to meet to vote by Australian ballot upon the following Article of business at Underhill Town Hall in the Town of Underhill, Vermont, between the hours of 7:00 am and 7:00 pm.

ARTICLE I

Shall general obligation bonds of Underhill Town School District in an amount not to exceed One Million Two Hundred Thousand Dollars ($1,200,000), bearing **interest not-to-exceed zero percent**, subject to reduction for available grants-in-aid, be issued for the purpose of financing certain public improvements, viz: replace sections of the roofs and upgrade life safety system, electrical, heating and ventilation systems to Underhill Central School in the town of Underhill, Vermont?

State funds may not be available at the time this project is otherwise eligible to receive state school construction aid, and in connection with temporary bond construction funding. The district is responsible for all costs incurred in connection with any borrowing done in anticipation of state school construction aid.

The legal voters of Underhill Town School District are further warned and notified that an informational meeting will be held at Underhill Central School in the Town of Underhill on **September 29, 2009**, commencing at 6:30 pm for the purpose of explaining Article.

Adopted and approved at a regular meeting of the Board of School Directors of Underhill Town School District on held on September 1, 2009.

John LaRue
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SCHOOL DIRECTORS

Received for record this 3rd day of September 2009.

Sherry Morin, Clerk, Underhill Town School District

Earl's Cyclery & Fitness Commuter Challenge helps reduce emissions

Earl's Cyclery and Fitness of South Burlington held its 2nd annual Bicycle Commuter Challenge, which saved 3.8 tons of carbon emissions. To encourage bicycle commuting Earl's Cyclery & Fitness created the commuter challenge, which provided the benefit of earning gift cards based on commuting mileage logged in over three months: June 1- August 31. The challenge was limited to the first 50 people to sign up.

The 2009 rider with the most mileage was Kyle Clark of Irish Settlement Road, Underhill, who commuted to and from DynaPower Corp., South Burlington, logging 1,890 miles. A total of 25,000 miles was logged by the 50 participants.

Kyle Clark

* NOTICE *
Republican Caucus
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Underhill Properties

17 Briar Patch Lane $259,000. Attractive colonial on 2+ private acres with seasonal views to Mt Mansfield. This 3 bedroom 2.5 bath homes has much to offer: Large open family room with woodstove, formal dinning room, formal living room with fireplace. Motivated sellers price reduced from $272,000.

New listing: Remarkable contemporary home! Designed by Marcel Beaudin, this home on 13 acres with GREAT views of Mt Mansfield offers 3 bedrooms with 3.5 baths, horse barn and water to barn. Open floor plan on main living level, master bedroom has much to offer and each bedroom has it's own private bath. A must see home! $582,000.

Recently reduced in price, this 3300+ square foot home offers much for the growing family and lots of space for animals, big and small. 5 bedrooms, 3 baths, 10 acres with barn and paddocks and water to all, large open area and master bedroom is to die for. A must see home. $469,000.

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Hornets' potent air attack grounds Cougars in season opener

By Richard Mindell
Special to the Mountain Gazette

They knew it would be a challenge. The MMU players knew in the back of their minds that Essex would come out throwing the football. They knew the Hornets returned 18 of 21 starters from a Division I playoff team including their all-Division-I quarterback and two very tall, very quick all-state receivers. They knew defending against the pass had become their Achilles' heal the past few seasons. They knew Essex would throw the ball on almost every down. They were right.

Essex scored six unanswered touchdowns against the Cougars in the first half on their way to a 54-12 thumping of the Division II Cougars at the Essex High School field last Friday night. All seven Essex TD's came via the pass, including six in the ill-fated first half which ended with the Hornets up by a score of 48-0.

Hints of the upcoming debacle appeared when the Cougars took the field for their pre-game warm-ups. The MMU players were clearly "down." There was no emotion, no chatter, no high-fiving, no butt-slapping, no sneering and no growling. The kids looked heavy-legged and flat-footed; almost like they weren't sure they wanted to play this game. The Essex players, on the other hand, had a bounce in their step; there was lots of chatter and butt-slapping and high-fiving and sneering and growling. It seemed like the MMU kids wished they could go home and play video games for the evening while the Essex players looked like they wanted to tear someone's head off, especially someone wearing an MMU football uniform. It was an inauspicious omen for MMU fans.

The Cougars opened the game on a positive note as running backs Ian Shaw and Bryan McCarthy were able to move the ball to the Honets' 40 yard line on the Cougars' first possession. Then the roof fell in as the Essex defense shut down the MMU running game. After MMU punted, Essex took over on its own 24 yard line and six-foot, five-inch quarterback Max Librizzi promptly hit 6-4 wide receiver Pat Nee on a 76-yard touchdown pass. Ian Shaw blocked his first of his two blocked PAT attempts, and it was Essex 6, MMU 0 with most of the first quarter left to play. But that was just the beginning.

After MMU stalled on its next drive, Librizzi threw 28 yards to Mike DiMambro for a touchdown to make it 12-0 Hornets. Librizzi connected with Evan McCrae for the two-point conversion to make it 14-0. It was a pattern that would repeat itself for the rest of the first half. MMU would run three plays, often for little or no gain, and punt. Essex would put the ball in the air and score. Five of the Essex scoring drives took three plays or less. One took six plays. All ended in passing TD's. Librizzi was putting on a passing clinic.

The second quarter started the same way the first quarter ended, with Librizzi connecting with Pat Nee on a 21-yard TD pass to make it 21-0 Essex just 16 seconds into the quarter.

MMU sputtered on its next drive and the Cougars were forced to punt from their own 27 yard line. Unfortunately the punt sailed wide right and hit an Essex cheerleader who was standing on the sideline. After the officials sorted out the bizarre play Essex was awarded possession at the MMU 30 yard line. Librizzi then threw a high-arcing TD pass to wide open tight end Kevin Jenko to make it 33-0 with 7 minutes left to go in the first half. Two more Librizzi TD passes made it 48-0 by the end of the half.

MMU switched from man-to-man coverage in the secondary to a zone and came out fired up in the second-half with Ben Dolan intercepting Librizzi on the Hornets' first possession. Dolan returned the interception 38 yards to the Essex five yard-line. Ian Shaw ran it in from the three to cut the Hornets' lead to 48-6.

On the Hornets' next possession Cougar defensive end, Tom Lacey, deflected a Librizzi pass, caught the deflection in mid-air and returned it to the Essex two yard-line. Jamie Wright scored the Cougars' second touchdown on a one-yard dive to make it 48-12 mid-way through the third quarter.

The final score came on a 43-yard TD pass from Hornet reserve quarterback, Ryan Mitchell, to Johnny Joseph to make it 54-12.

Needless to say, the MMU players were upset by their performance, despite their improved play in the second half. "The kids were angry after the game," Coach Richards said. "I think they felt as if they embarrassed themselves."

Richards noted the team wasn't discouraged after the game. "After watching the game films the kids realized they missed a lot of blocking assignments. The films showed that Essex isn't better than us by 48-0. I'm very proud of my team for coming back in the second half and not quitting."

"We still feel good about ourselves," Jamie Wright added. "We're still confident."

To the team's apparent lack of emotion before the game, Coach Richards said it was typical of this group not to be as expressive as other teams. "It's hard to read these kids before the game," he observed. "In the past they would be quiet and mellow before the game and then go out and pummel people. Against Essex they were a little too mellow," he added. "This week I'll have to ramp it up in practice. I'll be a little more fired up and show a little more emotion. Hopefully it will rub off on the kids. I think we'll have a little more fire this week."

Following the loss MMU slipped from the #2 ranked high school football team in Vermont to #6. With their impressive win, Essex replaced Hartford as the top-ranked team in the state.

MMU will play its first home game of the season this Saturday when it faces North Country. The game will be played at the South Burlington High School football field. Kickoff is 1:00 PM. Be there!

Cambridge Fun Run sets the pace

By Katherine Quimby Johnson
Special to the Mountain Gazette

A sunny but cool early fall morning provided the perfect weather for the second annual Cambridge Area Rotary 5K Run and Walk. The 177 participants ranged in age from five to 78, and covered the course in times that ranged from just over 19 minutes to just over one hour.

The overall winner was Todd Archambault, age 35, who completed the course in 19 minutes, 2.31 seconds. The second place male finisher was Scott Morea, age 47, with a time of 20 minutes, 26.38 seconds, while Nathan Mascolina, age 29, placed third, coming in at 20 minutes, 38.37 seconds. For the women, Serena Wilcox, age 30, placed first, with a time of 21 minutes, 58.54 seconds. She was followed by Casey Baczewski, age 18, who ran the course in 22 minutes, 48.11 seconds, while Rachel vanWagner completed the race in 23 minutes, 30.87 seconds.

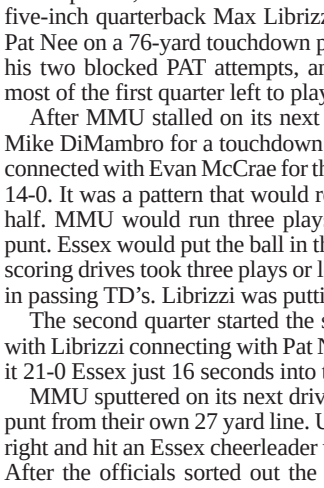
Speaking after the race, which he completed in 31 minutes, 39.85 seconds, organizer Sam Lotto said he was pleased with the increase in number of participants, saying that it was 40 more than the previous year. Lotto also thanked all the race's sponsors and invited people to save the date—September 6, 2010—for next year's race.

Legal Notice

TOWN OF JERICHO
Jericho Center Boardwalk Committee

The **Jericho Center Boardwalk Committee** will hold a public meeting on **Tuesday, September 29 , 2009 from6:00 to 7:00 PM** in the Jericho Town Hall to consider the to present draft design criteria and receive public comment on a possible boardwalk to be constructed between Varney Road and Wilder Road in Jericho Center. All interested persons are welcome appear and be heard. Written materials may be viewed in the Planning Office during regular business hours. For more information contact Seth Jensen, Jericho Town Planner.

Parents, Guardians, Teens
Mark your calendar for Wednesday,
October 14, 6:30-8:30PM



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Math, science and more at Lamoille North

Teachers, administrators, and staff at Lamoille North Supervisory Union spent time together during in-service activities learning approaches and techniques in teaching mathematics and science.

Well known mathematics expert Mahesh Sharma conducted an invigorating and well received training for over 125 staff members at Lamoille North during in-service on August 26. The focus was on improving math instruction for all students by exploring how we learn.

Renee Affolter of Vermont Science Initiative, assisted by Eden Central School's Dorothy Finlay, conducted a full day session on August 27 focusing on engaging students in scientific inquiry as they develop and refine their understanding of the natural world. The session explored how science can provide a foundation for the development of language, logic, and problem solving in the classroom.

In addition, staff members participated in two professional development opportunities with national expert Rich Reid. Training in AIMSweb, which is a benchmark and progress monitoring assessment system covering literacy, mathematics, spelling, and writing for grades K-8, was the focus of one training. The other prepared special education teachers to administer the Woodcock Johnson III Cognitive assessment. This will enable LNSU schools to diagnosis students who have a brain-based specific learning disability and allow us to use Response to Instruction for special education eligibility decisions. The current eligibility process requires students to experience a substantial period of failure with learning before meeting the criteria for special education. Both of these approaches are supported by extensive national research.

During the in-service week, all teachers from Lamoille Union Middle School, High School, and Green Mountain Technology and Career Center came together to begin collaborative discussions and planning across the three schools. The initial goal of the dialogue was to develop a shared understanding of curriculum, assessment, and instructional practices. Ongoing opportunities to continue this work will be scheduled throughout the school year.

The trainings are intended to foster communication and collaboration within and across all schools in Lamoille North with a shared understanding of curriculum, assessment, and instruction strengths and resources, and with a goal of bringing common language for all our students as they transition from elementary school to middle and high school.

In addition to collaboration within Lamoille North, the alliance is extending to neighboring Orleans Southwest and Lamoille South supervisory unions with a partnership with the Lamoille Area Professional Development Academy coordinated by LAPDA Executive Director Bob Stanton.

Lamoille North Supervisory Union proudly serves the six towns of Belvidere, Cambridge, Eden, Hyde Park, Johnson, and Waterville with five elementary schools, the Lamoille Union Middle School, Lamoille Union High School, and the Green Mountain Technology and Career Center. Student enrollment is 2,045 and 450 staff members are employed. GMTCC receives students from five sending high schools serving the 16 towns within the boundaries of Lamoille North, Lamoille South, and Orleans Southwest Supervisory Unions. Dr. Debra Taylor has served as Superintendent of Schools since October 2008.

Obituaries

Ross J. Perri, at home in Jericho, VT and surrounded by family he loved, went from being an angel on earth to an angel in heaven on Friday, September 4, 2009. Ross attended Browns River Middle School and Underhill I.D. School. He was a Boy Scout with Troop 627 and a Cub Scout with Pack 620. He trained at Yordan's Black Belt Academy. Ross was an active member of St. Thomas Church in Underhill Center, VT, being baptized, receiving first communion, and attending catechism there. Ross was a vibrant 12 year old boy who had a contagious smile and truly loved life. He tried his best in school and all activities. He had a love of animals and all of God's creatures, which he carried through his whole short life. Ross courageously battled leukemia for the past two years, finally losing the fight after two bone marrow transplants and numerous treatments. He maintained his faith and handled the ordeal with grace. It was the only time Ross ever lost; he never gave up. At the end, he thanked God for all the people who helped him. He leaves behind a family and community that love him: parents Tony and Tammy Perri; older brother and best friend Anthony; grandparents Henry and Carol Miller and Anthony and Rosemarie Perri; godparents Aunt Maria and Uncle Simon; cousins Erik, Alyssa, and Simon; and many other aunts, uncles, and cousins whom he loved very much. To memorialize Ross's love for animals, in lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the Ross Perri Memorial Fund for Animals. Checks may be sent to the family at 6 Kriste Lane, Jericho, VT 05465. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Friday, September 11, 2009 in St. Thomas Catholic Church in Underhill Center.

Ruth Mary Sullivan, 71, of Underhill, VT, passed away on Thursday, September 10, 2009. She was born on January 13, 1938, in Colchester, VT, to Vincent and Edith (Galbraith) McLane. Ruthie grew up in Underhill. She attended Jericho High School where she was the center for her basketball team. She also attended Cathedral High School and she graduated from Burlington High School in 1956. She graduated from Jeanne Mance School of Nursing. She worked as an Emergency Room nurse at Fanny Allen Hospital. On August 27, 1960, she married David L. Sullivan. In 1964, they purchased the home farm from her parents, where she has farmed for the last 45 years. Ruthie was known for her nursing care to neighbors and friends, her animal husbandry, sewing, crocheting, and braiding rugs. Ruthie was also an avid gardener, raising all the vegetables for her family and often much more to share with the community. She was very well known for her cooking pies, rolls, whoopee pies, relish, and much more. She always made room at the table for anyone who stopped by around meal time. Ruth leaves her husband of 49 years. She leaves her children, David L. Sullivan Jr. and wife Monica (Hallenback) of Bedford, Mass., Suzanna L. Brown and husband Jim of Georgia, VT, Caroline Sullivan, her partner Nancy Sicard of Buxton, Maine, Winifred L. Sullivan of Underhill, VT, and Nate L. Sullivan of Underhill, VT. She was predeceased by a son, Jasimer L. Sullivan in 1990. She leaves two granddaughters, Shelby Q. Sullivan and Logan P. Sullivan, both of Bedford, Mass. Ruth is survived by her siblings, James V. McLane of South Burlington, VT, Charles W. McLane of Orwell, VT, and Nancy M. Caudell of Ocklawaha, Fla. Ruth was a devout catholic and a member of the St. Thomas Parish and a member of the Mistletoe Christmas Club. Visiting hours were held from 2:00 to 4:00 PM and 7:00 to 9:00 PM on Sunday, September 13, at the Gifford Funeral Home, 22 Depot St. in Richmond. Funeral services will be held in St. Thomas Church in Underhill Center on Monday at 10:30 AM. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Jasimer L. Sullivan Memorial Scholarship Fund, c/o Suzanna Brown, 190 Smitty Brook Rd., Georgia, VT 05468.

Patrick John Devlin, 16, of Bolton, VT died on Wednesday, September 9, 2009 in Fletcher Allen Health Care in Burlington, VT following a courageous battle with Acute Myeloid Leukemia. Pat was born in Milwaukee, WI on July 30, 1993, the son of John and Carol (Buttry) Devlin. He attended Mount Mansfield Union High School in Jericho, VT. Pat had many interests in life. He especially enjoyed the Boy Scouts. He was currently working on his Eagle Scout Rank. Pat had three Merit Badges and his service project left. All of these requirements he was currently working toward. His closest friends were all Scouts: Andrew, Aaron, John, and Kyle were all there at the hospital to say goodbye before Pat died. Pat also enjoyed strategy games, particularly Star Wars Miniatures. He had memorized not only all his characters' attributes, but his friends' also. He was always a very difficult opponent to beat. Lastly, Pat was an avid Green Bay Packers fan (is there any other kind?), and was also very proud of his roots in Wisconsin. The family would like to give special thanks to all of the medical teams that they have worked with over the last nine months, especially the folks on Baird 5, Hematology Oncology Clinic, and the P.I.C.U. at Fletcher Allen Health Care and Six West at Boston Children's Hospital. Pat is survived by his parents, John and Carol Devlin of Bolton; his sister Kathryn Devlin of Bolton; three grandparents, Jim and Mary Gene Devlin of Deerfield, MA, and Harriet Buttry of Kansas City, MO; and many more cousins, uncles, and aunts scattered across the country. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on the campus of St. Michael's College in the Chapel of St. Michael the Archangel in Colchester on Saturday, September 12. Interment will be at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Vermont Children's Hospital, 111 Colchester Ave., Burlington, VT 05401, or to Troop #23, C/O Doug Warren, 1206 Jericho Rd., Richmond, VT 05477

OFFICIAL WARNING

Mt. Mansfield Union School District #17
Special Meeting
October 6, 2009

The legal voters of the Town School Districts of Bolton, Huntington, Jericho, Richmond, Underhill, and Underhill Incorporated School District, being of Mt. Mansfield Union School District #17, are hereby notified and warned to meet to vote by Australian ballot upon the following Article of business between the hours of 7:00 am and 7:00 pm at

- Bolton Town Office in the Town of Bolton,
- Huntington Town Office in the Town of Huntington (6:30 am – 7 pm),
- Jericho Elementary School in the Town of Jericho,
- Richmond Town Office in the Town of Richmond,
- Underhill Town Hall in the Town of Underhill, and
- Underhill Incorporated School District shall vote in the Town of Jericho or the Town of Underhill as determined by their residence on Tuesday, October 6, 2009.

ARTICLE I

Shall general obligation bonds of Mt. Mansfield Union School District #17 in an amount not to exceed One Million Three Hundred Thousand Dollars ($1,300,000), bearing **interest not-to-exceed zero percent**, subject to reduction for available grants-in-aid, be issued for the purpose of financing certain public improvements, viz: electrical system upgrades and energy efficiency improvements to reduce operating costs at Browns River Middle School in the town of Jericho and Camels Hump Middle School in the Town of Richmond and Mt. Mansfield Union High School in the town of Jericho, the aggregate cost of such improvements estimated to be One Million Three Hundred Thousand Dollars ($1,300,000)?

State funds may not be available at the time this project is otherwise eligible to receive state school construction aid, and in connection with temporary bond construction financing. The district is responsible for all costs incurred in connection with any borrowing done in anticipation of state school construction aid.

Upon closing of the polls, the ballot boxes will be sealed, re-opened at Mt. Mansfield Union High School in the Town of Jericho, the ballots commingled and publicly counted by representatives of the Boards of Civil Authority of the Towns of Bolton, Huntington, Jericho, Richmond and Underhill under the supervision of the Clerk of Mt. Mansfield Union School District #17.

The legal voters of Mt. Mansfield Union School District #17 are further warned and notified that an **informational meeting will be held at Mt. Mansfield Union High School in the Town of Jericho on September 30, 2009, commencing at 7:30 pm, for the purpose of explaining Article I.**

The legal voters of Mt. Mansfield Union School District #17 are further notified that voter qualification, registration and absentee voting relative to said special meeting shall be as provided in Section 706u-706w of Title 16, and Chapters 43, 51, and 55 of Title 17, Vermont Statutes Annotated.

Adopted and approved at a regular meeting of the Board of School Directors of Mt. Mansfield Union School District #17 held on August 27, 2009.

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Received for record this 4th day of September 2009.

Nancy C. Bradford, Clerk, Mt. Mansfield Union School District #17

Legal Notice

TOWN OF JERICHO
DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Jericho Development Review Board will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, October 8, 2009 at 7:00 PM** in the Jericho Town Hall to consider the following:

- A request by Michael and Pamela Mallow for Sketch Plan Review of a 4 Lot Subdivision. The property is located at 130 Plains Road in the Rural Residential and Agricultural Zoning District.

All interested persons may appear and be heard. Written materials may be viewed in the Zoning Office during regular business hours. Seth Jensen, Town Planner, Town of Jericho.

TOWN OF JERICHO – SELECTBOARD
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Jericho Selectboard will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, October 1, 2009 at 7:00 PM** in the Jericho Town Hall to consider the following:

- To consider applying for a Transportation Enhancements Grant to install LED enhanced crosswalk signs on Browns Trace in Jericho Center and on River Road in Riverside/Underhill Flats

All interested persons are welcome appear and be heard. Written materials may be viewed in the Planning Office during regular business hours. For more information contact Seth Jensen, Jericho Town Planner.

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"It's been interesting to negotiate the budget to serve the community, serve children, and to make sure your tax burden isn't too huge," Sheppard said, adding that for her the big issues are tourism, education, and Vermont Yankee. "If you send me to Montpelier," she said, "you're sending a voice of reason, with energy, passion and drive. We need younger folks to be involved." In closing, she stated, "I am dedicated to making sure that this seat is a Republican seat for this community."

Mark Stebbins, who had not publicized his candidacy widely, described his background as coming from a family dedicated to public service. His great-grandfather served in the Vermont legislature; his grandfather, Dr. Roger Mann, was a long-time physician in town who was also active in many community organizations; and both his parents were public servants in one capacity or another. Stebbins said, "Our tax burden is too heavy. It's an unsustainable scenario that we have," before going on to describe four areas that he sees a need to address: attracting business to the state; education, including promoting the state college system and adult education; Vermont Yankee, because, Stebbins said, "We need to have a broad spectrum of power;" and environmental stewardship. The last, he said, "is very important in Lamoille County. Stewardship doesn't mean hands off, but a responsible use of resources." Stebbins concluded, "I believe in leadership through integrity and principle will guide us to a better way."

Juanita Brown was brief. She described herself as someone who has spent all her life in Belvidere. "I've always worked in the public forum," she said, adding that her work had been for the Town of Milton, the federal Immigration and Naturalization Service, and the Department of Homeland Security. She also spent nine years on the Belvidere Schoolboard. Her conclusion was equally simple: "If you think I have something to give, I'll welcome your support. Whatever I can do to help to represent this community and district, that's what I will do."

After the candidates' speeches, ballots were distributed. While they were being tallied, Rich Westman made his farewell address. "You don't know how much of an honor it has been to represent these three communities for this length of time," he began. Westman reviewed the positions he has held throughout his years of service, and listed things he will miss, including "all the lectures I would get on Emma's couch." He also urged those present to get behind whoever is selected to succeed him, because that person will need the support. He closed by saying, "These communities have been my life and will always be my life. I love this place."

When the votes were tallied, the top three names, which will be sent to the governor, were Westman – 13, Stebbins – 8, Brown – 4, Sheppard – 3. It is expected that the governor will invite each of the three nominees to a private interview before making his final selection.

Town Republication Committees to hold reorganization meetings

At the Republican Caucus, Cambridge Republican Committee Chair C. J. Manchester announced that the biennial party reorganization meetings will be held on September 22. The Cambridge meeting will be held at 7:00 PM in the Cambridge Elementary cafeteria. The Waterville meeting will be at 6:00 PM in the Waterville Town Clerk's Office. The Belvidere meeting will be at 7:00 PM in the Belvidere Town Clerk's Office. Anyone interested is invited to attend.

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placed. "The roof is in poor condition," he said. "Patches and repairs were made to stop some of the leaks because of ice jamming and ice buildup." He said there is very little vapor barrier in that area and insulation has to be added to the wall transitions and gable ends.

In the 1980 addition over the multi-purpose area and principal's office, he said the flat roof will be replaced with a rubber membrane. The area needs insulation in the roof and in the ceiling.

The school's fire-alarm system does not cover the entire building and does not meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) guidelines, Wiring in the 1952 building that fronts Pleasant Valley Road is 57 years old and its grounding system is inadequate, he said.

He said major work is also needed on the inefficient heating system that has no back up in case of failure.

Many of the problems at the Underhill Central School were uncovered in an architectural study two years ago and updated this year. The Board took out a five-year construction note of $194,000 to make some repairs. The first payment of $44,426 was made in July this year.

In a flyer to be sent out to voters, the Underhill Town School Board estimates the tax rate may increase by $0.02. On a $200,000 property the increase would be $40. No figures were supplied showing what the new rate would be for Underhill Town School District taxpayers would be with the MMU bond payments added.

For the Underhill Central bond proposal, an informational meeting is scheduled for 6:PM September 29 at the Central School. Voting will be by Australian ballot from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM at the Underhill Town Hall. Underhill voters will cast ballots for both the Central School and the MMU bond.

For the MMU bond proposal, an informational meeting will be held at 7:00 PM, October 1 at MMU.

Voting on the MMU bond will be from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM at these polling places: Bolton, Town office; Huntington, Fire Station; Jericho, Elementary School; Richmond, Town Office; Underhill, Town Hall; and Underhill I.D. voters will cast ballots at either Jericho's or Underhill's polling places.

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is retiring. Some of the students who thrived in Piotrowski's first grade classroom will now be able to rejoin her as she teaches fifth and sixth grade.

Wells reported that Westford is also moving forward with its technology goals. A new computer cart has been purchased and several classrooms will now have interactive smart boards with touch screens. The days of students pounding erasers are clearly in the past.

Westford is still glowing from a visit from Secretary of Education Arne Duncan last year. "The school board was really pleased," said Wells, "that someone of his stature listened to their concerns." Wells noted that Beth Kinney's special education position comes as a direct result of stimulus money. "We don't have any new programs," said Wells, "but we have a lot of new people and we're looking forward to a new school year."

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lot more," said Graf. Lastly, Graf was very pleased by a day of in-service training held before the start of classes. Leah Mermelstein, a staff developer at Teacher's College/Columbia University provided an all-day training on how to improve the reading and writing capabilities of students.

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