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## Alexandra Cline to sing with 2011 National Women's Honor Choir

Congratulations to MMU student Alexandra Cline who was accepted into the 2011 National Women's Honor Choir. Alex was one of 300 students nationwide selected for the choir. The application process was rigorous. Alex prepared and recorded "Se tu a'ami, se sospiri" in Italian by Giovanni Pergolesi, "My Country Tis of Thee", and two major scales in early October. The pool of applicants was large with 1200 students from around America who applied; this is national recognition, and a major honor.

Alexandra Cline is a seventeen year old senior at Mount Mansfield Union High School from Jericho, Vermont. She has been taking voice lessons since the spring of her freshman year of high school. She has been involved in multiple choirs such as the MMU Concert Choir, Women's Madrigal Singers, Select Chorus, and is currently the music director of the student run MMU Women's A Cappella. She has been accepted into other festivals and vocal programs such as Carnegie Mellon pre-college program, Vermont Northwest District Music Festival (07-08), Vermont All State Music Festival (09-10), New England Music Festival (08-09, 09-10). She has also performed Vivaldi's "Gloria" with the MMU Select Chorus at Carnegie Hall last April, 2010.

Thanking her parents, Caleb Pillsbury the MMU Choral Director, Devena Fifield the MMU Choral Piano Accompanist, and Evelyn Kwanza her voice teacher for all the support and aid they have given her in preparing for the festival, Alex says, "I am over the moon with excitement, when I found out I threw all my belongings into the air! I know that this will be a spectacular performing opportunity, one of the finest possible."

Her choir director, Caleb Pillsbury is not surprised at her achievement. "I remember after finishing her recording, Devena Fifield and I were saying how impressed we were with her preparation. Alex beautifully crafted every Italian syllable for the pronunciation of her solo and performed the piece in a way that clearly communicated the character's emotions. It was obvious that she had thought a lot about the piece over the course of last year. She has put many years of work into developing her singing technique and it is truly paying off. Alex's work with Evelyn Kwanza has developed a gorgeous, resonant tone, with which Alex expresses her musical ideas."

The 2011 National Women's Honor Choir will perform at the National Convention of the American Choral Director's Association this March in Chicago.

## Lapine donates 75-year-old painting of Underhill Center to the Town



This oil painting of Underhill Center was donated by Morrystown resident Gert Lapine to the Town of Underhill.

By Ted Tedford

Special to the Mountain Gazette

Hanging soon in the Town Clerk's basement office here will be a 1925 painting of Underhill Center by famous artist Francis Stillwell Dixon.

It was donated to the town by Gertrude Lapine of Morrystown, who bought it 15 years ago from a fine arts gallery in Arizona.

"I had stored the painting in my sister's barn," said Lapine, one of three sisters, who with their mother ran a large dairy farm in the Mud City area of Morrystown for many years. "So just awhile ago, I decided it should go to the town of Underhill where it belongs." She surprised the women who work in the Town Office by showing up unannounced last week with the painting.

Lapine, an avid antique collector, said she saw an advertisement in the Newtown (Connecticut) Bee in 1995 for the painting that the Covington Fine Arts Gallery of Tucson, Arizona, had posted for sale. The Newtown Bee publishes a national paper serving the antiques and arts community.

Lapine said she wrote to the gallery and bought the painting without having actually seen it, although the Newtown Bee advertisement contained

a photograph. "I thought the painting should come back to Vermont," she said.

The framed 29-inch by 39-inch oil painting on canvas appears to have been painted by Dixon from either Range Road or Krug Road. The view from that area shows few trees that now block the view of the Center. Prominent in the painting is the steeple of St. Thomas Roman Catholic Church.

The painting is framed in Peruba wood, a rare wood found in Brazil.

"We feel this was an enormous gesture and we are grateful she has given it to the town," said Steve Walkerman, chairman of the Select Board.

Walkerman and Town Clerk Sherri Morin said the town will have the painting appraised and insured.

Dixon was born on Long Island, NY Sept. 18, 1879 of financially well-off parents. He became famous for painting outdoor scenes with lots of light in New York, New England and California. He died January 6, 1967. His grandfather, James W. Dixon, served as a U.S. senator from Connecticut from 1857-1869.

## Voting results on Town of Underhill gravel pit ballot

The Town of Underhill has the option to purchase property on Pleasant Valley Road and develop it for a town gravel pit. The option to buy the land will expire in a few years. If we terminate the option, the landowners have the rights to all the engineering data, surveys, and studies compiled with respect to the gravel pit property.

The Underhill Selectboard would like to know if the town should continue to hold an option to purchase the land for a gravel pit and put the purchasing of the property and the necessary bond vote back out to voters (including public information hearings). Or, if the town should terminate the option and sign mutual releases with the landowners from any future obligation to each other with respect to the option agreement.

975\_Yes, continue to hold the option to develop a gravel pit on Pleasant Valley Road and bring the question back to voters in the spring of 2011.

568\_No, terminate the option to purchase the land and sign mutual releases with the landowners from any future obligation to each other with respect to the option agreement.

## Permaculture gains recognition in Jericho/Underhill

By Phyl Newbeck

Special to the Mountain Gazette

Permaculture is defined as "an approach to designing human settlements and agricultural systems that mimics the relationships found in natural ecologies." In Jericho and Underhill a group of gardeners having been getting together for half a year trying to incorporate the tenets of permaculture into their backyards.

Laura Markowitz, a musician/teacher, and Lance Polya, a lecturer at UVM's Rubenstein School of Natural Resources, came up with the idea of the group, following a series of well-attended presentations by Jericho's Village University on sustainability. The first meeting was held in April with five attendees. Since then, they have doubled in size with meetings on the first Sunday of every month. The meetings have been held at members' homes since they have been focusing on gardening techniques. Markowitz is curious how the meetings will evolve during the winter. At many of the summer meetings, the group never even went inside the host homes, preferring to sit out in the garden to chat.

Markowitz got the group going by making an announcement at the end of the last meeting of Village University. She followed up with posts on Front Porch Forum and Two Towns Online, the website/listserv serving both Jericho and Underhill. The group was originally envisioned as a Jericho collective, but has expanded to include residents of Underhill. At the onset, Markowitz also saw the assemblage as one geared toward broader sustainability issues, but permaculture has emerged as the main thread of discussions.

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## Underhill elections

By Ted Tedford

Special to the Mountain Gazette

Underhill voters kept alive the issue of the town buying a gravel pit 985 to 568 in the November election and with votes from Underhill, Bolton and Jericho, returned its two state representatives to Montpelier.

The question faced by voters on a paper ballot was whether to continue to hold an option to buy 28 acres at Pleasant Valley and New Roads into a gravel pit.

Voters in November 2008 had defeated a proposal by the Selectboard to buy the land from Dr. Richard and Barbara Albertini and Carolyn Gregson for \$1.5 million.

The Selectboard maintained developing the pit would save the town money for road sand. They plan to present their proposal to voters again at next March Town Meeting.

Voters re-elected Democrats Bill Frank of Underhill and Dr. George Till of Jericho as state representatives. When the votes were counted in Bolton, Jericho and Underhill, Till received 2970 votes, Frank 2824 and Independent Brad Holden of Underhill, 1537. Frank has served three terms in the Legislature and Till was elected to a second term.

In Underhill, Frank received 986 votes, Till 858 and Holden, of Underhill, received 666. A surveyor, it was his first try at elective office.

In Jericho, Frank received 1505 votes, Till, 1795 and Holden 712. In Bolton, Frank received 333 votes, Till 317 and Holden 159.

Till served on the House Health Care Committee in the last session. Frank served on the Human Services Committee. He said he hopes to serve on the same committee starting in January when the new Legislature convenes.

## Cambridge Rotary Ski and Skate Swap bringing the Mountain to the kids

By Phyl Newbeck

Special to the Mountain Gazette

It's all for a good cause. The Cambridge Area Rotary's Ski and Skate Swap which takes place on November 20 and 21 will help fund the Winter Wellness Days (WWD) Program for area kids. Participants are asked to drop off their good-condition contemporary skis (shaped only), boards, skates and accessories at Cambridge Elementary School (CES) between 6:00 and 8:00 PM on Friday November 19. The sale takes place on Saturday November 20 from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM, and Sunday November 21 from 8:00AM to 2:00 PM in the school cafeteria. Unsold items and proceeds can be picked up on Sunday from noon to 3:00 PM.

Sam Lotto, President of the Cambridge Area Rotary Club said this is the second year the organization has sponsored the swap although the idea is not a new one. Years ago, there was a ski, ride and skate swap to benefit sixth grade students at Cambridge Elementary School. The Cambridge Area Rotary revived the swap but now the proceeds go towards a full day of skiing or riding at Smuggler's Notch for fourth, fifth and sixth graders. People donating equipment to the swap can take home 80% of the proceeds, but the remaining 20% goes to WWD. Lotto stressed that the event is not just for skis and snowboards; they accept skates and winter clothing, as well.

Lotto noted that although the mountain is practically in the kids' back yard, for many, based on the price tag it could be "a million miles away." Three years ago, under the direction of Adam Howard (now Representative Howard), Backcountry Magazine started sponsoring an event at the Barn at Boyden Farms to raise money for the Winter Wellness Days program. Combining funds from the two events has made it easier for Cambridge kids to ski and ride. The first year of the swap, fifth and sixth graders were able to take two free trips to Smuggs. The following year fourth graders were able to join them and the trips were expanded to three days. This year, Lotto hopes that they will make enough money for four trips for the three grades.

Howard said the Cambridge ski program has been around since 1953, prior to the establishment of Smuggler's Notch. More recently, Height of Land Publications which publishes Backcountry, Alpinist and Telemark Magazines began using their

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September 10, 2010, **Ethan M. Murphy**, 23, Underhill, VT, charged with DUI, first offense, in Winooski, VT on June 4, 2010; amended to vehicle operation – careless or negligent; pleaded guilty; fined \$500.

September 10, 2010, **Diane Stauff**, 40, Underhill, VT, charged with grand larceny greater than \$900, felony, in South Burlington, VT on November 15, 2009; amended to petty larceny \$900 or less, misdemeanor; pleaded guilty; sentenced to six to 12 months, suspended but 60 days, probation.

September 10, 2010, **Olivia P. Mithoefer**, 53, Underhill, VT, charged with DUI, second offense, in Essex, VT on June 22, 2010; amended to DUI, first offense; pleaded guilty; fined \$300, sentenced to four to 12 months, suspended, probation.

September 15, 2010, **Orland J. Thomas**, 46, Jericho, VT, charged with DUI, first offense, in Colchester, VT on August 6, 2010; pleaded guilty; fined \$300, sentenced to four to 24 months, suspended, probation.

September 22, 2010, **John M. Haas**, 44, Underhill, VT, charged with lewd and lascivious conduct, felony, in South Burlington, VT on June 1, 2010; amended to prohibited act, misdemeanor; pleaded guilty; sentenced to 12 months, suspended, probation.

September 28, 2010, **Craig V. Harrington Sr.**, 48, Cambridge, VT, charged with disorderly conduct – fight, etc. in Burlington, VT on July 6, 2010; pleaded no contest; fined \$50.

September 29, 2010, **Leslie Davis**, 41, Underhill, VT, charged with embezzlement, felony, in Colchester, VT on March 2, 2010; amended to petty larceny \$900 or less, misdemeanor; pleaded guilty; sentence deferred for two years; charged with embezzlement, felony, in Colchester, VT on March 19, 2010; amended to petty larceny \$900 or less, misdemeanor; pleaded guilty; sentence deferred for two years.

September 29, 2010, **Holly-Ruth Stocking**, 54, charged with DUI, third offense or subsequent, felony, in Essex, VT on August 22, 2010; amended to vehicle operation – careless or negligent, misdemeanor; pleaded guilty; fined \$300, sentenced to three to six months, suspended, probation.

September 29, 2010, **Nicholas Tulikangas**, 21, Underhill, VT, charged with DUI, first offense, in Essex, VT on July 10, 2010; pleaded guilty; fined \$300.

October 6, 2010, **Jonathan Griffin**, 34, Westford, VT, charged with DUI, first offense, in Essex, VT on August 27, 2010; amended to vehicle operation – careless or negligent; pleaded guilty; fined \$500.

October 6, 2010, **Alisha Lafountain**, 23, Jericho, VT, charged with domestic assault in Burlington, VT on August 10, 2010; amended to simple assault; pleaded guilty; sentence deferred for six months.

**POLICE REPORT**

Sunday October 31, 2010 at approximately 1:16 AM, the Vermont State Police were investigating a motor vehicle crash on West Farm Road in the Town of Cambridge when rescue personnel on scene noticed a vehicle heading towards the crash scene and not stopping. After several attempts were made to get the operator to stop the vehicle, he did just prior to hitting personnel on scene. The operator was identified as **H. Oliver English**, 39, of Jeffersonville, VT. Further investigation revealed that English was under the influence of intoxicants and was processed for DUI as a refusal. He was cited to appear in Lamoille District Court on Wednesday November 17, 2010. Case#: 10A104473

**UNDERHILL JERICHO FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

By Kitty Clark

**EMERGENCY CALLS:**  
 November 1, 12:40 AM - Responded Mutual Aid to Richmond for structure fire  
 November 1, 3:34 AM - Responded to 14 Crampton Drive, Jericho for fire in basement  
 November 1, 7:56 AM - Responded to 14 Roaring Brook, Underhill, smell of gas  
 November 2, 8:38 AM - Responded to MMU parking lot, Jericho for a two vehicle accident  
 November 2, 6:45 PM - EMS  
 November 2, 8:32 PM - Responded Mutual Aid to Westford for a structure fire  
 November 2, 10:47 PM - Responded to 128 Browns Trace, Jericho for a carbon monoxide alarm  
 November 3, 11:12 AM - EMS  
 November 4, 7:16 AM - Responded to Jericho Elementary School for an activated fire alarm  
 November 4, 8:44 AM - EMS  
 November 5, 6:49 AM - Responded to a one vehicle accident near 82 Alpine Drive, Jericho  
 November 5, 8:30 PM - Sq51 only responded to Jeri Hill Apartments to assist Rescue  
 November 8, 7:59 AM - EMS  
 November 8, 8:06 AM - Responded to a one vehicle accident above New Road, Underhill  
 November 8, 4:11 PM - EMS  
 November 9, 5:40 PM - Lift Assist with Essex Rescue  
 November 10, 6:01 AM - Responded to 896 VT RT 16, Underhill for a chimney fire  
 November 10, 1:00 PM - EMS  
 November 10, 2:25 PM - EMS  
 On Tuesday, November 2 maintenance drill was held at both stations. On Tuesday, November 9 drill night with Pumps 2 Training, Apprentice Training and classroom and hands on with vehicle  
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COMMUNITY COLUMNS

## Taking aim at hunting safety

By Dr. Lewis First

With hunting season in full swing, parents have been taking aim to ask me if there are any safety guidelines that I might give for older children who want to join their parents in this activity. Well, let me see if I can fire off a few pieces of advice.

Thanks to hunter safety programs, the number of injuries to humans that occur from hunting are far less than those that occur from essentially all other sports. For example, football causes 500 times more human injuries than hunting. Even ping pong has twice the number of reported injuries than hunting. That being said, we don't want even one hunting injury to occur so here are some safety tips:

Children under 15 who want to shoot should have a state hunting license, take a hunter safety course, always be accompanied by an adult - preferably one who is certified in hunter safety; Children under 12 should not be allowed to handle a firearm; Never leave a child alone in the woods when you are hunting; You and your child should wear fluorescent orange to reduce the chance of an accident.

Older children who shoot under adult supervision need to observe 4 key rules. (1) Always point the firearm in a safe direction and never at anything you are unwilling to destroy; (2) Always keep the finger off the trigger until ready to shoot; (3) Always keep the firearm unloaded with the ammunition stored separately until you are in the hunting area and ready to shoot. (4) Be sure of your target—and that means what might be beyond or behind that target.

Finally, if your children are not going hunting but encounter a gun in someone else's home when they are unsupervised (and estimates are that guns are in more than one-third of all U.S. households) teach them to stop what they're doing, don't touch the gun, leave the area, and tell an adult. And if you are keeping a gun in your home, please avoid what I just described from happening by keeping all guns locked away when not in use for hunting, with the ammunition also locked and stored separately.

Hopefully tips like this will be the safety bullets you need to trigger a safe hunting season for you and your older child.

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## Thanksgiving

By Suzanne Kusserow  
Senior Guest Columnist

I am trying to formulate an essay for Thanksgiving; I thought that a history of the holiday might be a good starting point, although mention of the word history may quickly turn readers into a biased stupor. But as I started to gather my 5<sup>th</sup> grade thoughts about the origin of the Day, I realized I had little data for either fact or fiction. Myths become so believable that they morph into whatever definition and authority we wish to bless them with; per usual, fact/fiction/opinion was inextricably tied into a Gordian knot. Christmas and Easter are fairly straightforward; we still have much the same views of Jesus today as we did then. He was/is seen as a kind man; he was/is limited to fairly clearly-written parables and chronological narratives; he predicted his own death and much of its results, as his teachings spread worldwide. With Thanksgiving, our beliefs about the Indians have undergone radical changes. Wild savages have morphed into complex systems of the nature-man interdependence. The kindness of the early Puritans in sharing blankets with the Indians during a tragic winter is now thought to be an attempt to spread smallpox and measles to a fresh population. The Pequot tribe (Connecticut) was completely obliterated by disease. Is that fact or fiction? Can we compare simplistic germ theory knowledge then, using the moral and ethical standards of today? The Puritans did not celebrate anything; there was nothing about the so-called groaning board and pleasant get-togethers we mythologize today. Their "celebrations" were in a frozen church, sitting for hours enjoying the pains of frostbite, since Christianity based its heavenly entry on the amount one could endure in the present life. Every holiday is tinged, if not blatantly honored for its role in adversity, usually with the heroes pushed into their proper place behind a row of flags. In contrast, the old Indians walked into the winter woods, and walked and walked.....until they fell frozen to the ground, knowing that their deaths would increase the amount of food available for the total tribe.

How does Thanksgiving survive? In part, I think, because it has a simple and unifying message. It does not have to compete with wreaths, cards, a pair of goats sent to Botswana, or a beautifully-wrapped pair of gloves for Uncle Fred to whom you don't know what else to send. It does not strain people's logic, wondering how a huge stone could get rolled away, how someone could talk with us while floating 20 feet above us. And how bunnies got into this, no one knows. What we have acquired and solemnized with simple meaning, is the groaning board, the gathering of friends and sometimes a few foes whom you can't avoid.....ultimately a reconnection of sometimes-ignored familial ties, but which, nonetheless have not been broken.

So we advance to the Day. Thanksgiving is age-specific, with jobs traditionalized to certain ages and gender. The older members are returned to the family table, of which they used to be in command.....and asked to bring the favorite dish "that only Aunt Emily can make". The middle-aged group of women do it all: the mashed turnips which are thankfully only served at Thanksgiving; squash topped with marshmallows; cranberries served straight or in various disguises; turkey lovingly raised in grassy meadows, or shot with various hormones and butter-flavored water, in assembly lines

of 2,000 or more. And the first topic after Grace is: "I only cooked it for four hours; why is it so dry?", which precipitates emotional opinions from all females of a middle age.



And the kids have been relegated to a low table in the edge of the living room, where they can yell at each other and throw rolls with impunity.

But Grace comes first, narrated by the oldest male member of the family, who, luckily in this case, has a rich and sometimes ludicrous sense of time and humor:

"Dear (however he wishes to address us)":

Let us learn from small sorrows so we can be better prepared when the big ones come along.

Let us tolerate in silent resignation, those relatives who are here who don't

like me and I don't like them. If we can't have peace around this table, where can we?

Help that little chickadee that just hit the window as he was flying away with a prize sunflower seed. And also help me when I cannot see the invisible window, until I bang my head into it and the world swirls with my stupidity.

Keep that birch tree alive until I can get outside to prop it up. Do the same for my family; let me be close enough to help, and stay away if my example doesn't match my preaching. Give my friends permission to point out the difference.

Let me be alone.....to be myself, more often. But not so much alone that I forget what I wanted to be.

Bless the dog that is under the table, volunteering to help clean up. Stop him from chewing that bone too loudly or he'll get ungraciously kicked out to the kitchen.

And last of all, reinterpret this Day: turn this word into three:

Thanks for giving us the chance to see how fearfully selfish we are.

Thanks for giving us the opportunity to reach out when we "know" we shouldn't; and we do it anyway.

Thanks for giving us the quiet of the woods, so we can wander without thought.

Thanks for giving us this day; good or bad; what we make it is up to us, both in action and in memory. It is our choice. And the only choice we own is the one we make. Don't blow it!

Amen.

In a half hour it is all over. Tragic ruins of half-empty casseroles are eroding as they cool; fruit Jello has turned into little pools of pineapple juice; shreds of pies that were slashed into small slices, so everyone could have apple, pumpkin, AND pecan; a large pinkish lagoon in the middle of the table, where numerous glasses of water were emptied to try and save Gramma's linen tablecloth from a spilled glass of red wine. Conversation fades as post-prandial lethargy proves that the stomach is mightier than the mind. Generally kind remarks like a culinary post-mortem, echo around the table. Obesity is expected and there is a feeling of camaraderie among all except the mockingly thin, who, if they say once more: "Ooh, I couldn't possibly eat another bite" are viewed like ants at a picnic.

Half-finished casseroles get stuffed into cars; kids, all over their carbo-highs, stagger into the back seat, morose and complaining of cold. The host and hostess are left to survey the wreck for which they politely refused assistance, knowing that next year, at her sister's house; they can claim the same privilege. The dog retires to the end of the couch, burping contentedly. Mama has sleepy visions of how much turkey is left for school lunches, or "Should I just freeze it until we've forgotten we all had too much of a good thing?"

So, why bother with Thanksgiving? Because there is still enough of the ragged edge of tradition; the positive myths we have attached to this long-ago betrayal of our Indian "friends", the somewhat hazy remembrance of guilt which still drives us to be thankful we can, and do, ask for forgiveness. And we know that, despite what 'isn't', there still is: the tenuous bond of confession, humility and kindness that gives some order and structure to our year and presumes us to be better than we are.

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EVENTS

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**Saturday November 20**  
**American Cancer Society's Endurance** Determination™ informational session planned. Local athletes participating in the Key Bank Vermont City Marathon are invited attend. Informational session is planned for 10:00 AM, at Fleet Feet, 76 Pearl Street, Essex, Vermont. For more information [acsdetermination.org/vermontcity](http://acsdetermination.org/vermontcity).

**Holiday Bazaar**, United Church of Hinesburg, the Osborne Parish Hall next to the church on Rte 116 in Hinesburg Village, from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. If you have any questions you may contact Barbara Lyman 482-3904

**Christmas Cupboard Community Craft Fair**, Underhill ID Elementary School, Jericho, 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM. Free Admission. Free Refreshments. Contact: Mary Weith 802-879-8931.

**Thursday November 25**  
**Free Community Thanksgiving Dinner**, United Christian Assembly, 100 Raceway Road in Jericho, 2:00 PM. Please RSVP by Nov. 12 to 899-2949 or at [secretary@ucavt.org](mailto:secretary@ucavt.org). Hope you can join us.

**Saturday November 27**  
**Author Diane Imrie** will hold a cooking demonstration with free samples, followed by a book signing, Phoenix Books & Café at Essex Shoppes & Cinema from 12:00-3:00 PM. Free. More info: [www.phoenixbooks.biz](http://www.phoenixbooks.biz) or 872-7111.

**Wednesday December 1**  
**Author appearance and book reading and autographing**, Dan Close, Phoenix Books & Café at Essex Shoppes and Cinema, 6:30 PM. Free. More info: [www.phoenixbooks.biz](http://www.phoenixbooks.biz) or 872-7111.

**Friday December 3**  
**Fish fry**, VFW POST 6689, 73 Pearl St., Essex Jct., 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM. Baked or Fried Had-dock, mashed potatoes or fries, coleslaw and rolls. Adults \$10, children \$5. Sponsored by the Men's Aux. Post 6689 - 878-0700 for more info.

**Vermont Philharmonic Orchestra Messiah Concert**, Lisa Jablow, Conductor, St. Augustine's Church, Barre Street, Montpelier, Vermont; \$15 / \$12 seniors / \$5 students/\$32 family, 7:30 p.m. (information at [www.vermontphilharmonic.org](http://www.vermontphilharmonic.org) or (802) 476-8188).

**Friday & Saturday, December 3 & 4**  
**Creative Women's 6th annual Holiday Studio Sale**, Chace Mill, 1 Mill Street, Burlington, right before the bridge to Winooski. Friday 12 noon - 6:00 PM, Saturday 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM. Vermont-based importers of hand-woven, lovely

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**Sunday December 5**  
**Community Breakfast**, VFW POST 6689, 73 Pearl St., Essex Junction, 9:00 - 11:00 A.M.. Menu includes Eggs any style, Pancakes, Bacon or Sausage, Home fries and Toast. Adults, \$7, Children, \$3. Sponsored by the Ladies Aux. Post 6689 - 878-0700 for more info.

**Christmas Bazaar**, St. Ann Catholic Church, 41 Main St., Milton, 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM. Decorated fresh balsam Wreaths; White Elephant Table; Crafts; Bake sale including: homemade donuts, pies, baked beans and candies; Silent Auction and a Raffle with many prizes. Come enjoy Lunch with a variety of Homemade Soups.

**Underhill Central School Arts and Craft Fair**, from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM in the multipurpose room. Admission is free to the public. Come and support local artists and crafters just in time for the holidays.

**Children's Christmas Gift making workshop**, United Church of Underhill, 7 Park Street, Underhill, 1:00-4:00 PM. Children grades k-6. Several gifts will be handmade and wrapped. Please call Julianne Nickerson 899-3798 or email [jnicker@cheerful.com](mailto:jnicker@cheerful.com) to sign up by November 28, 2010.

**Full Circle Holiday Performance**, Burlington Farmer's Market, Memorial Auditorium, 11:00 AM - 1:30 PM. Songs and melodies for the holidays from many times and places sung and played on recorders, harp, hammered dulcimer, guitar and percussion. For more info, call Mary Ann at 658-0832.

**Vermont Philharmonic Orchestra Messiah Concert**, Lisa Jablow, Conductor Barre Opera House, Barre, Vermont, \$15 / \$12 seniors / \$5 students/\$32 family, 3:30 p.m. (information at [www.vermontphilharmonic.org](http://www.vermontphilharmonic.org) or (802) 476-8188).

**Sunday December 12**  
**Full Circle Holiday Performance**, Mt. Mansfield Unitarian Universalist Fellowship (the red barn on Rt. 15 in Jericho across from Packard Rd.), 4:00 PM. Songs and melodies for the holidays from many times and places sung and played on recorders, harp, hammered dulcimer, guitar and percussion. For more info, call Maeve at 899-4327.

ONGOING EVENTS

**ADULT ACTIVITIES**  
**Chittenden County Postage stamps** and post card club meets every first Wed. of the month 6:15 -8:30 PM, A IDX Circle GE Healthcare Building. South Burlington Information e-mail:[Laineyrapp@yahoo.com](mailto:Laineyrapp@yahoo.com) or call me at 802 660-4817

**Serious writers**: meet other writers and exchange critiques of your work. Friendly bunch. Village Cup, Jericho, Thursdays at 9:15 AM. Call Ted Tedford 899-4447 for information.

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

**Chittenden County Stamp Club**, First Wednesday of the month 6:15-8:30 PM, GE Healthcare, 1 IDX Circle, South Burlington, VT. Everyone is welcome to come learn about stamp collecting, postage history, cachets, postcards and postage stamps or a variety of other knowledge. Lainey Rappaport (802) 660-4817.

**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.

**Handbell ringers**, Tuesday evenings, United Church of Underhill. All are welcome at rehearsals. Two ensembles; opportunity for small groups/shorter time periods. We ring a variety of music in a variety of settings and look forward to new faces joining us. Beginners welcome! Call Roger, 899-3106, for information.

**Mt. Mansfield Scale Modelers** gather on the third Thursday of the month from 6:30 to 8:30 PM starting Thursday September 16. Modelers encompassing all categories of interest and skill levels are welcome. Brownell Library, Kolvoord Community Room, Lincoln Street, Essex Junction.

**Recorder players** come and get together for fun and free to play early music - baroque, dance, folk tunes on recorders. Group meets every Saturday 2:00 - 4:00 PM at Presto Music Store in the Blue Mall on Dorset Street in

South Burlington, but also have interest in getting a group started in the Underhill area. Interested folks contact David at [info@prestomusic.net](mailto:info@prestomusic.net) or by phone at 802 658-0030.

**Vermont French Canadian Genealogical Society** is located in Fort Ethan Allen, Colchester. We can help you get started in finding your ancestors, even those that are not French Canadian. We have the complete Vermont Vital Records so you don't need to drive to Middlesex to access that information. Come see us on Tuesdays from 3:00 to 9:30

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**The Green Mountain Chapter of the Embroiders Guild** will meet on December 8 at 9:30 AM at the Pines Senior living community, 7 Aspen Dr, South Burlington. First meeting is complimentary. Contact number 879-0198.

**HEALHEVENTS & 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.

**Pilates Class Schedule**, Wednesday evenings at 6:30 PM at MMU. Monday evenings at 6:00 PM and Saturday mornings at 9:00 AM at Dakini Studio. Call Lisa Timbers at 899-4191 for more information or visit her website at <http://timbers.wordpress.com>

**KIDS**

**Playgroups** are free of charge and open to all children birth through age 5 and their caregivers. At playgroup you will find stories, songs, crafts, free play, local events & information, and more. It is a wonderful opportunity to play with the children in your life, meet other playmates, and connect with other parents and caregivers. Playgroups follow the school calendar. Come to any or all groups that fit your schedule. For more information on any of the playgroups, please contact Heather Lebeis at 899-4415 or [underhillplaygroup@yahoo.com](mailto:underhillplaygroup@yahoo.com).

**Monday:** Jericho Community Center 9:30 - 11:00 AM.

**Wednesday:** Bolton's Smilie Memorial School 8:15 - 10:15 AM and Richmond Free Library 8:45 - 10:15 AM and Huntington's Brewster Pierce Memorial School 3:00 - 5:00 PM.

**Friday:** Underhill Central School 9:30 - 11:00 AM.

**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. The next senior luncheon is on Monday, September 13. There is no lunch in July or August. 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.

**Bolton Up and Downtown Club** meets the last Thursday of the month at the Bolton Fire station Suggested \$3.00 donation. Meal at 5:00 PM. Open to adults 60 and over. Contact Doris Wheelock at 434-3769.

**Huntington senior meal site** - The Huntington Senior meals are served the third Tuesday of each month at 12:00 noon at the Community Baptist Church in Huntington Center.

**St. Jude's Church**, Hinesburg, senior meals held on second and fourth Wednesday of each month with bingo games after the dinners. Everyone is welcome including caregivers. Dinners are \$3.00 per person. For information call Ted Barrette at 453-3087.

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**SUPPORT GROUPS**

**CFS, Fibromyalgia, Lyme Disease, Chemical Sensitivity and Gulf War Syndrome**, 1:00 to 3:00 PM every third Thursday at: The Bagel Cafe, Ethan Allen Shopping Center Burlington, VT call or visit website [www.vtcfids.org](http://www.vtcfids.org) or Lainey at 802 660-4817 or 800-296-1445 ask for Rik

**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; playground 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.

**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 Select Board member**, at the Village Cup, first and third 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, [jquinnvt@aol.com](mailto:jquinnvt@aol.com).

**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.

**Village of Jericho, Inc.** - Please be advised that the Board of Water Commissions of the Village of Jericho, Inc. will hold its next monthly meeting December 21, 2010 at 7:00 PM.

**Jericho Energy Task Force** meets the third Wednesday of every month from 7:00 to 8:30 PM at Jericho Town Hall.

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**HEALTH**

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When a cigarette is smoked, about half of the smoke is inhaled by the smoker; the other half lingers for hours. Toxins from the smoke remain in the air and in the residue that clings to a smoker's hair, clothes and surroundings. We are all vulnerable to secondhand smoke.

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Copley's Smoke-Free Campus Policy applies to all offices, clinics and buildings either owned or leased by Copley. In addition, all parking lots, driveways, roads, lawns and grounds leased or owned by Copley are also considered smoke-free areas.

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The Mountain Gazette takes full responsibility for the error and apologizes to the folks at Jerihill.

Corrected email address  
**Nate Guay**  
**Outdoor Services**  
802-279-1367  
email: [snowguay@yahoo.com](mailto:snowguay@yahoo.com)

Correction: Dave Eaton is no longer a Justice of the Peace for Jericho.

RICHMOND / HUNTINGTON NEWS



**PEMBERTON-HIRSCH**

Chelsea Pemberton, daughter of Chloe and Rick Pemberton of Richmond, VT, and Jason Hirsch, son of Merle Jupiter of Cheshire, CT and Rick Hirsch of Northfield, MN, were united in marriage on Saturday, September 4, 2010.

Paul Watson officiated at the double-ring ceremony at the Eagle Camp in South Hero, VT, where a reception also was held.

Beth Deslaurier was the maid of honor. Lindsay Marcroft-Hunt was the matron of honor. The bridesmaids were Chris Evans, Jess Little-Hayes, Renee Marcroft, Liz Kuttler, Nora Pemberton, Chrissy Jacobsen, and Tiffany Noonan.

Dan Plourde, Len Marmitt, and DJ Krueger were the best men. The usher was Evan Pemberton. Leah Hirsch was the ring bearer.

Mrs. Hirsch graduated from Mount Mansfield Union High School in Jericho, VT and the University of Vermont. She works at Summer Search. Mr. Hirsch graduated from Cheshire High School and the University of Colorado. He works at Common Sense Media.

The couple resides in San Francisco, CA.

**Copley Hospital's tips for a heart healthy holiday**

Thanksgiving is a time that brings family and friends together, and a lot of food – food that often includes fat-filled side-dishes, creamy toppings, gravy and desserts. Unfortunately the traditional fixings aren't always heart healthy. Copley Hospital's Certified Diabetes Educator Nancy Wagner, RD says everyone can enjoy a traditional Thanksgiving meal, explaining that the 'heart healthy' is in the preparations. Wagner offers the following tips on making your Thanksgiving meal a heart healthy one:

**Turkey versus Ham.** Turkey is the healthiest choice only when you pass on the dark meat and turkey skin. In fact, turkey is packed with protein and is low in fat. Baking is best. Frying your turkey in fat defeats the purpose of cooking heart healthy.

**Sweet potatoes** are much more nutritious than white potatoes. Instead of loading either with butter and sour cream, top or mash with plain yogurt, pepper, spices or finely chopped onions.

**Choose your side dishes carefully.** Make stuffing lower in fat by skipping the meat and adding flavorful spices and vegetables. And remember that a portion of stuffing is ½ cup. Bake your stuffing separately. Stuffing cooked inside the turkey cavity absorbs the fatty juices from the turkey. Other suggested side dishes include wild rice, fresh fruit and fresh vegetables.

**Replace gravy, cream or cheesy sauces** with spices and herbs. Prepare lower fat, but very flavorful gravy by cooling the meat drippings or running an ice cube through them to harden the fat. Skim the fat off and you have a fat-free base for your gravy.

**One crust pies (pumpkin)** usually have less calories and fat than two crust fruit pies. Fruit crisps made with less sugar and oatmeal topping are even better.

**Wagner notes that heart healthy eating** includes both ingredients and portion sizes. When possible, choose ingredients lower in overall fat, but especially look for products with no or very little saturated and trans fats. "Consciously increase your intake of healthy fats like fish, nuts, plant oils, and avocados," said Wagner.

**And, while eating heart healthy is important,** we can not over look the value of exercise, stress management and healthy habits. After that meal encourage the family to go outside for a walk; keep your stress in check and if you haven't already, quit smoking.

Copley Hospital's Wellness Center offers a variety of programs with a focus on wellness/prevention and education to help people manage their health. Copley is offering the Vermont Blueprint for Health's, Healthier Living Workshops to help people with chronic conditions. Copley also provides both 1:1 and group diabetes education, weight management and nutritional education. For more information on the programs available call Copley's Wellness Center at 802-888-8369.

**HUNTINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**Candy House Construction** - Come make a sweet, candy house for display and nibbling during the holiday season with local food caterer Karyl Kent. There will be a three dollar fee for supplies. Space is limited so call today to register. The program will be held Sunday December 12 at 2:00 PM and is open to kids in grades preschool through fourth grade.

**Holiday Books** - From the middle of November until the middle of January we will be displaying all of our holiday books on the fronts and tops of our rolling shelves. Stop by for your favorite classics or to find a new story for the season.

**Huntington Craft Fair** - Do some of your holiday shopping right in Huntington at the second annual Huntington Craft Fair at the library on Saturday, November 27 from 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM.

**Raffle to benefit the Library** - Thanks to Jim and Cathy Christiansen for the donation of ten day passes to the Montshire Museum. Five passes each will be raffled off to two lucky winners. The last day to purchase a raffle ticket to win this fun and educational family field trip is Sunday, December 12. Tickets are currently on sale at the library.

**Planet Huntington** - Established in 1872, Yellowstone National Park is America's first national park. Located in Wyoming, Montana and Idaho, it is home to a large variety of wildlife including grizzly bears, wolves, bison, and elk. Come enjoy photos of all of these animals and more as Holly and Terry Stadler present images from their recent journey into the park on Thursday December 9 at 7:00 PM.

**Download Audio Books** - We now subscribe to listenupvermont.org a service which allows library patrons to download audio books for free and listen to them on their home computer, a portable device or burn them to CD. The service is easy to use and can be accessed anytime from anywhere with your library card. Call or stop by the library and we'll get you started.

**Thank You** - We would like to thank Lisa Barrett for underwriting the cost of the Library's membership in the on-line audiobook service, Listenupvermont.

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**New Adult Books** - Fall of Giants by Ken Follett, In the Company of Others by Jan Karon, A Secret Kept by Tatiana De Rosnay, Snowstorms in a Hot Climate by Sarah Dunant, Bury Your Dead by Louise Penny, Santa Fe Edge by Stuart Woods, Snowstorms in a Hot Climate by Sarah Dunant, The Charming Quirks of Others by Alexander McCall Smith, Our Kind of Traitor by John Le Carre, Dewey's Nine Lives by Vicki Myron, Ladies of Liberty by Cokie Roberts, Discovering Black Vermont by Elise Guyette.

**New Junior Fiction** - Sphinx's Princess by Esther Friesner, The Atlantis Complex by Eoin Colfer, How Tia Lola Learned to Teach by Julia Alvarez

**New Picture Books** - *The Happiest Tree* by Uma Krishnaswami, *A Woodland Counting Book* by Claudia McGehee, *The Year of the Fabulous Christmas Tree* by Ellen Obed, *The Fabulous Fashion Boutique* by Jane O'Connor, *The Apple Pie Tree* by Zoe Hall, *Llama Llama Holiday Drama* by Anna Dewdney, *Pink Around the Rink* by Victoria Kann, *Run, Turkey, Run* by Diane Mayr, *T is for Turkey* by Tanya Lee Stone, *10 Fat Turkeys* by Tony Johnston, *I'm A Turkey* by Jim Arnosky

**Storytime** - Early Literacy is what children know about reading and writing before they can actually read and write. Children get ready to read years before they start school. Helping them learn important skills early on lays the solid foundation they need to become good readers. Every Friday morning at Storytime we target the six specific early literacy skills as defined by the American Library Association in its Early Literacy Initiative. Young children and their parents are invited to join us for books, rhymes, music and fun on Fridays at 10 am.

**Thanksgiving** - This is a good month to reflect on what a great resource the town library is in a rural community like Huntington. Our doors are open to everyone and our collection represents the interests of a multi-generational community. If there are books or subject areas that you believe we should have, let us know. We add new books every month. Please watch for our annual request for support this month and if you value the library as a community resource, please respond as generously as you are able.

**COURT REPORT**

September 23, 2010, **Andrew Cassidy**, 23, Richmond, VT, charged with vehicle operation – license suspended in Williston, VT on March 29, 2010; pleaded guilty; fined \$300.

October 4, 2010, **Clarence Lamore Jr.**, 48, Richmond, VT, charged with vehicle operation – license suspended in Colchester, VT on January 12, 2010; amended to disorderly conduct – obstructs vehicular or pedestrian traffic; pleaded guilty; fined \$100.

**WELCOME HOME**

**RICHMOND (Lauchman, Turco)** Tammy (Holbrook) Lauchman and Eric Turco had a daughter, Natana Turco, on Wednesday October 6, 2010 at Fletcher Allen Health Care in Burlington, VT.

**Richmond fire displaces families**

Vermont firefighters say several families were displaced by a fire that swept through an apartment building in Richmond. The fire was reported at about 12:30 AM Monday at the multiunit building on East Main Street. Fire officials say nine apartments were evacuated and two were completely destroyed. State Police closed U.S. Route 2 for several hours while crews fought the fire. Investigators are expected to be on the scene of the fire to try to determine what caused it.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

**Thank you for your votes  
To the Editor,**

I would like to thank the citizens of Jericho and Underhill for their support for me as one of your Senators representing Chittenden County. This was a good race, with a slate of excellent choices, and I feel honored to be elected.

I pledge to be accessible and responsive to your needs, and I hope that you will feel free to contact me with any concerns or issues you have with state government.

*Representative Sally Fox, South Burlington*

**Thank you from Bill  
To the Editor,**

Thank you, thank you! I appreciate the support my Underhill, Jericho and Bolton neighbors gave me this election year. It is truly a great honor to represent you and I am looking forward to returning to Montpelier on January 5. I enjoyed bicycling, walking and driving up and down every road in our three towns, knocking on your door and visiting with you. I listened to your stories and received your compliments and criticism. I heard what you think is working and what is not. But most of all I got to meet you again, and many of you for the first time. I will represent all of you for the next two years as we tackle some very difficult issues.

Between now and January 5, I will be attending many meetings for legislators hosted by organizations including the Chittenden County Metropolitan Planning Organization, the Lake Champlain Chamber of Commerce, the Chittenden County Building Bright Futures, and Voices for Vermont's Children. I will also attend two all day conferences: The Vermont Statewide Housing Conference;

"Bridges Out of Poverty" which is a training program that leads to a new way of thinking about poverty and economic diversity, helping to end generational poverty in our communities. The third annual Kids Are Priority One Coalition State House Open House invites families to the State House. I will be doing a skit with other legislatures for children and their parents on how a bill becomes a law.

My legislative committee, Human Services, is going to meet in December, prior to the next session, to discuss Vermont's new Benefits Modernization program. This will give us a jump start on the work ahead of us. I am going to ask to be assigned to the Human Services committee again.

The last two years in the legislature were both challenging and rewarding. We made investments in our roads, bridges, state parks, energy infrastructure, farms, health care systems and many other areas. We worked to strengthen and smarten our sex offender laws. We insured that all Vermonters had the right to marry. There are many other areas where we did significant work. Put simply, in the past two years, I believe that we focused on building a strong foundation for Vermont's future. We need to continue this work. In December I will be writing in this column about how we will continue this work and some of the personal challenges I have.

On December 28 Rep. Till and I will be at the Deborah Rawson Memorial Library to discuss these challenges. Please plan to join us from 6:30-8:00 PM.

As always I like to hear from you, either by email:

*Bill@RepBillFrank.com*, phone: 899-3136 or mail: 19 Poker Hill Rd, Underhill, 05489.

**Thank you to Chittenden 6-3 voters  
To the Editor,**

I wish to express a heartfelt thank you to the voters of Chittenden 6-3 (Essex/Westford) for voting to return me to the Vermont House. I'm humbled by and grateful for your support and I look forward to

serving as your representative. I appreciate the courtesy with which I was treated as I talked with many of you at your doors. I look forward to working on the issues you spoke with me about: high quality jobs, addressing property taxes while maintaining educational quality, creating responsible budgets in challenging fiscal times, healthcare that is high quality, affordable and accessible to all and planning for a safe, reliable and affordable energy future. I always appreciate hearing from my constituents. You can reach me by calling 893-1291 or by e-mailing me at: *mpheathvt@gmail.com*. Thank you again for your support.

*Representative Martha Heath, Westford*

**Flag stolen from Veteran's Home  
Letter to the Editor,**

I am writing this letter in anger and disgust over a recent incident that has happened on Starbird Road in Jericho the week of November 1. One of our neighbor's and friend's house was vandalized by someone who thought that stealing a very large American flag mounted on the side of a house was some kind of funny joke. This flag was hanging out there to not only show support for our troops serving in Afghanistan but for her husband who is also serving his country in Afghanistan and is facing enemy forces every day. To the individual or individuals who took this flag just think how his wife and children must have felt to come home and see the American flag, in honor of their father, husband and the Vermont National Guard, missing from their home. If anyone sees, hears, or knows the whereabouts of this American flag, please contact someone from the Sunwood Homeowner's Association on Starbird Road in Jericho and we will get this flag back to a very upset military wife and family.

*Frank Popeleski  
Veteran United States Army  
Member American Legion Post 91*

## LIBRARY NEWS

**DEBORAH RAWSON LIBRARY, UNDERHILL**

There will be an opportunity for a resident of Jericho and a resident of Underhill to run for a position as a Trustee for the Deborah Rawson Memorial Library in the upcoming March election. Anyone interested should contact the library director for details and check with his/her town clerk for petition information.

Art for November are photographs by Britt Nielsen.

The Board of Trustees will meet Thursday November 18 at 7:00 PM. This is the Jericho Underhill Library District official budget hearing. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the proposed Fiscal Year 2012 Budget. Comments from the public are greatly encouraged.

The silent auction item is an auto inspection and the mounting and balancing of 4 tires from Autosmith. A big thank you to Autosmith for the donation. Bidding is open until 8:00 PM on November 18.

The library will be closed November 25 and 26.

The mystery book group will meet Tuesday November 30 at 7:00 PM. The group is reading and will discuss *The cruellest month* by Louise Penny. All are welcome to come.

Did you know DRML send out a month newsletter via email as well as program reminders? Send an email to *drawsonmemlib@yahoo.com* to sign up. Paper copies are available at the library.

Downloadable e books are coming soon. Watch our webpage for more information, *www.drml.org*.

Family Movie Night - The weather is looking like rain but those aren't raindrops I see. Could they be meatballs falling? Join us by the fireplace for this PG rated movie on Friday November 19 at 6:30 PM. Bring a blanket to make yourself comfortable. For movie title and to register call: 899-4962.

Holiday Cards and Note Paper - Come and make your very own, one of a kind, seasonal cards. Betty Young will guide participants in using a variety of stamps and decorative embellishments. For students in middle school, high school and adults. Tuesday November 23 at 1:00 PM. Advance registration required call: 899-4962.

Preschool Story Times - Stories, songs, fingerplays, snack and craft for preschoolers and their caregiver. Drop in, no registration needed: Wednesdays at 11:00 AM, December 1 and 8.

December 1 - We will begin our sessions with songs led by Grandma Sue. Following the singing we will have 1 or 2 stories, craft and refreshments.

Evening Story Time for Families - Parents with older preschoolers and children in kindergarten through second grade are invited to join us for seasonal stories, craft and light refreshments. Thursday December 2 at 6:30 PM. Registration required. Call: 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.

**FAIRFAX LIBRARY, FAIRFAX**

The library is located at 75 Hunt Street Fairfax VT 05454. Library Hours Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8:00 AM-3:15 PM, Tuesday, Thursday 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM. <http://www.bfafairfax.com/pages/communitylibrarynews.html>. 802-849-2420.

**JERICHO CENTER, LIBRARY**

Mo Willems Day - On Monday, November 22 3:00 - 4:30 PM, the library will host a 2nd annual(ish) Mo Willems Day. There will be stories, snacks, crafts, and role play, with a visit from Elephant and Piggy. This event is aimed at pre-schoolers and early readers.

Puppet Show - On Wednesday November 24, the Teen Advisory Board (TAB) is back with their annual Thanksgiving puppet show at the 10:00 AM Story Time. Come be entertained as they present *Jack and the Beanstalk*. Kids will also have an opportunity to craft their own sock puppet.

Open House and Tree Lighting - Join us at the Library on Sunday December 5 from 3:30 - 5:00 PM for an open house and holiday celebration. We will have stories and crafts for kids upstairs, with music and holiday treats downstairs. The tree lighting follows immediately afterward on the Jericho Center Green.

Writers' Club - The writers club continues with meetings every other Monday night, 6:30 - 8:00 PM. The next meetings are scheduled for November 22. All ages are welcome. For more information please contact Jill Avey at *jill.avey@gmail.com*.

Story Time - 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. Special thanks go to Elizabeth Bernstein for continuing to read and Derek Burkins for his wonderful guitar music.

Upcoming themes: Wednesday November 24, 10:00 AM - Puppet Show - Jack and the Beanstalk

Outreach Story Time - Monday November 29, at 10:30-11:00 AM, the library will provide an outreach story time at the Jericho Community Center for the Building Bright Futures play group. Parents and children ages birth - 5 years and siblings are welcome to join the fun.

Volunteer Opportunities - High School students needing to fulfill community service may volunteer at the library when your schedule permits. Your help is really appreciated. Call or stop by.

General information - Note that the library will be closed on Friday November 26 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

The board of trustees meets regularly on the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM at the library and the public is always welcome to attend. The next meeting is December 2.

Library hours are Monday 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM, Wednesday 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM and 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM, Friday 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM, and Saturday 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM. For more information, call the library at 899-4686, email *Jerichotownlibrary@gmail.com*, or visit the library website at [www.jerichotownlibrary.org](http://www.jerichotownlibrary.org).

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**WHITE-OSBORNE**

Matthew and Michael White of Jericho, VT and Griffin and Jordan Osborne of Worcester, VT announce the engagement of their parents, Ann-Marie (Nichols) White of Jericho, VT, daughter of Edward C. and Leona R. Nichols of Jericho, to Mr. Scott H. Osborne of Jericho, son of Howard and Ann Osborne of Essex, VT. The date of the wedding has not yet been decided.

**JUST MARRIED**

**DIMMICK-HANDY**



Cassandra Lea Dimmick, daughter of James and Robin Dimmick of Underhill, VT, and Samuel Elias Handy, son of Sam and Pam Handy of South Burlington, VT, were united in marriage on Saturday, August 14, 2010.

The Revs. Prive and Danielson officiated at the double-ring ceremony at St. Thomas Catholic Church in Underhill Center, VT.

Brittany and Jenna Dimmick, sisters of the bride, were the maids of honor. The bridesmaids were Danielle Haller, Beth Wunder, and Marisa Strong, friends of the bride,

and Jaelyn Handy, sister of the groom. Lily Dimmick Russell, Hannah Provost, and Hadley and Hannah Waterman were the flower girls.

Jon Handy, brother of the groom, was the best man. The ushers were Patrick Stewart, Kyle Bouchard, Don Johnson, Nick Handy, and Chris Michael.

A reception was held at the Sheraton Burlington Hotel Conference Center in South Burlington, VT, after which the couple left for Atlantis on Paradise Island, Bahamas.

Mrs. Dimmick Handy graduated from Mount Mansfield Union High School in Jericho, VT and from Marist College. She is a special educator at Integrated Arts Academy for the Burlington (VT) School District. Her husband graduated from South Burlington High School and the University of Southern Main. He is general manager of IHOP in South Burlington.

The couple resides in Essex Junction, VT.



**CHARLAND-THOMPSON**

Kimberly Charland, daughter of Angela Bastian of Colchester, VT and David Charland of Claremont, NH, and Kyle Thompson, son of BethAnn Johnson of Jericho, VT and Bob Thompson of Morrisville, VT, were united in marriage on Saturday, October 2, 2010.

Arthur Bastian, the bride's grandfather, officiated at the ceremony at Kingsland Bay State Park in Ferrisburgh, VT, where a reception also was held.

Jessica Gokey was the maid of honor. The bridesmaids were Melissa Skinner and Jessica Bastian.

Craig Thompson was the best man. The ushers were Stephan Isabelle, John Skinner, and Drew Guyette. Alexander Isabelle was the ring bearer.

Mrs. Thompson graduated from Colchester High School and Champlain College. She works at Fletcher Allen Health Care. Her husband graduated from Colchester High School and is a plumber/pipefitter in Local 693.

The couple resides in Colchester, VT.

**OBITUARIES**



**Lynelle Joan Currier**, 46, of Willis, TX and formerly of Underhill, VT passed away peacefully September 25, 2010 in Dallas, TX. Lynelle was born in Burlington, VT on April 24, 1964, the daughter of Norman and Shirley Currier, of Willis, TX and also formerly of Underhill, VT. She was preceded in death by her loving parents. Her early years were spent loving and caring for her many pets, and earning the nickname "Penelope Pitstop" after a character in a popular children's cartoon. She was a loving and caring mother, and enjoyed spending time with her extended family. She leaves behind one daughter, Kirsten Basham, of Rocky Mount, VA; eight brothers and sisters, Brent Currier of Loreto, MX; Judy Rogers and husband Wes of Shepherd, TX; Susan Andersen and husband Charlie of Elk Horn, IA; Sheryl Roberts of Scottsdale, AZ; Brenda Villeneuve and husband David of Jericho, VT; Jeff Currier and wife Melissa of Glen Allen, VA; Greg Currier of Willis, TX and David Currier of Conroe,

TX; and many other family and friends. Lynelle lived a star-crossed life, and the following poem by Edgar Albert Guest reflects our hope that she is in a better place:

When I come to the end of the road  
And the sun has set for me  
I want no rites in a gloom-filled room.  
Why cry for a soul set free?

Miss me a little—but not too long  
And not with your head bowed low.  
Remember the love that we once shared,  
Miss me—but let me go.

For this is a journey that we all must take  
And each must go alone.  
It's all a part of the Master's plan,  
A step on the road to home.

When you are lonely and sick of heart  
Go to the friends we know  
And bury your sorrows in doing good deeds.  
Miss Me—But Let me Go

At the request of the family, contributions to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105, would be appreciated. The family would like to thank the Baylor University Medical Center for their heartfelt care.



**Kenneth W. Resi**, 60, Jericho, VT passed away on Monday November 1, 2010 in Burlington, VT. He was born on June 27, 1950 in Burlington, VT. Ken grew up in Essex Junction, VT where he graduated from high school in 1969. He went to Johnson State College and graduated in 1973 with dual degree in Art History and English. Ken spent his early career in various jobs. In his early 30's he attended graduate school at Syracuse University, where he earned an MBA and credentials as an auditor. Ken spent the rest of his career as an auditor, small business owner and a CFO.

Ken married Dorothy Wilson on September 3, 1993 in Richmond, VT. He loved the outdoors and was an avid cyclist and devoted member of the "Wednesday Night Riders" out of Shelburne. He spent many happy days touring on a tandem bicycle with his

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**VARNUM MEMORIAL LIBRARY, JEFFERSONVILLE**

Preschool Story Hour is on Thursdays at the Varnum Memorial Library. The Story Hour begins at 10:30 AM in the library on Main St. in Jeffersonville. Come join the fun.

The first meeting of the Cambridge Book Group for this year is coming up on November 13 from 3:00 – 5:00 PM. This marks the 11th year of the group. The first book the group will discuss this year will be *The Education of Henry Adams*. The *Memorable Memoirs* to be covered will also include Russell Baker's *Growing Up* and Eudora Welty's *One Writer's Beginnings*. The group is sponsored by the Cambridge Arts Council along with the Vermont Humanities Council and the Varnum Memorial Library. If you'd like more information, please call April Tuck at 644-6632 or the Library at 644-2117.

Kids of all ages are invited to come and create Holiday Crafts at the Library on December 4 from 12:00-1:30 PM. This free event is open to all, for a chance to make ornaments and small gifts for friends and family. Materials will be provided, and if you have any that you'd like to bring to use or share, they are welcome.

The Varnum Memorial Library is open Mondays and Tuesdays from 1:00-8:00 PM and Thursdays and Saturdays from 9:00 AM-12:00 noon. There are programs for children and adults, free Wi-Fi access, and of course books and materials to check out including the ECHO Center pass. Call 644-2117 if you have any questions.

**WESTFORD LIBRARY, WESTFORD**

**Upcoming Events:**

Insulation of library started week of November 15. The library has been awarded \$12,200 from the Vermont Department of Public Service EECBG program and \$3000 from the Westford Historical Society, which will allow us to insulate the library walls and attic and install vapor barriers and a heating recovery ventilation system to address moisture issues, all while maintaining the historic integrity of the building.

The library's schedule during construction is as follows: Wednesday November 17 – Closed; Thursday, November 18 - Closed.

Friday November 19, 6:30 PM, Family Movie Night. Join Woody, Buzz, Jessie and the gang in their third adventure. Rated G. Free popcorn. Call Victoria for the movie title.

Saturday, November 20 - Closed.

Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday November 24, 25 and 26, The Library will be closed. Happy Thanksgiving. Normal hours resume on Saturday, 11/27.

New Additions to the Collection: Adult Fiction: *To the End of the Land* (Grossman), *The Burning Wire* (Deaver). Adult Nonfiction: *The Man Who Invented the Computer - The Biography of John Atanasoff*, *Digital Pioneer* (Smiley), *The Man Who Ate His Boots - The Tragic History of the Search for the Northwest Passage* (Brandt).

Teen: *Chosen & Hunted* (Cast), *Hunted: Fake Id & Club Dread* (Sorrells), *Leviathan* (Westerfeld), *Sisters Red* (Pearce). Juvenile Fiction: *Easy Reader: We Are In A Book* (Willems). *Graphic Novel: Zeus - King of the Gods* (O'Connor), *Athena - Grey Eyed Goddess* (O'Connor). Juvenile Nonfiction: *Naked Eggs and Flying Potatoes - Unforgettable Experiments that Make Science Fun* (Spangler), *Knockout: Photobiography of Joe Lewis* (Sullivan). DVD: Adult: *Solitary Man*. Juvenile DVD: *Oceans, How to Train Your Dragon*. Beginning Saturday November 27, the library will resume normal business hours. The library is open Wednesday 1:00-7:00 PM, Thursday 10:00 AM -6:00 PM, Friday noon-6:00 PM, and Saturday 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM. We can be reached at 878-5639, westford\_pl@vals.state.vt.us and www.westford.lib.vt.us.

**Become a Fresh Air host family**

This November, many families in Northwestern Vermont are thankful for something special: the gift of their friendship with a New York City child. Through The Fresh Air Fund's Friendly Town program, local families open their hearts and homes to inner-city children as volunteer hosts for up to two weeks during the summer. By volunteering as a host family for summer 2011, the spirit of Thanksgiving can continue in your home throughout the year. One child explains what the Fresh Air experience means to her, "I look forward to seeing my family all year long, especially my summer sister. We spend every day of my visit outside together!"

Since 1877, The Fresh Air Fund, an independent, not-for-profit agency, has provided free summer vacations to more than 1.7 million New York City children from low-income communities. Nearly 10,000 New York City children enjoy free Fresh Air Fund programs annually. In 2010 close to 5,000 children visited volunteer host families in suburbs and small town communities across 13 states from Virginia to Maine and into Canada. Additionally, 3,000 children attended five Fund camps on a 2,300-acre site in Fishkill, New York. The Fund's year-round camping program serves 2,000 young people each year.

By looking ahead to summer 2011, you can give back in a very important way. For more information on hosting a Fresh Air child, please contact Mary Sherman at 802-868-2771 or The Fresh Air Fund at 800-367-0003. You can also visit The Fund's website at [freshair.org](http://freshair.org).

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## REVIEWS

## ART

On Friday, December 3rd, **Helen Day Art Center** will open the 2010 Festival of Trees and Light, a celebration of the holiday season, and an opportunity to give to those in need. The Giving Tree is an opportunity for members of the community to donate outerwear, food and toys for neighbors in need. Helen Day is collaborating with Lamoille Family Center, Lamoille Community Food Share, Clarina Howard Nichols Center and Central Vermont Community Action to distribute contributions. We live in challenging times and the weather is getting colder, young friends will hope for gifts for the holidays and adults will need coats hats, mittens, and scarves.

Family Day is Saturday, December 4 from 1:00 - 4:00 PM at Helen Day Art Center: Creative holiday fun for families. All are welcome for a season kickoff afternoon of activities.

**Adult Watercolor classes** with Kathleen Berry Bergeron at the Community Center in Jericho Center Starting in January. Beginners and Intermediate Classes 8 weeks \$225. Makes a great Holiday gift. 899-4628

First Friday Art Walk, December 3, 5:00 to 8:00 PM, Citywide, Burlington. Pick up your copy of Art Map Burlington, First Friday Art Walk's official publication, and your guide to art in the Burlington area or check out [www.artmapburlington.com](http://www.artmapburlington.com) to see a list of participating venues. Questions? Call 802-264-4839 or send email to [info@artmapburlington.com](mailto:info@artmapburlington.com).

**FREE Demo – The Holbein Artist Educator Program** - Saturday, November 20, 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM. The Holbein Artist Educator Program is designed to inform artists of the Holbein color lines, their attributes and functional capabilities. This is a program intended to help artists better understand the physical applications of a particular medium and how to manipulate them in their own creative and unique way. Within multiple blocked segments, Matt Hopper will use "like" mediums together, i.e.: Watercolor, Gouache and Acryla Gouache to demonstrate not *how* to paint, but *how to use* the paint. Artists' Mediums Inc., Williston, VT, 1-802-879-1236, 1-800-255-1290, [www.artistsmediums.com](http://www.artistsmediums.com).

Juried Watercolor exhibition at **Helen Day Art Center** reveals strength in the medium statewide. Images: Bea Jillette "Three's Company", 2010; Cristina Pellechio "Nothing but Blue Skies", 2010; James Gardner "City", 2010; Jan Olmstead "untitled" (Train), 2008; Lois Macuga "The Garden", 2010; Mark Nielsen "West Fairlee Barn", 2010; and Robert Sydorowich "Plumb Lumber", 2010. Helen Day Art Center, School Street, Stowe, VT. Exhibition runs through

November 21. Gallery Hours are Wednesday through Sunday, noon to 5:00 PM.

November exhibit at the **Fletcher Free Library**, Burlington, featuring Betsy Melvin's of her 45 years of Poetic Pictorial Photographs of Vermont including her new collection of Moonlight Photography, taken since 1967, and her latest exhibit of the Poetry of Trees with correlations of Robert Frost poetry.

**Emile A. Gruppe** Gallery presents Williston artist Elizabeth Allen's exhibition of oil paintings "Color and Light," show will run now through November 21.

The gallery is located at 22 Barber Farm Road, Jericho Vermont. Regular hours are 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM, Thursday through Sunday or by appointment 802 899-3211.

## FILM

**Snob Film Festival** announces opening night gala on November 19. Event Will Feature Local Brewers and Restaurants

The 2010 SNOB (Somewhat North Of Boston) Film Festival runs November 19-21, at the Red River Theatres in Concord. The festival weekend will kick off with an Opening Night Gala on November 19 from 4:00 - 6:30 PM with a food and craft brew sampling that features some of the area's top restaurants and craft brewers. The event will be held at the Red River Theatres and is only open to VIP Weekend Pass holders at this time. Visit [www.SNOBFilmFestival.com](http://www.SNOBFilmFestival.com) for ticket information.

Immediately following the food and brew tasting, the film *Beer Wars* by Anat Baron, will screen. This somewhat controversial film takes a hard look at the beer industry from the craft brewer's point of view, highlighting some of the obstacles they face in a market dominated by the big brewers. Another, yet-to-be-named film will also screen during this time slot.

Following *Beer Wars*, there will be a panel discussion featuring six local brewers to discuss their own personal "beer wars" in the New England area and take questions from the audience.

The second featured film of the evening is the critically acclaimed film, *Cold Souls* (dir: Sophie Barthes Staring Paul Giamatti) brought to the festival courtesy of the NHTI Film Society. For more information, contact Matt Fixler at [matt.fixler@snobfilmfestival.com](mailto:matt.fixler@snobfilmfestival.com).

## MUSIC/DANCE

**VSO Masterworks Series to present eighth blackbird** - On Saturday, December 4 the Vermont Symphony Orchestra teams up with the Flynn Center to co-present a new work by 2010 Pulitzer

Prize winning composer Jennifer Higdon. The cutting edge ensemble eighth blackbird (no, they do not capitalize their name) will perform her piece, *On A Wire*, Concerto for Sextet and Orchestra. The VSO's second Masterworks series program, led by Principal Guest Conductor Anthony Princiotti, opens with Weber's popular Euryanthe Overture and closes with the epitome of Finnish nationalism, Sibelius' Symphony No.2.

Single tickets for the December 4 concert start at \$16. For additional information or tickets, please call the FlynnTix Regional Box Office at (802) 86-FLYNN (863-5966), the VSO office at 800-VSO-9293, extension 10, or visit the VSO website at [www.vso.org](http://www.vso.org).

**Celebrate the Holidays with the VSO**— Pops and Brass Concerts to Tour the State. Glory Hallelujah! The Vermont Symphony Orchestra rings in the holiday season again this December, bringing two joyful programs to music halls around the state.

The annual Holiday Pops concert, under the direction of Robert De Cormier, performances are Friday, December 10, 7:30 PM at the Barre Opera House, Saturday, December 11, 7:30 PM at the Flynn Center in Burlington, and Sunday, December 12, 3:00 p.m. at the Paramount Theatre, Rutland (the first of the three concert Sunday Matinee Series).

Join the VSO for festive celebrations you'll remember long after the plum pudding is gone! For tickets or additional information, please call 800-VSO-9293, ext. 10, or visit [online at www.vso.org](http://online.vso.org).

**MMUHS Alumni concert** is looking for musicians interested in performing on January 2 at the Deborah Rawson Memorial Library. This is the second year that the Library's "First Sunday" music series will feature an alumni concert and the artist fee will be contributed to MMU Friends of Music. Please contact Laurel Shelmandine for more information - [Lshelmandine@yahoo.com](mailto:Lshelmandine@yahoo.com).

## THEATER

**Green Candle Theatre Company** is presenting the premiere of Josh Bridgman's intriguing one-woman *Concrete Kingdom*, Burlington's new Off Center for the Dramatic Arts. November 18-20, 8:00 PM, and Sunday 21, 7:00 PM. Off Center for the Dramatic Arts, 294 N Winooski Ave., Suite 116C Burlington. Tickets are \$15.00 and can be purchased at the door 1 hour before the show (cash/check only), or through FlynnTix at [www.flynnitix.org](http://www.flynnitix.org), at the Flynn box Office at 155 Main St. Burlington, or by calling 86-flynn.

## VT Librarians adopt the Language of Learning

Think back to when you were a young child, before you entered school. Who read to you? For many of us it was our parents, and often there was someone else too – another caregiver or maybe a local children's librarian. Early childhood literacy advocates, such as the

Vermont Department of Libraries and the Vermont Center for the Book and its Mother Goose Programs, have long realized the important role reading events such as library story hours and childcare circle times have on preparing young children to read.

"This may be the most important educational experience young children have," said Vermont Center for the Book Executive Director Sally Anderson.

This year the Vermont Center for the Book teamed up with the Vermont Department of Libraries to offer formal early literacy training to librarians from 30 libraries around the state, and give them tools to share their knowledge with parents and caregivers in their communities.

The librarians took part in a two-day Early Learning Initiative (ELI) workshop presented last spring. On Monday, November 8, they reconvened in Montpelier to share the successes and challenges they had in implementing the program in their communities throughout the summer and early fall.

Among the participants was Victoria Tibbits, of Westford Public Library. Anderson and Vermont Department of Libraries Youth Services Consultant Grace Worcester Greene both noted ELI is not intended to change what librarians are doing. Rather, ELI injects

early literacy terminology into the read-aloud experiences they are already providing. In addition, it gives parents the tools to continue these learning experiences at home and gives caregivers the information needed to enrich the literacy experiences they are already providing.

"It helps us understand the educational value of story time," explained Huntington Public Library's Wendy de Forest. "It gives us a better understanding of why we do what we've always done."

Woodbury Community Library's Bob Joly agreed saying his ELI training has allowed him to "do a better job doing what I already do."

ELI language includes the names of the six early literacy skills identified by groups such as the National Research Council and the American Library Association. They are: Print Motivation, Vocabulary, Print Awareness, Narrative Skills, Phonological Awareness, and Letter Knowledge.

Print Motivation includes finding books that pique a child's interest and reading them frequently. Vocabulary includes naming things for a child – not just in books, but wherever you might be. Print Awareness involves showing children how to use books – the correct way to hold a book and turn its pages. Narrative skills include creative storytelling and pretending. Phonological Awareness is playing with the sounds in words, like rhyming and singing. And finally, Letter Knowledge is learning to identify letters in print.

"It's not that we're changing what we're doing, it's that we're sharing the language with parents," said Pam Tallmadge, of Colchester's Burnham Memorial Library. "And then the parents

have that language that they'll be hearing when their children enter school."

And it is making a difference for young families in Vermont. Several librarians shared successes stories from their work over the summer. One mother in a Head Start program working with the local librarian thanked the librarian for showing her how to talk to her baby. A father said he got involved because no one read to him as a child, and he wanted to learn the best books and techniques to foster a love of reading in his children.

In addition to the ELI training, participating libraries are receiving sets of new books for their library, and additional sets to share with parents and care providers in their communities. Libraries were chosen for the program via a competitive grant process through the Vermont Department of Libraries and its Public Library Foundation. The program was funded by the Vermont Center for the Book through a Henderson

Foundation grant and the Winnie Belle Learned Fund, of the Vermont Public Library Foundation. The Winnie Belle Learned Fund was created in 2007 by Dr. Burnett Rawson in honor of Winnie Belle Learned, a Vermont educator and his benefactress.

Thanks to the fund's continuing support, The Vermont Department of Libraries will be offering a second round of grants for another Early Literacy Initiative program in 2011. Greene said 25 to 30 more libraries will be able to participate next year. For more information call Grace Worcester Greene at 802-828-6954 or email [grace.greene@state.vt.us](mailto:grace.greene@state.vt.us).

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wife, in the company of their closest friends, to Germany, Italy, Nova Scotia, and all over the East Coast. He looked forward to their next adventure, rally or cycling vacation. His next big trip was scheduled for New Zealand in February.

Ken had a true appreciation of nature and also enjoyed skiing, hiking, rollerblading, birds, and turtles. He also loved reading mysteries, driving his convertible, listening to the opera, cooking, and entertaining with his wife, especially holiday dinners.

Ken will be dearly missed by his loving family and friends. He leaves his wife Dorothy Wilson and beloved dog Holly, mother Irene B. Mount, sister Nancy I. Resi and partner James Kelley, brother David C. Resi, his darling niece Elizabeth, his cousin Carol Moore and husband John, sisters-in-law Mary Wilson and partner Rick Sheppe, Arlene Wilson and husband Tom Hartwell, brother-in-law James Wilson and nephew Michael Carter.

He was predeceased by his father Louis A. Resi, stepfather Leo A. Bonnette, mother-in-law Thelma A. Wilson and his sister-in-law Millicent C. Resi.

There will be no public visiting hours. A memorial service will be held on Saturday November 13, 2010 at 11:00 AM at the Richmond Congregational Church, with the Reverend Lee Moore officiating, and a reception following. Inurnment will be private and at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers, donations will be accepted at: Local Motion, 1 Steele Street #103, Burlington, VT 05401. Arrangements are by John D. Workman, A. W. Rich Funeral Home – Essex Chapel, 57 Main Street, Essex Jct., VT 05452. The family invites you to share your memories and online condolences by visiting [www.awrichfuneralhomes.com](http://www.awrichfuneralhomes.com).

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## VCS Students Connect Art, Alzheimers and StoryCorps

This fall, a dozen students at Vermont Commons School in South Burlington are using art to generate conversations with residents of The Arbors, a residential Alzheimer's facility in Shelburne. StoryCorps will record some of these conversations this month as part of National Alzheimer's Disease Month. The students are part of a class called *The Persistence of Memory*, one of three research and service classes offered this fall at Vermont Commons School. According to instructor Ben Patrick, artist in residence at Vermont Commons, "I want my students to learn about different artistic mediums and how to conduct research in art. But the service component of the class is the crux – encouraging students to use their knowledge about art as a catalyst to develop meaningful relationships with Alzheimer's patients."

Ted Retzloff, a senior at VCS from Underhill, is one of the VCS students participating in the class. "I'm always surprised at how much fun we have during our visits," says Retzloff. "You'd think it might be depressing, but we're always laughing and joking. It always brightens our day – for us and the residents."

Research and service classes encourage VCS students to get involved in their local community and use their knowledge to make a difference and give back. Patrick was inspired by programs at the Museum of Modern Art in NYC that have demonstrated that the simple act of looking at art be a rich and satisfying experience for Alzheimer's patients. "When we visit The Arbors, usually on Thursdays, students share art with the residents – everything from their own drawings to old black and white photographs to famous works by Monet or Ansel Adams," explains Patrick. "It's fascinating how art can spark memories and generate conversation. It's truly amazing what bubbles up."

One resident was particularly interested when VCS eight grader Nora Hill (of Jericho) showed her an old postcard photograph of Japan. "She looked at the postcard and got very excited," says Hill. "It triggered a memory of her time in Japan as a nurse during WWII. We talked about that for quite a while."

The art research component of the class is focusing on photography, and Alissa Auerbach, a fellow at Shelburne Museum, is co-teaching the class with Patrick. The class visited the Shelburne Museum in the fall to see the special exhibits by Ansel Adams and Edward Burtynsky, and students are now taking photos of Arbor's residents.

"We're learning all aspects of photography," says Retzloff. "The technical as well as artistic aspects. We're photographing residents' hands using a large format Rolleiflex, and we're learning to develop the film ourselves." Retzloff says the most important thing he has learned from the experience is the difference in perspective.

"We're at opposite points in life," Retzloff explains. "As students, we're just starting adulthood and becoming more independent. They're kind of at the other end, and becoming more dependent. It adds another dimension to our understanding of life."

For Nora Hill, the class has a very personal connection. "My grandmother died with Alzheimers two years ago, and I feel sad that I have no strong memories of her before the disease. My visits to The Arbors help me feel closer to residents and, in some ways, closer to my grandmother and understanding what she went through."

The class also visited the Shelburne Museum last fall to see a special exhibit, *Alzheimers: Forgetting Piece by Piece*. The exhibit featured quilts made by caregivers of Alzheimer's patients along with statements by the artists/caregivers describing their inspiration and related facts about the disease.

## CVA 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.

Friday November 19 – United Church, Hinesburg, 12:00 noon. No spice chili, garden salad, Pumpernickel bread, butterscotch pudding.

Monday November 22 – Covenant Church, Essex Ctr., 12:00 noon. Creamy Macaroni and cheese, Harvard beets, marble rye bread, Fig Newtons.

Tuesday November 23 – T-Bones, Hampton Inn, Colchester, 10:30 AM check in, 11:00 lunch. Baked Ham.

Wednesday November 24 – Ponderosa, Williston, 10:30 AM check in, 11:15 lunch. All you can eat buffet.

Thursday and Friday November 25 and 26 – No meals Happy Thanksgiving.

Monday November 29 – Covenant Church, Essex Ctr., 12:00 noon. Manicotti, garden salad, whole wheat roll, ice cream.

Tuesday November 30 – JP's Restaurant, River Road, Essex Jct., 10:30 AM check in, 11:00 lunch. Baked ham dinner.

Wednesday December 1 – Elk's Club, No. Ave., Burlington, 10:00 AM check in, Lunch 11:00 AM.

Thursday December 2 – Bridge Street Café, Richmond, 10:20 check in, 11:00 AM lunch. Beef stew.

## Local senior meals

**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. The next senior luncheon is on Monday, September 13. There is no lunch in July or August. 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.

**Bolton Up and Downtown Club** meets the last Thursday of the month at the Bolton Fire station Suggested \$3.00 donation. Meal at 5:00 PM. Open to adults 60 and over. Contact Doris Wheelock at 434-3769.

**Huntington Senior Meal site** – The Huntington Senior meals are served the third Tuesday of each month at 12:00 noon at the Community Baptist Church in Huntington Center.

**St. Jude's Church, Hinesburg,** senior meals held on second and fourth Wednesday of each month with bingo games after the dinners. Everyone is welcome including caregivers. Dinners are \$3.00 per person. For information call Ted Barrette at 453-3087.

## RECIPES BY MARIAN TOBIN

### Casserole of Asparagus and Eggs

4 tbsp butter, melted  
4 tbsp flour  
2 cups milk  
1 cup grated cheese  
2 cups cooked asparagus  
4 hard boiled eggs, sliced  
½ cup bread crumbs  
3 tbsp melted butter

Combine butter and flour, add the milk and blend well. Cook over low heat until smooth and thickened, add salt (if using), pepper and grated cheese stir until blended.

Place alternate layers of asparagus and eggs in buttered 1 ½ quart casserole. Pour cheese sauce over top. Sprinkle with bread crumbs or cubes, add bits of butter.

Bake in moderate oven about 20 minutes or until hot and lightly browned. (So good.)



## The Nutcracker set for 36th season at the Flynn

The nationally recognized Albany Berkshire Ballet has been partnering with the Flynn Theater and local dance academies for thirty-six years to bring this story of a young girl, Clara, and the magical dream she has on Christmas Eve. The performance is based on the timeless tale by German storyteller E.T.A. Hoffman, with choreography by Madeline Cantarella Culp, and set designs by Carl Sprague.

Helena Sullivan, Artistic Director of Stowe Dance Academy and rehearsal mistress for Albany Berkshire Ballet, has been working with the local dancers to get them prepared for the production. She herself performed in the Nutcracker as a dancer in her youth and is thrilled to continue in the tradition. Sullivan works closely with the children, inspiring them to experience the magic with this performance opportunity.

Aspiring Vermont dancers, ages 3 to 17, come from Chittenden, Addison, Franklin, Lamoille, Orleans and Washington counties for the chance to work with a professional company, and to experience firsthand what it's like to be on the big stage. Dancers from Underhill include Daleny Halsted Alexandra Preiss, Emma Preiss and Madison Preiss.

Three Thanksgiving Weekend Performances will take place at Burlington's Flynn Center for the Performing Arts, each with a different cast of local dancers to give everyone a chance to shine.

This is a wonderful family event, beloved by children and adults alike.

Albany Berkshire Ballet Presents *The Nutcracker*, Saturday November 27 at 3:00 and 7:30 PM, Sunday November 28 at 1:00 PM. Flynn Main Stage: Adults \$37.00/\$33.00/\$21.50; Seniors \$35.00/\$31.00/\$19.50; Children 12 & Under: \$24.00/\$22.00/\$16.00. Tickets may be purchased at the Flynn Theater Box Office, through [www.flynnmix.org](http://www.flynnmix.org) <<http://www.flynnmix.org>> or by calling (802) 86-FLYNN.

## WELCOME HOME

### JEFFERSONVILLE

(Arguin) Tiffany (Walsh) and David Arguin had a son, Anthony David, on Monday, October 18, 2010 at Copley Hospital in Morrisville, VT.

(Bredice) Tara (Carney) and Steven Bredice had a son, Sebastian Alfred, on Saturday, October 9, 2010 at Copley Hospital in Morrisville, VT.

(McCaffrey) Amy (Paquette) and Jeremiah McCaffrey had a son, Mason Joseph, on Tuesday, October 5, 2010 at Fletcher Allen Health Care in Burlington, VT.

## Just how much does your own child's education mean to you?



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Brenda Boutin, *Mountain Gazette* owner/publisher

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### Underhill I.D. students learn about community

First and second graders at the Underhill I.D. School are learning about community. On November 3 they took a field trip to Mountain High Pizza to learn about the business. Students took a tour of the restaurant, learned how to make pizzas, and even got to make their own small pizzas with their favorite toppings. Underhill I.D. would like to thank Kyle Hibbard for his kindness and generosity. Mountain High Pizza has been a community centered business for many years!

### Join the Mt. Mansfield Jr. High/Youth wrestling program

We have a proud and strong wrestling tradition at Mt Mansfield and it has been because of our youth feeder programs.

We have two teams. A 7th/8th grade (Jr High) and a K-6 (Youth) team. 7th/8th (Jr High): practices begin Monday November 29 from 5:30- 7:30 PM in the wrestling room at MMU.

Practices are Monday, Wednesday and Friday. The season runs until mid February. K-6 (Youth) practices begin Tuesday January 11 from 5:30 -7:00 PM, also in the wrestling room at MMU.

These practices are Tuesday and Thursday. The season runs until the end of March. There is a \$25 registration fee. This includes team shorts and shirt. All they need to bring is clothes to work out in, a pair of wrestling shoes, headgear and a water bottle. Dick's carry all of this stuff. We do have a limited number of wrestling shoes available to anyone.

### Browns River field hockey

Thirty-six girls ran, hit, pushed, flicked, and drove their way to a successful fun-filled field hockey season. The enthusiasm these girls brought to each and every practice and game was contagious. Our success was due in part to the girls getting together in June to talk over their upcoming season and to finding out about summer field hockey camps. We will get together again next June to do the same and hopefully recruit some new upcoming 6th, 7th, and 8th graders. Should you have any question about field hockey, feel free to contact Coach Shelley.

## Browns River Runners crowned county champs

The 2010 Cross-Country running season was the first ever that both the Browns River girls? and boys? teams had undefeated seasons in the same year. We had fifty-one runners on our team. For the fourth consecutive year our girls? team finished the season in first place out of eighteen teams at the Chittenden County Championships. Our boys? team won the county championship for the second year in a row. More importantly, Browns River teams demonstrated wonderful team spirit, camaraderie, and sportsmanship. They made new friends and shared mutual respect with runners from other schools. Girls and boys from all four grades supported one another throughout the season and all runners contributed to the success of the team. Special recognition is deserved by Nate King who, though injured and unable to run, came to every practice and meet to offer his support, leadership and creativity. We look forward to his return to running next season as one of our team leaders.

We celebrate our sweet season with some sadness as our sixteen eighth graders have run their final races for Browns River. They are: Acadia Dinardo, Lydia Picotte, Oonagh Cavanagh, Sabrina Barton, Felicia Forsyth, Sydney Cooney, Tess Jutras, Lily Devereux, Lindsey Brand, Bill Harmeyer, Henry Harmeyer, Alec Pelton, Ben Bliss, Kyle Polson, Justin Martin, and Riley Cummings.

Most of these runners have been on the team since fifth grade. Their sportsmanship, leadership and enthusiasm have made them excellent role models for our younger runners. They have represented both our team and our community well and are ready for the challenges and adventures of high school. Coaches Dave Parmelee and Noel Bumpas wish them continued fun and success at MMU.

Results from the County Championship X-C Meet run in Shelburne on October 19 (\*complete results are listed on [champlainclassic.com](http://champlainclassic.com)).

Girls: (1.9 miles, 202 runners) 1st-Acadia Dinardo (11:32), 6-Althea Devereux, 7-Ella King, 12-Lydia Picotte, 14-Oonagh Cavanagh, 15-Sabrina Barton, 21-Kelsey Parenteau, 32-Felicia Forsyth, 33-Arianna Belfield, 46-Sydney Cooney, 49-Aislinn Keefe, 78-Tess Jutras, 83-Eleanor Devereux, 88-Lex Mangan, 110-Erin Sulva, 113-Lily Devereux, 119-Lindsey Brand, 151-Kathleen Sulva, 171-Joanna Wright, 177-Kathleen Gembczynski, and 178-Charlotte Ide.

Boys: (1.9 miles, 239 runners) 3rd-Bill Harmeyer (10:40), 4-Jackson Wright, 6-Henry Harmeyer, 8-Alec Pelton, 11-Justin Martin, 14-Brooks Moreau, 20-Kyle Polson, 21-Mike Johnson, 29-Wyatt Gilbert-Barker, 31-Ben Bliss, 43-Paul Eells, 44-Kyle Wright, 47-Daniel Bliss, 50-Riley Cummings, 73-Sam Horner, 74-Silas Goldman, 89-Matthew Ellison, 90-Nick Hamlin, 103-Charlie Greenleese, 121-Stefan Pilo, 134-Phoenix LaMonda, 145-Jake LeClair, 148-Paddy Mangan, 154-Ben Mutolo, 169-Kai Gravel-Pucillo, 173-Jonathon Carter, 174-Ben Jiron, 208-Griffin Erickson, and 223-Simon Evans-Diffenderfer.

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Thursday November 11, MMU Facilities Committee meeting, 6:30 PM atMMUHS.  
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 Tuesday November 16, MMU Finance Committee meeting, 6:30 PM at Central Office, Richmond Town Center.  
 Tuesday November 16, CESU Negotiations Committee meeting and educational support personnel negotiations, 4:30 PM, Central Office, Richmond Town Center.  
 Monday November 22, CESU Policy Committee meeting, 6:30 PM at Central office, Richmond Town Center.  
 Tuesday November 23, Underhill ID school Board meeting, 7:00 PM at Underhill ID Elementary School.

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Markowitz said she was inspired by the Village University meetings and wanted to maintain the enthusiasm from those discussions. "I wanted to continue to explore these issues within a community setting," she said. Markowitz thinks the Jericho/Underhill area is ideal for such a group. "We're close to wildlife," she said, "and part of the permaculture idea is to use nature as a design so the closer to the forest, the better." Markowitz praised the area for great soils, avid gardeners, and a history of being a vibrant farming community. She cited the Jericho Settlers' Farm as a model for the group since they are organic, rotate their grazing animals to enrich their soil, and combine both meat and vegetables in their offerings. "For a professional farm, they incorporate a lot of permaculture and sustainability practices," she said. So far, the permaculture group has discussed techniques for extending the growing season, enriching and building soil, saving seeds, sheet composting and polycultures (the use of one gardening bed for successive plants). Other discussions have dealt with the permaculture side of more general gardening techniques like hoop houses and green houses. Markowitz describes the group's emphasis as "sustainable principles using nature's design." Chris Sims of Jericho has attended two meetings. At one she learned more about hoop houses and the growth of lovage as an alternative to celery, a plant with which she has never had good luck. She hosted another to show the group how to combine plants and animals. Sims feeds vegetable scraps to her chickens and goats and uses their manure to fertilize the garden. Her presentation sparked a vibrant debate with a group member who believes farm animals should be allowed to become extinct and humans should be vegetarians. Sims concedes that some of the group's discussions haven't been about permaculture, *per se*, but more about sustainability, personal resourcefulness, and eating off one's own land. Only one member of the group sells produce; the others are hobbyists. Emily Kniffin has a small, unnamed CSA for neighbors and friends in Jericho Center. Rather than view the rest of the group as competition, she finds inspiration in seeing what they are doing. "It can be isolating to farm by oneself," she said. Despite the fact that her establishment is quasi commercial, Kniffin believes she has learned as much from the group as they have from her. Markowitz has been gardening since moving to Jericho in 1998 with an emphasis on garlic and vegetables, although she has started planting flowers, as well, for the aesthetic value. These days, she is leaning more toward perennial plants like asparagus, rhubarb and sorrel. "It's very satisfying to grow your own food," she said, "and to walk out into the garden and then make your meal based on the food you've just picked, but the larger picture is what we can do in the world today and how we can contribute." Markowitz hopes the group can become a model for others. "We need to get away from an agricultural industry that has taken over," she said. "This is personally satisfying but also a contribution and a hope for the world." For more info contact Laura Markowitz at [lmarkowitz2408@gmail.com](mailto:lmarkowitz2408@gmail.com).

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annual holiday party to benefit local charities. After giving money to the Cambridge Community Food Shelf, they decided to work with a non-profit which better met their mission statement. Howard said the local ski program run by the Cambridge Recreation Board had "devolved" over the years. When he was young, the entire school used to head to Smuggs six to eight times a year on Fridays using the school's buses. In the late 1980's, the trips were moved to Sunday afternoon which required more parental involvement and resulted in less participation. The Sunday program still exists under the auspices of the Cambridge Recreation Board. Although it provides reduced skiing and riding, there is still a cost associated with the program. Howard and his colleagues at Height of Land decided they wanted to provide completely free skiing to those kids who had never been able to take advantage of the sport. Recognizing that the Cambridge Area Rotary was populated by "outdoors types," he reached out to them for assistance. The result is that the combined Barn Bash (which this year took place on November 5) and Ski Swap brought in almost \$8,000 in 2009. Howard's goal is to grow the program so that it covers all grades at Cambridge Elementary School and provides for six days of free skiing. Howard said he recently received some letters from kids who were in the Winter Wellness Days program last year. "It's pretty powerful," he said "to get a letter from a fifth grader saying this has changed his life." Howard hopes the program will break down some of the barriers between kids of different socio-economic background. "This is a good equalizer," he said. "Smuggler's Notch has been a huge supporter of the program," Howard said. "They have been an amazing corporate citizen. We can't thank them enough." Not only do the funds pay for a full day of boarding, alpine skiing, Nordic skiing, snowshoeing or skating, but they also provide rental equipment, lessons, and passes for teachers and parent chaperones. Over 100 students take part annually. This year, in addition to the Winter Wellness Days, the Rotary is using the money raised to build a temporary skating rink behind the elementary school. All the equipment has been ordered and the rink will be installed in mid November. CES Principal Mary Anderson can't say enough about the fundraising efforts. In particular, she praises Howard for remembering the joy of heading to the mountain when he was a student and being determined to ensure that others can have the same experience. "We have a number of kids who don't ski with their families," said Anderson, "and this gets them out on the mountain where they will hopefully develop a passion for the sport." Anderson said she initially approached her staff with trepidation when discussing the program, recognizing that teachers are under a lot of stress with their regular duties and standardized testing. "They have so much on their plate," she said, "but they were thrilled to do it." Anderson said outgoing sixth graders prepare a PowerPoint presentation for the school as their parting gift. Every year, several of them cite skiing or snowboarding with their friends as their favorite memory. Anderson is looking forward to this year's Winter Wellness Days. "We just feel really lucky," she said.

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extrication involving a dash roll. November 3 three groups of first and second graders visited the fire station. These students were learning about their community. Following a short fire safety review, students went into the bay area to learn about the fire trucks and what each one is used for. They each received a color book about fire safety and a pencil. They were all asked to make a plan with their family on how they would escape their house in case of fire.

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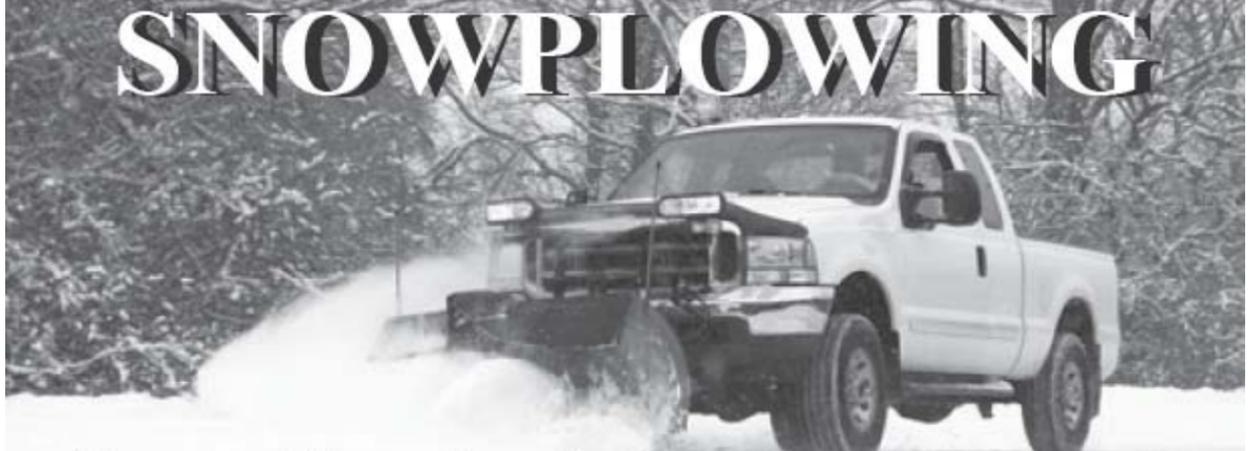
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The Jericho Development Review Board will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, December 9, 2010 at 7:00 PM** in the **Jericho Town Hall, 67 VT RT 15, in Jericho**, to consider the following:

- An appeal of a determination of use by the Jericho Zoning Administrator. The appeal is brought by Frick et al. The appeal concerns property owned by Michael and Pamela Mallow located at 128 Plains Road in the Rural Residential Zoning District.
- A request by James and Barbara Adams for Sketch Plan Review of a two lot PUD/subdivision. The property is located at 67 Bolger Hill Road in the Rural Residential and Forestry Zoning Districts.

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.

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JERICHO UNDERHILL PARK DISTRICT  
BUDGET HEARING  
DECEMBER 1, 2010**

**THE LEGAL VOTERS OF THE JERICHO UNDERHILL PARK DISTRICT OF JERICHO AND UNDERHILL ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED AND WARNED TO MEET AT THE DEBORAH RAWSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY'S PROJECT ROOM AT 8 RIVER ROAD IN JERICHO, VERMONT ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2010 AT 7:00 PM FOR A DISCUSSION OF THE FY2011 BUDGET FOR JUPD. PROPOSED BUDGET \$24,124**

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**Town of Underhill  
Development Review Board (DRB) Hearings  
Monday, December 6, 2010  
at 6:30 PM  
Hearings to be Held  
at the Underhill Town Hall,  
Underhill Center, VT**

The DRB will hold a final hearing on the application of Christopher and Beth Netelkos for a 2-lot subdivision of property they own at 295 Poker Hill Road (PH295) in Underhill, VT. This property is located in the Rural Residential and Soil & Water Conservation zoning districts. This hearing is scheduled to begin at 6:30 PM.

The DRB will also hold a final hearing on the application of Elena Shapiro for a 2-lot subdivision of property she owns at 647 Poker Hill Road (PH647) in Underhill, VT. This property is located in the Rural Residential zoning district. The hearing will be held immediately following the preceding hearing (Netelkos).

A copy of these applications and additional information may be obtained at the Underhill Town Hall. The site visit and hearings are open to the public. Pursuant to 24 V.S.A. §§ 4464(a) (1) (C) and 4471(a), participation in these local proceedings is a prerequisite to the right to take any subsequent appeal. If you cannot attend the hearing but would still like to exercise your right to be heard, comments may be made in writing prior to the hearing and mailed to: Zoning Administrator, P.O. Box 32 Underhill Center, VT 05490 or to [underhillzoning@comcast.net](mailto:underhillzoning@comcast.net).

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**JERICHO UNDERHILL LIBRARY DISTRICT  
BUDGET HEARING  
Thursday, November 18, 2010 at 7:00 pm**

The Jericho Underhill Library District will hold its official budget hearing on Thursday, November 18, 2010, at 7:00 pm. The hearing will take place in the Program Room of the Deborah Rawson Memorial Library, 8 River Road, Jericho, Vermont. The purpose of the hearing is to discuss the proposed Fiscal Year 2012 Budget.

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# NEWS AND EVENTS

## for CESU Families

### What is START?? 802-363-8477

Some of you may have heard of START (Stop Teen Alcohol Risk Team) but are wondering what it is exactly. START is the name for regional law enforcement teams working in collaboration with community partners to increase levels of enforcement for underage drinking. The Chittenden County START is led by Sgt. Allen Fortin out of the Shelburne Police Department but all Chittenden County Police Departments are involved in the effort. Calls/Texts to START can be made by those who are aware that an underage drinking party is being planned (the START officer will act early to prevent it from happening) or calls can be made to report a party where underage drinking is currently happening (the START will respond and enforce the law). The goal is to reduce underage drinking and prevent tragedies from happening. Calls/Texts are anonymous.

In the past, START had a state-wide tip number; however, we now have a number solely for Chittenden County. It is 802-363-8477. Whether you are a parent, concerned community member, or a teen with knowledge about a gathering where underage drinking is planned or is in process, feel free to call or text START anytime and make your concern known. We urge teens to put this number in their cell phone and use it to text START if they find themselves at a party and become concerned about the health and safety of friends.

If you have questions about this program, feel free to email the CECP at [cecporg@gmail.com](mailto:cecporg@gmail.com)



### Vermont Teens leading the way to Safety and a Drug Free Lifestyle

The Governor's Youth Leadership Conference has grown over the years. Starting as a conference run, and planned by adults in 1986; it has developed into a conference run and planned by those who attend it, teens. This year's conference will occur on November 22 and will be held at the Sheraton in South Burlington. The conference features nationally recognized key-note speakers, and individual workshops to spread the word that a drug-free lifestyle is the way to go.

As always, MMU will be sending a team.

#### Come One Come All!!

The next Chittenden East Community Partnership Meeting will be held on Tuesday December 14 from 4:00-5:30 in the MMU Library to receive the agenda ahead of time, join our email list by sending us a request to be added, [cecporg@gmail.com](mailto:cecporg@gmail.com).

#### ~Another Resource~

Are you concerned about your child's drug use? Check out: [www.timetoact.drugfree.org](http://www.timetoact.drugfree.org)



### Great American Smokeout

The American Cancer Society is marking the 35th Great American Smokeout on November 18 by encouraging smokers to use the date to make a plan to quit, or to plan in advance and quit smoking that day. By doing so, smokers will be taking an important step towards a healthier life – one that can lead to reducing cancer risk. Quitting smoking is not easy, but it can be done. To have the best chance of quitting successfully, you need to know what you're up against, what your options are, and where to go for help. In Vermont, go to [www.VTQuitNetwork.org](http://www.VTQuitNetwork.org) or call 1-800-QUIT-NOW (784-8669) Every Try Counts.

### Heroes of the Month

This month we'd like to honor our partners in Law Enforcement, specifically our School Resource Officers, Pete Morrill from the Sheriff's Department who works full time at MMU High School and Rick Greenough from the Richmond Police Department who works part-time at CHMS. School Resource officers provide valuable educational information, are a visible force for prevention, and if needed, are there to assist with enforcing the law and maintaining safety.

We would also like to honor all of the Chittenden County START members, particularly Al Fortin the lead officer and Chittenden County Coordinator for their service to the community in reducing underage drinking. And finally, many thanks to the State Police, and the Richmond Police Department for their work in reducing crime and enforcing the law.

The Chittenden East Community Partnership is grateful to have Law Enforcement as one of our dedicated partners.

### From the Director's Desk

By Barbara Pawluk

It seems that the alcohol and tobacco industry will never run out of new products for us to try/buy. Since young people are a target audience, many of these products are flavored and packaged to appeal to young people. One of the latest of these products is Energy Drinks with Alcohol. (As if energy drinks or alcohol were not bad enough alone.) The danger in these drinks is that people get inebriated without getting sleepy, thus allowing them to drink even more. And, since alcohol is a depressant and energy drinks are full of stimulants including caffeine, ginseng, and taurine, consumers are sending mixed messages to their nervous system which can cause cardiac related problems.

Following a number of emergency room visits, several states including Michigan, Utah, Oklahoma, and Washington have banned the sale of alcoholic energy drinks. Call your legislative representatives if you are concerned. In the meantime, heed this warning... Just because it tastes like watermelon or grape and comes in a colorful can, doesn't mean it's soda!!

### Results of the National Drug Take Back Day

In our September newsletter, we advertised the Drug Take Back which was to occur across the country on September 25<sup>th</sup>. This was an effort to get prescription drugs out of medicine cabinets, off streets, and into the hands of those who could dispose of them properly and safely. We are pleased to report that the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency and the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Vermont recovered 1, 127 pounds of expired and unused prescriptions in Vermont on September 25<sup>th</sup>. Across New England, they recovered 25, 810 pounds. Many thanks to all that participated. Due to the success of this effort, there are efforts being made to have an ongoing disposal program locally. We'll keep you posted.



**For tools and resources related to underage drinking visit**  
[www.parentupvt.org](http://www.parentupvt.org)

## Promoting safe and drug-free communities

serving the communities of the Chittenden East Supervisory Union: Bolton, Huntington, Jericho, Underhill and Richmond

The mission of the Chittenden East Community Partnership is to collaborate with youth and adults to encourage healthy decisions while promoting substance abuse prevention within our community.



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