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Town of Bolton considers Resin Ridge acquisition

By Brenda Bennett Boutin
Mountain Gazette staff

The Bolton Selectboard met with Travis Peckham of CRAG-VT on Monday, August 4 to discuss for the third time the transfer of the Resin Ridge property to the town.

Although Peckham presented a well thought out presentation covering every aspect of the issue, the Selectboard was not ready to take a vote.

Selectman R. J. Vallie read a letter from the lawyer for the League of Vermont Cities and Towns that recommended the town should "absolutely not" take possession of the property. The lawyer cited liability issues and stated that if the town were sued, it could raise the cost of insurance for the entire pool.

Selectboard members agreed that they should wait for a formal letter from the town lawyer before moving forward.

Discussion turned to how much of the ridge is already owned by the town in the adjacent Preston Ridge property.

In an earlier statement, Vallie said, "I'm not in a position to articulate a 'position of the Board.' However, I can say generally the following:

"CRAG-VT has done a good job with management of its current property in Bolton; they're dedicated to insuring access for the climbing community, and maintain a good relationship with neighbors and the community at large. The Board would look forward to that same depth of stewardship for this proposed acquisition. It would seem logical that their private ownership of the property, vs. a 'public ownership' of the property, would assure more direct caretaking."

The Board had asked for additional information concerning liability exposure, should the town of Bolton become the property owner; generally, Board members are always looking to reduce taking on additional liability that could impact our community. The question needs to be asked: why expose the community to liability vs. having the user group involved accept any exposure?

"Bolton is fortunate to have large tracts of land dedicated to various forms of 'protected/preserved' status. The Board must also be mindful that having property privately owned, and taxed at appropriate rates, is essential for the Town's fiscal health," said Vallie.

A second concern for the Selectboard is what impact the transfer of the property will have on the grand list. "It would probably have minimal impact on the grand list," stated Town Clerk Deb LaRivière. "But if CRAG-VT keeps it, then they will pay taxes."

Peckham said, "Kermit Blaisdell, the town's Tax Assessor, told me that this project would not have any substantial impact on the grand list. He told me that it

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Afghanistan on the minds VT Guard unit

By Ted Tedford

Special to the Mountain Gazette

It's the one word they don't say often: Afghanistan.

The men and women of Headquarters Company of the Vermont National Guard's 86th Brigade's Support Battalion were completing the first week of their annual two-week training last Saturday, "zeroing-in" their new rifles at a small range, before moving to the new and controversial rifle range at the sprawling Ethan Allen Firing Range.

The 86th Brigade's 3500 officers and enlisted

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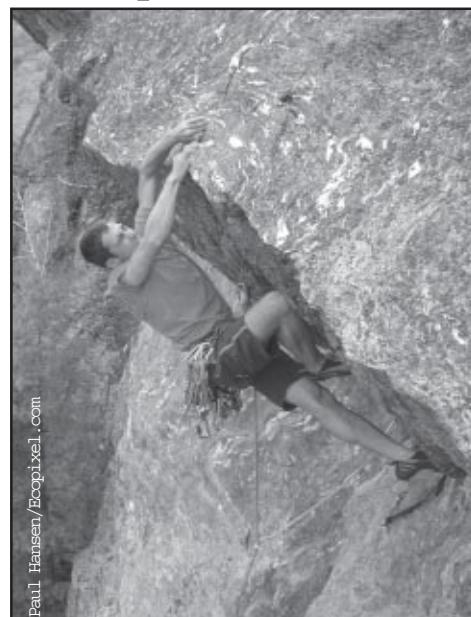
Taylor next LNSU Superintendent

By Katherine Quimby Johnson
Special to the Mountain Gazette

On August 1, Tim Sullivan, chair of the Lamoille North Supervisory Union Board, announced that Debra Taylor accepted an offer to become the next LNSU Superintendent. Taylor will join LNSU on October 1.

Although she now lives halfway across the country, Taylor is no stranger to LNSU, where she served as Director of Special Education from 1980-82. During that period, she also taught at Johnson State College. After moving to Wisconsin, she earned her Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin. Her most recent position was as director of instructional services in Shorewood, WI.

One of three finalists for the position vacated by Terry Bailey, Taylor was the unanimous choice of the 17 votes cast at the July 28 LNSU meeting. That meeting followed an opportunity for the public to meet the candidates, attended by about 40 people. Attendees were invited to evaluate the



Travis Peckham fights for good finger locks on a steep roof crack at Upper Cliffs in West Bolton.

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was likely that they would not reassess or adjust the taxes of the properties in question since the land is low-value ledge and may not actually affect the lot values at all."

According to CRAG-VT representative Dr. Richard Katzman and others present, there is a cliff with a few marked trails already available to climbers on the Preston Pond end of the cliff.

Parking at the trail head came up as another issue. A Bolton resident and climber stated she lives near where climbers park and the neighbors have been generous in allowing climbers to park near their property.

Travis Peckham stated that if the town would come on board, CRAG-VT would include money for parking improvements in their fund raising.

The Selectboard chose to table the item until their next meeting on Monday, August 18 at 6:00 PM at the Bolton Town office.

The cliffs in West Bolton have been a destination for rock climbers for generations. In 1999, the Lower West Bolton crag went up for sale. A small group of dedicated climbers, spurred by Heather Furman and Adam Sherman, came together to form the Climbing Resource Access Group (CRAG), now incorporated as a 501(c)3 nonprofit.

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Sgt. Jason Bracene shows how the Vermont National Guard keeps electronic records of targets hit by Guardsmen training at the Ethan Allen Firing Range's new rifle range.

PHOTO BY TED TEDFORD

Residents complain to Selectboard about noise from firing range

By Ted Tedford

Special to the Mountain Gazette

The Underhill Selectboard is expected to ask the Vermont National Guard to come up with a way to diminish noise at the Ethan Allen Fire Range after residents complained last month at a public meeting about rifle fire and occasional mortar explosions on the federal reservation.

Residents from Beartown, Krug, and Range Roads presented the Board with a petition with 129 signatures at a meeting also attended by four National Guard officers. Several of the 60 residents who attended the meeting complained about the noise emanating from the Guard's \$3-million firing range, opened last summer. The new range is located less than a half mile from houses on those roads.

All those at the meeting who criticized the noise prefaced their remarks by praising the Guardsmen and their mission. "We support our National Guard," said World War II veteran Hank Crouse of 144 Beartown Road. "We aren't against the Guard, we are just 100% against the new firing range" which, he said is located on the perimeter of upper Beartown Road. "Whoever did it, did it wrong," he said. "Before this one came along, we could hear the shooting but it was bearable." He is one of the organizers of what its members call the Homes on the Range committee.

He and others complained specifically about Guardsmen firing July 19 until about 10:30 PM. "It was unbelievable," said Crouse. One National Guard spokesman at the meeting said orders are that firing must cease at 10:00 PM. Other residents said they can hear voices on a loudspeaker at the firing range and Crouse said longtime Beartown resident Louella Lamphere told him the smell of cooking at the site wafts to her house. Ethan Allen Firing Range administrator Lt. Col. Tom Cahalan said in a later interview there is no cooking done at the rifle range. Mrs. Lamphere said later the smell of food cooking was last year when the site was under construction.

Although Mrs. Lamphere, 93, did not attend the meeting, Crouse quoted from her diary. In it, she



Pfc. Shawn Lane, 20, of Milton, takes aim at the Ethan Allen Firing Range last weekend. He was qualifying for rifle marksmanship at the Guard's new rifle range at the Ethan Allen Firing Range.

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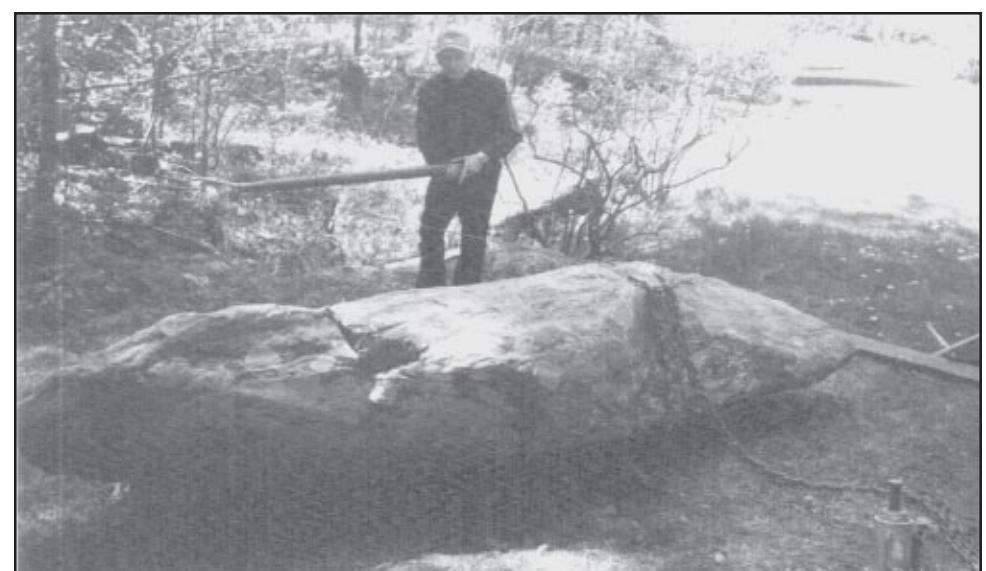
said, "I can see a new white building constructed in sight of my house, just over my line, near edge of bank." A visit to the rifle range showed there is a two-story command tower within sight of her home when the leaves are off the trees. She also said there have been times when National Guard vehicles have parked in her driveway. She has lived on what was the family farm for 60 years. "I protest! I shall continue to protest!" Mrs. Lamphere wrote.

"The quality of life has significantly decreased," said Tim Pedrotty, who has lived near the Ethan Allen Firing Range for 27 years. He said he has hardly ever complained about the noise from the Range. But now, he said, "something has dramatically changed to make this no longer a good place to live." He said the noise of .50-caliber machine guns has been particularly upsetting to him, his wife, and especially their autistic daughter.

Among the ideas some residents offered to help deaden the noise of the guns were: Building concrete or earthen barriers, shortening the hours of firing, and moving the rifle range, which the Guard calls Range 7-1 to the interior of the 11,219-acre

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Maurice Beliveau moves the rock - just because he could



Maurice Beliveau of Milo White Road in Jericho doesn't rent a bulldozer, he simply hooks up his log chain and come-along to move a pesky boulder out of his flower bed.

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By Brenda Bennett Boutin

Mountain Gazette staff

Macamic is a village in northwestern Quebec, Canada. It covers 191.95 km² and had a population of 2838 in the Canada 2006 Census. Cold weather starts in September and continues until June. That is where Maurice Beliveau hails from. He is one of ten children born to Elie and Angeline Beliveau. Maurice was born in 1919. His family lost four daughters.

The Beliveaus had purchased 100 acres of land there from the Canadian government for \$3.50 an acre, and tried to eke out a living.

"My father had the first car around," Beliveau reminisces. "It came up on a flatbed rail car. No one knew how to drive and so he had to back the

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A crew of men labor in Jericho Center laying sidewalks. The town received a \$250,000 grant for the project.

PHOTO BY BRENDA BOUTIN

Town of Jericho awarded sidewalk grant

The town of Jericho was recently awarded a sidewalk grant by the Chittenden County Metropolitan Planning Organization (CCMPO). The CCMPO Sidewalk Program, now in its fourth year, had \$250,000 available for sidewalk engineering, design, and construction projects. The Jericho project is part of an overall vision to enhance pedestrian facilities along VT Rt. 15 in Riverside/Underhill Flats.

Jericho road work: paving, bridge repair

Repair to the deck of the VT Rt. 15 bridge began Monday, August 4, and will reduce travel to one lane and cause minor traffic delays. Traffic control will be present, and this work should be completed in one week, weather permitting.

Paving will begin on July 21 at several Jeri-

cho locations - the Foothills, Browns Trace between MMUHS and VT Rt. 15, and Lee River Road between Macomber Place and Browns Trace. The gravel portion of Skunk Hollow Road will stay open during reconstruction, but expect significant delays.

POLICE REPORT

Saturday, July 19, 2008 at 3:00 PM, Trooper Shaffer of Vermont State Police/Williston reports that **Rock Traversy**, 79, of Montreal, Quebec, Canada was operating a 1985 Honda Gold Wing Motorcycle on VT Rt. 108 in clear weather on a dry road surface in Smugglers' Notch, Jeffersonville, VT when the motorcycle rolled on top of him. State Police are continuing their investigation into the cause of the accident that left Traversy seriously injured. Traversy was rushed to Fletcher Allen Health Care in Burlington, VT by Cambridge Rescue; specific details regarding Traversy's injuries were not available. (Case #08A103263)

Tuesday, July 28, 2008, VSP/New Haven Troop C reports that at 7:20 AM, **Anne G. Klein**, 37, of

Jericho, VT was northbound on VT Rt. 22A in clear weather on dry pavement in Bridport, VT, just south of the Addison town line. Her Subaru station wagon crossed the center line and exited the west side of the road. Upon exiting the road the vehicle travelled approximately 106 feet when the front of the vehicle hit a culvert. Upon hitting the culvert, the vehicle traveled another 139 feet, while rolling over numerous times, and came to rest on its roof facing south. All occupants were transported to Porter Hospital in Middlebury, VT. All occupants were wearing seat belts and due to this fact they were not ejected from the vehicle and they received relatively minor injuries (head injuries, cuts and bruises). The Subaru was totaled, with massive body damage. Vermont State Police were assisted at the scene by the VSP Traf-

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Underhill-Jericho Fire Department news

By Kitty Clark

EMERGENCY CALLS

Wednesday, July 16, 1:45 PM – EMS call on Plains Rd., Jericho.

Thursday, July 17, 4:14 PM – Responded to a one-vehicle accident at the intersection of Barber Farm Rd. and VT Rt. 117, Jericho.

Friday, July 18, 8:11 AM – Responded to 73 Old Pump Rd., Jericho, house struck by lightning with a kitchen fire resulting.

Friday, July 18, 4:35 PM – Responded Mutual Aid to Cambridge for storm damage.

Saturday, July 19, 2:05 PM – Responded to 4 Griswold St., Jericho, for smoke in residence.

Sunday, July 20, 12:36 PM – Responded Mutual Aid to Richmond to help with an ATV accident.

Monday, July 21, 10:56 AM – Responded to 34 Park St., Underhill, for a furnace problem.

Tuesday, July 22, 6:41 PM – Responded to 68 Lower English Settlement Rd., Underhill, activated smoke detector due to cooking.

Tuesday, July 22, 6:43 PM – Responded for standby coverage to Cambridge Fire Dept.

Thursday, July 24, 11:28 AM – Responded to Browns River Middle School for an activated fire alarm due to painting near a detector.

Saturday, July 26, 6:56 PM – Responded to 33

Calling delinquent dogs in Jericho

Jericho Town Clerk Jessica Alexander reports that there are unusually many unregistered dogs for this time of year. If your dog is delinquent, you probably received two postcards and are now starting to receive weekly calls from the Animal Control Officer Ed Stykes.

Please come in or mail the payment as quickly as possible. The fee is \$12 or \$16 (including the

Covey Rd., Underhill, for a lightning strike with smoke in the residence.

Monday, July 28, 8:20 AM – Responded to 196 Pleasant Valley Rd., Underhill, per request of Essex Rescue.

Tuesday night drills: July 15, apparatus driving skills. July 22, SCBA endurance. July 29, business meeting.

SAFETY MESSAGE

"Away From Home" – When you enter an unfamiliar building, look for at least two ways to exit from where you are. Especially when staying overnight in hotels or other buildings, always look for the location of exits. Check to make sure that fire doors are kept closed, that they are easy to open, and that you can get to them easily. Remember to use the stairs to get to safety, NEVER use the elevator.

When children have sleepovers at a friend's house, be sure that they are instructed as to what to do in case of fire and do not be afraid to ask if the home has working smoke and CO detectors.

REMINDER: If you had an emergency tonight, would the emergency responders, either fire or rescue, be able to find your house easily?? This is so important – many, many, houses are not marked and this makes it very difficult for first responders to find the correct address. So please, take a few minutes to either put up your number or replace missing numbers or ones that are not large enough to be seen easily.

\$4 late fee). The higher fee is for dogs that are not neutered/spayed. The mailing address is Town Of Jericho, P.O. Box 67, Jericho, VT 05465. Thank you to Ed Stykes for following up with all these dogs.

If your dog is new to Jericho, please bring in rabies vaccine information. Dogs do not need to be registered until they reach six months of age, and the cost for a new dog is \$8/\$12.

investigating an incident that occurred around 12:29 PM in which lone female runner was approached on Browns Trace in Jericho Center by a white Kia SUV, VT registration EHC427. The vehicle was occupied by two white males, less than 50 years of age, who asked the female runner if she wanted a ride. The offer was declined and the female was able to go to a nearby residence and had no further contact with the vehicle or its occupants. VSP have received no additional complaints regarding similar activity in this area. The runner advised that there was also a dog inside the vehicle at the time she was approached. State Police are attempting to locate the vehicle involved and its occupants. Anyone with any information is asked to contact Senior Trooper Mark Magnant, 878-7111. (Case # 08A103522)



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Truck drivers and the traffic control people stood around at the Browns Trace paving project Monday, July 28 waiting for the paver to be replaced.

PHOTO BY BRENDA BOUTIN

A Look Around Town

By Brenda Boutin and Sara Riley
Mountain Gazette staff

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Everywhere you look there are construction projects and some are better supervised than others. Drivers could pass through Jericho Center where the new sidewalk was being built without much trouble. But on Monday, drivers were greeted with a wait on Browns Trace where the pavement is being replaced. Getting halfway to MMU was easy; then drivers were told, "You can't get there from here." That's right, the paver was broken down, truckloads of tarmac were lined up, men chatting and no one with forethought enough to go down the road and send folks up Orr Road. Many drivers came to Browns Trace because Lee River Road from Joe's Snack Bar was not passable, either. Could the problem have been solved? Sure, by moving the traffic director to the entrances of Orr Road and Packard Road, car could have been detoured and no one would have been turning around on the roadway.

Drivers in our area are not courteous at all! I had some man behind me on Browns Trace just past Jericho Center. He kept blowing his horn and motioning. I pulled over because I thought my muffler was loose again. Nope, he just wanted to pass, sped by me like a shot. I will have to stop driving the speed limit. Sorry, *Tommy Traffic!*

About the sound of firing on the Ethan Allen Range: I (Sara) lived at the top of Beartown Road for nine years and heard firing

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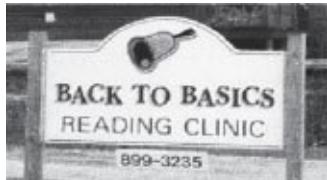
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A View From the Center

By J. Harrison L. Heidel

Special to the Mountain Gazette

Vermont and Vermonters have a lot to give during summer. Not just fine weather, beautiful scenery, and good spirits. Just about anywhere you drive in Vermont this time of year, you'll happen upon something set out by the roadside with a sign nearby reading "Free."

It was during one of my first visits to Vermont, some years ago now, that I first observed roadside free stuff. I'll admit, it sort of made me feel more welcome: *"Here, Harrison, this is for you...it's free, and welcome to Vermont."* Of course I turned my car around and went back to have a look. I know a gift horse when I see one. I always watch for roadside offerings when I'm out on the road now.

I've picked up a few things over time, like the wooden chair missing its back, which sits perfectly in the yard beside my lawn chair. It's a side-table now, not just a broken chair. It attends to my book or newspaper, cold drink or pipe, should something catch my eye and lift me out of my chair wandering. It works so well it's almost as if the chair was a table-wannabe all along. Perhaps I freed it from some suffering. For certain, I freed its previous owner of a broken chair: green legs, natural wood seat. If it was yours, thanks for the table. I won't be giving it away.

A recent move set us to ridding ourselves of a bit of stuff. Used to be borrowing a pickup and hauling it away was involved, or offering unwanted stuff to friends or relatives, as if they needed it, was the only way to "get rid of this or that." Now, it goes out by the road, a few enticing items at a time. I put it out, sit down in my lawn chair, admire my side-table, and look at my watch. A slightly used and unwanted bike in very good condition: gone in 30 minutes. An odd looking candelabra: 10 minutes flat. It's such a great way to rid oneself of the unwanted pieces of one's life that I curb my behavior for fear that I find myself, lawn chair and table, out by the curb, sign in hand reading: *"Free Man! (Lawn Chair and Side-Table, 5 bucks.)"*

I've had my eye on an offering along my daily route for a few days now, four to be exact. I've slowed, but haven't stopped... yet. I don't need the oxygen tank offered there... yet. But I've thought about this particular traveler's perk most the day today. It changed today. I couldn't stop this morning, but there beside the road, stacked up next to the oxygen tank, were several brightly wrapped packages. Silver, and some gold, I think. Some had bright red bows. Were they only Christmas decorations, phony shiny packages? Or has someone upped the standard for roadside gifting? Are there people in pajamas, sitting cross-legged beside the road there, holding those packages to their ears, gently shaking them, and celebrating Christmas in August?

As boys, my brother, our two best buddies, and I would go on "expeditions" in the ditches along the railroad tracks near our

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homes. We looked for things tossed from the trains, freight and passenger. Some summers the Ringling Brothers Barnum and Bailey Circus train came whizzing through our tiny Missouri town. We learned early on to carry a stick while on our missions to flip and stir stuff into better sight. One of our friends fastened the sharp end of a dandelion digging tool to his stick, enabling him to stab stuff, pick it up to have a closer look. One day he stabbed a rusted can. It exploded with a loud blast, startling all of us and tossing him backwards to the ground. The front of his torso turned crimson. He lay very still for what seemed like a long time, then frantically tried to clear his glasses of the red coating. I remember running for help, or away, I wasn't quite sure, when my brother yelled, *"Come back here, it was a can of red paint, dummy."* We all laughed, but not because it was funny: we were relieved.

I still shy away from aerosol cans, especially the discarded type. I always gravitate toward roll-on deodorant. I suppose that's why I haven't given that oxygen tank a second look. But those wrapped packages... we'll see if they're still offered along the road home this evening.

J. Harrison L. Heidel is an Episcopal priest in Underhill, lives in Underhill Center, and writes about rural life.

From the Country Store

By Jon St. Amour

Special to the Mountain Gazette

Hard to believe our soggy summer is in its stretch drive. I love the fall here in Vermont, but I'm not ready to pack in our summer just yet. Who is? I still have loads to do before the end of August and if it would just stop raining for a couple of consecutive days I might have a chance.

In no particular order, I still have to: take my daughters to a Lake Monsters game so I can watch the game while they can scream

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OBITUARY

Marjorie E. Darul, 87, of Richmond, VT, formerly of Winooski, VT, died Tuesday, July 15, 2008 at Fletcher Allen Health Care, Burlington, VT after a brief illness. Marjorie was born in Monkton, VT on April 16, 1921, the daughter of Clayton and Leta (Graham) Alger. She grew up in the Bristol, VT and Starksboro, VT area and attended Bristol schools. She was married in St. Francis Xavier Church in Winooski on March 25, 1972 to Adam Darul, who predeceased her March 29, 2001. Marjorie spent many years as a waitress in the Richmond and Burlington area. She lived many years on the Westall Farm and helped care for her nieces and nephews. She also worked in the homes of many Burlington area doctors. In her later years, she enjoyed spending time with her senior citizen group and church family. Marjorie is survived by three sisters and their husbands: Bette and David Mason of Starksboro; Helen and Alfred Brown of Bristol; and Linda and Raymond St. Peter of Nantucket, MA; many nieces and nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, great-great-nieces, and great-great-nephews; and a special stepson. Marjorie was very appreciative and devoted to John and Nancy Lunnie. She lived with them for the last seven years and they lovingly cared for her. She was predeceased by her sister Dorothy Westall in 1997. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Thursday, July 17 in St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, Winooski. Interment followed at St. Francis Xavier Cemetery.

Pauline Frances (Quesnel) Boutin, 89, of Sebring, FL died Thursday, July 17, 2008 in Heartland Divison of Florida Hospital in



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Sebring following a lingering illness. She and her late husband Adrian were long-time residents of Richmond, VT. She was born in Chrysler, Ontario, on September 8, 1918, the daughter of Eugene and Alphonsine (Doran) Quesnel. Pauline married Adrian Boutin on April 10, 1938 in Holy Rosary Church in Richmond. He predeceased his wife in March of 2005. Pauline was a devoted homemaker who dearly enjoyed the role of wife, mother, and grandmother for all of her extended family. She had recently been living in Sebring with her youngest daughter Suzanne, who was her devoted and loving caregiver for the last several years. She is survived by her son Louis Boutin and his wife Joyce of Huntington, VT; her daughters: Antoinette Howard and husband Ronald of Enosburg, Quebec, Canada.



(**Ide**) Amy (Gotta) and Jake Ide had a daughter, Lily Aviva, Wednesday, July 9, 2008 at Fletcher Allen Health Care in Burlington, VT.

(**Reposa, Lort**)

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VT, Patricia Burrill and husband Larry of Richmond, and Suzanne Jillson of Sebring, FL.; seven grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; six great-great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her son Leon Boutin; her sister, Yvonne St. Jacques; and her brothers, Roland, Roderick, and Auel Quesnel. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Tuesday, July 22 in Holy Rosary Church. Burial was in the family lot in East Cemetery, Williston. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to the Humane Society of Chittenden County, 142 Kindness Court, So. Burlington, VT 05403.

COURT REPORT

Saturday, August 2, 2008 at 6:20 PM while Vermont State Police troopers were investigating a motor vehicle crash on Interstate 89 northbound in Richmond, VT, VSP dispatch advised of a vehicle approaching the area operating erratically. Trooper Cari Crick, VSP/Williston, made contact with the vehicle and determined the operator, **John Rowell**, 33, of Calais, VT, to be operating under the influence of alcohol. This is Rowell's fourth offense. Rowell will be cited to appear in court, and was lodged at Chittenden County Correctional Center with bail set at \$5000. (Case #08A103524)

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August 8 - **The Michele Fay Band** will perform on stage from 5:00 - 6:00 PM with a mix of traditional, swing- and bluegrass-influenced tunes with rich female harmonies. Many of the songs are Michele's originals, inspired by life as experienced in Vermont. Together, the four members put forth enchanting sounds from toe-tapping, upbeat goodies to quiet ballads. Michele sings with acoustic guitar; her husband Tim Price embellishes on mandolin, acoustic guitar, and electric guitar; Lausanne Allen adds fiddle, whistle, and smoothly matched harmonies; and Henry Romp drives the beat on upright bass. Sponsored by Jon Fath, owner/chef of Toscano Café Bistro. Also, face painting, 4:30 - 6:00 PM

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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

actress and go to Moscow, where he will be.

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Hannah Brown appears in The Seagull

Hannah Brown, 18, of Richmond, a recent Mount Mansfield Union High School graduate, appeared in the Anton Chekov play *The Seagull* performed in repertory at the Unadilla Theater in Marshfield, VT.

The show opened June 29 and received a favorable review from Jim Lowe of The Times Argus. As in many of Chekov's plays, the characters' lives are intertwined while the plot and subplots involve stories of unhappiness and unrequited love, leading to humor and tragedy.

Ms. Brown plays Nina, a young aspiring actress who stars in a newly-penned play. The young author of the play is in love with her but she has eyes for his mother's lover, a successful novelist. In his review, Mr. Lowe described Ms. Brown as an "outstanding young talent who gave Nina an authentic vitality and passion that was almost heart-breaking."

Hannah most recently appeared in Lost Nation Theater's production of *To Kill a Mockingbird* and prior to that played The Leading Player in *Pippin* at Mount Mansfield Union High School. She will be attending the University of Vermont in the fall to study theater, music and dance. "The Seagull" can be seen in its final performance August 7 at 7:30 PM. For ticket reservations, information, and directions, call 456-8968 or go online to www.unadilla.org.

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CINEMATIC WANDERINGS

By Luke Mindell
Special to the Mountain Gazette

Sequels, sequels everywhere...

Summertime, and the movies are cheesy. This is the time of year that we turn on our air conditioners, and turn off (at least in movie theaters) the discerning parts of our brain. Lately, summers seem even more predictable than they used to be. It's all superheroes, sequels, and superhero sequels. Summer blockbusters are like special effects symposiums, where the general public gathers to see what technological advances the industry has made in the past year. Symposium may be a bit too flattering. It's more like a car show.

Each of the last three weeks, however, has brought movies of surprising cinematic potential to the big screen. The first summer movie to entice me to the theatre was Guillermo Del Toro's second Hellboy film, *The Golden Army*. Over the past few years, Del Toro has quickly become a respected master of horror/sci-fi/fantasy hybrids that hearken back to the days when, if you wanted to make a movie about a ghastly beast, you actually had to put makeup on an actor or build a robot instead of creating it in a computer. While *The golden Army* is jam-packed with ghouls and demons and creatures of every kind that are clearly the result of master craftsmen and a wildly imaginative mind, they populate a world that is wildly unimaginative.

Where the first *Hellboy* felt fresh and exciting, the sequel starts off feeling like a *Men in Black* sequel, and then turns into regurgitated mythology. The story is that of a cheap *Lord of the Rings* knockoff involving an ancient kingdom and an artifact that gives its wearer limitless power (with one caveat that allows for a last-minute save-the-day loophole). Despite the plethora of fascinating characters that appear all too briefly, the central villain is wholly uninteresting, both visually (it's a guy with yellow contacts and white skin) and in the film's narrative. He is the last prince from a dead civilization that wants to rekindle a war with humans for some reason. Great, thanks. Could I see that peacock-winged grim reaper some more? Overall, *The Golden Army* is so disappointing because it contains such masterful visual artistry. If only they spent some time on the script.

On the other end of the visual effects spectrum, you'll find the minimalist sci-fi sequel *The X-Files: I Want To Believe*. I remember that sense of wonder and discovery when I first saw the series. It's one of those rare things that is as good at 25 as it was when I was 12. After the first three or four seasons, the series began to falter. It eventually settled into pure drivel for the last couple of years, ending on a note of such stupidity that the show could never hope to be resurrected. Unless, of course, the creators could forget all the stupid alien conspiracy stuff and go back to what the show did best, episodes about monsters, mutants, psychics, witches, cults, experiments gone wrong, and serial killers. Hoping for a stand-alone horror *X-Files* movie always felt like a pipe dream, until I heard that they were going to do it.

I Want to Believe is not the masterpiece I had hoped for, but it's also far better than it could have been. After a classic *X-Files* opening, the movie attempts to acknowledge the end of the series before it moves on to the plot at hand. Mulder and Skully's relationship has lost all tension and ambiguity, and little arguments over who believes what are stale, and the reason for the pair's involvement in an FBI case is slipshod. But once the film settles down and becomes, like always, a mystery that flies in the face of traditional crime solving, the movie finds its old pace. The strength of the movie comes from the fact that the mystery is actually mysterious. It centers on a missing FBI agent, a severed arm found near her home, and a psychic priest with a record of pedophilic sex crimes who claims to be having visions of the missing agent. When the mystery is solved, it's so simple, and has such a minimal sci-fi spin to it, that it conjured up those old feelings I had when watching the original show. It was a show where everything happened in the shadows. It was filled with horror, mystery, paranoia, and science fiction that was so heavily weighted towards the science side (most of the time), you could watch it with a giddy feeling that you weren't sure this stuff couldn't really happen. Despite its flaws, this original X-Phile left the theatre with a smile on his face.

Finally, let's talk *Dark Knight*. It's the one you've all probably seen, and yes, it is the best of the three films in this article. But is it the masterpiece everyone says it is? In my opinion, not quite. I read all the reviews assuming the praise for the film was overblown, and that the late Heath Ledger's performance as The Joker was being heralded because of his death, not because it was really Oscar-worthy. I was half right. The movie as a whole, though good, is certainly a flawed film. Ledger, on the other hand, was

as good as, and better than, you've heard. His performance is quite literally a revelation. I went in feeling so cynical about this new Joker. After all, how dare anyone try to one-up Jack! But Ledger is mind blowing! It took some time for me to accept the character. He licked his lips, moved his voice register up and down, and walked with an off-kilter swagger. But what felt, at first, like a series of disparate traits, eventually homogenized into a real, living, breathing, three-dimensional character who was, frankly, infinitely more compelling than Batman himself.

This Joker is also well written, mostly because of what the writers left out. There is no cheesy back story about exposure to radiation or falling into a vat of chemicals. He is simply a horribly scarred madman who smears his face with makeup. His motivations as well as his actions are simple, believable, and terrifying. He is sort of an evil anthropologist, experimenting with human subjects to see how easily they can be turned into monsters. The inevitable, final act of horror that the hero must stop doesn't involve a poisonous gas or apocalyptic device, it's simply the threat of cutting Gotham City off and turning it into a savage Petri dish of murder and mayhem.

As I said, the film has its flaws, and all but one of them is excusable. If you haven't seen the movie yet, you might want to stop here, but I'll be as vague as I can. The best thing about *Dark Knight*, as I said, is the Joker. He is the best comic book villain ever put on film as far as I'm concerned. So why, after ending his plot line, would the movie introduce another villain who is half as interesting, half as believable, and just poorly written, and give him the last act of the film? I can't fathom that the same person wrote both villains, and I can't accept that no one had the guts to say, "Uh, folks, when we are done with Joker, the movie is over." Without Heath Ledger's Joker, I don't know if I can even accept more films in this series. It would be like doing *Star Wars* without Darth Vader.

All in all, this summer started well. If two out of three summer blockbusters were as good as *I Want to Believe* and *Dark Knight*, the summer wouldn't be such a cinematic wasteland.

ART / MUSIC / THEATER**ART**

Emile A. Gruppe Gallery presents **Autumn Painting Weekend**, a two-day *plein air* workshop of landscape painting with native Vermonter Bob Huntoon, Saturday-Sunday, September 13-14 from 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM each day. Basic principles of compositional thumbnails, structural drawings, and tonal studies will be covered, as well as basic palette approaches that allow for stylistic development. All levels of experience are welcome. For registration materials and a materials list, please call 899-3211 or contact www.emilegruppégallery.com. Currently showing at the gallery are **Kathleen Manley's** oil landscapes of New England Views. This show will hang through August 18, followed by **Stuart Hall's** *Photographs of the 4 Seasons In the Snowflake Kingdom*. An artist reception will be held Sunday, August 24, 3:00 - 5:00 PM. Open to the public. Emile A. Gruppe Gallery, 22 Barber Farm Rd., Jericho. Hours: Thursday-Sunday, 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM or by appointment, 899-3211, www.emilegruppégallery.com.

Essex Art League exhibits: Through October 31, Bird of Vermont Museum in Huntington will show works by EAL members Caroline Brown, Kathy Berry Bergeron, Lucia Chu, Suzanne Clark, Dianna Dunn, Margaret Maffin, Donna Owens, Hattie Saville, and Ken Tefft; murals by EAL member Libby Davidson are a permanent feature of the museum. Through September 4, *Summer Splendor* - works by EAL members at the Phoenix Book Store and Cafe, Essex Outlet Mall. Through September 1, Mary Krause of EAL will be exhibiting at the Essex Town Offices. Through September 1, Lorraine Hislop, Donna Owens, Clair Aimi, and Mary Pacifici of EAL will be exhibiting works at the Given Health Center in Williston. For information, 862-3014.

Art at the Flour Shop, VT Rt. 15, Underhill, **Chris Gluck's** art works constructed from natural materials. Student animal creations fare on sale as cards and prints, to benefit the JUPD.

Bryan Memorial Gallery presents a three-day *plein air* painting workshop, **Painting With Christopher**, featuring nationally acclaimed painter Christopher Magadini, Friday-Sunday, August 22-24. Bryan has announced the winners of its annual **Land and Light** painting exhibition, with Best of Show awarded to Caleb Stone of Ipswich, MA for his painting *First Light, Treasure Cove*. Phil Laughlin of Burlington, VT took second prize for his pastel *Reeds*. Sandra Noble of Stowe was awarded third prize for her painting *Pristine Day*.

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The exhibition continues through September 21. Bryan Memorial Gallery, 180 Main St., Jeffersonville is open daily, 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM. For information, www.bryangallery.org or 644-5100.

Third Thursdays Gallery Evenings in Stowe continues with 11 Stowe galleries open until 9:00 PM, next on August 21, with September 18 and October 16 to follow. Maps and details are available at www.stowegalleries.com, and at participating galleries.

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Open Mic Night and Coffeehouse, 6:00 PM at Phoenix Books, Essex, Wednesdays, August 13, emceed by Milton singer/songwriter Rachel Hamilton, and September 10. Seeking poets, musicians, singers, storytellers, and comics for all dates. Free and open to the public. For information, contact Michael DeSanto, 872-7111.

Tuesdays - Open Mic, 9:00 - 11:00 PM, Smuggler's Notch Inn, Jeffersonville, 644-6765. Jeff Salisbury and Friends, Tuesday Night Live, through August 26, 6:00 - 8:30 PM, Legion Field, Johnson; rain site Lowe Lecture Hall; cal_0565@yahoo.com.

Wednesdays - NIPs-West Open Potluck and Songs/Dance Tunes Session, Moshe's house, Essex, first and third Wednesdays; contact Moshe 879-0876 or www.groups.yahoo.com/NIPS-West.

Thursdays - Open Mic, 8:00 PM - midnight, Village Tavern, Jeffersonville.

Saturdays - Acoustic music session, 1:00 - 4:00 PM, Foothills Bakery, Fairfax; mrksustc@together.net.

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A study by Simmons College (February '01) found that 55% of students carry more than the recommended guidelines of 10-15% their body weight.

In October '99, the Consumer Product Safety Commission issued a warning concerning injuries related to backpacks. The commission estimated that "3300 children aged 5-14 were treated in emergency rooms last year for injuries related to book bags."

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Studies at Johns Hopkins Children Center show overloaded backpacks as the cause of shoulder or lower-back pain and poor posture. University of Michigan researchers estimate that up to 60% of children will experience back pain by the time they reach 18. National Public Radio reported that 65% of adolescents' visits to the doctor are for backpack-related injuries (October '98).

Over the past four years, local television and print have extensively covered this topic. This has included coverage by the *New York Times*, *NBC Today Show*, *Good Morning America*, *CBS Morning Show*, *National Public Radio*, *Time Magazine*, *Parents Magazine*, *Consumer Report*, and *Good Housekeeping*.

The current student backpacks do not provide the ergonomic support necessary to prevent back injury for students carrying the average 30 lbs. of books. Older students (12-18 years) magnify this back injury problem by carrying their backpacks with one strap (on one shoulder) instead of two, directing the weight to one side of the body. There is evidence that this encourages scoliosis and other permanent physical problems.

Currently the industry is fashion-focused and has ignored the many consumer and professional concerns regarding the ergonomics of packs. The backpack manufacturers are side-stepping the issue and blaming this problem on schools and the increased academics that require students to lug around more than 10% (as

much as 40%) of their body weight. The market leaders, Jansport and L.L. Bean, are concerned with the liability associated with addressing this problem.

More than five million adult Americans are sidelined from work each year due to chronic back pain. How many of these problems started in youth? So what can be done?

1. Choose a good backpack. The backpack should have two wide, padded shoulder straps. It should fit the student's size. It should not hang too low. Ideally, it should have lumbar (low back) support and a waist belt.

2. Minimize the amount carried. Only bring what is necessary. Young children should only carry 10% of their body weight; pre-teens and teens can carry between 15-20%. This means that a child weighing 50 lbs. should carry no more than 5 lbs.; a child weighing 100 or more lbs. should carry no more than 20 lbs. Carry heavier items close to the spine, relatively high in the pack.

3. Stretch between classes and sit erect.

4. Use proper biomechanics in lifting the pack. Face the pack, bend at the knees, lift both straps together using legs, apply one shoulder strap and then the other.

5. Use the pack properly. Use both straps with a strap on each shoulder. If available, use a waist belt to distribute weight to the pelvis.

6. Have your child's back evaluated by a professional. Carrying excessive weight, particularly when young when bones are developing, may have long term consequences. Seeking preventive care at my office or with another related professional can limit or prevent future problems.

Remember, it is not normal to have back pain in childhood. Pain is the body's warning sign of trouble. Recognize and address the problem and save your child from long term health issues.

Mary Kintner is a chiropractor, registered nurse, and nutritional consultant in Underhill.

Blood donors receive gallon pins

The following donors in our area have received their gallon pins from American Red Cross Blood Services, New England Region recently. Thank you for helping us to acknowledge these caring individuals. We appreciate all of your support.

Frederick Brady of Jericho, 42 gallons;
Benjamin Ware of Westford, 30 gallons.

WELCOME HOME

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(Cohen) Roseanne (Micik) and Alain Cohen had a son, Elliot Stephen, Sunday, July 13, 2008 at Fletcher Allen Health Care in Burlington, VT.

CAMBRIDGE

(Willis) Denise (Cote) and Erik Willis' daughter, Alice Maryjane Willis, was born Tuesday, July 15, 2008 at Copley Hospital in Morrisville, VT.

HUNTINGTON

(Hemmett) Vicki (Chorny Ko) and Erik had a daughter, Quinn Brooklyn, Thursday, July 10, 2008 at Fletcher Allen Health Care in Burlington, VT.

JEFFERSONVILLE

(Resteghini) Mercedes (trost) and Joseph Resteghini had a son, Indiana Redd, Sunday, July 6, 2008 at Fletcher Allen Health Care in Burlington, VT.

JERICHO

(Chicoine) Erin (St. Louis) and Mark Chicoine had a daughter, Mallory Kennedy, Sunday, July 13, 2008 at Fletcher Allen Health Care in Burlington, VT.

(Makowenskyj) Dawn (O'Connell) and Paul Makowenskyj's son, Alex Anthony, Wednesday, July 9, 2008 at Fletcher Allen Health Care in Burlington, VT.

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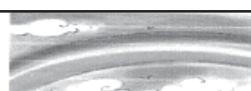
Lamoille Home Health to hold Alzheimer's support group

Are you caring for a loved one with Alzheimer's? Lamoille Home Health & Hospice invites you to join an Alzheimer's Support Group. Our support group strives to give spouses, families, and caregivers a safe, comfortable space to meet others who are experiencing similar challenges of caring for a loved one with Alzheimer's. The group offers an opportunity for members to share their experiences and provide information and support to each other. The group meets on the third Thursday of each month at 2:00 PM at Lamoille Home Health. The next meeting is scheduled for August 21. For more information, please contact Oona Lee, MSW, at 888-4651.

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Friday-Sunday, August 8-10: 7th Annual Lake Champlain Bluegrass Festival, US Rt. 2, Alburgh; www.lakechamplainmusic.com.

Friday, August 8: **The Michele Fay Band**, 5:00 – 6:00 PM, Richmond Farmers' Market, Volunteers Green, Richmond; 434-5273 or cmader@surfglobal.net.

Tuesday, August 12: **Full Circle**, 6:00 – 8:00 PM, Owl's Head Blueberry Farm, Richmond; msamuels@burlingtontelecom.net or 658-0832. **The Sky Blue Boys** (Banjo Dan and Willy Lindner), 6:30 – 7:30 PM, Helen Day Art Center/Stowe Free Library, Stowe; www.stowearts.com. **Big Spike Bluegrass**, Lincoln Inn, Essex Junction; www.lincolninn.net/ **Wrecking Ball**, the Hub, Johnson; 635-7626.

Wednesday, August 13: **O'haleigh**, Lincoln Inn, Essex Junction; www.lincolninn.net/ **Bluegrass Session**, 7:30 PM, On the Rise Bakery, Richmond; www.ontherisebakery.net.

Thursday, August 14: **Rebecca Padula**, 5:00 PM, Richmond Farmer's Market, Volunteer's Green, Richmond; www.rebeccapadula.com. **Buddy Dubay and the Minor Key**, On the Green, Maple Tree Place, Williston; 646-5263 or www.shopmtp.com. **Nobby Reed Project**, Lincoln Inn, Essex Junction; www.lincolninn.net/.

Friday, August 15: **Fiddle Students of Laura Markowitz** and the Young Celtic Dancers of Vermont, 5:00 – 6:00 PM, Richmond Farmers' Market, Volunteers Green, Richmond; 434-5273 or cmader@surfglobal.net.

Saturday, August 16: **3rd Annual Valley Stage**, 12:30 – 8:30 PM, Blackbird Swale, Huntington; hosted by Huntington Valley Arts; www.valleystage.net or 434-4563.

Friday, August 22: **Don Sheldon and Friends** 5:00 – 6:00 PM, Richmond Farmers' Market, Volunteers Green, Richmond; 434-5273 or cmader@surfglobal.net.

Friday, August 29: **Buddy Dubay and the Minor Key**, 5:00 – 6:00 PM, Richmond Farmers' Market, Volunteers Green, Richmond; 434-5273 or cmader@surfglobal.net.

THEATRE

Lyric Theater Company will hold auditions for their November production of *A Chorus Line* Monday-Thursday, August 25-28 at South Burlington High School. Registration starts at 6:00 PM; workshops and auditions at 6:30 PM. Strong dancers and singers are encouraged to audition; must be 16 years old by December 31, 2008. Information meeting Thursday, August 21, 7:00 PM, South Burlington High School. Production dates: November 13-16 at the Flynn Center in Burlington. For information, www.lyrictheatrevt.org or call 658-1484.

Auditions for the Fairfax Community Theatre Company's fall production of *The Brothers Grimm Spectaculathon* will be Wednesday-Friday, 7:00 – 9:00 PM at the Westford Brick Meeting House, VT Rt. 128, on the Common in Westford. Auditions are open to ages 15 and up. The fairy tales of the Brothers Grimm are turned on their heads in this fast-paced ride as two narrators and several actors attempt to combine classics like *Snow White*, *Cinderella*, and *Hansel and Gretel* with bizarre, obscure stories like *The Devil's Grandmother* and *the Girl Without Hands*. For more information, contact 879-2867 or www.fctcvt.org.

The St. Michael's Playhouse season includes: through August 9, **Pump Boys and Dinettes**, Broadway musical celebrating life's simple pleasures with a mixture of country, rock, and western-swing. For tickets and information, www.saintmichaelsplayhouse.org, 654-2281, or at the Playhouse Box Office.

At the Dorset Theatre Festival: **A Year With Frog and Toad** (through August 9) and **June Moon** (August 14-30). Tickets available online, at the Playhouse box office, or by calling 867-5777. For information, visit www.dorsettheatrefestival.org.

People**ENGAGEMENTS****CHICOINE-PECOR**

Lawrence and Mary Chicoine of Underhill, VT announce the engagement of their daughter, Michele Chicoine of South Burlington, VT, to Shawn Pecor of South Burlington, son of James and Theresa Pecor of Milton, VT. The couple planned to marry on July 26, 2008.

NEWMAN-BROWN

Robert and Lynn Newman of Underhill, VT announce the engagement of their daughter, Karah Newman, to Zachary Brown, son of Lance and Maria Brown of Vergennes, VT. An August 23, 2008 wedding is planned.

PALAGONIA-GAY

Anthony and Patricia Palagonia of Underhill, VT announce the engagement of their daughter, Christina Palagonia of Fairfax, VT, to Matthew Gay of Fairfax, son of Richard and MaryLou Smith of Vergennes, VT.

SMITH-HICKS

Bradley and Julie Smith of Granville, OH announce the engagement of their daughter, Eleanor Elizabeth, to Jonathan Glennie Hicks, son of Scott and Carol Hicks of Underhill Center, VT. A wedding is planned for September 13, 2008.

WALSH-MCGONEGAL

Patricia and Thomas McGonegal of Jericho, VT are pleased to announce the engagement of their son Joseph Lawrence McGonegal to Emily K. Walsh, daughter of Brenda and Ken Walsh of State College, PA. Joe is a graduate of Marquette University in Milwaukee, WI and is currently the Communications Director at Catholic Memorial High School in West Roxbury, MA. Emily graduated from Mount Holyoke College in South Hadley, MA, and is currently entering her third year at Villanova Law School in Villanova, PA. An August 2009 wedding is planned.

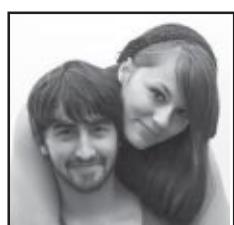
JUST MARRIED**CHRISMAN-BURGIO**

Mary Francis Burgio, daughter of Salvatore and Mary Jane Burgio of Loxahatchee, FL, and Scott Chrisman, son of Greg and Deb Chrisman of Jericho, VT, were united in marriage Saturday, June 28, 2008.

Rev. Richard Chrisman, grandfather of the groom, officiated at the ceremony held oceanside at beautiful Ellis Park, York Beach, ME.

The bride's childhood friend Lauren was matron of honor. The groom's lifelong friend Andrew Schneider of Underhill, VT was best man. A reception was held at Inn On The Blues, York Beach, ME. The newlyweds left for a cross country trip, which ends in Van Nuys, CA where they now reside and work.

Mary Chrisman graduated from the Hallmark Institute of Photography and plans to open a portrait studio in Los Angeles (see her work at MFBphotography@gmail.com). Scott has worked most recently with the local production of *Shout it Out* and a soon to be released

**JUST MARRIED**

Hallmark television movie filmed in southern VT. He is pursuing his career working in this field in the LA area. We wish them all the best. Scott and Mary want to take this opportunity to thank so many of their good friends and family who gathered together to make their wedding extra, extra special.

HENRY-SUMMERVILLE

Sarah Brooke Summerville, daughter of John and Shelly Summerville of Essex, VT, and Benjamin Henry, son of Richard and Deborah Henry of Jericho, VT, were united in marriage on Saturday, May 24, 2008.



The sunlit, late afternoon ceremony was held under an arbor on the lawn behind the bride's parents' home. The bride wore a white strapless gown with a heart-shaped bodice, pink sash, and matching pink shoes. The bride's uncle, Reverend Darryl Crim from Roanoke, VA, performed the ceremony.

Kimberly Henry of Boston, MA, sister of the groom, and Jonathan Summerville of California, brother of the groom, gave readings. Her sister Lauren of San Diego, CA attended the bride. The ceremony was greatly enhanced by music played by Steve and Bonnie Klimowski and Robin Cameron Phillips.

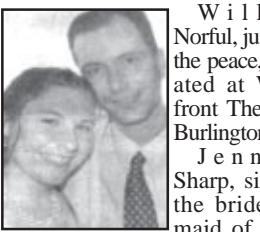
After the ceremony, appetizers were provided as pictures were taken. The dinner reception took place in a tent elegantly decorated with flowers, linen tablecloths, lighted paper lanterns, and a candy table.

Leaving the reception on a motorcycle, the couple spent their "mini-moon" at a bed and breakfast in the Northeast Kingdom.

They are now living in St. Albans, VT.

KELLIE-SHARP

Abigail Sharp, daughter of Arnold and MaryLou Sharp of Colchester, VT, and Joshua Kellie, son of Joan Kellie of Colchester and the late David Kellie, were united in marriage Saturday, June 7, 2008.



William Norful, justice of the peace, officiated at Waterfront Theatre in Burlington, VT.

Jennifer Sharp, sister of the bride, was maid of honor.

The bride's attendants were Lindsey Taylor and Julie Ryan.

Anthony Marabella was best man. Groomsmen were Seth Bowman and Terry Dever.

A reception followed the ceremony, after which the couple left for Napa Valley and Sonoma County, CA.

Mrs. Kellie graduated from Colchester High School. She is employed by Avenue Bistro. Her husband graduated from Mount Mansfield Union High School in Jericho, VT. They reside in Colchester.

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COMING EVENTS**Friday, August 8**

Burlington Contra Dance, 8:00 PM, St. Anthony's Hall, Burlington. Queen City Contras dance. Caller Jeff Petrovitch; music by Susan Reid, Steve Nasuta, and Robin Russell. All are welcome, all dances taught, no partner or experience necessary. Beginners' session 7:45 PM. Admission \$8 adults, under 12 free. Bring clean, soft-soled shoes for dancing. www.contracopia.net/sites/qcc, 371-9492 or 343-7165.

Saturday, August 9

19th-Century Games for Kids with Shannon Foley 2:00 PM, Morristown Historical Society, Noyes House Museum, 122 Lower Main St., Morrisville. Free. Museum open Wednesday-Saturday, 1:00 – 5:00 PM.

Wednesday, August 13

Underhill Central School Play Date, 2:00 PM, UCS playground, Underhill Center. Know somebody who is entering kindergarten at Underhill Central School this fall? Come meet your classmates! Siblings invited. Hope to see you there.

Ancient Roads of Morristown, 7:00 PM, Morristown Historical Society barn, Noyes House Museum, 122 Lower Main St., Morrisville. Free. Museum open

Events

Wednesday-Saturday, 1:00 – 5:00 PM.

Friday, August 15

Casino Night & Texas Hold 'Em Tournament, 7:00 – 11:00 PM, Hampton Inn, Colchester. Sponsored by the Colchester Milton Rotary Club. Cash prizes; proceeds fund charitable causes. Blackjack, craps, wheel of fortune, and roulette. \$5 admission fee; Texas Hold 'Em 100 seats, \$100 entry fee. Registration 6:00 PM. For information, suzannebrownnesq@aol.com.

Saturday, August 16

Sheep to Shawl with Alex Garven, 2:00 PM, Morristown Historical Society, Noyes House Museum, 122 Lower Main St., Morrisville. Free. Museum open Wednesday-Saturday, 1:00 – 5:00 PM.

Saturday-Sunday, August 16-17

St. Thomas Annual Yard Sale, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM Saturday, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM Sunday, St. Thomas Catholic Church, Underhill Center. Housewares, dishes, toys, miscellaneous items, and perhaps a surprise or two. Rain or shine. For information, 899-4632.

Thursday, August 21

Hot Dish Supper, 5:00 PM till all are served, Binghamville United Methodist Church, Fletcher. A variety of hot dishes, baked beans, hash, salads, rolls, pickles, and pie. Adults \$7, under 12 \$3. Families welcome.

Friday, August 22

Underhill Central School Play Date, 2:00 PM, UCS playground, Underhill Center. Know somebody who is entering kindergarten at Underhill Central School this fall? Come meet your classmates! Siblings invited. Hope to see you there.

Wednesday, September 3

Temple Sinai School Open House, 4:00 – 5:30 PM, Temple Sinai, So. Burlington. For students, parents, and interested community members to meet teachers and look over the curriculum. After-school snacks served. Information, Judy Alexander, 862-5125 or www.templexinavt.org.

ONGOING EVENTS**ADULT ACTIVITIES**

Westford Knitters Group meets the first Friday of each month, 6:00 – 8:30 PM at the Westford Library. All needlecrafters in Westford and surrounding communities are welcome. Enjoy conversation with neighbors and friends while you work on your current project. Come early or late; bring a brown bag dinner and drink if you like. For information: Julie Nelson, 343-0165 or Julie@coolmoonyoga.com.

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.

VT French Canadian Genealogy Society library, Tuesday evenings 7:00 – 9:30 PM (except holidays). Also open Saturday, August 9, 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM. VT and Canadian Catholic Parish records, VT vital records on microfilm, census records, and other resources for family history research. Volunteers available to assist individuals. Dupont Bldg., Hegeman Ave., Fort Ethan Allen, Colchester. For information or appointment, 862-8082, 878-8081, online at www.vt-fcgs.org, or email mail@vt-fcgs.org.

DONATIONS

United Church of Underhill's Clutter Barn, left of the United Church of Underhill, on the green in Underhill Flats, is accepting your clutter Saturdays, 8:30 AM – 12:00 PM through September. The last Saturday of August (30), we will sell goods that have been donated (no donations on sale days). Accepted: clean, working household items, books, toys, games, and puzzles, spring and summer clothing, especially children's clothing. No fall or winter clothing until September. NOT accepted: luggage, computers, televisions, exercise equipment, luggage, large appliances, large furniture, rugs, magazines and National Geographic magazines, building or plumbing materials, beds, tires, rims, roof carriers, truck tops, and truck racks. Questions? Call Kathy Williamson, 899-3122, or Sharon Dankot, 899-3572.

FARMERS' MARKETS

Mills Riverside Park Farmers' Market, Thursdays, 3:00 – 6:30 PM, Mills Riverside Park, VT Rt. 15, Jericho. Through September 21. For information, Sarah Stein, 363-6618 or vt.stein@gmail.com.

Richmond Farmers' Market, Fridays, 3:00 – 6:30 PM, Volunteers' Green, Richmond. Through October 17. For information, contact Carol Mader, 434-5273 or cmader@surfglobal.net.

Westford Farmers' Market, Fridays, 3:30 – 6:30 PM, Westford Common, VT Rt. 128, Westford. Through October 17. For information, Janet Franz, 878-7405 or jfranz@sover.net.

HEALTH GROUPS

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

Healthy Weight Support Group, Mondays, 12:00 – 12:30 PM and Wednesdays, 3:45 – 4:15 PM. Combines behavioral and nutritional strategies to increase physical activity and decrease calorie intake. Provides techniques to help manage eating behaviors. Come 15 minutes early for a weight check. Northwestern Medical Center, Cobblestone Building, Classroom A. Speakers: Kay Tran, Reg. Dietitian, MS, CDE; and Leslie Gardina, Reg. Dietitian, Northwestern Medical Center. Free; pre-registration required, 524-1234 or cjhw@nmcinc.org.

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. Please 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.

Fit Kids Support Group, first Mondays, 4:15 – 5:00 PM. Program for kids 8-13 and their parents. Learn about nutrition, physical activity, ways to increase activity level safely, change eating behavior, self-esteem, and obstacles that interfere with weight management success. Northwestern Medical Center, Cobblestone Building, Classroom A. Speaker: Kay Tran, Reg. Dietitian, MS, CDE. Free; pre-registration required: 524-1234 or cjhw@nmcinc.org.

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.

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Ongoing events continued from page 8 —**KIDS**

Westford Playgroup, Wednesdays throughout the summer, open to all children 5 and under and their families. During the hot months, we meet at many different places. If it's raining, held in the Westford Library, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM. For directions or information, Julie, 872-2641, or Matt, 849-9290. August 13: Anne's house, playground, sandbox, call for directions, 10:30 AM. August 20: Julie's House, swim and play, call for directions. August 27: Fairfax School playground, 10:30 AM.

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

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 Lenore Whitten, 878-8996, Bette Workman, 899-4446, or Loreen Teer, 899-1363.

Westford senior lunches resume on the second Monday of each month, beginning on September 8, 12:00 noon in the Red Brick Meeting House on the Westford Common. All seniors and not-so-seniors are welcome to join us for a hot lunch and lively conversation. Call 878-7405 for information.

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.

Women's volleyball, Browns River Middle School, Mondays, 7:00 – 9:00 PM. All age levels and skills welcome. Follows school calendar: no volleyball when there is no school. For information, contact Cathy Leatherstitch, 899-1395 or cleather@us.ibm.com.

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.

SUPPORT GROUPS

Alzheimer's support group, third Wednesday, 9:30 – 11:30 AM, the Arbors, 687 Harbor Rd., Shelburne. 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 (AAWAE) in the Lamoille Valley, third Sunday, 3:00 – 5:00 PM, Second Congregational Church of Jeffersonville Community Room, Jeffersonville. Special topics, guest speakers, resource information; playroom for kids, fenced side yard for outdoor play. For information, Terry Holden, 644-2759 (Jeffersonville) or Tina Karl, 888-3430 (Hyde Park).

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

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

TOWN GOVERNMENT AND ORGANIZATIONS

Cambridge Area Rotary meets on the first Thursday of the month, rotating to local restaurants, 7:00 – 8:00 AM at 158 Restaurant, Main St., Jeffersonville. For information, call Anita Lotto, 793-0856, or Chuck Hogan, 644-8134.

Tim Nulty, Jericho Selectboard member, at the Village Cup, first and third Wednesdays, 8:00 – 9:00 AM, and at the Flour Shop, second and fourth Wednesdays, 8:00 – 9:00 AM. Anyone wishing to discuss any issue is welcome.

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. You are welcome and encouraged to join. For information, email John Quinn, jquinninv@aol.com.

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. 2008 Schedule: August 16, September 20, October 18, November 15, December 20.

Board of Water Commissioners of the Village of Jericho, Inc. – monthly, 7:00 PM at the Old Red Mill on 4B Red Mill Dr., Jericho. For information, 899-2938.

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.

Fairfax Food Shelf has moved to the United Church on the corner of Fletcher Road and River Road, near the Foothills Bakery. The Food Shelf is open the first two Wednesdays, 9:00 AM – 12:00 noon. Please use the downstairs entrance. For information, 849-6588.

Help Harvest Market pick a citizen to honor

The 33rd Annual United Church Of Underhill Old Fashioned Harvest Market is coming and the United Church of Underhill would like your help. Each year we honor a citizen of our community who has served us well. We invite your suggestion to help us make a selection. Please send names and supporting information to David Damkot at 379 VT Rt. 15, Jericho, VT 05465.

Seniors / Recipe / Letters**CVAA Senior Meals**

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

Thursday, August 7 – Bridge Street Café, Richmond, 11:00 AM. Grilled ham and cheese on homemade bread.

Friday, August 8 – Cruise on the Spirit of Ethan Allen, 12:00 – 1:30 PM. \$20 covers lunch and cruise. For tickets and information, call Pat Pike, 865-0360.

Monday, August 11 – Covenant Church, Essex Ctr., 12:00 noon. Corn chowder, tuna salad, lettuce and cheese, bulky roll, sherbet.

Tuesday, August 12 – Pizza Hut, Susie Wilson Rd., Essex Jct., 11:00 AM. All you can eat pizza buffet.

Wednesday, August 13 – Elks, North Ave., Burlington, 10:00 AM check-in, 11:00 AM lunch. Chicken Caesar salad.

Thursday, August 14 – Ponderosa, Williston, 11:00 AM check-in, 11:15 lunch. All you can eat buffet.

Friday, August 15 – United Church, Hinesburg, 12:00 noon. Shepherd's pie, corn and gravy, peas and onions, whole wheat roll, oatmeal cookie.

Monday, August 18 – Covenant Church, Essex Ctr., 12:00 noon. Hot turkey sandwich with gravy, mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce, honey carrots, fruit-filled cookie.

Monday, August 18 – Papa Nick's, Hinesburg, 3:00 PM. BBQ chicken, potato salad.

Tuesday, August 19 – T-Bones, Hampton Inn, Colchester, 11:00 AM check-in, 11:30 AM lunch. Soup, sandwich, fresh fruit.

Wednesday, August 20 – Vidal, Susie Wilson Rd., Essex Jct., 10:30 AM check-in, 11:00 AM lunch. Chicken 'n dumplings.

Thursday, August 21 – Ponderosa, Williston, 11:00 AM check-in, 11:15 lunch. All you can eat buffet.

Friday, August 22 – United Church, Hinesburg, 12:00 noon. Beef stroganoff, red potatoes, Harvard beets, pumpernickel bread, fruit.

Free workshops for seniors on housing options, services

Are you worried about your mother living alone? Do you need help to remain in your home? Join Cathedral Square and HomeShare Vermont for one of their workshops called *Housing and Services for Elders: Options to Consider*. The workshops are being offered, free of charge, with special thanks to the J. Warren and Lois McClure Foundation.

These workshops are for seniors or their adult children who want to evaluate their housing options and want to understand the services available in various licensed and unlicensed settings. Cathedral Square and HomeShare Vermont will combine forces to share their knowledge with you about current and future options. There will be time for a one on one conversation following the workshop, so bring your questions!

The workshops will be held in the Shared Conference Room at Grand Way Commons, 412 Farrell Street, South Burlington, on these dates: Sunday, August 24 from 12:00 – 1:00 PM for lunch; and Thursday, September 25 from 5:00 – 6:00 PM for dinner.

To pre-register or for more information, call Cathedral Square at (802) 863-2224.

WORKSHOPS

Nutritious Cold School Lunches for the Food Allergic Child, Monday, August 11, 6:00 – 7:30 PM, Temple Sinai Religious School, So. Burlington. Registered Dietician Bridgitte Harton will discuss with parents how to create a nutritious school cold lunch for children with life-threatening food allergies. She will also discuss alternative foods for the foods to which the child is allergic. Free; registration required. Contact Vermont Food Allergy Organization, 985-5050 or vtallergy@verizon.net.

Ready, Set... STOP. Thinking about quitting? Four week program designed to help participants stop smoking. We will look at the benefits of being smoke-free, set a quit date, and work on strategies to become smoke-free. One on one, group or telephone counseling. Patches, gum or lozenges for free or low cost. Call 524-8831. Statewide Quit Line for Telephone Smoking Cessation Counseling – Call 1-877-yes-quit (1-877-937-7848). No charge.

Making Your Own Baby Food, Friday, August 22, 10:30 – 11:30 AM. Making your own baby food is easy. You can use many of the same foods the rest of your family eats. Most foods can be cooked and pureed for young babies and later chopped when your baby is ready for more textures. Join us for this food demonstration and taste testing. Participants will be entered to win a free baby food mill. Location: State Office Building, 1st floor conference room, 20 Houghton St., St. Albans. Free. Pre-registration required; 524-1234 to register.

RECIPE BY MARIAN TOBIN**Tuna Egg Salad**

1 cup cottage cheese
1 Tbsp. skim milk
1 Tbsp. mustard
4 to 6 hard-boiled eggs, chopped
3½ ounces tuna
3 Tbsp. chopped onions
¼ cup chopped green pepper
1 tsp. celery salt

Beat cottage cheese, mustard, and skim milk in blender until smooth. Stir in remaining ingredients. Chill.

Westford senior lunches to resume

Westford Senior Lunches will resume on the second Monday of each month, beginning on September 8, 12:00 noon in the Red Brick Meeting House on the Westford Common. All seniors and not-so-seniors are welcome to join us for a hot lunch and lively conversation. Call 878-7405 for information.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**4H project reminds about digital TV deadline****To the Editor:**

As part of a special 4-H project, I would like to remind everybody that on February 17, 2009, all analog television signals will be replaced by digital signals. Households that currently watch free over-the-air television programs will need to purchase digital-to-analog converter boxes for their analog televisions.

The U.S. government is issuing \$40 coupons that go toward buying a converter box, which picks up digital signals and converts them to analog for your TV. Each household can apply for two coupons, but there are only 33.5 million coupons set aside. Digital-to-analog converter boxes sell for about \$50-70 each, so getting coupons is an inexpensive solution if you want to continue using an antenna or "rabbit ears."

There are three ways to apply for coupons: by phone, online, or by mail. The phone number is 888-388-2009, the website is www.dtv2009.com, and the address is Converter Box Coupons, P.O. Box 2000, Portland, OR 97208. Anyone can apply for coupons, but there is only a limited amount. If you are planning on using a converter box, go to the website or call the number above to apply for your free coupons.

Adam Martin, Mt. Mansfield Pioneers 4-H Club

Support Till for VT House**To the Editor,**

I am writing in support of George Till who is running for election to represent Jericho, Underhill, and Bolton. Having known George and seen his work in the community for many years, I was delighted to learn that he had decided to run for the seat vacated by Gaye Symington. As an MMU board member, lacrosse coach, community volunteer, and physician, George has always impressed me with the attention he gives every task before him, and the thoughtful and encouraging manner he brings to his work. George's experience as a doctor gives him valuable insight into the crucial question of how best to ensure affordable health care for all Vermonters. His years of work on the complicated and often contentious work of school budgeting will serve him and our community well in the state legislature in a time of increasing demands on our limited revenues. He will bring a responsive, responsible and respectful voice to debates about funding priorities. Please join me in supporting George for election in November and in communicating your concerns to him during the campaign.

Bob Robbins, Jericho

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at Champ and then dump my beer on me when they jump in excitement; camp out in my yard with my four-year-old and the thousands of bloodthirsty mosquitoes that live out there; get down to Fenway and have more beer spilled on me by bloodthirsty bleacher bums flailing about in excitement (happens every time, usually twice per game); do more fishing; do more hiking; do less working. Only a month to go but I think I'll find the time.

Speaking of the Sox, I'll sure miss Manny Ramirez. I know he had to go but sometimes he was more entertaining than the game itself, with his crazy dreads flopping around everywhere and his bathroom breaks in the Green Monstah, and leaving million dollar paychecks in his glove compartment, and everything ridiculous that came out of his mouth. But he sure could hit. It's just too bad that he was an idiot and that all he truly cared about was money. The Sox are a weaker team without him and it's too bad he lost sight of everything. I'll be mourning the loss of Manny for a while, but if the Sox can hold off those pesky Yanks and the Rays, it'll all be okay.

Anyway, it's been a little while since I last checked in here and I apologize. It's the store's fault and my kids' fault and both are unsympathetic to my need to write. My fans have been clamoring for me to write something – all three of them – so I must oblige. Truth be told, however, it's been a quiet summer here in the Center and I've had writer's block that has stretched on through the past few months. Sometimes the only excitement around here is watching the highway department repaint our crosswalk or watching Jessica, our fearless Town Clerk, go back and forth fetching sensitive documents out of the bomb shelter – er – the temporary storage thingy on the Green. But quiet is usually a nice thing and believe me, I'm not complaining.

What hasn't been nice is the economy. Many of us are struggling. Business at the store has been good but the hardships staring all of us in the face have had a definite effect here. People aren't splurging like they used to, and neither are we. We're all tightening the proverbial belt. After all, who can afford anything after pumping \$80 into your tank? Beyond and because of the price of gas, everything else has skyrocketed, including scooter traffic on the road. So it's been a challenge for all of us and it promises to be an equally challenging winter with the prospect of five-dollar-a-gallon heating oil lurking in the shadows.

Instead of all the road work that has suddenly sprung up *everywhere*, why don't we take all that state money and issue more stimulus checks to ourselves? We can do without repaving parts of all of our roads for a while, can't we? That would be nice.

A new book is on sale now about old country stores in Vermont, and we're lucky enough to be included in the book. *Country Stores of Vermont* by Dennis Bathory-Kitsz is now available through Amazon and will soon be here at the store. I haven't seen it yet but Dennis visited us here a few months ago, took lots of pictures and went away with lots of good stuff about the history of the store and Jericho Center. Be sure to stop in and check it out.

Also, if you haven't yet, be sure to stop by Jericho Settler's Farm and the Emile Gruppe Gallery. I mean, where else can you get fresh, quality meats and produce, and fine art at the same place? Nowhere, I tell you. Plus, they're great people and the place is beautiful (I was not reimbursed in any way for that plug).

See you all at the store.

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from the Range very often, usually daytime but sometimes at night. (I now live several miles away, at 1600' on the height of Pleasant Valley, and I still hear the Range all the time.) I know personally many of the people who were quoted as speaking at the meeting; they were my immediate neighbors. None of them is anybody's stereotype - left or right, conservative or liberal - and most of them have lived in their homes for many years. This is not a case of newbies or outsiders coming in and wanting to remake a place. If anything, these folks were proud to have the Range as a neighbor and glad for its influence (along with that of the State Park and Forest) keeping the surrounding woods wild. I can appreciate and agree with many of the sentiments of those who spoke in support

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of the Guard and their training, but my sense is that if my neighbors, who have always supported the Range and its activities, are raising this as an issue, then noise level and proximity have changed by several orders of magnitude. And some of the folks asking that something be done would normally be expected to be on *opposite* sides of any given issue. That alone ought to arrest attention!

Word is that the yearly summer pestilence - burglars - are out again, this time in Pleasant Valley, sometimes masquerading as innocent guys going door-to-door looking for unoccupied houses, I mean for "scrap metal." VSP has a description of people and car, and a plate number. Meanwhile, lock the house when you go out.

Poor little lambs, who've lost their way... baa... baa... baa... Remember that song? It was true last week in Jericho, according to the Jericho-Underhill Email List (#1052): 10 little lambs missing from a farm on Bentley Lane, seven white and three brown. "If you see them, please call 899-2023. Expect lambs would be in woods during the day and grazing in meadows at night."

Who'd want to live in a city?

Letters continued from page 9**Comments on 5th of July bash**

To the Editor,

We had a great time. Only problem was we arrived at 12:45 PM for afternoon of music and music didn't start till four... Seemed a lot of folks knew that, lucky we had shade. If I'd known Lambsbread didn't start till later, I would have grabbed Bobby and offered to grab my guitar and amp and fill in for two hours. Seemed like quite a few people came and went before the music started... Please do it again. We have lived here for 18 years and activities are the same level as back then. That's why the first thing kids do upon graduation is leave. Somebody's got to get it, seems like you do.

Next year, or any other event, I offer my talents as a donation to the serenity this town has given me.

Thanks for your sponsoring.

Bob Tierney, Underhill

Westford Food Shelf sends thanks

To the Editor,

Thanks so much to the *Mountain Gazette* for the invaluable support you've given the Westford Food Shelf. It has really helped us to let people know about this new resource in our town.

This past Saturday was a busy one at the Food Shelf. Lots of fresh vegetables and other farm products went out the door (thanks again, Farmer's Market and Bread & Roses!) Plus some books (thanks Victoria & the Westford Library!), and of course the non-perishable items (thanks generous people of Westford who have donated!).

The next time we will be open is Saturday, August 16, 8:00 – 10:30 AM. All are welcome to come and take whatever is needed for their household. We have no guidelines for need, amount taken, or other resources used... anyone can show up and supplement their groceries.

If you'd like to donate, some items we are hoping to get this month: protein of all types (peanut butter, tuna, canned meat), cereal, dish and laundry soap, spaghetti sauce, pet food, and snacks (specifically canned fruit, applesauce, boxed cake mixes.)

If anyone has questions or suggestions for the food shelf, they may email us at westfordfood@hotmail.com.

Julia Andrews and Lauren Curry, Co-Founders, Westford Food Shelf

Neighbor supports Ethan Allen FIRING Range

To the Editor,

At the Underhill Selectboard meeting of July 24 a group calling itself HOTR or Homes On The Range presented a petition to the Board regarding the increased noise level since the new "7" range was built. I would like to rebut some of the comments made at that meeting. First the HOTR group is misnomer. They should be called Homes OFF The Range. None of us lives on The Range, just near or abutting it.

I have lived on Range Road for over 26 years. I used to live ½ mile up on the road, and 12 years ago, when the last property at the top of the road next to the gate came on the market, I was ecstatic to be able to purchase it. I love having The Range as my unofficial backyard. There should not be anyone who purchased property on the roads around The Range who didn't know it was there, and by extension know that its name means exactly what it

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says – Ethan Allen FIRING Range.

It is an unfortunate fact that every single generation of Americans has had to face a war of one type or another. That is the reason we maintain a standing army. As time evolves so does the art of war, and with it, the weapons used to fight that war. If we expect our soldiers to return safely they need frequent effective training with these weapons. If that means developing new training areas, then that is their right and duty.

Although everyone who spoke at the meeting said they supported our troops, how can the HOTR group say that and still want to deny them the facilities for the training required to do their jobs effectively? HOTR's answer seems to be to move the new 3 million dollar state-of-the-art range to the middle of the Firing Range property. I have spent many (non-training) hours walking my bird dogs in the woods, and on the roads and trails of the Underhill Center side of The Range, and have driven on the Lee River and the Nashville Road sides back when The Range was able to generously provide Operation Bull's Eye for us to safely site in our deer rifles. Therefore I have seen many of the training areas first hand. If the HOTR group had even studied a functional map of The Range they would have known that moving the new range where their group wants it would place it right in the middle of the Vulcan gun firing cone. They also mentioned refurbishing one of the other rifle ranges, but the topography of those ranges is not suitable for the computer controlled multiple pop-up target system now in place south of Krug Road.

I admit to being occasionally upset with some of the activities, such as once having been awakened at 6:00 AM by the detonation of unexploded ordinance so training could begin for the day, or by the (mostly out-of-state) soldiers treating Range Road like the Indy 500 raceway, or by the loudspeaker system on the new range. But these are issues Range personnel are willing and able to work on, without interfering with their necessary training schedules. I have found that a call to the Colonel's office with a question or comment generally provides a plausible explanation, or a willingness to look into an issue before it gets out of hand. These are small and temporary inconveniences I am willing to put up with in order to live where I do. The sacrifices being made by the men and women who volunteer to put their lives on the line, so I don't have to wear a burkha, is far greater than anything I am giving up.

Pam Parshall, Underhill

LIBRARY NEWS**DEBORAH RAWSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY, JERICHO**

The Mystery Book club is now reading *Strong Poison* by Dorothy Sayers. The discussion will take place Thursday, August 14 at 7:00 PM at the library.

The next Knit Night is Tuesday, August 19 at 6:30 PM. This group meets the first and third Tuesday of every month.

The Board of Trustees meeting is Thursday, August 21 at 7:00 PM.

Adults are invited to keep a summer reading log. For every five books you read, you may enter into a drawing for a gift certificate to an area business. The drawing will take place on August 29. This is sponsored by the Deborah Rawson Friends of the Library.

Every Friday morning, people are invited to join Susan Adams at the library from 9:00 – 11:00 AM to do volunteer weeding and grounds upkeep. Bring your tools and enthusiasm. Susan will also be here Tuesdays from 5:00 PM till dusk to weed the gardens, and would like people to join her. For more information, please contact Holly at the library.

Look for the Book Buggy again at the Farmers' Market this year.

The library has several new magazine subscriptions, a current list of all titles can be found on our website under *Adult Collection*.

Catch the Reading Bug Summer Reading Program Update – The Deborah Rawson Memorial Library hosted a total of 30 children's events with a total of over 800 in attendance. Additionally, 230 children and teens participate in our reading clubs. We wish to thank the wonderful volunteers who helped in so many various ways. Because of their help and support, we were able to provide the wide selection of programs. Thank you also to our patrons who continue to visit us, check out books, and attend events – you make this a busy and exciting place in the community.

Keep up to date on all the library news and events on our website www.drml.org.

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 participated and supported *Catch the Reading Bug* including the Deborah Rawson Memorial Library for their

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Daniel Goodyear, MD joins Thomas Chittenden Health Center

The physicians of Thomas Chittenden Health Center are pleased to welcome Daniel Goodyear, MD to the practice. Dr. Goodyear recently completed his family medicine residency and will be scheduling patients starting September 2, 2008. For an appointment, please call our office, 878-8131.

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co-sponsored efforts. This summer reading program was made possible by the talents of many community members: Tom Baribault, Anne Gnagey, Donna McDermid, Olaf Verdonk, Brian Swisher, Gretchen, Martha, and Emilie Alexander, Kate Mendocino, Dave Harame, Marjorie Minot, Tracey Campbell Pearson, Chris Simms, Mia Groff, Joann Petri, Amy Malinowski, and Jennifer Adkisson. As always, the TAB (Teen Advisory Board) was fantastic and terrific! Thanks also to the Fiddleheads and all the talented musicians from MMU High School who performed at the final party on the Green! A special thanks to Merchants Bank, University Mall, Hannafords, and Price Chopper for donating to the reading program.

The Champlain Valley Exposition (CVE) is again offering the summer reading incentive program to our library. To participate, students must be in grades K-8. This program runs from through August 15. To register, come in to the library and receive a voucher and check out a least one book. On the completion of reading three books, a parent/guardian signs the voucher. Return the voucher to the library in exchange for a ribbon. The student must wear the ribbon for free all-day admission to the fair on Monday, August 25. At noon, students will be recognized in a special program in the Coca Cola grandstand.

The library will be holding a book and media sale fundraiser during Harvest Market weekend at the Community Center in Jericho. We are currently accepting books, books on tape, DVDs, CDs, and software donations. Please do not donate textbooks, *Reader's Digest* condensed books, encyclopedias, or magazines. Thanks to everyone who has already donated!

Story time including craft and snack is held every Wednesday upstairs at 10:00 AM. Wednesday, August 13 theme: Alligators and Crocodiles.

The hours for the Jericho Town Library on the Green are Monday and Friday 1:00 – 5:00 PM, Wednesday 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM and 2:00 – 6:00 PM, Saturday 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM. For more information call 899-4686 or email us at Jerichotownlibrary@gmail.com.

WESTFORD TOWN LIBRARY, WESTFORD

Art Exhibit Historical photos of the Common are currently on display. Many thanks to Janet Golden for organizing!

Through Friday, August 15: Read and Win a Day at the Fair! For grades k-8. Stop by the library for more info.

Thursday, August 7, 10:00 AM: Story time. Stories and activities for preschoolers. Theme: Birds. Note earlier time. Thanks to Steph Boutin for hosting story time in my absence!

Friday, August 8, 5:50 PM: Pokemon Club. Ages 6-9. For more information, contact Thayer Nichols, 879-4093.

Thursday, August 14, 10:00 AM: Story time. Stories and activities for preschoolers. Theme: Rocks. Note earlier time.

Friday, August 15, 4:30 – 5:30 PM: ListenUp Vermont Downloadable Audio Book Demo. Download juvenile, adult, fiction and nonfiction titles at no charge to you! Files may be played on your computer, a WMA-compatible mp3 player, or in many cases, burned to a CD. You must have a current Westford Library card with new barcode to log on. Bring your library card to sign up.

Sunday, August 17, 7:00 – 8:00 PM: Concert on the Common: *Mad Mountain Scramblers*. Bluegrass old and new. Free. Bring a blanket or lawn chair. Rain location: Red Brick Meeting House. Co-sponsored by the Recreation Dept and the Library.

Thursday, August 21, 11:00 AM: Story time. Stories and activities for preschoolers. Theme: Night.

Friday, August 22, 4:30 – 5:30 PM: Summer's Bounty Recipe Tasting and Swap. Summer is at its peak and so is the produce from our gardens! Make your favorite summer recipe for others to sample and bring a copy of your recipe to share. Then head to the Farmers' Market to purchase farm-fresh ingredients for the recipes you swapped.

Visit our recently updated website for upcoming events and new books, CDs, and DVDs: www.westford.lib.vt.us. Our hours are 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. We can be reached at 878-5639 or westford_pl@vals.state.vt.us. Watch our website for new additions to the collection.

VARNUM LIBRARY, JEFFERSONVILLE

Readers of all ages can find something interesting at the Varnum Memorial Library: books, audiobooks, and movies to check out; an ECHO Center pass to borrow that greatly reduces admission. Check out the

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Bodies in Motion exhibit. Come and check out the library!

There is a free children's Summer Reading Program Tuesdays at 1:30 PM through August 19. The theme is "Catch the Reading Bug." Buggy events, stories, and crafts will be available to youngsters.

Preschool story hour is also on Tuesdays, 10:00 – 11:00 AM, for ages 18 months to five years. Reading logs are available for all kids to track their summer reading.

Our kids' story walk around Jeffersonville begins at Cambridge Elementary School and ends at the library. Pages of the book *The Cheese* by Margie Palatini are displayed in the windows of 13 buildings around the village, a cooperative effort with CES' Morgan Baumann. Copies of the map are available at CES and the library. Take a walk and read and enjoy the beautiful details of the illustrations along the way.

Stop by the library on Main Street and find something that interests you. The library is open Mondays and Tuesdays from 1:00 – 8:00 PM, and Thursdays and Saturdays from 9:00 AM – 12:00 noon. The library is a Home Card member, so your card here gains you access to almost all of the libraries in Chittenden County. Call 644-2117 if you have any questions.

SCHOOLS**MMU students explore health careers**

Four MMUHS students were selected as participants in the MedQuest Health Careers Exploration Program, sponsored by Champlain Valley Area Health Education Center (CVAHEC), that took place July 6-11. The MedQuest Program gives students in grades 10-11 an in-depth look at the health care field. The MMUHS students are Gabrielle Heath, Ryan Parizo, Katy Stewart, and Josie Thomas.

These students spent five full days on the UVM campus shadowing a health care professional at three different local hospitals – Fletcher Allen Health Care (FAHC), Northwestern Medical Center (NMC), and Porter Medical Center (PMC). Students also had a chance to learn about the latest technologies in the health care field, develop leadership skills, receive Adult CPR and AED training, learn basic medical skills, discuss some of the latest health issues, and learn about some of the 300+ health care careers.

CVAHEC sponsors two MedQuest Programs each year. For information, go online to www.cvahec.org or call Kylee Darfler, Program Coordinator, 527-1474 x14. Applications will be sent to all area high schools (guidance counselors, teachers, career counselors, school nurses, and more) later this fall.

BTC honor roll

Congratulations to the following Mount Mansfield Union High School students, who earned an A- or better in their Burlington Technical Center programs, placing them on the BTC Honor Roll for the second semester:

Luke Moultroupe, Aviation Technology

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CESU meetings

Tuesday, August 12 – Mount Mansfield Curriculum Committee meeting, 6:30 PM, Central Office, Richmond Town Center, Richmond.

Wednesday, August 13 – Jericho School Board meeting, 7:00 PM, Jericho Elementary School, Jericho.

Saturday, August 16 – MMU School Board retreat, 9:00 AM, Bolton Valley Resort.

Monday, August 18 – Chittenden East Executive Committee meeting, 7:00 PM, Central Office, Richmond Town Center, Richmond.

Wednesday, August 20 – Richmond School Board meeting, 6:30 PM, Richmond Elementary School, Richmond.



Playground work at Good Shepherd Preschool

There has been no vacation for the playground at Good Shepherd Preschool. All summer long, the families and friends of the Jericho Preschool have been working hard to give the playground a much needed facelift. The vision of Susan Rues, school director, for a natural playground that uses the gifts that nature has already provided is now coming to light. The new playground which is still in the early stages will eventually include a hillside slide, new play house, climbing tree structure and a larger play area. There are many unique interactive details that the children will enjoy exploring on the new playground and the curriculum, which will include gardening and design projects, is sure to fire up the imagination as well as stimulate learning and love of nature. There is still unfinished work to be accomplished before the first day of school and some projects may extend into the school year. However, with the devotion of friends and families of Good Shepherd Preschool, the new playground will be ready in no time for those first little footsteps to run across it.

Bolton / CRAG-VT continued from page 1—

The group was not able to get organized in time to save the property from being sold to an absentee landowner. But when Patrick Smith of Huntington purchased the Bolton Crag, CRAG-VT seized the opportunity to educate the new owner about the significance of the area to the rock climbing community. Smith proposed to subdivide his property, and CRAG-VT offered to buy the Lower Cliffs. In March 2002, Smith offered to donate the cliffs to CRAG-VT and this moved CRAG-VT to incorporate.

In addition to Lower West Bolton cliffs, the group also owns the 30-acre Bolton Quarry parcel, which was purchased in 2005.

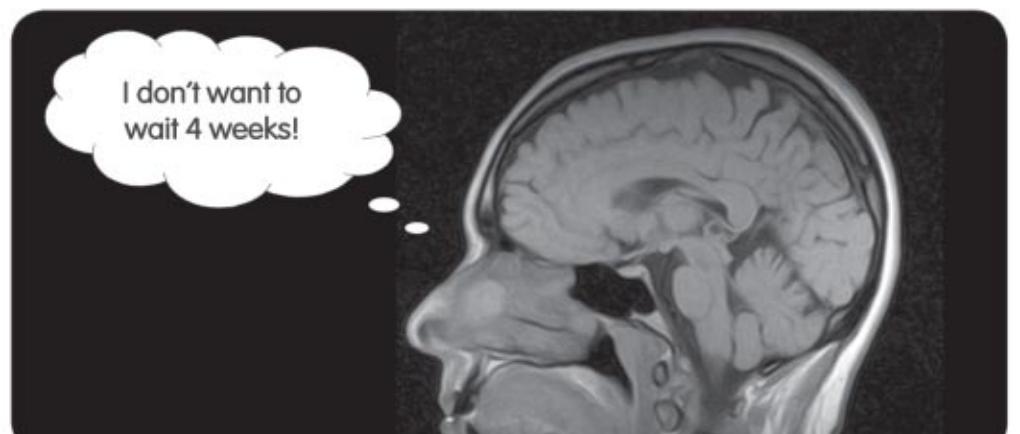
Today, CRAG-VT is working to conserve Resin Ridge, better known to climbers as Upper West Bolton Cliffs where climbers can scale The Rose Crack and other classic climbs.

The owners have agreed to sell roughly 18 acres, which includes the entire cliff and some surrounding land. The Vermont Land Trust is involved, and CRAG-VT has the full support of the Access Fund and has recently received a grant from them to help fund the project.

After purchasing Upper West, their goal is to transfer the property into the adjoining Preston Pond Conservation Area owned by the Town of Bolton, and to have it maintained as a recreation and climbing resource forever.

"The property has a lot of local history," explained Travis Peckham, **Bolton / CRAG-VT** continued on page 16

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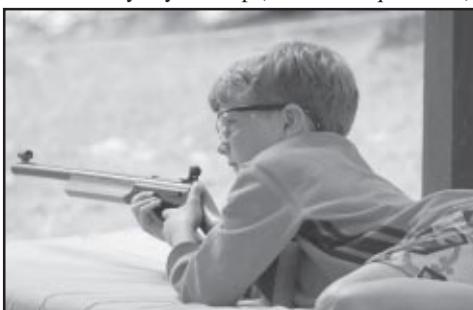


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Cub Scouts return from summer camp

During the week of July 20-25, 21 boys from Cub Scout Pack 620 of Jericho/Underhill spent a memorable week at Camp Sunrise, a week-long Cub Scout summer camp located in Benson, VT. Although it rained almost every day at camp (sometimes quite hard),

A Cub Scout from Pack 620 prepares to take aim on the BB gun range.
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Local girls compete in track and field games



Two local girls, **Elise Pitmon**, 14, of Underhill and **Taylor Lewis**, 9, of Richmond, were selected to compete in the 31st Hershey's Track and Field Games North American Final, held Saturday, August 2 in Hershey, PA.

Taylor placed eighth in the Girls' 9-10 200 meter dash, with a time of 33.57. Elise's time in the 1600 meter run was 5:37:89, earning her sixth place in the event. Elise is a two-time Chittenden County X-C running champion (2006 and 2007). She led the BRMS X-C team to an undefeated season in 2007. Elise will be a freshman at MMUHS this fall.

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Scouts / Sports

the boys never complained once and never missed a single activity. They demonstrated they were more than prepared for the inclement weather and were not going to let a little bit (okay, maybe a lot) of liquid sunshine keep them from having fun.

Despite the weather, every boy completed multiple achievements in the areas of swimming, archery, BB gun shooting, nature, cooking, handicrafts, and fishing. The boys of Pack 620 have become well known for their fishing skills and reeled in numerous fish during the week. One scout landed a 16-inch large mouth bass, shattering the previous camp record of 13½ inches. Unfortunately, another scout from a nearby pack landed an 18-inch bass a few days prior, thus denying our Scout the highly coveted Golden Bobber award. We are still very proud of him, though!

Even during periods of steady rain, the boys spent numerous hours working on a camp service project, constructing a permanent gateway at the entrance to our campsite. From stripping several maple trees used as poles to designing and constructing a sign

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for the structure, the boys worked very hard all week. This gateway is believed to be the first such structure to have been raised in that campsite.

As in years past, the boys of Cub Scout Pack 620 were recognized by camp staff with an award for exhibiting scout spirit throughout the week. This is a tremendous accomplishment as it required an ongoing effort and positive attitude from every scout to earn such a recognition from staff. Great job, boys!

The leaders of Cub Scout Pack 620 would like to thank the two den chiefs from Boy Scout Troop 627 who provided tremendous leadership to our young scouts throughout the week, and the numerous parents who helped during the week at camp. Without a doubt, everyone in attendance had an experience they will never forget!

For more information about Cub Scouting or Cub Scout Pack 620 specifically, please contact us at 899-1891 or email cubpack620@aol.com.

Tourney benefits scholarship fund, MMU soccer

All MMU Cougar Soccer alumni are invited to the 5th Annual MMU Alumni Soccer Tourney to benefit the Andrea Carter Soccer Scholarship Fund and MMU Boys and Girls Soccer. The tourney will be held Sunday, August 17 at the MMU Varsity Soccer Field. Women's games start at 1:00 PM; Men's games at 3:00 PM.

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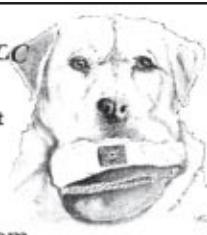
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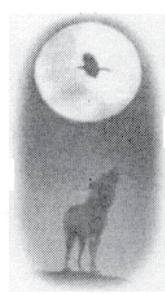
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**LEGAL NOTICE FOR ISSUANCE
OF A DAM PERMIT**

Posting Date: August 1st, 2008

The Winooski Natural Resources Conservation District (W NRCD) is processing a dam permit for the Pouliot Farm on the property along VT Rte 128 in the town of Westford.

The Permit will be issued for a Manure Storage System according to V.S.A. Title 10 Section 1083. Anyone with concerns or comments can contact W NRCD to review the permit application and plans, or make comments at the District office.

No hearing will be convened unless, on or before, September 1st, 2008 twenty-five (25) signatures are received by the town clerk of Westford or the W NRCD requesting such a hearing. If a hearing is required, notice will be given ten days prior and the meeting will be held in the vicinity of the proposed project. The purpose of such hearing would be to hear comments on whether the project will serve the public good and provide for the public safety.

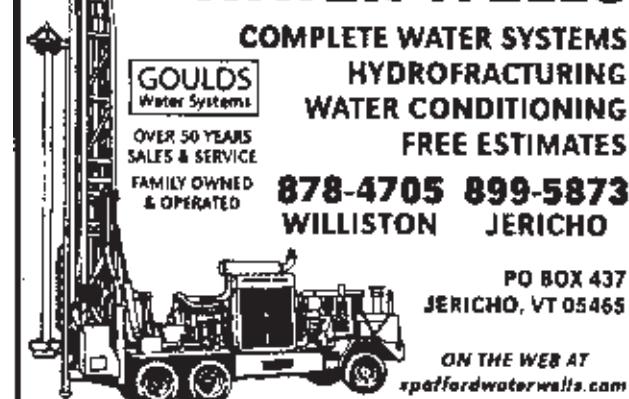
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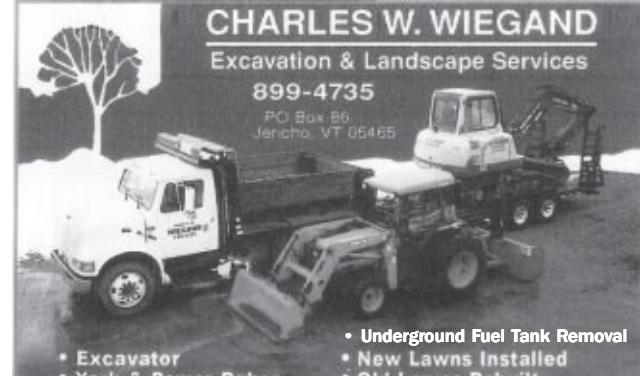
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representative for CRAG-VT. "We want to preserve Resin Ridge for climbers and hikers alike." According to Peckham, the area is like few other places in Vermont and has been used by the National Guard's Mountain Division for training as well as enjoyed by local climbers and hikers.

CRAG-VT is working with the land owners, Ken and Nancy Remsen and Michael Ringuelette, to acquire the 18 acres that are adjacent to the Preston Pond property, which is already conserved. The group has approached the Bolton Selectboard about accepting a donation of the property and having the property lines for the Preston Pond parcel redrawn to include the 18 acres, including the climbing cliffs.

The Selectboard has met three times with CRAG-VT on this issue, and some questions remain. The biggest hurdle is the liability issue. According to Peckham, Vermont state law explicitly states that private landowners are immune from liability arising from rock climbing and

many other recreational activities, provided that the landowner is not charging a fee to people recreating on their land. However, Vermont law excludes municipalities from these protections and this is a concern to the town of Bolton. CRAG-VT has been working with their legal council to clarify the protections the town has under state law.

A number of Bolton residents have come to the Selectboard meetings to voice their support for the project; notice of this pending decision has been posted in the Bolton town newsletter and no opposition to the project has been voiced by Bolton residents.

Peckham said that they have offered to build a kiosk telling climbers to enter at their own risk. He went on to say that the backside of the cliff is a rounded hill, excellent for hiking, skiing, and snowshoeing. This land is valuable for purposes other than climbing. It would provide a destination hike in the Preston Pond property with spectacular views of the Green Mountains from Mount Mansfield to Camel's Hump. It is

also a rare red-pine ecosystem, identified as a high value conservation area by the Vermont Natural Heritage program.

According to Travis, movies and television imply climbing is dangerous by showing spectacular falls and accidents because it's entertaining. In reality, climbing is usually practiced in a safe, responsible way. Bolton and other area towns hold public lands that allow swimming, skiing, mountain biking, hunting, snowmobiling, and other activities. "I think climbing is being questioned because so little is known about it; it's a challenge for people who are not climbers to understand the level of risk involved. Other sports are more mainstream and their risks are more readily accepted, even when they may be inherently more dangerous than climbing. If there was a greater understanding of climbing as a sport, I believe peoples' concerns about risk and liability would be far less," said Travis.

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federally owned training facility created in 1926.

National Guard Lt. Col. Robert Gingras of Winooski said the Guard looked at several areas with less than a 15% slope, but there were none suitable. He also said the Range is "packed with wetlands." The Vermont Guard's facilities engineer, Gingras said the Guardsmen fire an M-4 carbine with a 5.56-millimeter round, something like a .223-caliber, but with a larger powder charge to increase its impact. He said the Guardsmen fire south, away from Underhill Center, on the 325-yard range which, he said, is just under a half mile from the nearest house. Oftentimes atmospheric conditions carry the sound in ways that are not predictable.

Ridges funnel sound

Geologist Betty Moore of Stevensville Road said the town's topography, especially the ridges in the area, funnel sound for miles. Residents as far away from the Range as Maple Ridge Road near Underhill Flats can hear the firing, she said.

The Guardsmen, some from other New England states and New York, are required to undergo small-arms training. The men of the 86th Infantry Brigade (the Vermont Brigade, as it also is known) have been alerted that they may be shipped to Afghanistan next year.

Brigade commander Col. Will Roy of Jericho said his men have to fire the M-4 "We have to fire it and we have to fire it a lot. We have 18 months to get my soldiers ready for a very difficult mission." He added, "I'm responsible to see they are trained as well as possible."

The 86th Brigade consists of 3500 Guardsmen, 2000 of whom are Vermonters. Their rifle training is mostly on weekends.

Realtor Daniel Close of 11 High Meadows Road said conditions at the range "that (have) worsened in the last couple of years will lower the value of houses" in the area.

Several residents who live near the Range came to the Guard's defense. "You have to allow those men to train so they can come home alive from Afghanistan," said Craig Lassiter of 5 High Meadows Road.

Saying she was nervous and not accustomed to speaking publicly, Maria Alexander of 22 Krug Road said she supports the Guard training because "they are putting their lives on the line. All they are asking is that we sacrifice" a little. Reading from a prepared statement, she added: "I bought my house roughly six years ago and live on Krug Road. I researched the area and was well aware that the military training facility was nearby and fully expected to hear from them... and I do." She went on, "I understand that they are there to train and that they need to train in order to learn their job and that that training could save their life, the life of someone else, or someday even my own life." She urged others who share her view to speak up.

Rob Ashton, also of 22 Krug Road, said in his written letter, "We knew the range existed before we purchased our home. We're closer than 90% of the people complaining and on the same level as the

main impact level. The very limited noise, to me, is a reminder that the comforts I enjoy come with a price. It would be nice if others would appreciate in the same light."

Pam Shover of Pleasant Valley Road, a town Lister, wrote a letter to the Town Hall stating, in part, "Someone came into my office one time and said that listening to the firing on the range was like listening to 'The sound of Freedom.' Well, I have to say their (sic) playing my song, because the alternative is your wife not being able to walk down the street for fear of being raped or murdered, your children stepping on land mines and you not being able to do anything to protect your family."

Selectboard member Daniel Steinbauer urged the Guard officers to let the Board know what plans they have for the range and what they will do to mitigate the noise. Selectboard Chairman Steve Walkerman said he is still waiting for a federal environmental impact statement on activities planned at the Range, promised by the Guard at a public meeting with Guard officials at Underhill Central School a year ago. Town Administrator Christine Murphy said the only indication that the Guard was planning to build a new firing range was a small notice in the Burlington Free Press. "Could you give us more notice?" she asked. A Guard officer said yes.

Murphy said the Selectboard may hold another meeting about the Range this month. Guard officials will be invited, she said.

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car all of the way home." Maurice's father would put the car up in September. He would bring the battery and the tires into the house. The car was taken back out in June.

Maurice walked the one-half mile to a one-room school. "I didn't go when it was 50 degrees below," he said. "The teacher lived at the school. She had a kitchen and a bedroom."

"The Indians in the area would stand at the railroad station and looked at us," he said.

The Beliveau family moved to Vergennes, VT around 1928. "The depression hit Canada a year before it came to the United States," Maurice stated. "I was about nine and I couldn't speak a word of English." He thought it took him about a year to be able to speak English.

He said that he loved it here. The people were friendlier and the school teacher wasn't as strict. He enjoyed playing hide-and-seek in the cornfields and baseball with school chums.

"I remember mixing up words," he said. "I would say sleigh for sled and my sister corrected me in front of my peers. I was embarrassed."

Beliveau graduated from high school and went on to spend three years in the Army. He spent two years as an airplane mechanic overhauling engines. "The planes were flying over the 'hump' (Himalayas) to China," Maurice said.

Maurice went to college on the GI bill and graduated from UVM with a degree in mechanical engineering. He went to work for IBM in Poughkeepsie, NY.

"We met on a blind date arranged by Libby Veach," says wife Lynn, smiling the whole time. She was a student at Vassar College. By the time Maurice got around to proposing, Lynn had worked at General Electric for nine months.

Maurice took her on a date and he just said, "Will you marry me." There was no romantic guise. "He is an engineer," Lynn said, smiling again. They were married in North Conway, NH at a Catholic church close to where her family lived.

Maurice wanted to return to Vermont and so while his wife was away, he came to Vermont and purchased 140 acres on Milo White Road. "She wouldn't have agreed," he said. He paid \$20 an acre in 1965. "I bought this piece of land because there was a road through it that the town of Jericho had not thrown up," he said. "I knew they would have to open the road if we built on it."

Lynn remembers Maurice messing in the stock market. He told

her, "Stick with me, honey, and you'll have diamonds the size of horse turds." He found a cut glass in the shape of a diamond and it sits on the kitchen window sill. "It's dishwasher proof," Lynn adds. "It really sparkles."

It would be 24 years before Beliveau transferred to the Essex Junction IBM plant.

Maurice divided the property into building lots and has since given lots to three of his five children. "I kept the least saleable lot for myself," Maurice stated.

He hired out the removal of a huge boulder. "It took two dozers to move the rock from where we built the foundation," he said. Then Maurice took ten years building their home on Milo White Road himself. "I read about building a house," he said, "then I went to work."

Maurice retired from IBM in 1981 at 62, after working there for 30 years. "I'd sold some lots and had some money," he said. "Why not retire early?" So he did and has almost finished the house.

"There is still some trim missing," Lynn adds.

"We get a lot of snow here," Maurice said. "I climbed my ladder to remove the snow from the glass roof on the porch and the three feet of snow pushed me off the ladder." Maurice found himself half buried in the snow. "The snow was packed hard around my legs," he remembers. "I am going to leave it there from now on." Lynn wasn't home and it took him ten to fifteen minutes to work his way out.

The Beliveaus moved to Jericho from their Essex home in 1984. Since then, Maurice and Lynn have enjoyed their retirement. They travel to her family's camp in Maine and they are avid readers.

"I'm reading *Human Origins*," he says. "Did you know we developed from bacteria and we have 99% of the same genomes as chimpanzees?" The Beliveaus have taken part in the National Geographic Human Genome project. "One of my ancestors was Cro Magnon man," he proudly states.

Beliveau loves his property and it shows. His flower beds are his pride and joy. They are filled with rhododendrons and lilies. A few years ago he moved one boulder out of his flower bed and recently he moved a two- or three-ton boulder with a log chain and come-along. "He won't move another one soon," says wife Lynn. "Not unless he buys a new come-along."

Beliveau put a four-foot extension onto his come-along and with willpower and a log chain, moved the boulder about 50 feet out of his flower bed. "I wanted to be able to see my entire bed," he said.

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men and women have been alerted by the Army that they most likely will go to Afghanistan in 2010, about 18 months from now. Their job is to supply the Brigade's infantrymen with food, water, medical, and other supplies, but they must qualify with their new rifles once a year.

Their weapon is the M-4 carbine, replacing their M-16 rifles. The M-4 fires a slim 5.56 millimeter round that packs a punch. While a dozen members of the company at a time zeroed-in their weapons, others stood around, talking quietly, drinking coffee or cold drinks, waiting their turn or showing the bullet holes in their paper targets.

Chief Warrant Officer Kent Sampson, 54, of Colchester chatted about his 34 years in the regular Army and the Vermont Guard. Even though he, too, will join his comrades in Afghanistan, Sampson said he has no plans to retire, at least until January 2014. "I can extend beyond that," he said. Sampson was in Desert Storm, the invasion of Iraq that

freed Kuwait from Saddam Hussein's army.

He said he likes the new rifle range that drew complaints from nearby neighbors who presented the Underhill Selectboard a petition with 191 signatures July 24, asking the Board to do something. They complained that weekend rifle fire is much louder than it was at the old range located deeper within the range.

"It's phenomenal," he said, about the firing range that was constructed near the periphery last year. "It's very natural, with trees, more like a realistic situation than the other range." He added, "It builds a lot of confidence in a person, his equipment and his team. We have to work together as a team." Survival in Afghanistan may depend on that.

Agreeing, Sergeant Jason Roy, who was in Afghanistan in 2005 and 2006, commented, "The new range gives us a realistic view of an actual battlefield."

The range has 16 stations, each accommodating one soldier at a time. Its pop-up targets, ranging from 50 to 300 meters away, give the soldiers only three seconds to see the target pop up and fire at it. Sometimes, two targets pop up at a time. All the hits are recorded by a computer in a tower overlooking the shooters. At the older rifle range, the Guardsmen fired at paper targets.

After showing this reporter the various firing positions at the new rifle range, Private First Class Shawn Lane, 20, of Milton paused a few moments before expressing his thoughts about the alert the 86th Infantry Brigade has received. This will be his first overseas assignment.

"We'll do what we have to do to help with the cause," said the young, red-haired Guardsman about the battalion's role in Afghanistan. A small-arms repairman, Lane joined the Guard three years ago in its Recruit Sustainment Program at Camp Johnson in Colchester.



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