

4 groups formed to devise plans for Riverside-Flats area changes

By Ted Tedford

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Residents from Jericho and Underhill centered on four projects last week as a means to making the Riverside-Underhill Flats more livable.

As part of a "Living Workshop," begun in October, the group of about 28 residents of the two towns decided on working committees in these areas:

Devising a plan for the two "gateway" approaches to the area on Route 15 to slow traffic. Those areas are north of the two-town village near Poker Hill Road and at the bridge west of Jolley's store. Speed signs approaching the village from both directions drop from 50 mph to 35, but residents of the area have complained for years that few drivers slow down.

Devising a plan to make Dickenson Street two-way. It was open to two-way traffic but Jericho changed it to one-way. Making it two-way could improve the flow of traffic that clogs up River Road near the two schools and library on River Road, a study a year ago by Jericho concluded.

Marking Park Street with double lines at the sides to make the street appear narrower than it is as a means of slowing traffic. The October workshop and a report that came out of it also suggested small circles at Park Street and River Road and at the north end near the small park.

Devising a plan for Jericho to take over responsibility for Route 15 through the Riverside-Flats area from the Vermont Department of Transportation (VTrans). That would give Jericho the right to make changes to the highway without going through VTrans. It also would mean the town would take over maintenance and their costs. VTrans would still provide the town with \$10,000 a mile a year in grants.

The four committees being formed came after an hour-and-a-half discussion of a report of a study issued by the Walkable and Livable Communities Institute of Port Townsend, Washington. The studies were made possible with a \$15,000 grant to the two towns from the American Association of Retired People (AARP). Jericho and Underhill residents walked the village and identified areas that could be improved.

A suggestion in the report using white lines on each side of Route 15 at the "gateways" for

a bike path and adding four wooden structures drew fire from two quarters.

"That's not going to happen," said Jericho Town Administrator Todd Odit. He was seconded by Richard Hosking, District 5 project manager for VTrans. "It won't happen. The bridge would not be wide enough," Hosking said. He suggested that Jericho put flags on utility poles along the road approaching the village, similar to those near the Fairgrounds in Essex Junction.

The Jericho Selectboard studied the possibility of returning Dickenson Street to two-way traffic, concluding that doing so would help move traffic through the area during rush hours. Vehicles on River Road heading west toward Route 15 are prevented from entering Dickenson Street by a cement curb barrier at the River Road entrance. If it were made two-way again, cars could enter Dickenson and then enter Route 15 at the other end.

Any changes would be costly because Dickenson Street would have to be widened and sidewalks added. David Villeneuve, who owns 19.5 acres in the triangle of River Road, Park Street and Route 15, said he will cooperate with the committees if work involves part of his land there.

Peter Booth who lives in that area suggested the town could immediately pull down the one-way traffic sign and allow motorists to drive on Dickenson Road as they did in the past. "I know someone who has done that," Booth quipped.

Odit said that adding double white lines along Park Street could be done next summer with town funds.

Robert Barrett who lives on Browns Trace asked if placing white lines and traffic circles on Park Street were suggested because of traffic accidents. He was told there have been accidents on that street. "Buy three more stop signs," for the street, he suggested instead of painting stripes and adding traffic circles. He also suggested cutting trees and brush at the bend of River Road just east of Browns River Middle School so drivers can see better.

Odit said Jericho and Underhill could phase in some of the suggested changes. He and Jennifer Wallace-Brodeur of the AARP, who hosted the meeting at the Jericho Town Building, urged the four groups to report their findings at another meeting in April.

Bolton Selectboard Race

By Phyl Newbeck

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Last year, Bolton Selectboard member R.J. Vallee sold his house and resigned from the board after years of service to the town. This March, three residents are vying for the two-year seat he left vacant. The candidates are Pete Gosselin, Wayne Ring and Rod Wheelock.

Pete Gosselin has lived in Bolton since 1997. For the last sixteen years, he has been the Road Foreman for the neighboring town of Richmond. The two towns collaborate on some services. "I think I can help the town," Gosselin said. "Thanks to my job, I have a lot of municipal knowledge." Gosselin's experience includes bidding for and working with contractors, as well as grant writing and administration. He believes only one current member of the Selectboard has similar experience and hopes that if elected, he can assist Bolton in applying for grant funding. One of Gosselin's priorities is in the area of policy. "The town of Bolton lacks both operating and personnel policies," he said "and having policies in place protects the town as well as those who do business with the town. It's a safety mechanism and a good starting point. You need a good personnel policy in order to make important decisions." Gosselin said he has no set agenda to bring to the board other than to "move us into the 21st century for those living and working in town."

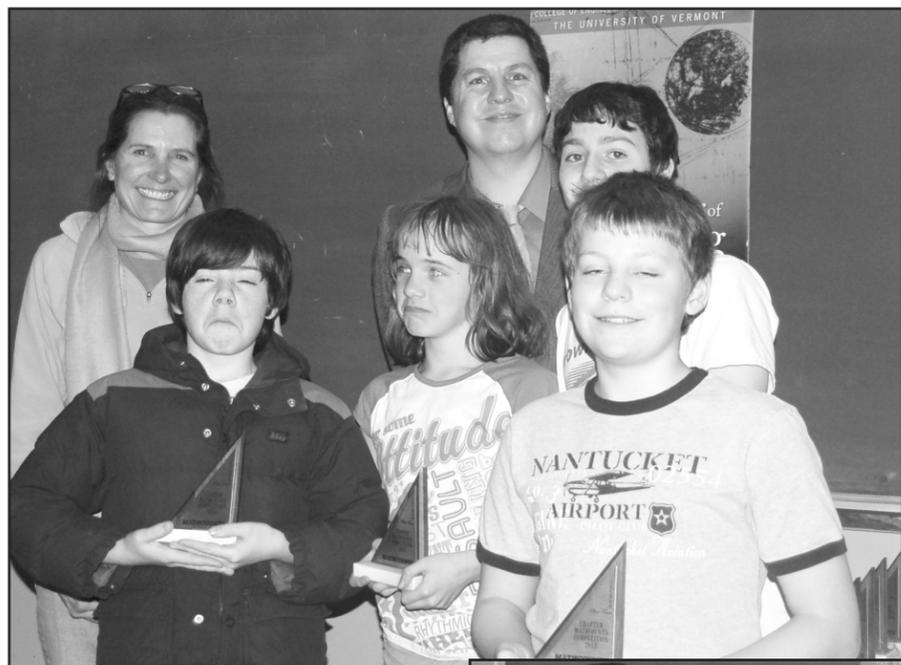
Wayne Ring was born and raised in neighboring Richmond and moved to Bolton three years ago. He recently retired after almost 30 years on the Richmond road crew. "I'm not a politician," said Ring, "but I thought I could provide a fresh perspective on things." Ring's previous volunteer work was on the board overseeing the Fernwood Trailer Park where he served one term as president. "I don't know

the fancy words for everything," he said, "but I think there are things that can be changed that might help out the town and the taxpayers. There are certain things that don't make sense because they are costing the town money." Ring said he has seen changes that have taken place over the years and believes not all the changes have been to the benefit of all residents. "I feel I have a common sense way of looking at things," he said. "There are new ways of doing things but sometimes you have to sit back and take a good look and see what benefits the majority of people. I want to represent the majority, not any particular group. Things should be equal all the way around."

Rod Wheelock has lived in Bolton for thirty years and for the last ten he's been thinking of running for the Selectboard. His previous managerial job at Stevens Gas didn't leave him enough time to do so and he felt that wouldn't be fair to the town, but in his current position at Richmond Home Supply, Wheelock believes he has the time to devote to the assignment. "I've always felt that we need to participate and give back to our town," he said. "I think everyone should serve in one way or another and at my age, this is a way to do it." Like Gosselin, Wheelock would like to see better personnel policies in place. Another goal of his is to make government more transparent. "I'd like to see more openness about what goes on at meetings," he said. "I don't think they're doing anything wrong but I like to see things out in the open." Wheelock doesn't have plans for any major changes. "I just want to serve my town," he said. "It's something my ancestors believed in and I'd like to carry it down the line."

So there you have it. Make your decision and get out there and vote.

BRMS students score high in MathCounts



Browns River Middle School students placed second in Team Competition. Pictured are Matthew Ellison, Ethan Sander, Julian Oates, Zada Anderson, with Coach Suzanne McDevitt.

UVM CEMS promotes mathematics achievements for middle school students

The UVM College of Engineering and Mathematical Sciences and the Vermont Society of Professional Engineers (VSPE) sponsored the Northwest MATHCOUNTS Competition on Saturday February 11 at UVM.

Approximately 100 students from 15 middle schools competed individually and in teams, in written and fast-paced oral formats, on subjects that include probability, statistics, algebra and geometry. The excitement will culminated in a dramatic single-elimination tournament during the Countdown Round in Carpenter Auditorium where the top 12 students competed against each



Matthew Ellison placed first in the Individual Winners division and second in the Countdown Round. PHOTOS CONTRIBUTED

other and the clock in front of an enthusiastic audience.

Students from Browns River Middle School placed second. They are Matthew Ellison, Ethan Sander, Julian Oates, Zada Anderson and were coached by Suzanne McDevitt.

Matthew Ellison placed first as an Individual and second in the Countdown Round.

Underhill to see write-in for Selectboard March 6

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No one has filed a petition to run for the Selectboard at Town Meeting March 6 to replace its chairman, Dan Steinbauer who is not running for a third term.

Town Clerk Sherry Morin said the post could be filled by write-in ballots but the highest write-in person must receive at least 26 votes. That's one percent of the total registered voters. Town Meeting is Tuesday March 6.

Vacancies also exist for these town positions: Auditor, three-year term; town agent, one year; grand juror, one year; agent to convey real estate, one year. Normally the town has three auditors, but one post has been vacant for some time. Serving as auditors are Irene Linde and Betsy Page.

A separate ballot items asks voters to eliminate the town auditor positions and replace the auditors with a certified public accountant (CPA). Town Administrator Dawna Brisson said the town hires the services of a CPA at \$10,000 while paying the town auditors the same amount.

Rita-Marie C. Greenia has decided not to run again for grand juror, Heather Jacobs is not running again for town agent and Dan Close is not running again as agent to convey real estate. Their terms all expire this March.

Steinbauer said he enjoyed being a selectman and would run again "if I were 10 years younger."

CIRC Alternatives Task Force meetings continue

The CIRC Task Force will meet on Thursday, February 23, 7:00-9:00 PM at the Williston Town Hall.

The public is welcome to attend. Detailed information is available at <http://www.circ-taskforce.org/>. The public is encouraged to submit comments via the website. Information on signing up

for notification of CIRC related meetings can also be accessed through the website or by contacting Diane Meyerhoff of Third Sector Associates at 802.865.1794.

For additional information contact CCRPC Assistant/MPO Director, Michele Boomhower (mboomhower@ccrpcvt.org) 802.660.4071 x15.

POLICE REPORTS

On February 2, 2012 several Richmond, VT, residents, have informed police that they have been contacted by phone and e-mail that they are prize winners. The phone caller or e-mail sender tells the potential victims that they have won things such as cars and cash prizes. The catch is the potential victims must send cash via Western Union to receive their prizes.

In one such call yesterday a resident was told she won a Mercedes Benz and cash prizes, but she had to send them money prior via Western Union before she could claim her prizes. When the resident said she was not interested and hung up the phone. They immediately called back and told the homeowner not to hang up again. The resident was wise enough to know not to get into an argument with them and simply hung up.

This has been an ongoing scam for several years now which can be generated by both phone or e-mail and comes in various forms depending on who the sender is. We are advising residents to never give out personal information to unknown corporations or people and never send cash. Unfortunately over the last years some victims have sent cash and receive nothing in return. These scams are very difficult to stop, because they are coming a lot of the time from different countries located all over the world making them difficult for law enforcement to trace.

On February 3, 2012, at approximately 5:26 PM, State Police initiated a traffic stop of a vehicle on Upper Pleasant Valley Road, Jeffersonville, VT, for several traffic violations. The operator was identified as **Krista Smith**, 32. As a result of the traffic stop Smith was subsequently taken into custody and processed for Driving While Intoxicated. Smith was released on a citation to appear in the Lamoille County Court on February 22, 2012. Case #: 12A100426

On February 4, 2012, at approximately 5:40 AM the Vermont State Police received an E 911 call about a vehicle that had gone off the road and was in a ditch on Skunk Hollow Road near the intersection of Vermont Route 117 in the town of Jericho, VT. The E 911 caller advised the male operator was unresponsive.

Upon arrival to the scene, Vermont State Police located a black Acura four door car with its front end in a ditch and the tail end of the car in the roadway at the driveway of 256 Skunk Hollow Road but there was no occupant. Due to the fresh snow, one set of foot prints could be seen leading from the vehicle and up the driveway to this home.

Contact was made with the homeowners and it was found that the vehicle was registered to **Daniel Chrisman**, 22, a member of the home.

Upon speaking with Chrisman, he advised he was the operator and only occupant in the vehicle at the time he slid off the road and was not injured.

Further investigation found that Chrisman had been drinking alcohol on this date and was taken into custody and processed at the Williston State Police Barracks for the offense of Driving While Intoxicated and released on a citation. Chrisman's BAC was a .090% at 7:32 AM. Chrisman was cited to appear in Chittenden County District Court on February 23, 2012. Case #: 12A100431

January 19, 2012, **Brenda Hudson**, 69 of Underhill, VT, was returning home from the Williston area, after a day of visiting her father, and husband of Dorothy Bachman. Hudson was traveling west on the River Road in Underhill, when she lost control of her 2008 Toyota Highlander. Hudson's vehicle left the north side of the roadway traveling in a westerly direction. The vehicle struck a tree with the left rear portion of the vehicle causing damage to the left rear passenger door. This collision occurred approximately 10 to 15 feet off the roadway. The collision resulted in the vehicle spinning 90 degrees coming to rest while facing north. The vehicle came to rest approximately 15 to 20 feet beyond the point of impact.

The vehicle sustained a moderate amount of damage to the passenger door assembly with minor intrusion into the rear passenger compartment.

Road conditions at the time of the collision were snow covered and visibility was poor due to the heavy snow fall. Passenger Bachman was transported to Fletcher Allen Hospital with reported internal injuries. At the time of the collision Bachman, seated behind the front passenger seat was not wearing her seatbelt. The vehicle was equipped with passenger side airbags, which deployed during impact. Hudson sustained no injuries as a result of the crash and was reported to have been wearing her seatbelt.

Bachman was transported and treated at Fletcher Allen for broken ribs, a collapsed lung and multiple fractures to her spine.

On January 25, 2012, Bachman who was alert and responsive reportedly, made the decision to refuse further medical treatment and requested to be placed at a respite care facility. Hudson reported during the evening of January 25, 2012 and into the morning hours of January 26, 2012 Bachman suffered what was believed to be a stroke as she no longer had the ability to speak. Bachman was transferred to a respite facility and then passed away on February 4, 2012. Case#: 12A100252

Children enjoy a winter's day

Just enough snow to put smiles on the faces of the children at Poker Hill School.

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COURT REPORTS

January 6

Anthony Barber, 38, Huntington, VT charged with prescription fraud, felony, in Williston, VT on August 21, 2011; amended to depressant/stimulant/narcotic possession, misdemeanor; pleaded guilty; sentenced to six to 12 months, concurrent, suspended, probation; charged with prescription fraud, felony, in Williston, VT on August 23, 2011; amended to depressant/stimulant/narcotic possession, misdemeanor; pleaded guilty; sentenced to six to 12 months, suspended but six days, probation.

Paul Cross, 42, Richmond, VT, charged with DUI, first offense, in Richmond, VT on September 8, 2011; amended to vehicle operation — careless or negligent; pleaded guilty; fined \$750.

Rebecca Miller, 24, Jericho, VT, charged with DUI, first offense, in Burlington, VT on August 19, 2011; pleaded guilty; fined \$300.

January 9

Walter Button, 21, Hinesburg, VT, charged with aggravated assault with deadly weapon, felony, in Burlington, VT, on June 18, 2011; amended to simple assault — attempted by menace, misdemeanor; pleaded guilty; sentenced to one to three months, suspended, probation.

Crystal L. Heim, 33, Richmond, VT, charged with DUI, third offense or subsequent, felony, in Burlington, VT, on April 15, 2011; amended to DUI, second offense, misdemeanor; pleaded guilty; sentenced to six to 24 months; charged with reckless endangerment in Burlington, VT, on April 15, 2011; pleaded guilty; sentenced to six to 12 months, consecutive; charged with disorderly conduct — obstructs vehicular or pedestrian traffic in Burlington, VT, on April 1, 2011; pleaded guilty; sentenced to 30 to 40 days, concurrent.

January 10

Melissa Davis, 24, Jericho, VT, charged with DUI, first offense, in Burlington, VT, on December 20, 2011; amended to vehicle operation — careless or negligent; pleaded guilty; fined \$300, sentenced to one to three months, suspended, probation.

January 11

Daniel P. Hines, 34, Richmond, VT, charged with DUI, first offense, in Williston, VT, on November 27, 2011; pleaded guilty; fined \$300.

Zeus has recently been rescued by Save Our Strays. He is 3 years old, well behaved, neutered male who is good with other dogs. He has had surgery for entropion (an eye lid condition). If you would like to donate toward his vet expenses or are interested in adopting, please contact us at: lovethosepets@aol.com.



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EMERGENCY CALLS:

January 26, 10:13 PM, Motor vehicle accident, Barber Farm and Birch Lane, Jericho

January 27, 8:52 AM, EMS, Jericho

January 27, 1:45 PM, Carbon Monoxide Alarm, 4 Kriste Lane, Jericho

January 29, 4:18 PM, Fire alarm activation 208 Poker Hill Rd., Underhill

January 30, 8:57 PM, Carbon Monoxide Alarm, 189 Irish Settlement Rd, Underhill, furnace problem

February 2, 7:50 PM, Fire alarm activation, Browns River Middle School, Jericho

February 3, 3:53 AM, Fire alarm activation, Browns River Middle School, Jericho

February 3, 11:26 AM, Mountain rescue on the Nebraska Notch Trail, Underhill

February 4, 5:49 AM, Motor vehicle accident, Skunk Hollow, Jericho

February 4, 1:10 PM, Motor vehicle accident, near 756 VT RT 15, Underhill

February 5, 8:40 PM, Responded to 1133 VT RT 15, Westford for water in basement

February 6, unknown time: EMS, at Mt Mansfield H.S., Jericho

February 6, unknown time, 10 High Meadow Rd., Underhill for animal rescue

February 6 9:09 AM, 67 Corbett Road, Underhill for Carbon Monoxide detector problem, Sq51 only

February 6, 11:47 AM, EMS, Jericho

February 6, 5:28 PM, EMS, Underhill

February 7, unknown time, Good Intent Call, smell of propane, 44 Browns Trace, Jericho

February 7, 4:44 PM, Motor vehicle accident, Browns Trace & VT RT 15, Jericho

February 7, 5:33 PM, Motor vehicle accident near 28 Browns Trace, Jericho

February 7, 6:00 PM, Fire Alarm activation, Browns River Middle School, Jericho

February 7, 11:07 PM, Fire Alarm activation, Browns River Middle School, Jericho

February 7, 11:22 PM, EMS, Pleasant Valley, Underhill

February 8, 2:25 AM, Fire Alarm activation, Browns River Middle School, Jericho

February 8, 11:45 PM, Carbon Monoxide Alarm, 41 Skyview Drive, Jericho

February 9, 6:18 AM, Motor vehicle roll over, near 66 Orr Road, Jericho

SAFETY MESSAGE: Clothes dryers do catch fire, due to failure to clean, followed by mechanical failure or malfunction and some are caused by some type of electrical failure or short circuit. Do not operate the dryer without a lint filter. Clean the lint filter before or after each use and remove accumulated lint from around the drum. Make sure that the dryer is plugged into an outlet suitable for its electrical needs as overloaded electrical outlets can result in blow fuses or tripped circuit breakers. Always turn off the dryer when leaving the house. Keep the dryer area clear of combustibles. "Practice Fire Safety Everyday"

REMINDER: Do you have your green address sign on your mailbox post or other post next to your driveway; these really do help in locating a residence. If your answer is no, stop by or call Harry at the Underhill Station to order one.

Annual Report from the Underhill ID School Board

The main role of a school board is to ensure that the school has the resources it needs to offer the best possible educational program for the district's children. While not directly involved in education on a day-to-day basis, the board does have to understand the workings of the school so that it can present a budget which supports excellent education at a level for which taxpayers are willing and able to pay. In addition to getting regular monthly updates from Principal Mackin on developments at the school, the I.D. board also looks at the school's multi-year Action Plan, which is developed in order to continuously improve student performance. This plan is written by a team lead by Principal Mackin, with representation from the board, I.D. staff, and public. A key element of this plan is ensuring that a range of data from both the New England Common Assessment Program (NECAPs) and various local assessments guides instruction at the I.D. The new Action Plan for 2011-2014 was presented to and approved by the I.D. board over the past few months. In addition to supporting the school's educational program, board members have been very active in a range of events at the school. The board is pleased to note that community involvement with the I.D. school remains strong, with family attendance at school events near 100%.

The FY 2013 Budget

The proposed FY 2013 budget for the I.D. School is \$1,652,228; a 4.34% increase over FY 2012. However, due to adjustments in the Common Level of Appraisal (CLA), the Homestead tax rate for Jericho I.D. residents is expected to go down by about 1.56% while the rate for Underhill I.D. residents is expected to increase

very slightly, by 0.03%. In practical terms, on a home valued at \$200,000, these anticipated Homestead tax rates would see Underhill I.D. residents pay about \$12.60 more, while Jericho I.D. residents will pay about \$28.00 less. At the time of this report, the board is still awaiting final numbers for health insurance rates, so there could be an additional small reduction in the overall budget.

At a time of ongoing economic uncertainty and continued stagnating incomes across Vermont, voters and taxpayers are entitled to ask about the rate of budget increase in the FY 2013 budget. It is important to note that this current budget reflects the combined impact of the two-year collective agreement between CESU and the teachers' union, the Green Mountain NEA, signed last winter. That agreement, which spanned both

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Community Columns

A Dog's Tail... Tale



By Suzanne Kusserow
Senior Guest Columnists

Uh, Uh, You're getting on your shoes. That's a good sign. About time we got going! I've been lying here on my rug waiting for something exciting to happen. Actually, I guess boredom is part of a dog's life. And when Bill isn't looking, I can sneak a little closer to the wood stove and go to sleep. I don't snore too much, so he doesn't notice me.

Oh boy, they're getting on their coats! Uh, Uh, Uh....we're off to the Post Office maybe? Don't forget to take me. My friend Luna, from next door, usually comes galloping down the hill, ready to go to our jobs. Yes, we do have jobs, which don't happen to many dogs; in this economy (I chew paper, so I get the latest news.) We guard The Country Store, right in the middle of Underhill Center, with all that great traffic going by. I bark a lot. I have to pretend to be a guard dog even though neither Luna nor I are really good....or really scary. Actually, both of us turned out to be failures at guard-dogging. So we decided to take up begging instead, since I know there is nothing more pathetic than the constant mournful stare of a yellow Labrador. We have practiced the act of looking starving, (not easy when you're slightly overweight) and sometimes people fall for it, except some professional dog lovers who say: "I know what you're trying to do, and it doesn't fool me. But here's a nice pat, anyway".....which is better than nothing. Some people don't always pat Luna, even the really doggie customers. I've told her to find a patch of snow and wipe off the drool that drips from her mouth when she thinks about food (which is nearly always). But she hasn't lived long enough to have many manners.

It's treat time! We both rush for the door; Mom comes out with a peanut butter dog biscuit when we start home. My success rate for making it back home is not perfect. Sometimes I don't see Bill leave the Post Office and I wait there, very patiently I might add. I don't accept rides with anyone else, because if I wait long enough Mom will come down and I get a ride. Even my old friends, Lois and Irene, true dog lovers, try to lure me away, but I know the rules. I was taught what STAY! means. I have been called lazy, stubborn, even kind of cute, but I wait until Mom drives up, bawls me out, loads me into the car....and I get a ride home.

But trotting along up Bear Town Road, there is much to do. If it's summer, we chase sticks through the water...never can tell when we'll find a tasty one. And of course we need to bark at the terriers at Sargent's house. Luna's back hairs go up quite realistically, even though we both know she's a scaredy-cat (excuse me: dog). Then we come to our favorite place: Mr. Tedford's compost; we have practically worn a path to it, since we need to visit going down to our jobs and coming back. You never know when something delicious has been added!

The last part is our own driveway, and it is very important to see if any new squirrels have visited. They are busy, chattering, annoying things and they seem to feel that just because they can climb trees, this makes them superior creatures.

So our great adventures end at the water dish with a big long cold slurp. It's a pretty good life. I get Aspirin wrapped in a hot dog for my bum leg, and I can cat-nap in the sun in the spring. (There's that cat bias again!)

Now I ask you: why should I learn new tricks? The old ones are doing just fine. See you on my next walk! *Eddie*

Jericho Energy Task Force to hold meeting

Join the Jericho Energy Task Force at 7:00 PM on March 9 at the Deborah Rawson Memorial Library for a showing of "The Power of Community." The movie explores the creativity of the people of Cuba in the 1990's when the collapse of the Soviet Union sent their economy into a tailspin. This film chronicles how people responded when fuel imports were cut by more than 50% and food imports by more than 80%. "So often we focus on stories of doom and gloom," said Task Force Movie Night Coordinator Larry Lamb. "We decided to choose a movie that focuses on the resiliency of people and their power to overcome tragedy."

The showing of "The Power of Community" is free of charge and some refreshments will be provided. We'll bring the apple cider but since this is a waste-free event we encourage you to bring your own mugs. Future movies will include "Two Angry Moms" on April 6 and "Bag It" on May 4. For more information, contact Larry Lamb at 899-4863 or lblamb@hotmail.com.

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last fiscal year and the coming one, included salary increases of 2.5% and 2.85%, respectively. Last year's budget did not include any provision for salary increases. However, CESU was able to offer a salary increase roughly in line with comparable settlements around the region by using the last of the Vermont Job Bill funds, which were explicitly designated for the purpose of salary and benefits. In other words, the increases paid during the first year of the collective agreement were not from funds directly paid by I.D. taxpayers. However, the combined salary increases of 5.35% over two years must be reflected in the FY 2013 budget. Had this timing anomaly not occurred, the increase in the FY 2013 budget would have been well below last year's percentage. As in past years, the board has worked closely with Principal Mackin and CESU's Central Office to ensure that the I.D. budget being presented to voters is fiscally responsible and educationally sound.

For the first time since Act 82 was introduced, the I.D. School will be required to place two budget items on the ballot for voters to approve. This is because the anticipated FY 2013 budget slightly exceeds the per pupil statewide average. According to the calculations required by the statute, I.D. voters will be asked to approve both the base amount of \$1,639,666 while the second ballot item will ask voters to approve the additional \$12,562 in order to fully fund the proposed 2012-13 budget.

The past year saw the departure of board member Andrea Sandy, who resigned from the board to become the new secretary at the

Sonshine

By Deirdre Goldenbogen
United Church of Underhill

Family Service a Big Success - The United Church of Underhill, located at the park on Route 15 in Underhill Flats, held its first Family Service of the year on February 5. The theme was *Love Grows as You Know*, and it was a lively service, with great music, much action, and Communion. Also, the youth of the church collected donations after worship for the Souper Bowl of Caring. This is a nationwide program in which youth collect donations on Super Bowl Sunday and donate them to local hunger relief organizations. The United Church of Underhill has been participating since 2003. This year the United Church of Underhill collected over \$200, which will be donated to the Waterbury Food Shelf.

Upcoming Free Community Dinners - The next Food for All community supper at the United Church will be held on Thursday March 8 from 5:00 - 7:00 PM. Everyone in our community is invited to come for good food and good conversation with good neighbors. There is no charge for these suppers, although offerings are accepted to benefit the local food shelf. These dinners are an outreach shared with the Calvary Episcopal Church, which hosts its soup-and-bread supper on the last Thursday of the month (the next one is February 23) at its church on Route 15 in Underhill Flats.

Lenten Events: Ash Wednesday and Weekly Lunches - The season of Lent, leading up to the celebration of Easter, starts this year on February 22, Ash Wednesday. All are invited to a community Ash Wednesday service at 7:00 PM on that date at the Jericho United Methodist Church, located on Route 15 in Jericho beside the Jericho Town Hall. This will be a reflective service with special music, Communion and the imposition of ashes.

Several churches in the Jericho-Underhill area are partnering to offer weekly "Soup and Scripture" luncheons each Wednesday during lent from noon until 12:45 PM. The first service will be on February 29 at the United Church of Underhill. Check the unitedchurchofunderhill.com website or the Sonshine article in the next issue of the *Mountain Gazette* for the locations of future luncheons and for the full schedule of services and events in Lent at the United Church of Underhill.

If you have questions about the United Church of Underhill or any of its opportunities, you can contact Pastor Kevin Goldenbogen at 899-1722 or find us online at unitedchurchofunderhill.com.

Tongue-Tie Tips

By Dr. Lewis First
First with Kids

Tongue-tie is what happens when the connection or band we call the frenulum, between the tongue and the floor of the mouth, is shorter than usual. Tongue-tie is present at birth and often runs in families, occurring in up to 2% of babies.

To see if your baby has this problem, watch your baby try to stick out his or her tongue. If the tongue can't extend past the gum line or curls up with a heart shaped appearance at the tip, your baby probably has it.

The good news is that in most cases, the short band holding back the tongue either stretches or disappears in the first year of life and the problem goes away.

If your baby is actually having trouble breastfeeding and not gaining weight as a result, then early treatment involves clipping of that band - a simple, relatively uncomplicated surgical procedure with a low risk of infection, and with low risk as well of a small amount of bleeding similar to that which might occur with ear piercing.

If feeding is not a problem, but you do notice your child's speech being hampered by the tongue-tie, then again, surgical treatment is warranted.

Your pediatrician can help you evaluate whether to wait and allow tincture of time to take its course, or whether to do the procedure.

Hopefully you will latch on to tips like this (or your baby will latch on, with the tip of his or her tongue) when it comes to knowing a bit more about what to do or say if you think your child is tongue-tied.

VA Career/Job Fair at Expo

Career/Job Fair at the Champlain Valley Expo, 105 Pearl Street, Essex Junction, on Thursday February 23 from 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM. Open only to all military veterans, service members, and their families. For info, www.vermontjoblink.com or call Scott Washburn at 652-0339, Veteran Representative, Vermont Department of Labor.

I.D. School. She was replaced by Mr. Jim Bentlage, who will serve until the Annual Meeting. At the same time, the term for one other board member will expire. As well, Robert Letovsky resigned from I.D. Board effective January 5, 2012. The current UID Board members wish to thank him for his many years of incredibly dedicated and expert service to the UID community and more broadly to the Chittenden East Supervisory Union community.

Nominations for both the I.D. board positions and for the open ID representative position on the MMU board will be made from the floor at our Annual Meeting, on Monday, March 5, 2012 at 7:00 pm at the I.D. School. In addition to these elections, the agenda includes an overview of the school's educational accomplishments, the proposed budget and other issues affecting education in Vermont.

Please remember to vote on the UID school budget on Tuesday, March 6, 2012. Polling stations will be at Browns River Middle School (for Underhill residents of the I.D. school district) and at Jericho Elementary School (for Jericho residents).

Finally, the board would like to thank all those community members who have taken the time over the past year to attend our school board meetings and to share their insights, concerns and ideas with us.

Underhill ID School Directors: Valerie Bansbach, Chair, James Bentlage, Jessica Dion, and Leslie Kanat



Hughes participates in speaking contest

Braeden Hughes, a junior at Mt Mansfield Union High School is participating in the Rotary sponsored District Speech Contest.

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HEALTH NEWS

Copley Hospital receives Legacy Gift from Barbara Stevens

With gratitude, officials at Copley Health Systems announced it has received a \$400,000 gift from the estate of Barbara Stevens. A long time volunteer at the hospital, Mrs. Stevens had named Copley as a residual beneficiary of her estate. The gift will be used to support the hospital's charitable care program. Copley Hospital provided more than \$1 million in charitable care last year, and saw a 31% increase in the number of charitable care visits.

"Barbara was very vested in the hospital and she understood how important the hospital is to the community," said Dot Reeve, Stevens' niece. "Her many years of volunteer work at Copley and with the Copley Hospital Auxiliary exemplified her interest in keeping the hospital and our community healthy."

"We deeply appreciate the thoughtful generosity of Barbara Stevens in naming Copley as a beneficiary of her estate," said Mel Patashnick, President of Copley Health Systems. "We knew she felt Copley was very important and that she was a continuous supporter for more than 30 years. Her legacy gift will help Copley continue to care for our community."

Stevens was known to many Copley staff through her volunteer work in the hospital Gift Shop. She had a keen curiosity and a great sense of humor. Leah Hollenberger, Vice President of Development & Community Relations for Copley, remembered Stevens touring the hospital's new utility plant a few years ago and asking the

maintenance team questions about the plant's efficiency and computerized operations. "Another time she quizzed me about the hospital's smoke-free campus policy and then, with a twinkle in her eye, she pointed out a painting in the hospital that featured a man smoking a pipe," said Hollenberger. "She was a terrific lady."

Stevens' gift is the second significant planned gift the hospital has received in as many years. Long-time community leader Ben Campbell remembered Copley Hospital in his will, gifting the hospital \$624,000. An unrestricted gift, hospital officials plan to use a portion of Campbell's gift for the upcoming expansion and renovation of the Emergency Department. Copley's Emergency Department (ED) was built to serve 26 patients a day but is seeing more than 60 patients a day during busy periods. The area has not been updated for over 20 years and more space is needed to improve patient comfort and privacy as well as handle additional medical equipment, including hardware related to Electronic Health Records. Construction is scheduled to begin this spring.

Copley's Legacy Circle honors community members who have provided for Copley Hospital in their will or other planned gift. If you have included Copley in your planning and would like to be listed in Copley's Legacy Circle, Hollenberger asks that you contact her directly at 802-888-8301. Information about the Legacy Circle is available online at www.copleyvt.org/LegacyCircle.

From the Statehouse

By Rep. Martha Heath

Fast, furious, and productive are the best words to describe the first six weeks of this legislative session. The House has already acted on a series of major pieces of legislation. Its version of Budget Adjustment passed on January 20 and two weeks later we had passed a reapportionment bill and the bill that sets out the future of our mental health system. On top of that we've passed several bills to bring relief to communities hard hit by tropical storm Irene.

I serve as chair of the House Appropriations Committee. The first bill we deal with each year is the one that makes adjustments to the budget that was passed the previous spring. Updated information and estimates make changes necessary. There were a few highlights of this year's bill. First without the onetime

expenditures for Tropical Storm Irene, General Fund spending saw virtually no net change. This was largely due to reduced estimates of expenditure in our Medicaid program. This is excellent news as our growth in state health care spending is now below the general growth rate seen in the state. An analysis is being done to determine why this change is happening. We have certainly made efforts on a number of fronts to bend the cost curve from the state's chronic care initiative to using the most effective cost containment strategies in the pharmaceutical arena. Are these efforts paying off or are other factors contributing? We look forward to learning the answers.

The most controversial aspect of the Budget Adjustment bill was the addition of new positions. It is unusual but not without precedent to take this action midyear. 21 positions were added in transportation, most of them are to assist communities needing to repair infrastructure damaged by Irene. These folks will help with tasks like project design but most importantly will assist with filing proper paperwork with FEMA; a daunting task and one that is important to get right. 17 positions were added in the department that runs the state's Medicaid program. We have learned from past experience that putting human resources to work at managing the care of the most expensive patients in this population saves money. Implementing this change is projected to save \$5M in FY13. Finally 8 social workers were added to work with children in the custody of the state or in danger of coming into custody. The caseload in this area has grown dramatically. We have a profound responsibility to these children that must be properly fulfilled.

Finally the bill leaves the state on sound fiscal footing heading into the FY13 budget year. All of the state's stabilization reserves are full, a total of almost \$100M. The fund that pays for FEMA match contains \$17M, the human services caseload reserve contains \$22.5M and other reserves for dealing with federal cuts total \$5.8M after \$6M was used to shore up funding for low income heating assistance. Given that the revenue forecast for FY13 was decreased by \$10M on January 18th and the looming possibility of federal cutbacks, I'm pleased the state has put funds aside that will help address these issues.

My committee is presently taking testimony on the FY13 budget. The gap between expected revenues and forecasted expenditure needs is about \$60M. While closing the gap will be challenging, particularly since it is the 5th year in a row that we've needed to do so, it seems less overwhelming than the \$175M gap we needed to close last year.

I continue to be humbled by the trust my constituents have placed in me to represent them in the state's decision making processes. If you have questions or comments about pending legislation or need assistance with a problem involving state government, please contact me by e-mailing me at mpheathvt@gmail.com or by calling me at 893-1291.

NEW KIDS IN TOWN

BOLTON (Vollbach) Elizabeth (Rosema) and Eric Vollbach had a son, James Allan, on January 8, 2011 at Fletcher Allen Health Care, Burlington, VT.

HINESBURG (Kiedaisch) Jill (Hindle) and Matt Kiedaisch had a son on January 6, 2011 at Fletcher Allen Health Care, Burlington, VT

HUNTINGTON (Dransfield) Hannah (Conant) and Matthew Dransfield had a daughter, Nina Page, on December 28, 2011 at Fletcher Allen Health Care, Burlington, VT

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ENGAGEMENTS



BERGERON - PICARELLA

Bob and Kathy Bergeron of Jericho, VT announce the engagement of their daughter Eileen Bergeron to Bill Picarella, son of Bill and Sharon Picarella of Brewster, NY. Alison was a 2004 graduate of MMU.

She obtained her BS in Physical Education from Eastern CT State University in 2008 where she was also a member of the ECSU Basketball team. She is currently employed by East Ridge Middle School in Ridgefield CT. as a Physical

Education Teacher. She coaches Freshman Girls Basketball and is finishing up her Masters in Education with an option in Special Education. Bill Picarella graduated from North Salem H.S. in 2003 and Graduated from Eastern CT. State Univ. with a BS in Communications in 2007.

He is currently employed by Barclay's Wealth in NYC as a Trader.

They live in Pleasantville, NY. A September 28 wedding is planned in Poughkeepsie, NY.

TOURVILLE - DEGREE

Brittany Tourville, daughter of Joseph and Shelley Tourville of Huntington, VT and Andy Degree, son of Gerald and Yolanda Degree of Richmond, VT announce their engagement.

A June 29, 2013, wedding is planned.



Bergerons celebrate 35th Anniversary

Bob and Kathy Bergeron celebrated their 35th Wedding Anniversary this summer with a surprise Party put on by their five children, Kevin, Patrick, Jen, Alison and Kara. Many family and friends attended and a great time was had by all!

Eilene Kara Bergeron graduates from Plattsburgh State University

Eilene Kara Bergeron of Jericho Graduated Cum Laude on Dec 17th from Plattsburgh State University with a B.S in Childhood Education. She is the daughter of Bob and Kathy Bergeron of Jericho and graduated from Mount Mansfield Union High School. Kara is now employed as a teacher by the South Bronx Classical Charter School. She lives on City Island in NYC.



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COLLEGE NEWS AND NOTES

Breanna-May Shepard, a Freshman Communication major from Waterbury, VT, was named to the fall semester Dean's List at Bryant University.

The following students have been selected for inclusion on the Dean's List for academic achievement during the fall 2011 semester at St. Lawrence University in Canton, New York. To be eligible for the Dean's List at St. Lawrence University, a student must have completed at least four semester units and have an academic average of 3.6 (based on a perfect 4.0 scale) for the semester.

Lindsey D. Wyatt, of Jericho, VT; Wyatt, a member of the class of 2014, graduated from Mount Mansfield Union High School.

Heather L. Cutler, of Waterbury, VT; Cutler, a member of the class of 2012, graduated from Harwood Union High School.

Taylor Willey, daughter of Giles and Timmy Willey of Jericho, VT, a junior Speech Lang Path & Audio major, was named to the Dean's List at Ithaca College's School of Health Sciences and Human Performance for the fall 2011 semester.

Berklee College of Music announces that various students have earned placement on the Dean's List for the fall semester of the 2011 academic year. The following students earned placement on the 2011 Fall Dean's list: **Dylan Day** of Cambridge, VT; **Erin Bentlage** of Jericho, VT.

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OBITUARIES



Marilyn H. Gagner, 76, Jeffersonville, VT, died peacefully in Our Lady of the Meadows, in Richford, VT, on Tuesday February 7, 2012. She was born April 3, 1935, in Eden, the daughter of Leo and Helen Beaulieu Gagner. Marilyn lived most of her life in Jeffersonville, moving there at the age of 13. She had worked in the lunch room at the Jeffersonville Elementary School for several years. Marilyn enjoyed her time going to *Out and About*, and liked to listen to Country and Western music. She loved shopping in Burlington, when it meant buying a watch or shoes first. Marilyn looked forward to attending the Champlain Valley Fair each year. She enjoyed walking through town and socializing with people. Marilyn could remember everyone's birthday and anniversary dates when she saw them. She especially loved children. She is survived by her siblings, Gabriel Gagner of Eden, VT; Robert Gagner and wife, Jean, of Cambridge, VT and Monique Morway of Eden VT; brother-in-law, Wendell Langdell of Glover, VT; and nieces and nephews, Linda and James Jewett of Eden, VT; James and Sharon Gagner of Eden, VT; Dennis and Sara Langdell of Essex, VT; Wendy and Wayne Demar of Eden, VT; Robbin and Randy Hopkins of Walden, VT; Bobby Gagner of Essex, VT and Scott Langdell. In addition to her parents, Marilyn was predeceased by a sister, Janeen Langdell; sister-in-law, Charlotte Bedell Gagner; brother-in-law, Norman E. Morway; niece, Julie Gagner Horgan; and nephew, Norman Brent Morway. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Friday February 10, 2012, at 11:00 AM at St. Gabriel's Church in Eden, VT. Visitation was held Thursday February 9, 2012, from 4:30 to 8:00 PM at the WhiteFiess Funeral Home, 165 Brooklyn St., Morrisville, VT. Interment will be in the spring, at the Village Cemetery, in Jeffersonville. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Our Lady of the Meadows, Activities Fund, 1 Pinnacle Meadows, Richford, VT 05476.



Lucas Lloyd LaFrance, Milton, VT, was born on October 18, 1989, to Lloyd Jr. and Jamie (Collins) LaFrance. Even from his first breath of life, Lucas brought everyone around him so much joy. Lucas was an avid fisherman. Enjoyed hunting, even if it was just out scouting the roads with his Dad. He loved nature... period. Hiking, canoeing and camping. Lucas' life aspiration was to hike the Long Trail. Luc loved being able to do anything outdoors. Even gardening, all natural, of course, no pesticides. Burton Island was amongst his favorite places. Camping there with friends was a summertime must! Lucas loved spending time with his family, friends and his two little nieces. He was most recently employed by the Milton School District. Lucas' life aspiration of hiking the Long Trail after graduation, was cut short due to a long battle with Bud Chiari (a very rare liver disorder). Now Lucas, you have no restrictions. You can hike that Long Trail, take your time. Go at your own pace. Have fun. Live your life the way you should've been able to. Love you,

Bud! Lucas is survived by his parents, Lloyd Jr. and Jamie LaFrance; sisters, Stephanie LaFrance and Joslin Smith; Joslins' husband, Chris Smith, and their two daughters, Gracie and Bella Smith, both of whom were the apple of Lucas' eyes; his Papa, Jim Collins; uncles and aunts, Ralph and Debbie Maietta, Kim LaFrance and Mickey Hurlbut, Brian LaFrance; and many other aunts, uncles and cousins. Lucas also leaves a special friend, Carly Buswell; and many other friends, too numerous to list. He was predeceased by his grandparents, Lloyd Sr. and Shirley LaFrance, and Alice "Nanny" Collins. Visiting hours will be on Tuesday February 7, 2012, from 4:00 to 8:00 PM in the Minor Funeral Home, Route 7, in Milton. A funeral service will immediately follow at 8:00 PM in the funeral home, with Fr. John Feltz officiating. Burial will be later in the spring in the Malletts Bay Cemetery in Colchester. Online condolences may be made at www.minorfh.com. Memorial contributions may be made to the Lucas LaFrance Fund, P.O. Box 478, Milton, VT 05468.



Astrid Jean Hibbard, of Underhill, VT, died peacefully on February 3, 2012, surrounded by many members of her loving family. She was 79. Born on December 27, 1932, in Neptune Township, N.J., Jean was raised in Brooklyn, and graduated from

Hillcrest Lutheran Academy in Fergus Falls, Minn. She married Charles Hibbard in 1953, and shortly thereafter they moved to Vermont, where she lived for the rest of her life. Jean raised three children, worked as a bookkeeper, and helped run a small construction business. She was a gifted artist who painted many beautiful decorative boxes, trunks, stools, and wall hangings for her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren; those gifts have become beloved keepsakes. Jean is survived by her children, Robert Hibbard and his wife, Bonnie, of Underhill, Karen Hibbard and her wife, Susan Murray, of Burlington, and Linda Hibbard, of Temecula, Calif.; three grandchildren, Katina Combs and her husband, Steve, of Jericho, Kyle Hibbard of Underhill Center, and Kristie Klein and her husband, Brad, of Jericho; seven great-grandchildren, whom she loved to be around, Austin, Mason, and Dylan Combs, Cole Hibbard, and Anna, Zoey, and Drew Klein; sisters, Eleanor Enstad of Lindenhurst, N.Y., and Ruth Danielsen and her husband, Roy, of Mt. Bethel, Pa.; nephews and nieces, Richard Enstad, Christina Ruddies, and Steve, Peter and John Danielsen; and her former husband, Kent DeGoosh. There will be no calling hours. Services was held on Wednesday February 8, 2012, at 1:00 PM, at the Williston Federated Church. Jean's remains will be interred in the spring at the Deer Run Cemetery in Williston. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations in Jean's memory be made to the Visiting Nurse Association of Chittenden and Grand Isle Counties, 1110 Prim Road, Colchester, VT 05446, www.vnacares.org, or to the Autism Puzzle Foundation, 333 Beckley Hill Road, Barre, VT 05641, www.vtautismpuzzle.org, or to

the Humane Society of Chittenden County, 142 Kindness Court, South Burlington, VT 05403, www.chittendenhumane.org.



Marguerite Susannah "Rita" (Lockhart) Feters, 67, Underhill, VT, passed away on Friday February 3, 2012, in Fletcher Allen Health Care in Burlington, VT. She was born in Huston, Texas on August 23, 1944, daughter of the late Col. Eugene and Marguerite (Gulman) Lockhart. Rita earned a bachelor of arts in education with a minor in fine arts at the University of Hawaii in 1966. She met her husband, Thomas Parker Feters, in 1963 in Honolulu, Hawaii, where they were married on June 3, 1966. Rita began her lifelong passion of educating young people by teaching second grade in Raleigh, N.C., before moving to Vermont to raise a family. After the birth of her three children, she returned to education as a volunteer and community organizer, creating a parent-run art program at Jericho Elementary and establishing Project Graduation at Mount Mansfield Union High School. Rita's dedication to ensuring that her children were exposed to the world while enjoying the beauty of Vermont and benefits of living in a small community, led to her involvement in the EF Foundation. As a coordinator for EF for more than 15 years, she truly brought the world closer together; finding hosts for more than 200 international students in northern New England. Her love for the arts was evident in her work as a florist at the Flower Mill, the gorgeous photographs she took and the beautiful gardens she created at her home. She loved to travel and took every opportunity to visit her family, friends and EF children all over the world. Recently she enjoyed spending time with her four grandchildren, passing on her love for learning, travel and the arts to them. Rita is survived by her loving husband of 45 years, Thomas Feters of Underhill, VT; two sons, Randy Feters and wife, Karen, of Colchester, VT and Scott Feters and wife, Meredith, of Ogden, Utah, VT; daughter, Laura Feters and husband, Richard Bassett, of Burlington, VT; three brothers, Fred Jinkins and wife, Marion, Gerald Lockhart and wife, Celia, and Robert Lockhart, all of Texas; four grandchildren, Ryan and Connor Feters of Colchester, VT, and Dylan and Sofia Bassett of Burlington, VT; her "extended family" of International Exchange Students, whom she lovingly hosted for over two decades; and her goddaughter, Antonia. Visiting hours was held on Wednesday February 8, 2012, from 5:00 to 8:00 PM at A. W. Rich

Funeral Home - Essex Chapel, 57 Main Street, Essex Junction. A memorial service was held on Thursday February 9, 2012, at 10:00 AM at Essex Alliance Church with the Reverend Doctor Joe Moore officiating. Inurnment will be private and at the convenience of the family. In keeping with Rita's love of travel, additional memorial gatherings will be held in Galveston, Texas, Honolulu, Hawaii and Tenerife, Spain on dates to be determined, and her Thursday's memorial service will be broadcast live and may be viewed by visiting www.awrichfuneralhomes.com, where online condolences may also be offered. Memorial contributions in Rita's memory may be made to Vermont Cancer Center, UVM College of Medicine Development Office, The Courtyard at Given - 1 South 89 Beaumont Avenue, Burlington, VT 05405, or Essex Rescue Squad, 1 Educational Drive, Essex Junction, VT 05452.



Clark Freeman Dodge Sr., 90, a lifelong resident of the town of Cambridge, VT and the Dodge Homestead, died Wednesday February 1, 2012, following a brief illness, in the Copley Hospital in Morrisville, with his family at his bedside. Clark was born in the home in which he resided on July 24, 1921, son of the late Martin Nathaniel and Beulah (Hapgood) Dodge. He attended school in Jeffersonville and graduated from Cambridge High School in 1939. Clark married the former June M. Clapper in the Second Congregational Church in Jeffersonville, April 6, 1973. In his early years, Clark worked for Noble and Pearl Store in Jeffersonville and farmed on the homestead until accepting a position with the Smuggler's Notch Ski Village as maintenance superintendent. After his retirement, he was employed by G. W. Tatro Construction Company, then Bertrand Building Supply. Clark shared many hobbies and interests which included sugaring, woodworking, antiques, town history and vintage automobiles. He had served his community as chairman on the Cambridge and Lamoyille Union School Boards and as a Cambridge selectman. Clark was past president of both the Cambridge Historical Society and Jeffersonville Cemetery Association. He was also a member of the Vermont Old Cemetery Association and spent countless hours working in the Cambridge cemeteries doing monument restorations. Clark leaves his loving wife, June C. Dodge; three sons, Clark F. Dodge II and wife,

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LIBRARY NEWS

DEBORAH RAWSON LIBRARY, UNDERHILL

Art for February features watercolor paintings of Nancy Karlson and Allie Anderson has jewelry in the display case.

The silent auction for February offers a choice. You can bid on Yoga with Jean White either Mondays 8:15 AM or Thursdays 6:00 PM for 1 month at Rt. 15 Good Shepherd Lutheran Church or 6 Pilates classes with Lisa Timbers Mondays and Thursdays 6:00 PM at her home studio 622 Irish Settlement Rd. Bidding will start on February first and continue until February 29 at 6:00 PM. Thank you to Jean and Lisa for the donation.

The board of Trustees will meet Thursday February 16 at 7:00 PM.

The Vermont Italian Club is presenting a glimpse of "Everyday Italy" as seen by guests of family and relatives in the Italian regions of Abruzzo, Lombardy, and the Piedmont. Come see a day with relatives at an Italian wedding, or a day in the mountains with an Italian family above Lake Como, or with family that works both in Turin and in a small village in the Italian mountains near the French border. These are "off the beaten track" photos that will inspire a trip to Italy as much as its famous places. 2:00 PM, Sunday February 19.

The Mystery Group is reading *Sinister pig* by Tony Hillerman. They will meet to discuss it on Tuesday February 28 at 7:00 PM. Everyone is welcome.

Preschool Story Times - Stories, songs, fingerplays, snack and craft for preschoolers and their caregiver. Drop in, no registration needed: Wednesday at 10:30 AM: February 22 and March 7, 14; Thursday at 10:00 AM: February 16, 23 and March 8, 15.

Weather Related Cancellations for Story Times - If Chittenden East School District is closed we will cancel story time for that day. If there is a delay of two hours or less we will have story time as scheduled.

Family Movie Night - Friday February 17 at 6:30 PM. In this final adventure Harry faces a climatic showdown with Lord Voldemort. This PG13 DVD is the last part of the popular series. Bring a blanket to make yourself comfortable, we'll provide refreshments. Running time approximately 2 1/4 hours.

For movie title and to register call, 899-4962
Go Graphic - Thursday February 23 at 6:30 PM. Do you love graphic novels or would you like to learn

more about them? Join Rick Evans, graphic designer, bring your favorite graphic novel to share, check out our graphic collection or come just to hear what others have to say. Refreshments provided. Recommended for grade 5 to adults. To register call 899-4962.

Buddy's Back - Tuesday February 28 at 1:00 PM. The ever popular Buddy DuBay returns to sing for friends old and new. If you know Buddy you'll be sure to want to see him again, if he is new to you you'll love his enthusiastic musical style. For all ages. Drop in no registration needed.

Reading goes to the Dogs - Wednesday February 29 from 10:15 AM to noon. Kids' signup for a time to read to Cully, Wendy Huntley's therapy dog. Cully is a great listener and will enjoy whatever story you bring to share. To register call 899-4962.

Kitchen Science - Thursday March 1 at 10:00 AM. Meet mad scientist Karen Cuttler and try some interesting experiments that utilize common house hold products. For students in grade 3 -6. To register 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 COMMUNITY LIBRARY

On Tuesday February 28 at 9:30 AM come to the Fairfax Community Library for a special story hour featuring Ellie's Preschool Party.. Bubbles, Parachute play, musical instruments and FUN, with professional singer, actor and children's entertainer Ellie Tetrick. For ages 0-6.

Fairfax Community Library Story Hour; Tuesdays from 9:30 - 10:30 AM, Join us for stories, crafts and activities. For ages 0-6. February 21 - Smells and Scents and Stuff; and February 28 - *SPECIAL* Ellie's Preschool Party.

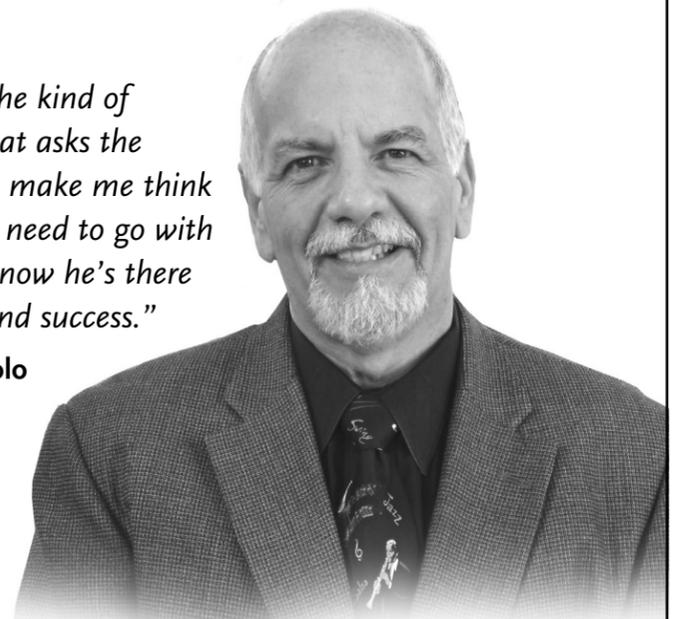
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Jeffersonville

Second Congregational Church of Christ 644-5533

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Calvary Episcopal Church, VT Rt. 15 899-2326

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 273 VT Rt. 15 .. 899-3932

Jericho Congregational Church

331 Browns Trace, Jericho Center 899-4911

Jericho United Methodist Church, 71 VT Rt. 15 ... 899-4288

Korean-American United Methodist Church of VT

69 VT Rt. 15 899-4249

Mt. Mansfield Unitarian Universalists Fellowship

Rt. 15, Jericho 899-1765

United Christian Assembly, 100 Raceway Rd. 899-2949

United Pentacostal Church,, VT Rt. 15 899-4835

Underhill

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Susan Boardman-Tobin.....	899-4822
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Peter Giess.....	899-3610
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The Barn at Boyden Farm is located on VT Rt. 15, Cambridge. Call 802-598-5509.

The Eagles Club is located on VT Rt. 109 in Jeffersonville. Call 644-5333 for information.

The Red Brick Meeting House in Westford is available for public functions. The cost, which includes tables and chairs to accommodate 60 guests, please call for current pricing information.

A kitchen with stove and refrigerator is available for use and there are restroom facilities. Call Caroline Brown, 878-8890, for information.

The Jericho Community Center is available year round for a fee of \$15 per hour; the building will hold about 100 people. You are responsible for all amenities. Call Andrea Hook, 899-2366. The property is handicapped-accessible.

Mills Riverside Park has a pavilion with a scenic view of Mount Mansfield. Private parties can rent the pavilion for \$40 per day. You must fill out a use permit form (online at www.parkdistrict.jerichounderhill.com). The park is a carry-in, carryout facility so you will need to provide all trash receptacles.

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Pamela, of Charlotte, VT and their daughter, Megan E. Dodge of New York City; Tom W. Dodge and wife, Cathy, of Williston; and Steven D. Dodge of New Bern, N.C., and his children, Joshua, Samantha, and Brett. He also leaves four stepchildren, Donna L. Westover and fiancé, Lucien Hayes, of Fairfax, VT; Susan A. Roberts and husband, Michael, of West Berkshire, VT; the Rev. Steven A. Maxfield and wife, Phyllis, of Essex Junction, VT; and Bruce R. Maxfield and wife, Carol, of Johnson; 11 stepgrand-children; 15 stepgreat-grandchildren; three nephews; two nieces; and cousins. He was predeceased by his sisters and their husbands, Lorraine and Wendell "Stub" Wells, and Thelda and John Warren, and his first wife and the mother of his three sons, Iris King Dodge. Funeral services was held Monday, Feb. 6, 2012, at 11:00 AM in the Second Congregational Church in Jeffersonville, with his stepson, the Rev. Stephen A. Maxfield, officiating. The family received relatives and friends at the church from 10:00 AM until the hour of the funeral. Interment will be held at a later date in the Dodge Family lot in the Jeffersonville Village Cemetery. Assisting the family is Lucien Hayes and the staff of the Heald Funeral Home of St. Albans, where private messages of condolence may be sent to www.healdfuneralhome.com. Memorial contributions may be made in Clark's memory either to Lamolite County Home Health and Hospice, 54 Farr Ave., Morrisville, VT 05661, or to the Jeffersonville Cemetery Association, Arlie N. Williamson, Treasurer, P. O. Box 334, Jeffersonville, VT 05464.

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WEDDINGS 2012

Life is a dream we chase after



By Bernie Paquette
 “Max and Mia sitting in a tree K-I-S-S-I-N-G. First comes love, then comes marriage, then comes baby in the baby carriage!” The playground song rattles life-changing momentous moments in short bursts as though they come and go in a blink of an eye. For some of us after living a large segment of our lives, this and more does sometimes seem like it all flew by too fast. Therefore, we relish the chance to relive some of our momentous moments through those that are just entering the playground. We sing to them, not to taunt or embarrass them in their romantic love but to celebrate and encourage those who are at the beginning of their journey, to

relish each step, to walk slowly, with purpose, and to live in the moment. We hope for them the joy of the chase as much as the catch of the dream.

Dating is recess, time to play, try out new playground equipment, meet new friends, and develop best friend(s). Max and Mia spend more and more time sitting in a tree, kissing. Suddenly the world narrows. The broad spectrum light transforms into a narrow focused beam. Best friends orbit the nucleus of two people in love. Now a tight knit pair samples the playground slides and swings as one.

Under candlelight and stars, the first anniversary together floats like a feather in time. It is as though time has no meaning except for here and now in each other’s eyes. More firsts break the mold, Christmas, their first Christmas tree, their Christmas handmade ornaments, their first Christmas morning together. Every-last drop is scraped from the bowl of first events. Valentine’s Day brings a sweet perfumed scent swirling about a romantic note. Handpicked flowers carefully chosen adorn the kitchen table. Each tender moment scribed on the mind, the opening entries of love’s scrapbook. No kindness or laughter, or even tear goes unnoticed.

Eventually the joy of just running beside the butterfly erodes and the urge to hold one and fly together in the wind takes hold. *Will you be mine for eternity?* The promise love holds opens its petals of a promising colorful and fragrant new chapter of their lives, only with more rules, more duties, more distractions, and seemingly less time to absorb that which they chase.

Wedding Plans checklists demand a fast paced chase; What church, which ordained clergy, what reception hall, is the photographer dependable, will there be enough flowers, who to invite, who not, best man, bridesmaid(s), ring bearer, invitations, rings, cake, meal for guests, wedding dress-old, new, elegant, stylish, modern, traditional, affordable.

Chasing the dream can take over living the dream. The bursts of events become a fireworks display. A sudden flash of brilliance quickly disappears while another competes to acquire attention – one after another after another in a blur. The scrapbook could become a high-speed un-discernable movie instead of singular moments of treasured time together.

As you prepare for your wedding day, relish each step; walk slowly, and absorb the days with the unburdened spirit of a child at recess. Scrape the bowl for every joy, laughter, excitement, celebration and happy moment. Upon your wedding day, take up the chase in near slow motion and the catch of the dream will be icing on the cake.

Best wishes to Jonathan Paquette and Regan Duffy as they prepare for their July 2012 wedding.

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Studies have shown Tai Chi can reduce falls by a whopping 47%. Tai Chi can also: improve balance, flexibility and muscle strength; improve sleep; lower blood pressure; improve cardiovascular fitness; reduce anxiety and depression; relieve chronic pain; increase energy; and provide an improved overall sense of well being. Improved flexibility reduces stiffness and pain, keeping arthritic joints mobile.

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By Brenda Boutin

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Selection for slots will be in compliance with Act 62 requirements regarding a lottery selection process. The selection process will take place in April and families will be notified of selection results prior to May 15, 2012. To enter the lottery for a preschool slot, please send the attached registration form to:

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 _____ Please consider my child for a slot at CPEC
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COMING EVENTS

Sunday February 19

Free Pancake Breakfast, Grace United Methodist Church, 130 Maple Street, Essex Jct. VT is having a free pancake breakfast February 19, March 18, and April 15. Two sittings per-breakfast at 8:30 and 10:45 AM. Contact church at 878-8071 for more information.

Texas Hold'em Tournament, Fletcher Historical Society, 122 Cambridge Road, Fletcher, registration 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM at the door, pre-register call 802-849-6095 and leave a message, day of the event call 802-233-1736 (cell).

Spaghetti dinner, The Knights of Columbus Council #7810 of St. Thomas Church in Underhill Center from 5:00 - 7:00 PM, parish hall. Dinner includes: spaghetti, meat sauce, rolls, salad, and drinks. Cost \$10.00 adults and \$5.00 children 6 - 10 years of age. Children 5 and under free. Take-out meals available.

Tuesday February 21

Republican Potluck Dinner - 6:30-8:30 PM - Browns River Middle School (Cafeteria). Senator Randy Brock, Republican candidate for governor, will be the guest speaker. Please bring a dish to share. Hosted by the Jericho and Underhill Republican town committees. Please RSVP to Eileen Haupt 899-4882 or Laura Wells 899-1120.

Friday and Saturday, March 2 and 3

Book and bake sale, Grace United Methodist Church, 130 Maple Street, Essex Jct., Friday March 2, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM and Saturday March 3, 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM.

Saturday March 3

Essex Junction: Northwestern Vermont Model Railroad Association Vermont Rails Show, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM at the Champlain Valley Exposition, Route 15, Essex Junction.

Sunday March 4

Community Breakfast, from 9:00 - 11:00 AM at the VFW Post 6689, 73 Pearl St., Essex Junction. Sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary. This is a monthly event, on the 1st Sunday of each month. All are invited! Adults \$7 and Children \$3. Call 878-0700 for more information.

Wednesday March 15

Author Howard Frank Mosher, Memorial Hall, Essex Junction, 7:00 PM. \$5.00 cover charge. Howard Frank Mosher will give a slideshow and talk, read from his new book *The Great Northern Express: A Writer's Journey Home*, and do a brief Q&A. Afterwards, there will be a book signing. Books will be available for purchase before and after the event, and the \$5 cover charge will be credited toward a book purchase.

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 email: Laineyrapp@yahoo.com or call me at 802 660-4817

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.

Micah's Men of the United Church of Underhill meet on the 3rd Saturday of each month at the church at 7:30 AM. For more information call 899-1722.

Mt. Mansfield Scale Modelers gather on the third Thursday of the month from 6:30 to 8:30 PM. Modelers encompassing all categories of

interest and skill levels are welcome. Brownell Library, Kolvoord Community Room, Lincoln Street, Essex Junction. Next meetings Thursday December 15, 2011; Thursday January 19, and Thursday

February 23, 2012.

The Women of the United Church of Underhill meet on the second Saturday of each month at 8:00 AM at the Church located at the park on Rt. 15 in Underhill Flats. Women interested in sharing Christian prayer and discussions are welcome. Contact Julianne Nickerson at 899-3798 for more information.

The VT-French-Canadian Genealogical Society - Do you have more time in the summer to start finding your ancestors? Do you need help filling in those blank spaces in your family tree? We have resources such as the VT Vital records to help with that and we can help anyone get started. The VT French-Canadian Genealogical Society library is located on Hegeman Avenue, Fort Ethan Allen, Colchester. We're open Tuesdays 3:00 to 9:30 PM and the following Saturdays, July 9 and August 13. We will be closed September 3. Parking and entrance across from the State Police. Please visit our website <http://www.vt-fcgs.org>, or call 802-238-5934 for more information.

Smugglers Notch 55+ Club meets every Wednesday at Smugglers Notch for a social time then break into groups to ski. We start with a brief organizational meeting, coffee and rolls, and then we head out to the trails in self-selected ability groups, gather informally throughout the summer for a wide variety of outdoor activities. Membership benefits include various discounts at Smuggs. For more information call Deborah at 644-5455 or just attend a meeting at the Morse base lodge starting at 9:00 AM every Wednesday.

HEALTH EVENTS & GROUPS

Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting, "Wing It" group meets Sundays - 11:00 AM at Maple Leaf Farm on Stevensville Road, Underhill - it's an Open Speaker meeting followed by a Brunch (there is a \$10 charge for the brunch)

Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting, "The Firing Line" group meets Wednesdays, 7:15 PM - 8:15 PM at Maple Leaf Farm on Stevensville Road, Underhill - it's an Open Step meeting

Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting, "The Firing Line" group meets Saturdays, 8:00 - 9:00 PM at Maple Leaf Farm on Stevensville Road, Underhill - it's an Open Speaker Discussion meeting

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

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COUGAR SPORTS by Richard Mindell

MMU wrestlers quietly putting together another outstanding season

By Richard Mindell

Special to the Mountain Gazette

Despite a disappointing second-place finish in the NVAC tournament held in Vergennes last weekend, the Mount Mansfield High School varsity wrestling team is having another terrific year, going 12-0 in dual meets during the regular season and placing four of their top wrestlers among the highest ranked competitors in their respective weight classes in Vermont. Considering all of the question marks facing this young team as they gathered for their first practice last December, their success this year has been quite remarkable.

"We were underdogs at the beginning of the year," MMU head coach, Harley Brown admitted. "We were young, and I didn't have great expectations." In addition to the uncertainties of the youth movement, MMU lost three key starters before the season started, including talented junior, **Calvin Ring**, who injured his knee before the first dual meet.

But as the season unfolded and the victories mounted, it became apparent this was a special group of kids. "We've managed to find ways to win," Brown said. "These kids are committed. I've had better teams, but this is a great bunch of kids."

In Vergennes, the top-seeded Cougars (now 12-1) suffered their only defeat of the season losing to second-seed, St. Johnsbury, 41-34. MMU had defeated St. J. 39-36 earlier in the season.

Leading the charge for MMU are four outstanding wrestlers who are ranked at or near the top of their weight classes in the state, including freshman, **Ben Bliss** (106 lb weight class and # 1 in Vermont), senior, **Trevor Morrill** (113 lb and # 2 in VT), junior, **Brendon Giroux** (145 and # 3 in VT), and senior **Tyler Raymond** (195 and #2 in VT).

"Ben had an unbelievable season," Brown said. Bliss, who finished first at Vergennes in his weight class pinned two of his opponents and won his third match by decision." Morrill, whom Brown describes as, "our leader and the glue that holds us together," won his weight class in Vergennes by pinning all of his opponents. Giroux almost missed the season with a knee injury but came back to excel in the tournament winning all of his matches. "We're a much better team with Brendon healthy," Brown said.

A pleasant surprise for the Cougars has been heavyweight wrestler, **Michael Pearce**, a first-year wrestler and a relative unknown before the season. It took Pearce much of the year to gain the confidence he needed to compete, but once he did he put it

all together and had an outstanding tournament, winning all of his matches by pinning his opponents.

Another Cougar who had a great year is sophomore, **John Sirois**, who finished # 6 in the state in the tough 182 lb weight class.

Nobody would have blamed this team if it had folded and mailed in the regular season amid all of the question marks and the injuries to Cal Ring and Brendon Giroux, but that didn't happen. Unfortunately, despite his belief that his team could have won it all, the Cougars had to settle for runners up in Vergennes. "Things finally caught up with us in the tournament," Brown said.

Much of the Cougars' success in varsity wrestling over the years can be attributed to the hands-on approach by the Brown coaching family. Assisting their father and head coach, Harley Brown, are his two sons and former MMU wrestlers, Glenn (class of 2000), and Jonathon (class of 2006). Both of the younger Browns spend a great deal of time working on individual technique which has helped the kids improve tremendously as the season progressed. Moreover, with the outstanding talent that MMU has, it's often difficult to provide the kids with the kind of competition in practice that allows them to improve. Both of the younger Browns help in that regard by providing a challenging level of competition the kids need every day in practice, on the mat where it matters.

The popularity of the sport at Browns River and Camels Hump Middle schools also plays a big part in the programs' success, Brown pointed out. "A lot of kids participate because of the work of Mike Bernardine and Art Hamlin who do a terrific job of promoting the program at that level," Brown added. A group of sixteen middle school wrestlers went to a clinic at Lehigh University this winter and got to see a division-I NCAA wrestling match in an arena with several thousand screaming fans. "It was a great experience for the kids," Coach said.

Brown also attributes the teams' perennial good fortune to the parents of the team members. "It's a great family atmosphere. The support we get from the parents is a big part of it. This group is a pleasure to coach."

And they're pretty good, too. Now here's the best part. "I think we'll be better next year," Coach Brown said.

The only way to be better than this year's team is to win it all. That's something Coach Brown thinks is well within MMU's grasp.



Members of the HowardCenter Curling Challenge 2011 Gold Medal Team, Ice Try from Instrumart of South Burlington, with the victory trophy. The trophy is held for a year by the winning team. The 2010 Gold Medal Team was the Chocolate Sliders from Lake Champlain Chocolates, Burlington.

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Register for HowardCenter Curling Challenge

This year's fundraising event will be held on Saturday March 31, at Cairns Arena.

New this year, teams will play at least two games in the planned time slot. Winners will advance to the 6pm playoffs. The public is invited to watch the playoffs free of charge. New curlers will receive free instruction from members of the Green Mountain Curling Team on Friday night. Funds raised help the children, adults, and families served by HowardCenter who face challenges in their lives.

To register, go to www.howardcenter.org or www.FirstGiving.com/howardcenter.

Bill Koch League still fun without snow

By Craig Calhoun

On a snowless February day, children from around Chittenden County still had fun even though there was no snow for them to ski. Usually members of the Bill Koch League of the Mansfield Nordic Club go to Donna Hamill's fields to ski every Friday of the winter. With only a dusting of snow on a semi-frozen ground, skiing was impossible. But that did not stop these kids from getting outdoors, expelling energy, and having fun.

In years when February has been white, the kids would arrive at the Hamill's fields ready to ski. Games would be played from the time kids arrived to when the entire group had collected. Then groups would split off to ski around the Hamill's extensive terrain to get better at skiing, go fast, and have fun. Some weeks have themes like ski orienteering. The object is to ski as fast as possible using a map to locate a specified number of checkpoints and return to the finish line. The skiers would follow the map to different stations, in teams of 2-3, and punch a card when they were there. The winner is the first team to bring back a correctly punched card. This activity involves fast skiing, map reading skills, and team work.

This year ski orienteering was on foot. Skiers wore boots instead of skis, not knowing what to expect except that they were going to have fun! Splitting into small teams, they took to their courses. There were three courses, one for the older children, and another for the younger children, and a bonus course for anyone. The hills were crawling with kids running to find all the checkpoints. The first teams back from the courses were both recognized for their speed and map reading skills. This year, there were three different courses, Grey, Orange, and a bonus course, Red. The first team to complete the Grey course was Porter and Riley Birkens. The first team back on the Orange course was Wyatt Gilbert-Barker and Connor Munns who also completed the bonus afterwards to win the Orange+Bonus category. Leah Ells, a one person team, finished third in the Grey course but really picked up the pace speeding through the Bonus course to get the Grey+Bonus win. The first team to complete all three courses was Kellen Sleamaker and Pheobe Peckham. Over all there was a huge amount of fun on a snowless day on the Hamill's hills! Smiles kept the courses lit as the sun set on the three courses!

Free homemade soup and bread supper

Each month, on the last Thursday of the month, from 5:00 - 7:00 PM, Calvary Episcopal Church hosts delicious free homemade soup and bread suppers for the community. We offer 5 to 7 different soups and a variety of homemade breads. We accept free-will offerings for a different local Vermont charity each month. Its fun and we would love to have you join us at Calvary Episcopal Church, 372 Vermont Route 15 (the church with the red doors), next to the lumber yard. Bring your family, friends, or come alone. All are welcome!

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JERICHO CENTER, LIBRARY

Town Meeting book sale and bake sale - Representatives from the library will be at Town Meeting at Jericho Elementary School on March 8 for the annual book sale to add to the library collection. In addition, we'll also have a bake sale going on to provide tasty treats to help keep folks going through debates on the town tree and paving Skunk Hollow.

Used Book Sale - The Jericho Town Library's annual used book sale is planned for Saturday March 31. We are currently taking donations of books, CDs, and DVDs (but please, no encyclopedias or other data reference materials).

Poetry Workshop - Come celebrate National Poetry month during April with us. This is the seventh Annual poetry reading and writing workshop directed by retired UVM Professor Mary Jane Dickerson sponsored by the Jericho Town Library and the Deborah Rawson Library. The working sessions will meet Mondays: March 27, April 2, 9, and 16, from 6:30-8:00 PM downstairs at the Jericho Town Library, and conclude for a final evening of sharing at the Deborah Rawson Memorial Library on Monday, April 30 from 6:30-8:00 PM. Poets of all ages are encouraged to participate. Attendance in the past has been a mix of middle and high school students and adults. Registration is required: please call JTL at 899-4686 to sign up.

Writers' Group - Upcoming meetings for the writers group are February 27, March 12, and 26, 6:00 - 7:30 PM. New members are welcome. Contact the library at 899-4686 for more information.

Help needed - We are looking for a volunteer who could come in on Mondays for 1-2 hours to help with basic library tasks. We are also looking for someone who could help with coordinating the Wednesday story times, helping to set the schedule and plan and prep for activities. Contact Donna at the library (899-4686) if you can help and/or have any questions.

Find us on the web - You can find the Jericho Town Library on the web at www.jerichotownlibrary.org and from there, you have access to the entire card catalog for the library as well as that of other local libraries, including Richmond Free Library, Brownell Library, and Dorothy Alling Library. You can also find the library on line at Facebook now, too. Just search for "Jericho Town Library" to find us.

General information reminder - The board of trustees meets regularly on the first Thursday of each month at 7PM at the library and the public is always welcome to attend. The next meeting is scheduled for March 1. 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.

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Hours: Mondays and Tuesdays 12:00 to 7:00 PM, Wednesdays and

Jericho Energy Task Force to show the Power of Community

Join the Jericho Energy Task Force at 7:00 PM on March 9 at the Deborah Rawson Memorial Library for a showing of *The Power of Community*. The movie explores the creativity of the people of Cuba in the 1990's when the collapse of the Soviet Union sent their economy into a tailspin. This film chronicles how people responded when fuel imports were cut by more than 50% and food imports by more than 80%. "So often we focus on stories of doom and gloom," said Task Force Movie Night Coordinator Larry Lamb. "We decided to choose a movie that focuses on the resiliency of people and their power to overcome tragedy."

The showing of *The Power of Community* is free of charge and some refreshments will be provided. We'll bring the apple cider but since this is a waste-free event we encourage you to bring your own mugs. Future movies will include *Two Angry Moms* on April 6 and *Bag It* on May 4. For more information, contact Larry Lamb at 899-4863 or lblamb@hotmail.com.

Fridays 3:00 to 7:00PM, Thursdays 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM, Saturdays 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. School Year Preschool Story Hour: every Monday 11:00 AM.

Also, our upcoming events:
Saturday January 28 during Winterfest: Children's Winter Stories from 1:00 to 2:00 PM; Singer/songwriter/author Spencer Lewis from 3:00 PM.

WESTFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

Upcoming Events:
Thursday, February 16, 11:00 AM, Early Literacy Storytime. Stories and activities utilizing early literacy concepts for ages birth-preschool. Theme: If You Give....Books.

Thursday, February 16, Computer Tutor by Appointment. Call Victoria at 878-5639.

Friday, February 17, 11:00 AM, Tai Chi for Arthritis for Ages 50+. Class is full.

Wednesday February 22, 11:00 AM, Tai Chi for Arthritis for Ages 50+. Class is full.

Thursday February 23, 11:00 AM, Early Literacy Storytime. Stories and activities utilizing early literacy concepts for ages birth-preschool. Theme: Teddy Bear Picnic. Bring your bears.

Thursday February 23, Computer Tutor by Appointment. Call Victoria at 878-5639.

Friday February 24, 6:00 PM, Strategy and Board Games for Teens & Adults. Hosted by Matt Taylor.

Wednesday February 29, 11:00 AM, Tai Chi for Arthritis for Ages 50+. Class is full.

Plan Ahead
After-School Books & Puzzles Club: March 8, 15, 22, 29. Time: 3:15-4:15 PM. For ages 9-12. Bus ride from school and light snack provided. Bus permission slip and pre-registration required. Contact Victoria, 878-5639 for details.

New Additions to the Collection: Juv: Transistional: *Geronimo Stilton: Curse of the Cheese Pyramid, Lost Treasure of the Emerald Eye, Mystery in Venice*. Graphic Novel: *Lunch Lady and the Cyborg Substitute, Lunch Lady and the Field Trip Fiasco, Lunch Lady and the League of Librarians* (all by Krosoczka).

Please complete the Westford Public Library Survey available through the library's website at www.westford.lib.vt.us. Online through March 30, 2012. Paper copies in the library and town office, and at Town Meeting, March 5, and voting, March 6. Your opinion matters.

The library is open Wednesday, 1-7pm, Thursday, 10-6pm, Friday, noon-6pm, and Saturday, 10-2pm. We can be reached at 878-5639, westford_pl@vals.state.vt.us, and www.westford.lib.vt.us. The library is open Wednesday 1:00-7:00 PM, Thursday 10:00-6:00 PM, Friday noon-6:00 PM, and Saturday 10:00 AM-2:00 PM. We can be reached at 878-5639, westford_platvals.state.vt.us, and www.westford.lib.vt.us.

CHMS celebrates winter with a two night open house

The only school in Chittenden East Supervisory Union to hold its annual open house in January, Camels Hump Middle School hosted hundreds of folks over two nights in celebration of winter and the students' progress over the past four months. January 19th was the night for 7th and 8th graders; while the 26th brought the families of 5th & 6th graders.

Attendees were treated to choral and band concerts after sharing a delicious \$5 all-you-can-eat pasta dinner. Art work from all grades lined the halls of the school. Student projects were in abundance throughout classrooms and in display cases. "It was great to see so many kids and their families here at Camels Hump," said Principal Mark Carbone. "Open house gives students an excellent opportunity to share their accomplishments with family and friends."

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

KIDS

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.

Mondays: Jericho Community Center 9:30-11:00 AM

Wednesdays: Richmond Free Library 8:45-10:15 AM

Thursdays: Bolton's Smilie School 9:00-11:00 AM the 1st three Thursdays of the month

Fridays: Underhill Central School 9:00-10:30 AM

Also: Welcome Baby Group: for families with children birth-walking age. Thursday 10:00-11:30 at Richmond Free Library.

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.

Early Literacy Storytime. Thursdays, 11:00 AM at Westford Public Library. Stories and activities utilizing early literacy concepts for age's birth-preschool. Drop-in; no registration needed. We welcome new families! For more info, contact Victoria at 878-5639 or westford_pl@vals.state.vt.us, or visit our website www.westford.lib.vt.us and click on Events @ Your Library.

SENIORS/COMMUNITY 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.

Johnson Community Meal - Every 2nd & 4th Wednesday, 11:30AM-12:30pm at the United Church in Johnson. Come for a hot meal and get to know your neighbors. The meal will be followed by a community gathering. For more information, please contact: Ellen Hill: 635-1439, ellen.hill@jisc.edu.

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.

"Good Food for All" free dinners, 2nd Thursday of each month at the United Church of Underhill, Rt. 15, Underhill Flats, from 5:00 – 7:00 PM, and on the 4th Thursday of each month at Calvary Episcopal Church, Rt. 15, Underhill Flats, 5:00 – 7:00 PM. Everyone in the communities is invited.

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.

Starksboro First Baptist Church, Starksboro - senior meals, fourth Thursday of the month, 11:30 AM, call Brenda Boutin at 802-453-6354

for more information.

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SPORTS ACTIVITIES

Ongoing Pilate classes at Dakini Studio in Underhill. Mon and Thurs at 6:00 PM call 899-4191 to register. Find more information and other scheduled classes at dakinistudio.wordpress.com.

Zumba, Fairfax - Tuesdays 7:00-8:00 PM and Saturdays 9:00-10:00 AM. Contact Pam Adams 370-4437 or pamaj68@aol.com.

Zumba Fitness, Monday evenings only, 5:30 - 6:30 PM, at the River Arts Center in Morrisville. Zumba Fitness with certified instructor, Karen Machia. No registration required, drop in. Call 888-1261, or visit our website: www.riverartsvt.org for more details.

ZUMBA(r) Fitness with Lori Mondays 5:30-6:30 PM, Underhill Town Hall, Wednesdays 6:00-7:00 PM, Jericho Community Center. For more info contact Lori Preiss 899-0343, lori@greenmountainzumba.com or check out my website www.greenmountainzumba.com

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 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; playroom for kids, fenced side yard for outdoor play. For information, Terry Holden, 644-2759 (Jeffersonville) or Tina Karl, 888-3430 (Hyde Park).

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

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 & 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.

Westford Fire Department, Mondays, 7:00 PM, at the fire station next to the Town Garage. For information, email John Quinn, jquinninvt@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.

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

Jericho Water District next meeting is Tuesday December 20, 2011 at 7:00 PM, RT 15, Jericho at the Red Mill.

THRIFT SHOPS & FOOD SHELVES

The Heavenly Cents Thrift Shop located just east of the Five Corners in Essex Jct. on Rte 15, the hours are from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM on Tues. and Wed., 4:00 to 8:00 PM on Thurs. Please check us out.

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

Recipes by Marian Tobin

Recipe

Asparagus Aspic

- 1 ½ cups cooked asparagus spears
- 1 package lemon gelatin
- 1 cup hot water
- 2 tablespoons vinegar
- 1 cup (8oz.) V8 juice
- ¼ cup chopped celery
- ¼ cup sliced stuffed olives

Dissolve gelatin in hot water, add vinegar and V8 juice and allow to cool. When slightly congealed, mix in drained asparagus, celery and olives. Refrigerate until firm, serve on lettuce or salad greens.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Town Roads

To the Editor,

Dear Richard,
I just read your Mountain Gazette article from December on the town roads, and I wanted to let you know how balanced and well written I thought it was.

I noticed you closed with the cost debate, so I figured you considered it the most important aspect. That said, I think you should have left the cost of plowing completely out of the article since it should be essentially the same regardless of road surface, which is what I believe the town did when they gave you their estimate.

Instead, the article made it sound like the Town's estimate was neglecting the \$6000 per year it would cost to plow the road. However, if you remove the \$6000 plowing cost from the State's \$7500 annual estimate, then the difference between the two estimates is only \$600 (\$1500 - \$900) per year, which shows the two annual cost estimates are very much in line with each other.

You did include the additional paving cost of a leveling course every 5-7 years, so that was good to point out.

I was surprised that not one person railed against me for mentioning I would support raising taxes to improve our roadbeds, if necessary. Maybe more people are fed up with the poor road conditions, safety concerns and automobile maintenance costs than we realize. I would be happy with a compromise, to improve the roadbeds for safety, but leave them dirt for aesthetics.

In the end, I think you did a great job of summarizing and putting out there the information people need to make a decision on whether to pave or not to pave. Is there a chance you could verify that the State's estimate included plowing whereas the Town's did not, and if so, could you post it to PPF prior to town hall meeting day?

Thanks again,
Jerome Cann

Editors Note: Writer Richard Mindell received this letter in reference to the story on paving in the Feb. 2, Mountain Gazette.

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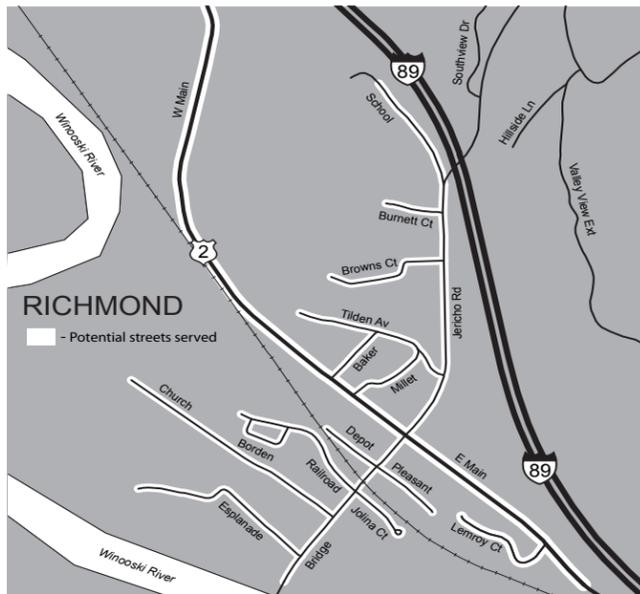
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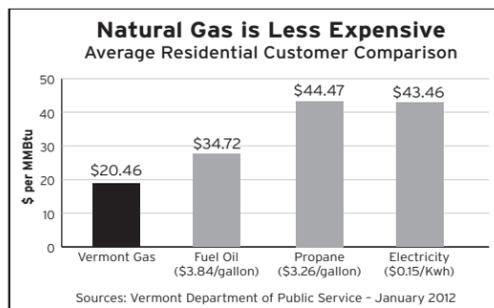
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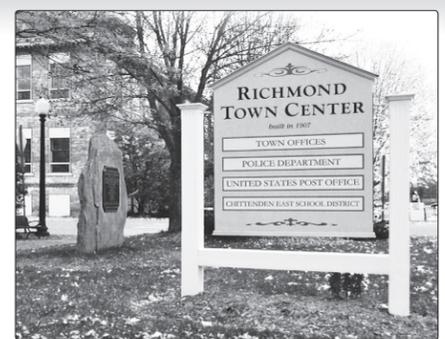
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