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## REMEMBERING STAN HAMLET

By Ted Tedford  
*Special to the Mountain Gazette*



**Stan Hamlet**  
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 KORIN DUCKMAN

When something needed to be done, you could always turn to Stan Hamlet. Architect, illustrator, outdoorsman, baseball and railroad aficionado, public servant, husband, father and grandfather – Hamlet died unexpectedly at age 78 on June 23 while walking near his home on Harvey Road.

I had known Stanton (his full first name) and his wife, Cindy for many years before serving with him on the Underhill Selectboard.

When the Board decided to build an addition to the Town Hall, renovate the basement town office and erect a town garage more than a decade ago, Stan volunteered to be the project's informal "clerk-of-the-works." He spent countless unpaid hours working with Dew Construction, the contractor and wisely advised fellow Board member Margaret Hummel and me to withhold \$10,000 to make sure the contractor complied with the contract.

"He contributed so much," Hummel said in a phone interview from her home in Newton, Massachusetts. "The Town Hall (addition) and new town garage never would have happened without Stan. He worked so hard. He leaves a hole in the fabric of the town's life."

She said she admired his "good sense of proportion...he didn't let us take ourselves too seriously."

Hamlet served for nine years on the Selectboard and many years on the Zoning Board, rarely missing a meeting and offering sage advice to their members.

"Stan was on the Selectboard when I was interviewed in 2002

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## Jericho Community Center showing its age



**Crumbling wall is a sign of needed repairs**  
 PHOTO BY PHYL NEWBECK

By Phyl Newbeck  
*Special to the Mountain Gazette*

A beloved community icon is in need of some TLC. The building that houses the Jericho Community Center has been standing near the Green in Jericho Center for 160 years.

Built in 1850 as a house of worship for Universalists, it has also served as a toy factory, high school auditorium, and elementary school gymnasium. In 1993, the Jericho Center Preservation Association (JCPA) purchased the building for community use. The Community Center's mission is to "enhance the 'sense of community

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## Leave New Road dump be



**Students explore and categorize life at the old dump site.**  
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By Emma Phalen  
*Student Guest Columnists*

When you eat your favorite candy bar, do you throw your wrapper in the trash can, or on the ground? If you throw it in the trash, do you ever think about where that wrapper ends up? Well for many years, your candy wrappers went to a place called New Road

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## Scouts lend a helping hand to deployed National Guardswoman Julie Northrop

By Brenda Boutin  
*Mountain Gazette Staff*

Vermont Guardsmen and women are serving around the world protecting our interests. Deployment is a difficult time for families; separation from your children and worrying about your home weighs heavy on the mind. It is no different for single mom Julie Northrop who was deployed to Afghanistan last January.

Northrop's young daughter awaits her mom's return while living with neighbors just down the road from her own home in Fernwood Manor in Bolton.

Julie's second love is her gardens around her home and that grace the roadside along her corner lot. Because she has been deployed since January, nobody has managed her gardens.

Local Boy Scout Casey Lavalley, a Life Scout from Troop 23 and a member of Julie's daughter class, decided something should be done and he went to work.

"I proposed my plan to my Scout Troop," Lavalley said. "We decided it was a great project for us to do." The plan included weeding the gardens, raking the pine needles from the yard and mulching the flowerbeds.

Roger Bosman, a Fernwood Manor resident has been mowing her lawns.

Lavalley enlisted the help of Mathew Fuller, as co-organizer and planner; Jeremy King as adult supervisor, Fernwood Manor Tenants Association President and Linda Schindler as food coordinator, FMFTA Kids and community committee organizer.

With the people in place, it was time to decide on when. "Casey told this morning that we were going to do it today (Friday, June, 18)," Jeremy King stated. And Lavalley went to work contacting scouts for the work detail. He was able to gather: Christian Patenaude - Life Scout, Jack Werner - Star Scout, Kyle Werner - Star Scout, Ryan Kennedy - Star Scout, and Hayden Lavalley - Webalos Scout along with many other non-scout volunteers.

At 1:00 PM the troops gathered rakes, gloves and tools in hand. Some were detailed to rake the pine needles; some weeded the flower beds all under the careful watch of Julie's daughter. "My mom loves these flowers," she said. "She even wants to move them when we move."

Smile for the camera! 3 local news stations filmed for the evening news casts. Grouped for photos or being filmed never slowed the



**Local Boy Scouts and volunteers spent an afternoon weeding, raking and cleaning Julie Northrop's flower gardens in her Bolton yard.**  
 PHOTO BY BRENDA BOUTIN

will hands or the gentle laughter as the piles of weeds grew.

Community business jumped on board: Dan Noyes of Richmond Home Supply has generously donated mulch for the trees and gardens; Chuck and Sue Rooney of the Bolton Store provided sandwiches and the Fernwood Manor Tenants Association Community Committee purchased drinks.

The lawn and garden wagon filled quickly with pine needles and yard debris.

The older scouts could not work beyond 3:00 PM because of going to work. The group will be back next week to finish the work that they have started.

A new yellow ribbon hugs a tree near the road signifying hope and prayers and pride. And so by the time Northrop returns the gardens will have bloomed and passed, winter will be upon us but the joy of knowing she and her daughter are loved and appreciated will last a long time.

## Community Matters and Mary Cardinal is a great example

By Patti Meyer, Foster Grandparent Program Coordinator

As soon as you meet Mary Cardinal, you know she's a special lady. The twinkle in her eye and the smile on her face are warm and comforting. Her hugs are magical and the natural way she cares for others comes shining through.

Mary raised children of her own and also helped with her grandchildren and great grandchildren. While she was a nurse, she cared for children in a pediatrics unit of the Danbury hospital, and she currently helps a local family care for their son who has special needs. She has simply been influential in the lives of many, many children over the years.

Because of Mary's love for children, it's no wonder she found her way to United Way of Chittenden County's Foster Grandparent Program, helping students at the Jericho Elementary School. When I asked her why she wanted to volunteer, she replied, "Because children are the most important thing in the world!" But, Mary had a small problem. She does not drive and since her home is in

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**Foster Grandparent Mary Cardinal (center) with Lions Club volunteer drivers (L to R) Bob Broughton, Dave Damkot, Loreen Teer, and John Irving.**  
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## New financial officer RaMonna Sheppard starts in Underhill

By Ted Tedford  
*Special to the Mountain Gazette*

RaMonna Sheppard wanted to leave the corporate world and work for a non-profit organization or for a municipality.

She achieved that dream last month, becoming the first financial officer in the history of Underhill.

"I read the advertisement for the position in The Burlington Free Press and...well here I am. I'm very lucky," she said during an interview at the Town Hall. She began her new job June 14 the day after she quit her previous job as a portfolio manager with Aon Insurance Services Group in Burlington, where she had worked for four years.

"I'm excited about my new career," Sheppard said. "The people here have been so helpful." Sheppard said she brings more than 30

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**RaMonna Sheppard**

## Westford votes a third time

By Phyl Newbeck  
*Special to the Mountain Gazette*

For those keeping score at home, the third vote was even closer than the first one. Westford residents narrowly rejected a proposed school budget of \$5,194,034, level funded from the previous year. This was the third time residents of Westford voted on their school budget in 2010.

The process started on Town Meeting Day with a proposed budget of \$5,268,238, up 1.4% from the previous year. Residents approved the budget by 218 to 207, a margin of eleven votes. Subsequently, a group calling themselves Concerned Citizens of Westford garnered the requisite 100 signatures to request a revote. The Concerned Citizens believed the School Board had insufficiently publicized the fact that the 1.4% increase would actually lead to a 10% rise in taxes for some residents. Before the vote took place, that 10% figure was reduced to 7.4% by the State Legislature, but voters still rejected the budget by a decisive margin of 403 to 283 with 48% of registered voters heading to the polls.

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STATE POLICE REPORT

DUI checkpoint - During the upcoming July 4, 2010, holiday weekend, area Law Enforcement Agencies will be conducting sobriety checkpoints within Lamoille County. An aggressive effort will be made to identify impaired drivers on our highways. Officers will be also enforcing seatbelt, child restraint, and other motor vehicle laws during these checkpoints.

On June 23, 2010 at approximately 2:15 AM the Vermont State Police received a report of an assault that had occurred at 133 Moody Road in Huntington. Investigation revealed that Shaun Freeman, age 35 of Hinesburg, VT entered the home of Peter Golovach during the early morning hours and physically assaulted his estranged wife, Peter Golovach and Tara Lombardi with a police style night stick. Freeman then left the residence in Lambordi's vehicle, taking his estranged wife with him against her will and subsequently sexually assaulted her. She was able to escape, leaving Freeman in the vicinity of Lincoln Road in Bristol. The Vermont State Police conducted an aggressive search for Freeman, ultimately apprehending him without incident near his residence located at 100 Hillview Terrace in Hinesburg at approximately 11:45 AM. Freeman will be lodged at the Chittenden Regional Correctional Facility with an anticipated arraignment at the Chittenden County District Court on Thursday, June 24 at 0800 hours to answer to the above charges.

On June 22, 2010 at 7:40 PM Trooper Kamerling stopped Matthew C. Spaulding, 26, Bolton, VT for a speeding violation on US. Route 2 in Bolton. Upon checking the status of Spaulding's license the trooper learned that he was criminally suspended. He was cited for criminal DLs and will appear in Chittenden County Court on August 24, 2010 to answer to the charges. CASE #: 10A102475

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Jericho, she worried that it might be a problem. Fortunately, one of Mary's relatives offered to drive Mary to school every day on her way to work, and one call to Loreen Teer, President of the Jericho-Underhill Lions Club, solved the rest of the puzzle.

With Loreen's help, we were able to contact Lions Club member John Irving who offered to coordinate Lions Club volunteer drivers to get Mary home each day. In less than 48 hours, John had more than enough drivers lined up and a schedule set. Mary was going to be able to do what she wanted to do most - help children!

Mary was introduced to 3rd grade teacher Denise Larrabee at Jericho Elementary School. Denise and the rest of the staff welcomed Mary with open arms. Their new volunteer quickly fit right into the classroom routine helping children with school work and so much more. Denise says, "Mary's ability to be an active advocate for children, a strong team player, and a good listener, teamed with her warm hearted personality, have allowed students, parents, and staff to have an extremely wonderful experience - one that will not be forgotten." Not only was Mary's help with routine school work invaluable, but sharing her own life experiences with

UNDERHILL-JERICO FIRE DEPARTMENT

By Kitty Clark

EMERGENCY CALLS: June 14, 11:41 AM, Responded to 24 Kettle Creek, Jericho for an outside fire

June 15, 2:26 PM, Responded to a two vehicle accident near 696 Vermont RT 15, Underhill

June 15, 6:06 PM, EMS

June 16, 12:03 PM, Responded with Essex Rescue for a lift assist June 16, 2:07 PM, EMS

June 17, 10:16 AM, Responded to Valleys Edge, Jericho, good intent call

SAFETY MESSAGE: "Smoke Alarms: A sound you can live with" is the theme for 2010.

Smoke alarms are an important first line of defense against fire. But if they do not work, they cannot protect you. Here's why it is essential for every household to have working smoke alarms.

85% of all fire deaths occur in the house, and the majority happens at night when most people are sleeping. Smoke alarms provide the advance warning needed to escape safely.

40% of home fire deaths happen in homes with no smoke alarms. Another 23% happen in homes with smoke alarms that do not work.

When smoke alarms fail to sound it is usually because there are missing, dead, or disconnected batteries.

When it comes to fire safety, there is nothing more important than early notification, so be sure that your home and family are protected by installing smoke detectors and be sure to check them once a month and change the batteries when we change the clocks in the spring and in the fall.

the children was immeasurable, and her extra pair of hands to help Denise with preparing for upcoming lessons invaluable.

Over the months that followed, everyone did their part to make this a community success story. Mary, Denise, the school staff, the students, and all the drivers worked together to form a seamless partnership that benefited everyone. As Denise Larrabee said, "Grandma Mary has left a mark in the hearts and souls at Jericho Elementary School. The commitment of a caring community made this happen!"

The Foster Grandparent Program is part of the United Way of Chittenden County Volunteer Center. For more information, contact Patti at 860-1677 or patti@unitedwaycc.org.

Get more food for your dollars

Would you like to feed your family of 4 for \$30.00 a week? ANGEL FOOD Ministries, a non-profit organization, can help you do that. Because of their buying power, they are able to sell a box of food for just \$30.00, other options are available too. From experience, the fruit and vegetable box for \$22.00 is wonderful. United Christian Assembly on Raceway Road in Jericho is a distribution center for Angel food Ministries. For more information go to www.angelfoodministries.com or call 899-2949.

Steeerike!

By Phyl Newbeck Special to the Mountain Gazette

One of the most thankless positions in all of sports is the baseball umpire. While referees in other sports can go long periods of time without being noticed, the umpire is needed on every single play - every pitch and every out. At the professional level, these arbiters are compensated (minor league umpires make \$1,800 a month and those reaching the major leagues can net up to \$300,000 annually), but here in Vermont, Youth League umpires do it for the love of the game.



Casey Caswell PHOTO BY PHYL NEWBECK

The primary mission of the Jericho Youth League (JYL) is to "provide baseball and softball activities to the youth of Jericho, ages 5-12 in a healthy, safe, enjoyable and organized manner." The website notes that "a second, but equally important goal is to contribute to our community in all other ways that directly serve their best interest." JYL is made up of three "major league" and four "minor league" baseball teams, based on age. In addition, there is one major league softball team and two minor league ones. There are also four Single A farm teams, three Double A teams and two Triple A teams for the younger kids. An incredible amount of effort goes into making the season a success. In addition to a league president, there are separate commissioners for the baseball, softball and farm leagues. Other volunteers devote their efforts to registration, safety, maintenance, umpiring, and the Snack Shack.

Sean Liutjens is the president of the JYL. "We're a baseball family," he shrugged, when asked to explain why he is willing to put so much time into the game. Liutjens is also quite the athlete, having competed in ultramarathons and Ironman Triathlons as well as having done several double marathons in Boston (starting from Boston and heading to the starting line to join the rest of the racers) to raise money for heart disease research. Liutjens said the Jericho Youth League has one of the highest players per capita ratios, with roughly 200 kids. He praised the cadre of volunteer coaches for teaching the kids sportsmanship in addition to baseball skills. Liutjens' only regret is that there aren't more girls playing on the minor and major league baseball teams.

The 2010 season began on March 15th and 16th with registration at Jericho Elementary School. Spring training started on April 10th and the season began in earnest on May 3rd. Play ended with the championship game on June 12th. Baseball players come from Jericho and West Bolton, and residents of Underhill are allowed to join those two towns on the softball squads. The teams play home games at Jericho Elementary School and away games in Essex, Richmond, Underhill and Williston. The league derives its revenue from registration fees, donations and the Snack Shack which is staffed entirely by volunteers.

Seventeen year old Calvin Caswell of Jericho has been in charge of the umpiring squad for the last two years, a job which includes recruiting fellow umpires. The recent MMU graduate is an athlete in his own right, having played goalie for the Cougar hockey team. When pressed, Caswell admits he prefers watching hockey to baseball. He has considered refereeing hockey games but decided to stick with umpiring, something he has done for the last five years at JYL.

The seven week season features three games a week, umpired by a core of four or five regular umpires. Liutjens concedes that they could use a few more. On the last day of the season, Caswell was behind the plate for the minor league consolation game, followed almost immediately by the major league championship game. He also lined the foul lines and batter's box for both games, something that isn't in the job description but he insisted on doing because his lines are straighter than those drawn by the coaches. "He's very exacting," said fellow umpire Bob Robbins.

Robbins has been umpiring for nine years, even though he no longer has any children on the field. "I love the game," he said, "and I love to see kids play the game. They're not too serious at this level and they are learning how to play the right way." Robbins noted that while umpires might hear objections to their calls, there is no vitriol and any mistakes - real or perceived - are soon forgotten. "Players know its all part of the game," he said.

Caswell took part in an MMU economics team which finished third in a state-wide competition, but that's not a field he wishes to pursue. He plans to take a year off from school to assess his future. He is an apprentice with the Underhill-Jericho Fire Department (for his yearbook photo, he proudly wears the UJFD uniform) and would like to devote a year to serving on the force before possibly studying fire safety in college. Although he has considered making umpiring a professional career, he thinks he'd be happier as a fire fighter. Caswell's gap year will allow him one more year as umpiring chief for JYL before handing over the reins.

Caswell enjoys the interaction with the players, noting that kids at Browns River Middle School came to greet him when he responded to a fire call there. "Umpiring is a lot of fun," he said. "We get free food and meet a lot of people. This community is great." Caswell played JV baseball in eighth grade but gave it up because it cut into his umpiring.

Between games, as Caswell dashed to his truck to get lime, kids greeted him happily by name, even those he had called out an hour earlier. Youth League parent and Snack Shack Coordinator Mary Dix noted that the kids all considered Caswell "cool," probably because they can relate better to him than the older umpires. Dix noted that while some umpires were casual about their appearance, Caswell always wears grey pants and a blue shirt like his major league counterparts.

Liutjens can't say enough about his young Chief of Umpires. "He's 17 and he stepped up last year and offered to head up the crew," he said. "At 17 to help out in his community like that is pretty unique."

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## MMMM Strawberries

By Suzanne Kusserow - Senior Guest Columnists

Summer is really here...on the edge of the River Road is the sign of its arrival: STRAWBERRIES. The day is slightly cloudy, with tiny shafts of sun sliding through, so that when they hit, one realizes how truly hot it might be without the puffy huge cumulus clouds piling up in the west. From the road, one can see that the bigger silhouettes are bent over, moving along slowly, in what they feel, after a brief research, are the "best spots". Occasionally, even they wander a bit, from row to row, foraging farther up the rows to see if there are some undiscovered patches of bright red (or even better, deep dark red).....turning over bright green leaves to find the beauties. Then the ethical decision comes: should I just pop this juicy one into my mouth...right NOW...or take it home to be crushed gently with some sugar, and dropped by spoonfuls on fresh-made shortcake biscuits? The ethical problem is solved: "I have worked hard, picked almost my quota, and ergo, I deserve this reward." In it goes, and as the juice slides out the corners of the mouth, it is obvious the right decision has been made.

Swarming, bouncing, jumping over rows to get to another are the kids; shouts of: "Boy, this is a great patch!" brings a big gang, except for the industrious and those unpersuaded by hype and advertising, who stick to what they have. There is much more squatting, kneeling and actually sitting, by the younger group; they find it no problem to rise up again, often with a badge of initiation upon their once-clean shorts.....their baskets are half full, and seem to be emptying as fast as they can be refilled. There is always that wonderful huge one, just under a leaf, that has not been discovered yet, and that needs showing off to all who will listen: "See? I think this is three grown together...I bet I have the biggest ever discovered!" And of course, that one berry deserves, actually necessitates, being popped into the discoverer's mouth.

Just beyond the picking area, the Brown's River swims on; underneath the covered bridge is a swimming hole, just the right height for my six-year old grandson, and his dog, Eddie. It is purposefully purified to: get off stains on sticky hands, clean chins, probably try and at least rinse the strawberry stain off the shorts, with just the right amount of smooth round pebbles to try and capture with your toes. And for Eddie, there are always a few that get tossed farther ahead, for him to swim to, duck his nose, and try and figure out what happened to that particular projectile. Ah, but there is always another one, Eddie.

We are all here, often stopping to chat with neighbors, the kindergarten kids waving to "Gramma Sue" who sings with them at the elementary school. Sometimes, an impromptu song bursts forth: "Can you tell my mamma how to sing that song about the Boa Constrictor?" "Gramma Sue" claims hers is the most joyous, elegant and honored title that ANYONE could wish for! A woman walks slowly between the rows, about 6 months pregnant; in a long plain earth-brown dress that gives her a timeless, gentle look: an eternal painting out of time. Beside her, bounces a 3-year old, chatting in half sentences between strawberries.

Do we all know how lucky we are? To have each other, sky, water, dogs, a soft breeze, dribbles of sunshine, the syncopated chorus of children, and of course, the sweet/spicy bite of that first big strawberry?

I think we do. I have a saying: "There comes a point in each of our lives when we realize that we are responsible for our own joy".....Not too hard to do, when we are surrounded by summer in Vermont!

## The Plural of Executrix?

Before you answer, picture this scene. You are sitting under a spotlight in the "hot seat," surrounded by a crowd of onlookers masked by darkness and hearing the familiar voice of a day-time talk show host. At the conclusion of the answer, you are then offered the following selections: (A) Executrixes; (B) Executri; (C) Executrices; or (D) Executors. After making your selection, you then must declare it your "final answer."

Well, if you answered "(C) Executrices," you would be correct. And if you were the contestant on this game show, you would have won a lot of money, as this was actually a question on *Who Wants to Be a Millionaire* several years ago. However, it was not a requirement that the contestant actually know what that meant!

"Executrices" is simply the plural of Executrix, which is the feminine version of Executor. So "executrices" refers to 2 or more females named in a will to serve as the estate's representatives. When someone makes a will, he nominates an individual or individuals to administer the estate or to serve as its representative during the probate process. His, her, or their responsibilities generally include collecting and valuing assets, paying bills, signing Probate Court documents and tax returns, and distributing assets. While a family can share some of these duties, the legal obligations fall upon the Court-appointed estate representative(s) – the Executor, Executors, Executrix, or Executrices.

Although there should be no gender bias in selecting between an Executor or Executrix, there should be some consideration given when choosing between a single representative or plural represen-

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## Let's Move

By Dr. Lewis First

Parents have been running up to me with lots of questions about what they need to know about the new White House obesity initiative called "Let's Move." Well, let me see if I can give you the skinny on this important program.

"Let's Move" is a coordinated and comprehensive initiative to prevent children from becoming overweight and obese. It is endorsed by the White House and organizations like the American Academy of Pediatrics, and focuses on four areas: healthier schools, access to affordable and healthy foods, increased physical activity levels for kids, empowering families to make healthy choices

As a parent, you can be a part of all four of these. The "Let's Move" program calls for doctors to measure your child's body mass index with every check-up so you can be informed as to whether their weight is trending up, down, or staying the same. At those visits, we also plan to share with you "Let's Move" ideas for healthy active living characterized by good nutrition and physical activity.

For example, we plan to offer your child the "5-2-1-0" prescription that recommends your child: eat at least 5 fruits and vegetables every day, limit screen time to 2 hours or less per day, engage in 1 hour or more of physical activity, consume 0 sugar-sweetened drinks – using water and low-fat milk instead.

Armed with the information given to you by his or her doctor, you can now turn that prescription into reality by offering your child healthy choices and fun activities based on the 5-2-1-0 prescription. For example, you can take your child with you to have them pick out the 5 fruits and vegetables they want to eat (thus empowering them to make healthy choices), or invite them to cook those vegetables with you since children are more apt to try foods they have helped prepare.

As to the 2 hours or less per day of TV, computer or video game-time try doing activities together as a family instead, such as playing board games or better yet, go outside for a walk or to play catch, and increase physical activity for your child and for you too. Reducing consumption of sugar-sweetened drinks can be easily accomplished if you as a parent avoid these drinks as well, and substitute water or low-fat milk instead.

The "Let's Move" campaign is not about dieting. It's about doing away with too much unhealthy food, too much sitting, too much screen time, and instead enjoying healthy food and family, slowing down a bit and balancing our lives. In fact, a recent study suggested that if a preschooler simply eats healthy meals with other family members, gets at least 10 hours of sleep a night, and limits screen time to less than 2 hours a day, they can reduce their risk of obesity by more than 40%.

Hopefully, tips like this will move you and your family in the right direction when it comes to being healthy by participating in the "Let's Move" campaign and in doing so reducing the risk of any family members becoming overweight.

Lewis First, M.D., is chief of Pediatrics at Vermont Children's Hospital at Fletcher Allen Health Care and chair of the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Vermont College of Medicine. You can also catch "First with Kids" weekly on WOKO 98.9FM and on WCAX-TV Channel 3. Visit the First with Kids video archives at <http://www.FletcherAllen.org/firstwithkid>.



## Summer foster families needed

Summer vacation, that special time of year for all children, is upon us and members of the local community still have the chance to make it memorable for a child from New York City. Thanks to the many families in Northwestern Vermont and throughout 13 Northeastern states and Canada, more than 1.7 million New York City children from low-income neighborhoods have enjoyed free summer experiences in suburban and small town communities through The Fresh Air Fund. The Fund is currently seeking more families to give inner-city children a two-week experience this summer. By volunteering as a host family for the Friendly Town program, a child can have a break from the heat and noise of the crowded city streets.

"Being able to run around and be outside is a freeing experience for her," says one of our Fresh Air hosts about her Fresh Air child. "I still enjoy watching her face as she takes joys in the simple things, like roasting a marshmallow or jumping into the lake." Please read about the special experiences of other Fresh Air children and hosts by visiting our website, [www.freshair.org](http://www.freshair.org), which includes photos, stories, videos and other helpful information.

There are no financial requirements for hosting a Fresh Air child. First-time visitors are six to 12 years old, and reinvited youngsters may participate in the Friendly Town program through age 18.

To learn more about hosting a Fresh Air child this summer, please contact Michelle Piche at 802-849-2375, or call The Fresh Air Fund at 800-367-0003 or check out [www.freshair.org](http://www.freshair.org).

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

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Corrected email address

**Nate Guay**  
**Outdoor Services**  
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Correction: Dave Eaton is no longer a Justice of the Peace for Jericho.

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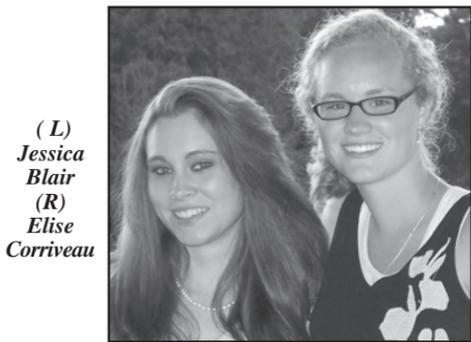
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## Lions Scholarships awarded

The Jericho-Underhill Lions Club held their annual picnic June 21 at Mills Riverside Park. The club awarded four scholarships this year. The 2010 recipients were Jessica Blair, Elise Corriveau, Jarred Rafferty and Krystal Williams. All are from the Jericho-Underhill area and plan on furthering their education this fall. Congratulations winners!

In addition to the annual scholarships King Lion Loreen Teer announced the winners of numerous Club awards including Service Awards, Traveling Lions Awards, 100% Attendance, and other fun awards. Thanking all for their service to the community and service to others in need. Lion Bob Broughton was named Lion of the Year and Lion Dave Crane received the President's Award. At the District 45 (all of Vermont) Spring Con-



(L)  
Jessica  
Blair  
(R)  
Elise  
Corriveau

vention in May the Jericho-Underhill Club was recognized by being named the #1 Club in the large club (over 25 members) category for 2009-2010.

## COMING EVENTS

### Wednesday, July 7

**Learn to Sketch on the Fly** - Sketching Workshop with Artist Libby Davidson. Get inspired and learn some sketching basics. Libby offers tips on quick gestural sketches as well as nature drawing. 1:00 to 3:00 PM. Birds of Vermont Museum, 900 Sherman Hollow Road, Huntington. Maximum of 15 participants. Appropriate for beginners and more experienced artists; ages 8 and up. COST: \$5 for members; \$10 non-members (includes museum admission). Materials will be provided. For more information contact Erin Talmage Birds of Vermont Museum, 802-434-2167.

### Saturday, July 10

**Strokes for Strides Golf Tournament** benefit for Making Strides against Breast Cancer at West Bolton Golf Course. Four Person Scramble Format. Start time 9:00 AM, registration starts at 7:30 AM. Cost is \$85.00 per player, includes golf, cart. And Chicken BBQ. Please contact Darren Ross 233-0210 or at [vtracer39@yahoo.com](mailto:vtracer39@yahoo.com) or Sue Carpenter 434-4548 or at [scarpe@wvvt.com](mailto:scarpe@wvvt.com). Please come out and join us, it is for a great cause. **Author appearance and book signing**, Phoenix Books & Café at the Ess3ex Shoppes and Cinemas, 7:00 PM. Free. For more information log onto [www.phoenixbooks.biz](http://www.phoenixbooks.biz) or call 872-7111. Acclaimed author Howard Norman will discuss and sign his new book, *What is Left the Daughter*.

### Sunday, July 11

**Butterfly Walk** - Join Vermont naturalists and entomologists to experience Vermont's butterflies and insects up close. Our hosts are members of the Vermont Entomological Society (<http://www.vermontinsects.org/>). Bring binoculars and an insect net if you have one. Pack a lunch if you would like to stick around after the walk. If it is

raining on the day of the walk, please call the Museum (802 434-2167) to see if we have rescheduled. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM. Birds of Vermont Museum, 900 Sherman Hollow Road, Huntington. Appropriate for anyone with an interest in Vermont's six-legged creatures. Free. For more information contact Erin Talmage 802-434-2167, or contact Trish Hanson at VES, [Hanson.Trish@state.vt.us](mailto:Hanson.Trish@state.vt.us)

### Sunday, July 18

The Vermont Humanities Council, with the Chittenden County Historical Society and Charlotte Historical Society, will provide a program, "Sprightly Steps, Vermont's Contra and Square Dancing Tradition", at the Charlotte Senior Center, 212 Ferry Road (off Route 7). The program will be led by Adam Boyce. Although early settlers frowned upon the merriment of dancing, the Tradition found its way to the Green Mountains. From fancy balls to kitchen tunks, people of all ages and backgrounds fell victim to the strains of the fiddle. Bring comfortable shoes to tap your feet! Annual meeting for the Society starts at 2:00 PM, Program starts about 3, and ice cream will be served following the program! Attendees may donate to the Senior Center and/or the Historical Society. For questions, please call Lyn Perrin, 425-2634, or Mary Lighthall, 425-2478.

### Sunday, August 11

Mt. Mansfield Lodge No.26 F and AM in Jericho will be holding a 'Surf & Turf' fundraiser on Sunday August 22, 5:00 PM at Mills Riverside Park Pavilion. Steak or whole Lobster is \$ 18.00 / Combo \$28.00. Includes garden salad, potato salad, corn on the cob, dessert, and beverages. Tickets must be purchased in advance. Tickets can be purchased by calling Rob Connelly at 899-1969.

## ONGOING EVENTS

### ADULT ACTIVITIES

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

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

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

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

**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.

The **Vermont French Canadian Genealogical Library** will be open this summer on Tuesdays from 3 to 9:30 P.M. We will also be open on the following Saturdays, June 12, July 10 and Aug. 14, from 10 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. We are located in the Dupont Building, Fort Ethan Allen, Colchester. Parking and entry is on Hegeman Avenue opposite the State Police sign. Find out more at [www.VT-FCGS.org](http://www.VT-FCGS.org) or call 802-238-3525. We also look forward to seeing you at the History Expo and the Vergennes French Heritage Days.

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

### FARMERS' MARKETS

The **Mills Riverside Farmer's Market** is kicking off its ninth season on Thursday, June 10 at Mills Riverside Park on Rt. 15 in Jericho. The market features fresh local produce, pastured meat and fresh eggs, maple syrup, delicious prepared foods and beautiful local crafts. The market runs 3:00-6:30 every Thursday afternoon through September. Contact Jessie Alberts at 802-324-5455 with questions.

**Richmond Farmers' Market** at Volunteers' Green, Bridge Street, Richmond. 3:00 - 6:30 PM. Food, music, locally grown produce. Take a Sunday ride up the Mountain Road and you will find an

**Outdoor Sunday Market.** Three Mountain Lodge field is the home of this alfresco market place every Sunday, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM starting Sunday, July 11. Local artists have a place to showcase their talents and wares. A rotation of musicians play and add to the market's charm. For more information call Colleen at 644-5736 or [vermontcoco@gmail.com](mailto:vermontcoco@gmail.com). We need vendors w/ fresh garden produce and the more vendors the merrier.

The **Five Corners Farmers' Market** will be open 3:30 to 7:30 PM every Friday from June 18 to Oct. 29, on Lincoln Place (off Railroad Ave) in Essex Junction Village. 879-6701 or [www.fivecornersfarmersmarket.com](http://www.fivecornersfarmersmarket.com) for more information. Entertainment and Raffle items weekly.

### HEALTH EVENTS & GROUPS

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

**Overeaters Anonymous** meets 6:00 - 7:00 PM Wednesdays at the Jericho United Methodist Church, VT Rt. 15, Jericho. **TOPS Chapter 145** Jeffersonville meets 6:15 PM on Thursdays at the Eagles Club, Route 109, Jeffersonville. Weigh-in 5:15 - 6:00 PM.

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

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

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

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

**Pilates Class Schedule**, Wednesday evenings at 6:30 PM at MMU. Monday evenings at 6:00 PM and Saturday mornings at 9:00 AM at Dakini Studio. Call Lisa Timbers at 899-4191 for more

information or visit her website at <http://timbers.wordpress.com>

### KIDS

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

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

### SENIORS

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

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

### SPORTS ACTIVITIES

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

### SUPPORT GROUPS

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

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

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

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

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

### TOWN GOVERNMENT AND ORGANIZATIONS

**Free Home Energy Visits/Free Light Bulbs** - The Underhill Energy Committee and the Jericho Energy Task Force are conducting free home energy visits in March and April. For more info, see: <http://vcem.pbworks.com> or call 825-8871 (eves)

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

**Tim Nulty, Jericho Select Board member**, at the Village Cup, first and third Wednesdays, 8:00 - 9:00 AM, and at the Flour Shop, second and fourth Wednesdays, 8:00 - 9:00 AM.

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

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

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

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

**Village of Jericho, Inc.** - Please be advised that the Board of Water Commissions of the Village of Jericho, Inc. will hold their monthly meeting on Tuesday, July 20, 2010 at 7:00 PM at the Old Red Mill on 4B Red Mill Drive, Jericho.

**Jericho Energy Task Force** meets the third Wednesday of every month from 7:00 to 8:30 PM at Jericho Town Hall. Our next meeting is April 21st and it is open to the public.

### THRIFT SHOPS AND 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.

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LEGISLATIVE REPORTS

From the Senate

By Senator Tim Ashe

If you're like me, you were shocked when it was reported earlier this year that hundreds of Vermonters with tremendous wealth and assets receive property tax rebates, often at the maximum \$8000 amount. Put simply, middle class taxpayers have been paying part of the property tax bill for high wealth taxpayers living in beautiful homes. Here's how it works.

Vermonters with annual incomes below \$97,000 qualify to pay their property taxes based upon their income. Generally, paying based on income is a far fairer way to pay for services. However, imagine you live along Lake Champlain in a million dollar home, and you live off the earnings of a trust fund or stock investments. You may report a middle-of-the-road annual income, say \$50,000. Under present law, that permits you to pay your property taxes under income sensitivity.

But income sensitivity is meant to be just that, sensitive to a person or family's ability to pay their taxes. If you earn \$50,000 each year off the proceeds of your financial holdings, you clearly have tremendous wealth to draw on. As a result, in these cases, income sensitivity is telling us the wrong thing about these taxpayers.

To correct this, I joined several other Senators and proposed a simple formula to determine these high wealth households' true ability to pay their taxes. This formula would have excluded hundreds of households, who live almost exclusively in lakefront and slope-side properties, from receiving discounts on their property tax bills. I also offered an amendment to the tax bill that would have prohibited any Vermont household with net assets greater than \$1 million from receiving property tax rebates (primary residences would be excluded from this calculation).

Both provisions passed the Senate. In the end, a watered down version came out of the House-Senate negotiations, which will slightly reduce the number of high wealth households receiving tax rebates, but which fails to correct the underlying fairness question.

In these tough times for state revenues, the first priority should be making sure everyone is paying their fair share. The middle class is getting squeezed enough. Helping pay for someone else's lakefront property shouldn't be added to their worries.

A Balanced Budget

By Rep. Martha Heath

Two years ago the Great Recession hit our national economy taking a toll on Vermont businesses and families. Since then our state revenues have reflected the consequences of these struggles. The dramatic decline in these revenues has resulted in a fundamental challenge to our commitment to each other and the health and well-being of Vermonters. I'm pleased to report that the legislature and the governor worked together to create a budget for FY11 that maintains our commitment to the health, safety and well being of our neighbors and that we did it without raising taxes to accomplish this goal.

This goal seemed insurmountable when we began the budget process facing a \$154M gap between revenues and projected expenditure needs. Fortunately there were contributions from many different quarters that made the difference. The administration put many creative proposals on the table that contributed to the solution. The legislature and the governor worked together on a process called "Challenges for Change" that holds promise for leading to long term changes in how government conducts its business; focusing on outcomes and spending our money wisely. The agreement reached with teachers saves the state \$15M annually and puts this retirement fund on a more sustainable path into the future. The labor contract negotiated with state employees contributed many millions of dollars to the solution. The decision of the Obama administration to release states from part of their obligation to pay the so called "clawback" for Medicare Part D contributed many more millions to the solution. Many Vermonters have made sacrifices to help us fill past budget gaps and will again as a result of the budget that became law. That said, the legislature was able to find ways to avoid dramatic cuts to services to the elderly, the disabled, children with special health needs and other programs that assist Vermonters who need government services. We also found ways to invest in Vermont's future through a jobs bill that holds promise for improving our ability to put Vermonters back to work.

The FY 12 deficit that had been projected to be \$250M has been reduced to \$122M as a result of the actions taken in this budget. Clearly the next governor and the next legislature will continue to face challenges as they work to find ways to balance the FY12 budget. This FY11 budget demonstrates that it can be done and done in a way that maintains our commitment to the health, safety and well-being of our neighbors and invests in our future. It all works best when all parties bring together their best thinking and their shared goal of maintaining our sound fiscal policies while focusing on the things that make Vermont a place where we are proud to live and work.

In the weeks since the session ended, I have reflected on the enormous responsibility and faith voters place in me when they elect me to serve in the Vermont House. I'm humbled by that faith and honored to serve. I have filed my petition to run for re-election and will make a formal announcement in the coming weeks. In the meantime if you have questions or comments about the state budget or other issues please don't hesitate to contact me by calling 893-1291 or by e-mailing me at [mpheathvt@gmail.com](mailto:mpheathvt@gmail.com).

LIBRARY NEWS

DEBORAH RAWSON LIBRARY, UNDERHILL

Art for July and August are photographs by the local photography group Focal Point.

Opportunities to help us with both the food shelf vegetable garden and the flower gardens at Deborah Rawson Memorial Library, 8 River Road, Jericho. Please bring gardening tools. Wed. July 7, 4:00-6:00 PM, Sat., July 10, 9:00 AM-12:00 noon. Anytime during those hours. Even an hour would be great. The library is an approved Master Gardener site so hours count toward volunteer requirement.

The board of Trustees meet Thurs. July 15 at 7:00 PM.

The mystery group is reading *The girl who played with fire* by Stieg Larsson. Everyone is invited to join us for the discussion on Tues. July 27 at 7:00 PM.

The silent auction item is a 2 hour sailboat ride for 4. Bids are taken until Thurs. July 15 at 8:00 PM. Stop at the library to bid or call, 899-4962.

The book barn is open every Thursday from 3:00 to 5:00 PM until mid August. All books are 25 cents except for specially marked books. Stop by the farmer's market then come to the barn for great deals.

Game night is on hiatus until September but feel free to stop by anytime to use the space to meet and play a game or two.

Douse That Fire, Thur. July 1, 10:30 AM.

Come learn about fire prevention. Watch as a member of the Underhill-Jericho Fire Department shows children how firefighters dress in their equipMent if they needed to enter a home in an emergency. At the conclusion, unless it is needed elsewhere, firefighters will bring the fire engine for children to view up close. Recommended for preschoolers to grade 2. To register call: 899-4962.

Ride the Waves, Tues. July 6, 1:30 AM.

Jen King will be here with her windsurfer. Learn the basic skills surfers use cutting through the waves on Lake Champlain. To be held on the back lawn of the library. If you like bring a blanket or chair. In the event of rain the program will be inside the library. To register call: 899-4962. Recommended for grade 3 and up.

Story Times, Wed. at 11:00AM July 7, 14, 21, and 28

Stories read each week by a guest reader followed by refreshments served on the picnic table. No registration needed. Recommended for preschool to grade 1.

Will it Rain or Shine, Wed. July 7, 1:30 PM - Meet "Eye on the Sky" weatherman Mark Breen, author of *The Kids' Book of Weather Forecasting*. See how some meteorological instruments work, learn about the weather cycle and how you can construct your own simple weather instrument. One lucky participant will receive a free copy of Mark's book. This program funded by the Friends of the Deborah Rawson Memorial Library. Grade 1 and up. To register call: 899-4962.

Basic Skin Care, Thurs. July 8, 1:00 PM

What do you need, just soap and water or a whole lot more? Come meet Marjorie Minot from Stephen and Burns Salon and learn some basic skin care and makeup techniques to help you look your best. Each participant will receive a free skin care kit. For middle and high school students. To register call: 899-4962.

Transition to Kindergarten Story, Sat. July 10 - Children who will be entering kindergarten this fall and their parents are invited to attend a special Story Time. While the children are enjoying school stories and meeting an older child from their new school parents will have the opportunity to share experiences with Building Bright Futures Coordinator, Heather Lebeis. With parent's permission, children may receive their own library card. Separate Story Times will be held for students attending each elementary school. Times are as follows: JES 10:15-10:45 AM, UID 11:00-11:30 AM, UCS 11:45 AM-12:15 PM.

Write A Whale of A Tale, s. Tue and Wed. July 13 and 14, 10:00-11:30 AM.

Portia Senning, from Underhill Central School, will help young writers develop their writing skills. Participants will try some interesting activities that will foster creativity and promote a love of writing. For grade 3-5. To register call: 899-4962.

Over the Frozen Waters the Sled Dogs Go, Tues. July 13, 1:00 AM.

Although it may be warm now, as soon it's cold these dogs will be ready to go. Joe Marie, a local musher, will be here with one of his amazing sled dogs. Learn about this exciting sport and see some of the interesting equipMent used on the trail. For grade 1 and up. To register call: 899-4962.

Stories from the Lake, Wed. July 14, 12:30 PM - Bring a bag lunch and a blanket and have a picnic, we'll provide dessert. Relax under the trees while you enjoy a story read by Elizabeth Lehr. For grade 2 and up. To register call: 899-4962.

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Make a Splash at the Library. Summer Program Schedule appropriate for preschool through grade 5.

Thursday, July 1, 10:00 AM - Carol Winfield, local wild animals and water.

Thursday, July 8, 6:00 PM - Mad Science, experiments for school age

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## Patients to hold car wash

Graduates of Copley's Pulmonary Rehabilitation Program would like to wash your car to say "thanks" to Copley Hospital. They will be washing cars for donations from 10am-2pm Saturday, July 3 at the intersection of Route 100 and Route 15 in Morrisville. Proceeds from the car wash will help with Copley Hospital's "Smoke-Free" program. The Mobil Gas Station and Aubuchon Hardware are graciously supporting the fundraiser.

The graduates are members of the Breathe Easier Support Network, Copley's monthly support group for adults living with emphysema, chronic bronchitis, sleep apnea and other forms of lung disease and breathing disorders. They will be joined by Copley Hospital staff, including Respiratory Therapists Steve Cothalis and David Odum.

The idea for the benefit care wash came about during one of the "Breathe Easier Support Network" meetings. (The support group meets on the second Wednesday of the month from 3:00-5:00 PM and is in collaboration with the American Lung Association.) The group is very supportive of Copley Hospital's move to becoming a smoke-free campus as of November. Proceeds from the car wash will go towards smoke-free signs and resources for patients and visitors to help ease nicotine withdrawal symptoms.

Copley Hospital will become a smoke-free campus in November to provide a healthy and safe environment for patients, visitors and employees and to promote positive health behaviors. A Smoke-Free Task Force, made up of employees who are current smokers, ex-smokers and some who have never smoked, are helping coordinate the change. Employees will not be allowed to use tobacco while working at the hospital; patients and visitors will be asked to refrain from using tobacco while they are at the hospital. Resources will be available to help ease nicotine withdrawal symptoms. For anyone that wishes to quit smoking, the Copley Hospital Wellness Center has trained professionals who can help. The Copley Wellness Center can be reached at 802-888-8369.

## NMC receives National Safety Award

Northwestern Medical Center has received the National Safety Council's Occupational Excellence Achievement Award. NMC was recognized for having an incidence rate of employees missing time for illness or injury which is less than one quarter of the national rate for general medical and surgical hospitals.

"The National Safety Council compares us against industry standards nationwide," said Wes Miller, NMC's Safety and Emergency Preparedness Coordinator. "They recognize those hospitals which are 50% lower than the national average. NMC is at 24% of the national average, which is outstanding."

Businesses and industries interested in learning more about injury prevention services for worksites, similar to those used successfully by NMC, can contact Chris Sweeney at Northwestern Occupational Health, 524-8426.

## Thank you for your patronage

To the Editor,

I am in my 7th year as the Browns River PC Doctor. During this time I have had the pleasure to serve hundreds of Mountain Gazette readers solve their personal computer problems. I have always enjoyed the work, and still do, but mostly I have enjoyed so many of the good people of our area. To each and every one I ever served, I wish to say thank you for your business, and I wish you all well. My wife Tish, whom many or most of you know, and I will be leaving the area and heading to Boston to be closer to family. Three of our four sons live in the Boston area as do our two grandsons. We have lived in Jericho for over 30 years. We think that Vermont is right up at the top of our list of most beautiful states, and we will miss it and all of its fine people very much. Farewell friends.

Tom McGonegal  
Browns River PC Doctor

## Vermont passed over in documentary

To the Editor,

Great Ethan Allen's Ghost!! No one took notice when the History Channel aired the series: America, The Story of Us —and left out Vermont's pivotal role in The Revolutionary War!!

No mention was given about Ethan Allen and The Green Mountain Boys capturing Fort Ticonderoga!! In a nutshell...

This in turn lead to the Knox Expedition that transported the captured cannon from Fort Ticonderoga by oxen and sleigh in the dead of winter to be placed on high bluffs overlooking Boston Harbor with elements of the British Fleet easily within firing range!

Not knowing that little ammunition accompanied the cannon, the British did know that these cannon 'out of no where' poised a real and present danger to their warships in Boston Harbor!

Thus, the British were "convinced" to flee Boston and sailed to New York to engage George Washington.

While I am pleased that Bank of America and other sponsors wished to produce this History Channel historical series, (since more such historical series are greatly lacking) yet no superlative can overstate that by editing and painting such a broad brush overview, that to leave out Ethan Allen and The Green Mountain Boys (from at least our local perspective) is a gross injustice!

America, The Story of Us (as the series paints a broad brush explanation about The war of 1812) leaves out the critical naval battle victory of Plattsburgh and Valcour Island and the strategic importance in controlling Lake Champlain.

This History Channel series is now being shipped to thousands of schools across the country.

It will be sad indeed if on this historical record, that as much is not learned and will never be seen as for what will be shared on record in America, The Story of Us.

Sad indeed, The pivotal role of Ethan Allen and The Green Mountain Boys may never be known to this next generation of students.

Robert (Bob) Devost, Jericho

## WELCOME HOME



**JERICHO/ALBANY NY (Bergeron)** Patrick Robert Bergeron and Jennifer Bettini Bergeron of Albany NY announce the birth of their son Mason Patrick born June 4 in Albany, NY. Paternal grandparents are Robert and Kathleen Bergeron from Jericho, VT. Maternal grandparents are James and Marie Bettini from Albany, NY.

**JEFFERSONVILLE (Komaromi)** Mary Beth (Bacorn) and Thomas Komaromi had a daughter, Zoe Marie Giavanna, on Friday, May 21, 2010 at Fletcher Allen Health Care in Burlington, VT.

**JERICHO (Cross)** Tiffany (Ieronimo) and Reginald Cross IV had a daughter, Addison Leona, on Tuesday, May 11, 2010 at Fletcher Allen Health Care in Burlington, VT.

**(Dailey)** Karina (Chase) and William Dailey IV had a son, on Thursday, May 13, 2010 at Fletcher Allen Health Care in Burlington, VT.

**UNDERHILL (di Stefano)** Jennifer (Bunce) and Christopher di Stefano had a daughter, Nina, on Wednesday, June 9, 2010 at home.

## New Road dump continued from page 1

Road in Underhill, Vermont. New Road used to be a dump for all the residents of Underhill and surrounding areas. Having a landfill in Underhill is not as bad as it may seem. Everyone's trash has to go somewhere, and it just so happens that place was New Road.

Some people may think that since New Road was a dump, it should be helped. Some people may have the idea of adding things to New Road, and some people may have the idea of taking something away from New Road to try and make it a better place. My whole entire class has been going to New Road for 5 weeks, and we have been collecting data about the consumers (organisms that eat other organisms), producers (plants or animals that provide food for the consumers), and decomposers (living things that die and are then put back into the Earth). The New Road landfill is a thriving ecosystem. Even though it was a dump years ago, it now has plants growing, bugs crawling and life is moving forward at New Road. There is no need to upset this ecosystem by trying to "clean it up" or saving it-it is doing just fine.

The data shows that 96% of the area in New Road that my class tested has producers. This tells us that just about the entire area is full of producers such as plants and bugs. As this population grows, it will invite more consumers into the region. Growth is happening. We can't upset that progress.

Suppose we do try to clean up New Road. How do we start? Would we dig up the whole area to remove garbage that has already started to decay? Would we remove garbage, relocate it and contaminate another location?

This would bring in dump trucks, bulldozers and other heavy machinery. Ripping up the ground will kill plants and bugs and ruin the life that is now thriving. We cannot clean up this site.

Do we bring in structures and formal trails to New Road? Skate parks and basketball courts would require cement, steel and again, heavy machinery-all which would destroy life at New Road. Even if the community tried to make

New Road a formal recreational park by making trails and buildings, we would not be helping an ecosystem thrive; we would be slowly killing it.

New Road used to be a landfill. It's not anymore. We don't dump our garbage there, but we shouldn't dump anything else there either. We need to leave it be. Trees, birds, grasses and bugs all live in this community. We would not only harm the producers already there, but we would harm the consumers soon to be there. We as a people try to fix everything. We try to remove hazardous materials, bring in beautifying elements, all for our pleasure. We need to think about the organisms we share this world with. In this instance, our community needs to leave New Road alone. Enjoy the area for its beauty and life. Don't try to fix it.

## Plural of Executrix continued from page 3

tatives. You may think that naming two people as Executors (or Executrices) may be helpful, or perhaps the way to avoid making a choice, but it may prove disadvantageous. It will require multiple signatures and may result in time delays. Instead of encouraging cooperation, it may promote disharmony. In many situations, naming one lead or "legal" decision-maker does prove to be most sensible.

So, what is the plural of Executrix? Executrices, of course. You may never need to use the word, but it may win you money on a game show.

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## OBITUARIES

**Stanton T. Hamlet** died unexpectedly on Wednesday, June 23, 2010 in Underhill Center, VT at age 78. He was born in Cambridge, Mass. on May 16, 1932, the son of Russell T. Hamlet and Elizabeth (Clarke) Hamlet, and the brother of Clarke Hamlet. Stan was an architect and illustrator who worked at several architectural firms in Boston, Mass. and Burlington. He served in the US

Army and was stationed on Okinawa during the Korean War. He was a Selectboard member for the town of Underhill for nine years and was a longtime member of the Underhill Development Review Board. In recent years, he served as a volunteer at the Fletcher Allen Hospital in Burlington, VT. Stan had many interests, including railroads, baseball, and architectural history. He was a longtime member of the Champlain Valley Chapter of the National Railroad Historical Society, serving as the newsletter editor for over 25 years, and was a member of the Society for American Baseball Research. He was an avid cross country skier and cyclist, and was on the volunteer ski patrol at Smugglers' Notch for many years. He enjoyed traveling and golf outings with his family and friends. He leaves his beloved wife of 50 years, Cindy; son, Russell S. Hamlet and his wife Margaret Hamlet and their son, Curren, of Bainbridge Island, Wash.; daughter, Penny Hamlet Serrurier and her husband Peter, and their two sons, Alexander and Nathaniel, of Portland, Ore.; and daughter, Sandra Hamlet and her husband Fred Barber and their son, Ethan, of Cambridge, VT. There will be a remembrance of his life on Thursday, July 1, 2010 at the Underhill Town Hall from 4:00 to 5:00 PM followed by a reception. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Essex Rescue, Essex Junction, VT 05452 or the Travis Roy Foundation, c/o Hemenway & Barnes LLP, 60 State Street, 8th Floor, Boston, MA 02109.

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**ENGAGEMENTS**

**FERGUSON – CHIARALUCE**

Randy and Kathy Ferguson of Underhill, VT announces the engagement of their daughter, Kate Ferguson, to Andy Chiaraluce, son of Alan and Claudia Chiaraluce of Andover, Mass. An August, 2011 wedding in Vermont is planned.

**DAMKOT-AZINGER**

David and Sharon Damkot of Jericho, VT announce the engagement of their daughter, Mary Lara Damkot, to Ryan Mathew Azinger, son of Charles and the late Corinne Azinger of Brewster, MA. A September wedding is planned.

**RENY-STUHR**

Timothy and Jane Reny of Underhill Center, VT announce the engagement of their daughter, Sarah Reny, to Joshua Stuhr, son of Bradley and Dianne Stuhr of Frisco, CO. A June 18, 2011 wedding is planned.

**COLLEGE GRADUATIONS**

**Garret Harvey**, of Jericho, VT and a 2006 graduate of Mt. Mansfield Union High School, graduated from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach, FL with a BS in Aerospace Engineering.

**CAMPUS HONORS**

**Connor Michael Gallagher** of Jericho, VT has been awarded a Howard Hughes Medical Institute Summer Fellowship from Bowdoin College in Brunswick, ME. The fellowship provides funding for interdisciplinary undergraduate research, particularly in biochemistry and neuroscience, and for student research in marine biology and other biological field studies conducted at Bowdoin's Coastal Studies Center.

**Dan Chrisman**, Jericho VT was recently named to the Dean's list with a 4.0 GPA at the New England Institute of Technology in Warwick, RI He is studying Electrical with a Renewable Energy degree. Parents Greg and Deborah Chrisman, Jericho.

The following area residents have been named to the spring 2010 Champlain College President's List. Recipients have earned a 4.0 grade average. They are: **Melanie Stephenson**, of Jericho, VT is majoring in Web Development and Design. **Emily Fitzgerald**, of Westford, VT is majoring in Multimedia and Graphic Design.

**Lily Evelyn Penney**, a resident of Jericho, VT, was awarded Dean's List honors for academic achievement during the spring 2010 semester at St. Mary's College of Maryland (SMCM).

**Trevor Audet** of Duxbury, VT has been named to the Dean's List for the spring 2010 semester at Salve Regina University. Audet is a senior.

**Emily Bogaczyk** of Underhill, VT 05489 has been named to the spring 2010 Dean's list at Mansfield University.

**Richmond**

**Jordan Farrar**, a graduate of Mount Mansfield Union High School in Jericho, VT, has been named to the dean's list for the spring semester at The College of Wooster in Ohio. Farrar is a sophomore English major from Richmond, VT.

**Benjamin Cote** of Richmond, VT, a senior sport management major, was named to the president's list at State University of New York Cortland for the spring semester.

**Hamlet continued from page 1**

for a spot on the Zoning Board," said Scott Tobin, chair of the board, now called the Development Review Board.

"He always offered great input and insight and he was a valuable member of the team," Tobin said. "There were very few hearings he didn't attend. Stan was one of those guys you think of as the heart and soul and the spirit of Underhill."

Tobin said he knew Stan and his wife, Cindy, before they worked together on zoning issues. "My wife went to school with his kids. He was a wonderful person, a wonderful human being, fully involved in life in all its aspects. I hope I can live the life he did. He will be greatly missed."

Stan was an avid Red Sox fan. "He was proud to say he attended at least one Red Sox game a season since 1946," said Brian Stevens of Jericho. Stan, Stevens and other fans from the area often journeyed to Cooperstown, New York, to the Baseball Hall of Fame. On the drive there, they would talk baseball. Stevens said. "On our last trip in April we talked about George Will's annual baseball quiz that appeared in his Newsweek Magazine column. "Many of Will's answers were in error," said Stevens. "Stan had an encyclopedic memory...he knew baseball statistics," Stevens said.

He also said Stan would point out interesting architectural features of buildings in Cooperstown, educating his friends.

Stan wrote two biographies of major league baseball players. One was a chapter in the book "Green Mountain Boys of Summer," published in 2000 by New England Press. The book is about major league players from Vermont. Stan's chapter was on Walt Lanfranconi, who pitched 38 games for the Chicago Cubs and the Boston Braves in 1941 and 1947.

Stan also authored a biography of baseball Hall of Famer Jimmy Collins, a third baseman who played for the Louisville Colonels, the Boston Beaneaters and the Philadelphia Athletics, from 1895-1908. That biography appeared in "Deadball Stars of the American League," published by Potomac Books in 2006.

On one trip with some fellow railroad enthusi-

**COURT REPORT**

May 11, 2010, **Chavis Murphy**, 19, Huntington, VT, charged with sexual assault – no consent, felony, in Winooski, VT on May 1, 2007; amended to sexual assault – victim less than 16 years, felony; pleaded guilty; sentenced to two to eight years, concurrent, suspended but two years, probation; charged with sexual assault – no consent, felony, in South Burlington, VT on April 26, 2008; amended to lewd and lascivious conduct, felony; pleaded guilty; sentenced to two to five years, concurrent, suspended but two years, probation.

May 21, 2010, **Peggy J. Murray**, 44, Richmond, VT, charged with first-degree aggravated domestic assault with weapon, felony, in Richmond, VT on October 31, 2009; amended to domestic assault, misdemeanor; pleaded guilty; sentenced to one to 12 months, suspended, probation.

May 21, 2010, **Thomas Corr**, 35, Richmond, VT, charged with DUI, first offense, in Richmond, VT on February 16, 2010, amended to vehicle operation – careless or negligent; pleaded no contest; fined \$300.

May 21, 2010, **Justin C. Pike**, 36, Richmond, VT, charged with simple assault in Colchester, VT on July 14, 2009; pleaded guilty; sentenced to three to 12 months, consecutive, suspended, probation; charged with violation of abuse prevention order in Milton on September 23, 2009; pleaded guilty; sentenced to three to six months, consecutive, suspended, probation; charged with violation of abuse prevention order in Milton, VT on September 25, 2009; pleaded guilty, sentenced to six to 12 months, consecutive, suspended, probation; charged with disturbing peace by telephone in Colchester, VT on January 23, 2010; pleaded guilty; sentenced to 30 to 60 days, consecutive, suspended but 30 days, probation; charged with violation of conditions of release in Colchester, VT on January 23, 2010; pleaded guilty; sentenced to 30 to 60 days, consecutive, suspended, probation.

May 21, 2010, **Justin C. Pike**, 36, Richmond, VT, charged with disturbing peace by telephone in Essex, VT on September 12, 2009; pleaded guilty; fined \$250.

**WELCOME HOME**

**HUNTINGTON**

**(Randall)** Amber and David Randall had a daughter, Elise Marin, on Tuesday, April 6, 2010 at Fletcher Allen Health Care in Burlington, VT.

**(Anthony, Smith)** Stacey Anthony and Scott Smith had a daughter, Ava Carolynne Smith, on Wednesday, May 19, 2010 at Fletcher Allen Health Care in Burlington, VT.

**(Fay)** Bobbie Sue (Grace) and John Fay had a son, Brayden Scott, on Monday, May 17, 2010 at Fletcher Allen Health Care in Burlington, VT.

**(Norton, Mead)** Alicia Norton and Matthew Mead had a son, Lucian Edmond Mead, on Tuesday, May 18, 2010 at Fletcher Allen Health Care in Burlington, VT.

**RICHMOND**

**(Potvin, King)** Heather Potvin and James William King had a daughter, Sadie Elizabeth Jane King, on Thursday, June 3, 2010 at Fletcher Allen Health Care in Burlington, VT.

**(Valyou)** Lisa (Ritchie) and Jamie Valyou had a son, Ezra Dominic, on Sunday, May 23, 2010 at Fletcher Allen Health Care in Burlington, VT.

asts to a railroad show in Syracuse, New York, the Vermonters took a side trip to Buffalo a day ahead of the show so Stan could show them interesting architecture, said Lazarus Scangas of St. Albans. An architect, Scangas and Stan first met in 1985 at the Burlington architectural firm Truex Collins where they worked. They became fast friends, both loving railroads and baseball.

"Stan was editor of "Short Line," the newsletter for members of the Champlain Valley Chapter of the National Railroad Historical Society. His newsletter included not only railroad information, but his black and white sketches of trains and other things involving railroads. He held that post for 25 years and was to turn it over to another member this year, Scangas said.

When they took a trip to historic railroad areas, he and the others would take in a minor league ball game if there was one scheduled in a particular town. "Architecture, baseball and railroads...it doesn't get any better than that," Scangas said.

Stan helped design Little Fenway Park in Essex; a one-fourth-the-size replica of the Boston home of the Red Sox, and nearby Little Wrigley Field, at the home of Pat and Beth O'Connor in Essex. Those field are used for wiffle ball games and fund-raising efforts for the Roy Travis Foundation. A Boston University hockey player, Travis slammed headfirst into a wall during the opening minutes of his first game in 1985 becoming a paraplegic. The group in Essex has raised nearly \$250,000 during wiffle ball tournaments with most of the money going to the Roy Travis Foundation. Stan's family asks that friends contribute to that foundation and to Essex Rescue in lieu of flowers.

The outdoors beckoned Stan. He could be seen cross-country skiing every winter, was on the volunteer ski patrol at Smugglers Notch and golfed, bicycled and jogged in the warmer months.

He also served as a volunteer guide for 5 years at Fletcher Allen Health Care in Burlington.

Stan leaves his wife, Cindy, a son and two daughters and their spouses and four grandchildren. His obituary appears on page 6 of this issue of the *Mountain Gazette*.

**JUST MARRIED**



**MILLARD-GREENOUGH**

Meghann Spence Millard, daughter of Eleanor Spence and the late Francis Spence of Richmond, VT, and Joseph Greenough, son of Michael and Kay Greenough of Jericho, VT, were united in marriage on Saturday, May 1, 2010.

Denise Begins Barnard officiated at the double-ring ceremony at the Old Round Church in Richmond, VT.

Hillary Spence was the maid of honor. The bridesmaids were Brittany Tourville, Stephanie Olmstead, Danielle Roberts, and Erica Moore. Kelsey Millard was the flower girl.

Eric Merchant was the best man. The ushers were Dan Daniels, Jason Lawton, Jason Robert, and Mark Delbeck. Colby and Caleb Millard were the ring bearers.

A reception was held at Sunset Ballroom, after which the couple left for Walt Disney World in Florida.

Mrs. Greenough graduated from Mount Mansfield Union High School in Jericho, VT. She works at TD Bank. Her husband graduated from Mount Mansfield Union High School in Jericho, VT and is a member of the Vermont Air National Guard Fire Department.

The couple reside in Richmond, VT.

**POLICE REPORT**

On June 24, 2010 the Richmond Police Department received a call from a complainant who advised that **Dallas Cooper** was in violation of his Conditions of Release stemming from a Domestic Assault. Officer Anderson arrived on scene and subsequently arrested Cooper at his former residence. Cooper was lodged at Chittenden County Correctional Center.

**CVAA Senior Meal Sites**

Thursday July 1, Bridge Street Café, Richmond, 10:30 am check in, 11:00 am lunch. BBQ Chicken

Friday July 2, Hinesburg Mealsite 11:30 a.m.

Monday July 5, Holiday No Mealsite

Tuesday, July 6, Ponderosa, Williston, Check in at 11:00, Lunch at 11:15. All you can eat Buffet.

Wednesday, July 7, St. Michael's College, Colchester, 11:15 a.m. check in, 11:30 a.m. lunch. Buffet Lunch.

Thursday, July 8, Holiday Inn Harper Room, Check in 11 a.m., Lunch at 11:30. Turkey Buffet.

Thursday, July 9, United Church, Hinesburg, 12:00 noon. Roast Pork Au Jus, Apple Sauce, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable Medley, Whole Wheat Roll, Fruit Filled Cookie

Monday, July 12, Covenant Church Essex Ctr., 12:00 noon. Macaroni & Beef Soup, Tuna Salad, Lettuce & Cheese, Bulky Roll, Fruited Jello with Topping

Tuesday, July 13, Pizza Hut Susie Wilson Road, Essex Jct., 10:30 a.m. check in 11:00 a.m. lunch. All you can eat Pizza Buffet.

Wednesday, July 14, Elk's North Ave., Burl., 10:00 a.m. check in, 11:00 a.m. lunch. Chicken Salad Summer Plate.

Thursday, July 15, Holiday Inn Harper Room, Check in 11 a.m., Lunch at 11:30. Turkey Buffet

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children. Please pre register, space limited.  
 Thursday, July 15, 10:00 AM - Max from Max and Ruby makes a splash at the library.  
 Thursday, July 22, 10:00 AM - Peter Burns spins stories jokes and riddles.  
 Thursday, July 29, 10:00 AM - Sally Ziegler, local artist and teacher conducts art workshop.  
 Thursday, August 5, 10:00 AM - Success by 6 makes a splash at the library, stories and craft.  
 Thursday, August 12, 10:00 AM - Tom Joyce- Magic Man Grand Finale. Bikes and prize giveaway.  
 Fairfax Community Library Outdoor Concert Series , 7:00 PM, lawn in front of Bellows Free Academy.  
 Tuesday, July 6, Fairfax, Fletcher, Westford Band  
 Tuesday, July 13, Carol Jones  
 Tuesday, July 20, Tammy Fletcher  
 Tuesday, July 27, Starline Rhythm Boys  
 Tuesday, August 10, Milton Band  
 Rain location, BFA Fairfax MS Gym  
 The library is located at 75 Hunt Street Fairfax VT 05454. Library Hours Mon.,Wed., Fri. 8:00 AM-3:15 PM, Tues., Thurs. 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM. <http://www.bfafairfax.com/pages/communitylibrarynews.html>. 802-849-2420

**JERICHO CENTER, LIBRARY**

The Summer Reading program is in full swing at the Jericho Town Library. With special thanks to our librarian, Donna Malinowski, and many facilitators for the programs, over nine more program sessions were scheduled to accommodate all those interested in signing up. Most programs are full and many have waiting lists. Programs that still have openings include:  
 July 9 – 1:00 PM-2:00 PM Fabulous Felting Fun for grades 4-up - Learn how to needle felt with the very talented instructor, Donna McDermid. Create a one of a kind underwater scene by needle felting wool, yarn and found objects together.  
 July 12 – 1:00-2:00 PM Wild about waterways for grades: 3-up - Participate in this two station interactive program. A professional from UVM Watershed Alliance will teach children about watersheds and the water cycle. Check out a large-scale model of a Vermont watershed. Gretchen Alexander from the VT River Management Program will use a river flume to demonstrate river systems and how they shape the land and impact us. (Event will be held outside on the Green or at the Community Center if weather does not permit).  
 July 16, 1:00-2:30 PM - The magic of Water color for grades: 4-up - This program will be presented by knowledgeable art camp teacher Joan billon and very encouraging local artist Heather Meisterling. There will be an introduction highlighting pictures capturing water from the local area and slides on loan from the Fleming Museum of different styles used by artists to capture the changing moods of water. Participants will learn a few watercolor techniques and create their own water scene. (Event will be held at the Community Center.)  
 July 21, 12:00-1:30 PM - H2O Rockets for grades: 4-up - Build a rocket that will ZOOM 50 to 100 feet into the air with only water. Have fun turning a 12 oz. plastic bottle into a rocket and launching them on the Jericho Center Green with CVU high school Tech. Ed. teacher Olaf Verdonk. Bring a plastic bottle if you have one (12 oz, 20 oz. or 1 liter),  
 July 28, 2:00-3:30 PM Hook a Rug for grades: 3-up - Learn how to do traditional hooking using wool strips with Willy Cochran, Betty Edwards, Judy Cole and Lois Schumacher from the Richmond Green Mountain Rug Hooking Guild. The Guild is generously lending the kits for use during this program.  
 Last, don't forget the ending Beach Party on July 30, 4:00 PM -5:00 PM on the Jericho Center Green.  
 For more information on any of the programs scheduled, visit the web site at: <http://www.jerichotownlibrary.org/programs-and-events>  
 To register or check for any other openings, stop by the library or call 899-4686.  
 Other items of interest for kids are:  
 If you are a student 12 or older, we encourage you to sign up for your Teen Reading Record. Each time you attend a library program, volunteer at the library, or report on a book you have read we will mark your card and enter your name in the drawing for a \$25.00 gift certificate to the University Mall. The winner will be selected at the end of the summer.  
 Those of you who are under 12 may pick up your Make a Splash Reading Log. Record the books that you read during the summer reading program. Bring the log with you when you visit the library, we will mark it and enter your name in a drawing for a savings bond donated by the Merchants Bank.  
 Finally, keep an eye out for folks from the Jericho Town Library at the Wednesday night concerts at Mills Riverside Park. They will be selling snacks and drinks, with proceeds going back to help the library collection and events, such as the Summer Reading Program.  
 The Board of Trustees meets regularly the first Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM at the library. The public is welcome so join us at our upcoming meetings on and June 3. The hours for the Jericho Town Library on the Green are Monday and Friday 1:00- 5:00 PM, Wednesday 10:00 AM-12:00 PM and 2:00-6:00 PM, Saturday 10:00 AM-1:00 PM. For more information call 899-4686 or email us at [Jerichotownlibrary@gmail.com](mailto:Jerichotownlibrary@gmail.com).  
**VARNUM MEMORIAL LIBRARY, JEFFERSONVILLE**  
 Get ready for it.... Fourth of July will bring fireworks, cookouts, and celebrations galore. And a fantastic book sale at the Varnum Memorial Library. Our storage is full of bursting with a huge selection of fiction, non-

fiction, and books for all ages. Adult books are \$1.00 for hard cover and \$0.50 for paperback, and children's books are \$0.50 for hard cover and \$0.25 for paperback. A limited selection is out now, as part of a preview sale. Expect much more on the Fourth. We invite you to come by after the parade and support the library and get ready for some summer...or winter reading.

This June the library is hosting a dog and cat book show. Bring in your children to check out books on our furry friends.

The Varnum Memorial Library is open Mondays and Tuesdays from 1:00-8:00 PM and Thursdays and Saturdays from 9:00 AM-12 noon. There are programs for children and adults, free Wi-Fi access, and of course books and materials to check out including the ECHO Center pass. Library canvas bags are now available for purchase. Come in and take a look at these attractive sturdy bags. Call 644-2117 if you have any questions.

**WESTFORD LIBRARY, WESTFORD**

Upcoming Events: Make A Splash @ Your Library - Events Free and Open to All.

Especially for Teens. Check out our Teen Reads section and enter a raffle for a UMail Gift Card. One entry per book read June 26 - July 30.

Thurs. July 1: 11:00 AM Storytime. Stories and activities for age's birth-preschool. Theme: Rain.

Fri., July 2: 1:00-2 PM, Read with JR the newfie, a Delta and pet therapy dog. For 1st, 2nd and 3rd graders. Parent permission slip required.

Sat. July 3, 11:00 AM. Float Building. This year's float is sure to make a splash. Help us build it and then meet at the Town Garage on Sunday, July 4, 11:30 AM to ride the float. Adult volunteers appreciated.

Sat. July 4, 11:30 AM, Town Parade. Meet at the Town Garage to ride the library float. Then, check out the Book Sale.

Sat. July 4, Book Sale, Best sellers, bargains and hidden treasures for readers of all ages.

Thurs. July 8, 11:00 AM, Storytime. Stories and activities for ages birth-preschool. Theme: Gone Fishin'.

Sat. July 10, 11:00 AM, Water Tricks - Magic or Science? Learn some cool tricks that will amaze your friends.

Fri. July 11, 7:00-8:00 PM, Concert on the Common. Shellhouse - original and eclectic rock and roll. Co-sponsored by the Westford Recreation Department and the Westford Public Library. Rain location: Red Brick Meeting House.

Wed. July 14, 6:00-7:00 PM, Read with JR the newfie, a Delta and pet therapy dog. For 1st, 2nd and 3rd graders. Parent permission slip required.

Wed. July 14, 6:00-7:00 PM, Book Discussion: A River Runs Through It by Norman Mclean.

Wed. July 15, 11:00 AM, Storytime. Stories and activities for ages birth-preschool. Theme: High Seas Adventure.

Thurs. July 16, 1:00-2:00, PM, Read with JR the newfie, a Delta and pet therapy dog. For 1st, 2nd and 3rd graders. Parent permission slip required.

Fri. July 17, 11:00 AM Pet Show. Bring your pet or favorite stuffed animal on a leash, in a box or otherwise under your control, to the Gazebo for judging and prizes.

Fri. July 17, 12:30-3:00 PM, Welcome Baby Tea. For Westford babies born May 2009 - May 2010. Parents - "Check out" the book dedicated to your child. Co-hosted by the Westford Public Library and Building Bright Futures.

Wed. July 21, 6:30 PM, Vermont Dream Boat. Geoff Kerr, Westford Resident and Owner of Two Daughters BoatWorks, shows how a Vermont family. For adults and families.

Thurs. July 22, 11:00 AM, Storytime. Stories and activities for age's birth-preschool. Theme: At the Beach.

Fri. July 23, 6:00 PM, Strategy and Board Games for Teens and Adults . Hosted by Matt Taylor.

Sat. July 24, 11:00 AM, Aquatic Animals and Swamp Stomp. After Carol Winfield shows us several aquatic animals, we'll go on a "swamp stomp" next to the library. Wear rubber boots or old shoes.

Sun. July 25, 7:00-8:00 PM. Concert on the Common. Tiffany Pfeiffer and the Discarnate Band - classic-jazz vocal aesthetic with modern beats, flavors, and rythm. Co-sponsored by the Westford Recreation Department and the Westford Public Library. Rain location: Red Brick Meeting House.

Wed. July 28, 6:00-7:00 PM, Read with JR the newfie, a Delta and pet therapy dog. For 1st, 2nd and 3rd graders. Parent permission slip required.

Thurs. July 29, 11:00 AM, Storytime. Stories and activities for ages birth-preschool. Theme: Bubble Fun.

Sat. July 31, 11:00 AM Sundae Feast. Build your own ice cream sundae in celebration of the Summer Reading Program. Certificates for all participants and prize drawings.

New Additions to the Collection: Adult Fiction: *Little Bee* (Cleave), *Innocent* (Turow), *Dead in the Family* (Harris). Adult Nonfiction: *New England Insight Guide*, *Early Literacy Storytimes* (Ghoting), *War* (Junger).

Teen: *Thirteen Reasons Why* (Asher), *Beach Blondes* (Applegate), *Tan Lines* (Applegate), *My Most Excellent Year* (Kluger), *Wicked Lovely* (Marr), *City of Thieves* (Benioff), *Little Brother* (Doctorow), *Sunrise Over Falluja* (Myers), *Being Nikki* (Cabot), *Airhead* (Cabot), *Runaway* (Cabot), *The Boy in the Striped Pajamas* (Boyne), *The Short Second Life of Bree Tanner* (Meyers).

Juvenile: ALL DCFs - Thanks to Ms Bochanski at Westford School.

The Library is open Wednesdays 1:00-7:00 PM, Thursdays 10:00 AM-6:00 PM, Fridays 12:00-6:00 PM and Saturdays 10:00 AM-2:00 PM. We can be reached at 802-878-5639, [westford\\_pl@vals.state.vt.us](mailto:westford_pl@vals.state.vt.us), and [www.westford.lib.vt.us](http://www.westford.lib.vt.us). See our website for the complete Summer Reading Program Brochure - Make at Splash @ Your Library.

**RECIPE BY MARIAN TOBIN**



Creole Cod Fillets  
 2 lb. Cod fillets  
 1 Tblsp flour  
 1 sm onion diced  
 1 lb. can tomatoes  
 1 pimento diced  
 1 bay leaf  
 1/4 tsp monosodium glutamate (optional)  
 1 tsp salt, dash pepper, 1/4 tsp oregano.  
 Cut fish into bite size portions, place in shallow 2 quart baking dish. Combine remaining ingredients, pour over fish. Bake at 350 degrees for about 1 hour.

**COURT REPORT**

May 11, 2010, **Christopher E. Brown**, 25, Jericho, VT, charged with vehicle operation – license suspended in Williston, VT on April 13, 2010; pleaded guilty; sentenced to six to seven days.  
 May 11, 2010, **Thomas Maranville**, 23, Jericho, VT, charged with DUI, second offense, in Burlington, VT on March 14, 2010; pleaded guilty; fined \$300, sentenced to four to 12 months, suspended but 60 hours, probation.  
 May 17, 2010, **Jesse R. Pittala**, 24, Westford, VT, charged with forgery – utter/publish an instrument, felony, in Colchester, VT on March 31, 2010; pleaded guilty; sentence deferred for one year.  
 May 21, 2010, **John D. Foran**, 31, Underhill, VT, charged with DUI, second offense, in Essex, VT on January 28, 2010; pleaded guilty; fined \$500, sentenced to four to 12 months, suspended, probation.

**COMMUNITY COLUMN**

**Earthquake!**

By Sara Riley

*Special to the Mountain Gazette*

Yes, we had an earthquake – or should I say, *another* earthquake – in Vermont. The last one was in 2002; I thought that one was a big truck on the interstate just above the store I was in, at exit 11 in Richmond. This time I was at work, and it triggered an old memory. The very first earthquake I ever experienced was quite a few years back. I was in California on a business trip in the Bay area, and was one of 300 or so people in some kind of seminar on the fifth floor. So we were all sitting there, in rows of folding chairs, watching the presentation. My seat started to quiver annoyingly, and I turned around to glare at the guy behind me and get him to stop jiggling his foot on my chair. Well, I found myself looking at the back of his head. Then I noticed that his was but one in a sea of backs-of-the-head – in other words, everyone in the room had turned around in unison to glare at the guy behind him to get him to stop jiggling his foot and in unison everyone in the room realized: *the guy behind me is not jiggling his foot.* At that point, we all figured out that the reason the building was swaying four or five inches (my estimate) up there on the fifth floor was that the whole city was swaying. Only one person bolted; the rest of us laughed, albeit rather nervously. There were aftershocks over the next day or so but luckily, that was all. By and large, Vermont is a safe place to live. There isn't much from the natural world that can kill you. Few earthquakes; tornadoes almost as rare. Hurricanes don't generally arrive with much force. We have cold and snow and blizzards, but you can ride those out with normal care and preparation. We don't have a problem with mountain lions, which in the West have been known to eat 22-year-old male joggers for lunch. Our black bears are mild-tempered, for the most part. No grizzlies or wolves, though our coyotes are as big as German shepherds. Probably the biggest threats are rabid critters and the risk of hitting a moose with your car. I'm happy with this situation. I love the woods and wildlife, and regret that the big predators were killed off here, but honestly I'm really okay with keeping things as they are now. I feel safe in our woods winter and summer, night and day, and was really happy to be able to let my kids roam the woods without concern. In last week's earthquake I had a reprise of the somebody's-jiggling-his-foot thing, and was just as wrong this time. Guess I didn't learn!

**Chittenden East Community Tennis Association and USTA VERMONT**  
**Present a Junior Grand Prix Tennis Tournament Saturday and Sunday, July 10-11 (outdoor) at the courts behind Jericho Elementary School**  
**Events: Boy's Singles 10's,12's,14's,16's,18's Girl's Singles 10's,12's,14's,16's,18's**  
**Entry Fee \$20 (member or non-member), Deadline Tuesday, July 6<sup>th</sup>**  
**Contact: Suzanne McDevitt at 802-373-2790 Suzanne.mcdevitt314@gmail.com**

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 Applications available at [www.supersounds.com](http://www.supersounds.com)

**COACHES:**  
 • Corey Hevrin  
 • Anton Kelsey

ART

**Helen Day Art Center** is delighted to announce that we will be hosting the Habitat For Artists project this summer in Stowe. Habitat for Artists (HFA) is a site-specific, collaborative exhibition / creation / intervention project that provides artists with a basic 6 ft. by 6 ft. shed to be considered as a habitat/workspace for the duration of the exhibition. Participating artists will inhabit this simple and temporary structure and use the space to create art works or turn the structure into an artwork prior to and during the time of the exhibition. One habitat will be constructed on the front lawn of the Helen Day and an indoor gallery will host an exhibition entitled Recycling the Studio, a collection of works by artists involved in the HFA project over the past three years. It will also include an indoor Habitat as well as historical information and images documenting the project's history and evolution.

Habitat for Artists (HFA) was founded by Hudson Valley-based artist Simon Draper in 2008 after working for years with ideas related to space and found materials in his art practice. He relates a story about a woman contacted by the local authorities to remove her ice house before the spring thaw took hold. She protested the ice fishing shed was not her own. Later after examining the shed she discovered its owner had used her previously discarded paintings to cover part of the shed, allowing the police to confuse it for her own. It was out of this idea of repurposing artwork as a form of community interaction that the habitats were born.

Over the past three years, artists involved with HFA have built and worked in over twenty '6 x '6 temporary, portable studios made of predominantly reused and recycled material and installed on various sites, including a CSA farm, an environmental center, a river park and a parking lot. The studios function as residencies with a modest yet distinct presence that enables artists to explore their art practice and develop a new dialogue with different communities, as well as with other artists. Simultaneously a place for creating work and the work itself, these structures function as both studios for artists and installations for viewers to enter into and engage with. The HFA initiative addresses a number of diverse topics, such as: the creation of communities by artists and the consequent ejection of artists from these communities; matters of sustainability in art; thinking about the artistic process and its private and public manifestations; providing spaces of reflection for the public and asking the question "How much, how little, space is required to create and show art?"

**Vermont Handcrafter** is looking for creative and artistic Vermonters to join this not-for-profit organization dedicated to furthering the excellence of fine crafts and art that is created in Vermont. The 2010 jury applications are now available online. All applicants must be legal residents of Vermont who produce original handmade art and craft items. Applicants selected for membership will join a nurturing and inclusive community of Vermont artists and artisans. One of the benefits of Vermont Hand Crafters membership is the ability to participate in the annual Fine Art Craft Show held at the Sheraton Hotel & Conference Center in South Burlington the third week in November. This annual show is a long standing tradition in the Burlington area and is the largest event of Vermont-only artisans in the state attracting over 7000 customers from the greater New England area. Application Deadline is July 31. Application Packets and other criteria may be downloaded at [www.vermonthandcrafters.com](http://www.vermonthandcrafters.com).

**Art at Fletcher Allen Health Care Center**, 353 Blair Park road in Williston, Vt. (802-847-1600). From now through August 31, 2010, Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Artists Lucia Chiu (Chinese brush painting) and Annie Limoge (water color paintings), members of the Essex Art League, will display their original art work. For more information of EAL, please check our website ([www.essexartleague.com](http://www.essexartleague.com)).

**Art display at the Phoenix Book store & cafe**, 21 Essex Way, Essex, 802-872-7111. From now through August 31. Members of Essex Art League are displaying their original art work. For more info, please check [www.essexartleague.com](http://www.essexartleague.com).

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Helen Day Art Center announces the 18<sup>th</sup> annual Exposed! sculpture exhibition. Opening Reception Friday, July 9 at 5:00 PM.

Our annual exhibition of outdoor sculpture, now celebrating it's 18th year, is curated by UVM sculpture professor Meg McDevitt. It features over 20 individual works by artists from around the region, extending from the Helen Day Art Center to Stowe Kitchen and Bath and Chittenden Bank on the Mountain Road, and on the Stowe recreation path. A marquee event on Stowe's summer calendar, the exhibition attracts an estimated 75,000 visitors during its annual 3 month run.

The feature of the opening is the artist-led Walkabout tour of Exposed 2010. This year's exhibition includes works by regional and international artists, including Nadine Faraj (Canada), Joel Fisher (England/ USA), Kenji Endo (Japan), among others.

The Walkabout tours the show with the majority of the artists attending and sharing reflections on their work. List of participating artists: Leila Bandar, Jon Black, Tyler Buswell, Mireille Clapp, Kat Clear, Chris Curtis, Tom Douglas, Kenji Endo, Nadine Faraj, Joel Fisher, Rob Hitzig, Bruce Hathaway, James Irving, Harlan Mack, Jordan Pratt, Peg Smith, Piper Strong, Denis Versweyvel, Catherine Ward.

Exposed 2010 sculpture exhibition is made possible by Major Partners: Steve and Mary Jean Beindiek, Peter and Brenda Christie, Cushman Design Group, Robert and Jana Giordano, Stephen and Petra Levin, Drs. Leslie Abramson and Fred Rossman, Steve and Gail Blumsack, Frank J. Motter Construction, and Patterson and Smith Construction

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MUSIC

**Mountain Gazette's Party in the Park**, Mills Riverside Park, RT 15, Jericho, July 10, 2010, 10:00 AM – 6:30 PM. Music by SuperSounds, Pete and Karen Sutherland, and Lambsbread in their only Vermont concert of 2010.

**Fairfax Community Library Outdoor Concert Series**, 7:00 PM, lawn in front of Bellows Free Academy.

Tuesday, July 6, Fairfax, Fletcher, Westford Band

Tuesday, July 13, Carol Jones

Tuesday, July 20, Tammy Fletcher

Tuesday, July 27, Starline Rhythm Boys

Tuesday, August 10, Milton Band

Rain location, BFA Fairfax MS Gym

**Craftsbury Chamber Players begin 45th Summer Concert Series** in Hardwick and 30th season in Burlington. Wednesday, July 14 at 8:00 PM, UVM's Recital Hall, Redstone Campus, Burlington; Thursday, July 15 at 8:00 PM, Hardwick Town House, Hardwick. In one of the country's longest running music festivals, Craftsbury resident and Juilliard School faculty member Mary Anthony Cox brings together world-class musicians for six weekly concerts in Burlington and Hardwick. *Yankee Magazine's* endorsement of the Craftsbury Chamber Players as the "Best Chamber Music in Vermont" echoes the delight of decades of Vermont audiences.

The first concert of the season begins with Mozart's *Clarinet Trio in E-flat Major*, performed by Israeli clarinetist Tibi Cziger, pianist Mary Anthony Cox and violist Kenji Bunch, followed by *Cookbook for Clarinet and Piano*, in which composer Kenji Bunch explores the parallels between his dual passions of cooking and musical composition. Capping the evening is *String Quartet No. 1* by Argentinean-born composer Alberto Ginastera, in which violin-

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PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

ists Mary Rowell and Katherine Winterstein, violist Kenji Bunch and cellist Frances Rowell offer an exploration of varied rhythms, colors and textures.

Tickets can be purchased at the door beginning at 7:30: \$20 for adults, \$18 for seniors, and \$8 for students with ID. Children 12 and under free. Save with Season Tickets: \$95 adults, \$90 seniors, any four concerts - \$70. \$2 discount for Vermont Public Television members with cards.

In the afternoon of the evening performances, Craftsbury players offer a **FREE** children's mini-concert. Led by cellist Francis Rowell, the Craftsbury Chamber Players will perform selections from their evening concert in a fun and engaging program for children of all ages. (Wednesday @ 4:30, UVM Recital Hall; Thursday @ 2:00, Hardwick Town House).

THEATER

The Waterbury Festival Players in Waterbury Center, Vermont, present "Murder's Bad but Monday Can Kill You" by Pat Cook. This is an absurd spoof on the private eye movies of the past, but set in modern times for everyone—that is, except for private eye Harry Monday. Performances are Thu. 7/1 - Sat. 7/3, Wed. 7/7 - Sat. 7/10, Wed. 7/14 - Sat. 7/17. Tickets for all shows are \$20.00 in Advance (must be purchased by 5:00), \$22.00 at the Door. Shows begin at 7:30pm. Tickets can be purchased online at [www.WaterburyFestivalPlayers.com](http://www.WaterburyFestivalPlayers.com) or by phone at 802-498-3755.

**Four members MMU Lacrosse team chosen for All-State team**

*Kim Liberty (26), Kaleigh Heath (6), Halley Fisher (21), and Danielle Allendorf (4) were selected to the 2010 Vt All-State Girls Lacrosse team. All are juniors at MMU and were also selected to play in the Rising Stars game held in Middlebury on June 13. Kim Liberty and Kaleigh Heath were first team, Halley Fisher was second team and Danielle Allendorf was honorable mention.*

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**Green Mountain Bike tour schedule**

All of our rides are free and open to the public. Helmets are required. See <http://thegmbc.com/touring/2010%20Schedule.shtml> for the rest of our touring schedule.

Saturday, July 3, Willsboro Wanderer - 35 (E/M) and 50 (M/S) options of hilly terrain on low-traffic roads in New York. There are two potential stops for ice cream. Bring money for the ferry and food stops. The shorter version of this ride skips the big hill out of Willsboro. Meeting Time: 8:30. Meeting Place: Charlotte ferry parking lot, Ferry Road Leader: Matt Kuivinen - 413-427-2177 / [mattkui@earthlink.net](mailto:mattkui@earthlink.net), Co-Leader: Donna Leban - 865-2839 / [lightspd@comcast.net](mailto:lightspd@comcast.net).

Sunday, July 4, Salisbury Ice Cream Social - This is a 27 mile E/M ride with a few short hills. Stop at Salisbury Congregational Church for the 35th annual Salisbury Ice Cream Social. Meeting Time: 11:45. Meeting Place: Three Mile Bridge Road. (The turn is just past the intersection of Route 7 and Route 116. The parking area is a dirt lot on the left about 100 yards after the turn). Leader: John Bertelsen - 864-0101 / [jo.bertel@gmail.com](mailto:jo.bertel@gmail.com). Co-Leader: Karla Ferrelli - 864-0101 / [karla.ferrelli@gmail.com](mailto:karla.ferrelli@gmail.com).

Sunday, July 11, Almost to Canada - Nice riding in northwestern Vermont near Lake Carmi. Mileage options are 30 (M) and 60 (S). Both rides go through Morses Line and then Franklin where some can stop for a food break. The shorter ride returns on route 120 and 105 through Sheldon. The long ride goes up to Richford (with another potential food stop) and returns on 105 through Enosburg Falls. Meeting Time: 8:45. Meeting Place: Highgate Elementary School - I-89 north to exit 21 in Swanton, take 78 East to Highgate Center, left on 207 North, the School is on the left. For those coming from the Burlington area, we suggest carpooling at the Richmond or Colchester Park and Rides. Leader: Karl Garen - 233-6234 / [kgaren@madriver.com](mailto:kgaren@madriver.com). Co-Leader: Leslie Carew - 865-2805 / [carew@champlain.edu](mailto:carew@champlain.edu).



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LEGAL NOTICES

**TOWN OF JERICHO SIDEWALK PUBLIC HEARING**

The Town of Jericho will hold a public hearing on Monday July 12, 2010 at 7:00 PM in the Jericho Town Hall to review and receive public comment on revised conceptual plans for sidewalks on VT Route 15 from Palmer Lane to the Underhill Town Line in Riverside/Underhill Flats. All interested persons are welcome to appear and be heard. Written materials may be viewed in the Planning Office during regular business hours. For more information contact Seth Jensen, Jericho Town Planner.

**TOWN OF JERICHO – DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The Jericho Development Review Board will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, July 22, 2010 at 7:00 PM** in the Jericho Town Hall to consider the following:

- A request by John Bugbee of the Autosmith for Conditional Use and Site Plan Approval of motor vehicle sales. The property is currently owned by Scott Lecours and is located at 210 Vermont Route 15 in the Commercial Zoning District.

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

**Westford** continued from page 1

The School Board went back to the drawing board to draft a revised, level-funded budget which eliminated one half time administrative position, reduced assumptions on salaries and benefits, and cut expenditures for supplies, training and travel. The revised budget would have increased taxes for some residents by 5.5%. Conrad Racine of Concerned Citizens of Westford was disappointed the budget was presented at a regular meeting instead of a special hearing where residents could provide input. He felt the Board simply "rubber stamped" the recommendations made by the Superintendent's Office. The Concerned Citizens continued to oppose the budget with Racine troubled by the fact that teachers were not asked to forego their step increases. "We've felt the pain," he said, "and it's time the teachers do, as well."

The third round of voting featured even more voters than the second round: 49.4% of those registered. The final tally was 359 to 353 against the budget; a margin of only six votes. Racine said this was the first school budget where so much data was presented, a fact he considered testament to the work of the Concerned Citizens. He questioned the timing of the teachers' contract being signed just before the revote took place. School Board Chair Martha Heath responded that contract negotiations had been taking place for 18 months and the Board hoped to avoid bringing in an outside mediator. "We felt it was time to sign a contract," she said, "and we

felt we had a reasonable deal." Teachers will receive a pay increase of 2% including step increases which will add an additional \$2,500 to the FY '11 budget. However, the teachers also agreed to add an additional one percent to their portion of the health care premiums, saving the district \$2,500. "It's impossible when you are that far into negotiations to go back and put different positions on the table," Heath said. She said she hoped residents would become part of the negotiating process for the next two year contract which will begin in the late fall or early winter.

In Racine's view, the vote was a "no confidence" vote against the School Board and the Central Office. He said the School Board worked hard to muster votes for the budget while the Concerned Citizens only sent out post cards and made a few phone calls, eschewing the door to door campaigning they used for the prior vote. Racine said his group is currently more concerned with transparency than money, and many believe Superintendent Michael Dewese wields too much control over the school. Racine said the Concerned Citizens have been told they didn't provide any constructive offers during the process, but his view is they were never asked for their opinion. "What I'd really like to see before the next vote," he said, "is for Martha [Heath] to sit down with our little group and have some back and forth dialogue."

Heath said it would be inappropriate to sit down with one particular group rather than the community at large. The School Board has not decided on their next step and is looking at the possibility of holding a fourth vote on Primary Day in August to avoid the expense of another special election. Heath said the Board recognizes there was frustration with the way the meeting prior to this vote was held, so the Board may consider another process with fewer constraints. That decision has yet to be made.

Despite the ongoing debate in Westford, there was one piece of good news for Heath. The day before the vote, the State Board of Education awarded her the Martha H. O'Connor award for her contributions to education. The award is presented annually "to a private citizen or citizens who celebrate the achievements of others, do not claim credit for themselves, remain resolute in difficult times, demonstrate leadership, grace, and humor, and who always make children a priority."

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years experience in finance, accounting and human resources to her new post. She was an administrator for two law firms in Southern California before moving to Vermont. Prior to working for Aon, she was personnel director, accountant and team leader for Clear Channel Communications in Colchester.

She and her husband, John Sheppard, whom she married in 1999, live in Essex Center—a community much smaller than San Bernardino, California, where she lived before moving to Vermont. She was born in Merrill, Wisconsin, a small community in the northern part of that state, but her parents moved to the Los Angeles area when she was young. As an adult, wife and the mother of a daughter, she and her family kept moving farther away from Los Angeles. "But you really can't escape the city," she said.

"I had heard of Vermont," Sheppard said, "how beautiful it was, with less concrete," she said with a smile. So she moved here. That decision brought her closer to her daughter, Elizabeth, who lives in Amherst, Massachusetts.

The Selectboard decided to create the new financial officer position when long-time Treasurer Joan Lehouiller and her husband, Marcel, announced last winter they were moving to Essex. Town Clerk Sherri Morin was elected Treasurer last March Town Meeting and will oversee Sheppard, who is responsible for the day-to-day duties of the financial officer position. She will be paid \$48,000 annually.

While Lehouiller is helping Sheppard learn the ropes of Underhill's municipal finances, Sheppard and her husband, John, drive separate cars to work. But once on her own, she said they most likely will commute together. He is a substance abuse counselor at Maple Leaf Farm in Underhill.

To help her with her new position, the town sent her to two training sessions after she began work, a two-day seminar on accounting, payroll management and property taxes software at the Holiday Inn in South Burlington and another on municipal fraud and efficiency in Montpelier, sponsored by the Vermont League of Cities and Towns.

Selectboard Chairman Steve Walkerman said the board received more than 40 applications for the post, interviewed six candidates and then interviewed three of those candidates a second time before hiring Sheppard. "It was quite competitive," Walkerman said.

"The feedback I'm getting is that she is picking things up quickly and settling in good order," he said.

An avid reader, Sheppard said she likes biographies, having read books on Alexander Hamilton, Lyndon Johnson and Nelson Rockefeller, and recently becoming entranced with science fiction.

**Community Center** continued from page 1

nity' among the people who live here – their sense of belonging to, caring about, and enjoying this community." The goal is to serve Jericho and neighboring communities by providing a setting for group activities.

Although owned and insured by the JCPA, the Center is managed by a group of volunteers who make up the Board of Trustees; many have served on the Board for many years while others are newcomers, drawn to this hub of activity. The town of Jericho provides some annual funding, but other costs including upkeep, repairs, heating, and snow plowing are covered by nominal fees for use of the building, donations, and fund-raising activities such as the annual Country Garden Tour.

It is hard to imagine a building with more varied uses. The main room is used for art and dance classes, yoga and martial arts, craft shows, plant sales, and dog obedience training. The back room hosts meetings of a variety of local groups and served as the temporary base for municipal meetings during the renovations of Jericho's Town Hall in 2008. It is the site of Jericho's annual Green-Up Breakfast and has also hosted a community-wide potluck supper in 2009. Five years ago, members of the Board of Trustees of the Center began a series of annual classes known as Village University which are based in the building. Birthday parties, memorial services, movie showings and political events have all taken place under its roof. An average of 100 people uses the building every week.

In 1999, the furnace flooded as a result of work on the church next door. A capital campaign netted \$10,000 through mailings to Jericho residents and other users of the building and the problem was repaired. In 2008 the Center found itself low on cash due to the high cost of heating and plowing the previous winter. Again, residents of Jericho and beyond opened their wallets and provided much needed funds. In fact, there was sufficient money for the Board to be proactive. Trustees decided to see what they could do to reduce energy costs. One plan was to add extra insulation, but as they were beginning the process, they discovered a rather dramatic bowing of the brick on the north side of the building.

Trustees learned that the historic structure sits between two levels of ledge. They called the Preservation Trust of Vermont which determined that the building is not stable. It can still be used for community functions, but needs immediate attention. The first step, already completed and paid for by two anonymous donors, was stabilizing the building to the tune of \$8,000. The rest of Phase I will include repairs to the foundation, and the design and installation of a new drainage system at a cost of roughly \$42,000. Phase I must be completed before the ground freezes to prevent further damage. Phase II will involve repairing the brick facing on the building. While the Board hopes to have this done in 2010, the project can wait until the following year. The estimated cost is just under \$22,000. Phase III features a number of smaller tasks including the installation of a vapor barrier in the basement, additional insulation, chimney and roof repairs, window sash conservation, treating the exposed timber and sealing the brick to the wood. An incomplete estimate for the cost of Phase III is \$16,300. In order to complete Phase I on time, the Board hopes to raise \$100,700. The work will be performed by Preservation Unlimited, Engineering Ventures, and Building Heritage; three contractors recommended by Vermont Preservation Trust.

Laurel Shelmandine, Board Treasurer, said a number of events are being planned to help raise funds. "We want to draw people together and make it a fun way to raise money," she said, but conceded that event fundraising will not be enough to pay the bills. While the schedule is still in the formative stage, Shelmandine said one event which will definitely take place is a Mystery Theater Dinner in the fall. Additional fund raising will take place in the form of requests for donations from community members and businesses. Several area businesses have already contributed items for a raffle drawing. The first of these will be a raffle for \$1,000 worth of groceries from the Hannaford's in Essex. The Board will sell 100 tickets at \$50 each.

A subgroup has formed to look into applying for grants. Since grants are long-term propositions, the Board does not expect any of those funds to arrive in time for Phase I.

Shelmandine noted that the Community Center has been led exclusively by volunteers for all eighteen years of its existence. During that time, other Community Centers have faltered, but the Jericho Community Center has continued its work unabated. Since the Board charges small fees for use of the building and receives some money from the town, they have rarely had to do fundraising beyond their regular events: the Country Garden Tour, the Historic Houses Tour (in some years this was either a Rock Garden Tour or a Barn Tour) and the sale of an annual calendar. However, twelve and two years ago, additional fundraising was needed and the community stepped in to help. Shelmandine hopes residents will continue to open their hearts and wallets for the historic structure.

The Community Center sponsored tours can attract up to 100 people. Shelmandine said the Board is continually grateful to the property owners who open up their yards and homes to total strangers. Usually funds from the tours go toward operating expenses. This year, those expenses are covered so all money raised from the tours will go directly towards repairs. Board member Elizabeth Bernstein is also hopeful that the community will rally around the building. "She has served us well," Bernstein said, "and I think this community will serve her well. We won't let her fall down."

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