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## Roller Derby, that's my game!



Nicholas is a St. Bernard who was rescued last year from a puppy mill. SAVE OUR STRAYS stepped in when he was scheduled to be killed neither the breeder nor pet stores wanted him. Given a "second chance" this wonderful pooch was adopted by a caring family in Huntington who have two other St. Bernards. Nicholas often can be seen visiting nursing homes or serving as a spokes DOG at Save Our Stray fundraising events, such as GM Roller Derby at Champlain Fairgrounds February 20...SAVE OUR STRAYS an all volunteer, nonprofit has been assisting needy cats & dogs for 15 years and have placed over 3000 into loving homes and is funded only by the compassion of our community.

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## Jericho Underhill Food Shelf receives donation

A \$500 check was presented to the Jericho Underhill Food Shelf by the local Masons. Accepting the donation was Rev. Dagmar Rosenberg of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Jericho, where the food shelf is located. Presenting the check is Bob Wetzels, center, of Ethan Allen #72, F&AM Lodge, Vince Comegno, right of Mansfield F&AM of Jericho. Most of the money was raised by the Masons annual Pancake Breakfast held at the Masonic Lodge in Jericho on Palm Sunday every year. This year the Breakfast will be held on March 28.

We thank the community for supporting us so that we can help support the local food shelf.

## Underhill resident Bob Covey appointed to state board

Underhill resident Bob Covey was recently appointed by Governor Jim Douglas to serve on the Vermont State Board of Funeral Service. Covey, a Vermont native and long-time funeral director, formerly owned family funeral homes located in Southern Vermont. He began his career in funeral service in 1968 as a partner with his grandfather in Wilmington. In 1984, he and his wife Kathie acquired funeral homes in Bennington, Arlington and Manchester which they operated until 2003.

Covey has also served two terms as President and Board member of the Vermont Funeral Directors Association as well as being a member of several regional and national funeral organizations.

Bob Covey and his wife reside on Harvest Run in Underhill. He continues to work at his profession, providing support services and consulting to area funeral homes.



## Group seeks preschool in Jericho, Underhill

By Ted Tedford  
Special to the Mountain Gazette

Half the elementary schools in the Chittenden East Supervisory Union (CESU) have it and half don't.

For several years, children aged three to five from Bolton, Huntington and Richmond have been attending preschool classes in their elementary schools, according to Julianne Nickerson and Abby Retzlaff of Underhill. The three elementary schools in the northern part of the supervisory union, Jericho Elementary, Underhill Central Elementary and Underhill I.D. Elementary Schools do not yet have such programs in the schools.

Because of the lack of in-school programs for this age group parents have been sending their children to state-approved preschool programs at Poker Hill School in Underhill and Saxon Hill and Good Shepherd Church PreSchool, both in Jericho, or to other pre-school or day-care centers.

Nickerson and Retzlaff have been involved with a nine-person Community Needs Assessment Committee composed of members from the five towns in Chittenden East. The purpose was to conduct a study to determine the wants and needs of parents for early child care, required by Act 62, the law creating state-sponsored preschool education. Act 62 provides funding for preschool children age four to five, but not three-year-olds.

The committee received through CESU a \$7,000 grant from the

Vermont Community Preschool Cooperative to conduct a study. The survey revealed that as of last year there were 65 Underhill children and 56 Jericho children age four to five receiving some kind of out-of-home care, including licensed and non-licensed or registered day care.

Members of the Community Needs Assessment Committee approached the Jericho School Board in November to discuss whether that board would partner with the three privately run preschool programs and others to launch a preschool program, or through Act 62, use state and local funds to pay for preschool for children in existing non-school preschool programs.

"We had this discussion and philosophically we all support preschool and the idea that everyone should have access to affordable and quality school services," said Karen Glitman, board chairwoman. However, the board made no commitment, she said, because of several factors. One was that Jericho would save money the first year but if the two other districts, Underhill Town and Underhill I.D., adopted preschools, "much of that money would go away." Nickerson questioned that statement, saying the various school districts can only count the children who live within the district.

Nickerson said privately run preschools may receive Act 62 state funding under contract with the local district in which they are located.

## Representative Adam Howard - balancing legislative work, enjoyment of Vermont, and family

By Phyl Newbeck  
Special to the Mountain Gazette

Adam Howard admits that he misses the skiing, but other than that, he's more than happy with his new role as State Representative for the towns of Belvidere, Cambridge and Waterville. Howard has a degree in political science and has always been active in his community, so volunteering to fill the seat left vacant when long-time representative Rich Westman was named Tax Commissioner seemed like a natural progression.

Westman was chair of the Transportation Committee and Howard was assigned to that committee, as well. Aside from his interest in the field, Howard thinks it's a good fit because it allows him to provide an immediate benefit to the towns he represents. "Its boots on the ground kind of stuff dealing with our roads," he said. Howard hasn't introduced any legislation in the committee yet. "I didn't want to come in here with guns blazing," he said, noting that he also doesn't want to upset legislative protocol. Howard has introduced one bill outside his committee. Listening to the discussions about current use and the proposals to place a one-year moratorium on new lands entering the program, Howard suggested incentivizing those in current use who do not post their property, thereby providing a benefit for people who keep their land open for public recreation.

You can expect to see Howard's name on the ballot in the fall. "It was always my intention to run," he said, "unless being here was catastrophic for my family and business, and it hasn't been." Howard's daughters, Antonia, 2 and Hazel, 5, are too young to appreciate what their father is doing, but his wife Holly has been very supportive. "I couldn't do this without the support of my wife," said Howard. "My extended family is nearby as well and both parents have stepped in and helped out." Howard thanked his parents and in-laws for helping to make his seat "a family affair," adding "we all care about this place."

Howard wryly noted that vying for Westman's vacant seat was the first time he has made a significant life move that wasn't based on skiing. A native of Cambridge, Howard went to Western State College in Gunnison, Colorado where he skied at Crested Butte and Monarch. He returned to Vermont to settle near the mountains and married a fellow skiing enthusiast. For five years he was a professional ski patroller at Smuggler's Notch before becoming editor of Backcountry magazine in 2002. In 2009 he relinquished his position after Backcountry purchased Alpinist magazine so that he could oversee both endeavors, but he continued to visit ski areas as part of

his job duties. Although serving in the House has cut into his time on the slopes, Howard is philosophical about the change in his priorities. "Skiing is a hedonistic pursuit," he said. "Now my goal is to pass that love on to my children. I can do that and still do this job."

Howard said the Legislature moves slower than he had expected, but finds that this is probably a good thing. "Things should move slowly," he said, "because the process should be thoughtful and deliberative." Still, he finds the political system to be quite a contrast from the business world. What has impressed Howard the most is the high quality of his colleagues. He said outsiders may not realize the high caliber of talent in the House; something which transcends party labels. In the Transportation Committee he credits Timothy Corcoran, a Democrat, and Patrick Brennan, a Republican, with helping him learn the ropes. Howard enjoys the fact that camaraderie crosses party lines. "There are very few people who come down here and spend time who don't create friendships that are blind to any political delegation," he said. "That's really cool."

Howard admits to being disappointed by legislators who make a stand based on trying to get reelected. "That's the quandary that all politicians face," he said. However, he is impressed with how transparent the Legislature is, allowing members of the public to sit in on legislative sessions and publishing full contact information for all members. "The beautiful thing about Vermont state government," he said, "is that it's so wide open. I'm proud of this place."

Although Howard lives in Cambridge, he believes he can be an effective representative for the towns of Belvidere and Waterville, as well. Having attended Lamoille Union High School, he already has connections to those communities. While Howard believes Cambridge differs from the other two towns by being more of a bedroom community, he sees many commonalities between the municipalities. "They all just want to be heard," he said.

Howard has no plans for a political future beyond the Legislature. "I'm obviously interested in politics," he said, "but I feel that my career trajectory will remain in publishing and this is simply public service and sacrifice." Howard said his main goal is to ensure that Cambridge remains a place where his children can afford to live; a prospect that greatly worries him. "I don't want this to be a retirement place for the wealthy," he said. But before jumping into things, he wants to spend his time listening and learning about the legislative process. "I didn't come down here with an agenda and I don't have an axe to grind," he said. All I can control is what I bring to the table. I'm doing my best to bring some of my little talent to the place."

The Mountain Gazette had a bout with computer virus and Trojan horses and lost some information from our email and computer. I apologize if your information did not make it to the paper. If it is still relevant please send it again. Corrections to the Underhill Jericho Directory page 3.

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**COURT REPORT**

January 22, 2010, **Randy L. Paquette**, 45, Westford, VT, charged with petty larceny \$900 or less in Milton on June 6, 2009; pleaded guilty; fined \$300.

**Girl Scout cookies time**

Girl Scouts of the Green and White Mountains' cookie orders are being delivered, so look for yours to arrive soon. Didn't see a Girl Scout? We are holding cookie booth sales through mid March so you can stock up. To find a booth sale near you, call the Girl Scout Cookie Hotline: 888-474-9686 ext. 201. Leave your name, phone number and town and you'll get a call back. Or go to [www.girlscoutsgwm.org](http://www.girlscoutsgwm.org) and click on the Cookie Booth Locator to find a booth sale near you.

There are eight delicious varieties and they sell for \$3.50 a box. Girl Scout Cookies are kosher foods and contain 0 grams of trans fats per serving.

**UJ FIRE DEPARTMENT**

By Kitty Clark

**EMERGENCY CALLS:**  
 February 13, 2:39 PM - Responded to 59 Timber Ridge Rd., Underhill for a chimney fire  
 February 13, 9:17 PM - Responded to 198 River Rd., Underhill for a chimney fire  
 February 14, 8:41 AM - Responded to a two vehicle accident on Skunk Hollow Rd., Jericho  
 February 14, 7:46 PM - Responded to a one vehicle accident near 1205 Vermont RT 15, Underhill  
 February 16, 9:32 AM - EMS Assist  
 February 17, 11:32 AM - Responded Mutual Aid to 1254 Old Stage Rd., Westford for a structure fire  
 February 18, 3:41 PM - EMS Assist  
 February 19, 11:00 PM - Good Intent call, cancelled  
 February 20, 7:33 AM - Responded to the area of 675 Vermont RT 15, Underhill, Black Ice with many cars sliding into the ditch  
 February 20, 7:04 PM - Dispatched to the Underhill State Park for lost skiers who were actually at the end Dean Road, the fire department then proceeded to Dean Rd. and with the help of snow machines and our gator, four skiers were brought down tired, thirsty and hungry but okay.

Four other skiers were higher up the mountain and spent the night on the mountain and were rescued the next morning by Stowe Rescue.

February 20, 7:54 PM - Responded to the area of 300 Pleasant Valley for a roll over, this happened two hours earlier and had been checked on by VSP, we were then cancelled

February 23, 11:30 AM - EMS Assist  
**REMINDER:** The UJFD is looking for new members; this is a good way to serve your community. If you think that you might like to become a member of the UJFD, log on to [ujfd.org](http://ujfd.org) or stop by the station on RT 15 between the hours of 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday and get an application.

Another reminder: Have a fire escape plan with your family and practice it so that each member of the family knows what to do if you do have a fire in your home. If you have an active fire in your house you need to know how to escape safely. A plan is so important and be sure that all smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors work and have fresh batteries.

Spring is coming soon and this is a good time to check each room in your home for fire hazards.  
**PRACTICE FIRE SAFETY EVERYDAY!**

**Nominate a Champion for Girls**

Girl Scouts of the Green and White Mountains wants to recognize Vermont women who are championing the causes of women and particularly girls in the Green Mountain State.

The nominees should be women who have made significant contributions to girls through their work, philanthropy, and/or community service. These champions have broken through gender barriers, moved forward with innovative ideas, and served as powerful, positive role models. In the inaugural year of this award, to be presented at a Breakfast with Champions celebration on May 4 in Montpelier, we will celebrate three champions in the categories of governance, business, and community

To nominate someone who has made a significant difference in the lives of girls and women, go to [www.girlscoutsgwm.org](http://www.girlscoutsgwm.org), or contact Karen Green at [kgreen@girlscoutsgwm.org](mailto:kgreen@girlscoutsgwm.org). Nominations are due March 5; nominees do not need to be Girl Scouts. We are also seeking sponsors for this event.

Girl Scouts of the Green and White Mountains serves 17,000 girls in New Hampshire and Vermont, thanks to our 5,600 trained and dedicated volunteers. We build girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place. See [www.girlscoutsgwm.org](http://www.girlscoutsgwm.org) for more or call 888-474-9686 to register or volunteer.

**COMMUNITY COLUMNS**

**The downside of winter**

By Sara Riley  
 Special to the Mountain Gazette

Roof raking is the downside of winter.  
 Okay, snow shoveling is right there with roof raking, but without

sidewalks there is little shoveling to do, just cleanup around the dooryard. Without our snowplowers to keep the dooryard and road clear, we'd be sledding down the hill and – taking a good deal longer – slogging back up, carrying or dragging our cargo. *Not* an attractive idea. None of us could live in our towns without our faithful, hard-working town road crews and snowplow angels. Unless we all had dogsleds, but that's another whole topic.

Last week's big snowfalls added almost two feet to the snow already on the roof. Most often, there's nothing to do but wait for the snow to slide off the standing seam, but two things common to late February and March move to action: heavy, wet snow and daytime above-freezing temperatures.

You don't want to leave that kind of snow up there. The resulting ice jams back up water into the house structure, and the ceiling shows it. I keep saying when the weather warms I'll get around to hitting it with Kilz and a fresh coat of paint, but then it's summer and the garden beckons, and then it's late winter and it happens again...

On the other hand, the sheer weight of four feet of high-water-content snow on the shallow slope of the deck roof has got to figure in the tons, and we don't like to leave it. Though we *think* the deck roof structure will hold up, when the snow does slide it will crush anything in its path, for instance the mountings of two satellite dishes that are (unwisely) positioned on the side edge of the roof. And when the snow on the dormer above slides off onto the deck roof, it compacts the snow beneath and seemingly defies the laws of physics by apparently becoming heavier.

Getting through that stuff with a curved plastic 6"x20" blade on

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COMMUNITY COLUMNS

# NECKLACE

By Suzanne Kusserow  
Senior Guest Columnists

*Community meeting:*

Tiny, she sits somewhat stiffly upright in a chair that engulfs her, trying to adapt the curve of her back into it. The curve has come with old age, small bones and fair-skinned, blonde Norwegian when young. Her hair, part rosy cream, part white, fluffs around her head so sparsely that it doesn't begin to cover the bald spots. Her eyes are bright and observant; her motions quick and birdlike. It is winter with all the bulky paraphernalia that implies; she struggles with her coat. The woman next to her reaches over surrounds her shoulders with her arms and eases the coat off; it drops onto the back of the chair, but the neighbor's arms remain, patting the old woman's shirt into place again. She gently dusts the sparse hair to correct the disruption from struggling out of winter apparel, and with the arm that still surrounds the stooped shoulders, she gives a gentle hug, a lay benediction but without superiority under the guise of deference. She lays her head, gray too, but thick and curly, on the other's cheek and they smile at each other. A moment has come, has been well-used and glorified into sustenance. It disappears. Or does it? I was watching from another row; this moment has changed them, and it has been my privilege to learn from it. All three of us tuck it away for another time, a chance to resurrect it from our memories and pass it along.

*Campfire:*

We didn't know each other; we simply gathered at a spot off the California trail where someone had piled some sticks to burn, and the glow of the campfire drew us in, sparks spiraling up like orange fireflies into the back night. We talked and sung and stirred the coals back to brightness, and the circle reminded us all of the contrasts in

our lives: light and warmth on our faces, and cold air and the unknown at our backs. We had fallen into silence since individual talk would have seemed trivial against the immense black curtain of the night. I looked across the dying fire at an older man. I cannot describe him; I would never see him again or know his name, or even care to know. I remember only his eyes: intent, calm, no expectancy, no message, one life meeting another and speaking without words....about how short life was and how this campfire would never happen again, and how such moments of pure connection need to be treated as a gem.

Karl Jung said we sometimes meet very briefly and without preamble, and that imperceptible encounter changes us. Something has clicked into place, so slight we can't even remember what we retained previously. Our path veers ever-so-slightly and our vision is subtly redirected. It cannot be called spiritual; there is too little thought or structure or consciousness to it. Perhaps it is closest to magic, when we leave magic in its most gentle form. We take these moments and string them on a colorful ribbon from the bottom drawer of our childhood, a worn leather shoelace, a dried weaving of summer grasses.....whatever feels good in our hands. We string our gems, our moments: a small stone, a dried flower, a raindrop, if it will hold, a little crumpled bit of paper with a child's spelling, a bent brass ring from a street vendor in Italy, a song we danced to, and yes, even a campfire spark that still glows every now and then.

No one sees this necklace; even we seldom take it from our minds and bring it into our vision. But sometimes we finger one of the icons, and the moment comes rushing back to once more enrich our lives. So, if someone smiles, in the midst of a task not really worth smiling about, then the smile is for themselves only...(too deep inside to be questioned or joined). Perhaps, then, the necklace glows for a minute or two before disappearing again into the lives we have become.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

## From the Statehouse

By Rep. Martha Heath

The process for preparing a budget for FY11 is in full swing in my committee; House Appropriations. We were helped in our process this year because the administration got the Budget Adjustment Bill to us in December and in fact work on that bill has been completed by both the House and the Senate. We also received the FY11 Budget proposal in writing on the day the governor gave his budget address. That has helped considerably in our ability to understand all of his proposals early in our process.

The projected deficit in the state's General Fund for FY11 is \$150M. The task of creating a balanced budget that must solve this level of deficit is a challenging one. Several steps have been taken that will help. Last week the House and Senate completed work on a bill known as the Challenges Bill. This summer the legislature hired the Public Strategies Group to help state government become more efficient and effective. This group has done work in other states with good results. PSG worked with a legislative committee and the administration to come up with eight challenges to reduce state spending. The concept is that departments or agencies will be asked to redesign programs in order to save money while still delivering the same level of service. The legislature spent time during the early weeks of the session creating outcomes for these challenges that the administration must achieve. The bill also requires the administration to come back to the legislature in four weeks with a system of measurements that will be used to decide whether the challenges have been met. This is a new way of doing business and the change has been difficult for many to envision and accept. That said, the bill passed both bodies with very strong votes and will be signed by the governor shortly. I believe it is the right thing for the legislature to assume its proper oversight role by monitoring outcomes while letting the administrative branch design and carry out the programs. It requires a level of trust that is difficult. If it is successful though, it could lead to a much improved way of budgeting in the state.

The Challenge Bill is designed to meet \$38M of the projected \$150M deficit. Last month the state teachers' association and the state treasurer announced an agreement which will save the state \$15M in the ongoing cost of teacher's retirement. The resulting legislation will increase each teacher's contribution to the system, will change the rules for when one qualifies for full retirement, increases the benefit at full retirement, changes the vesting schedule for receiving healthcare benefits and institutes an 80% spousal health benefit for those who reach full retirement. I am pleased that the two sides were able to come to a win/win agreement that will save

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the end of twenty feet of not-very-rigid aluminum tubing is like trying to chop quick-set cement, poured an hour ago, with a plastic shovel on a long, flexible handle, except that roof raking is more exhausting. You'd give up pretty darned quick with the cement-and-plastic-shovel as a bad job.

Take my word on this one: it's not fun to rake the roof. Three-plus hours by my husband saved the sat dishes; four hours by me got something over half the snow dragged down onto the garden. Still had to be a couple of tons up there. But my muscles just quit paying any attention to what I was telling them to do, so I said 'uncle' and fretted the night away, knowing I'd be too sore to do any more. Neck, shoulders, upper back, arms, and hands all spoke to me for days. The only reason snow shoveling is worse is that it gets the lower back.

And then it didn't go below freezing for several nights in a row, and the rest of the dratted snow slid off by itself. I didn't know whether to be resentful, chagrined, or what, but I sure was happy not to rake the roof anymore.

Town Meeting is now past. Did you attend and/or remember to vote, and to thank your faithful road crews?

the state \$15M. Many of the proposals in the governor's budget will likely be acceptable to the legislature. The state employees new contract saves the state \$9.2M in FY11. The revenue forecast upgrade for FY 10 of \$4.8M was carried forward to help in FY11. At least \$30M and probably more of the governor's proposals related to the human services budgets seem doable. Last week we learned that the Obama administration is providing fiscal relief to the states. For Vermont the amount of that relief is \$12M. All these factors combine to make the problem seem more manageable. However, some of the proposed cuts in human services and healthcare are problematic. Taking away many services that help the elderly stay in their homes seems very shortsighted. It costs the state far more to serve these folks in nursing homes. At our public hearings last week we heard from many citizens with disabilities who would lose the services that allow them to live independently and with dignity. Again, the alternative would be placement in an institution that would be far costlier for the state. Finally, Vermont has made good strides on the healthcare front. The Governor's proposals to increase deductibles, raise premiums and raise copays are likely to result in more Vermonters dropping coverage, the opposite of what our state has been working so hard to achieve; universal healthcare for all Vermonters. Our committee will continue work on the budget into March. We will create a budget that's balanced and one that reflects the values of Vermonters. If you have questions or comments about the state budget or other issues before the legislature, please don't hesitate to contact me by calling me at 893-1291 or by e-mailing me at [mpheath@aol.com](mailto:mpheath@aol.com). I always appreciate hearing from you.

### Correction to the Jericho Underhill Community Directory:

The hours of operation for

were listed wrong.

The correct hours are

**Monday - Friday 7-6  
Saturday 8-5 • Sunday 9-3**

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

Corrected email address  
**Nate Guay**  
**Outdoor Services**

802-279-1367

email: [snowguay@yahoo.com](mailto:snowguay@yahoo.com)

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

## SMALL BUSINESS DIRECTORY

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## HUNTINGTON OBITUARIES

**Sylvia E. Spear**, So. Burlington/Richmond, VT, died Thursday, Feb. 25, 2010, at Green Mountain Nursing Home. She was born in Yonkers, N.Y. on June 14, 1923, the daughter of Charles Wilbur and Maude (Clute) Spear. Sylvia lived most of her life at 434 Shelburne Road, South Burlington, VT, and attended a one-room schoolhouse farther down Shelburne Road, then Edmunds Elementary School and Burlington High School, graduating in 1941. She owned and operated the Tom Thumb Nursery School at 8 White Place, South Burlington, VT, and moved to Dugway Road in Richmond, VT, when her brother, Calvin returned to Vermont in 1989. Sylvia enjoyed sewing, gardening, and cooking and volunteered for many years at the Birds of Vermont Museum and as a hostess for weddings at the Old Round Church in Richmond, VT. The family would like to thank the personnel at Green Mountain Nursing Home in Colchester for the loving care they provided for the last years of her life. Sylvia is survived by her nieces and nephews, Kathleen Mary Spear, Calvin Jack Spear, Mark Charles Spear, Brian Klain Spear and great-nephews, Christopher Spear and wife Jennifer, Kevin and Michael Spear. A memorial service will be held at the convenience of the family with burial in Lakeview Cemetery, Burlington in the Spear family plot. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Birds of Vermont Museum or the Richmond Historical Society. Arrangements are in care of Gifford Funeral Service, 22 Depot St., Richmond, VT 05477.



**Rita Bouchard Roy**, 83, Richmond, VT passed away on Sunday, February 21, 2010, at her home in Richmond, surrounded by her loving family. Rita was born in Woodstock, in December 1926, to Francis J. and Marie Antoinette (Brault) Bouchard. She was predeceased by her husband of 49 years, Louis G. Roy, in 1994, and also by two brothers and two sisters. She is survived by her children Rose Fox and husband William of NC, Marie Chamberlin and husband Marvin of Richmond, VT; Therese Byars and husband James of NY; Lorraine Roy of FLA; John Roy and wife Linda of Wash.; nine grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and one brother Louis Bouchard of Rutland, VT. Rita will be remembered for her laughter and warmth. She touched many lives with her loving generosity and leaves behind a legacy of love in the wide circle of people affected by her loving heart, which includes family, friends, and innumerable patients she cared for during her years of work as a nurse's aide at MCHV. The family would like to express special thanks to Dr. Zail Berry for her expert care, the VNA Hospice staff, the caregivers at the VNA Adult Day program, and her SSTA drivers, all of whom provided her with loving care and companionship. Calling hours at Ready Funeral Home South Chapel, 261 Shelburne Road, Burlington, VT were held Wednesday, February 24, 2010, from 2:00 to 4:00 PM and 7:00 PM. A funeral Mass was celebrated at Our Lady of the Holy



Rosary Catholic Church, 64 W. Main Street, Richmond, VT on Thursday, February 25, 2010, at 1:00 PM. Interment will be in the spring in Holy Rosary Cemetery in Richmond, VT. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Visiting Nurses Association 1110 Prim Road, Colchester, VT 05446. To send online condolences, please visit [www.readyfuneral.com](http://www.readyfuneral.com).

**Alexander Hamilton Ward**, 94, Richmond VT passed away peacefully at home on Friday, February 12, 2010. He was born February 3, 1916, in New Rochelle, NY and raised in Plainfield, NJ. He joined the US Army's 10th Mountain Division during World War II, trained at Camp Hale, Colorado and served overseas in Italy. As a Mason, he was Past Master of Prospect Lodge No. 24 F.&A.M. in Chester, NJ. He retired from Fulwell Motor Products and moved with his wife to Richmond, VT in 1981 to be near their daughter and her family. His lifelong passions were music and gardening. The highlights of his musical career were playing trumpet with The Midshipmen in the 1930s, with The Sons of the Whiskey Rebellion in the 1970s and in Vermont he joined Dr. Jazz and the Dixie Hotshots. He is survived by his wife of 68 years, Mary Bernice, of Richmond,



VT; his daughter, Ellen Ward, also of Richmond, VT; and three grandchildren: Julie Springer, with her husband Charlie and daughter Elizabeth, of Gorham, Maine; Lisa McCormick of Hinesburg, VT; and SSG Brian McCormick, currently serving a second tour in Iraq. A memorial service was held on Saturday, February 20, at 10:30 AM at Gifford Funeral Home, 22 Depot Street, Richmond, VT. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Richmond Rescue, 216 Railroad Street, Richmond, VT 05477; The Hospice Program of the VNA, 1110 Prim Road, Colchester, VT 05446; or your local Hospice organization.

## COURT REPORT

January 22, 2010, **Nelson J. Morales**, 24, Huntington, VT, charged with aggravated assault with weapon, felony, in South Burlington, VT on August 22, 2009; amended to simple assault, misdemeanor; pleaded guilty; sentenced to 10 to 12 months, suspended but 20 days, probation.

## WELCOME HOME

## RICHMOND

(Palermo) Kimberly (Glimdmyer) and Michael Palermo had a daughter, Giana Vera Palermo, on Tuesday, January 5, 2010 at Central Vermont Medical Center in Berlin, VT.

## COMING EVENTS

## Friday, March 5

**Community Fish Fry** sponsored by the Men's Auxiliary of VFW Post 6689, 73 Pearl Street, Essex Junction. Menu includes: baked or fried haddock w/mashed potatoes or French fries, coleslaw, dessert and coffee / tea, 6:00 to 7:00 PM followed by dancing to "DR. E's" Dancing Machine until 10:00 PM. Cost is \$10/person. For further info call the Essex Jct. VFW at 878-0700.

## Sunday, March 6

**Essex Junction: Northwestern Vermont Model Railroad Association "Vermont Rails" Show** 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM at the Champlain Valley Exposition, Route 15, Essex Junction. Admission: \$5.00 adults, \$1.00 children 6-12, free under 6. \$5.00 per family with an active military identification. Contact: Ron Piro, 6 Peacham Lane, Essex Junction, VT 05452. Telephone: 802-878-1135, E-mail: [ronpiro@aol.com](mailto:ronpiro@aol.com), Website: [www.nvvrailroad.org](http://www.nvvrailroad.org).

## Sunday, March 7

**Community Breakfast** hosted by the Ladies Auxiliary of VFW Post 6689, 73 Pearl St., Essex Junction, 9:00 to 11:00 AM. The cost is \$6.00 for Adults, \$3.00 for children. Breakfast includes Eggs "any style", Pancakes, Bacon or Sausage, Home Fries, and Toast. For further info call the Essex Jct. VFW at 878-0700.

**Free Ukrannian Egg Demonstration** by Theresa Somerset, Emile A. Gruupe Gallery, Jericho, 1:00 - 3:00 PM. Limited seating call 899 3211.

## Wednesday, March 10

**Green Mountain Chapter of the Embroiders Guild** will meet on March 10 at 9:30 AM at the Pines Senior living community, 7 Aspen Dr, South Burlington. First meeting is complimentary. Contact number 879-0198.

## Friday, March 12 - Saturday, March 21

**Fifth Annual Vermont Shop Hop** - The Vermont Shop Hop offers area quilters 10 full days to visit 13 participating shops throughout the state. Each store will be open 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM daily, except March 21 when stores will close at 3:00 PM. Visit the Web site: [www.vermontshophop.com](http://www.vermontshophop.com) or any participating quilt shop for more details.

## Saturday, March 13

**Fourth Annual Barn Raising Auction and Dance** featuring Tammy Fletcher, 6:00 PM at the Jericho Community Center. Auction items, music, and refreshments. For tickets, contact Jean at [jeanarchibald@surfglobal.net](mailto:jeanarchibald@surfglobal.net). Proceeds benefit the newly renovated Mount Mansfield Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Meeting Space.

## Saturday and Sunday, March 13 and 14

**Level I and II Game of Logging** will be taught in Underhill. This training, sponsored by Vermont Coverts: Woodlands for Wildlife, Inc. is open to anyone that is interested in learning chain saw safety techniques. Regardless of your experience, you'll take home valuable new skills from this workshop. You do not need experience with chainsaws to take this course, but please note that you will be felling a tree in this workshop, so need to feel comfortable starting, holding, and operating a saw under the close supervision of a highly skilled instructor. For more information or to register visit [www.woodlandtraining.com](http://www.woodlandtraining.com) or contact Vermont Coverts at (802) 388-3880, e-mail [lisa@vtcoverts.org](mailto:lisa@vtcoverts.org).

## Sunday, March 21

**Village University session on Sustainability**, Community Center in Jericho, 3:00 - 4:00 PM, speaker Doug Flack from Flack Family Farm, Doug runs a 320 acre farm using biodynamic principles to produce vegetables and raise dairy and beef cattle. Workshop following address on preservation of vegetables by fermentation. Bring a grater, a jar or 1-2 gallon bucket and veggies (such as cabbage, carrots, beets, etc.)

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## ONGOING EVENTS

## ADULT ACTIVITIES

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

**Chittenden County Stamp Club**, First Wednesday of the month 6:15-8:30 PM, GE Healthcare, 40 IDX Drive, 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 Society library** is now open every Tuesday from 3:00 to 9:30 PM (except for holidays). Our regular Saturday hours (every Saturday, except holidays, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM) have resumed.

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

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

## HEALTH EVENTS &amp; 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

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ART/MUSIC/THEATER

ART

**Champlain Valley Regional Art Show** March 8 - March 17, 2010 at University Mall. Enjoy the creative works of young, local artists at many area elementary, middle and high schools. Some schools include: Essex Middle School, ADL Intermediate School, Renaissance School, Rice, St. Joseph's, Malletts Bay School, Hinesburg Community School, Richmond Elementary, St. Francis Xavier, Christ the King, So. Burlington Schools, and many more. Art will be displayed in Center Court from March 8 - March 17, 2010.

Several members of the **Essex Art League** will be exhibiting works through March and April. At Fletcher Allen Health Care Center at 353 Blair Park, Williston Mary Pacifici, Susan Noel, Bill and Rosalie Allard, and Hattie Saville will display original paintings. Works by Nini Crane and Deb Runge will be on exhibit at the Essex Town Offices, 81 Main St. Essex Jct. For further information call 862-3014 or visit [www.essexartleague.com](http://www.essexartleague.com).

Embossing Tin will be the subject of the program of the meeting of the **Essex Art League** on March 4. EAL member, Marie Cowan, will demonstrate embossing tin and adding acid over tin for surprising results. She uses Mexican style with techniques she learned in travels to Morocco. The meeting from 9:00-11:00 AM is at the First Congregational Church at 39 Main St., Essex Jct. For further information call 862-3014 or visit [www.essexartleague.com](http://www.essexartleague.com).

**First Friday Art Walk**, March 5, 5 to 8:00 PM, Citywide, Burlington. Art bursts into bloom as over 30 galleries and art venues stay open late to welcome walkers and share Burlington's incredible art scene. Take a guided tour or make your own. Pick up your copy of Art Map Burlington, First Friday Art Walk's official publication, and your guide to art in Burlington or check out [www.artmapburlington.com](http://www.artmapburlington.com) to see what's on view. First Friday Art Walk and Art Map Burlington are sponsored by Burlington City Arts, Kasini House, Opportunities Credit Union, Robert Hull Fleming Museum, and the South End Arts and Business Association. Questions? Call 802-264-4839 or send email to

[info@artmapburlington.com](mailto:info@artmapburlington.com).

MUSIC/DANCE

**Three VT College Choruses Tackle American Masterpiece**, March 2010 Concerts at Rutland's Grace Church, Saint Michael's College, and Middlebury College. Three Vermont college choruses are combining forces to sing one of the most significant major choral works composed by an American, Leonard Bernstein's Chichester Psalms. And they'll do it in Hebrew.

**The Vermont Studio Center** presents visiting writer Joanna Scott Thursday, March 4 and artists Jon Imber Monday March 8 and Carol Hepper Tuesday March 9 at 8PM in the dining hall of the Red Mill building on Pearl Street in Johnson.

THEATER

**The Community Center in Jericho** presents: *Jack and the Beanstalk* performed by the No Strings Marionette Company Sunday, March 14, 2:00 PM at the Community Center in Jericho. Please join us for a celebration of story, magic and community. This event is free but donations are welcome. Questions? Call Anna at 899-2087.

**Fairfax Community Theater Company Announces Auditions.** What: Radio Theater Dramatization of "The Maltese Falcon"; When: March 10, 11 & 12 from 7:00-9:00 PM; Where: March 10 will be held at Lake Champlain Access Television Studios on Prim Road in Colchester; March 11 & 12 will be held at BFA-Fairfax High School; Who: Parts are 6 men, 3 women, 2 gender indifferent Details: <http://fctcv.org/MF-Audition-Details.htm> (Since this is a radio drama, emphasis will be placed on vocal flexibility and fundamental reading skills as opposed to physical characteristics. This means age and appearance are very much secondary. The director wants sonorous tones and seamless delivery.)

Other: Cold reading. No age or physical limitations. Rehearsals to start in late March or early April. Performance dates are April 29-May 1.

For more info: Email: [info@fctcv.org](mailto:info@fctcv.org), call 425-6331, or visit us on

the web: <http://www.fctcv.org>.

**Lyric Theatre Company** presents *La Cage aux Folles* the Glamorous Musical that Inspired the film *The Birdcage* for the first time ever on the Flynn Center Main Stage, April 8 - 11, 2010 with help from Jericho, Hinesburg, Richmond, and Underhill Residents. Tickets are now on sale for *La Cage aux Folles* through the Flynn Center Regional Box Office in Burlington and Copy Ship Fax Plus in Essex Junction, by phone: (802) 862-FLYNN, online: [www.flynnntix.org](http://www.flynnntix.org).

*La Cage* will open on Thursday, April 8 with five performances. Curtain time is 7:30 PM Thursday through Saturday and 2:00 PM matinees on Saturday and Sunday. The matinee performance on Sunday, April 11, will be audio-described for the blind/visually impaired.

For additional information visit [www.lyrictheatrevt.org](http://www.lyrictheatrevt.org).



Photo left to right: Lyric Theater performers - Roy Cutler (Jericho), Chris Hart (Hinesburg), Greg Zengilowski (Hinesburg), Lyn Feinson (Richmond), and Hannah Brown (Richmond).

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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

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

**Jericho Playgroup**, Monday mornings 9:30 - 11:00 AM at the Jericho Community Center. Follows the school calendar. For children from birth to age 5, with a caregiver. Please contact Mariah with any questions at 899-1750.

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

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

SENIORS

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

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

SPORTS ACTIVITIES

**Adult coed volleyball** in Westford, 8:00 - 10:00 PM, Mondays, Westford Elementary School

gym. Fun, casual volleyball. \$2 at the door. Call coordinators Jon and Tammy Brown, 872-8333, for information.

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

**Pilates** - 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

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

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

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

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

TOWN GOVERNMENT AND ORGANIZATIONS

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

**Tim Nulty, Jericho Select Board member**, at the Village Cup, first and third Wednesdays, 8:00 - 9:00 AM, 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, February 16, 2010 at 7:00 PM at the Old Red Mill on 4B Red Mill Drive, Jericho.

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 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Tues. and Wed., 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. 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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HEALTH / PEOPLE NEWS

## Copley Hospital recognizes and welcomes staff

Copley Hospital is proud to recognize employees Jill LaRock, Craig Luce, Savannah Greene, Hallie Barney, and Amanda Locke for their promotions in Rehabilitation Services and Mansfield Orthopaedics. The hospital also welcomes Gayle Tatro, Kristine Hendon, Tammy Pasette, and Alysia Hoadley to our team.

"It speaks to the skill of our staff that we are able to fill supervisory positions from within," says April Tuck, Senior Director of Human Resources. "They are able to continue with their first love: patient care, while also growing within their career by taking on leadership responsibilities."

Physical therapists Jill LaRock and Craig Luce have taken on supervisory roles in Copley Rehabilitation Services. LaRock, of Hyde Park, was recently promoted to Supervisor of the Copley-based Rehabilitation Clinic and will oversee all inpatient and outpatient therapy services including Occupational Therapy and Speech/Language Pathology. Luce, of Underhill, is now overseeing the day to day operations of Copley's three satellite rehabilitation clinics; Hardwick Physical Therapy, Stowe Sports Therapy and Mansfield Orthopaedics. Both LaRock and Luce will continue to see patients in addition to their supervisory responsibilities.

Hallie Barney, a Medical Assistant at Mansfield Orthopaedics for the past 12 years, has taken on additional responsibilities as Lead Medical Assistant. In addition to supporting the orthopaedic surgeons and physician assistants, Barney, a Morrisville resident, works closely with the Lead Scheduler to ensure each patient receives the best possible care. In addition, Savannah Greene, of Hyde Park, is now serving as Medical Assistant to Richard James, M.D. Filling Greene's former position as receptionist is Amanda Locke of Hyde Park. Locke began her career at Copley in Food Services.

Joining Locke at the receptionist desk is Gayle Tatro of Eden Mills. In addition to welcoming patients their responsibilities as receptionist include answering the phones, checking patients in and out and assisting patients with scheduling follow-up appointments.

Other new faces around the hospital include Kristine Hendon, of Morrisville, who joins the hospital as a Pharmacy Technician and Tammy Pasette, of Hardwick, working with Housekeeping/Environmental Services. Copley Hospital's Wellness Center welcomes Alysia Hoadley. Hoadley is providing clerical support for this growing service.

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Following are the names of donors have received their gallon pins from American Red Cross Blood Services, New England Region recently. Peter Booth, Jericho, 26 gallons; Thomas Woodard, Jericho, 36 gallons; Ramon Astillero, Jericho, 55 gallons; Rebekah Thomas, Jericho, 66; Timothy Durbrow, Underhill, 59 gallons; and John McCarthy, Jeffersonville, 54 gallons.

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#### CAMPUS HONORS

**Emily Bogaczyk**, daughter of Gene and Terri Bogaczyk of Underhill, VT, has been named to the dean's list at Mansfield University in Mansfield, PA. The 2009 graduate of Mount Mansfield Union High School in Jericho, VT is majoring in criminal justice.

**Christopher Bowen** of Jericho, VT has been named to the dean's list at Marymount University in Arlington, VA. He is majoring in politics.

**Kevin J. O'Connor** of Jericho, VT has been named to the dean's list at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, VA. He is a senior majoring in communication.

**Danica A. Van Horn** of Underhill, VT has been named to the dean's list at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, VA. She is a junior majoring in interdisciplinary studies.

**Taylor Willey**, Daughter of Giles and Tammy Willey of Jericho, VT, was named to the Dean's List at Ithaca College's School of Health Sciences and Human Performance for the fall 2009 semester with a GPA of 3.5.

**Lily Evelyn Penney**, a resident of Jericho, VT, was awarded Dean's List honors for academic achievement during the fall 2009 semester at St. Mary's College of Maryland (SMCM).

**Melanie Stephenson**, of Jericho, VT is on the Dean's list. Stephenson is majoring in Web Development and Design at Champlain College in Burlington, Vt.

**Emily Fitzgerald**, of Westford, VT is on the Dean's list. Fitzgerald is majoring in Multimedia and Graphic Design at Champlain College in Burlington, Vt.

**Shane Phillips**, of Westford, VT is on the Dean's list. Phillips is majoring in Computer Networking and Information Security at Champlain College in Burlington, Vt.

**Ethan Fleisher**, of Underhill, VT is on the Dean's list. Fleisher is majoring in Computer and Digital Forensics at Champlain College in Burlington, Vt.

**Jodi Fontaine**, of Cambridge, VT is on the Dean's list. Fontaine is majoring in Social Work and Human Services at Champlain College in Burlington, Vt.

The following local residents were among 959 students from Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI) named to the university's Dean's List for academic excellence for the fall 2009 semester.

**James Hogan**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hogan of Cambridge, VT, is a senior majoring in Civil Engineering.

**Brianna Ledwith**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sean Ledwith of Jericho, VT, is a junior majoring in Chemical Engineering.

**Alexander Meyer-Lorentson**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Lorentson of Jericho, VT, is a junior majoring in Aerospace Engineering.

The following students made President's List at Johnson State College, Johnson, VT: **Julie Graves**, Jeffersonville; **Laura Miller**, Jeffersonville; and **Greggory Perry**, Jeffersonville. Other students made the Dean's List: **Brianna Douglas**, Jeffersonville; **Jocelyn Kirby**, Jeffersonville; **Alissa McBride**, Jeffersonville; and Justin Raymond, Jeffersonville.

Vermont student **Krista Luchini**, Jericho has been named to the Dean's List for the fall 2009 semester at Southern New Hampshire University in Manchester. Krista is majoring in Elementary Education.

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#### OBITUARIES

**William Roger "Bill" Wood**, 72, Westford, VT, passed away following a long illness on Sunday, February 28, 2010 at Starr Farm Nursing Home in Burlington. Bill was born on May 27, 1937 in Bellows Falls, VT son of the late Norman and Pauline (Austin) Wood. Bill grew up in Alstead, N.H. and was a graduate of Vilas High School in Alstead and New Hampshire Technical Institute. After graduation, he joined the Navy as an Electronics Technician and served aboard the USS Kyne as a "petty officer" out of Brooklyn, N.Y. Bill married the former MaryAnn Irene Lawlor on July 14, 1957 in Staten Island, N.Y. When he was discharged from the Navy he moved to Manchester, N.H. where he worked for Northeastern Engineering. Later he worked for IBM Poughkeepsie, N.Y. and then IBM Essex Junction, VT until he retired in 1992. He enjoyed farming, raising Herefords, hunting and fishing. Bill was a good and generous husband, neighbor and friend who will be greatly missed by all. He is survived by: his loving wife of 52 years MaryAnn Wood of Westford, VT; four sisters: Marjorie of Manchester, N.H.; Rita of Sacramento, Calif.; Kathy of Poolesville, Md.; Laura of Longwood, Fla.; Many nieces, nephews and cousins. Bill was also predeceased by three brothers: Richard, John and Norman. MaryAnn would like to thank Ed and Ilene Chase, Jon and Tammy Brown, Millie Therrien, Ray Lavigne and other Westford neighbors for their support during this difficult time. Visiting hours will be held on Thursday, March 4, 2010 at 1:00 PM until the hour of funeral services at 2 p.m. at Jericho Center Congregational Church, Jericho Center, VT, with the Reverend Peter Anderson officiating. The service will be followed by a reception in the church fellowship hall. Burial will be in the Spring at the convenience of the family. Arrangements are by A.W. Rich Funeral Home - Essex Chapel 57 Main St. Essex Jct., Vt. 05452. The family invites you to share your memories and online condolences by visiting Bill's tribute at [www.awrichfuneralhomes.com](http://www.awrichfuneralhomes.com).

**Edna Louise (Hague) Blaisdell**, 95, Cambridge, VT, passed away at her home in Cambridge on Tuesday, February 23, 2010. She was born in Lowell, Mass. on Dec. 27, 1914, daughter of the late Elmer and Ida (Burkett) Olson. Edna had worked as a dental technician in her younger years. In her retirement years she had enjoyed working at Alden Bryant Art Gallery and the Varnum Memorial Library in Jeffersonville, VT. She loved flowers, gardening, cooking tasty meals, making quilts, knitting and crocheting gifts for her family and friends. Edna will be missed dearly by all those who knew and loved her. She is survived by her two sons, Kenneth Hague of Massachusetts; Robert Hague of New Hampshire; her daughter Sandra L. Manseau and husband Richard of East Fairfield, VT; three step-sons and their wives, Kent Blaisdell and wife Martha, Brad Blaisdell and wife Joyce and Mark Blaisdell and wife Judy; two step-daughters, Beverly Learned and husband John, Sally Laura and husband Allen; ten grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren; five great-great grandchildren; sixteen stepgrandchildren; thirty-five step great-grandchildren. She was also predeceased by her first husband Gardner Hague in 1972, her second husband Closson Blaisdell in 2002; step-daughter Wilma Nye; two sisters: Thelma Rice; Arlene Tingley; and her step-granddaughter Stacy Nye. At Edna's request there will be no public visiting hours or funeral services held. A graveside service will be held in the family lot in Tewksbury Cemetery on East Street in Tewksbury, Mass. on Wednesday, March 3, at 11:00 AM. An open house for family and friends will be held at Edna's home on Saturday, February 27 from 3:00 to 6:00 PM to celebrate Edna's life. Memorial donations in Edna's memory may be made to Cambridge Rescue, P.O. Box 431, Jeffersonville, VT 05464. Arrangements are by A. W. Rich Funeral Home - Fairfax Chapel, 1176 Main St. Fairfax, VT 05454. The family invites you to share your memories and online condolences by visiting [www.awrichfuneralhomes.com](http://www.awrichfuneralhomes.com).

**Betty Longway**, 58, of Largo, FLA / Jericho, VT, died Tuesday, January 19, 2010, in Largo Medical Center, FLA. Betty was born January 4, 1952, in Colchester, VT, the daughter of Harold and Joyce (St. Amour) Longway. She had suffered from complications of COPD (Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease). Betty graduated from Mt Mansfield Union High School, Jericho, VT in 1970 and had been a resident of Florida since 1999. During the course of her life, she had worked at restaurants, receptionists at a hotel, bank teller, closer at a mortgage company, receptionist for lawyers and most recently as a receptionist for Smith Fence Company of Clearwater, FLA. Betty had a collection of "Betty Boop" characters and "Princess Diana" plates that she loved. Betty's parents had predeceased her; her dad in 1990 and her mom in 2006. Surviving members include her daughter, Melissa Morgan (Hogaboom) and her husband Chris; two grandsons Stanley and Michael, and a very special granddaughter Bethany. She is also survived by her sister Diane Cantrell and her husband Ben of Micco, FLA and several nieces and nephews. Peggy Briggs was a very dear friend for years and was like a sister to her. Another close friend of Betty's was Deanna Vibbert of Florida. She will be sadly missed by all who knew her. A memorial service and burial will take place at a future date. Donations can be made to the COPD Foundation, Inc, 2937 SW 222 7th St., Suite 302, Miami, FL 33133.

#### Underhill Planning Commission Vacancies

The Underhill Selectboard is accepting applications from community members who are interested in serving on the Planning Commission. If you are interested in land use and development and would like to help craft regulations and plans that will steer the course of future development in our community, this is a great opportunity. Applications will be accepted until March 15, 2010. Interviews with the Planning Commission and Selectboard will be scheduled after that date, with appointment to the Commission by the beginning of April, 2010. For more information about the Planning Commission, please contact Faith Brown 899-4434. To apply, please submit a cover letter expressing your interest and a resume to Faith Brown, Interim Administrator, Underhill Town Hall, PO Box 32, Underhill Center, VT 05489; or electronically at [underhillvt@comcast.net](mailto:underhillvt@comcast.net).

LIBRARY NEWS

**DEBORAH RAWSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY, UNDERHILL**

Art for March are pastel paintings by Pam Myers.

Music Sunday is March 7 at 2:00 PM. Come and enjoy the harp music of Evergreen Erb, Bonnie, MacLeod, Susan Reit, and Joan Bowker.

The Board of Trustees meeting is Thursday, March 18 at 7:00 PM.

The Friends of the Deborah Rawson Memorial Library will be meeting Wednesday, March 10 at 10:00 AM at the library.

The Silent Auction item for the month of March is a certificate for a boy or girl age 8 to 14 to attend a summer golf camp at the West Bolton Golf Course.

Juggling 101 for Adults, Friday March 5 at 6:30 PM. Go from zero to three balls in an hour and a half. But warning: juggling is extremely addictive, and carries the following side effects: increased coordination, confidence, physical fitness, creativity, and brain size. Not to mention reduced stress. Space is limited so call to register 899-4962.

Game night for adults is Wednesday, March 10 at 6:30 PM. We have card games, board games and active games. All abilities are encouraged to come.

Learn to preserve your personal and family history using oral techniques. Thursday, March 25 at 6:30 PM. Amanda Kuhnert, a personal historian will lead this free workshop.

Everyone is invited to a Community Sing along led by Lynne Robbins on Sunday, March 21 at 2:00 PM and on Wednesday, March 31 at 6:30 PM. Come enjoy such classic as Moon River or even Beatles tunes. All abilities welcome.

The mystery group is now reading *Death at La Fenice* by Dona Leon. The group will meet Tuesday, March 23 at 7:00 PM to discuss it.

Chat with your legislators, Bill Frank and George Till Tuesday, March 30 at 6:30 PM.

Italian Movie night is Friday, March 26 at 6:30 PM. The movie will be *Mediterranea*. The movie will be shown in Italian with English subtitles. The program is co sponsored by the Vermont Italian Cultural Association (VICA).

Preschool Story Times: Stories, songs, fingerplays, snack and craft for preschoolers and their caregiver. Drop in, no registration needed: Wednesday at 11:00 AM, March 3, 10, 17 and 24; Thursday at 10:00 AM, March 4, 11, 18 and 25.

Evening Story Time for Families at the Deborah Rawson Memorial

Parents with older preschoolers and children in kindergarten through second grade are invited to join us for stories, craft and light refreshments. Thursday, March 4 at 6:30 PM. To register call: 899-4962.

Welcome Baby - Parents and infants, one year and younger, are invited to attend our welcome baby group. New participants will receive a hand knitted baby hat, information about community resources and have the opportunity to chat with other new parents. Cosponsored with Building Bright Futures. Facilitator: Eliza Kramer. Friday, March 5 at 10:30 AM.

Home-school Project Day - Mia Groff will coordinate our home-school project day. This is a great chance to create a display or to deliver a presentation about a topic of special interest to you. Please call us in advance to let us know the nature of your project, 899-4962, Wednesday, March 10 beginning at 1:00 PM.

Middle and High School Book Group - If you enjoy reading and are interested in helping to select books for the library collection please join us on Friday, March 12 at 3:00 PM. Refreshments served. To register call: 899-4962.

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

**JERICHO TOWN LIBRARY, JERICHO CENTER**

The Jericho Town Library sign board is still missing! If anyone has seen it buried in a snow bank or has any information please contact the library at 899-4686.

The Jericho Town Library has recently been the recipient of a \$1,500 grant from the Winnie Belle Learned Fund, a fund established in 2006 by Dr. Burnett Rawson, which generously provides assistance to small public libraries in Vermont. This grant will make it possible for the library to provide enriching audio books on CD format aimed at enhancing literacy of children and nonfiction DVDs aimed to educate children.

Monday, March 15, at 10:30-11:00 AM the library will provide an outreach story time at the Jericho Community Center for the Building Bright Futures play group. Parents and children ages birth – 5 years and siblings are welcome to join the fun. The theme is flowers.

Saturday, April 10, Book and media sale fundraiser. Pick up some good books at a bargain prices. Currently accepting books, books on tape, DVDs, CDs and software donations. Please do not donate textbooks, Reader's Digest condensed books, encyclopedias or magazines. Thanks to everyone who has already donated.

Come celebrate National Poetry month during April with us. This is the seventh Annual poetry reading and writing workshop directed by retired UVM Professor Mary Jane Dickerson sponsored by the Jericho Town Library and the Deborah Rawson Library. The working sessions will meet Monday, March 29, Monday, April 5 and Monday, April 12, from 6:30-8:00 PM at the Jericho Town Library, and conclude for a final evening of sharing at the Deborah Rawson Memorial Library on Monday, April 26 from 6:30-8:00 PM. Poets of all ages are encouraged to participate. Attendance in the past has been a mix of middle and high school students and adults. Registration is required: please call JTL at 899-4686 to sign up.

Story time including craft and snack is held every Wednesday upstairs at 10:00 AM.

Come share the joy of books, songs, and finger plays! A special thanks goes to Elizabeth Bernstein for continuing to read and Jean Yungfleisch for her wonderful guitar music.

Upcoming themes: Wednesday, March 10, 10:00 AM – Pigs; Wednesday, March 17, 10:00 AM – St. Patrick's Day; Wednesday, March 24, 10:00 AM – Bunnies; Wednesday, March 31, 10:00 AM – Eggs.

Check out the Jericho Town Library Webpage and Online Card Catalog. Patrons are now able to view the collection consisting of about 7000 items - adult fiction, adult nonfiction, picture books, easy readers, juvenile and young adult and DVDs from a link on the website: <http://www.jerichotownlibrary.org> NOTE: Use Search Library Catalog pull down for title, author, subject, etc. Please contact the library @ 899-4686 or email [jerichotownlibrary@gmail.com](mailto:jerichotownlibrary@gmail.com) if any questions when viewing items. We welcome your feedback.

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

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 March 4 and April 1. 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).

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 February 4 and March 4. 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 [Jerichotownlibraryatgmail.com](mailto:Jerichotownlibraryatgmail.com).

**WESTFORD TOWN LIBRARY**

Thursday, March 4: 11:00 AM: Storytime. Stories and activities for ages birth-preschool. Theme: New Books.

Friday, March 5, 6:00 -8:00 PM: Westford Knitters. All needle-crafters welcome on the first Friday of the month. Contact: Lynn Finn @ 878-9639 or [knittylynie@gmail.com](mailto:knittylynie@gmail.com).

Wednesday, March 10, 6:00 -7:00 PM: Book Discussion: *Strip Tease* by Carl Hiaasen. A smart topless dancer and a cool but clueless cop join forces to trap a dirty congressman, aided by one of the funniest cast of characters ever collected in a suspense novel (Amazon.com).

Thursday, March 11: 11 AM: Storytime. Stories and activities for ages birth-preschool. Theme: Teddy Bear Picnic - bring your bears.

Saturday, March 13: 12:00 noon - 1:30 PM: Family Game Day. Bring your favorite games from home or enjoy the library's. Snacks provided.

Thursday, March 18: 11:00 AM: Storytime. Stories and activities for ages birth-preschool. Theme: Fun with Numbers.

Saturday, March 20: 11 AM: Saturday Storytime. Stories and activities for ages birth-preschool. Theme: Spring.

Wednesday, March: 6:00-7:00 PM: Paper Management and Organization for Busy Families and

Professionals. Drowning in junk mail or your children's school papers? Can't find the receipts you need for taxes? Tame the paperwork monster with guidance from Westford resident and professional organizer Doris Angiono. Attendees will be entered in a drawing for a one-hour consult with Doris (\$50 value). Light refreshments provided. Preregistration requested but not required. 878-5639.

Thursday, March 25: 11:00 AM: Storytime. Stories and activities for ages birth-preschool. Theme: C is for...

Friday, March 26, 6:00 PM: Strategy and Board Games for Teens & Adults. Hosted by Matt Taylor.

Saturday, March, 1:00-3:00 PM. Lego Club. For ages K-4th grade. Thanks to generous donations, the library has lots of Legos for you to enjoy.

New Additions to the Collection: Adult Fiction: *Year of the Flood* (Atwood), *Loving Frank* (Horan), *Twentys Girl* (Kinsella), *The First Rule* (Crais). Adult Nonfiction: *Ecological Intelligence* (Golman), *Where is the Mango Princess* (Crimmins), *Live Long Die Fast* (Bland), *Menu for the Future* (Northwest Earth Institute), Clapton (Clapton), *Don't Know Much About the Bible* (Davis), *Teen: Death by Latte* (Gerber), *First Shot* (Sorrells), *Hotlanta* (Milner), *Almost Alice* (Naylor), *Sticky Fingers* (Burnham), *What Would Emma Do?* (Cook), *Everlost* (Shusterman), *Outside Beauty* (Kadohata), *Jerk California* (Friesen). Juv: *Pigs Make Me Sneeze* (Willems), *Wink the Ninja Who Wanted to Be Noticed* (Phillipps).

The library is open Wednesday 1:00-7:00 PM, Thursday 10:00 AM-6:00 PM, Friday 12:00-6:00 PM and Saturday 10:00 AM-2:00 PM. Free WiFi

is available during these hours. We also have three public access computers plus a computer dedicated to our online catalog. You can access our online catalog from home through our website. We can be reached at 878-5639, [westford\\_platvals.state.vt.us](mailto:westford_platvals.state.vt.us), and [www.westford.lib.vt.us](http://www.westford.lib.vt.us).

**VARNUM LIBRARY, JEFFERSONVILLE**

Join the fun for folks of young ages and those young at heart. The Varnum Memorial Library hosts a Story Hour for the pre-K crowd. Meeting Mondays at 10:00 AM, kids and folks who care for them are welcome.

March is coming in like a lion- with the book *Memed, My Hawk* by Yashar Kemal. As part of the Cambridge Book Club program titled "Middle Eastern Voices", we will be discussing this story on March 13 at 3:00 PM. It is a Vermont Humanities Council program hosted by the library and the Cambridge Arts Council. Come take part — The final book of the series will be discussed April 10, *Savushon* by Simin Daneshvar. Join the fun and explore.

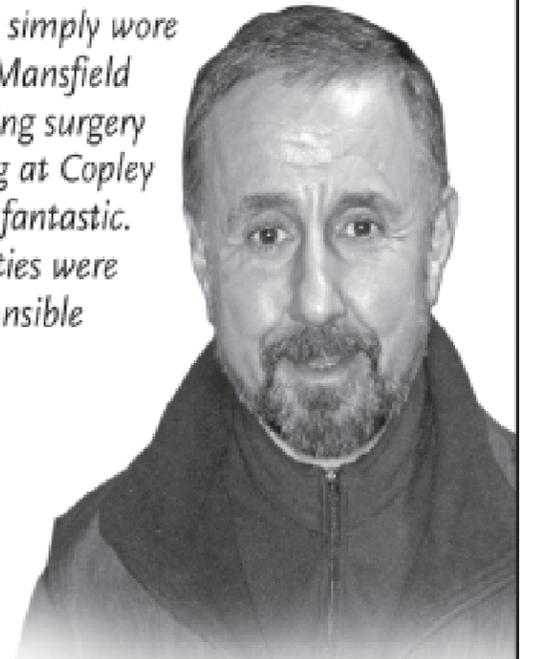
New books to arrive at the library include: *The Help*, by Kathryn Stockett; *Half Broke Horses*, by Jeannette Walls; and *Remarkable Creature*, by Tracy Chevalier. Browsing through the shelves, you may find something old, something new, and something to enjoy on a snowy evening! There's also a wide-ranging collection of books on tape and CD.

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

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**RECIPES BY MARIAN TOBIN**



**Corn Pancakes**

- 6 ears corn (to make 2-2 1/2 cups cut corn kernels)
- 2 cups flour
- 2 tbsp sugar
- 2 tsp baking powder
- 1 1/2 tsp salt
- Dash pepper
- 3 large eggs
- 3/4 cup milk
- 2 tbsp melted butter

Cut corn from cob and scrape cob for additional corn milk. Sift dry ingredients together. Combine eggs, milk, and butter and stir into dry ingredients blending only until moistened. Add corn and corn milk. Cook on a hot griddle or in oiled frying pan. Serves 10-12.

**Thank you for all the cards**

Marian Tobin wishes to thank each and all of the friends and neighbors who sent cards and letters to her during her recent nursing home stay. Your kindness was a great encouragement and blessing to her, and Marian sends her gratitude and heartfelt blessing to each of those who expressed their good wishes to her. Marian is at home now in Underhill and continues to provide her good Vermont recipes to us all - she sent in a new batch this week. Thank you, Marian!



**Essex Meals on Wheels ladies cook great food**



Essex Meals on Wheels kitchen staff Jenny Schulz, Patti Smallwood, and Cheryl Quesnel prepare meals for local residents in Essex, Essex Jct., Underhill, Jericho, and Williston.

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Genie O'Neil, Jeffersonville resident has been EMOW Treasurer and Board member for 17+ years.

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**CVAA Senior Meals**

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

Thursday, March 4 – Bridge Street Café, Richmond. 10:30 AM check in, 11:00 AM lunch. Turkey dinner.

Friday, March 5 – Hinesburg meal site, 11:30 AM Lunch.

Monday, March 8 – Covenant Church, Essex Ctr., 12:00 noon, Shepherd's pie, corn, no gravy, peas and carrots, whole wheat rolls, vanilla pudding.

Tuesday, March 9 – Pizza Hut, Susie Wilson Road, Essex Jct., 10:30 AM check in, 11:15 AM lunch. All you can eat Pizza buffet.

Wednesday, March 10 – Ponderosa, Williston, 11:00 AM check in, 11:15 AM lunch, all you can eat buffet.

Thursday, March 11 – Holiday Inn, Harper Room, 11:00 AM check in, 11:30 AM lunch, Turkey buffet.

Friday, March 12 – United Church, Hinesburg, 12:00 noon, Corn chowder, tuna salad, lettuce salad, wheat bulky roll, ambrosia.

Monday, March 15 – Covenant Church, Essex Ctr., 12:00 noon, sweet and sour pork, rice pilaf, oriental vegetables, rye bread, mixed fruit.

Tuesday, March 16 – Pizza Hut, So. Burlington, 10:30 AM check in, 11:00 AM lunch, Lasagna, salad, bread.

Wednesday, March 17 – Ponderosa, Williston, 11:00 AM check in, 11:15 AM lunch, all you can eat buffet.

In addition, CVAA-sponsored meals for seniors are offered on an ongoing basis at the following establishments. Tickets must be presented before ordering. For details about the special ticket program, call 865-0360.

A.J.'s Kitchen, 85 Main St., Essex Jct. – open menu; tickets limited. Sunday-Tuesday, 5:00 AM – 2:00 PM, and Wednesday-Saturday, 5:00 AM – 8:00 PM.

Bridge Street Café, Richmond – breakfast, lunch, or dinner (ordered before 5:30 PM) Monday-Thursday. Regular menu excluding shrimp, steak, and some specials.

Dutch Mill, Shelburne Rd., Shelburne – Tuesday-Sunday, 7:30 AM – 2:00 PM.

Old Yankee, 4A Jericho East, Jericho. Meals Wednesday-Sunday, 3:00 – 5:00 PM. Order off senior menu.

Pizza Putt, Airport Parkway, So. Burlington – lunch or dinner, seven days a week. Choice of spaghetti with marinara sauce or baked ziti with tomato sauce and cheese, salad, garlic bread or roll, soda, coffee, or milk.

Ponderosa, Williston – lunch buffet, 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM, Monday-Friday. Tickets are limited.

St. Michael's College – brunch, 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM, Saturday and Sunday.

**Westford Senior meals resume March 8**

Westford Senior Luncheons will resume on March 8. The lunches and meetings are always held on the second Monday of the month. Mark your calendars for the following dates: March 8, April 12, May 10 and June 14. We meet at the Red Brick Meeting House on the Westford Common at 12:00 noon. A hot meal is served followed by a brief business meeting and often a presentation or entertainment. There is no need to RSVP. Please come and join your neighbors and friends for a yummy meal and lively conversation. For information call 879-7382.

**SCHOOL NEWS**

**Applications being accepted for University Mall scholarships**

University Mall has given away a total of \$250,000 in scholarships to area students since 2001. Each year University Mall awards \$25,000 to five area high school seniors. Each student receives \$5,000 toward their first year of college. University Mall's Scholarship of Excellence is designed to be awarded to students who embody excellence in academics, leadership, and community service. The scholarship is open to graduating seniors in the Vermont counties of: Addison, Chittenden, Franklin, Grand Isle, Lamoille, or Washington. To download an application, visit [www.umallvt.com](http://www.umallvt.com). Applications may be mailed to: University Mall, Scholarship Committee, 155 Dorset

Street, So. Burlington, VT 05403. The deadline is April 16, 2010. For more information, please visit our website or call (802) 863-1066 x11.

**POKER HILL NEWS**

By John St. Armour

We had a fun February here at Poker Hill School! In celebration of Valentine's Day, the children made their own Valentine's cards for their classmates and distributed them into their classmates "mail-boxes" in the mock post office. They were proud of their cards and it made for a special couple of days at the school.

Poker Hill children also celebrated the Winter Olympics during the last couple of weeks of February by staging their own Poker Hill Olympics, an annual tradition here at the school. They designed and made their own special flags and toted them around during the Opening Ceremonies and parades on February 11 and 12. The ceremonies included their own Olympic flame in the sandbox (safety measures utilized).

In lieu of snowboard cross and ski jumping and full contact ice hockey, Poker Hill Olympic events included speed sock skating, floor hockey, and curling inside; and sled and snowshoe racing, snow pile jumping, and snow angel making outside. All children received gold medals at the conclusion of the Olympics during their closing ceremonies and wore them proudly at school and around their houses during the winter break. The children had a blast!

Children and their families also continue to collect food and make deliveries to the Food Shelf for our needy neighbors and did so again on February 18. The school and the Food Shelf thank everyone for their help.

We hope everyone had a great break and we look forward to getting back to school this week as we try to usher in some spring weather!

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# Underhill I.D. participate in Jump Rope for Heart



First and Second graders in Mrs. Byers' class participated in Jump Rope for Heart on Friday, February 19 to benefit the American Heart Association.

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Underhill I.D. Elementary School participated in Jump Rope for Heart on Friday, February 19. Jump Rope for Heart is an educational fund-raising event held each year across the nation to benefit the American Heart Association. The valuable program promotes physical fitness, cooperation, and community service to children. This is the

sixth year UID has participated in the program. On February 19, K-4 students raised \$275 for the American Heart Association while jumping over 12,500 times! Thank you to our physical education teacher, Amanda Cowan, for continuing the Jump Rope for Heart program at Underhill ID.

## Underhill Little League registration

Registration for Underhill Little League Baseball will take place on March 22 and 23 at Brown's River Middle School from 6:00-7:30 PM each night. Little League is open to all Underhill boys and girls, ages 5-12. For more details, you can visit [www.uhll.org](http://www.uhll.org), or call David Nicholson at 899-3607, [nativedave@myfairpoint.net](mailto:nativedave@myfairpoint.net).

## CESU MEETINGS

- March 8, CESU Negotiations Committee meeting and Teacher Negotiations, 4:00 PM at the Central Office.
- March 11, Bolton, Jericho, Richmond, Underhill Center, Underhill Town, and MMUSD school board meeting, 6:30 PM, MMUHS.
- March 15, CESU Executive Committee meeting, 6:30 PM, Central Office.
- March 15, CESU Policy Committee meeting, 6:30 PM, Central Office.

## SPORTS NEWS

# Jericho Girls win State Youth Hockey Championship

The Essex Lady Sting with two players from Jericho on its roster won the U12A Vermont State Hockey Championship last Wednesday night at Cairns Arena defeating the Burlington Bobcats 4 - 0. Essex went undefeated throughout the state tournament and will now represent Vermont at the 2010 U12 Regional Hockey Tournament in Winslow, Maine the weekend of March 12 - 14<sup>th</sup>. Leading the team in the championship game were Jericho residents Lauren Hagerty and Anna Burke.



Scribner, Nicole Foice and Sara Manley complemented the forwards in providing strong resistance to any pressure by their competition. Vika Simons, the team's primary net minder shared goalie duties with Burke and Hagerty during the regular season.

Essex Youth hockey has openings for girls of all ability levels and needs more girls from Chittenden East to play for their teams. For additional information about playing girls hockey please contact Pat Burke at [pburkevt@yahoo.com](mailto:pburkevt@yahoo.com) or visit the organization's website [www.essexyouthhockey.org](http://www.essexyouthhockey.org).



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# 7/8 Wolverines take NVYFL 2009 State Championship

By Kathy Lozier

The Chittenden East Wolverines took on the Milton Broncos this past Saturday October 31 for the NVYFL State Championship before a packed stadium at Colchester High School. The Wolverines were coming off their first win ever over a very good South Burlington team and were in the finals for the second straight year.

The Wolverines won the toss and elected to receive the opening kick-off and for the second week in a row they fumbled on their first possession. Milton took advantage and drove right down the field for the score and the two point conversion was successful putting Milton ahead, 8-0. This was the first time all year that the Wolverines had been behind. On the ensuing kick-off, confusion played a big role and Milton recovered setting up what could have been a big hole for the Wolverines to dig out of. The Wolverine defense, as it has all year, caused a fumble and stopped a potential scoring drive. The offense settled down and three plays later Marcello Mosca took a triple option keeper around the left end for a forty yard

touchdown. The two point conversion failed. The Wolverine defense began to show why it is one of the best defenses this league has ever seen with big plays by Andrew Young and Dan Hibbs. The Wolverine running game started to kick it in gear behind the solid running of Dakota Jones, Tyler Bernardine, and Dan Pierce. Derek Charland's exceptional blocking from the fullback position was clearly evident.

The offensive line began to open up huge running lanes that led to a 19-8 lead with just under a minute to play in the half. The Wolverines were faced with 4th down and 20 yards to go for a first down due to an intentional grounding penalty. "We try to have something in our play book that gives us a chance to make a big play when the situation calls for it and this was the perfect situation," said Coach Jim Driscoll. The Wolverines went to a shotgun set with Mosca moving to left end and Hayden Russell moving to quarterback with Dakota Jones as the belly back. "We practice this play all the time

for fun, so we were excited to see what would happen," said Coach D. Ben Haynes made a beautiful snap to Hayden who handed off to Dakota who faked the run and uncorked a beautiful 35 yard pass to Marcello who made an over the shoulder catch for the touchdown just before the half ended putting the Wolverines ahead 25-8 at the half. The momentum was clearly in the Wolverines favor as they came out in the second half and moved the ball behind the running of Tyler Bernardine, Derek Charland, Nils Meisterling and David Christie. The Wolverines put a couple of scores on the board and the defense remained strong. The final score was 43-14.

The Wolverines dedicated the game to former Wolverine Patrick Devlin who passed away this fall. "I can't say enough about the character of these kids. They are champions on the outside and on the inside!" commented Coach D.

Once again the Wolverine family wants to thank everyone for their incredible support throughout the year.

## Night Rider series at Bolton Valley competition scores

Vermont Ski/Snowboard, Wednesday, Feb 17, 2010, Event Slope Style - Skiers : ages 12-and-under: 1 (tie). Spencer Lefebvre, 12, Bolton, VT and Andrew Morin, 12, Essex, VT 3. Oliver Ogden, 6, Hyde Park, VT; ages 13-17: 1. Cole Derrick, 13, Fayston, VT 2. Mike Bouffard, 15, Jericho, VT 3. Dan Hibbs, 13, Jericho, VT; ages 18-and-over: 1. Stirling Cobb, 19, Peru, VT 2. Tom McKeon, 20, Madison, CT 3. Mark DeCarlo, 20, Stamford, CT.

Snowboarders: ages 12-and-under: 1. Douglas Fay, 11, Richmond, VT 2. Jonathan Twombly, 10, Shelburne, VT 3. Stratton Matteson, 12, Richmond, VT; ages 13-17: 1. Aiden Melen, 15, Shelburne, VT 2. Dylan Peters, 16, Williston, VT 3. Gabe Cohn, 14, Richmond, VT; ages 18-and-over: 1. John Beaudin, 25, Weare, NH 2. Jeff Snyder, 24, Hyde Park, VT; Women: 1. Brittany Horowitz, 19, East Quogue, NY 2. Bryn Appe, 21, Charlotte, VT.

## Westford's Annual Broomball Tournament

By Phyl Newbeck  
Special to the Mountain Gazette

The annual Westford broomball tournament, a signature event for the town, is back for its eleventh year. The youth competition has already taken place, but the adult event will begin under the lights on the evening of Friday, March 5 and will continue all day on Saturday, March 6.

Back in 1999, Sue Adams came up with the idea of having a town tournament. A skating rink already existed on the Town Green and this was a way to promote its use. By offering broomball instead of hockey, the town was able to increase the number of participants. The event used to be held over Presidents' Weekend, but was moved to the first weekend in March to prevent conflicts with high school hockey tournaments.

This being Vermont, weather doesn't always cooperate. Adams remembers one year when two feet of snow fell the morning of the competition. Her husband Dave gamely took out his snow blower to clear the surface, and players with early games helped out with shovels. In 2009, a thaw wreaked havoc with the ice. By afternoon, players were slogging through the slush with visible ice chunks floating in the water at the sunny end of the rink. It might have been tough for the players, but Adams said it was certainly fun to watch. In addition, the warm weather made life easier for the spectators. "It's an outdoor rink so it's a given that you take what nature throws at you," she said.

Each team must have at least five players and can be single-sex or co-ed. They play double elimination with the exact schedule dependent on how many teams sign up. The younger players are required to wear helmets, and organizers recommend that adults do the same. There is a fee of \$10 per adult and \$5 per child with the money going to benefit the ice rink and the restoration of the Brick Meeting House.

In 2009, the tournament had a record high of twenty teams and about 160 total participants. Adams has decided that twenty should be the cap for number of teams; more than that and games have to be shortened to ensure that everyone gets playing time. The Westford Recreation Committee makes the determination as to how much money goes to the rink and how much to the Brick Meeting House. Adams said a new liner has to be purchased annually for the rink at roughly \$400. In early years, she and her husband tried to make the liners last for two years, but found that wasn't feasible. In addition, this year the town purchased \$600 worth of steel stakes and supports for the rink. The installation was done free of charge by students from the Essex Center for Technology.

Adams reports that many players return year and year. In some cases, children who played in the youth tournament are now old enough to play in the adult league. There are so many people inter-

ested in playing that there is even talk of a second rink. Although Adams doesn't know of any teams who fly in for the tournament, there are folks who come from as far as Massachusetts and New York and she had an inquiry from the captain of the Clarkson University broomball team. Starting in December, people start to call Adams to find out when the tournament will take place to ensure that vacations don't preclude their attendance. "It has something of a cult following," she said.

Although Adams is the founder of the tournament and her husband takes care of the rink, she is quick to point out that it is a true "community effort." In particular, Adams praised the different groups who take charge of the concessions. This year, the Westford Girls Group and the Girl Scouts will provide refreshments during the adult tournament, while the Boy Scouts made sure those watching the youth tournament didn't go hungry. "Without their support it wouldn't be successful," said Adams. "The concessions help make it work."

Alex Weinhagen of Westford has participated in the broomball tournament since 2004, and for the last four years, he and his wife, Alice, have helped organize the concessions. Weinhagen explained that the Brick Meeting House, an old Baptist church which is currently being used by the town of Westford as a quasi-community center, is the charter organization for the local scouting groups. The scouts use their concession sales at the broomball tournament to give back to that organization. Last year, the various scouting groups raised over \$1,000, which Weinhagen said was a tribute to the organizing skills of Sue and Dave Adams in publicizing the tournament. "More people at the tournament," he said, "means more mouths to feed." Weinhagen said area business such as Hannaford, Price Chopper, Shaw's, and the Westford Market donate goods for the concessions. Additionally, for at least five years, Mackenzie's has donated hot dogs, this year providing 200 for the tournament. Coca-cola also donates soda and Powerade.

Weinhagen looks forward to the event every year. "As a player," he said, "it's got to be one of the most draining sports because it seems like you take five steps to move two because you're running around on the ice. It's so much fun because the ice is a great equalizer; if you're Wayne Gretzky or an average Joe, when you're running around on the ice in boots everyone is pretty equal - equally ridiculous."

John Foley of South Burlington has been playing in the tournament for seven years with his team, the Dumont Crew. "I think what makes this tournament so special," he said, "are the people that it attracts. The people that come to watch, to cook food, to play or to simply hang out are the kind of people that I want to be around." Weinhagen also believes the tournament serves the purpose of bringing the community together. "This is our prime mid-winter get-together," he said. "It's our festival. It's great fun to see all the community members come out for both the adult and youth tournaments."

## Jericho Spring Baseball and Softball signups

Jericho Youth League will be hosting walk-in registrations for the spring baseball season at Jericho Elementary on March 16 and 17 from 6:30 to 7:30 PM. Boys and Girls, age 5-12 who live in the towns of Jericho and West Bolton are eligible to participate. Residents of Underhill may play softball. Farm league, softball and major and minor little league divisions available. For detailed information, please visit our website at [www.jerichoyouthleague.org](http://www.jerichoyouthleague.org) or for registration information contact Deb Kesler at [deb.kesler@earthlogics.com](mailto:deb.kesler@earthlogics.com) or 899-2043

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# Helly Hansen Big Mountain Battle to take place March 20

For the second year in a row, Smuggler's Notch is the only eastern ski resort taking part in an adventure race series known as the Helly Hansen Big Mountain Battle (BMB). The race will take place on Saturday, March 20.

In 2008, Helly Hansen sponsored a single race called the Battle of the Bowls in Aspen. In 2009, three other venues were added and the name was changed. This year there are eight qualifying events at Fernie, Revelstoke and Sun Peaks, B.C., Taos, N.M., Stevens Pass, Wash, as well as Smuggs. The winner of each race gets to compete in the finals at Aspen/Snowmass. Event creator Marc Campbell said Smuggler's Notch was chosen be-

cause mountain personnel wear Helly Hansen attire and use the GPS system favored by the race directors. Last year Smuggs had more racers than the other three locations.

Campbell describes the event as part adventure race, part scavenger hunt. Participants must compete in teams of two and are required to stay within 100 meters of each other. They are given a map and a team card with five checkpoints, and outfitted with a GPS system to track their movements. The race must be completed within three hours and includes some uphill hikes. Although the core group of competitors is in their 30's, Campbell said there have been racers in their 60's and one as

young as 9. Many teams consist of a parent and child. Campbell said racers are usually locals who are more likely to be familiar with their mountains. However, last year a couple on vacation entered the competition at Sun Peaks. In their two days at the resort, they had found an area they liked and pretty much stayed there. Still, they signed up for the event and afterwards gushed that they had seen more of the mountain in three hours than they had in the previous two days. "It's a great exploratory thing," said Campbell, noting that the couple intends to race again this year. "It's a 'locals' event," he said, "but it's great for people visiting to get the full mountain experience." Campbell said he has received e-mails from season pass holders saying that the BMB is the best event they've ever taken part in at their mountain," said Campbell. "We want to take locals to places they typically don't go."

Smuggs Snow Sport University Director Harley Johnson and her husband Hugh, better known as the Smuggs Snow Reporter, entered the race in 2009. "We thought it would be fun for us to do it together," said Harley, "and we had a great time." Harley found the uphill hikes to be the most challenging part of the race although she conceded that having a husband who played Sherpa by carrying her skis certainly helped. There were two mandatory hikes on the route, but the duo added two others after deciding it would be faster to hike up from mid-station on two of the lifts than to ride to the top.

Harley said she had the most fun on the chairlift, strategizing with Hugh on how to hit the checkpoints as efficiently as possible. An additional incentive was trying to overtake two male ski instructors who work for her. Towards the end of the race, that duo was three chairs ahead of the Johnsons on one lift and after the second to last checkpoint, only one chair ahead. Following Hugh's instructions to speed off the lift uphill until she could no longer ski and then click out of her bindings so that he could carry both pairs, the

couple managed to finish ahead of the instructors. Harley noted that strategy can win out in the race over pure fitness; she believes the instructors that she and Hugh beat were more physically fit than she was. Pure speed isn't required since the race takes place while others are using the trails so racers are not allowed to get into a racing tuck. "You have to be fit," she said, "but you also have to use your head, strategize, and know how to read a trail map."

Steve Clokey, Director of Marketing and Promotions at Smuggler's Notch said this "locals" event attracted more than a few visitors last year, including teams from New York and Canada. He strongly encourages locals and visitors to partake of this year's event. "The Big Mountain Battle takes you over all three mountains and it creates a little bit of diversity for every skier and rider," he said. "It takes them out of their element." Clokey stressed that this is not necessarily an event for racers. "The best skier may not win," he said, since there are other elements involved including orienteering and map reading skills. "It's a little tricky," he said, "but it allows a greater chance of winning for each participant."

Harley hopes that Helly Hansen will continue to sponsor the race at Smuggs, but even if they don't, the mountain may institute its own race. Smuggs now uses the GPS system favored by the event and may create its own race using the same technology. Clokey, too, hopes Helly Hansen will continue to bring the event to Smuggler's Notch. "Anytime people are having fun its good for the mountain," he said.

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