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Small Business Award presented Boyden Farm

By Phyl Newbeck
Special to the Mountain Gazette

The Boyden family started milking cows in Cambridge in 1914. Since then, their farm has gone through many changes; switching to beef cattle, offering their historic barn for special events, working with local outfitters to provide a stopping point for canoe and kayak trips, and carving out a 12 acre corn maze in the fall. Their efforts have paid off; this year they were awarded the Jeffrey Butland Family-Owned Small Business Award from the Vermont office of the Small Business Administration.

Mark Boyden and his wife Lauri are the fifth generation to till the Lamoille River Valley land at the intersection of Routes 15 and 104 in Cambridge. Mark took his degree from UVM's College of Agriculture and immediately put it to good use on the family farm. Lauri initially used her UVM degree in Early Childhood Education to teach preschool in Burlington, but tiring of the commute, she opted to open her own child care center on the farm. "I felt that I was missing something by being away," she said. "I wanted to be part of what was happening here. Right from the time I met Mark I've felt that I was part of the farm." These days, Lauri maintains a full-time job at Smuggler's Notch in addition to her farm work. The couple has three daughters ranging in age from 7 to 13.

A decade ago, in the face of declining milk prices, the Boydens sold their dairy herd which numbered roughly 200 cows. Lauri described the milking parlor as somewhat antiquated by 21st century dairy production standards, hindering the Boydens' attempts to hire help. Mark knew he wanted to farm, so the couple embarked on a road trip, trying to determine if they should move to another location. They scouted out property in Missouri and central New York before realizing that Vermont would always be home. Mark focused on crops: hay, corn, and black, kidney and soy beans. In 2005 they decided to replace the absent dairy cows with beefers. "Mark always had a goal of supplying a product straight from the farm to the consumer," said Lauri.

Raising beef cattle serves no purpose without an outlet for the meat, so Mark began the process of going door to door, first locally and then statewide, offering his product to stores and restaurants. Eventually, Black River Produce picked up the line so Boyden Farm Vermont Grown Beef is now available at locations across the state, as well as in western New Hampshire and Massachusetts. The farm has approximately 200 beefers with younger cows staying at satellite farms across the state until they are ready for Mark who ensures that they have the proper weight and health to be sent to the butcher.

Given their choice location, the couple decided to add a small store featuring other Vermont products as well as their own, and a scoop shop. In 2006, the farm began to realize its potential as a community gathering place, hosting concerts, weddings and fundraising events. The Boydens added a post and beam pavilion to the grounds, followed by a playground and a corn maze, and began advertising their property as an agri-tourism destination. When the couple found they frequently had to close the store so the building could be used for other purposes such as a changing room for a bridal party, they realized they had to expand, so in 2007, they renovated the hay loft of the barn to include amenities like dressing rooms. The Boydens held a grand opening for the barn in 2008. The store and scoop shop were subsequently closed so they could focus on holding events in the restored historical structure.

The couple has neatly divided their spheres so that Lauri works on special events while Mark concentrates on crops and the beef business. The barn, which can accommodate 300 people, is rented out nearly every weekend during the warmer months for weddings, birthday parties and other celebrations. This summer, they will host their first memorial service. The couple shares the property with Mark's brother David and his wife Linda who own Boyden Valley Winery. "We're not all working together," said Lauri, "but we're sharing the land and keeping it viable. Everyone has their own identity and a piece of the pie." A third Boyden sibling, Stephanie, does graphic design for both brothers.

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Jason Stockwell in *The Big Chill*...way to go Jason!



Jericho resident Jason Stockwell (right in black t-shirt) took part in the *THE BIG CHILL* a plunge into Lake Champlain on April 11 to benefit the epilepsy foundation. PHOTO BY TRACY DEBRITA

Proactive policies and a positive student culture help MMU deal with school bullying

By Richard Mindell
Special to the Mountain Gazette

In the wake of the tragic suicide of a South Hadley, Mass, high school student who had been the victim of excessive bullying by fellow students at school and on the internet, parents throughout Vermont and elsewhere are wondering if bullying occurs at their own high schools, and if what happened at South Hadley High School could happen in their own community. At Mount Mansfield Union High School, in Jericho, proactive administrative policies and a very positive student culture seem to have deflated the problem to the point where both students and teachers feel good about what's going on at the school on Brown's Trace Road.

"I think you'd have a problem finding a school that hasn't had to deal with it," MMU assistant principal, Michael Weston admitted recently. "We don't have our heads in the sand and think things are perfect here. But generally the climate at MMU is pretty healthy. Students, teachers and administrators all work hard at it."

The results have been a drop in the number of students reporting harassment incidents from 29, in 2004, to 12, in 2009. The number of fights reported at school has dropped from 37 to 0 during the same period. The total number of student disciplinary referrals dropped from 1,528, in 2006, to 803 in 2009.

Weston said the administration has adopted several specific policies to help create a culture of tolerance and understanding at the school. One is the advisory program which is designed to provide every student at MMU with an adult in the building with whom he or she can talk and to whom they can go if they are experiencing problems. The advisory classes, which meet every week, also help students get to know each other in a more relaxed, social atmosphere than what is typically found in class, and encourage students to learn how to work together and how to appreciate, rather than fear or resent differences between themselves and other students.

The school also promotes extra-curricular activities involving specific classes. A senior class activity might promote a sense of camaraderie among members of that class. Junior, sophomore and freshmen class activities might also give students in those classes a sense of belonging, which encourages students to look out for each other. Weston believes this is a crucial part of the equation. "As kids grow and mature they realize they are all on the same journey. They're all working together to graduate."

Another approach adopted by the school is to

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Food shelf receives Marian Awards

By Phyl Newbeck
Special to the Mountain Gazette

The Westford Food Shelf continues to serve an important role in the community, providing sustenance to 20-22 households each month. Co-founder Julia Andrews said that number is more than was originally anticipated, but it's a number that organizers have come to expect. The food shelf is excited because their partnership with the Bread and Roses Farm has reaped unexpected dividends. An anonymous donor purchased five CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) shares to give away, and Bread and Roses decided those shares should be provided to the food shelf.

Andrews said the food shelf's board of directors has started gathering names and asked the Westford Seniors to do the same thing at their mid-April luncheon. The families chosen will be able to pick up their share at the farm, just like any other shareholder. "We're so excited to partner with Bread and Roses on this," said Andrews. "We're not just providing food resources, but also healthy nutritious food for those who wouldn't otherwise have the opportunity. It's a perfect match with our mission."

Bread and Roses co-owner Chris Siegriest is thrilled to be able to help out the food shelf. She reported that at the start of the season, one of the farm's CSA members came by and requested that the farm provide five full shares to people who would not otherwise be able to afford them. The donor, who wishes to remain anonymous said, "I don't care how you do it, but use this money to give food to people who wouldn't normally have access to it." Siegriest and her partner Laura Williams immediately got in touch with the food shelf and the senior center for help in figuring out how to follow the donor's directive. Since Bread and Roses usually sells out their CSA shares, this gift is essential in ensuring that food shelf patrons will be able to enjoy the harvest.

Bread and Roses already had a working relationship with the food shelf. Siegriest and Williams collect whatever isn't sold after the Westford Farmer's Market and donate it to the organization. Additionally, in 2009 the food shelf was able to obtain funds through which they purchased Bread and Roses produce. Siegriest said that working with the food shelf helps fulfill the farm's mission of providing healthy, fresh food to all people. "We grow high quality, nutritious food," said Siegriest, "and it often goes to people with higher incomes. We all deserve to eat well, be healthy, and be in touch with the land where our food is from."

This is the third year that the food shelf has been in existence and they are constantly adding to the services they provide. During the winter, directors were able to give each family that visited a Hannaford's gift card. In addition to food, patrons can pick up household cleaning supplies, toiletries and books donated by the Westford Li-

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Conservation planning comes to towns of Jericho/Underhill

By Phyl Newbeck
Special to the Mountain Gazette

It's bigger than your backyard. It's even bigger than Jericho and Underhill. That's the message that Jens Hilke, Conservation Planning Biologist with the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department, will be presenting at Underhill Town Hall on May 3 at the Annual Meeting of the Jericho Underhill Land Trust.

Hilke's talk entitled "Changing Scales in Conservation Planning" will present land conservation planning on three different levels. Hilke said he uses the "cosmic zoom" to switch between the three. The first and smallest scale is the local one. Hilke said people can relate to the wildlife they see in their backyard and generally will have some knowledge of the natural history of their particular parcel of land. "We connect at that level," he said. "It's a celebration of place." Hilke believes more and more people are becoming aware of the cultural and natural history of their particular landscape, but stressed that learning about ecology requires people to move on to the next level.

Hilke said increased understanding of how wildlife moves leads to the second, natural community-based scale. Whereas a purely local view might examine an individual deeryard, this broader scale can look at an entire natural community and patterns across the landscape. Riparian corridors and wetlands are examples of such communities. "We realize," said Hilke, "that the wildlife we see in our backyard doesn't acknowledge property lines or even town boundaries." This leads to the ecoregional scale, the largest of the groupings. "I want to grab people at the local scale," said Hilke, "and encourage them to think about other scales which are more ecologically important."

Hilke praised the work done by wildlife consultant Jesse Mohr on behalf of the Jericho Conservation Commission and other groups. Hilke has been involved in some of their mapping projects and plans to specifically address the findings of Mohr and his volunteers regarding blocks of wildlife habitat and connectivity. The presentation will focus on habitat blocks in Jericho, Underhill and Richmond. Hilke also lauded the work of the Chittenden County Uplands Project in identifying and preserving areas of connectivity. On an even larger scale, Vermont is part of the "Staying Connected" initiative which includes four states and Canada, addressing habitat connectivity in the northern Appalachians. Several state agencies and 16 non-profits are involved in the Vermont segment of this initiative.

Hilke's presentation will focus on far ranging mammals, as well as reptiles, amphibians and aquatic creatures. Regarding the former, he stated that he has seen more bear signs on the section of the Long Trail which runs from Richmond to Jericho than in any other portion of the state. Regarding the latter, he said that aquatic connectivity is only starting to be understood. Hilke said 90% of the culverts in Vermont are "hanging culverts" which create fragmented habitat. "We've created islands of habitat that are small and need to be protected," he said.

Hilke is pleased to have been chosen as the keynote speaker for the Jericho Underhill Land Trust's Annual Meeting, noting that "land protection is an incredibly important tool in the toolbox of land conservation." Hilke said these options include individual land management decisions, land conservation, and regulatory tools. "I'm really excited to be addressing the Jericho Underhill Land Trust," he said. "I have a good time working in this region."

JULT is fresh off two successful fundraising drives in 2009: one for the Gateway property adjacent to the Wolfrun Natural Area and one to help the Vermont Land Trust purchase a conservation easement on the historic Barber Farm. JULT Chair, Livy Strong, said the Board was looking forward to having Hilke as the guest speaker for the annual meeting. "His many years in the field as a conservation biologist coupled with his ability to help towns utilize this information for planning purposes is exceptional," she said. "Jens shows us how the work that we do intersects with the work of other local and regional organizations and contributes to a broader picture."

Doors will open at 6:30 PM for refreshments Jericho/Underhill continued on page 2

NEWS BRIEFS

POLICE REPORT

On Friday, March 19, 2010 at 11:03 PM, **Jody Myott**, 42 of Jeffersonville, VT was stopped for speeding on Rt. 15 in Cambridge near the AOT garage. Field Sobriety Exercises and further investigation showed that she was over the legal limit. Myott was processed for DUI and released. She was cited to appear before the Lamoille Court on April 14, 2010 to answer to the charges of DUI #4. (Case # 10A101191)

Friday, March 26 at 11:06 PM Vermont State Trooper Timothy Carlson stopped **Stacy Corrow**, 31 of Cambridge, VT for littering. Field Sobriety Exercises and further investigation revealed that she was over the legal limit. She was processed for DUI, cited to appear before the Lamoille Court on April 7, 2010, and released. (Case # 10A101286)

On March 26, 2010, VT at approximately 3:30 PM the Vermont State Police from the Williston Barracks responded to a family disturbance in Westford. During the investigation Troopers located

forty five **stolen road signs and speed limit signs**. The signs were attached to the wall of a juvenile male. The juvenile stated he had stolen the signs over the course of last summer. They were stolen from the Towns of Essex, Westford, Georgia and Fairfax. The approximate value of the stolen signs was between thirty five and one hundred fifty dollar depending on the size of the sign. The total approximate value was between and \$1615.00 and \$3450.00. Several of the signs were broken off from their posts and were not able to be reused. (Case# 10A101283)

Saturday, April 3 at 12:11 AM, **Michael Martell**, 30 of Jeffersonville, VT was stopped on Route 108 in Cambridge for having a headlight out. Field Sobriety Exercises and further investigation revealed that he was over the legal limit. He was processed for DUI, cited to appear in Lamoille District Court on Wednesday, April 21, and released. (Case #: 10A101371)

A woman involved in a single-vehicle roll-over crash Sunday, April 4, in Jericho was intoxicated behind the wheel, the Vermont State Police said Monday. **Miriam Wade**, 50, of Burlington was driving a 2000 Jeep Cherokee at 8:10 PM on Governor Peck Road in Jericho when the vehicle rolled over, police said. Wade suffered minor injuries but was under the influence of alcohol, state police said.

She was cited to appear April 22 in Vermont District Court in Burlington to answer a charge of drunken driving.

COURT REPORT

March 19, 2010, **Victoria Gaylord**, 43, Jericho, VT, charged with DI, first offense, in Richmond, VT on November 5, 2009; pleaded guilty; fined \$300, sentenced to four to 12 months, suspended, probation.

United Way of Lamoille County to hold annual food drive

On Saturday, May 8, the United Way of Lamoille County and the U.S. Postal Service will conduct the annual community food drive.

If you have rural mail delivery, you may hang your food donation from your mailbox. Your postal carrier will pick up your donation during their regular Saturday morning delivery. A drop box will be placed in the lobby of your local post office for the convenience of those who pick up their mail.

Only non-perishable items will be accepted. Items most requested at food shelves are: peanut butter, jelly, tuna, toilet paper, cereals, canned fruits and vegetables, spaghetti sauces, cake and baking mixes and hamburger helper, but any non-perishables will be greatly appreciated.

Please help in this community-wide effort to restock our food shelves. For more information, contact Joy at the United Way office at 888-3252.

UNDERHILL-JERICHO FIRE DEPARTMENT

By Kitty Clark

EMERGENCY CALLS:

April 1, 10:30 AM, Silent Alarm for Sq51 to stand by at MMU, Jericho for a bomb threat

April 2, 8:15 AM, Sq51 only to respond to Jeri Hill Apartments for investigation

April 2, 2:15 PM, EMS Assist

April 3, 10:24 AM, Responded to 111 Fitzsimonds Road, Jericho for a brush fire

April 3, 3:10 PM, Responded to 1178 Vermont RT 15, Westford for a brush fire

April 4 10:33 AM, Responded to Foothills, Jericho to Assist Essex Rescue

April 4, 3:15 PM, Responded to the area of 149 Skunk Hollow Rd, Jericho for a motor cycle accident

April 4, 8:12 PM, Responded to Governor Peck Rd., Jericho for a one vehicle roll over

On March 31, twenty boy scouts visited the fire station for an introduction to the Fire Safety Merit Badge which they will be working on in April. The boys learned about how to be fire safe in their homes and were given a tour of the station and the apparatus. They were a very nice group of boys.

SAFETY MESSAGE: "Stove-top Safety, store frequently used items, like pepper & salt shakers away from the rear of the stove and not above it. Turn pot handles inward away from the front of the range. Avoid using burners that are too large for the pan. Use oven mitts or potholders when handling hot items. Stay with what you are cooking and set a timer to remind you. Always keep the range clean to avoid a grease fire. If cooking with grease, keep burner temperature low and pot covered. If grease catches fire, smother the flames with a lid. Bring your hand over the flames at a 45 degree angle with lid below edge of the pot, taking care not to burn your hand. Unplug counter-top appliances when not in use and store flammable and combustible materials at least two feet away from the stove and oven. If you have a stove fire in your kitchen, call "911" immediately.

Kaitlyn Begins awarded Saint Michael's College summer research grant

Kaitlyn Begins, daughter of Daniel Begins of Richmond and Krista Begins of Jericho, VT was informed this week that she will receive a \$3,700 summer research grant from the Saint Michael's College Council on Undergraduate Research. Begins will be engaged in carrying out the proposal, *Do Abasic Sites Lead to an Increased Mutation Rate Causing Short Insertions and Deletions at the CAN1 Allele in Saccharomyces Cerevisiae?*, under the direction of Saint Michael's Professor, Dr. Malcolm Lippert.

Begins, a senior biology major, graduated from Mt. Mansfield High School before coming to Saint Michael's, a liberal arts residential Catholic college located in the Burlington area of Vermont.

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and mingling and Hilke will speak after a short business meeting which begins at 7:00 PM. Members of the public are invited to attend, but they may not vote in the JULT Board election which precedes Hilke's speech.

Mountain Gazette reporter Phyl Newbeck is on the board of the Jericho Underhill Land Trust.

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Maine legislator and SBA Regional Administrator, honors a business which has been passed down from one generation of a family to another and has been in operation for at least fifteen years. The four areas of evaluation are profits and sales; increased employment for both family and non-family members; potential for long-term success and growth; and efforts to strengthen other family-owned businesses in the community. Businesses get rated in each of the four categories with the highest aggregate total winning the award. "As a producer of fresh, high-quality food, Boyden Farm contributes to the economic and social integration of Vermont's rural communities," said SBA Vermont District Director Darcy Carter. "We're pleased to salute them as Vermont's outstanding Family-Owned Business of the Year."

Lauri and Mark were gratified to be recognized by the Small Business Administration. "We take great pride in receiving this award as it symbolizes our great dedication and hard work over time," Lauri said. "We honor the Boyden Farm land and heritage as well as the community for which we care deeply."

CORRECTION

The teachers and the School Board in the Chittenden East Supervisory Union are still negotiating a new contract. It was incorrectly stated in the April edition of *The Mountain Gazette* that they were at impasse.

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COMMUNITY COLUMNS

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Notes from Montpelier

By Rep. Bill Fran

My House Human Services committee spent a day reviewing a portion of the Palliative Care bill we developed and passed last year. Act 25 called for a report on the programmatic and cost implications to providing concurrent palliative and curative care to children who have life-limiting illnesses. The current requirements follow the rules developed by Medicare for providing Hospice services for people at their end of life. This is an initiative that is supported for almost everyone as being "the right thing to do" but finding the funding is another challenge. Six parents braved coming before a legislative committee to share their experiences with us. We also heard from Dr. Macauley, Director of the Pediatric Advanced Care Team, Vermont Children's Hospital at Fletcher Allen and Cindy Bruzese, Executive Director of The Vermont Ethics Network.

As the Legislature struggles to create a balanced budget I am often asked why we don't use "the rainy day fund"? A "rainy day" fund is a type of reserve fund, a fund that is held for use at a later time for one of many reasons. Vermont has two types of reserve funds; Stabilization and rainy day. There is a General, Transportation and Education fund that is primarily designed to reduce unanticipated

Year End Reserve Balances (in millions)				
	Type	FY09	FY10	FY11
General Fund				
GF Stabilization Reserve	stabilization	60.0	57.3	54.5*
GF Surplus Reserve	rainy day	14.8	4.9	0.0
Human Services Caseload	rainy day	16.3	0.0	0.0
Revenue Shortfall Reserve	rainy day	0.0	0.0	0.0
Transportation Fund				
TF Stabilization Reserve	stabilization	11.3	10.3	10.5*
TF Surplus Reserve	rainy day	0.0	0.0	0.0
Education Fund				
EF Stabilization Reserve	stabilization	31.1	22.3	24.0

* Statutory maximum- 5% of previous year total appropriations

revenue shortfall at the end of a fiscal year. They also provide resources for cash flow needs in anticipation of revenues. There are four rainy day funds – General Fund Surplus Reserve, Human Services Caseload, Revenue Shortfall Reserve, and Transportation Fund Surplus Reserve. These were created over the years to put money away for a "rainy day", the first in 1987. At the end of

fiscal year 2011 (June 30, 2011), all of these funds will all be empty. Here is a chart of the different funds:

The \$54.5 million in the General Fund Stabilization reserve is the fund I think most people wonder why we don't use now. This fund was designed to and is used to reduce the effects of annual variations in state revenues upon the general fund. For example at the end of fiscal year 2002 revenues were way down and this fund met the shortfall and carried us through to fiscal year 2004. This fund also reduces the need for short term borrowing which cost money and concerns bond rating agencies. While cash flows are generally healthy throughout the year, there are occasions where the cash position dips. It is projected to drop to \$15m-\$25m next month, May, 2010. Our rating impacts the state's cost of borrowing money and perceptions of state fiscal management which is important in competing for public and private investments. And of course once the funds are spent they need to be refilled. Where fiscal year 2011's shortfall will be succeeded by fiscal year 2012's \$100 + million budget gap shortfall, utilization of one time funds creates a greater problem in the following year.

As always I like to hear from you, either by email: Bill@RepBillFrank.com, phone: 899-3136 or mail: 19 Poker Hill Rd, Underhill, 05489.

A new perspective

By Sara Riley

Special to the Mountain Gazette

Things sure look different from here.

A few days ago I had bone spurs removed from the big toe joint on my right foot. (The other foot is scheduled for June.) There are the usual things about any operation, however minor; nothing unexpected, really, but I am surprised that the medical folks sent me home without crutches. Instead, the instructions say "weight-bearing as tolerated." So far there's no tolerating it at all, not even a little bit, but this is only day two. Since I'm hoping to be back at work on day five, I am crossing my fingers.

My question is: is this no-crutches thing, is it some new medical-cost-cutting measure? Our home is accessible and there is a wheelchair available for me to use. What do people do who don't have those conditions, and who get no crutches? Shaking my head in a mixture of disbelief and sympathy.

But things sure do look different from a wheelchair, however temporary the need for it.

First, it is darned hard to get up from a couch or chair with no armrests, using only one leg. The knee is very unhappy with me for trying it. Grab bars in the bathroom are incredible, everyone should have them.

The bathroom sink is fine, the chair fits under it and my chin over it (though not by much!) so brushing teeth works, but the mirror reflects the wall behind me, not my face – a disadvantage of being of no great height. And there is plenty of room to turn the chair around,

Are the kids old enough yet?

"Junior!" she exclaimed with a sharp tongue, as her son attempted to sneak a pre-dinner bite of the dessert she was making. She only called him "Junior" when she demanded his attention, for he wasn't even technically a junior. And she had been doing this for over sixty years. Yes, this scene actually describes a true story of an 85-year-old mother scolding her 62-year-old son!

While the parent-child relationship does evolve over a lifetime, it does retain a certain character. Parents may continue to command a certain respect, and children often continue to honor that position of authority. However, in the world of estate planning, there may come a time where the children need to take a position of authority. It may come when the parents are still living, but it will definitely

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in the bath and all the rooms of the house, generally speaking.

What's going to need re-planning is placement of sundry items of daily use, and arrangements for some daily tasks. Bath towels have to come down to the counter or a lower cabinet, as do laundry detergents and such. In the kitchen, cooking and washing the dishes (not doing much of either right now) make no compromise: you must be upright. Ditto for getting plates and cups. Areas of the bedroom we thought were accessible in the chair, well there's a makeover there in the making.

And it looks like gardening will be a big no-op this year, until late enough as makes no never-mind. The garden has to be re-planned both for accessibility and less overall work.

It is sobering, how much compromise there is in this exercise, and it gives me some appreciation of just how hard it is to be wheelchair-bound. Luckily it won't be for long, and I keep in mind the beneficial outcome of it all – I'll be able to walk a long day in the woods with

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the dogs, or a couple of miles a day for exercise.

Feeding the dogs is another whole story: there are four (too many) of them and this has upset their whole routine. We're working on it. The dog who is my special girl has been pretty much glued to my side since I got home, and has given me a break on the otherwise constant begging for me to throw the ball. Somehow she just knew.

One thing the dogs like about me in the wheelchair for a few days is that my face is so much closer to theirs. It makes schlubbing me so much easier for them!

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

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OBITUARIES

Augustine D. Meunier, 90, Burlington/Richmond, VT, passed away surrounded by her family on Sat., April 3, 2010 at Flether Allen Health Care, Burlington, VT. She was born in Burlington on January 19, 1920, the daughter of J. Noel and Palmelia (Burrelle) Meunier. She attended school at St. Louis' Convent in Winooski, VT and St. Anthony's in Burlington, VT. She was later employed at the Vermont Sugar Orchards, Fleur De Lis and Essex High School. One of her greatest accomplishments was helping raise her sisters, Christine's, eight children. She was always willing to help others, both in and outside the family later being a godsend in aiding in the care for Christine during her final illness. Augustine enjoyed walking, movies, shopping, diners, and participating in family functions. She was a great story teller, loved playing the Hawaiian guitar and was an accomplished seamstress and cook passing these last two talents down to her nieces. She leaves her brother and wife, Armand and Jeannette Meunier of Colchester, VT; Christine Trainque's eight children, her special nieces, nephews and spouses: David and Marie Trainque of Winooski, VT, Mary and Lee Conley of Mooers, N.Y., Catherine Trainque and Michael Baker Barre, Bernard and Annemarie Trainque, Michael and Doris Trainque, Anne and David Fields and Laura and Frank Buswell, all of Milton, VT and Karen and Roy Scarpinato of Bryan, Texas. She also leaves her nephew, Pat Lancour and wife, Nancy of Colchester, VT and nephew, Will Lancour; plus numerous grand and great-grand nieces, nephews, and cousins. Along with her parents, she was predeceased by her siblings and spouses: Blance and Tom Lancour, Theresa and Clarence Anderson, Christine and Francis Trainque, Marcel and Marion Meunier; and her best friend, Aileen Plouf. Visiting hours were on Tuesday from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at Elmwood-Meunier Funeral Home, 97 Elmwood Avenue, Burlington, VT during which a prayer service were offered at 7:00 PM. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Joseph CoCathedral with interment following in Mt. Calvary Cemetery. Annex on a future date and time to be announced. The family wishes to acknowledge the kind and compassionate care of the staff at Fletcher-Allen's E.R. and McLure 5. The family would also like to thank the V.N.A. Community Care Connection, and Homeshare Vermont for their services and the following physicians for providing excellent care and concern over the year: Drs. Gerhild Bjornson, John Gennari, Jennefer Ayer, and John Fitzgerald. She greatly enjoyed her short residency at Sterling House in Richmond, where she said it "felt like home." Those wishing may send memorial contributions to either: Homeshare Vermont, 187 St. Paul Street, Burlington, VT 05401 or V.N.A., 1110 Prim Road, Colchester, VT, 05446.

Mary Elizabeth (Gagnon) Martell, 92, Richmond, VT, passed away on Thursday March 25, 2010. She was born on March 23, 1918 in Burlington, VT eldest daughter of nine children of the late Joseph and Mary (Brown) Gagnon. Mary attended Cathedral School. On August 20, 1946 she married Robert Martell of Burlington, VT. Together they made their life in Burlington where they raised

their children. She enjoyed giving time to the Catholic Daughters (she was grand regent), the Athena Club, Shelburne Museum and Meals on Wheels. She worked at Magrams, Ray's Clothing Store, Woolworth's and The Green Door. Mary loved to play cards and shopping. She was the thriftiest shopper we ever met. Mary is survived by her children: Wade Martell and life partner Michael Suffin of Conn.; Peter Martell and wife Bertha of Tigard, Ore.; John Martell and wife Marianne of Underhill, VT; Grandchildren: Osama Martell and wife Marie of Calif.; Elizabeth Beck and husband Jason; Monica Martell all from Tigard, Ore.; Brian Martell and wife Stacy; Ellen Martell all of Williston, VT; Alyson Martell of Underhill, VT; Great-grandchildren: Kaylee and Bryce Beck; Rylee Gaustad all of Tigard, Ore.; Christian Martell of Williston, VT; Julius Martell of California; Her brothers: Charlie Gagnon and wife Alice; Bernard Gagnon; Jimmy Gagnon; Paul Gagnon and wife Rose. Her sisters: Theresa Bellizzi and Phyllis Gesicki; Many nieces and nephews. She was also predeceased by her husband Robert Martell her brothers Reverend John Gagnon and Larry Gagnon and her infant great-grandson Timothy Martell. Mary's life was full and prosperous. There will be no public visiting hours. Memorial services and inurnment will be at the convenience of the family. The family is being assisted by Direct Cremation Services, 57 Main Street, Essex Jct., VT 05452. The family invites you to share your memories and online condolences by visiting www.awrichfuneralhomes.com.



COURT REPORT

March 5, 2010, **Dennis Stockwell**, 39, Turners Falls, MA, charged with DUI, first offense, in Richmond, VT on July 29, 2009; pleaded guilty; fined \$500; charged with vehicle operation - careless or negligent in Burlington, VT on July 29, 2009; pleaded guilty; fined \$1000.

March 10, 2010, **Jessica D. Roberts**, 27, Huntington, VT, charged with retail theft \$900 or less in South Burlington, VT on January 11, 2010; pleaded guilty; sentenced to three to six months, suspended, probation.

Huntington Community Garden plots now available

Applications are now being accepted for 2010 plots in the Huntington Community Garden, located in the Lower Village. The size is 16 x 16 and includes nice, well-drained soil, a dug well and hand pump for water on site, support from other gardeners, group purchasing of mulch, compost and other needs. The price is \$35 annually.

An informational meeting will be held on Monday, May 7, 7:00 PM, in the Huntington Public Library. For information call Sue Giovannetti (434-3059 or sueag@hotmail.com) or Megs Keir (434-3070 or mkeir@accessvt.com). Applications are available at the Huntington Public Library or Town Clerks Office.

Vermont 2-1-1 earns national accreditation

One month after celebrating the fifth anniversary of Vermont 2-1-1, United Way's statewide telephone information and referral program, program officials have another reason to celebrate. After roughly a two year process, Vermont 2-1-1 has earned its National Accreditation from the Alliance of Information and Referral Systems (AIRS).

"The process consisted of Consultation and On-Site Assessment Phases," Vermont 2-1-1 Director MaryEllen Mendl said. "Vermont 2-1-1's participation in the National Accreditation process shows our commitment to fulfilling our common mission "to advance the profession of information and referral as a vital means of bringing people and services together."

Vermont 2-1-1 is the first accredited AIRS Information and Referral program in Vermont. Information and Referral is the 'life raft' between people and services. Aptly described as the "art, science and practice of bringing people and services together," it is one of the most consequential aspects of Vermont 2-1-1's functions. Since the program launched in 2005, call specialists responded to over 93,500 Vermonters - including linking those in need with available community resources. In the first two months of 2010, the program has already fielded over 8,000 calls.

Local use of Vermont 2-1-1 has also grown considerably over the past five years. In 2005, only 15 calls were received from Lamoille County while in 2009, 1,210 calls were received.

Need help finding help? Dialing 2-1-1 is your first step. Dial 2-1-1 from anywhere in Vermont, or visit our website at www.vermont211.org. Professional Information and Referral Specialists are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to assist you.

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arrive after the parents have passed. And will those kids, the "juniors" of the world, be ready?

There are numerous stories of children who must literally wade through mountains of paperwork to locate that one important document, be it a car title, a house deed, or a Will. For a host of reasons, many families simply neglect to discuss legal or financial affairs while everyone is physically and mentally able to do so. And for our current generation of seniors, many simply are too private to feel it appropriate to discuss these affairs.

But when are the kids old enough to learn this information? Of course, that will be different with each family. There are also varying degrees to which each family will want to share information. For some, it may be enough to simply know where the "black box" of information is kept - one that holds a road map to all the legal and financial information. Other parents may choose to review the information with the children, providing them with copies of various legal documents and financial accounts and/or passwords to online data. Still, others may find it appropriate for children to actually meet with certain advisors or even hold positions of authority.

Whatever the level of information sharing, it is without question that the flow of information must begin at some time before incapacity or death. It presents a sometimes insurmountable challenge to a child to locate certain legal or financial data when they have no idea where to begin. And while "Junior" may still be sneaking treats from your kitchen, he may surprise you with mature appreciation for trusting him with the mere knowledge of your legal and financial affairs.

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Volunteers to participate in 40th annual Green Up Day

The Jericho Green Up Vermont Day Committee looks forward to seeing many volunteers joining together again on Saturday, May 1, at the annual Green Up Day Breakfast at the Community Center, Jericho Center, and out collecting litter and trash from Jericho's roads, river banks and parks on this special 40th anniversary of Green Up Vermont Day.

The annual Green Up Day breakfast for all the volunteers and their families will be held at the Community Center from 8:00 to 10:00 AM under the auspices of the Jericho Community Center ladies. If any of those attending the breakfast this year may also kindly wish to bring any additional hot breakfast dishes or baked goods to be shared by all, it would be most appreciated.

Green Up Vermont Day rubbish bags will be available for collection from the Jericho Town Office after April 15, and also at the Green Up Day breakfast. Kenny Barkyoub, Road Crew Chief, advises that the Town Garage on Brown's Trace will remain open on Saturday, May 1, to collect the litter bags.

For further information please contact Jessica Alexander, Jericho Town Clerk, (899 -4936) or Brooks Buxton (434 -8699) Jericho Green Up Day Coordinators.

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identify problems and move quickly to diffuse conflicts between students before they degenerate into bullying or hazing. Toward that end members of the staff try to be alert to potential social conflicts between students. If a staff member feels a certain student is under particular social or academic pressure he might approach that student to reassure him that there's someone at the school who can help him.

Students have cited several reasons for the relative lack of bullying and hazing at their school. Some believe it's a result of the school's size, which has fewer than 800 students. The feeling is, because everyone knows everyone else, or at least every student knows another student who knows another, and so on, there is no anonymity when one student bullies another at school or on the bus. As such, and because the student culture at MMU is generally supportive, students who witness bullying tend to discourage it.

"Bullies need an audience," Weston pointed out. "A bully typically gets some positive feedback for doing it. Eliminate the audience, and you stop the more obvious bullying."

Bullying is best described as making fun of someone's physical appearance, wardrobe, speech, or other characteristics, including lifestyle decisions and personality, and especially popularity. Hazing is different. It involves violations of a student's rights. Hazing involves verbal or electronic attacks on an individual based on their race, sexual orientation, religion, or anything else protected under the equal rights amendment.

The MMU Student Handbook specifically describes hazing as: "...an act, physical, mental, emotional or psychological which subjects another person, voluntarily or involuntarily to abuse, mistreatment, degrade, humiliate, harass or intimidate him/her or which may in any fashion compromise his/her integrity as a person."

Too often when bullying and hazing do occur, the victim can feel intimidated and won't report the incident, or series of ongoing incidents, because they fear retribution from peers for getting another student in trouble, or they simply do not want to appear weak.

Recognizing this problem, the MMU administrative team has worked hard to get victims of bullying and hazing to come forward. When that happens, their course of action is clear. Once a student or staff member reports an incident, either as a victim or as a witness, the administration's first response is to encourage the victimized student to trust that school personnel are there to help him or her deal with and resolve the conflict. Reassuring the student and building trust is an important part of the process. The next step involves a thorough investigation of the incident. Once the incident has been confirmed, the administration can impose punishment on the offending students. According to the student handbook, punishment for bullying and hazing at MMU can be probation, suspension or expulsion.

Unfortunately, the very attributes that have helped MMU deal with the bullying threat have conspired to encourage students to take to the internet to bully or harass other students. This is often referred to as cyber bullying, and students at MMU have indicated it is replacing outright bullying in the school as the preferred method of attacking other students. Weston agrees. "The obvious bullying doesn't take place as much anymore," he noted. "Cyber bullying is anonymous. You can even operate under a screen name." According to authorities, Cyber bullying was a major contributing factor in the suicide death of the young student at South Hadley High School.

In whatever form it takes, bullying doesn't appear to be a problem at Mount Mansfield High School, at least not to the same magnitude as at other schools, like South Hadley High School. With the continued efforts and cooperation of students and administrators and members of the MMU faculty and staff, hopefully what happened at South Hadley High School will never happen here. The stakes are simply too high.

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For the third year in a row, the food shelf is holding a fundraiser with singer/songwriter Bobby Sweet. Comcast is underwriting the event so all proceeds will go directly to the organization. Advance tickets are \$6 and the suggested donation at the door is \$7. Doors will open at 5:30 for dinner. Guests can purchase food from Sweet Clover Market and Molly Bean's Breads who will be selling their wares. Andrews stressed that the Westford Food Shelf relies on community donations and does not pursue grants or state funding. "So far that's been a successful model," she said. "We get local support from people who believe this is an important resource in our town."

This year there will be an exciting addition to what has become an annual concert. The food shelf will give out community partnership awards named after Marian Stark who ran the first iteration of the Westford Food Shelf. "There are Emmys and Oscars," said Andrews, "but we'll be giving out Marians." Andrews isn't ready to divulge who will be receiving the awards, but said there will be three recipients. "We are trying," she said, "to recognize people who have supported our efforts over the last few years."

The Westford Food Shelf is open the third Saturday of each month from 8:00 to 10:30 AM at the United Church of Westford.

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ART/MUSIC/THEATER

ART

Painter Joelen Mulvaney will open her studio at the **Vermont Studio Center** on the second floor of the Barbara White building on Main Street in Johnson on Sunday April 18 from 4:00 to 7:00 PM. The installation is the most current work including an installation. *Grace* is the title of the exhibit and the theme is Indigenous; originated in, growing or living naturally in a particular region. Text and images explore the issue of indigenous people hiding in plain sight, tracing our roots back to our original tribes and sustaining cultural continuity. For more information call Joelen at 802-479-1931.

Earth Day celebration, Thursday, April 22 from 6:30-8:00 PM. Artists Get Wet Again! Lake Champlain in Paints and Words, Phoenix Books & Café at Essex Shoppes & Cinema, free. For more information 872-7111 or www.phoenixbooks.biz.

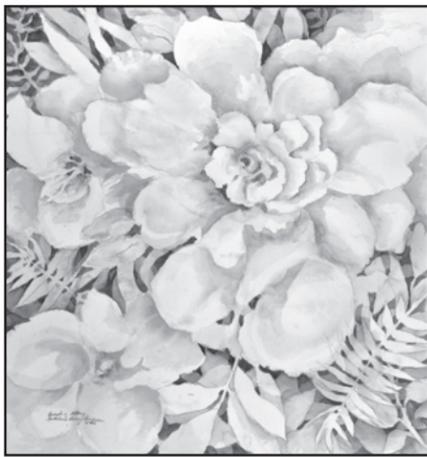
Vermont lake art, literature and natural history will be served up with light refreshments at a local bookstore. The event is co-sponsored by the Lake Champlain Committee (LCC), the Essex Art League, and Phoenix Books and Café in celebration of Earth Day. Over 20 area artists will exhibit their diverse visions of Lake Champlain. LCC author and staff scientist Mike Winslow will give a reading from *Lake Champlain: A Natural History* and provide tips for citizen actions to protect water quality. The program will also include a reading by Daniel Lusk - who in 2009 received an innovative research grant from the University of Vermont to work on a cycle of poems about Lake Champlain. Join in for a few minutes, or the entire evening.

Kathleen Berry Bergeron, artist and watercolor teacher extraordinaire of Jericho, will be exhibiting at the **Emile A. Gruppe Gallery** from April 22 through May 30. The public is invited to an artist reception on Sunday, April 25 from 2pm to 4pm at the gallery located at 22 Barber Farm Road, Jericho. Kathleen's work is representational in style and depicts the beauty of the New England landscape as well as her love for gardens and flowers. Kathleen is well represented in galleries in Vermont and has sold a collection to the Trapp Family Lodge in Stowe, the State House in Montpelier and a collection of 40 paintings, that represented Stowe at the turn of the century, to the Green Mountain Inn in Stowe. This past year she was one of 38 artists whose work was chosen for the Champlain's Lake Rediscovered exhibit that celebrated the Quadricentennial of Lake Champlain. Kathy teaches adult watercolor classes in September and January at the Community Center in Jericho and has given numerous workshops in watercolor around the state. During Open Studio weekend (May 29 -30) she will be demonstrating watercolor techniques at the gallery.

Gallery hours are Thursday through Sunday from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM or by appointment (802) 899 3211.

16th annual Jericho - Underhill Open Studio Tour, 10 Local Artists will open their studios to visitors for sales and demonstrations: Sally Duval, Tim Eaton, Bruce Gilbert-Smith, Stu Hall, Sandy Jefferis, Irene Lederer LaCroix, Grace Nelson, Kristin Richland, Marcia Rosberg, Dianne Shullenberger, Saturday May 29 and Sunday May 30, 2008 from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Tour Map, Directions and 10 Artist Displays available at Tour Headquarters

Inspired by Nature - Call to Artists - In celebration of its 50th



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color and light of the Conservancy's more than 50 preserves and 100 locations around Vermont.

All artists are eligible for consideration by the jury. Art must be original, current, two-dimensional in all media and inspired by the landscape, plants and animals of sites protected by the Conservancy. Submissions must be received by May 10. For more information on submissions, go to nature.org/inspiredbynature.

The Inspired by Nature juried art show will open at the Bennington Center for the Arts in Bennington on July 31 with a gala from 3:00 to 5:00 PM and continue through September 6. The exhibit will then move to the Bryan Memorial Art Gallery in Jeffersonville from September 18 until October 31, with an opening reception Sunday, September 19 from 3:00 to 5:00 PM.

The nature and landscape of Vermont have shaped the character of the state and its people for centuries. Since 1960, The Nature Conservancy has played a pivotal role in protecting this landscape, conserving more than 185,000 acres of upland forest, lake shore bluffs, expansive wetlands and shady river banks. All species, soaring centurion oaks, iconic black bear, diminutive bats and stunning bog orchids, species large and small, common and rare, benefit from the protection of their habitat. Artists are encouraged to use their creativity to capture the essence of these special places and their inhabitants.

In addition to conserved lands and well-loved Vermont icons like Camels Hump, the Long Trail and Green River Reservoir, artists in the northern reaches of the state can visit the dunes at Alburg Dunes State Park or the sandy beaches of Little Averill Lake near the Canadian border. They can take in 360-degree views on a short nature trail at Barr Hill in Greensboro and explore the delicacies of orchids and carnivorous plants at Chickering Bog in East Montpelier. Fi-

anniversary in Vermont, The Nature Conservancy and partners, the Bennington Center for the Arts and the Bryan Memorial Gallery in Jeffersonville, are issuing a call to artists to create works of art that are inspired by the places that have been protected by the Conservancy. Artists are invited to explore and be inspired by the sights and sounds, texture,

nally, not to be missed by anyone with a day to explore further afield, is the crown jewel in the Conservancy's preserve network, the Helen W. Buckner Preserve at Bald Mountain in West Rutland County.

For more information, contact Emily Boedecker, Director of Marketing and Philanthropy at The Nature Conservancy, (802) 229-4425, ext. 112, eboedecker@tnc.org.

Several members of the **Essex Art League** will be exhibiting works through 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.

MUSIC/DANCE

Friday, April 16 - Benefit for Health Care Reform with Mayfly in Burlington, VT 7:00 PM. Check the following sites for more info on these shows: www.myspace.com/mayflygirls, www.myspace.com/katietrautz, www.myspace.com/woodendinosaur

THEATER/LECTURES/FILMS

The **Vermont Youth Dancers** present *Cinderella Unwritten*, at Mount Mansfield Union High School on Sunday, April 11 at 3:00 PM. Vermont Youth Dancers is a community dance troupe of 22 local kids ages 8 - 14. They have been dancing and performing together for three years. *Cinderella Unwritten* is a modern Cinderella tale told through dance to such current popular music as *Someday*, by Rob Thomas and *Unwritten*, by Natasha Bedingfield, and is a showcase of lyrical, jazz and hip-hop choreography. Admission is free. For more information, please contact Mia Groff at 899-1174.

This April **Shelburne Players** present Garson Kanin's smash comedy "Born Yesterday", described by the Boston Globe as "...a classic American fable...where 'Pygmalion' meets 'Mr. Smith Goes to Washington'...". "Born Yesterday" will be performed at Shelburne Town Center, 5420 Shelburne Road in Shelburne, on April 16, 17, 22, 23 and 24 at 7:30 PM, with a matinee on April 18 at 2:00 PM. Tickets are \$15 general, \$10 seniors and students, (except Thursday, April 22 when all tickets are \$10) and can be purchased in advance at Shelburne Supermarket, or reserved by calling 985-0780 (phone service operated by Accu-Rite Payroll Processing). You can also reserve tickets on line and get more information at www.shelburneplayers.com.

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.flynnitx.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.

COMING EVENTS

Saturday, April 17

Annual Polish Dinner, St. Thomas Parish Hall, River Road in Underhill Center, 5:30 PM. The meal will include homemade smoked kielbasa, pierogi (dough stuffed with cheese or stuffed with potatoes and cheese), cabbage, sauerkraut, potatoes, dessert and a beverage. The tickets are \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children aged 6 to 10 years. Children 5 and under will be the guests of the Knights. No reservations are needed. Simply pay at the door. Take-out dinners will be available. For further information, please call the church office at 899-4632.

Soup 'n Chocolate Supper, Brick Meeting House, Rt. 15, Westford, 5:00-7:00 PM. All you can eat Soup, Chili, Salad, Artisan Bread, and Chocolate Desserts. Benefit: UCW White Church Preservation fund. Adults \$8, children \$5 (over 5 years), \$25 maximum for family.

Discussion and book signing, Ron Koss, Cofounder of Earth's Best, Phoenix Books & Café at Essex Shoppes & Cinema, 3:00 PM. Free. For more information: www.phoenixbooks.biz or 872-7111

A Harry Potter Evening and Feast, Jericho Elementary School, 5-8 PM, All-You-Can-Eat Homemade Pasta Dinner \$5 kids/\$8 adults. Play and watch *Muggle Quidditch* with the Jericho-Underhill Quidditch League. Indulge your sweet tooth at Honey Dukes Sweet Shop and bake sale table. Have your fortune read by Professor Trelawney. Reservations and information, call Amy Davis at 899-4804 or Nicole Thompson at 899-4469

Friday, April 23

Discussion and book signing, Christina Asquith, a discussion of the plight of women living and serving in Iraq, and of some ideas on how women's rights and Islam might be reconciled. Afterwards, Asquith will be available to sign copies of her new book, *Sisters in War: A Story of Love, Family, and Survival in the New Iraq*. Phoenix Books & Café at Essex Shoppes & Cinema, 6:30 PM. Free. For more information: www.phoenixbooks.biz or 872-7111.

Saturday, April 24

Birding in the basin, join Jim Andrews, herpetologist and long-time Champlain Valley birder, for another fun day exploring the Champlain Basin as we look for migrating birds. 8:30 AM -1:30 PM. We will meet at the Vergennes green and carpool from there. Please pre-register. Appropriate for adults and older children. Fee. Erin Talmage, Birds of Vermont Museum, 900 Sherman Hollow Rd, Huntington, (802) 434-2167. <http://www.birdsofvermont.org/events.php>

French Canadian Civil War Ancestors with Scott - The Vermont French Canadian Genealogical Society will present a workshop on French Canadian Civil War Ancestors with Scott Towers. This is open to the public. A \$5.00 donation would be appreciated. The class will start at 10:30 and a question and answer period will be included. Schedule is subject to change. Please visit our website <http://www.vt-fcgs.org>, email mail@vt-fcgs.org or messages can be left at 802-846-7897.

We are also open for research 10:00 - 4:00 PM Saturdays and Tuesdays, 3:00 to 9:30 PM. Come check out the resources we have to help you find your ancestors!

Fort Ethan Allen, Colchester. We are located in the Dupont Building but entry is from Hegeman Avenue, opposite the state police sign.

A talk and slide show of the restoration of the historic Cambridge Junction covered bridge, presented by the Vermont Covered Bridge Society, 11:15 AM, at the Visions of Vermont Art Gallery, 94 Main Street, Jeffersonville. All are welcome. Refreshments

will be served. Admission is free, donations appreciated

Sunday, April 25

Community Breakfast, VFW Post 6689, 73 Pearl St., Essex Junction. Breakfast will be served from 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.

Monday, April 26 and Thursday, April 29

Backyard Bird Crafts, school vacation program, attract birds to your backyard by putting up a bird house painted by you. Don't have a place to hang a bird house? Plant bird-friendly flowers in a flower pot painted by you! We provide bird houses, or seeds and flower pots, and eco-friendly paint. We'll have this twice; come either Monday or Thursday. 2:00 - 3:00 PM. Birds of Vermont Museum, 900 Sherman Hollow Rd, Huntington. Please pre-register. Fee. Erin Talmage, Birds of Vermont Museum, 900 Sherman Hollow Rd, Huntington, (802) 434-2167. <http://www.birdsofvermont.org/events.php>.

Saturday, May 1

Clutter Barn to open, gather unused household items and drop them off at the Clutter Barn between 8:30 AM-12:00 noon.

The Clutter Barn is sponsored by the United Church of Underhill and is located adjacent to the Church on the green in the Village of Underhill Flats Route 15.

We accept clean, working household items, books, toys, games puzzles and spring and summer clothing. Please, no fall and winter clothing until August; and no computers TVs, exercise equipment, large appliances, large rugs, magazines, National Geographics, textbooks, encyclopedias, building or plumbing materials, tires, rims, roof carriers, child car seats, truck tops or truck racks. The Barn will be closed on Saturday, July 3. The first Tag Sale will be May 29. For further information, call Sharon Damkot (899-3572) or Betty Wilson (899-5878).

Jericho Greenup Day complimentary breakfast. Annual Community Center in Jericho Green Up Day Complimentary Breakfast May 1 from 8:30am to 10:00 am. A good opportunity to join Jericho neighbors for breakfast before grapping a green bag and heading out to clean up Vermont.

Saturday, May 8

Community Food Drive, drop food at post office lobby or hang on mailbox, sponsored by the United Way of Lamoille County and U.S. Postal Service.

Saturday, May 15

Beekeeping Workshop- Charles Andros, former NH/VT Apiary Inspector, will hold a beekeeping workshop from 1:00-3:30 PM at 18 MacLean Road, Alstead, NH 03602. Look for the "BEE" sign on the south side of Walpole Valley Road. Topics of discussion: finding queens, requeening and 2-queen colonies, pollen collection, swarm control, supering, and bee venom therapy. Bring a veil, if you have one, as we shall be opening some colonies. We'll be inside if it is a rainy day. Water and chair may also come in handy. Registration required. email: lindena@sover.net or call 603-756-9056.

Monday, May 17 - Friday, May 21

Way to Go Week, let's see which Mountain Gazette town can have the most participants walk, bike, carpool, take the bus or telecommute if you can for at least one day that week. Sign up at <http://www.waytogovt.org/>. For more information contact: Bolton - Steve Barner - sjbarner@gmavt.net; Cambridge - Andrea Lauritzen - cambridgeconservation@gmail.com; Jericho - Phyl Newbeck - phyl@together.net; Underhill - Roger Frey - dukeofearl1@comcast.net; Westford - Patrick Haller -

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HEALTH NEWS

Copley Hospital Rehabilitation Services participates in research study on low back pain

Copley Hospital Rehabilitation Services, in conjunction with The University of Vermont Department of Rehabilitation and Movement Science, is participating in a research study on low back pain. The purpose of the study is to examine whether or not matching treatment to specific symptoms is better at decreasing pain and increasing function than a non-specific strengthening/conditional program. Copley Hospital will provide patients participating in the study with therapy in accordance with the protocol established for the study. Dr. Sharon M. Henry, Professor and Associate Dean of Research at the University of Vermont College of Nursing and Health Sciences, is leading the study.

Qualified patients in the study have chronic low back pain and are between 21-55 years old. They receive pre and post treatment testing at the UVM Human Motion Analysis Lab, including a physical therapy evaluation, six physical therapy treatment sessions with a physical therapist and compensation upon completion of the study. The study is at no charge to the patient or their health insurance.

If you are interested in participating in the program, please contact The University of Vermont Department of Rehabilitation and Movement Science at 802-656-1478.

Advance directives the focus of National Healthcare Decisions Day

Medical decisions are often very hard to make, especially when you have to rely on a loved one to make them for you in the event you are unable to make them yourself. You may want to make your future wishes and instructions for healthcare known to your family, friends and healthcare providers in advance, before you need them. You can do that with an Advance Directive. It is a document that contains specific instructions that guides your healthcare providers and loved ones and informs them of your treatment preferences in the event you lose the ability to communicate them yourself.

Friday, April 16, is National Healthcare Decisions Day and Copley Hospital invites you to join Americans across the country in documenting and sharing your healthcare decisions by completing an Advance Directive. The booklet, "Taking Steps: Planning for Critical Healthcare Decisions," will be available in the Main Lobby that day. Members of Copley's Patient and Family Services staff are available to help you understand the information, and if you wish, can help you complete the document that becomes a part of your medical record. Copley Hospital provides this service year round for any community resident. You can reach Copley's Patient and Family Services staff at 888-8311.

A publication of the Vermont Ethics Network, the booklet includes an Advance Directive form that lets you name a person as your "agent" to make health care decisions for you if you become unable or unwilling to make your own decisions. The form also helps you state your treatment wishes, offering choices about having, not having or stopping treatment necessary to keep you alive under certain circumstances. There is additional space for you to write out any additional wishes or instructions.

Additional information and an Advance Directive form are available online at <http://healthvermont.gov/vadr/> or by calling the Vermont Advance Directive Registry at 1-800-548-9455.

Copley Hospital laboratory achieves recognition

The Copley Hospital Laboratory has achieved continued accreditation by the College of American Pathologists (CAP) following a recent inspection. The award is one of prestige as it recognizes excellence in the services being provided. The CAP Laboratory Program is recognized by the federal government as being equal or more stringent than the government's own inspection program.

Copley Laboratory Manager Dave McLane explains that the accreditation process involves an on-site inspection. "The inspection is stringent and is designed to specifically ensure all laboratory patients are receiving the highest standard of care," said McLane. The inspectors review records and the quality control of procedures for the preceding two years as well as staff qualifications, equipment, facilities, safety programs and records, and the overall management of the laboratory.

Copley's Lab employs 15 technicians and one pathologist. McLane describes the team as extremely competent and dedicated, stating "The services they provide are vital to the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of disease. We have to be thorough in performing our jobs in order to provide dependable answers to physicians."

Services available at Copley's Laboratory include blood bank, chemistry, hematology, immunology, microbiology and pathology. Last year more than 308,750 lab tests were provided.

Osteoporosis

People often ask me about the prevention and management of osteoporosis. Osteoporosis is a costly and painful disease of the bone. Osteoporosis occurs when the bone matrix deteriorates and calcium is lost.

Many people suffer from osteoporosis but women over 50 years old are commonly affected. Smoking is a risky behavior for many health issues including osteoporosis. Drinking more than three alcoholic and/or caffeinated beverages/ day also increases risk. Certain medications, such as cortisone have been associated with osteoporosis. A family history of the disease also increases risk. Even emotional factors such as anxiety and depression have been associated with the development of osteoporosis.

Osteoporosis can be diagnosed clinically when an individual fractures frequently or spontaneously. Plain xrays reveal decreased bone density but DEXA scans are the definitive imaging for osteoporosis. Lab work can also be helpful in the diagnosis and management of osteoporosis.

Medical doctors use pharmaceutical drugs called bisphosphonates (ex. Boniva, Fosamax, Reclast, and Actinol) These drugs slow down the bone cells that destroy old bone cells. Unfortunately their use maintains old brittle bone so they may actually be an increase risk for fracture. Increasing calcium and Vitamin D can be helpful in the prevention and management of osteoporosis. I recommend microcrystalline hydroxy apatite, a bioavailable form of calcium, that contains components of bone beside just calcium. Weight bearing activities maintain a health bone density. Inflammation has been associated with osteoporosis. Omega 3 oils reduce inflammation in the body. I suggest 2 grams per day as a minimum. Vitamin D, can be converted from sunshine or supplemented up to 2000 IUs/day. Stress and anxiety can reduce the adverse effect that these emotions have on bone health so take steps to manage your mental health.

Osteoporosis is a destructive disease of the bone. Lifestyle plays an important role in its prevention and management. Improve your lifestyle and reduce your risk.

Provided by Mary Kintner, nutritionist and chiropractor, Underhill

Lamoille Home Health and Hospice offers training

Hospice Volunteer Training: Lamoille Home Health & Hospice is offering Hospice Volunteer Training Sessions May 1, 2, 5 and 8. Training will include health care professionals from around Vermont sharing their knowledge and passion of Hospice Care. All sessions must be attended. For more information or to register contact Charlene at 888-4651 or ccamire@lhha.org.

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, 1 IDX Circle, South Burlington, VT. Everyone is welcome to come learn about stamp collecting, postage history, cachets, postcards and postage stamps or a variety of other knowledge. Lainey Rappaport (802) 660-4817.

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

The **Vermont French-Canadian Genealogical 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 or send an email to mail@vt-fcgs.org.

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

HEALTH EVENTS & GROUPS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

KIDS

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

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

Richmond Playgroup, kids ages birth to age 5 with their caregivers - join us Wednesdays from 8:45 - 10:15 AM at Richmond Free Library for playtime, crafts, stories, songs and fun! Always free of charge! Follows the school calendar. For additional information or questions, please contact Amy Ide at 434-5423 or playgrouprichmond@yahoo.com.

Bolton Playgroup, come to Smilie Memorial School each Wednesday morning from 8:15 - 10:15 AM for crafts, songs, play and fun. All kids birth to age 5 welcome along with their caregivers. Feel free to bring along a riding toy to use in the gym. Always free of charge! Follows the school calendar. For additional information or questions, please contact Amy Poor at 434-6747.

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>

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OBITUARIES

Nicholas Peter Riani, 25, beloved son of Rick and Judy Riani of Jericho, VT, left us suddenly and without warning during the early morning hours of April 9, 2010. Nick was born in Hamilton, N.Y. on June 27, 1990. He was a graduate of Mount Mansfield Union High School and was a sophomore at Community College of Vermont. He found such joy in all of his pursuits, riding the back bowls at Smuggs with his "tribe"; hanging with his brothers Matt and Chris; spending precious hours with Kayla; making the All State lacrosse team; competing on the field with his football and lacrosse buddies; delighting customers with his "fine pies" at Little C's; his time at the "Links" at WBGC, including his "Ace" on the thirteenth of The Links Lang Farm; the outdoors was very dear to him and a place he shared with Tucker; fishing at Grandma's pond; his natural talent with graphic artistry and chillin' on the beaches of Rhode Island. Please carry his memory and spirit with you as you enjoy the same. Besides his parents, Nick leaves his two brothers Matt and Chris and his true sweetheart Kayla Lopez; his grandmothers, Mary Anderson and Joan Riani; Uncle Christopher Riani; Uncle Tom Anderson and wife Katherine; Uncle Don Anderson and wife Mary, who was there to share in the joy of bringing Nick into the world; Aunt Maria Riani Alexander and husband Ray; cousins, Jenna and Michael Riani, Tyler and Leslie Anderson, Kate Anderson, Josh Alexander, Benjamin and Langley Lease. He was predeceased by his grandfathers Richard G. Riani, Donald F. Anderson and step-grandfather Dale Valiton. Our family wants to express their love and appreciation to Nick's friends, coaches, teachers and coworkers who all contributed so much to the richness of his life and to the fine young man he became. We all want you to remember Nick in the manner and relationship that you had with him and know how much he loved you all! "PEACE" A celebration of his life will be held on Wednesday, April 14, 2010, at 1:00 PM in St. Thomas Church in Underhill Center. A gathering for family and friends will follow in the church hall. Burial will be at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made on Nick's behalf to the Merchants Bank in Jericho to benefit a youth organization to be determined. Arrangements are in the care of the Ready Funeral and Cremation Service Mountain View Chapel, 68 Pinecrest Drive, Essex Junction. To send online condolences, please visit www.readyfuneral.com.



Jack Adam Wells, Jeffersonville, VT, precious six month old infant son of Conrad Adam Wells and Michelle Lee Nolan Wescott, unexpectedly passed into the arms of the angels on Wednesday, March 31, 2010. Jack was born in Burlington on October 5, 2009 and for the short time he was with us, thoroughly blessed our lives with his beautiful smile, kissy cheeks, and irresistible love. Baby Jack has left our arms, but he will lovingly remain in our hearts forever. He is survived by his parents, Conrad and Michelle, his brother Evan, and his sisters Allyson and Jaylee, his maternal grandparents; Alice and Bob Giroux, maternal grandfather, Bob Nolan, paternal grandmother, Linda Early, paternal grandfather, Dennis Wells and many special aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. Visiting hours was held on Thursday, April 8, 2010 from 11:00 AM until 1:00 PM with a funeral service at 1:00 PM in the Minor Funeral Home, Route 7 in Milton, VT. Burial will follow in the East Cemetery in Williston. Memorial Contributions may be made to The Simon Project, (Sudden Infant/Child Mourning Outreach Network), 90 Olin Drive, Eden Mills, VT 05653, www.simonproject.org. Online condolences may be made at www.minorfh.com.



Evelyn D. Nawotka, 71, Bolton, VT, a longtime resident of Bolton, died peacefully on Wednesday, March 31, 2010, surrounded by her loving family at Fletcher Allen Health Care in Burlington following a very long illness. Evelyn was born in Detroit, Mich. on July 12, 1938, the daughter of Pio (Peter) and Loretta (Gauci) Fiteni. She was a graduate of the University of Detroit School of Dental Hygiene, and received her Bachelor of Science Degree from Madonna College in Livonia, Mich. She was married in Detroit on April 17, 1971 to Edward E. Nawotka, Jr., D.D.S. Evelyn was employed as a dental hygienist for nearly 20 years. She was a Benefactor/Life-member of the National Rifle Association, and loved reading, watching football and fast cars. Evelyn is survived by her husband, Edward; her son, Edward E. Nawotka, III and his wife Jennifer of Houston, TX; her granddaughter, Eden; and her sister, Lillian Bommarito and her husband William Murray of Macomb, Mich. Visiting hours were held on Monday, April 5, 2010 from 5:00 to 8:00 PM at the LaVigne Funeral Home, 132 Main St. in Winooski.

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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

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

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

Tim Nulty, Jericho Select Board member, at the Village Cup, first and third Wednesdays, 8:00 – 9:00 AM, and at the Flour Shop,

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Tuesday, April 6 at 11:00 AM at Holy Rosary Catholic Church in Richmond. Interment will follow at Resurrection Park Cemetery in South Burlington.

Michael R. Williams, 41, Underhill, VT, passed away peacefully at his parents' home surrounded by his loving family on March 27, 2010 following complications from a lifelong battle with diabetes. Mike grew up in Huntington and graduated from MMU in 1987 having gone through the auto mechanics program at Essex Technical Center. He was a hard worker who began his lifelong career in the auto supply business in his junior year of high school, eventually becoming a sales representative for GH Berlin Lube Corporation. Mike loved the outdoors and he used his free time doing what he loved most, spending time with his three children, hunting, fishing, and camping. Mike was born on December 30, 1968, in Burlington, VT, the son of Robert C. and Diane (Dessereault) Williams. He is survived by his wife Cherie; his three children Desiree, Cody, and Marissa of St. Albans, VT; his parents Robert C. and Diane Williams of Underhill, VT; his brother Randy; sister Lori and her husband Todd Weston; sisters-in-law Tammy Williams and Regina Williams, all of Huntington, VT as well as many nieces, nephews, and extended family and friends. He was predeceased by his brother Mark in 2005. Even though we know he is in good hands, we all love him very much and will miss him every day. The family would like to send very special thank you to family and friends, and VNA Hospice Care. Visiting hours were Tuesday, March 30, 2010, from 5:00 to 8:00 PM at Gifford Funeral Home, 22 Depot Street, Richmond. A private graveside service will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers please make donations to Hospice of the Champlain Valley, c/o Visiting Nurse Association, 1110 Prim Road, Colchester, VT 05446. Arrangements are in the care of Gifford Funeral Home, Richmond.



LETTERS TO EDITOR

Letter of thanks to the community
To the Editor,

On Town Meeting day, the Jericho Town Library held a Coffee and Bake Sale at the Jericho Elementary School. We earned close to \$250 for the Library at this fundraising event. We would like to thank these businesses for their generosity in supplying baked goods and treats for this sale: Village Cup, Snowflake Chocolate, Jericho Center Country Store, Chittenden Mills, T-Bones Restaurant and Hannafords. In addition, we would like to thank the many residents of Jericho Center who also baked delicious treats for this very successful event. We would also like to thank the Jericho community for supporting their local library.

We plan on continuing this fund raiser every year on Town Meeting Day at JES.

Barb Adams, Jericho Center

Recognizing Fresh Air Fund volunteers
To the Editor,

It is with sincere gratitude that I recognize the tireless efforts of Fresh Air Fund volunteers in Northwestern Vermont as the country celebrates National Volunteer Week. Their commitment to helping New York City children is exemplary for all community members and truly embodies the spirit of the 2010 National Volunteer Week theme, "Celebrating People in Action."

The Fresh Air Fund, an independent, not-for-profit agency, has provided free summer vacations to more than 1.7 million New York City children since 1877. For more information on how you can help to continue this wonderful tradition of volunteering, please call The Fresh Air Fund at 800-367-0003 or visit www.freshair.org.

Jenny Morgenthau, Executive Director

Legislative study point
to job retention and cheaper power
To the Editor,

In late March, a study requested 16 months ago by the Legislature's Joint Fiscal Committee was released. You may not have heard about it, because the findings are not exactly what some of our legislative leaders want you to know: Vermonters will have more jobs and pay less for power if the Vermont Yankee nuclear power plant is relicensed and renewable energy sources are aggressively pursued.

The day before the Senate voted to spike Vermont Yankee a group of labor and business leaders advised them against haste and to wait for more information. Well, this is a key part of the pending information they were talking about.

At the Legislature's request a team of blue-chip economic analysts studied and presented four scenarios on the state's energy future, and concluded that relicensing "Vermont Yankee and adopt-

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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, jquinnvt@aol.com.

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

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

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

Village of Jericho, Inc. – Please be advised that the Board of Water Commissions of the Village of Jericho, Inc. will hold their monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 18, 2010 at 7:00 PM at the Old Red Mill on 4B Red Mill Drive, Jericho.

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

THRIFT SHOPS AND FOOD SHELVES

The **Heavenly Cents Thrift Shop**, located just east of the Five Corners in Essex Jct. on Rte 15, the hours are from 10:00 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.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Memorial Service
for Walter A. Higgins

A memorial service to celebrate the life of Walter A. Higgins, formerly of Underhill, VT, who died December 22, 2009 will be held on Saturday, May 8 at 11:00 AM at the United Church of Underhill, 7 Park ST, Underhill, VT.



CAMPUS HONORS

Michael William Gambino of Westford, VT, a junior majoring in financial economics and mathematics, has been named to the dean's list at the University of Rochester in Rochester, NY. He is the son of Jackie and Jeff Gambino and a graduate of Essex High School in Essex Junction, VT.

WELCOME HOME

CAMBRIDGE (MacKay, Healy) Suzanne MacKay and Keefe Healy had a son, Fiske Alan Healy, on Thursday, March 11, 2010 at Fletcher Allen Health Care in Burlington, VT.

UNDERHILL (Jones) Erin (Whitcomb) and Sean Jones had a daughter, Ellie Patricia, on Thursday, March 4, 2010 at Fletcher Allen Health Care in Burlington, VT.

(Strait) Jennifer (Chicoine) and Jeffrey Strait had a daughter, Jessica Lei, on Monday, March 8, 2010 at Fletcher Allen Health Care in Burlington, VT.

WESTFORD (Rasco) Leshia (Gates) and Joel T. Rasco had a son, Luc Thomas, on March 15, 2010 at Northwestern Medical Center in St. Albans, VT.

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LIBRARY NEWS

DEBORAH RAWSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY, UNDERHILL

The April artist is Marcia Rosberg displaying pastel paintings.
 Book Discussion - This group will undertake a magical mystery tour of the history of Philosophy using the novel *Sophie's World* by Jostein Gaarder as our guidebook. The novel became a world-wide publishing phenomenon in the 1990's selling millions of copies in many languages. It is part mystery story and part an introductory textbook on western philosophy. The didactic portions of the book are well-embedded in a fast moving plot. The end result is a book that is a joy to read as it is imparting sound knowledge about the importance of Philosophy in our daily lives. This book has been selected by J. Michael McKnight who will serve as the discussion leader for the six week program. He is adjunct professor of Philosophy at Champlain College and a resident of Underhill Center. Mondays, April 19, 2010 to May 24, 2010. Starting at 6:30 PM and going about 90 minutes each time. Please call the library to register 899-4962. Books are available

The mystery book group will meet Tuesday, April 20 at 7:00 PM. They are reading *The September Society* by Charles Finch.

Thurs April 22 at 7pm come enjoy Angela Easterling's *A Songwriter's Journey through American Music*. Angela Easterling is an Americana singer-songwriter based in Greenville, SC. She presents a performance of her own original songs interspersed with selections of classic folk, roots, country and rock tunes that have influenced her. As part of her performance, she discusses the craft of songwriting and tells the stories behind her songs and how they came to be.

Everyone is invited to a Community Sing along led by Lynne Robbins on Sunday, April 25 at 2:00 PM. Bring a friend and the title of a favorite song. All abilities welcome.

Looking ahead to May the annual Deborah Rawson Lecture series will host Steve Webster. Steve will present a program on the solar set up that he has at his house in Underhill. Save the date: Wednesday, May 5 at 6:30 PM.

Also in May the Friends of Library will meet Thursday, May 6 at 7:00 PM.

The May Game night for adults will be Wednesday, May 12 at 6:30 PM.

Evergreen Erb will again be giving a slide show on birds Thursday, May 13 at 6:30 PM with a follow up bird walk at Mills Riverside Park Sunday, May 16 at 7:00 AM. These programs are co-sponsored with the Jericho Underhill Park District.

Preschool Story Times - Stories, songs, fingerplays, snack and craft for preschoolers and their caregiver. Drop in, no registration needed: Wednesday, April 21 at 11:00 AM; Thursdays, April 15 and 22 at 10:00 AM.

Baby Time - Join Leah Rowe for board books, lap rhymes and songs appropriate for babies 18 months and younger. This is a wonderful time for parents and childcare providers to connect with one another and to share ideas. Siblings welcome. Wednesday, April 28 at 10:30 AM.

Vacation Book and Craft at the Deborah Rawson Memorial Library - Come and listen the story *Cook-a-doodle-do*, by Janet Stevens. Stay and learn to make your own strawberry shortcake for Students in grade 1 through 4. Wednesday, April 28 at 1:00 PM. Advance registration required. Call: 899-4962.

Wii Fun - Come join the fun and try your hand at our Wii Sports. For students in middle and high school. Space is limited so call early and reserve your place. Thursday, April 29 at 1:00 PM. To register please call: 899-4962.

Dance and Move - Wednesday, May 12 at 11:00 AM. Preschoolers and their caregivers can join in the fun with Elise Doner. If the weather is pleasant consider bringing a blanket and bagged lunch for a picnic on the lawn. If it rains lunch will be cancelled. No registration needed.

Funky Monkey Music - Thursday, May 13 at 11:00 AM. Mia Adams returns with her own special style of songs and rhythmical activities for preschoolers. If the weather is pleasant consider bringing a blanket and bagged lunch for a picnic on the lawn. If it rains lunch will be cancelled. No registration needed.

If you would like to be considered please contact Holly at the Deborah Rawson Library at 899-4962 or email Holly at Drawsonmemlib@gmail.com. Please send you suggestions even if you don't want to be on the committee.

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

Thank you to everyone who helped make our annual book and media sale fundraiser successful by donating and purchasing items.

Celebrate National Poetry month during April with us. "School Days" - This is the theme for 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. Please note the following is a change in dates. The remaining working sessions are will meet Mon., Apr. 26, 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, May 3 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.

Monday, April 19, 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 kites.

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, April 21, 10:00 AM - Fire.

If you are cleaning out please keep the library in mind for the following items are needed for summer program: small glass jars with lids, colored sand, any kind/size shells, small plastic/rubber fish related figurines, materials for dioramas including shoe boxes, fishing line, foam, fish stickers, any yarn pens, pencils, colored pencils and markers for writing camp. Also, snacks for the week of writing camp.

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 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 May 6. 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.

WESTFORD TOWN LIBRARY

Upcoming Events:
 Thursday, April 15, 11:00 AM: Storytime. Stories and activities for ages birth-preschool. Theme: Anansi Stories.

Thursday, April 15, 1:00-3:00 PM: Homeschool Gamers. For homeschoolers of all ages. Bring your favorite games of use the

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library's. Hosted by Matt Taylor.

Thursday, April 22, 11:00 AM: Storytime. Stories and activities for ages birth-preschool. Theme: Earth Day.

Friday, April 23, 6:00 PM: Strategy and Board Games for Teens & Adults. Hosted by Matt Taylor.

Thursday, April 29, 11:00 AM: Storytime. Stories and activities for ages birth-preschool. Theme: Poetry.

New Additions to the Collection: Adult Fiction: *The Defector* (Silva), *The Girl Who Chased the Moon* (Allen), *The Surrendered* (Lee). Adult Nonfiction: *The Imperial Cruise* (Bradley), *The Story Guide to Raising Pigs* (Klober), *The Beginning Runner's Handbook* (MacNeill). Teen: *Crank* (Hopkins), *Along for the Ride* (Dessen), *Paper Towns* (Green), *Twisted* (Anderson). Juvenile: *The Fantastic Undersea Life of Jacques Cousteau* (Yaccarino). DVDs: *Seabiscuit*, *Chicago*, *Marnie*, *Food Inc*, *Wag the Dog*, *The Blind Side*, *New Moon*, *On the Waterfront*, *Suicide Kings*. Juveniles: *The Princess and the Frog*.

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, and www.westford.lib.vt.us.

VARNUM LIBRARY, JEFFERSONVILLE

Beginning in the late 1840s and lasting through the 1860s, thousands of Irish immigrants settled in Vermont. They arrived just as Vermont was undergoing a mini industrial revolution, based on railroad construction, the quarrying of slate and marble, and textile production. Vince Feeney, author of *Finnigans, Slaters and Stonepeppers: the History of the Irish in Vermont*, tells the little known story of the impact Irish immigrants had on Vermont life in the mid 19th history.

Please join us at the Varnum Memorial Library for Vince Feeney's talk, "The Irish 'Wave' in the Green Mountains", on Thursday, April 22, at 7:00 PM. This will be the first lecture of the Sally Vautour series, which will feature Vermont authors. Sally Vautour was a wonderful part of the library, and greatly appreciated Vermont authors. We look forward to inviting you to future lectures in the series. This lecture is a Vermont Humanities Council event.

Refreshments will be served.

There's one more meeting of the Cambridge Book Club program titled "Middle Eastern Voices". 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.

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

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ONGOING EVENTS



From bottom left: Roland Kleiner, Julia McDonald, Connor Jenny, Anna Chaffee; 2nd row from left: Katie Burke, Hannah Lang, Even Demuynck, Alexis Walker, Kira Clokey, Kaelyn Jenny, Megan Burke; Top row from left: Meaghan Hughes, Victoria Mousley, Caitlin Ackerman, Kyla Ward, Bridget Charlebois, Taylor Ward, Cara Turnbull.

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Starry Nights 4-H Club makes quilt for COTS

Meaghan Hughes, Starry Nights 4-H Club Reporter
Over the last several months the Starry Nights 4-H Club has been putting together a quilt that will be donated to the COTS organization. The quilt is made of recycled clothing donated by members. Shirts and thinner materials were used to make the main design, where jeans were used to make a boarder. Members met on several occasions to place together the pieces of cloth and we all learned about the proper way to use sewing machines and how to stitch by

hand; we also learned how to not burn yourself with an iron!! We also were able to help the community while having fun!! The members of Starry Nights are proud of the quilt they made and excited to donate it to COTS.



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Champlain Valley Agency on Aging (CVAA) is looking for a volunteer to help an elderly woman in Jericho with her grocery shopping. The volunteer would go to the grocery store for the senior once every other week or when necessary.

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.

- Thursday, April 15 - Holiday Inn, Harper Room, 11:00 AM check in, 11:30 AM lunch. Turkey buffet.
Friday, April 16 - United Church, Hinesburg, 12:00 noon. Pot roast, red potatoes, Brussels sprouts, fruit bread, peaches.
Monday, April 19 - Covenant Church, Essex Center, 12:00 noon. Chicken stew, Harvard beets, biscuit, banana pudding.
Monday, April 19 - Papa Nick's, Hinesburg, 3:00 PM. Spaghetti and meatballs.
Tuesday, April 20 - T-Bones, Hampton Inn, Colchester, 10:30 AM check in, 11:00 AM lunch. Baked ham.
Wednesday, April 21 - Ponderosa, Williston, 11:00 AM check in, 11:15 AM lunch. All you can eat buffet.
Thursday, April 22 - Holiday Inn, Harper Room, 11:00 AM check in, 11:30 AM lunch. Turkey buffet.
Friday, April 23 - United Church, Hinesburg, 12:00 noon. Shepherd's pie with creamed corn, no gravy, honey dill carrots, whole wheat roll, ginger bread with topping.
Monday, April 26 - Covenant Church, Essex Center, 12:00 noon. Macaroni and beef soup, egg salad, lettuce and cheese, bulky roll,

- fruity Jello with topping.
Tuesday, April 27 - JP's Diner and Deli, 10:30 AM check in, 11:00 AM lunch. Chicken and biscuits.
Wednesday, April 28 - Ponderosa, Williston, 11:00 AM check in, 11:15 AM lunch. All you can eat buffet.
Thursday, April 29 - Holiday Inn, Harper Room, 11:00 AM check in, 11:30 AM lunch. Turkey buffet.
Friday, April 30 - United Church, Hinesburg, 12:00 noon. Turkey a la King, mashed potatoes, spinach, biscuit, sugar cookie.
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 Cafe, 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.
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Harry Thurgate, combines advocacy and vocation for a well rounded builder

Attention to detail has made the difference for this home builder. Several years ago a real estate broker was driving through the Jericho East subdivision in Jericho with a couple from Chicago. They were looking for a new house, something traditional, yet something just a little bit different. As they drove past a rather stately looking colonial with a nice front porch the wife asked the broker to slow down so she could take a closer look. "That's a Thurgate House," the broker said. "You can always tell Harry Thurgate's houses," she continued. "There's always a brass kick plate on the front door or something else that gives them away. I think it's the detail."
Whatever it is, it works. Harry Thurgate is one of those fortunate builders who have come through the recession without a scar. In fact, while other builders were searching for ways to keep going, Thurgate's passion for details has catapulted him to the top of his profession.
"I've always liked Harry's work," another Jericho builder freely admits. "I don't think he builds a better house than I do but they always look better. He has a way of putting little things into them that make a difference."
The little things do make a difference, and Thurgate knows that. He knows it because he perfected his craft as a carpenter, woodworker and builder in an environment that stressed an awareness of aesthetics and an undying devotion to doing thing the right way.
In a sense, Thurgate's teachers were not contemporary tradesmen but the carpenters who built houses during the latter part of the eighteenth and early part of the nineteenth century. He learned from their ghosts; the legacy of men who planned every board to fit, made their own molding with their own hands, men who spent months on a single room or staircase or trim work, men whose standards were high, men whose time came cheap and who did what they did for the love of it, not because it was a job.
Thurgate was born in Barre, the son of a civil engineer who also worked as a painting contractor. After high school the younger Thurgate went out to Nebraska where he earned his degree as a civil engineer from the University of Omaha. After college Harry returned to Vermont where he and his wife took their life's savings and invested in a piece of land in Colchester for the purpose of building houses. The young builder was off and running.
"I remember, we sold the first house, moved into the second and sold the third," Thurgate recalled. They had several good years but decided to leave Vermont to take advantage of a building boom in Lake George, New York, then on to the Lancaster, Pennsylvania area. That's where the good things started happening to Harry Thurgate. The first thing that happened was an opportunity to build 23 track houses in Lancaster. That led to a number of larger, custom homes. But the best part was the opportunity to work on the restoration of Pennsylvania's magnificent Federal and Georgian homes for a local historical society. That's where Thurgate learned to pay attention to detail.
Those houses had the most remarkable craftsmanship," he said.

"Everything was handmade out of cherry, chestnut, walnut, it was beautiful. I fell in love with the detailing. I had so much respect for the early craftsmen, their patience and perseverance."
At the same time Thurgate began honoring his love for history. This avocation combined with his vocation provided the foundation for the ability to put those little touches that characterize his work into his current projects. They work largely because they look right and they look right because they are historically accurate. Items like the crown moldings on the exterior windows to the shadow boards on the rake to the chair rail moldings and raised panel walls to the brass kick plates on the front doors, they are installed the same way they were one hundred and fifty years ago so they work.
It's a simple formula but not everyone is a student is history and architecture.
It's also an odd combination for a builder but not this renaissance builder. The proof is in the success Thurgate has had as a builder since his return to Vermont.
"We came back in 1986 because, I guess we just wanted to come home," Thurgate admitted.
Within a couple of years he has managed to gain a unique reputation as one of the area's finest builders. He has also become one of the area's most successful builders. "We were busy during the recession," Thurgate admitted. "People ask me why and I tell them I really don't know. We started building again in Vermont in 1987 and we've been busy ever since.
We built 13 custom homes in 1992. "I'm not surprised," another local builder said. "When I met him in '86 or '87 I knew he was a different kind of builder. He came over to my job site one afternoon and looked around, asked a few questions and left. He commented about the way the seams in the wood floor I was installing were lining up. I don't think anyone else would have noticed that, but Harry did.
I think it was the first thing he noticed when he came into the house. I was amazed anyone would notice that." It wasn't just anyone, though. It was a man who pays attention to thing like that... a man who cares about the little things that most of us have neither the time, nor the

energy to contemplate.
"Build a better mousetrap and the public will beat a path to your door," Benjamin Franklin once said. Don't believe it? Ask Harry Thurgate!
Harry Thurgate stands in his living room at his Jericho East home.
PHOTO BY BRENDA BOUTIN
"But yield who will their separation, my object in living is to unite my avocation and my vocation as my two eyes make one in sight. Only where love and need are one, and the work is play for mortal stakes, is the deed ever really done for heaven and the future's sakes?"
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Many homeowners prefer to do the work themselves, but often find they lack certain skills or tools or simply the confidence to jump into the project on their own. "That's where I come in," Mindell said. "They hire and pay me by the hour to help them either on the entire project or just on a certain aspect for which they require someone with more experience to make sure it comes out right. It's a true money-saver, not only on the carpentry labor but on the materials as well. And of course they save by not paying a contractor's overhead and profit."

"It's definitely the wave of the future," Mindell added. First and foremost, in this economy every homeowner wants to save as much on this type of work as they can. If they're building sweat equity, it's a no brainer."

"My clients fit two profiles," Mindell added. "One profile is a homeowner who loves to do things around the house, and has all the tools and lots of interest and know-how, but lacks the experience and confidence to tackle the really difficult carpentry jobs."

"The other is a homeowner who simply wants to save money on necessary repairs or on a small project like a new hardwood floor in the front hall or a built-in bookcase in the den, or a finished basement for a rec room for the kids or a home office, or exterior work like rotted siding replacement or a new deck, or a staircase and handrail system. "I even have a few clients who love to hang drywall themselves but they can't tape," Mindell added. "Once again," Mindell noted, "that's where I come in."

"One of my clients recently built a beautiful addition for a hot tub. He did the work himself and saved a ton of money. But he realized when he started to trim one of two round windows in the new addition that he lacked the know-how for that part of the project. He also needed someone to cut, fit and install some hardwood components to his new kitchen cabinets, which he had recently replaced himself. I came in for a couple of hours and helped him through some of the precise finishing touches on his project,"

Mindell said. "He worked with me, and by the end of the project he was able to finish everything on his own. He only paid me for the hours I worked with him."

"Another client wanted to build a complicated set of stairs that would upgrade from his driveway to his house. When he put the sono tubes in the ground, he suddenly realized the complexity of the stairs was far beyond his experience level. The stair geometry was too difficult for him to figure out the correct rise and run of the stairs. I worked with him for two or three days and together we finished the stairs for half of what he would have paid me for my labor to build the stairs on a contract basis. And the best part is...the stairs came out great."

Village Carpentry does not mark-up materials, even though Mindell will come out to your house and look at your project ahead of time and help you select the right products and materials, in the right quantities. "I'm not a lumberyard," Mindell said. "I don't sell building materials. I'm a carpenter and I make my money doing what I love, building things, not by selling building materials to homeowners who can buy them themselves for a lot less than what a contractor typically charges."

Another unique service Village Carpentry and Woodworking offers is their willingness to do small jobs. "Last week I installed a deadbolt for an elderly lady," Mindell said. "She lives alone and wanted more security. She told me she called a half-dozen contractors who wouldn't do the work because they said it was too small and it didn't pay for them to send a man out to do it. I told her I'd be happy to do it and I was. It took me less than an hour and that's what she paid for, in addition to the deadbolt (which I didn't mark-up)."

"It's become an important part of Village Carpentry's business plan," Mindell said. "I will gladly do any carpentry or woodworking job for a customer, no matter how small."

Mindell has been a carpenter since 1974. He spent several years apprenticing with master carpenters and woodworkers in Greenfield, Mass, before settling in Halifax, Vermont, in 1976. "I was very fortunate to have been able to learn from masters who had learned their craft using traditional methods and striving for perfection...never accepting anything as, 'good enough.' You had to do it the right way or you had to do it over again," Mindell said. "They were patient

with me. They must have seen something in me that made them invest their time in teaching me, and I'm very grateful to them for it."

Mindell is a former woodworking instructor who has won awards for his innovative projects, including first place in



the Home Builders Association of Northern Vermont, Better Homes Program, in 1996. He has written and published more than 200 articles on residential construction in numerous professional trade journals and has guest-lectured at the University of Vermont on the use of engineered lumber products in wood-frame residential construction. He is also a lifetime member of the National Fenestration Rating Council, the organization that tests and rates residential and commercial window and door products for durability and energy efficiency.

"If you can do it yourself, I'm all for it," Mindell insists. "But if you can't, and you still want to build it yourself to save money (and because deep down inside you'd love to be a carpenter), then call us."

"I know a lot of closet carpenters who are quite talented and capable," Mindell admits. "Often, the only difference between some of them and a professional carpenter is confidence. But that's an important component that comes from experience," Mindell is quick to point out. "And there's no substitute for experience."

Village Carpentry and Woodworking is a full-service carpentry business that specializes in fine, interior carpentry, small jobs, and ADA remodeling and home modifications. "We have many 'senior' clients who have decided to remain in their own homes despite limited mobility," Mindell said. "We widen doorways, remove or ease thresholds, install grab bars, trapeze lifts, modify kitchen and bath cabinets and work surfaces, closets and other storage areas to provide easy and safe access to those with limited mobility. We even build entire ADA-accessible bathrooms, including wheelchair-accessible showers, lavs and "Euro-Store" recessed closets, a product Mindell and one of his senior customers (a retired engineer) designed to solve a particularly difficult door-swing problem."

"That was a fun project," Mindell insists. Come join the fun, save money and learn something in the process.

Carol Audette - lessons learned put into action

Carol Audette is The Most Trusted Name in Real Estate! Her family no longer owns it, still, every time Carol Audette passes by that old grocery store, the one her grandfather opened up over 75 years ago, and the one her father took over and worked in until he retired, she can't help but think of all the special memories she has as a little girl playing and working in that Italian market. She remembers how excited she would get going to work with her father, and how important she felt when he let her work the cash register or stock the shelves. "My father had a real knack for making people feel special," Carol recalls. "He always had a smile for everyone who came into the store. I remember wanting to be just like him."

Although she has many wonderful stories about her father, there's one story that stands out in Carol's mind the most. It was during a time before traditional markets were replaced by huge, franchised supermarkets. When bag boys still delivered groceries to people's front doors. And where residents could shop at the neighborhood market and accumulate a monthly grocery bill. "There were many times families who were less fortunate could not pay their tabs," Carol remembers. "But my father never turned his back on these families. On the contrary, he would always give them extra groceries."

"My father showed me how much joy you can feel by helping and caring for people. He probably had the biggest influence in my life".

Nowhere is her father's influence more apparent than in Carol's work as one of the area's most accomplished real estate professionals. Like her father, she realizes her job is not just about contracts and business deals, but about people, their families and their lives. Her desire and commitment to making sure her clients receive only the highest level of service possible is the reason they

experience peace of mind knowing they are working with a true professional.

But more importantly, her genuine concern and willingness to go the extra mile is the reason Carol Audette has become regarded throughout the area as "The Most Trusted Name in Real Estate".

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AROUND OUR COMMUNITIES, HOMES & GARDENS

Bedell Excavating celebration 40 years of service to the Jericho Underhill area

By Brenda Boutin
Mountain Gazette Staff

Forty years ago Langdon Bedell started rearing dirt locally. He traveled to jobs in his backhoe to work for area residence as it was the only piece of equipment he owned.

"I remember Dad trading the family pickup for a dump truck," Jim Bedell remarked. "We got some looks when we went to get groceries on Friday night."

Jim worked with his Dad from an early age. "I was scared the first time he was allowed to drive the equipment," said Jim's mother Sylvia. Jim had been about ten and by fourteen he was driving the dump truck hauling stumps from a site on Sleep Hollow Road to where John Leo's garage now sits. "That use to be a stump dump site," Bedell remembers.

Bedell finished high school and started a career

at New England Air as a sheet metal journeyman. He stayed for four years until his father became ill and asked him if he'd like to take over the business. And there was no looking back. His father passed away in December of 1995.

Today Bedell Excavating offers more than just backhoe services and times have brought changes to the field. The projects are more demanding. Permits are usually in place but there are time lines, septic designs and road layouts to deal with. According to Jim he likes to be out in the field roughing in a road. He enjoys running the excavator putting in a new foundation or a septic system.

"The growth in the Underhill Jericho area has slowed down," stated Bedell. His business is about 60% changes in existing homes and properties and 40% new homes.

The laws have changed as well and there are more stringent rules and regulations regarding wet land development and water quality.

Bedell saw a slight slump in projects in 2009 and the season was slow to start. "I'm pricing out work earlier this year," Jim said. "But it is still early. We can't drive on some of the roads yet with big equipment."

Bedell works primarily in the Jericho Underhill area. "I enjoy working in these communities. I know most of the folks I work for." Bedell realizes that Jericho and Underhill work hard to preserve the rural aspects of the towns but knows how hard it is with the current taxes on open land.

He's done some work for the large contractors but prefers the more personal relationships he has

with the smaller contractors and homeowners. "When I work for a homeowner, I'm there from start to finish," Jim says. "I take pride in doing a good job." And doing a good job is what brings the same folks back or has them passing his name on to friends.

"I got my work ethic from my father," Jim says. "He worked very hard." Bedell goes on to say that his Dad wasn't able to attend his sporting events. "I didn't hold that against him. He put in many hours to support us."

Today Jim balances family and work. It's a little easier now that daughter Heather has moved on to college at UVM. "My wife's a professional and there have been times when I've had to leave a job, go home to care for Heather after school," Bedell said, "I'd just go back to the job later and work until dark."

"I want to thank everyone who has helped me make a living in our towns." He went on say. "This is a close knit community and it is a great place to live and work."

Jim doesn't sit idle in the off season. Bedell plows snow for about seventy-five residential customers and nine commercial properties and cuts wood through the winter months.

Jim married his wife Jenny twenty-six years ago and they have one daughter Heather.



Jim Bedell stand with his mother beside the equipment still housed at her home in Jericho, VT.

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Green Mountain Club Outings

Saturday, April 24 - **Biking on the Missisquoi Valley Rail Trail** - We'll start in St. Albans and bicycle the full 26-mile length of the Missisquoi Valley Rail Trail to Richford, and return. Round trip 52 miles. Difficult because of the distance, moderate pace. Group limit 10. Contact leader David Hathaway by April 23, 899-9982 or david.hathaway.78@gmail.com

Sunday, April 25 - **Niquette Bay State Park Wildflower Hike** - We will hike the trails on the perimeter of Niquette Bay State Park while looking for early spring wildflowers. Easy walk, moderate pace, 3.5 miles relatively gentle ups and downs and stairs. Group limit 15. Register with leader Sheri Larsen by April 23, 878-6828 or larsen007@aol.com

Saturday, May 1 - **Snake Mountain** This small

mountain, halfway between Burlington and Middlebury, offers an excellent view of the Champlain Valley, remains of an old hotel and "dance pavillion"(!), and a small pond where turtles are often seen sunning on a log. At this time of the year, there should also be numerous flowers, and we may take a very short side trip to a beaver pond. Easy hike, slow pace, 3.6 miles, 900' elevation gain. Dot Myer, 863-2433 or dotmyer@myfairpoint.net

Sunday, May 2- **Trapp Cabin Hike** up the trail and have lunch at the picturesque Spence Field Cabin at Trapp Lodge. Goodies at the end! Moderate hike, moderate pace, 6.2 miles, 1000' elevation gain. Call leader by 4/30. Russ Kinaman, 879-6666.

Steve Wry receives Spirit of the Mountain Award Steve Wry, Smugglers' Notch Resort Director of Skiing Services (L) receiving the Spirit of The Mountain Award from Resort President, Bob Mulcahy (R) at the Gravity Control Big Air final event on Sterling Mountain April 3, 2010. The award recognizes an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to the resort and the ski and ride communities as well as to those who simply enjoy the nature and ecology of the mountains.



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CESU MEETINGS

April 19, CESU Negotiations Committee meeting and teacher negotiations, 4:00 PM at the Central Office, Richmond Town Center.
 April 19, CESU Executive Committee meeting, 6:30 PM, Central Office, Richmond Town Center.
 April 22, Mt. Mansfield Union School Board meeting, 7:30 PM, MMUHS.
 April 27, Underhill ID School Board meeting, 7:00 PM, Underhill ID Elementary School.

Poker Hill School News

Spring fever has officially invaded the school this month. We've been taking advantage of the (mostly) great weather – getting outside and tending to the animals, hiking, playing on the playground, and taking field trips. The children continue to build friendships that will last for years to come.

On April 10, the school held its annual Pokerpalooza dance party. Poker Hill families enjoyed music, dancing, and pizza. It was a blast.

Two important dates to mark on your calendars: on Saturday, May 1, there will be a live and silent auction at Poker Hill School from 7:00 – 10:00 PM to benefit the school and its scholarship fund. It's open to one and all – not just Poker Hill families – and you can bid on great stuff such as ski lessons, sporting goods, golf lessons, spa treatment at The Essex, and even a musical performance by Buddy Dubay. Get a babysitter for the kids and come join us for a great night out. Refreshments and music provided.

Also on Friday, June 11, Poker Hill School will be holding its annual golf tournament at West Bolton Golf Club. We'd love as many players as we can get. Join us for a great afternoon of fun and golf. Contact the school as soon as possible to get signed up.

Vendors wanted for Bolton Spring Bazaar

The Smilie Community Association is seeking vendors for the 4th annual Bolton Spring Bazaar and Plant Sale. The bazaar will be held on Saturday, May 22 from 9:00-2:00 PM at the Smilie school. The vendor fee is \$20, to benefit Smilie Elementary School enrichment programs. If you are interested, please send your name, address, and telephone number, along with a check for \$20 made out to SCA to Smilie Memorial Elementary School, 2712 Theodore Roosevelt Hwy, Bolton, VT 05676.

For more information please call Laura Oliver at 802-734-1342.

The Johnson State College men's and women's soccer teams to host Small Fry Clinic

The Johnson State College men's and women's soccer teams will host a Small Fry Clinic on April 18, April 25, May 2 from 9:00-11:00 AM. Children ages Pre-K to 8th grade are eligible to attend. The program will be held at Mineart Fields at Johnson State College. Special Staff/Faculty cost of \$30 per child, \$25 for each additional sibling. Three sessions with the JSC men's and women's soccer teams, a ball, and a t-shirt.

As a note, the cost for the Program this year is priced at \$50 for anyone outside the direct community. The players of the soccer teams wanted to reach out to our college community and offer a reasonable price to the people they interact most! All proceeds will benefit the soccer teams directly. Feel free to contact me directly for a registration form or questions.

2010 Engineers Day Activities

UVM College of Engineering and Mathematical Sciences for elementary, middle and high school students took place Thursday, April 8, 2010 at the Vermont Air National Guard.

Students from Cambridge Elementary School placed in the Edible Cars - Society of Women Engineers, Speed – Fastest: 2nd place Adele Nault, Morgan Bartlau, Tyne Bechtoldt, Michelle Lamore; 3rd place – Lyric Singer, Hannah Abair, Autumn Tourangeah, Olivia Abair.

Student from Lamoille Union High School and Browns River Middle School placed in the Passive Helicopters – College of Engineering and Mathematical Sciences category: 3rd Lamoille Union High School – Ferari - Cooper Warden, Steve Mossey, Mike Grogan, C.J. Chase, Anthony Stead - 10.4 sec.; Unique - Browns River Middle School – Jacob Cann, Anthony Giammanco– 4.2 sec.



Cambridge Edibles Fastests 3rd



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Browns River Middle School



Lamoille Helicopter Fastests 3rd

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Road Crew, Town of Underhill

The Town of Underhill is looking for a highly skilled, technical worker in the maintenance, repair and construction of town roads. Occasionally requires significant physical effort and often requires moderate physical effort. This job is performed outside in a variety of weather conditions with exposure to traffic, equipment operation and construction activities. Must be able to operate town trucks (with or without snowplows), perform physical labor and operate heavy equipment. Three to five year experience and Commercial Driver's License required. Please send resume and cover letter to Rod Fuller, PO Box 32, Underhill Ctr, VT 05490.

CHILD FIND NOTICE 2010

Any individuals from birth through age 21 with disabilities currently residing within Essex Junction, Essex Town, or Westford, and who are in need of special education and related services need to be identified, located and evaluated by Chittenden Central Supervisory Union (CCSU) and its member school districts (listed below). This includes children: not enrolled in school, attending private or independent schools located within the aforementioned towns, enrolled in home study programs, suspected of having a disability despite advancing from grade to grade, who are highly mobile (such as migrant children), and who are homeless or wards of the state. Any person with information about any disabled person fitting these descriptions should contact CCSU.

In accordance with CCSU's policies and with 34 CFR Part 99 (the Family Education Rights Privacy Act of 1974), this public notice informs all parents within their jurisdictions about how information is maintained when it is collected during identification, location and evaluation of all people with disabilities.

- Personally identifiable information will be protected by each school.
- Personally identifiable information about people eligible, referred or considered for special education services is maintained.
- Parents have the right to know what types of information have been designated as directory information (i.e. contained in a student's education record and is not generally considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if disclosed). This information includes the student's name (unless otherwise requested), address, phone number, date/place of birth, major field of study, participation in officially recognized activities/sports, weight/height, membership in athletic teams, dates of attendance, degrees/awards received, and the previous school attended.
- Parents have the right to know the types and locations of educational records kept by the school and the titles and addresses of officials responsible for the records.
- A list of the names and positions of employees within CCSU who have access to personally identifiable information shall be available for public inspection.
- If anyone other than an authorized CCSU employee looks at the educational record of a child, that person shall so indicate by signing his/her name, date and purpose for reviewing the record on a form to become part of the education record.
- Parental permission will be obtained prior to disclosing confidential information to anyone who is not an authorized employee of CCSU.
- Information relevant to a child's specific disability (such as: medical information, intelligence test results, social/developmental history, comprehensive evaluation report and the individualized education program) will be part of the education record.
- Personally identifiable information will be gathered from screenings, qualified diagnostic centers and other sources, as deemed necessary, to complete a comprehensive evaluation.
- Parents, or an eligible student, will be able to access personally identifiable information and inspect and review their education record(s) no later than 45 days after the request is made.
- Parents have the right to a response to reasonable requests for explanations and interpretations of the educational records.
- Parents may obtain a copy of the educational record without a fee for copying, if a fee will be a financial burden and/or will prevent them from obtaining the records.
- Parents have the right to request the education record be amended. The school district will decide whether to amend the record within a reasonable time of the request. If the district refuses to amend the record, it shall inform the parent and advise the parent of the right to a hearing. If, as a result of the hearing, it is found the educational record must be amended, the school district will amend the record and inform the parent in writing. If, as a result of the hearing, it is found the disputed information is not inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of the privacy right of the child, the school will inform the parent of his/her right to place in the educational record a written statement commenting on the information or stating any reasons for disagreeing with the results of the hearing. This written statement will become part of the educational record and will always be included whenever the contents of the education record is properly viewed or requested.
- Parents have the right to a hearing to challenge the educational records of their child.
- Parents will be notified prior to the school district's destruction of personally identifiable information about their child.
- The parent has the authority to inspect and review records relating to his/her child unless CCSU has been advised that the parent does not have the authority under applicable state law governing matters such as guardianship, separation and divorce.
- Parents have the right to file a complaint with the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the CCSU to comply with this policy.

NOTE: If there are parents within the above mentioned towns who need this information interpreted, please notify the CCSU.

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Browns River Middle School prefomed Wizard of Oz

The Brown's River Middle School drama department performed The Wizard of Oz on March 25 and 26. Congratulations to the cast and crew! Over 80 students at BRMS were involved in the show this year. The students, led by Director Dave Tisdell and Musical Director Rebecca Karwan, worked hard for several months to put together a wonderful production. The drama department wants to thank long time volunteer Janet Gallagher. She donated many hours of her time to play the piano for the singers. The 8th graders who performed in The Wizard of Oz: Sam Lewis as the Cowardly Lion, Willy Bresee as the Tin Man, Ana Wright as the Munchkin Farmer, Celidh Peden Spear as Aunt Em, Callan Gravel Pucillo as the Scarecrow, Ashley LaFountain as Tibia, Annalee Beaulieu as the Wicked Witch of the West, Elise Wyatt as Dorothy. Missing from the photograph is Sunni Dutcher.

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LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF JERICHO DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Jericho Development Review Board will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, May 13, 2010 at 7:00 PM** in the Jericho Town Hall to consider the following:

- A request by Gardner Construction, Inc. for an amendment to a previously approved subdivision/PUD Final Plat Review for a 7-lot subdivision consisting of 7 duplexes and 6 single-family homes. The amendment will modify the approved building footprint of two duplexes to allow construction of single-family dwellings. The amended subdivision/PUD will consist of 5

duplexes and 10 single-family homes. Said property is located off Packard Road and Black Walnut Lane in the Village Zoning District.

- A request by John Lewis for an amendment to previously approved subdivision for an extension to file the subdivision mylar. The property is located at 59 Pratt Road in the Rural Residential District.

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

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TOWN OF UNDERHILL PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Underhill Planning Commission hereby provides notice of public hearings to be held pursuant to 24 VSA §§4384 and 4444 for the purpose of hearing public comments concerning the proposed 2010 Town Plan Amendment. **Public hearings are scheduled for Tuesday, April 20, 2010 and Wednesday, April 21, 2010. Both hearings will be held at 7:00 PM upstairs in the Underhill Town Hall at 12 Pleasant Valley Road in Underhill, VT.**

The purpose of the Plan amendment is to ensure compliance with the Vermont Planning and Development Act (Title 24 Chapter 117) and to encourage the appropriate development of lands in Underhill VT so as to meet the planning goals as outlined in 24 VSA §4302 et seq. The proposed Plan amendment shall apply in all areas of the Town of Underhill.

Listing of Chapter Headings of Proposed Plan Amendment:

- Chapter 1: Natural Resources
- Chapter 2: Land Use
- Chapter 3: Services
- Chapter 4: Infrastructure
- Chapter 5: Transportation
- Chapter 6: Housing
- Chapter 7: Economic Development
- Chapter 8: Energy
- Chapter 9: Recreation

Hard copies and copies on disc of the full text of the proposed 2010 Town Plan as Amended are available at the Underhill Town Hall located at 12 Pleasant Valley Road in Underhill, VT and electronically at the Town of Underhill website at www.underhillvt.gov

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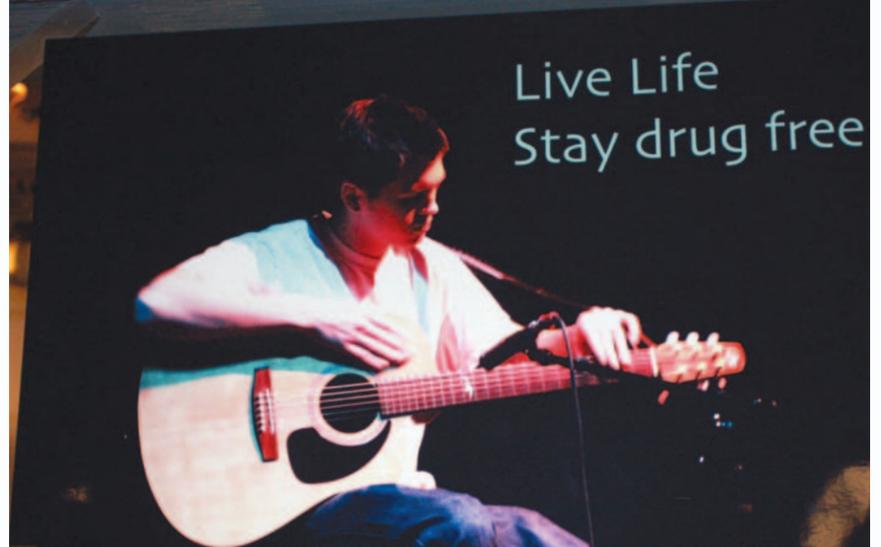
for CESU Families

Kick Butts Day

Mount Mansfield Union High School celebrated the 15th annual nationwide Kick Butts Day on Wednesday March 24. Our Voices Exposed, student led group, sponsored a school wide art contest with an anti tobacco theme. Entered art was judged and voted on by the student body. Melaney Mackay, 17, a senior at MMU, organized the art competition and also won Honorable Mention for her banner. The event helped to raise awareness of the dangers of using tobacco products.



Liz Sargent (2nd place winner for her photo entitled "Smokin' Butts Is Really Nuts"), Sam Bright (1st place winner for her photo entitled "Stay ABOVE the Influence") and Melaney Mackay (Coordinator of the project and Honorable Mention winner for her banner showcasing the amount of money spent on cigarettes and highlighting the many other things young people could do with the money). Missing from the photo is 3rd place winner Jimmy Lynn Meade for her photo entitled "Live Life, Stay Drug Free".



3rd place art contest winner, created by Jimmy Lynn Meade.

News from the Coordinator Barbara Pawluk

Happy April, Happy Spring!! In addition to it being mud season, April is also Alcohol Awareness Month. The purpose of Alcohol Awareness Month is to draw attention to the problems related to alcohol abuse, to encourage those with alcohol issues to get support, to applaud those who are in recovery, and to encourage alcohol prevention within families and communities. Here at the CECP, we have been busy launching a Parent Campaign related to Under-

age Alcohol Use. Parents can play a significant role in changing the statistics on underage drinking. Studies show that parents have THE MOST influence on whether or not their child will drink. Check out the cecpvt.org website and download the Cougar Parent Pledge or better yet, cut out the one in this newsletter, send it in, and we'll add you to the Cougar Parent Network. Together, we can make a difference.

**A special event for parents and teachers:
Different Children, Different Needs
Friday, April 16, 2010
Brewster-Pierce Memorial School
6:30-8:30 pm**

"Children are not things to be molded, but people to be unfolded." This workshop will explore the unique pattern of influence upon a child's behavior and development, with particular detail on the inherited temperament. Together, we will explore the concept of "goodness of fit" between the child's traits and those of the adult caregiver. This workshop is uplifting, empowering and fun!

Brewster-Pierce Memorial School Partners in Education is delighted to welcome Jeanine Fitzgerald to Huntington.

Jeanine draws on more than 30 years of professional experience to empower teachers and parents to achieve more with children. With experiences as a certified teacher, licensed mental health professional, and mother of three children, she understands the promise of every child, as well as the diversity of their need.

This event is FREE. Child care for children 4 years old and up, desserts and healthy snacks will be provided.

Please visit www.jeaninefitzgerald.com to learn more.

Cougar Parent Pledge



This pledge is part of broader efforts by the Cougar Parent Network to help prevent underage drinking in our community. Please show your commitment by checking each statement of the pledge and signing your name. Share this pledge with your friends and neighbors. Discuss it with your family.

By Signing This Pledge I Agree That:

- I will not serve alcohol to minors, nor will I allow them to consume alcohol in my home or on my property.
- When hosting a youth gathering, I will be home, visible, aware and sober.
- When my teen attends a party at someone else's home, I will call to assure that the parents or guardians will supervise the party and that no drinking will be allowed.
- I will share the information in this pledge with my child/children and talk with them about the dangers of underage drinking.

Please return your signed Parent Pledge to CECP, 173 School Road, Richmond, VT 05477.

NAME _____	NAME _____
SIGNATURE _____	SIGNATURE _____
EMAIL _____	EMAIL _____
PHONE _____	PHONE _____
ADDRESS _____	ADDRESS _____

- I agree to allow my name to be published by the Cougar Parent Network as a pledge signer.
- Please include me in future Cougar Parent mailings/emails.

CECP Annual Dinner Meeting & Recognition Night

May 19
5:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Location to be announced
For more information
Barbara.pawluk@cesu.k12.vt.us
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Congratulations Winners!!

Thank you to the many people that responded to the Parent Survey and the Young Adult Survey!!! Your names were entered into a raffle and winners were drawn at the March CECP meeting. Winners were: Lisa Bouffard for the Parent Survey Prize (a night at the Essex Resort and Spa) and Rachel Hamm for the Young Adult Survey Prize (\$250). Congratulations Lisa and Rachel!!

Heroes of the Month

This month we honor two of CECP's finest, Grace Ekwuabu and Michael Thompson. In addition to being active partnership members, these two people spend countless hours volunteering their time in the schools and community. Grace has led Project Graduation (an all night drug/alcohol free celebration for graduates) at MMU many times. Even now, with her own children having graduated, Grace volunteered to Chair this year's Project Grad. When asked why she still takes on such a huge project, Grace simply says, "I do it for the kids!" In fact, most of what Grace does, day in and day out, is "FOR THE KIDS!"

Likewise, Michael Thompson has contributed countless hours to the schools and the community. Michael is the first one to step up to build something like the climbing wall at CHMS or to speak to parents about how to help kids stay safe in a culture full of pitfalls, or to organize a community event in his town of Richmond. His list of ideas is endless and he has the energy to back them up. His motto is "WE CAN DO THIS!" and often that statement is about something that will benefit parents, teens or children. Our many thanks to you both.

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

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

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