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Tough Mudder? What is that?

By Bonnie Hibbard
Proud Mom

Well I didn't know until my son Kyle decided to sign up for one. Tough Mudder events are hardcore 10-12 mile events designed by British Special Forces to test your all around strength, stamina, mental grit and camaraderie. Kyle put together a team with his two sisters Katina and Kristi and their spouses Steve Combs and Brad Klein and a few friends. They started working out soon after signing up in February. By working out I mean at a gym, running down their roads and watching what they ate!! It actually was quite entertaining for me, all though I have to say after looking at the course on the website, I was fearful for my children.

Within this course there are 25 obstacles; some of which included swimming in ice water, crawling on rocks through narrow tunnels and electric shock. When Sunday May 6 arrived, they were rearing to go!!! As I stayed home with 4 of their children, I received phone texts and pictures of how they were doing along the way. They were all smiles at the beginning but after climbing miles and miles of mountain, freezing cold water, scrapes and bruises on their bodies and electric shock, their smiles quickly changed to perseverance.

What were they thinking? Well I'm happy to say that they can not only make pizza but they also finished the grueling Tough Mudder Course. Will they do it again? If you asked them the night of the event, their answer would be "No Way!!" If you ask them now, they would say, "Maybe." It was certainly a test of endurance and teamwork and they are very proud that they finished in one piece.

Tough Mudder events are held all over the world and all of the proceeds go to War Veterans for prosthetics, or a medical need they might have. Amazing Charity!

So the next time you go in Mountain High Pizza Pie, please give them a high five!



The Spartan Death Race - A Five Year Perspective

By Stuart Ashley

The Death Race first took place in June of 2007. There were 21 competitors.

On June 15 the sixth annual event will take place in Pittsfield, Vermont. At the time of this writing there are 314 registered competitors from the US and Canada.

If you visit the online registration page you will read the following: "The Death Race is a race that will change your life. Dedicate yourself to the Death Race and you'll be a better person. The race is an extreme challenge mentally, physically and emotionally."

The majority of folks that take part in this spectacle leave with at least one perspective in common; it is that they didn't have any idea that the event would challenge them in so many extreme ways.

Two local men have participated in the race in one manner or another since the event's inception.

Stuart and Eric Ashley of Westford, VT were two of 3 finishers in 2007. They returned in 2008 and did not finish. Eric returned

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The Jericho Underhill Youth Softball league walked in the Memorial Day parade on Monday May 28, 2012. The truck was driven by Casey Pollard who works for Vermont Mechanical, Inc. PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Crime in our community, Part II

Talk of burglaries has local area homeowners on edge

By Richard Mindell
Special to the Mountain Gazette

(Editor's note: This is the second installment of a three-part series on law- and traffic enforcement in Jericho.)

Jericho residents have become increasingly concerned about reports of a rash of burglaries that have plagued our community during the past few months. Be it at Jerihill Home Center, the Village Cup, the Jericho Center Country Store, or on Front Porch Forum, people in Jericho have been sharing stories of friends and neighbors – and even themselves - who have been recent victims of burglary. The question is, is this a case of increased awareness or has burglary become an epidemic in our community?

Unfortunately, the Vermont Department of Public Safety has not published crime figures for Vermont for 2011 or 2012, making comparisons with previous years difficult. But the data that exists does not support the conclusion that burglaries in Jericho are on the increase.

According to the State Police there have been 7 reported burglaries in Jericho in the first 5 months of 2012. That projects to roughly 17 burglaries for the entire year. By contrast, there were 44 reports of property crimes in Jericho in 2010, but this figure includes other property offenses, such as vandalism, in addition to burglary. Using percentages from other years, however, one can conclude that there were close to 30 burglaries reported in Jericho in 2010. These figures suggest the number of burglaries in Jericho is actually declining.

Lt. Marc Thomas, Station Commander of the Williston Barracks of the Vermont State Police, agrees. "There is no recent rash of

burglaries in Jericho," Thomas said. "There has always been a consistent number of burglaries along the Rt. 15 corridor. It's always been a hot spot for burglaries all the way up to Cambridge and Jeffersonville."

Other crime figures provided by the Dept. of Public Safety support this notion. Burglary statewide has been on the decline since 2008 when there were 3,462 reported burglaries in Vermont. This figure fell to 3,452 burglaries in 2009, and to 3,366 burglaries in 2010 the lowest figure in three years. Likewise, property crimes statewide declined from 22,430 in 2009 to 20,088 in 2010, or a decline of roughly 10%. Auto theft statewide was at its lowest level in 2010 (441) since 2006 (586).

But the statistics haven't eased the minds of local homeowners who feel vulnerable, particularly since the talk of residential burglaries in town follows break ins at the Jolly Mart, in January, 2011, and at The Jericho General Store, last February, and recent burglaries of the Mount Mansfield Animal Hospital and Body Logic on Rt. 15. In January, 2009, Jericho resident, Daniel Shinosky (23) and an 18-year old accomplice from New York State were arrested, charged and convicted for conspiracy to rob the Merchants Bank, in Jericho.

Of particular concern to Jericho residents is the brazen nature of the M.O.s. Chittenden County Sheriff's Department Lieutenant, Bob Stebbins, a veteran of numerous burglary investigations in Vermont, says today's burglars are very organized and very clever. Stebbins said they might operate individually but typically work

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Saxon Hill students replicating their town

By Phyl Newbeck
Special to the Mountain Gazette

The kids at Saxon Hill School in Jericho had a special project this winter and spring. Since January, they have been working hard recreating familiar Jericho buildings including their school, the Old Red Mill, the Village Cup, the Keith Insurance Agency, Mane Street Hair, Joe's Snack Bar, and Chittenden Mills. They even recreated a frog pond near the school which is part of their outdoor learning area. On May 5 they held a celebration to which they invited family members and folks who live and work in those buildings to view their handiwork.

The Saxon Hill School is a parent-cooperative preschool which offers three programs accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children for children between the ages of three and six. The school's mission is to work "in partnership with families and communities to educate and support children while heeding their individual needs for growth and development." Founded in 1964 by DeeDee Jameson and Willy Cochrane, it was initially located on Skunk Hollow Road before moving to the basement of Jericho Town Hall and then its current location next to the Old Red Mill.

The building project was completed by the four and five-year-olds in the 4-day program.

Betty Allen, a volunteer grandmother, said the kids went around town sketching buildings and taking photos to start the assignment. Each of the 17 children chose one building as their project, often returning to the site to make sure they had the right colors and shapes for their three-dimensional replicas. Allen said the students usually chose their buildings based on visual cues, rather than what took place inside the structures. They had definite preferences for certain window shapes and other architectural features. One boy chose a house because its porthole windows reminded him of a ship.

The experience of building the structures was enhanced by learning about the history of each edifice and the activities which



Saxon Hill School students enjoy sharing their project with family and community members. PHOTO BY WENDY BIANCA

took place inside. Matthew Bianca said he was drawn to Jericho's Town Hall when he learned his school used to be in the basement. He used black and white tape, wooden blocks, cardboard and tiles to recreate the building. Students were able to go inside many of the buildings they created, talk to people who lived and/or worked there, and learn their history. In addition to the structures, the students wrote papers with information about their buildings such as the date they were built and their use. The students also created a large map showing where all their buildings stand in town.

Allen said the project started as a map-making exercise but as the children went around the neighborhood looking at houses and business, they became enchanted with individual structures so the project evolved. The students used materials they found at the school – tape, cardboard, tiles, boxes and paint – to create the final product. "They became very vested in the project," Allen said. The children were excited to learn about the past of some of the buildings such as the presence of a circus bear at the Village Cup years ago. When they didn't know the function of a building they

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NEWS BRIEFS

POLICE REPORTS

Bomb threat at Browns River Middle School

Tuesday May 15, 2012 at 7:43 AM the Browns River Middle School received a bomb threat via e-mail addressed to the Assistant Principal, Kevin Hamilton.

The school was placed in locked-down, immediately, at the direction of the Vermont State Police. Troopers completed a thorough sweep of the grounds, and the building was secured. Nothing suspicious was located. The school's superintendent made notifications to parents. And students and teachers returned to their school routine at approximately 9:30 AM, this morning.

This incident remains under investigation and anybody with information is asked to contact the Williston Barracks at 802-878-7111.

For media questions, please contact the Vermont State Police Public Information Officer, Stephanie Dasaro at 802-279-9773. Questions about school operations can be directed to the Chittenden East Supervisory Union at 802-434-2128 or the Browns River Middle School at 802-899-3711.

Individual identified in bomb threat incident at BRMS

The investigation into the two emailed bomb threats to Brown's River Middle School in Jericho has led to the identity of the suspect. Both of the threats were sent to the school from an unidentified email address within the last week. The State Police and the School Staff have worked

diligently to resolve these incidents. The name and age of the individual responsible for the threats is being withheld due to his/her age. The case is still under investigation, but the threat was determined to be a hoax.

IN OTHER POLICE REPORTS

On May 27, 2012 Vermont State Police were called to a residence for the report of a male breaking into the residence. Subsequent investigation showed **Garry Loomis**, 55, of Cambridge, VT, had forced his way into the residence but had left. He was cited for Disorderly Conduct and released. Loomis will appear in Lamoille District Court on July 11, 2012. Case #: 12A101893

On May 31, 2012 at approximately 5:30 PM Vermont State Police responded to a report of a motor vehicle crash on Vermont Route 15 near Chittenden Mills Beverage in the Town of Jericho.

Investigation revealed that **Gregory Rabuffo**, 64, Kingston, NY, was heading east at approximately 25 miles per hour when he was distracted for a moment and lost control of his vehicle and struck the guardrail off the right side of the roadway. The force of this impact spun his vehicle across the eastbound lane of traffic where the vehicle came to a point of rest up against the bridge blocking the eastbound lane.

No other vehicles were involved in this incident and traffic was opened to both lanes of travel approximately one hour later.

Nicole Uhlir, 29, of Underhill, VT was cited to appear on August 14, 2012 at Chittenden Superior Court for Driving with a Suspended License. Uhlir was witnessed driving by a staff member at the Underhill Central School, after dropping her son off on Thursday morning, May 31, 2012. Uhlir's privilege to operate in the State of Vermont is suspended as a result of a January, 2011 DUI conviction. Case #: 12A101962

On May 29, 2012 at 9:11 PM the Richmond Police Department was called to Robbins Mountain Road for a disorderly male subject. The suspect, **Steven Daigle**, 45, Richmond, VT, was out on conditions of release for an aggravated assault with a firearm charge as well as disorderly conduct charge from an incident back on February 18, 2012 that occurred in the same place where he threatened the general public with a loaded rifle. On this date Mr. Daigle is alleged to have been out in the yard ranting about something towards a neighbors house who the court had issued conditions that he was not harass the home owner in anyway. Court conditions also ordered that Mr. Daigle not buy, have or drink any alcoholic beverages. When officer Hansell arrived at the scene, Mr. Daigle was observed to be intoxicated. A preliminary breath sample indicated a BAC of .149%

Mr. Daigle was taken into custody and transported back to the Richmond Police department where he was processed and later transported to the correctional center on \$20,000 bail with a hearing scheduled for 10:30 AM on May 30, 2012. Case #: 12RM00463

On May 17, 2012, William Heald, Huntington, VT, contacted the Vermont State Police Barracks in Williston regarding threatening and harassing telephone calls he had received from **Chad Beane**, 28 of Richmond, VT. This incident was investigated on said date

and as a result Beane was instructed not to have any further contact with Heald.

On May 19, 2012, Heald contacted the Williston Barracks and advised he had received another call from Beane. During this call Beane threatened to go to Heald's house and assault him. As a result of this investigation Beane was cited to appear in Chittenden Superior Court for Disorderly Conducted by Telephone.

On May 27, 2012 at 5:54 AM, Heald contacted the Williston Barracks and advised several threatening messages had been left [by Beane] on his answering machine. At approximately 12:29 PM Troopers from the Williston Barracks located Beane at his residence and arrested him for his continued Disorderly Conduct by Telephone. While doing so Beane resisted arrest. He was subsequently lodged at the Chittenden Regional Correctional Facility and bail was set at \$750. Beane was cited to appear in Chittenden Superior Court. CASE #: 12A101891

On May 28, 2010 at approximately 4:47 PM, State Police responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle on Sugar Hill Road in Underhill, VT. Upon speaking with the operator **Michael Bame**, 71 of Jericho, VT, it was learned he had consumed alcohol. Bame was put through standard field sobriety exercises. He was taken into custody and taken to the Williston State Police Barracks and processed for Driving Under the influence. Bame was cited to appear into Chittenden County Superior Court Criminal Division on June 14, 2012 for DUI.

At approximately 10:44 PM on May 19, 2012 a **burglary** alarm was activated at the Lucky Spot Variety located on River Road. When officer Hansell arrived it was determined that the rear glass door window had been smashed out and entry was gained. Richmond Police requested a canine which Vermont State Police sent and a K9 track was conducted however the suspect(s) involved were not located. Store video indicates that one male entered the building after breaking the door glass. The male was wearing a green hoodie with white lettering on the front reading "Burton" The store owner indicated an unknown amount of cigarette cartoons were stolen but a complete inventory has not been completed. Police are now working with area departments in comparing video obtained from the store. Anyone with information is asked to contact the Richmond Police Department or Crime Stoppers. CASE #: 12RM00429

On May 15, 2012 at approximately 11:03 PM, **Ryan Phillips**, 21, Walpole, NH, was stopped for speeding on Interstate 89 in the town of Richmond. He was found to have marijuana in his vehicle. A search warrant was obtained and additional marijuana, hashish and paraphernalia was recovered. Phillips was released on a citation to appear in Chittenden District Court for the offense of Possession of Marijuana on June 28, 2012 and ticketed for speed. CASE #: 12A101710

On May 18, 2012 at approximately 12:46 AM the Vermont State Police received several E 911 call about a motor vehicle crash that had just occurred on Interstate 89 southbound near mile marker 75 in the Town of Richmond. Vermont State Police were advised the

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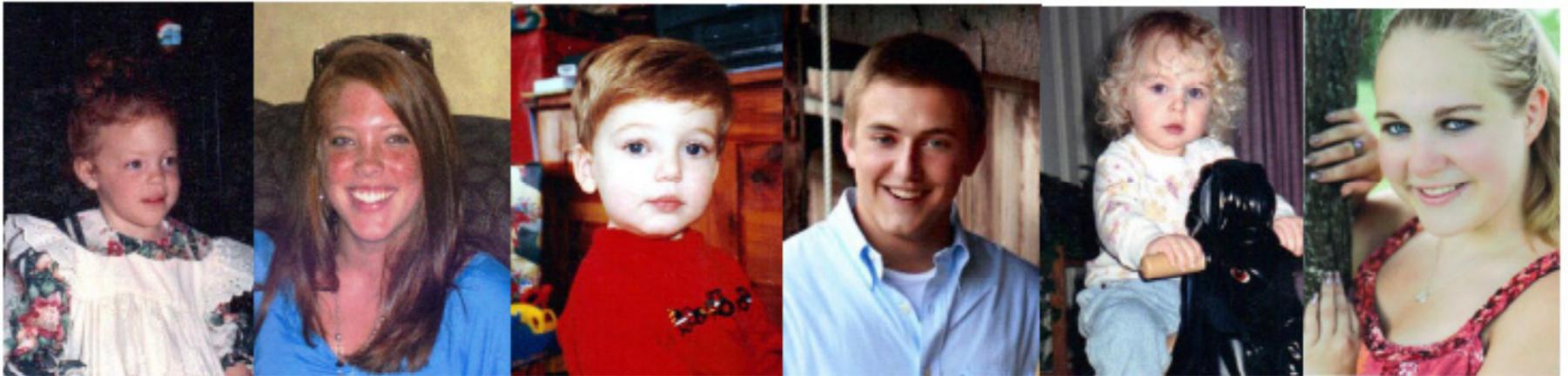
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NEWS BRIEFS

COURT REPORTS

April 13
Stephen Bennett, 18, Hinesburg, VT, charged with simple assault in Williston on August 3, 2011; pleaded guilty; sentence deferred for three years; charged with alcohol — minor consumption in Burlington on December 17, 2011; pleaded guilty; sentence deferred for three years; charged with retail theft \$900 or less in South Burlington on February 15, 2011; pleaded guilty; sentence deferred for three years.

April 18
Matthew S. Robtoy, 29, Richmond, VT, charged with DUI, first offense, in Essex on February 16, 2012; amended to vehicle operation — careless or negligent; pleaded guilty; fined \$300.

April 19
Christopher Colt, 23, Jericho, VT, charged with DUI, first offense, in Essex on September 3, 2011; pleaded guilty; sentenced to four to 12 months, consecutive, suspended, probation; charged with disorderly conduct — fight, etc. in Williston on November 23, 2011; pleaded guilty; sentenced to 60 days, consecutive, suspended, probation.

April 18
Amanda L. Stuart, 33, Jeffersonville, VT, charged with prescription fraud, felony, in Burlington on September 13, 2011; amended to depressant/stimulant/narcotic possession, misdemeanor; pleaded guilty; sentenced to six to 12 months, suspended but 15 days, probation.

Andrew P. Bergeron, 29, Richmond, VT, charged with DUI, first offense, in Richmond on January 15, 2012; pleaded guilty; fined \$500.

April 23
Megan M. Medlar, 24, Jericho, VT, charged with vehicle operation — license suspended in Williston on November 13, 2011; pleaded guilty; fined \$300.

Kevin LaRose-Dowd, 27, Hinesburg, VT, charged with DUI, second offense, in Hinesburg, VT on January 2, 2012; pleaded guilty; fined \$300, sentenced to four to 12 months, suspended but 60 hours, probation.

April 25
David Johnston, 48, Jericho, VT, charged with DUI, first offense, in Burlington on December 25, 2012; pleaded guilty; fined \$600.

April 27
Michael Bushey, 24, Hinesburg, VT, charged with vehicle operation — careless or negligent in Essex on September 29, 2010; amended to disorderly conduct — obstructs vehicular or pedestrian traffic; pleaded guilty; sentenced to 60 days, concurrent, suspended, probation; charged with vehicle operation — attempt to elude law enforcement officer in Essex on Sept. 29, 2010; amended to disorderly conduct — obstructs vehicular or pedestrian traffic; pleaded guilty; sentenced to 60 days, concurrent, suspended, probation.

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vehicle, a white 2007 Mitsubishi truck, was in median and there did not appear to be any injuries. Vermont State police received a third E 911 call advising a lone male was just observed running from the vehicle, crossed the northbound lane of traffic and jumped over the guard rails into a farm field where he was last seen. With the assistance of a Vermont State Police K9 team, the Williston Police Department, and Blackfork wrecker service who provided the use of a thermal imaging device, David Okolita, 31, Huntington, VT, was located several miles from the scene and upon a positive alert by the K9 team, Okolita was arrested at 3:30 AM for Driving while Intoxicated and Leaving the Scene of a Crash. Okolita was transported to the Williston State Police barracks and processed and released to ACT 1. Okolita recorded a BAC of .109 % at 4:31 AM. Okolita was cited to appear in Chittenden County District Court on June 6, 2012. CASE #: 12A101744

On May 19, 2012 at approximately 9:29 AM, VSP responded to Nashville Rd., Bolton, VT for a reported one car crash. The operator advised a witness she was drunk. Troopers arrived and determined that the operator, **Maryanne Jean**, 48, Graniteville, VT, was intoxicated. She was taken into custody on suspicion of DUI and following processing was lodged at the Chittenden Correctional Center. Her BAC was .272%, over three times the legal limit (.08%). Jean has a previous conviction for DUI, making this her second offense. Jean was lodged at Chittenden County Correctional Center and bail was set at \$1000. CASE #:12A101759

At 11:23 P.M. on May 19, 2012 the Richmond Police Department were notified of an assault complaint located on Murray Dr. after Richmond Rescue was advised to respond to a 911 call regarding an assault with injuries. The police investigation revealed that an argument took place between **Joel K. Furr**, 41 and Carole Furr, 41 both of Richmond, VT, because she would not go to bed as requested. During the encounter Mr. Furr pushed the victim down a flight of stairs from the second level of the home to the first floor where she landed on her head on the granite tile located at the base of the stairway. Mrs. Furr was transported to Fletcher Allen by Richmond Rescue while Mr. Furr was taken into custody and processed at the police department before being transported to the Chittenden County Correctional Center where bail was set at \$12,000 for 1st Degree aggravated domestic assault. CASE #: 12RM00430

At 11:40 AM on May 16, 2012 the Richmond Police were notified of a domestic assault that occurred between 3:15 and 9:00 AM the night before at the French home located on Kenyon Road. The victim, Iris French, 42, Richmond, VT advised that she and her husband had been arguing when he left the home for a short period of time. When **Bryan J. French**, 24 returned the argument continued at which time Mr. French is alleged to have put his hands around her neck and lifted her off the couch causing pain to her neck and throat. Mr. French again left the home but

again returned a short time later where he again attacked the victim grabbing her and putting her down on to the floor. The victim fearing for her safety fought back and slapped Mr. French who again struck her and then left the home. Mr. French was located at the home on the afternoon of May 16. Mr. French was taken into custody for Aggravated Domestic Assault and processed at the Richmond Office. Mr. French was lodged at the Chittenden County Correctional Center where bail was set at \$5,000. Mr. French is scheduled to appear in court today at 10:30 A.M. The victim declined medical treatment. Mr. French was cited to appear in Chittenden District Court. CASE #: 12RM00420

On May 23, 2102, Vermont State Police were called to investigate a **burglary** of an unoccupied Westford, VT residence. The residence was burglarized during the daytime hours. Anyone seeing suspicious persons or vehicles in the area is asked to contact State Police. CASE #: 12A101831

UNDERHILL-JERICHO FIRE DEPT.

By Kitty Clark

EMERGENCY CALLS:
 May 12, 2:28 AM, Responded to 5 Park Street, Underhill for a smoke alarm activation
 May 14, 12:18 PM, EMS, Underhill
 May 15, 11:09 AM, EMS, Jericho
 May 15, 14:01 PM, Intercept with Cambridge Rescue, EMS
 May 15, 9:40 AM, Sq51 only responded to Plains Rd, Jericho for an outside burn
 May 17, 5:45 PM, Sq51 only investigated a two vehicle accident, River Rd. and Maple Ridge, Underhill
 May 18, 1:37 PM, EMS, Underhill
 May 21, 5:00 PM, Responded to 33 Covey Rd., Underhill for smoke in basement
 May 22, 1:25 AM, Responded to 12 Bridle Trail, Underhill for a smoke detector activation
 May 23, 8:43 AM, Responded to Browns River Middle School, Jericho for a Bomb Scare
 May 23, 3:41 PM, Responded to the area of 87 VT RT 15, Jericho for a two vehicle accident

SAFETY MESSAGE:
 Warm weather is here and all of us are anxious to start cooking outside on our gas grills. The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) suggests some safety tips for outdoor grilling. Gas and charcoal BBQ grills must only be used outdoors. Position the grill well away from siding, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches. Place the grill a safe distance from lawn games, play areas and foot traffic.

Keep children and pets away from the grill area; declare a three-foot "safe zone" around the grill. Use long-handled grilling tools to give you plenty of clearance from heat and flames when flipping burgers. Periodically remove grease or fat buildup in trays below the grill so it cannot be ignited by a hot grill.

CHARCOAL GRILLS: Use the proper starter fluid and store the can out of reach of children, and away from heat sources. Never add charcoal starter fluid when coals or kindling have already been ignited and never

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COMMUNITY COLUMNS

A Bird as Talisman

By Suzanne Kusserow
Senior Guest Columnist

I could hear him before I could see him: a husky burble and bubble of lyrics from the top of a maple, warning other males to stay away from his domain. A rose-breasted grosbeak! My Dad's favorite, and mine, too. As he used to say: "It's a robin who took singing lessons". I stood and listened, a sound I had not heard since Connecticut days. But as this hesitant Vermont Spring came, he braved his way northward, and I was so pleased to have him nearby.

I have rigged up a small feeder, dangling lopsidedly from a West-facing window and awning in my bedroom. Walking in one day, there he was. And not the least bit concerned that I was there. I sneaked into a chair and sat and watched him, not more than 3 feet away. He was quite content to stuff sunflower seeds into one side of his beak, chew once or twice, and spit the husk out the other side. Grosbeaks are what we say they are: huge,

effective bills/ tools to crack most any kind of seed. The rest of them is relatively small, plump and somewhat ungainly; they do not have the slimness and quick darting nervousness of a blue jay, nor the bravery of a chickadee, who will swoop in to feed, almost touchable, but with a very efficient, safe, pattern of dip in, grab one and get away to a nearby branch to crack it open. And he stayed...and stayed! I could see the bright pink of his 'bib', the pecking white under-feathers of his back, the firm grip of his toes on the unbalanced feeder. Finally, when he seemed to have reached satiety...or maybe protective fear finally clicked in... he flew to his guard duty at the same maple and again sang his loud warnings to any possible intruders. Then the songs disappeared for the next few days, and I heard only raucous crows, the spring songs of chickadees and the head-jarring taps of a woodpecker.

I needed to attach the garden hose to water some Meadow Rue I had transplanted from the wet swampy edges of Mill Brook. So I rounded the corner to where our big windows face the mountain. And, again, there he was: his head at a lopsided angle, flopping to his back, his beak bloodied, his neck broken from his hit on the windows. He had thought that he could go all the way through; the window's reflection from the opposite hill looked just like his usual way home. I could not rationalize and say: "Well, at least he had a quick death". It was somehow my fault; usually I get long lengths of bright tape to swing in the wind and warn birds about this optical death-trap. But he laid there, a victim of civilization. I stroked his breast and the bright pink colors that extended, feather by feather farther down into the white tummy than I had thought. I stretched open his wings and was startled to see that the inner feathers were also bright pink, extending to the underwing coverts. I cradled him in my hands; we humans think that love and sorrow can bring something back; but of course it doesn't.

I wrapped him in an ungainly plastic baggie, and put him in the freezer, next to the practicality of frozen peas and the dead meats of other animals we have designated as ours to kill/use. I called the taxidermist. I wanted to save a remembrance of the days when my Dad, a cheery Swiss botanist, had introduced me to so much of the beauty of nature. This could be a talisman that I felt was a true token of me. I was told that I needed to call the state police and have them refer me to a warden who would give me permission to 'keep' a songbird. A voice-mail message asked me to give it to the Audubon society or some organization that could use it for educational purposes. I then received a direct phone call from the state warden, who informed me that I needed to apply to the United States government for special permission to have this tiny stuffed thing on my bookshelf. So here was the contrast between my need to keep this bird as a swift and direct reminder of what I once was, and the all-encompassing and non-emotional rules of the State.

I found the taxidermist on a dirt road in Fairfax, his small office decorated with examples of his trade: a deep brown mink hide, a small red fox, a bear cub with round Teddy-Bear ears. I told him the above, and he seemed to understand my need to 'keep' this tiny thing, and he packed it off to his freezer. "I can keep it frozen until you see if you can get special permission from the federal wardens, but not beyond that. It will be some weeks, anyway, before it could be done; I have a lot of back orders." He thought mounting it on a small branch, with the rose undersides of the wings slightly visible, would be a good idea. He even asked what kind of wood I might want for a perch; I chose maple. "And how about some gravel near the base, or some moss?" I chose moss, since I knew Rose-breasted Grosbeaks are not ground-creatures and not near gravel... and a maple tree was where he had come from and returned to after his meal. The cost would be significant, but I felt it was worth a few loads of groceries from Hannafords, or the used kayak I'd spotted at Good Will. And since I do volunteering in the elementary school, perhaps that would qualify me for "educational purposes", as well as having a doctorate in higher education....a purely useless quantifier in this case. And so, emotion meets the ease of paper rules. I then had a call from a higher authority in the State system, who told me that he had visited the taxidermist and confiscated the bird, and it was now stored in an 'official' freezer. I was given a phone number, for the United States Fish and Wildlife Service. After calling a few times, I was connected with the "Protected Song Birds Division" person. She restated the rules: the bird would be assigned to an approved educational location. Transfer of this bird, to be used in other educational locations, would need special permission of the designated institution. And it would need to be returned after the listed time for use. I was told that this bird could not be treated as a remembrance, and if I did so, I would be listed as a federal offender. I am to report to the state warden to tell him the disposition of this bird.

I am defeated as I write this. I look out at the trees that surround our home, the creatures who live here "without permission", the noise violations of a squealing raccoon or a murder of crows having an unscheduled and unauthorized morning meeting in my maple trees.

But, to end on an ironic, but humorous note (our saving grace in this world): My granddaughter did promise that, should I land in jail, she would bring cupcakes....nothing like a cake which might warrant inspection, but a few nice treats....using Martha Stewart's recipes, of course!

It takes a village

By Cynthia Seybolt

When Nancy and Peter Davis bought the Underhill Country Store in June, 2011, they had great plans. Nancy's mouthwatering baked goods would tempt everyone at the checkout counter; there would be wine and cheese tastings, cooking classes, and local guest chefs preparing special meals. A new floor and a fresh coat of paint would be a project for the slower winter months.

Sadly, though, in January, 2012, Nancy learned that she has a recurrence of the very serious cancer she had survived 10 years earlier. In addition to dealing with the physical and emotional impacts of her diagnosis, there were a huge number of practical issues to consider. This is where "the Village" comes in.

For as long as she has lived in the area, Nancy has always been there when people were in need. A barn burned: Nancy organized a fund-raiser to help rebuild it. The Food Shelf needed produce: Nancy arranged to have volunteers glean apple drops and leftover crops from farmers' fields. The list is long. Now the community has an opportunity to repay some of her abundant good will and good deeds.

Nancy's closest friends became the organizers, and dozens of local people stepped up to help. A volunteer store work crew was quickly organized, to do such things as stock shelves, make sandwiches, and wash dishes, and to perform countless other tasks. Who knew it was so complicated to run a store! Another group was organized to bake goodies from Nancy's recipes as well as their own to make the treats we count on finding at the checkout. One neighbor renowned for his great dinner parties has been coming to the store twice a week to prepare amazing dinners to go. Another has taken charge, with her after-school children's art class, of keeping the window boxes on the porch filled with seasonal décor. Other people - friends, neighbors, and casual acquaintances --have been making meals for the family, driving Nancy to appointments, and weeding the garden she loves and can, for the present, only enjoy from a distance.

Now Nancy is in a comprehensive treatment plan that is giving her excellent care, and at the store things are on a more even keel. The college kids who were there last summer are back at work, with the good training and good spirits that customers appreciate more than ever after living patiently with volunteer ineptitude. The sense of community endures, however, with people still eager to help as needed.

More than ever, townspeople are aware that our local stores are a crucial part of the fabric of our town. And this very visible example of people caring for one another is wonderful evidence of the network of support available to all of us who live in this small and caring community.

SONSHINE

By the United Church of Underhill

The United Church of Underhill is located at the park on Route 15 in Underhill Flats. Everyone is invited to attend worship services and Sunday School at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings. The church is a federation of the United Church of Christ and the United Methodist Church, and served by Rev. Kevin Goldenbogen. For information or questions, the church may be reached at 899-1722 or www.unitedchurchofunderhill.com.

The United Church Clutter Barn, a venue of the Old Fashioned Harvest Market, will be open for donations every Saturday morning from 8:30 - 12:30 AM, from now through August, except for the last Saturday of each month, when all donated items will be for sale. The next sale will be on Saturday, June 30. You can find a list of items which cannot be accepted at the Clutter Barn at www.unitedchurchofunderhill.com and click on Clutter Barn.

Speaking of Harvest Market, the Steering Committee is looking for nominations for Citizen of the Year to be honored in the parade on Harvest Market week-end (Sept. 29-30). The person or persons so honored should live or work in Jericho or Underhill, and contributed in some outstanding way to the communities. Recommendations may be made by calling the church at 899-1722 or e-mailing at ucusecretary@yahoo.com.

Get ready for Vacation Bible Camp this summer on August 20-24 from 9:00 - 11:30 AM at the Jericho United Methodist Church, in conjunction with the United Church of Underhill and the Essex Center Methodist Church. All children in our communities are invited to participate in "Operation Overboard" as we Dare to Go Deep with God. Adult assistance is also needed as leaders for groups of children, and for snacks, mission, crafts, and discovery. Please contact Julianne Nickerson at 899-3798 for more information and to register. There is no charge for Vacation Bible Camp.

Summer hours at the United Church of Underhill will start on July 1 and run through Labor Day Week-end. Worship and activities for children will be at 9:30 AM. During the summer, children will watch "Veggie Tales" movies. These animated films offer stories of the Bible through vegetables (with great personalities) who give the tales a modern spin. The movie will be followed by conversation about the movies and what they teach.

July 4 celebration in Richmond

All events will be held on Wednesday, July 4. Fun Run will start at School Street at 10:30 AM - any questions, call Don at 434-3811.

Parade starts at Harrington's at 10:30 AM, line up starts at 9:30 AM. Activities in the park following the parade include: food, music, games, car show, wagon rides, flea market and more with fireworks at 9:30 PM.

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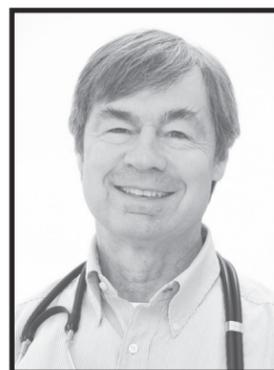
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COMMUNITY COLUMNS

**TV in VT
What's MMCTV?**

By Angelike Contis

Did you know that there was a small TV studio in the center of Richmond? And that this TV studio is *yours*, dedicated to not only covering your local events, but to providing you with the skills, tools and equipment needed to produce videos yourself? Oh yeah, and it's all free?

We're talking about Mt. Mansfield Community Television, or MMCTV. It's the public television access station established in 1997, covering the towns of Jericho, Richmond and Underhill.

If you have Comcast Cable, you'll recognize it as Channel 15. If you are active in public events, you'll know MMCTV as the folks who set up cameras and a whole bunch of microphones to film selectboard, DRB, school board or other meetings. But if you're like a lot of people in town, you may not really know exactly what MMCTV is or what it does.

I've started at the station recently (after moving back to the area after 21 years away), and look forward to filling you in on what we're up to at MMCTV. We have recently added an Internet channel (vimeo.com/user10747012) and have a lot of new projects in store - including, for instance a series on how local roads got their names and a regular, call-in, live studio show. However, I thought I'd provide you with some MMCTV background for this first column.

PREMISE BEHIND PUBLIC ACCESS TV

For starters, MMCTV is a nonprofit. It is also one of 25 public access or PEG (public, educational, government) TV stations in Vermont and perhaps 1,800 public access TV stations throughout the U.S. Like our fellow Vermont and national stations, we are dedicated to empowering community members to express themselves in the video medium.

MMCTV is almost entirely funded cable company Comcast (and before that, it was Adelphia), but they do not exercise control over our content. (In fact, you do, by suggesting series and shows of interest - and better yet, by making them!). By law, cable companies are required to provide a percentage (in our case, it's about 5.5%) of their revenues to the PEG stations. In this way cable companies give back to the community, which so kindly allows them to run their cables through their land, making their business possible and profitable. Unlike public television, PEG stations do not rely on government funding.

What MMCTV and other public access TV station do rely on, however, is community involvement. I'm looking forward to not only hearing from you about what you'd like to see on MMCTV, but on working with you to make TV show yourself you've always dreamed about.

Angelike Contis is the executive director of Mt. Mansfield Community Television, which is based in Richmond. She can be reached at acontis@mmctv15.org or 434-2550. Find out more about MMCTV (including our fancy social media links) at www.mmctv15.org.

Movin' On

Scott Funk
Aging in Place Advocate

No, I'm not talking about the big ranch house in the sky. In spite of what many of us say, there can come a time when we need to relocate to a more aging-appropriate setting. When that time comes, here are a few suggestions:

If the discussion is about going out of state, visit the area extensively. That means at different seasons as well as for long time periods. After all, there are facts about Florida in August that just aren't evident in February.

In addition to the weather, there are cultural differences, as well as medical and social options to consider. It is also important to investigate how income and property are taxed and, if necessary, local pay scale, job opportunities and work rules.

If the choice is to go to an adult or progressive care community, the finances of the organization that runs it are as important as the costs to be there. What are your rights and what happens if the move is not a successful one? Are there plans for expansion or for significant changes in the area?

While it sounds easier if the move is within Vermont, remember that even places close to each other can be significantly different. We had a conversation just this week with a woman who moved from Dorset to Manchester. "I never dreamed the noise and commotion would be so loud," was her comment as she shook her head.

Maybe it is a matter of staying in the Green Mountains, but down-sizing. Actually, right-sizing is a better way of putting it. Often people are moving to more services, a newer home or one with more aging-appropriate features like an attached garage or a master bedroom and bath on the ground floor. It's not necessarily a smaller house.

Whatever the move, money will always be a consideration. A new option to make housing dollars go further, or to leverage the change to increase retirement savings, is a Home Equity Conversion Mortgage for Purchase. In any case, make sure to involve trusted advisors as you weigh your financial options.

Finally, we need to consider whether there will be another move to come. Are we really solving future problems? Maybe we need to lay the ground work a future move during this one.

Wait a minute! Nothing was said about moving in with family or building an in-law apartment onto the kids' house. We'll have to tackle that another time. It deserves to be a subject all its own.

Aging in Place, it doesn't happen by accident.

ENGAGEMENTS

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David and Carol Keszey of Underhill, VT would like to announce the engagement of their daughter, Kimberly Keszey, to Brian Aucter, son of Bernard and Cynthia Aucter of Croghan, New York, NY. An August 4, 2012 wedding is planned.

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COMMUNITY COLUMN & HEALTH NEWS

Food choices for our children

By Mary Kintner, D.C., R.N.
Chiropractor, Jericho

Recently a movie was shown at the Deborah Rawson Library, titled "2 Angry Moms." It was a documentary about two mother's crusade to get junk food out of the school menu. The mothers found that in schools, as elsewhere, big food profits trump children's health. (At one point the comment was made that you only have to go through the lunch line to see what the commodities are—milk, corn and other grains (think high fructose corn syrup...))

Children are our future. There is a direct relationship between health and obesity. And it is obvious to everyone that our nation is getting fatter, especially children. There is also a direct relationship between food quality and obesity. And food quality is related to children's behavior.

"2 Angry Moms" showed examples of schools that made changes in their school menus. Children, when exposed to healthy food, can and will make better choices but they need the opportunity. Inner city schools, surrounded by poverty, are particularly challenged but a school in Harlem is making changes by connecting children to the food's source. Another school taught dietary choices as a school subject. A California school promoted healthy choices by marketing it to children--the first thing children encountered in the lunch room was a farm fresh salad bar. Another method offered incentives to make healthy (fruits and vegetables) versus unhealthy choices (junk food).

In the United States we spend 10% of the Gross Domestic Product on food and 17% on health care. In Europe the statistic are opposite. The Europeans generally have better health. We owe it to ourselves, our children and our country to address our SAD (Standard American Diet.) The costs are too high not to!



Copley honors employees - Penny Hester Ingram named Employee of the Year

Copley Health Systems honored three employees for excellence and recognized many others for their years of service during the organization's annual Employee Awards Banquet. Penny Hester Ingram, a speech and language pathologist with Copley Hospital's Rehabilitation Services, received a standing ovation by colleagues and guests when named Employee of the Year. Registered Nurse Annette Jones was recognized with the Edward French Memorial Award and Health Information Management's Susan Edwards was honored with the Goddard Family Award. Copley President Mel Patashnick described Copley's staff as the strength of our community hospital, saying "I believe every member of our Copley family brings a special dimension to the overall experience of each patient we serve. Never is that more evident than during our annual Employee Appreciation Ceremony." He continued by stating, "Our patients, their families and the communities we serve are extremely fortunate to have such a dedicated team of professionals providing expert personal care close to home."

The highlight of the banquet was when Patashnick named speech language pathologist Penny Hester Ingram as Employee of the Year. Patashnick described Hester Ingram as one who embodies the Copley family, stating "Penny is an ambassador for Copley, always trying to move service delivery to a higher level. She has mentored many new speech and language pathologists, giving them a good foundation in quality care. Penny treats every person as an individual with their own unique needs and gifts." In addition to her Employee of the Year plaque, Patashnick presented her with a "Miss Penny" hydrangea bush as a memento of our appreciation.

In keeping with tradition and on behalf of the medical staff, Dr. Joel Silverstein, Chief Medical Officer, presented the Edward French Memorial Award and the Goddard Family Award. Birthing Center Registered Nurse Annette Jones was honored by the Medical Staff for her nursing excellence with the Edward French Memorial Award. Dr. Joel Silverstein commended Jones for her dedication and commitment to the needs of our patients and their families as well as that

Going for a walk with Dad

By Bernard Paquette

I am going for a walk with dad. We won't go far; he doesn't walk so good these days and his stamina is not all it once was. Sugar, mom and dad's curly white haired dog, needs to go out. The day is already warming up even though it is early morning.

We walk slowly. There is so much in that. We walk slowly. Somehow, I want to be that kid again, who can barely keep up with dad as he walks home from work. From the time the ear-piercing factory whistle blows and the men come bustling out of the building with dad in their fray, me racing to greet him; we walk f-a-s-t. That is to say, I take the biggest steps I can trying to emulate dad's even paced gait, then I run a bit to catch up and reach for one of his swinging arms and hands. If I catch one and hold on, he will carry me forward and back again like a windmill powered by the wind. His arms are as strong as seasoned oak tree limbs and remind me of his middle name, Hercules.

Dad's arms are a third the size they were then, yet they still show signs of the strength they once held, the weight they carried. As we silently walk and he characteristically adjusts his pants at the waist with the base of his hands, I notice them. His hands-forever in my mind as human vice grips, yet tender and loving they feel on my back as we hug when I come to visit. Time seems to move as slowly as our walk. Dad fidgets with Sugar's leash trying to get her to move along and do her job. I notice his fingernails. Such a strange thing to find myself focused on. They are much larger than mine are and square cut at the ends. Somehow, they too say dad to me. His hands arthritic, his skin well tanned and wrinkled speak not just of age but of his life-youth only seldom mentioned, war rarely, work, husband, father.

Dad nearly stumbles as he crosses his feet walking precariously close to the curb. I reach out and take his hand to steady him, urging him away from the curb. I want to give him some of my strength, to give back some of what he gave me.

There is a large white bird, maybe an egret high on a nearby rooftop of a large building. Looking through my binoculars, I see the pureness of the white feathers, the elegance of the station the bird takes atop its sky-backed perch- A beautiful encounter I want to share with dad. I adjust the optics and hand them to him. A few seconds go by but he doesn't say anything. Do you see the bird I ask? No, he replies. I help him adjust the glass and have him try again. After a few moments of searching, he indicates he has spotted the bird. He smiles in appreciation. I am not sure he can see the bird clearly if at all, his eyesight being poor. Yet he shares my praise of the rare and beautiful oracle above us.

I might like writing more about my last visits with dad. For now, I want to close my eyes and remember my associative feelings.

I am going for a walk now with our dogs, to pick up litter and reminisce. It's a nice day for a walk.

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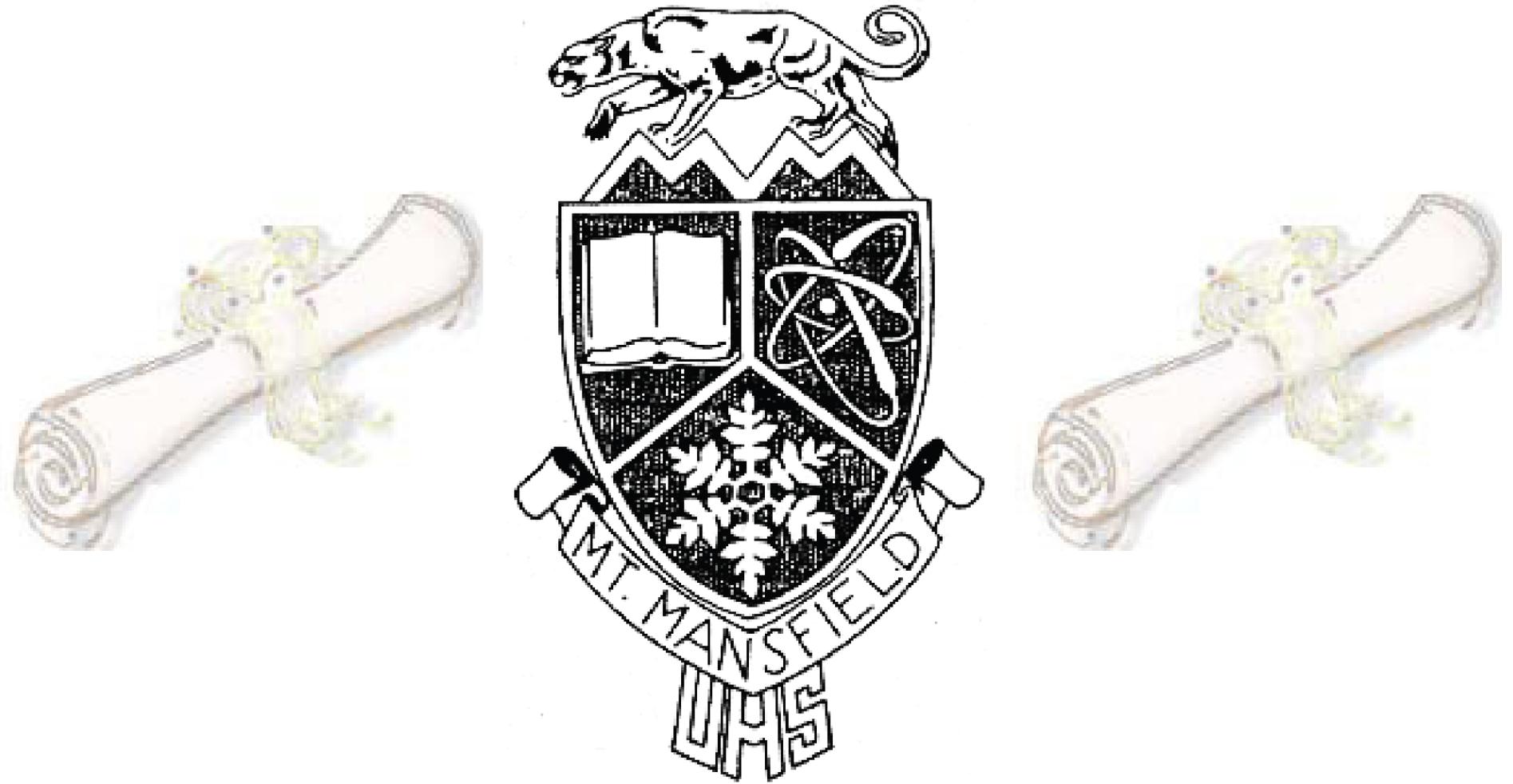
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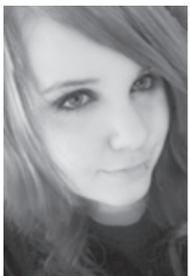
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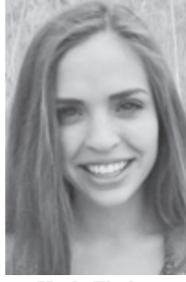
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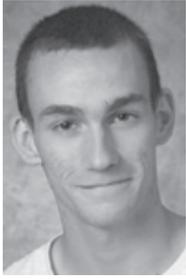
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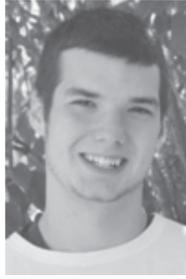
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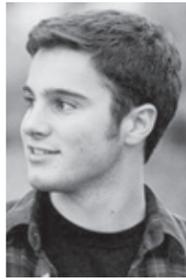
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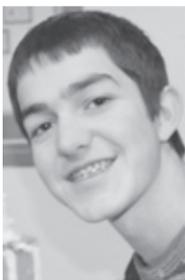
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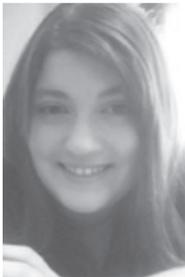
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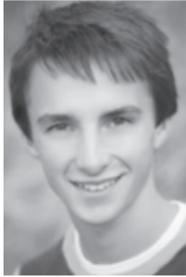
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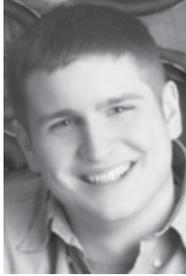
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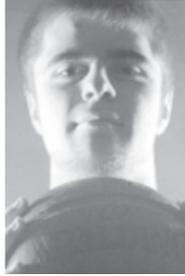
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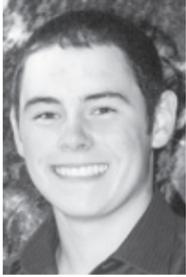
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Adron Pitmon a 2009 graduate of MMU High School has been named to the 2012 NESCAC Track and Field All-Conference Team. The top three finishers in each event during the NESCAC Track and Field Championship held May 5th at Bates College receive All-Conference recognition. Pitmon is a Junior at Amherst College and son of Tammy and Steve Pitmon from Underhill Center.

The Alpha Alpha Psi chapter of Phi Alpha Theta, the national history honor society, inducted 40 University of Vermont students into its membership at an Honors Day Ceremony held in April. Local students were among those honored: **Eli A. Dandurand** of Underhill, VT; **Emily V. Drew** of Underhill Center, VT.

On April 28, 69 senior nursing students received their Saint Anselm College nurse's pin at the 2012 pinning ceremony in the Abbey Church. Included in this ceremony were: **Carly Staab** of Westford, VT; **Caroline Wintersteen** of Jericho, VT.

Keene State College's 12th Annual Academic Excellence Conference took place on March 31, 2012. Among the participating students was Nathan Amato of Jeffersonville, VT, who presented on Keeping Keene Cool: An Analysis of City-Owned Trees and Climate Control.

Vermont Technical College's commencement will take place on Saturday May 5, 2012, graduates in Chittenden County are: Hinesburg, VT - **Jennifer Geraw**, Associate of Science Respiratory Therapy; **Chandra Keith**, Associate of Science Respiratory Therapy; **William Moore**, Associate of Applied Science Architectural & Building Engineering Technology; Jericho, VT - **Stephen Gross**, Bachelor of

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Saturday May 5, Keene State College's Commencement honored its biggest-ever graduating class. A total of 1,196 degrees were awarded to 1,107 students. This year's graduates included the following local students: **Nathan Amato** of Jeffersonville, VT; and **Andrew Hodgdon** of Waterbury, VT.

The following area residents have been named to the Spring 2012 President's List at Champlain College, located in Burlington, VT.

The honored students are: **Andrea Craft** of Jericho, VT, majoring in Computer and Information Systems; **Matthew Prah** of Underhill, VT, majoring in Computer Networking and Information Security. **Matthew Prah**, a resident of Underhill, VT, has been named a Champlain College Trustee Scholar: a designation awarded to students who attend Champlain College full-time and maintain a 4.0 average for two consecutive semesters. Prah is majoring in Computer Networking and Information Security, and earned a 4.0 GPA in the fall of 2011 and the spring of 2012.

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Zachary J. Kingston, Jericho, VT, Bachelor of Science in computer science, psychology.

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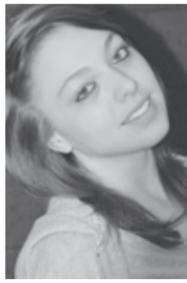
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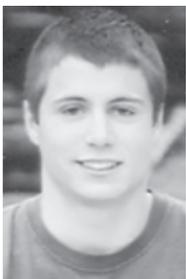
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ADULT ACTIVITIES

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

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

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

Drop in Watercolor Painting, Every 3rd Saturday, 9:00 - 11:00 a.m., at the River Arts Center in Morrisville. An opportunity to refine your watercolor skill set or learn new techniques if you're a beginner. Bring your own materials, no registration required, drop in. Suggested donation \$8. Call 888-1261, or visit our website: www.riverartsvt.org for more details. Join us.

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

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

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

Mt. Mansfield Scale Modelers gather on the third Thursday of the month from 6:30 to 8:30 PM. Modelers encompassing all categories of interest and skill levels are welcome. Brownell Library, Kolvoord Community Room, Lincoln Street, Essex Junction. Next meetings Thursday December 15, 2011; Thursday January 19, and Thursday February 23, 2012.

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

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

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

HEALTH EVENTS & GROUPS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

KIDS

Playgroups are free of charge and open to all children birth through age 5 and their caregivers. At playgroup you will find stories, songs, crafts, free play, local events & information, and more. It is a wonderful opportunity to play with the children in your life, meet other playmates, and connect with other parents and caregivers. Playgroups follow the school calendar. Come to any or all groups that fit your schedule. For more information on any of the playgroups, please contact Heather Lebeis at 899-4415 or underhillplaygroup@yahoo.com.

Mondays: Jericho Community Center 9:30-11:00 AM
Wednesdays: Richmond Free Library 8:45-10:15 AM

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

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

Huntington - Thursdays 10:00-12:00 at Huntington Public Library

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

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

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

SENIORS/COMMUNITY MEALS

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

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

Westford Senior lunches - Join Westford Seniors for lunch at the Red Brick Meeting House on the Common the second Monday of each month. The next senior luncheon is on Monday, September 13. There is no lunch in July or August. Lunch is served at 12:00 noon with a short meeting or presentation following. Call 878-7405 or 879-7382 for information or for a ride.

Bolton Up and Downtown Club meets the last Thursday of the month at the Bolton Fire station. Suggested \$3.00 donation. Meal at 5:00 PM. Open to adults 60 and over. Contact Doris Wheelock at 434-3769.

Huntington senior meal site - The Huntington Senior meals are served the third Tuesday of each month at 12:00 noon at the Community Baptist Church in Huntington Center.

St. Jude's Church, Hinesburg, senior meals held on second and fourth Wednesday of each month with bingo games after the dinners. Everyone is welcome including caregivers. Dinners are \$3.00 per person. For information call Ted Barrette at 453-3087.

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

"Good Food for All" free dinners, 2nd Thursday of each month at the United Church of Underhill, Rt. 15, Underhill Flats, from 5 - 7 p.m., and on the last Thursday of each month at Calvary Episcopal Church, Rt. 15, Underhill Flats, 5 - 7 p.m. Everyone in the communities is invited.

SPORTS ACTIVITIES

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

Qi Gong, the ancient Chinese art of movement, classes are as follows: Saturdays 9-10AM--562 VT Rt. 15, Johnson; Saturdays 11AM-12PM--River Arts, Morrisville; Sundays 11:15AM-12:15PM--Artful Cup, Jeffersonville.

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

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

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

SUPPORT GROUPS

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

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

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

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

TOWN GOVERNMENT & ORGANIZATIONS

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

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

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

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

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

Jericho Energy Task Force meets the second Tuesday of every

month from 7:00 to 8:30 PM at Jericho Town Hall.

Jericho Water District next meeting is Tuesday March 20, 2012 at 7:00 PM, RT 15, Jericho at the Red Mill.

THRIFT SHOPS & FOOD SHELVES

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

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

COMING EVENTS

Saturday June 9

Book signing with Madeleine M. Kunin, Phoenix Books Burlington, 4:00 PM, 191 Bank Street, Burlington. She'll discuss her new book, *The New Feminist Agenda: Defining the Next Revolution for Women, Work, and Family*. Copies of the book will be available to purchase and have signed by Kunin. Kunin was the first woman governor of Vermont and the first woman in the U.S. to serve three terms as governor. She served as Deputy Secretary of Education and Ambassador to Switzerland in the Clinton administration.

Book signing, Hinda Miller, Phoenix Books Burlington, 4:00 PM, 191 Bank Street, Burlington. will visit Phoenix Books Burlington to discuss her new memoir, *Pearls of a Sultana: What I've Learned About Business, Politics, and the Human Spirit*. Copies of this book will be available for purchase and to have signed following the event. Hinda Miller is the co-founder of Jogbra, Inc. For the last ten years, she has been a member of the Vermont State Senate. She lives in Burlington, Vermont with her husband, Dr. Joel Miller. They have two grown children.

Sunday June 10

Book signing, Phoenix Books Burlington, 4:00 PM, 191 Bank Street, Burlington. Learn about pickling from Andrea Chesman, one of our favorite local cookbook authors, and enjoy delicious free samples! Check out her new book, *The Pickled Pantry: From Apples to Zucchini, 150 Recipes for Pickles, Relishes, Chutneys & More*. Andrea is a food writer and gardener and the author of several cookbooks, including *Recipes from the Root Cellar* and *Serving Up the Harvest*. A resident of Vermont, she has been a contributing editor for *Vermont Life* and *Edible Green Mountains*.

Thursday June 14

Book Signing, Phoenix Books Burlington, 4:00 PM, 191 Bank Street, Burlington. Sarah Healy, author of *Can I Get an Amen?*, will visit Phoenix Books Burlington to discuss and read from her new novel. Attendees will be treated to free ice cream from Ben & Jerry's! Sarah Healy lives in Williston with her husband and three sons, where she works in marketing consultancy. *Can I Get an Amen?* is her first novel. This event is free and open to the public. Copies of *Can I Get an Amen?* will be available to buy and have signed by Healy at the event.

Sunday June 17

Annual Father's Day Breakfast, The St. Thomas Knights of Columbus Council #7810 from 8:00 to 11:00 AM in the Parish Hall. The buffet style breakfast will include juice, fruit, eggs, pancakes, sausage, bacon, home fries, and coffee or tea. The cost is by donation. Bring the whole family. Treat Dad like the special person he is and enjoy this delicious breakfast! For further information, please call the church office at 899-4632.

Tuesday June 19

Authors appearance, Phoenix Books Burlington, 4:00 PM, 191 Bank Street, Burlington. John Katzenbach will visit Phoenix Books Burlington to discuss his newest thriller, *What Comes Next*. John Katzenbach has written ten previous novels, including *Hart's War*, *Day of Reckoning*, *The Shadow Man*, and the *New York Times* best seller, *The Traveler*. Katzenbach was a criminal court reporter for *The Miami Herald* and *Miami News* and a feature writer for *The Miami Herald's* *Tropic* magazine.

Saul Trevino, MD joins Mansfield Orthopaedics

Copley Hospital is pleased to welcome foot and ankle specialist Saul Trevino, MD to the hospital's medical staff. Dr. Trevino joins fellow board-certified orthopedic surgeons Bryan Huber, MD; Eric Mullins, MD; and Brian Aros, MD at Mansfield Orthopaedics. Dr. Trevino's background in primary care, military medicine, and academics allows him to offer a comprehensive approach to foot and ankle problems.

"When my wife and I made the decision to move back to Vermont, Mansfield Orthopaedics was the choice for me," said Dr. Trevino. "The practice has a great team dedicated to delivering high quality, patient-centered care. Having an orthopaedic practice that provides such a variety of specialized care; care that includes upper extremity to foot and ankle, so close to home is rare for a community hospital. I enjoy being part of that team."

Previously, Dr. Trevino served as Chief of Foot and Ankle Division of the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery at the University of Missouri. He received his medical degree from the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School and completed his residency at Wilford Hall Medical Center on Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas. In 1980 he completed a Foot and Ankle Surgery Fellowship at the University of Vermont College of Medicine and spent the next decade as an Assistant Professor and Chief of Foot and Ankle Surgery in UVM's Department of Orthopedic Surgery and Rehabilitation at the College of Medicine. Following UVM, he served as the Division Chief for Foot and Ankle Surgery at Baylor College of Medicine and at University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston, Texas.

His medical career began in the U.S. Air Force, where he served as a general medical officer and general surgical officer before specializing in orthopedics. He continued his medical career in the reserves, serving at Wilford Hall Medical Center at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas and retired as a Colonel.

Dr. Trevino provides diagnosis and treatment of a variety of problems, including reconstructive surgery for bunions and hammertoes, sports injuries to the foot and ankle, foot and ankle trauma, deformities secondary to neuromuscular conditions, rheumatological foot deformities, and diabetic-related foot and ankle problems. When asked how he got interested in the field of foot and ankle, Dr. Trevino explains that he's always been intrigued by the mechanical challenges due to the many joints, tendons and bones that comprise the foot and ankle.

Working with Dr. Trevino is his wife, Margaret Rowell, RN. Rowell, a native Vermonter from the Craftsbury area, has been working as Dr. Trevino's assistant for a number of years.

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Registration for Summer Reading Clubs, "Dream Big Read," will begin at the Deborah Rawson Memorial Library Friday June 1. Pick up your Read To Me Log, Reading Log or Teen Reading Card and get a jump start on your summer reading.

Registration for summer events will be as follows: Middle and High School beginning Wednesday June 6, Preschool through grade 4 will begin Friday June 15. Event flyers for middles/high school students will be available at the BRMS Library. Each of the elementary schools will distribute copies of the summer event flyers before the end of the school year. For families not having students in the Jericho or Underhill elementary schools we will have copies available in the Deborah Rawson Library. Additionally, flyers for all age groups will be posted on our web site, DRML.org

The silent auction item for the month of June is a 25\$ gift certificate from Gardener's Supply and four perennial plants from Creative Landscaping. Bidding will be on Friday June 1 and will close on Saturday June 30 at 2:00 PM.

The library will host an Italian Movie night on Friday June 1 at 6:30 PM. The title is yet to be announced.

The board of Trustees has formed an expansion committee to discuss expanding the library building. The meetings will be monthly on the first Thursday of every month starting June 7 at 7:00 PM.

The board of Trustees will hold their regular board meeting on Thursday June 21 at 7:00 PM

The Big Red Book Barn will again be open this summer during the farmer's market. Watch for the sign at the farmer's market.

The Library is an approved Master Gardner site. Work days are Wednesdays from 5:00-7:00 PM and Saturday 9:00-11:00 PM. Bring tools and join us. Everyone is welcome.

Do you love to play Scrabble? Come to the library play Scrabble with fellow enthusiasts. Bring a friend and a Scrabble board or just join a table with others. Watch for a date announcement. It will either be Mon. June 4 or the 18 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm.

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.

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PJ Story Hour is on Thursday June 7, 6:30 PM with Success by Six, Come to the library in your PJs for a story. For ages 0-6.

Are you trying to decide whether to join in on the ebook phenomenon? On Wednesday June 6 from 4:00-5:30 PM the Fairfax Community Library will be offering an informational session on ebooks, and the resources that we offer that allow you to download ebooks for free. These resources are Listen Up VT, and our newest online service, One Click Digital. Stop by to learn more.

Have you seen any purple pyramids hanging off of trees last summer or this spring? On Thursday June 7 from 6:30 – 8:00 PM Fairfax resident Doug Reeves will explain what these bug traps are and why they are so important to the Vermont eco-system. Come find out more about the Emerald Ash Borer, the Asian Longhorned Beetle, and the Hemlock Woolly - all invasive bug species that are having a devastating effect on Vermont forests. Doug is a part of the First Detectors, a group of certified community volunteers who increase public awareness and help homeowners detect these invasive species.

Thursday June 14, 6:00 PM is the final book discussion in the Earth Tones series. We will be discussing, *The Great Work: Our Way Into the Future* by Thomas Berry. The discussion will be led by Linda Bland. Swing by the library to pick up your copy of the book.

Lake Champlain Access TV will be hosting three Young Producers Workshops at the Fairfax Community Library this summer. The first will be on Monday June 25 from 3:00-4:30 PM. This is a hands on introduction to the world of TV, with each workshop featuring a different topic. Everyone will get a DVD of their project and it will run on LCAT Channel 15. Space is limited so sign up in advance at the library or by calling 849-2420. You can also sign up in advance for the other two workshops which are on July 9th and July 23rd from 3-4:30pm. These workshops are for 8 and 9 year olds only.

Read to a Dog. On various Wednesday afternoons, Rainbow, a beautiful Newfoundland and registered therapy dog, will be at the Fairfax Community Library listening to children reading. In June, Rainbow will be visiting on Wednesday June 27th from 4 to 5 pm. Open to school aged children of all reading levels. Sign up in advance for a 15 minute time slot.

Join us on Thursday June 28th from 6-7 pm for the kick off of our Summer Reading Program. The Backpack Theater, a very talented group of kids and teens, will be performing two plays, *The Gingerbread Boy* and *The Emperor Nightingale*. After the show the actors and actresses will be available for autographs.

Fairfax Community Library Story Hour; Tuesdays from 9:30 - 10:30 AM. Join us for stories, crafts and activities. For ages 0-6. June 5 - Gardens

June 12 - *SPECIAL* Teddy Bear Picnic, BYO picnic outside after story time (weather permitting) Coming soon: A 5 week Summer Story time series will start up on June 26 at 9:30 AM, keep an eye out at the library, on Facebook and our website for more details.

Library News: <http://www.bfafairfax.com/pages/communitylibrarynews.html>. Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/home.php?#.pages/Fairfax-Community-Library>. School Year Library Hours: Monday, Wednesday 8:00 AM - 5:30 PM; Tuesday and Thursday 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM; Friday 8:00 AM - 3:15 PM; Saturday 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM.

JERICHO CENTER, LIBRARY

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Hours: Mondays and Tuesdays 12:00 to 7:00 PM, Wednesdays and Fridays 3:00 to 7:00PM, Thursdays 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM, Saturdays 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. School Year Preschool Story Hour: every Monday 11-noon.

WESTFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

Upcoming Events:

Thursday June 7, 11:00 AM, Early Literacy Storytime. Stories and activities utilizing early literacy concepts for ages birth-preschool. Theme: Librarian's Pick.

Tuesday June 12, 2:00 PM, Tai Chi for Arthritis for Ages 50+.

Summer Session: 5/8, 5/15, 5/22, 5/29, 6/5, 6/12, 6/26, 7/3, 7/17, and 7/24. This program contains all the essential principles of Tai Chi that support the improvement of flexibility and balance. For newcomers and experienced practitioners. Led by CVAA Americorps member Paige McCormick.

Thursday June 14, 11:00 AM, Early Literacy Storytime. Stories and activities utilizing early literacy concepts for ages birth-preschool. Theme: Pigs.

New Additions to the Collection: Adult Fiction: *American Spy* (Steinhauer), *The Beginner's Goodbye* (Tyler), *Calico Joe* (Grisham), *The Crueltest Month* (Penny), *Deadlocked* (Harris), *Lifeboat* (Rogan), *Limpopo Academy of Private Detectives* (McCall Smith), *Mudwoman* (Oates), *Sacre Bleu* (Moore), *Fifty Shades of Grey* (James).

Adult Nonfiction: *Some Assembly Required* (Lamott), *One Yard Wonders* (Yaker).

Teen: *Delerium* (Oliver), *The Drowned Cities* (Bacigalupi), *Fragile Eternity* (Marr), *Insurgent* (Roth), *Radiant Shadows* (Marr).

Juv: Picture Book: *Nothing Like a Puffin* (Soltis), *What Grandmas Do Best / What Grandpas Do Best* (Numeroff), *Extra Yarn* (Barnett), *Into the Outdoors* (Gal), *Is Everyone Ready for Fun?* (Thomas), *Stranger in the Woods* (Sams), *First Snow in the Woods* (Sams), *Maisy Goes Camping* (Cousins). Nonfiction: Coral Reefs (Chin). Early Reader: Penny and Her Song (Henkes). 2013 DCFs: City of Orphans (Avi), *Small as an Elephant* (Jacobson), *A Dog's Way Home* (Pyron), *Bluefish* (Schmatz). Other Fiction: *The Serpent's Shadow* (Riordan).

DVD: *Silent Movies - American Film Institute 100: Modern Times, The General* (Buster Keaton).

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

DOROTHY ALLING MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Music with Raphael: Mondays, 10:45AM and Thursdays, 10:30 AM. Come sing, dance, and clap your hands with Raphael and his guitar. Traditional and original folk music for children up to age 5 with a caregiver. No pre-registration. Limit: one session per week per family.

Summer Reading Programs: "Dream Big—Read." for Children and "Own the Night" for Teens. Register for our Summer Reading Challenge and win free books and raffle tickets. Keep track of the amount of time you spend reading, including books, magazines, and audio books. Starts June 13. Details on our website.

Pet Parade and Summer Reading Kickoff: Saturday June 23, 10:30 AM. Bring your pet or stuffed animal for a parade around the library. Music with Raphael Groten. Face painting. All ages welcome. Sign up for the "Dream Big—Read." summer reading program. No pre-registration. (Pets are not allowed in the library. Please make arrangements for your pet while you're inside listening to the music).

Summer Story Hour: Tuesdays, 11:00 AM. Starts June 19. Stories and a craft. All ages. No pre-registration.

Dottie the Bookmobile: Starts June 19. See our website for complete listing.

Teen Club: Thursdays, 4:30-5:30 PM. Starts June 21. Fight boredom this summer. Join us for movies, snacks, book discussion, comics, games, and more. Led by Mara Distler. For students entering Gr. 6.

Meet Vermont Lake Monsters Baseball Players: Friday June 29, 11:00 AM. Baseball players read stories and autograph baseballs. All ages. No pre-registration.

Dorothy Alling Memorial Library, 21 Library Lane, Williston, VT. www.williston.lib.vt.us

COLLEGE NOTES CONTINUED

Ashley I. Jones, Jeffersonville, VT, was among one of the students receiving this honor. Next year, Ashley plans to attend the University of Vermont majoring in accounting and mathematics.

Vermont Tech celebrated the achievements of the final class to graduate under the Telecommunications Technology Program for FairPoint Communications, a groundbreaking workforce educational partnership between FairPoint Communications and Vermont Tech. The program offered qualified FairPoint employees an opportunity to earn an Associate Degree in Applied Science (A.A.S.) with a concentration in Telecommunications Technology. Graduates are: **Derek Whitney**, Jericho, VT; Patrick Longley, Underhill, VT.

The following students graduated from the University of New Hampshire during the Commencement Ceremony held Saturday May 19, 2012, in Durham, N.H.: Erin Simpson of Jeffersonville, VT earned a BA degree in Earth Sciences; **Hannah Eldred** of Underhill, VT earned a BS degree in BiomedSci:MedMicro Summa Cum Laude.

Paulina Smolinski, Westford, VT, made the Dean's List at DePaul University for the winter quarter of 2012.

The following local residents graduated from Saint Michael's College during the 105th commencement exercises held on the college campus May 14th:

Samantha Rae Merrill, daughter of Mark and Susan Merrill of Jericho, VT, graduated with a Bachelor of Arts, magna cum laude degree in Media Studies & Digital Arts.

Sarah Louise Valyou, daughter of Corey and Heather Valyou of Westford, VT, graduated with a Bachelor of Arts, cum laude degree in Psychology.

Amy Greer of Jeffersonville, VT, was inducted into the Alpha Kappa Delta National Honor Society during honors day ceremonies conducted by the Sociology Department at the University of Vermont earlier this spring.

Jessica Savage of Jeffersonville, VT earned a Bachelor of Science in Accounting from Quinnipiac University during the 81st undergraduate commencement exercises on May 20.

Local residents were recognized for achievements in academics and service, at Honors Day ceremonies held by the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at the University of Vermont earlier this spring:

Rebecca B. Standish of Cambridge, VT, received the George H. Walker Award.

Kirsten F. Meisterling of Jericho, VT, received the Scholastic Achievement in Biological Sciences Award.

Local residents were recognized for achievements in academics and service at Honors Day ceremonies held by the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Vermont earlier this spring.

Ariel Robbins of Jericho, VT, received the Outstanding Senior in European Studies presented by the Global and Regional Studies Department.

Andrew Geissler of Underhill, VT, received the Robert Woodworth Award presented by the Biochemistry Department.

Local student lected to Phi Beta Kappa at University of Rochester:

Douglas Arthur Cliff, a senior majoring in biomedical engineering at the University of Rochester, has been elected to Phi Beta Kappa, the nation's oldest academic honorary society. Cliff, the son of Anne and David Cliff, is a resident of Jericho, Vt., and a graduate of Mount Mansfield Union High School in Jericho Center, VT.

Skidmore's Class of 2012, totaling 627 baccalaureate candidates, participated in the College's 101st Commencement Saturday, May 19, at the Saratoga Performing Arts Center.

Grace Burton, associate professor of Spanish, was chosen by the graduates to deliver the commencement remarks. A Skidmore faculty member since 1987, she was the recipient this year of the college's Ralph Ciancio Prize for Excellence in Teaching whether leading classes in introductory Spanish and intermediate language and literature, or working with advanced independent students, "language and literature come to life through Grace," noted a recent Skidmore graduate.

The following local students received a degree:

Anya Cutler of Jericho, VT, received a BA degree Cum Laude.

Amber Leonard of Jeffersonville, VT, received a BA degree Magna Cum Laude.

Hilary S. Frink of Westford, VT, graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science & International Studies during the 142nd Commencement May 19, 2012, at McDaniel College. More than 320 bachelor's degrees were awarded during the ceremony.

Ariel A. Robbins of Jericho, VT, a European Studies major at the University of Vermont, was inducted into Sigma Iota Rho National Honor Society for International Studies during honors day.

Keene State College has released the Dean's List for the spring semester 2012. Among the 1,390 students named to the Dean's List are: **Nathan Alexander Amato** of Jeffersonville, VT; **Kaitlin L. Filipek** of Jericho, VT; Andrew Joseph Hodgdon of Waterbury, VT.

The following students were named to the Dean's List for the 2012 spring semester at Messiah College: Underhill, VT, resident **Hannah Nichols** is a sophomore majoring in nursing. Jericho, VT, resident **Emily Price** is a sophomore majoring in philosophy.

Bowdoin College in Brunswick, Maine, held its 207th Commencement exercises Saturday May 26, 2012. The following Bowdoin College graduates are from your area: **Connor Gallagher**, of Jericho, VT, graduated from Bowdoin, majoring in Biology. **Laura Till**, of Jericho, VT, graduated from Bowdoin, majoring in Latin American Studies and minoring in Biology.

The following local students were among the 548 students awarded a degree at St. Lawrence University's Commencement ceremony, held May 22 on campus in Canton, New York:

Lauren M. Bowie, of Jericho, VT, was awarded a degree (magna cum laude) in Estudios Hispánicos and performance & communication arts. Bowie graduated from Mount Mansfield Union High School.

Stephanie A. Cutler, of Waterbury, VT, was awarded a degree (magna cum laude) in psychology and fine arts. Cutler graduated from Norwood-Norfolk Central School.

Jackson K. Penfield-Cyr, of Underhill, VT, was awarded a degree in government and sociology. Penfield-Cyr graduated from Mount Mansfield

Union High School.

Kurt A. Vesosky, of Jericho, VT, was awarded a degree (cum laude) in psychology with a minor in economics. Vesosky graduated from Mount Mansfield Union High School.

Andrew Nitchie of Jericho, VT, made the Dean's List for the spring semester 2012 at the Georgia Institute of Technology.

ICAN of Northern Vermont holds
first chapter meeting June 10, 2012

By Katherine Quimby Johnson

Jessilyn Dolan, RN, announces Vermont's first chapter of International Cesarean Awareness Network (ICAN). ICAN of Northern Vermont welcomes mothers, mothers-to-be, and their partners to its first meeting on Sunday June 10, at 4:00 PM. The meeting will be held at Eastern View Integrative Medicine, aka Maitri Building, 185 Tilly Drive, #57, South Burlington, VT. The facility is ADA accessible.

Dolan, who is also a Certified Massage Therapist and Certified Labor Doula and faculty instructor for CAPP (Childbirth and Post-Partum Association), and co-leader Amy Wenger, founded ICAN of Northern Vermont out of a realization that there is no network in Vermont for women supporting cesareans or vaginal birth after cesarean (VBAC). "I love educating people and sharing knowledge in a supportive and caring way, whether it's before or after birth. This is to provide support and also trying to take some of the trauma out of cesarean birth," said Dolan. "I've been a child-birth educator and labor doula for over ten years. This is taking a slightly different, but no less important approach."

Dolan apprenticed as a doula with Paulina (Polly) Perez, BSN, RN, FACCE, LCCE, and CD, and author of *Special Woman, The Nurturing Touch at Birth*, and numerous other titles. Perez said recently, "I have been dedicated to the ICAN mission since it was formed in 1982. It was then called Cesarean Prevention Movement. I was president for the Houston, Texas, Chapter (one of the first chapters in the nation) for several years. ICAN now has 170-plus chapters dedicated to educating the childbirth community and reducing the unnecessary rate of cesarean sections and their effects. Vermont needs a ICAN chapter where women gather among peers to share, heal emotionally, and seek medical and legal resources in order to make informed choices and expand their maternity care options."

After the first June 10 meeting, later meetings of ICAN of Northern Vermont will be held every other month, with the next scheduled for August 12. For more information, contact Jessilyn Dolan, Chapter Leader, at 802.644.6700, icanvt@gmail.com, www.birthwell.org, and on Facebook at icanofnorthernvermont.

ICAN (ican-online.org) is an international non-profit organization working to improve maternal-child health by helping to prevent unnecessary cesareans through education, provide support for cesarean recovery, and promote vaginal birth after cesarean (VBAC). ICAN of Northern Vermont serves all Vermont.

OBITUARIES



David Leo Sullivan Sr. died peacefully at his home in Underhill, VT on May 30, 2012. David was born on February 28, 1937, to Leo and Helen (Pease) Sullivan. In 1948, at age 11, he joined Boy Scout Troop 1 and formed many lifelong friendships. He continued with the troop for many years, serving as an assistant troop leader until 1965. As a young boy he spent many hours playing on the streets on Burlington. He enjoyed tobogganing down the hills with his friends, but he especially loved jack jumping. He was a champion

jack jumper rider, and taught many older kids how to ride. Later he built jack jumpers for his children and taught them to love it too. David graduated from Burlington High School in 1956. He served in the United States Navy from 1954 to 1962. He was stationed on the USS Rhodes from 1956 to 1958. He enjoyed attending The World's Fair in Brussels during that time. He graduated from the Maine Vo-Tech auto technician program in 1961. He served as class president, and formed many longtime friendships while in Maine. David married Ruth McLane on August 27, 1960. They eventually moved to Underhill and, in 1964, purchased a farm in Underhill from her parents. They raised their children on this farm and were proud to have one of the few remaining working farms in town. In 1961, he began working for S. T. Griswold Company. He worked for many years as the shop foreman and retired in August 2000. He then worked as a consultant for them until July 2002. David joined the Underhill Jericho Fire Department in 1966. He served 1st Assistant Chief from 1972 to 1983. He shared his wealth of knowledge on many truck and building committees. He was a Life Time Member and was actively serving in his 46th year at the time of his death. On March 3, 1976, David took over from Crick Walker, as Underhill Forest Fire Warden. After 35 years he retired from that position on April 11, 2011, handing the job to Parker Ripley. David was very skilled with tools. Not only could he fix various trucks, automobiles and farm equipment, but he was a builder. He built several barns, and kept the old farmhouse repaired. He built several pieces of horse drawn equipment, whipple trees and shaves. After retiring, he got a sawmill and cut the wood and helped his brother-in-law build a camp. He insisted on precision. He taught many people how to read a ruler, how to tie knots and the importance of using the right tool for the job. Camping was something David enjoyed with his children. They often went camping across the river and cooked their meals over a campfire. He also enjoyed hunting and fishing. He enjoyed many fly fishing trips with his brothers-in-law and other friends. David loved to eat. He did not like mushrooms, watermelon or cucumbers. He liked meat, seafood, bread and anything chocolate. He could not eat about anyone. He always claimed he had only been full twice in his life, and both times Ruthie had done the cooking. David was predeceased by his son, Jasimer on March 2, 1990; and by his wife, Ruth on September 10, 2009. He is survived

by his children, son, David and wife, Monica, of Bedford, Mass.; daughter, Suzanna and husband, Jim Brown, of Georgia, VT; daughter, Caroline and partner, Nancy Sicard, of Buxton, Maine; daughter, Winifred of Underhill, VT; and son, Nate of Underhill, VT; and two granddaughters, Shelby and Logan Sullivan of Bedford, Mass. He also leaves his sister, Helen and husband, Walt; brothers-in-law, Jim McLane and wife, Mary, and Charlie McLane and wife, Virginia; sister-in-law, Nancy Caudell and husband, CB; and several cousins, nieces and nephews. Visiting hours are Sunday June 3, 2012, from noon to 3:00 and 6:00 to 9:00 PM at the Underhill Jericho Fire Department on Rt. 15 in Underhill Flats. A Fireman's Funeral will be held June 4, 2012, at 10:00 AM at St. Thomas Church in Underhill Center. Burial will follow in the St. Thomas Cemetery on Range Road. Everyone is invited to a meal following the burial at the Underhill Station of the UJFD. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Jasimer Sullivan Memorial Scholarship, c/o Suzanna Brown, 190 Smitty Brook Road, Georgia, VT 05468, or to the Underhill Jericho Fire Department, PO Box 150, Underhill, VT 05489.

Rhea Delores (Quesnel) Paro, 85, of Richmond, VT, passed quietly away in the comfort of her family home on Sunda, May 20, 2012. Rhea was born in Salisbury, VT on January 20, 1927, the daughter of Philius and Alberta Quesnel. Rhea graduated from Cathedral High School in Burlington and continued her postsecondary education at Trinity College and the University of Vermont. Rhea worked in a variety of positions that ranged from school teacher, to executive assistant to medical researcher at the University of Vermont. In January of 1947, Rhea married Eldon O. Paro of Winooski. Eldon and Rhea both loved to travel with their four children. Together they traveled most of the United States and Canada; camping in state and national parks along the way. Their travels included a wintering over in Kailua, Oahu,



Hawaii. While in Hawaii, Rhea was employed as a school teacher in Nanakuli and Eldon worked at Pearl Harbor. Upon returning to Vermont, Rhea and Eldon settled their family in Burlington, with Rhea living on Maple Street for 25 years before moving to North Street in Hinesburg and then finally to Huntington Road in Richmond. Throughout her life, Rhea was furiously independent and continued to enjoy traveling with both friends and family, as well as working on her family's history. Rhea was predeceased by her husband, Eldon O. Paro; her parents, Philius and Alberta Quesnel; and her sisters, Marianne St. John and Marie Mitchell. Rhea is survived by her sister, Aline Page; four children, John Paro and wife, Phyllis, of Richmond, Ann Paro of Richmond, Mary Collins and husband, Tom, of Richmond, and Wes Paro and wife, Nellie Asatryan, of Burlington; seven grandchildren, Angel Richardson and husband, Brian, Lucas Paro and wife, Laura, Ted Paro and wife, Nicole, Jeremy Paro and wife, Sarah, Devin Collins and wife, Katherine, Nicholas Paro, and Brad Collins; as

well as eight great-grandchildren, Brandon Cunningham, Nathan Cunningham, Christopher Lahaie, Audrey Paro, Kendall Paro, Patrick Paro, Carson Paro, and Ethan Paro. Visiting hours will be at the Gifford Funeral Home in Richmond, from 4 to 6:15 p.m. on Wednesday, June 6, 2012, with a memorial service celebrated at the funeral home at 5 p.m. Assisting the family is the Gifford Funeral Home, 22 Depot Street, Richmond. Memorial gifts in lieu of flowers would be appreciated to either the Alzheimer's Association, 300 Cornerstone Drive, Suite 128, Williston, VT 05495, or to the Visiting Nurse Association, 1110 Prim Road, Colchester, VT 05446.

Debra A. Francis, 53, a longtime resident of Richmond, VT, died peacefully at home on Tuesday May 15, 2012, surrounded by her loving family. Debra was born in Rutland, VT on September 10, 1958, the daughter of Lawrence "Larry" and Norma (Pepin) Thurber Sr. She graduated from Colchester High School in 1977. On October 15, 1977, she was married to Donald J. Francis Jr. Debra enjoyed fishing on the boat, gardening and NASCAR, but mostly spending time with family and friends. She is survived by her husband of 34 years, Donald J. Francis Jr.; their two children, Heather Francis and her boyfriend, Merton



Boardman Jr., and Holly Francis and her fiance, Sanford Holbrook III; five grandchildren, Mariah, Taylor and Noah Boardman, and Brandon and Sanford Holbrook IV; sister, Pamela Tuttle; brother, Larry Thurber Jr.; and nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. Visiting hours for family and friends was on Saturday May 19, 2012, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 noon, with funeral services beginning at noon at the LaVigne Funeral Home and Cremation Service, 132 Main St. in Winooski.

Margaret Mary Meunier, 80, Huntington, VT passed away on Sunday May 13, 2012, at the home of her daughter and grandson, Mary and Louis Meunier. She was born in Burlington, VT on November 19, 1931, to Walter Sr. and Beatrice (Graham) Kane. She was married to Roland Meunier Sr. in 1950. He predeceased her in 1994. She was a bookkeeper at the Chittenden Bank and later worked at St. Joseph's preschool. Margaret will be remembered as touching the hearts of everyone she met. She would give everything for any of us and smiled until the last day. She is survived by her two children, Mary Meunier and Roland Meunier Jr.; two grandsons, Louis and Sean Meunier; two great-grandchildren, Brandon and Taylor; brother and wife, John and Sheila Kane; sister, Betty Johnson; and extended family. Special thank you to everybody for everything, especially to our uncle, Johnny, and aunt, Sheila, and my son, Louis, for everything. Graveside services was held on Saturday June 2, 2012, at 1:00 PM in Lakeview Cemetery, Burlington. Elmwood-Meunier in charge.



Annual State Day provided forum for talented 4-H'ers

Vermont 4-H State Day, held May 19 in Barre, provided a forum for many of Vermont's most outstanding 4-H'ers to demonstrate skills learned in 4-H club projects; the event attracted 125 4-H'ers.

All participants were winners at the county or regional level. Several earned additional honors at State Day, held at the Barre Civic Center, including the opportunity to represent Vermont at Eastern States Exposition, W. Springfield, Mass., in September.

The following clubs and individuals, listed by category, were selected to participate at the "Big E" this fall:

ACTION EXHIBITS: "Fruit Smoothies," Sky Riders 4-H Club, Florence; "Cleaning Tack," Horsepower 4-H Club, Castleton; "Pucker Up For Pickles," Scrappy Scrapbookers 4-H Club, Corinth; "Whoopie Pies," Flying Hooves 4-H Club, Colchester; "Absolutely Amazing Aprons," Brownsville Trailblazers 4-H Club, Brownsville; "May Contain Nuts," Flying Hooves 4-H Club, Colchester; "Goey Chewy," Wind Riders 4-H Club, Rutland; "Pony Pin Ups," Silver Stars 4-H Club, St. Johnsbury; "Embryology: Hatching with a Purpose," Blue Ribbon 4-H Club, Chelsea.

FASHION REVUE: Sadie Brown, Poultney; Raven Collett, Benson; Autumn Cyr, Benson; Sophia Dedell, Woodstock; Hilary Dubois, Benson; Jonna-Lynn Grenier, Castleton; Haley Hammond, Waterbury Center; Riley Janeway, Burlington; Samantha Masse, Benson; Sally Matson, Burlington; Merrick Mendenhall, Burlington; Sheyenne Miller, Randolph; Eva Paradiso, Burlington; Dolly Wing, Benson.

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Blazej, Windham.

PHOTOGRAPHY: DIGITALLY ENHANCED PHOTO: "Dizzy 4 Daisies," Kelsey Smith, Richford; "A Bond Unbroken," Sarah Coker, Poultney; "Building Storm," Madeline Waterman, Hyde Park.

PHOTOGRAPHY: TRADITIONAL PHOTO: "Grasshopper," Miranda Wright, St. Johnsbury; "Flying Kibble," Morgan Quimby, Underhill; "Uncharted," Sarah Coker, Poultney.

STAGE PRESENTATIONS (GROUP): Starry Night 4-H Club, Jericho, (synchronized swimming); Topsham Pony Pals 4-H Club, Bradford (song and dance); Border Livestock Plus 4-H Club, Derby ("Stomp Til You Drop" routine); Joyful Noise 4-H Club, West Glover (Fiddle and accordion tunes); Starry Nights 4-H Club, Jericho (instrumental); Flying Hooves 4-H Club, Colchester (dance).

STAGE PRESENTATIONS (INDIVIDUAL): Allie Leary, Windsor (keyboard); Tiffany Couture, Colchester (singing); Courtney Marsh, East Wallingford (singing); Eliza Mabey, South Royalton (clarinet); Lexy Brooks, Whitehall, N.Y. (singing); Audrey Teague, Jeffersonville (singing); Sophia Cannizaro, West Glover (violin solo); Dante Letzelter, West Glover (fiddle solo); Jocelyn Hewitt, South Royalton (singing); Evelyn Bushey, North Clarendon (dance); Karlee Walkowiak, Whitingham, (instrumental); Raven Collett, Benson (singing); Alissa Walkowiak, Whitingham (singing); Heidi Walko, Jericho (instrumental); Ramona Bilodeau, Morrisville (instrumental); Jada Rosemark, Sheffield (singing).

Other winners at 4-H State Day included:

BEST OF SHOW POSTER: "Create a Website," Mackayla O'Meara, Irasburg.

COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY: Madeline Chairvolotti, Grand Isle; David Gringeri, West Haven; Upwey Equestrians 4-H Club, Woodstock.

DEMONSTRATIONS (INDIVIDUAL): Senior division--Mariah Palmer, Hartland

DEMONSTRATIONS (TWO-PERSON TEAM): Senior division--Jocelyn Hewitt and Eliza Mabey, South Royalton; Junior division--Meaghan and Maverick O'Meara, Irasburg; Olivia Fortin and Madeleine Nadeau, both from Derby; Meaghan O'Meara, Irasburg, and Julia Paul, Newport.

ILLUSTRATED TALK: Junior division--Alex Taylor, South Royalton; Kiera Cheroff-Wilson, Barre; Sophia Dedell, Woodstock.

PUBLIC SPEAKING (INDIVIDUAL): Senior division--Kate Patenaude, Derby Line; Jocelyn Hewitt, South Royalton; Junior division--Ramona Bilodeau, Morrisville.

TABLE TOP EXHIBITS: "Introduction to Taxidermy," Raymond Bushey, Addison; "Just Duct Tape It," Hannah Czachor, Castleton; "Lucy's House," Kira Clokey, Jericho.

For more information about the UVM Extension 4-H program, call the State 4-H Office at (802) 656-0311 or (800) 571-0668 (toll-free in Vermont).

Lamoille County Planning

Commission seeks County Directors

The Lamoille County Planning Commission (LCPC) is seeking nominees to fill County Director positions. LCPC provides planning, education, and research services for Lamoille County's 15 municipalities. We promote regional strategies, partnerships, and solutions to strengthen local communities and the region's competitiveness and quality of life. LCPC fosters intergovernmental collaboration among federal, state and local officials, delivers and manages various federal and state programs, and works to solve regional issues and to address the fundamental building blocks required for competitive and sustainable communities. LCPC's Board of Directors is a policy board with appointed representatives from local municipalities and elected at-large County Directors representing business, community, educational institutions, nonprofit sector, and the general public.

Annually, LCPC seeks nominees to fill its five County Director positions. If you would like to serve as a County Director, submit a brief "Letter of Interest" by June 20, 2012 to: LCPC Nominating Committee, PO Box 1637, Morrisville, VT 05661 or bonnie@lcpv.org. The Letter of Interest should include a short description of why you would like to serve on this board. The LCPC Board of Directors meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM. For more information about the LCPC, visit www.lcpv.org or call 802-888-4548.

Assistant Superintendent appointment

The Executive Committee of the Chittenden East Supervisory Union #12 is pleased to announce the appointment of Jennifer Botzojorns as Assistant Superintendent effective July 1, 2012. Ms. Botzojorns has served as Principal at Mount Mansfield Union High School for the past seven years. Her previous experience includes work as the MMU Assistant Principal and mathematics teacher. In addition to MMU, she has worked as: a team leader for the Act 60 Action Planning Institute in Montpelier; an adjunct faculty member at Trinity College; an administrator and teacher at Montpelier High School and a teacher, counselor and administrator at Rock Point School in Burlington. Ms. Botzojorns earned her bachelor's degree at Dartmouth College, and her Masters in Educational Leadership at the University of Vermont. She brings to the position extensive administrative experience, a well-developed educational philosophy and a love of and commitment to education and students. Jennifer lives in Bolton, Vermont with her husband Lars, and her son and daughter (age 18 and 22).

Principal appointment Mt. Mansfield Union High School

Mt. Mansfield Union School District #17 is pleased to announce the appointment of Michael Weston as Principal of Mt. Mansfield Union High School effective July 1, 2012. Mr. Weston has served as Assistant Principal at MMUHS for the past six years. His previous experience includes work as a teacher in the Burlington School District. Mr. Weston earned his Bachelors and Masters of Education at the University of Vermont. He brings to the position extensive experience in all aspects of secondary education including administration and teaching. Mike lives in Burlington, VT with his wife Wendy and children Isabella, McKenna and Sullivan.

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Kelly Brush Century

Ride set for September 8

The Kelly Brush Century Ride powered by VBT Bicycle and Walking Vacations is set for September 8, 2012 in Middlebury Vt. Now in its seventh year, the ride benefits adaptive athletes and supports spinal cord injury prevention.

Bicyclists and hand cyclists who participate in the ride help athletes with spinal cord injuries experience the benefits of sports through funding grants to purchase specialized equipment for skiing, cycling, bowling, rowing and even scuba diving. Providing adaptive athletes with the opportunity to participate in sports is a key aspect of the foundation's mission, said Kelly Brush Foundation President Charlie Brush.

"Conquering the challenges of paralysis through love of sport is an important goal of the Kelly Brush Foundation's adaptive equipment grant program," Brush said. "In addition to enjoying a fun and scenic ride through the Champlain Valley, participants in the Kelly Brush Century Ride have a positive impact on the lives of those with spinal cord injuries."

The ride not only benefits adaptive athletes, it also supports spinal cord injury prevention through raising awareness and helping to change the paradigm for ski racing safety across the country.

Last year, over 700 riders and 24 hand cyclists raised over \$275,000 for the Kelly Brush Foundation.

Funds raised from the ride have allowed the Kelly Brush Foundation to award grants for a wide array of adaptive sports equipment for individuals across the country. In addition, ski clubs at mountains from Maine to California have received grants for over 400 miles of netting to make race courses safer for all skiers.

The ride was started by the Middlebury College Ski Team as a way to raise money to buy an adaptive mono-ski for team member Kelly Brush, who was paralyzed as the result of a ski racing crash. Brush and her family later founded a non-profit, and the ride was opened to the public.

The scenic ride over gently rolling terrain in the Champlain Valley offers several distance options: 25, 50 or 100 miles, with options to ride 65 or 85 miles. In addition to members of the Middlebury College Ski Team, the ride sees strong participation from area ski academies, including Green Mountain Valley School, Burke Mountain Academy and Stratton Mountain School. New this year, riders can earn Patagonia clothing by reaching fundraising milestones.

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ART/PHOTOGRAPHY

There's Something in the Water, an exhibit of photography by Stephen Beattie, runs throughout June and July at Gallery 160 in Richmond. The photographer/owners of Gallery 160, Scott and Kelly Funk, are pleased to invite the public to an artist's reception, 5:00-7:00 PM on Friday June 15. **There's Something in the Water** will run through July 30, 2012. Gallery 160 is located at 160 East Main St. in Richmond, VT. Gallery hours are by chance or appointment; visitors are encouraged to call 434-6434 to make arrangements.

Join us June 15 at **6:00 PM** for the opening reception of Hal Mayforth and Eli Simon, a two person exhibition featuring sculptural installation, and painting. Please visit helenday.com for details.

There's Something in the Water An exhibit of photography by Stephen Beattie, June 1 – July 31; Artist's Reception, 5:00 – 7:00 pm, Friday June 15. Hosted by Gallery 160 - Original Photographs of Vermont and Beyond - 160 East Main Street in Richmond Hours by chance or appointment.

Emile A Gruppe Gallery presents an exhibition of watercolor and ink paintings by Harlad Aksdal, entitled Colors, Lines and Dots. The show will hang through June 17. The Gallery is located in Jericho Center, 22 Barber Farm Road. emilegruppegallery.com. 899 – 3211.

Bryan Memorial Gallery presents **Land and Light and Water and Air**, its annual juried landscape exhibition, in the Main Gallery, until July 8. The exhibit features 100 New England landscape paintings by 78 artists from all parts of the country. The exhibition includes cash awards and the Alden Bryan Memorial Medal for Best of Show.

Bryan Memorial Gallery is located at 180 Main Street, Jeffersonville, VT, and is open Thursday through Sunday, from 11-4, and by appointment at any time. Participating artists can be viewed at www.bryangallery.org. For more information call 802-644-5100.

Art 21 Season 6 Previews, Student Art Show / Impressed Vermont Printmakers 2012, Thursdays June 7 and June 21, 2012, first showing at 12:30 PM, second showing at 6:00 PM. Helen day Art Center, mail@helenday.com. Donations welcome.

Attention Photographers. The **Community Center in Jericho** will again be creating a Barn Calendar for 2013, as a fund-raiser. If you have a good photo of a Jericho barn, especially in winter or fall, please submit it for consideration. 4x6 photos are needed by June 15, and if the judges select your photo we prefer that you have a digital file for it. Photos must be horizontal to fit onto the 8 1/2 x 11 color calendar. Names of photographers will be included on the calendar. If you have questions, email JerryLaskyVT@Gmail.com or juliavblake@comcast.net. Send photos to Julia Blake, 18 Leary Rd., Jericho, VT 05465.

MUSIC/DANCE

Sunday June 10, 2012, **Young Tradition Vermont and Vermont Violins and the Burlington Violin Shop** will present David Boulanger and Paul Marchand at 6:00 PM at the Vermont Violin Shop at 23 Church Street in Burlington. To reserve a spot or for more information contact <http://www.youngtraditionvermont.org> or mrksustc@together.net.

Pianist Jacqueline Schwab, widely heard on Ken Burns' PBS documentaries, will perform solo at the Elley-Long Music in Colchester, VT. Schwab's Saturday June 9, 2012, 11:15 AM to 12:30 PM concert will be at **Elley-Long Music Center**, 223 Ethan Allen Avenue, Colchester, VT. \$10 at the door. For more information, contact valandtom@myfairpoint.net. For information on Schwab's work, see <http://www.jacquelineschwab.com>.

VSO Outdoor Summer Concerts –

Friday, June 29, Sugarbush Resort, Warren (*Presented by Sugarbush Resort*)

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Monday, July 2, Hildene Meadowlands, Manchester

Tuesday, July 3, Grafton Ponds, Grafton

Wednesday, July 4, Shelburne Farms, Shelburne

Thursday, July 6, Suicide Six, South Pomfret (*Co-presented with Pentangle Arts Council*)

Saturday, July 7, Three Stallion Inn, Randolph

Sunday, July 8, Trapp Concert Meadow, Stowe (*Co-presented with Stowe Performing Arts*)

THEATER/FILM

Green Candle Theatre Company, www.greencandletheatre.com, The Napoleon 2012, an Original Comedy; conceived of and directed by Aaron Masi, and designed and implemented by a wildly inspired group of Vermont artists. June 9, 2012 Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays, Evening shows, 8:00 PM; Saturdays, Matinees, 2:00 PM. Off Center for the Dramatic Arts, 294 North Winooski Avenue, Burlington, VT 05401, www.offcentervt.com, tickets on sale now www.flyntix.org. For more information visit greencandletheatre.com.

VSA Vermont will hold a benefit performance and celebrity introduction to raise funds for I am in Here, a unique film about communication by Mark Utter. An Evening of Letters with Mark Utter will be a witty interplay with keyboards that leads us into the rich, inner worlds of people who don't use speech to communicate. Jernigan Pontiac, a columnist for the Seven Days newspaper will be the guest performer. The event will take place on Thursday, June 14 at 7:00 pm, at Off Center for the Dramatic Arts, 294 N. Winooski Avenue, Burlington, VT. Tickets for the benefit are \$20 and will be available at the door.

After the show, Jernigan's books will be on sale, and he will be available to autograph them. People unable to attend but interested in supporting this project can go to www.kickstarter.com and plug "I am in Here" into the search box.

To learn more about what they do, go to www.vsavt.org.

CHILD FIND NOTICE 2012

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

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

- **Personally identifiable information will be protected by each school.**
 - **Personally identifiable information about people eligible, referred or considered for special education services is maintained.**
 - **Parents have the right to know what types of information have been designated as directory information (i.e. contained in a student's education record and is not generally considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if disclosed). This information includes the student's name (unless otherwise requested), address, phone number, date/place of birth, major field of study, participation in officially recognized activities/sports, weight/height, membership in athletic teams, dates of attendance, degrees/awards received, and the previous school attended.**
 - **Parents have the right to know the types and locations of educational records kept by the school and the titles and addresses of officials responsible for the records.**
 - **A list of the names and positions of employees within CCSU who have access to personally identifiable information shall be available for public inspection.**
 - **If anyone other than an authorized CCSU employee looks at the educational record of a child, that person shall so indicate by signing his/her name, date and purpose for reviewing the record on a form to become part of the education record.**
 - **Parental permission will be obtained prior to disclosing confidential information to anyone who is not an authorized employee of CCSU.**
 - **Information relevant to a child's specific disability (such as: medical information, intelligence test results, social/developmental history, comprehensive evaluation report and the individualized education program) will be part of the education record.**
 - **Personally identifiable information will be gathered from screenings, qualified diagnostic centers and other sources, as deemed necessary, to complete a comprehensive evaluation.**
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 - **Parents have the right to a response to reasonable requests for explanations and interpretations of the educational records.**
 - **Parents may obtain a copy of the educational record without a fee for copying, if a fee will be a financial burden and/or will prevent them from obtaining the records.**
 - **Parents have the right to request the education record be amended. The school district will decide whether to amend the record within a reasonable time of the request. If the district refuses to amend the record, it shall inform the parent and advise the parent of the right to a hearing. If, as a result of the hearing, it is found the educational record must be amended, the school district will amend the record and inform the parent in writing. If, as a result of the hearing, it is found the disputed information is not inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of the privacy right of the child, the school will inform the parent of his/her right to place in the educational record a written statement commenting on the information or stating any reasons for disagreeing with the results of the hearing. This written statement will become part of the educational record and will always be included whenever the contents of the education record is properly viewed or requested.**
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 - **Parents have the right to file a complaint with the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the CCSU to comply with this policy.**
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SENIOR NEWS

Recipes by Marian Tobin**Barbecue Roast**

1 1/2 lb ground beef
 1/2 cup bread crumbs
 salt and pepper to taste
 1 teaspoon baking powder
 1 tablespoon chopped onions
 1/2 cup milk
 1 egg, beaten. Mix all together but do not pack.
 Place in center of roaster and place onions, potatoes and carrots around it. (As many as you want for your family.)
 Cover with this sauce:
 1/2 cup tomato sauce
 1/2 cup water
 1 tablespoon brown sugar
 1/2 teaspoon dry mustard
 1 teaspoon Worcester sauce or vinegar and chili sauce instead.
 Bake 1 or 1 1/2 hours.
 (I cook my veggies nearly done before putting them with the meat in the oven.)

**June 2012 Community Senior Meals**

For more information call the Champlain Valley Agency on Aging at 865-0360

Thursday June 7

Bridge Street
 Richmond
 Check in 10:30
 Lunch 11:00

Cold Salad Plate, Cold Meat Rolled up with Roll, Macaroni or Potato Salad

Friday June 8

United Church
 Hinesburg
 12:00 noon

Beef & Cabbage Casserole, Mashed Potatoes, California Vegetables, Marble Rye Bread, Banana Cream Pie

Monday June 11

Covenant Church
 Essex Ctr.
 12:00 noon

Chicken and Vegetable Stir Fry, Brown Rice, Wheat Bread, Apple Crisp

Tuesday June 12

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

Wednesday June 13

Ponderosa
 Williston
 Check in 11:00 a.m.
 Lunch at 11:15 a.m.
 "all you can eat Buffet"

Red Cross donors recognized

Following are the names have recently received their gallons from American Red Cross Blood Services, New England Region: Ramon Astillero, Jericho, VT; and Matasha Thomas, Cambridge VT.

Thursday June 14

Holiday Inn
 So. Burlington
 11:00 a.m. check in
 11:30 a.m. lunch
 Turkey Dinner

Friday June 15

First Day of Summer Celebration
 10:00 a.m.-
 1:30 p.m.

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Monday June 18

Covenant Church Essex Ctr. 12:00 noon Denise's Macaroni & Beef Soup, Carrot & Fruit Salad, Biscuit, Fruit-Filled Cookie

Papa Nicks 3:00 p.m. Cold Plate

Tuesday June 19

T-Bones
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 10:30 a.m. check in
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 Chicken Stuffed Manicotti

Tuesday June 20

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June 27, Bread and Bones - Bread and Bones is a harmony driven acoustic trio that plays original music with a strong traditional-roots foundation.

July 11, Phil Henry - Phil Henry crafts rich and sweeping song with beautiful chords and a big acoustic sound, played on instruments he often makes by hand. He's played the big stages - Kerrville, Falcon Ridge - and won song contests like SolarFest and Susquehanna and this is his second visit to our park!

July 14, Carol Ann Jones - Singer and songwriter with a superb voice, she sings rock/country/jazz and blues to entertain us all.

July 25, Folk by Association - Back for the third time, guitar-and-mandolin-wielding duo sing foot stompin' Folk / Bluegrass / Roots music.

August 1, Ed Moore and family - Our favorite family performs Swing jazz at its best...need we say more?

August 8, The Willoughbys - A four-piece band playing music from the Americana songbook, they weave their vocal harmonies together with guitars, accordion, mandolin, violin, lap steel, congas, acoustic bass, and cello.

Concerts will be canceled with a forecast of severe thunderstorms or heavy rain. Check our website for cancelations. Please call the Jericho Underhill Park District with any questions 802-899-2693

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of the medical staff. A Copley employee for 24 years, her peers describe her as extremely passionate about the peri-natal care she provides.

Susan Edwards of Health Information Management was honored with the Goddard Family Award, an award that recognizes excellence in a non-nursing position. Dr. Silverstein shared how impressed the Medical Staff was with how Edwards tackled coding-related education this past year. She began her career at Copley in 2002 as a Medical Transcriptionist. It was here that she discovered her interest in coding.

During the event, Copley also recognized and thanked employees for their years of service. Two employees in particular; Mary Smith and Shirley Draper, were celebrated for their dedication to Copley.

Mary Smith was recognized for her 40 years of service to Copley. Mary started as one of the "high school kids working as an aide in the kitchen," said Patashnick. Smith continued her education by taking courses and has since served as a dietary technician. A friendly face recognized by many in the community, Smith quickly connects with patients, putting them at ease.

Shirley Draper, LNA, was honored for her 55 years of service. Draper started at Copley in the Birthing Center, where she sterilized nipples and made infant formula for 20 years before moving to Outpatient Services. "Her Copley family describes her as an exquisite team player," shared Patashnick. "She jumps right in to help make everything run smoothly." Draper's peers also shared an example of her commitment: on the day of her own surgery; she worked right up until she had to go!

Also recognized were:

35 Years of Service: Cheryl Holton; John Kaeding, MD; Nancy Lemieux; Max Paine and Lucille Peatman; 30 Years of Service: Linda Briggs and Maxine Smith; 25 Years of Service: Wendy Andres; Karen Broderick; Elizabeth Cookson; Sharon Davis; David Decicucis and Debra Kipp; 20 Years of Service: Susan Alexander; Betty Ewen; Regina Foy; Bernie Quinlan; Frances Roy; Barbara Shane; Jeanne Stearns and Cynthia Waring; 15 Years of Service: Carolyn Dessureau; Roger Hale; Ann Kerbs; Ruth Roy; Nancy Sweeney; Rebecca Tatel and Katherine Thompson; 10 Years of Service: Rebecca Ainsworth; Jean Audet; Susan Edwards; Conrad Garven; Marylizbeth Hamacher; Leon Pacifici; J. Kay Pryor; Selina Rooney; Joan West and Karen Westervelt; 5 Years of Service: Ellen Adams; Justin Berry; Leeanna Chaves; Chandelle Churchill; Linda Clark; Jennifer Dale; Judy Danforth; Nedra Dunton; Louise Feldman; Thomas Frank; Lisa Gould; Rebecca Greene; Claire Hancock; Robert Hoadley; Teresa Hoadley; Christy Kirsch; Kimberly Klemmer; Kimberly Lambert; Barbara Laplume; Craig Luce; Tanya Morin; Steven Ogden; Charles Osler; Diana Paquette; Melvyn Patashnick; Elinor Walsh; Heidi Wehr Kubalova and Nicole West

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in groups. Stebbins also said they can start as early as eleven or twelve years old and become experienced by the time they're teenagers.

While there's no specific model, most burglars seem to fit this age profile. "Most people we arrest for burglary are in their late teens and early twenties," Lt. Thomas said. Thomas added that young burglars typically work within their own community while older, more hardened thieves often travel from town to town and prefer towns like Jericho because of the affluence and number of "soft targets." A soft target is a home set off in the woods or at the end of a dead end road that is accessible by a long driveway. The house is not visible from the road nor from a neighbor's house or yard.

Having cased the home or armed with knowledge from local high school kids who know the family the burglars know the adults work during the day and the kids are at school. According to Lt. Thomas, this is a very typical scenario. Because most burglars try hard to avoid breaking into occupied homes most burglaries occur during the daytime, Thomas said.

Their M.O. is simple, yet effective. According to Thomas, burglars will park their car off-site, hike through the woods to the back yard of the target home, and enter through the rear either by finding an open door or window or simply by breaking down the door or breaking the window. "Glass never deterred a burglar," Thomas said.

"If an alarm goes off, they'll do a quick smash and grab," Stebbins added.

Before entering the house the burglars would have screened the neighborhood, typically by driving around looking for good targets, and most important, they would have determined that no one was home in their target house. This is key, Stebbins noted. "They'll knock on your door and if you actually show up and surprise them they'll say their car broke down or they're looking for a friend's house," he said. "If no one answers they will knock again and again until they are certain the home is unoccupied."

Next the burglars will place one or two spotters on the road to call and alert them if they see a cop or a car driving down the road toward the target home. If that happens, the burglars will leave quickly through the rear door and go off into the woods and back to their car, with your belongings.

Stebbins also noted that some burglars, especially young teens, operate on bicycles, typically with empty backpacks; empty, that is, until they fill them with your cash, small change, prescription drugs and other easily-fenced valuables, like small electronics and jewelry.

"They'll break into your home and take your cash and oxycontin or anything that has oxy on the label," Stebbins said. "They'll take your high blood pressure medication... anything that's in a prescription pill bottle. They'll clean out your medicine cabinet, throw everything in a back pack, and they're gone."

If there is a common thread on which most law enforcement people in Vermont seem to agree it is that prescription drugs are at the root of most burglaries in Vermont.

"Prescription drug addiction is the number one problem we are facing in Vermont," Thomas

said. Vermont States Attorney, T.J. Donovan, believes that's an accurate assessment. "Prescription drug abuse is a major factor in burglaries," he added.

Stebbins said the amount of time a burglar will spend in your home varies from just a few minutes to a half-hour, depending on how secure they are about not getting caught, not that the fear of getting caught is a deterrent. Lt. Stebbins believes it's not.

"People don't have the same fear of getting caught they did twenty or thirty years ago."

In 2007, State Police arrested forty-year old Jericho resident, Jeffrey Mann, and charged him with multiple burglaries in Jericho and Underhill. Mann was convicted and sentenced to 90 days in jail with 2 years probation and he had to make restitution to his victims. But Mann is the exception. According to both Lt. Stebbins and Lt. Thomas, most burglars, especially kids, do not go to jail.

"Vermont is not a pro-law enforcement state," Thomas said. "There are a lot of people who should be going to jail but don't. As police officers we get frustrated when people who commit these burglaries don't receive jail sentences."

Donovan admitted his hands are tied. "It's not a perfect system," he said. But he added the problem is due to the complexity of dealing with so many young criminals. "There are no easy answers especially when dealing with young people." Donovan said offenders under the age of 18 can be sentenced to serve from 30 days to 6 months for a burglary conviction, but more typically will be diverted to work camps, community service, or they'll receive probation. "Some get jail time, some don't," Donovan said. "It depends on lots of factors; whether they're in school, have a job. Do they have prior arrests?"

Donovan said the goal is to try to place youthful offenders back into the community. "We have to balance punishment with looking toward the future."

Incarceration is a double edged sword, Thomas admits. "Jail is not always the best place for 16 or 17 year olds," he said. Thomas said jail can often be a breeding ground for a life of crime.

"Jails are like crime schools," Stebbins said. "It's like going to college. By the time you graduate from jail, you're an expert."

Thomas added that while it's unfortunate, diversion and rehabilitation don't always work either and kids often go back to burglarizing people's homes once they come out of the system. Thomas also said when homeowners become victims they naturally turn to the State Police for answers, and a solution, even though the State Police are powerless to do anything once they turn the criminals over to the court system.

"The laws are in place," Thomas said. "If the public doesn't like the laws they need to get in the ear of the judges and the legislators. People always blame the police. I make sure we do our job."

Next issue: Part III We'll look at some of the things homeowners can do to reduce the odds they'll be the next burglary victim.

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Eric sawing wood.

in 2009 and didn't finish. In 2010 Stuart received a last minute call from Joe Decker of California requesting that he crew for Joe. Joe won that year. Both of the Ashleys came back for more fun in 2011. Stuart had a traumatic injury to his hand that caused him to visit the hospital instead of the finish line. Eric improved his batting average to 500 by finishing.

Since the two are considered veterans of this event, they are sought by newbies for tips on how to be successful. To get folks into the right mindset they have adopted a standard answer to the common question: "What is the Death Race like"... "the Death Race is an event that you don't know when the start is, you don't know what you have to do and you don't know when or where the finish is."

Often potential competitors ask how to train for The Death Race. A lot of these people want to make the event fit into a sensible box like other athletic pursuits that they have experienced. It won't. The winner in '07; a US Olympic alpine skier from Vt stated passionately: "The Death Race is, by far, the hardest thing I have ever done in my life". The winner in '09 had just dropped down into Pittsfield from the Long Trail with his girlfriend to resupply. He happened to meet one of the two key people that make this thing happen; Joe Desena. Joe convinced both hikers to stay and take part. A level of physical fitness is important, but far more important is what goes on between the ears while all forms of

stress, pain & misery are being experienced by the body. In '09, Eric was in a river section with a bike frame around his neck and a tree stump tied to his pack. He made no forward progress for about 30 minutes due to multiple, complete submersion falls. Finally he laughed at himself and decided he was done.

There have been teenagers, as well as 60 year olds taking part. There are now almost as many women as men competing. The folks at Peak Races; the company that runs the event, claim a 20% finish rate. In 2011, 35 of the 154 starters finished in about 45 hours after covering 40-50 miles... a lot of that with a pet log in tow.

A theme has been adopted for each year. Last year it was World Religion. This year the theme is Betrayal. In 2013 it is Gambling. Wow!

So why would any person in their right mind pay money to take part in this kind of craziness? Maybe because it is so crazy. Maybe because of the challenge & spiciness that can be found here that isn't found in most people's day-to-day routine.

We are not sure. What we do know is that if you come race this year on June 15 it is guaranteed to rock your world!... last year competitors lifted 100,000lbs of rocks over 5 hours.

Visit peakraces.com, runrace.net or get in touch with Andy Weinberg, race director extraordinaire and tell them that the Ashleys sent you.

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sometimes made up stories, such as imagining that the Keith Agency housed some spies and conjecturing that the original inhabitants of the Victorian house next door to the school must have worn jewelry every day because their house was so fancy.

Head teacher Michele Campbell said the school likes to spend a long time on individual projects to give children the opportunity for in-depth learning. "If you give them some time, they can pretty much knock your socks off," she said. Campbell was amazed at the children's grasp of architectural details. She said parents often reported that their kids would point things out in the neighborhood they had not noticed. Regarding the house next door to the school, one child noted that the banisters had both triangles

and squares.

On May 5, the children sat proudly in front of their creations as families and friends walked around the room and asked questions. 20 Representatives from the buildings themselves were also invited and Pastor Stephen Cousino admired the replica of the United Pentecostal Church on Route 15 where he serves. Afterwards, the children got to bring their structures home. Young Eli Conti sat proudly before his reconstruction of the Saxon Hill School which he had made using cardboard boxes, paint and tiles, and proclaimed the project the most fun he had had at school. "I am always amazed with the thinking and focus of our 4 and 5 year olds," said Campbell. "I learn from them daily."

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by Richard Mindell
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will return in the June 21 paper.
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