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Cambridge revitalization

By Phyl Newbeck
Special to the Mountain Gazette

On March 21, 30 members of the Cambridge and Jeffersonville communities met at 158 Main to discuss the future of their area. Cambridge Artists and Entrepreneurs (CAE) sponsored a panel discussion entitled *Cambridge Revitalization* led by Caitlin Lovegrove of Rural Vermont, Michael Moser of the Cambridge Planning Commission, and Kim Martin of the Jeffersonville Village Board of Trustees. Among the subjects discussed was the potential development of wi-fi hot spots in town, the creation of an Economic Development Advisory Committee, and the purchase of the old Windridge Tennis Center with the goal of creating a community center.

CAE holds monthly meetings on topics of concern to the community. President Justin Marsh said the plan had been to make wi-fi the focus of this meeting but a variety of other ideas for promoting economic development were raised as well. The hope is that development of wi-fi hot spots or zones might help bring tourists and tourist dollars into town. Caitlin Lovegrove of Rural Vermont explained how these zones have worked in similarly-sized communities. After the meeting, several attendees walked around Jeffersonville and suggested spots that would be suitable for service.

Another topic of discussion at the meeting was the Village of Jeffersonville's plans to purchase the old Bell Gates property. A purchase and sales agreement has been drafted and Kim Martin hopes that some development compatible with the historic village can occur in the portion of the property that is out of the flood plain. After the annual Village Meeting in May, there may be a more detailed plan about how to continue. In addition, Jeffersonville is working on a sidewalk scoping study to make the village more accessible and pedestrian friendly, and allow children to walk to school safely. Lighting design changes may accompany the sidewalk project as part of a village beautification measure.

Another project on the table is the creation of an Economic Development Advisory Committee, which was proposed by Cambridge Select Board Chair Larry Wyckoff. While Martin would like to see the group be composed of representatives from the governing bodies of Cambridge and Jeffersonville as well as local business groups and/or businesses, Wyckoff – who dislikes the term revitalization because he believes it implies that Cambridge is in poor shape – sees this as an independent group rather than one tied to government. He has solicited letters from those interested in serving and expects the Select Board to create an 8-12 person committee by mid-April. He is currently working on a mission statement for the group. Ideally, the committee will come up with a thumbnail sketch of ideas in three months and a prioritized list of ideas after half a year, with the goal of giving the Select Board some action points. "I'm a firm believer that the dog wags the tail, not the other way around," said Wyckoff. "The Select Board has to show leadership in this area."

The meeting also touched on long-term plans to build a community center. In late January, John Dunn and Russ Weir purchased the old Windridge Tennis Center, which closed in 1999. They have received their local flood zoning permit and are currently working on their Act 250 permit. The next step will be to solicit donations and/or investors to make the vision of a community center a reality. Dunn and Weir spent \$330,000 for the purchase but will need additional help to transform the dorms and sports center into a usable facility. Because they have invested a sizeable amount of money, they have created a corporation rather than a non-profit although Dunn said they would be willing to turn the center over to a non-profit or a municipality if they recoup the funds they have spent. "This is a transitional phase," said Dunn. "It will require a creative jigsaw puzzle solver to put it together."

Dunn and Weir have had discussions with a number of non-profit groups including the after-school program for use of the dorms but have not had any similar talks regarding the sports center, which they envision as a gymnasium with sports-related classes and indoor activities such as tennis, volleyball, and soccer on a multi-purpose surface. The hope is that the dorm space will be used for community classes in areas like art, language, and computers, although there is also the possibility of adding a health and well-being office if there is additional space. Dunn said they are looking for investors but are considering pre-selling gym memberships as a way to raise money while also investigating the option of tax credits. "It's a big challenge and realistically it will take at least a year," Dunn said. "This is a journey as much as a destination so it will be a challenge to the community to help us make it happen."

For more information on CAE, visit their website at [www.cambridgevt.com](http://cambridgevt.com) or attend their monthly meetings (September through June) on the third Thursday of every month at 7:45 AM on the second floor of 158 Main.

BRMS students experience being homeless



Julia Wright, Casey Little, Ava Esmay. Too cool for school! These girls love BRMS sooo much, they spent 28 hours there from Thursday to Friday! More photos page 8.

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National Medalist of the 2014 Scholastic Art Awards



Jack Fagnant's creative abilities have been recognized for an animated video "Whatever Come To Mind." PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

We are pleased to announce the selection of Jack Fagnant for winning the National Gold Medal for Vermont and American Visions Medal. Jack was chosen for this prestigious award for his high level of achievement in animation.

The National 2014 Scholastic Art & Writing Awards were announced on March 20 to recognize creative teens in the United States. Submissions are judged by panelists who look for works that best exemplify originality, technical skill, and the emergence of a personal voice or vision. For the past two years, Jack has spent his spare time making a variety of videos.

"I simply draw, take photos, and use a stop-motion app on my iPad or iPhone for fun," said Jack. He joins an impressive list of prestigious artists like Andy Warhol, Lena Dunham, and Kay WalkingStick who have earned the National Gold Medal. Jack's

Copley recognized as HEALTHSTRONG hospital

For the third year in a row, Copley Hospital in Morrisville has been named by iVantage Health Analytics as a HEALTHSTRONG hospital. Copley is the only Vermont hospital included in the 547 hospitals receiving the honor.

This recognition highlights top performing hospitals rated as part of the iVantage's Hospital Strength Index.™ The Hospital Strength Index™ is a comprehensive rating system of hospitals, measuring them across 66 different performance metrics, including quality, outcomes, patient perspective, affordability and efficiency. The study uses publicly available data to measure more than 4299 acute care hospitals, including 1300 rural and Critical Access Hospitals.

"Copley focuses on patient-centered care, emphasizing quality, outcomes, and satisfaction," says Melvyn Patashnick, Copley Hospital President and CEO. "I celebrate this recognition with our physicians, staff, trustees, and our entire community. It is a testament that our collaborative efforts are making a difference to Copley and to the community that we serve."

According to the 2014 Index, hospitals are advancing toward higher and better performance. More hospitals than ever before are achieving sustained benchmark performance. In previous years, the award was for the "Top 100 Hospitals," but iVantage found this year that 547 hospitals are performing at the level defined as a "HealthStrong Hospital."

Copley Hospital is greater Lamoille County's non-profit community hospital. For more about Copley Hospital, visit [www.copleyvt.org](http://copleyvt.org) or call 802-888-8888.

For more information on the Hospital Strength Index™ methodology, study, and list of 2014 HEALTHSTRONG Hospitals, visit www.iVantageHealth.com.

animated video *Whatever Come To Mind* will be on exhibit at Parsons New School for Design on June 6-7 coinciding with the national celebration at Carnegie Hall and Special Scholastic Awards Feature at Times Square. The National Ceremony at Carnegie Hall will webcast on June 6 at 6:00 PM at [www.artandwriting.org](http://artandwriting.org).

"Our students demonstrate their creativity and artistic talents every day at Browns River Middle School," said Joyce Babbitt, BRMS librarian. "I'm so proud of Jack for taking the steps to share his amazing animation." Babbitt encourages students to submit their work each year to this national competition. Teenagers in grades 7-12 get the chance to earn scholarships and have their works nationally exhibited. We congratulate Jack Fagnant for his outstanding accomplishment!

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We will not be receiving any phone books but are told to use 411 or their internet services.

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UNDERHILL JERICHO FIRE DEPT.**By Kitty Clark**

We were saddened to learn on Wednesday night that two firefighters lost their lives in a fire in Boston, MA and several were injured. Our thoughts and prayers go out to their brother firefighters and to their families. May God bless them.

EMERGENCY CALLS

March 13, 10:03 PM: Responded to an accident, intersection of Browns Trace and Barber Farm Rd., Jericho

March 14, 8:11 AM: Responded to 211 Browns Trace for a two-vehicle accident, Jericho

March 14, 1:36 PM: Responded to 31 Mountain Vista Rd., Underhill for a carbon monoxide alarm

March 18, 7:17 AM: Responded to a two-vehicle accident, VT Rt. 15 and River Road, Jericho

March 18, 11:31 AM: EMS, Jericho

March 18, 1:03 PM: EMS, Jericho

March 19, 3:00 PM: Mutual aid to 5470 St. George Rd., Williston, barn fire

March 23, 4:00 AM: Responded to 94 Barber Farm Rd., Jericho for a carbon monoxide alarm

March 25, EMS, Essex Junction

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DRILLS

March 18, Tuesday night drill: SCBA endurance similar to the one at muster games. The new apprentice members met with Randy H. Clark.

March 25, Tuesday night drill: classroom on Wild Land Fires with Dan Dillner. Dan spoke on Fire Danger Reports, and the Red Flag Warnings for spring and fall, which are: winds above 25 mph; relative humidity below 30%; and rainfall amounts from the previous five days less than .25 inches. He explained what "LCES" means – L is for Look out, C is for Communicate, E is for Escape route, and S is for Safety zone. Dan then showed a video titled "Oh it's just a grass fire." A grass fire reported is never to be taken lightly, they can become very dangerous. Also, new apprentice members met with Randy H. and Frank to learn about traffic control.

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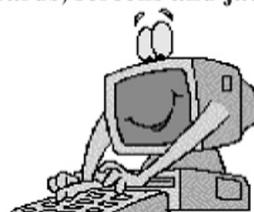
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Celebrating 10 Years in Business

Misfortune or Opportunity?**By Suzanne Kusserow****Senior Guest Columnist**

My last essay ("A Walk in Winter – Time") for the *Mountain Gazette* is hot off the press, as the saying goes. Perhaps, in view of subsequent events, it should have been lukewarm off the typewriter.

Let me give you some background. My writing technique is as follows: I scribble out the first draft, making corrections as I go past the lined papers on the kitchen counter, while making a quickie grilled cheese for our second 'informal dinner' this week. Next, I type the rough draft on the computer (also sitting on the kitchen counter) making a few more corrections, as well as making another grilled cheese... the piece de resistance... for our third 'informal dinner' this week. Then, I send it on to my loyal editors who have always answered promptly with questions, ideas, cross-outs and syntactical corrections. They are as yet unpaid and will probably remain so, since they are my children on whom I spent enough on syntactical education so that I feel I deserve a free ride now. This time the emails came back with fairly lengthy comments: "I think the theme gets lost, Mom." "How are you using that word... better look it up and see where you are/not going with it." "You do love commas, don't you... and ellipses." "Philosophy is not quite your thing, particularly at your age." "Have you thought of going back into nursing? You were so good at it!" And they were right on (in general). I never realized how leveling it is when you find out your kids are brighter and can write better than you. Age seems to have few benefits and power nowadays.

Of course, at this point before such superior guidance reached me, I had already sent the essay to a long list of friends and sufferers. So, after wading through editors' comments, I felt an obligation to send another e-mail to this long list, apologizing for taking up their time with such poor writing. It was a major technological undertaking, since I had to look up the e-mail addresses for each one... again! (You're kidding... there really are quicker ways than that?) But what else could I do with my reputation on the line?

To this humble contrite message, I've had some interesting replies: "Sue, I'd go for a winter walk with you anytime." "I love it." And some rather pithy comments: "No need to apologize for your lapses in insight." "It was terribly delightful, dear, but sometimes I do have trouble understanding them." "So, what was the theme?" "I am genuinely respectful of you, Sue, but have you thought how cruel it was to subject your dogs to a long walk in the cold?" The comments that included the word 'love' or a kind of "Keep On Truckin'" attitude were usually my loyal family; not that they lack discrimination, but I could write the alphabet and they'd like it.

So, to honor the title of this essay, gentle readers, I need your help: your honest, unbiased, pleasantly-couched, short responses. ("Pithy" is out; suggestions for new careers for me and for the editorial board are in poor taste; sciolism is definitely out.) To this end, I am forming an online rewriting club (KuReC) consisting of me and anyone else who wishes to join.

1. E-mail me (suekusserow@gmail.com) for a copy of the rewrite (which I had quickly forwarded to Brenda Boutin, our hard-working editor... but it was too late to substitute.)

2. With your request, you will automatically become a charter member of an online rewrite club (KuReC), which presently consists of me and the other loyal 19 members who regularly read my column (six are family, but they use pseudonyms).

Thank you.
Suzanne Kusserow, Senior Columnist

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COMMUNITY COLUMNS**Build up your immunity****to vaccine myths****By Lewis First, M.D.***Chief of Pediatrics at Vermont Children's Hospital*

Parents nowadays are reading lots about vaccinations – some of it factual and some less so. This week I thought I'd take my best shot at doing some myth-busting when it comes to separating vaccine fact from vaccine fiction.

Before I start, I do want to remind everyone of the fact that vaccines help prevent many serious infectious diseases and save lives.

Yet many parents are concerned because they've heard that a child's immune system will be weaker if they get vaccinated. This is not true. Many studies show that the body's immune system stays strong after a vaccine and can rev up to keep your child healthy if the germ we have vaccinated your child against invades their body. In addition, being vaccinated to one disease does not weaken your child's ability to respond to another disease.

Another myth is that a child will get the disease from a vaccine that is supposed to prevent that disease. If the vaccine is made with killed parts of the germ we are trying to protect your child from, then it is impossible for your child to get the disease. If it is made from a weakened or mild live form of a virus like the chicken pox or measles vaccine, then it's extremely rare to get the disease. If your child contracts the disease after being vaccinated and your child's immune system is otherwise normal, it will be a very mild form of the illness and not come with the severity of symptoms that might occur if your child got the disease and was not vaccinated against it.

Some parents feel they need not vaccinate their child since their children are healthy and since others are vaccinated in the community – the idea being those who are vaccinated will protect those who are unvaccinated. This is not true. Each child who goes unvaccinated increases the chance that a life-threatening germ will be able to spread in the community, especially to older children and adults vaccinated years ago who can then further spread the illness throughout the community. This is what happened even last year when there were whooping cough outbreaks around the country, including in Vermont.

Finally there is the ongoing myth that vaccines cause autism. This has been disproven time and time again in numerous excellent scientific studies. There is no evidence linking vaccines to autism.

Hopefully tips like this will "de-myth-tify" vaccines so you have a better understanding of why vaccinations are one of the most important things you can do to keep your children healthy.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**Underhill Automotive business closed****To the Editor,**

The rumor is right. I had been trying to sell the business for a while, and finally had a serious buyer. It was my intention to pass ownership to someone who would enjoy working in Underhill and Jericho as much as I have for the past 21 years. But, as fate would have it, my landlord decided to sell the building, so the business had to close.

I will miss the great customers and their families who I have come to know over the years and wish I could say good-bye under better conditions.

But AJ will be setting up shop in Wayne Russin's building, about three miles east of Underhill Automotive on VT Rt. 15, on the right side of the road. Hopefully our great customers will make the move with him.

I live in NY with my wife, her son, and grandson (and a bulldog and horses as you know), and will be looking for work over here.

If anyone goes to Plattsburgh, I am not far from the ferry, call and drop by. Thanks again to all of you for so many good years.

Roger Morin
Underhill (formerly)

Relocate Jericho Town Meeting?**Dear Editor,**

Tossing out this thought and wondering how others in Jericho would agree or disagree?

Should the citizens of the Town of Jericho place on the agenda to consider moving the Town Meeting location from JES to MMUHS (in the Auditorium)? Parking and better seating are two positive components to consider that may make this move attractive!

The downside may be more of a burden for the Town Clerk's office in transporting polling materials (voting "booths", etc.) a greater distance?

I hope this will spark some discussion.

Robert (Bob) Devost, Jericho

COLLEGE NOTES

Megan Miller of Jeffersonville, VT, earned a Bachelor of Arts with a focus in Liberal Studies from Union Institute & University.

Meghan Bartlett of Jericho, VT, has been named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2013 semester at Saint Anselm College, Manchester, NH.

Abigail Wintersteen of Jericho, VT, has been named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2013 semester at Saint Anselm College, Manchester, NH.

Jessica Austin of Westford, VT, a Writing, Literature, and Publishing major at Emerson College in Boston, MA, has been named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2013 semester.



On April 13, the UVM Figure Skating Club will end their competitive season by presenting their annual spring show at Gutterson Arena. The show will include a performance by the UVM synchronized skating team, the Catamount Blades, as well as several solo skaters, many of whom have taken part in several collegiate competitions this year. The show begins at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$5 with children under five admitted free of charge.

Thursday-Sunday, April 3-6

"Urinetown," the hilarious musical with an unfortunate title. The Mount Mansfield Union High School Theatre performances are Thursday, April 3-Saturday, April 5, 7:30 PM, and Sunday, April 6, 2:00 PM. Tickets are \$6 for students and children, \$8 general admission. Tickets available at the MMU main office or online at <https://sites.google.com/a/cesuvt.org/mmu-theatre-department/home/ticket-order-form>.

Thursday, April 3

Community Soup & Bread Supper – Eat in or take out. Variety of soups and breads. First Thursday of the month, 4:30-7:00 PM, Covenant Community Church, VT Rt. 15, Essex (across from John Leo's). Donations to continue this ministry gladly accepted. <http://www.jerichocovenantchurch.org/>

Friday, April 4

Easter Eggstravaganza, 1:00-3:00 PM, Essex Junction Senior Center. Make your own blown out egg using a fun technique. All materials are provided. Members \$1; non-members \$2. Contact 878-6940 to register.

Saturday April 5

Children/Family Story Time, Saturdays April 5, 12, 19, and 26, 11:00 AM, Phoenix Books, 191 Bank St., Burlington. Free. Information - www.phoenixbooks.biz or 448-3350.

Sunday April 6

First Annual Children's Tea Party, 12:00-2:00 PM. (Not the political tea party!) Easter Hat contest and children's crafts/games. Free to the community/public for the children and any adults that wish to attend. Please contact us to reserve a seat at the party. Shawna Lamphere 730-5309; Deb Tilton 849-6095; email eagles3210@myfairpoint.net.

Community Breakfast, 9:00-11:00 AM, VFW Post 6689, 73 Pearl St., Essex Junction (across from Big Lots). Sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars. All are invited, both members and non-members! Adults \$6, children \$3. Call 878-0700 for more information.

Vermont Italian Club 5th Annual Pasta Dinner and raffle with live music, 5:00-7:30 PM, Elks Club, 385 North Ave., Burlington. Celebrate Italian culture and share a Sunday afternoon at Nonna's

ONGOING EVENTS**ADULT ACTIVITIES**

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

Drop-In Watercolor Painting, every third Saturday, 9:00-11:00 AM, River Arts Center, 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 VT Rt. 109 Friday nights. Doors open at 5:30 PM. Bingo starts at 7:00 PM. For information contact Sally, 644-5377.

Essex Art League meets the first Thursday of the month, from 9:00 – 11:00 am, at the Essex Junction Congregational Church, 39 Main St. (VT Rt. 15), Essex Jct. The meeting agenda includes a business and social time, and features a guest artist presentation. A detailed calendar, listing featured speakers, is published on the League's website www.essexartleague.com. For information, 862-3014.

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.

Mt. Mansfield Scale Modelers gather on the third Thursday of the month from 6:30-8:30 PM. Modelers encompassing all categories of interest and skill levels are welcome. Brownell Library, Kolvord Community Room, Lincoln St., Essex Junction.

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 VT Rt. 15 in Underhill Flats. Women interested in sharing Christian prayer and discussions are welcome. Contact Julianne Nickerson at 899-3798 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.

The **Underhill Historical Society** meets at the Underhill Town Hall on the second Monday of the month, 6:30 PM. Anyone welcome.

HEALTH EVENTS & GROUPS

Al-Anon meetings in Jericho, Thursdays, 10:00 AM, Jericho United Methodist Church, and Saturdays, 10:00 AM, Jericho United Methodist Church.

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

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

Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting, "The Firing Line" group meets Saturdays, 8:00-9:00 PM, Maple Leaf Farm, 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.

Brain Injury Support Group - offer survivors and family members, caregivers, friends, and the community a place to come and receive valuable resources and information about brain injury. The support group is a place to share experiences in a safe, secure and confidential environment. Meets the fourth Friday of the month at the YMCA in Winooski from 11:00 AM-noon, the first

COMING EVENTS

house. Antipasto plates, penne pasta with Alfredo, pesto, marinara sauce, hearty meat sauce, plus just plain butter and parmesan for the less adventuresome, and fresh salad. Dessert of homemade cannoli with ricotta cheese filling and Italian biscotti and pizzelli cookies made by club members. Cash bar with Italian wines by the glass or bottle. Open to members and non-members. Reservations deadline April 3. For tickets and more information go to www.vermontitalianclub.org (events) or call Audry, 802-922-5005.

Annual Spring Breakfast – Monkton Volunteer Fire Department, 8:00-11:00 AM at the fire station. Menu: egg casserole, scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, plain and blueberry pancakes with pure maple syrup, juices, milk, coffee, tea, doughnuts and cookies. Come to enjoy good food and good conversation with family, friends and neighbors. For more information, contact Charlie Huizinga Sr. at 877-2888.

Greek Pastry Sale & Dinner, pastry sale starts at 10:00 AM. Includes Baklava, Spinach Pie, Melomakarona, Dinner Starts at 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM. Includes Chicken Souvlaki & Beef Gyro Dinner. Greek Orthodox Church, Burlington, 862-2155.

Thursday, April 10

Reading, McCarthy Arts Center, Saint Michael's College, Colchester, 8:30 PM. Edwin Torres and T. Urayoán Noel will read and perform in a free public event in the recital hall. For information, contact Kristin Dykstra at kdykstra@smcvt.edu.

Saturday, April 12

Cambridge Area Rotary BUNCO FUNdraiser, 10:00 AM-7:00 PM, the (heated!) Barn at Boyden's, VT Rt. 15 & 104, Cambridge. Join us to support club activities with BUNCO, Silent Auction, Prizes, Raffles. Snacks; cash bar for beer and wine at the event. Tickets are available at Jack F. Corse Inc., Cambridge Village Market, The Varnum Library, Susan Lassiter at the Union Bank, Anita Lotto, from any Cambridge Area Rotarian, or message us on our Facebook event page to make arrangements for tickets. For event information including cost, visit our facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/events/727721030586028/>.

Thursday, April 17

Green Writers Press Celebration Party, 7:00 PM, Phoenix Books Burlington, 191 Bank St., Burlington. Meet the publisher

Wednesday of the month at Fanny Allen in Colchester from 5:30-7:30 PM, and the second Tuesday of the month at the Saint Albans Diner in Saint Albans. Call the BIAVT help line at 877-856-1772.

International Cesarean Awareness Network supporting mothers and families recovering from or learning about cesareans and vbac's. Maitri Health Care in South Burlington. For more information email ICANvt@gmail.com or call Jessilyn at 644-6700.

Overeaters Anonymous meets 6:00-7:00 PM, Wednesdays, Jericho United Methodist Church, VT Rt. 15, Jericho. TOPS Chapter 145 Jeffersonville meets at 6:15 PM Thursdays at the Eagles Club, VT Rt. 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, 5:30 PM, Northwestern Medical Center, Conference Room #1, St. Albans. RSVP at 524-8479.

Lamoille Home Health & Hospice: Offering Hospice Volunteer Training. Health care professionals for the area will be sharing their knowledge and passion for hospice. Please contact Charlene at 888-4651 or ccamire@lhha.org for more information.

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 more information, Fern Mercure, 524-0719.

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

Tobacco Cessation Classes, Wednesdays from 5:00-6:00 PM in the Cambridge Regional Health Center Conference Rm. This is a free, four-session, ongoing class. Free nicotine replacement is available for participants. For more information or to sign up contact Rorie Dunphy at 644-5114 or Shannon Chauvin at 253-4853 x147.

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

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Saturday, April 26

Quebec Genealogy Records at Library & Archives, Canada class, 10:30 AM-12:00 PM, VT Genealogy Library, Hegeman Ave., Fort Ethan Allen, Colchester. Research archivist, author, and speaker Denyse Beaugrand-Champagne, will present a talk about the collection, how to search it, and how to access many of their databases online. She will also discuss Coroners' Inquiries and Guardianship Records. Modest charge for the class. For more information, www.vtgenlib.org or call 802-310-9285.

Saturday, May 3**Using Obituaries****and City Directories in Genealogy Research class,** 10:30 AM-12:00 PM, VT Genealogy Library, Hegeman Ave., Fort Ethan Allen, Colchester. Obituaries and city directories can be key to answering some of your vexing genealogy questions. Lynn Johnson will demonstrate the value of using these resources, cautionary information, and some information on sources. Modest charge for the class. For more information, www.vtgenlib.org or call 802-310-9285.


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MOUNT MANSFIELD UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP

Massage

By Suzanne Kusserow
Senior Guest Columnist

Massage: the profession of skilled fingers touching dormant skin and muscle: stretching, kneading, loosening, relaxing.

I have had two masseuses in my life. Vicky is based in Cambridge, Vermont (*Body Logic Massage*) and it seems as if I have known her most of my Vermont life. She works in a subterranean room, heated by a perky gas stove mimicking a wood fire. The lights are quiet and the scant furnishings in the room don't prod you in any direction: deep dark woods that fade into dimmed corners. A small bubbler confirms the soothing quality of water. Vicky has music playing softly – not anything that inspires or forces me to hum along with Bach or Mozart, but an innocuous flute and guitar that whistle a simple and somewhat banal tune, too little and too late to grab hold of a melody. So, the brain isn't forced into a prescribed space.

In contrast, Carol does not have music. She was 'discovered' by my daughter-in-law, Serena, in Santa Barbara. She has a small 12x12 round, yurt-like hut at the end of an easy-to-miss road which peters out in a small canyon. The hut nestles into the rocks and ferns at the tail of the canyon. Carol has chickens that cluck for their treat: crushed protein bars, and crows that flap among the Eucalyptus trees and keep harassing the hawks away from the chickens.

One is in a skier's heaven; one in an ocean-touched paradise.

Vicky and I talk. It is inevitable. We know the same people, the same towns, the same state and the politics of all three. And we see each other only every 2 weeks, so we need to 'catch up'. Vicky is practical, direct, sometimes acerbic, always humorous and understanding. My bad leg aches and turns into the restlessness of pain. "OK" she says, feeling my tension, "flip over and get comfy, so this will do you some good!" Sometimes I just want to lie still and I try to... but the sweet and sour nothings of our small world come babbling out. She slaps me on the bottom and says, "Shut up, dear". But we do need to get joint acquaintances categorized

Fairfax summer programs for kids

A variety of summer programs for kids will be offered in Fairfax this year. For more information and pricing, call or email the contacts indicated.

Summer Track Program – open to all ages. Register online or by calling Katrina at 849-6111 Ext. 8. Program runs every Tuesday and Thursday, 5:30-7:00 PM at BFA Fairfax and Collins Perley Complex. Coach Sarah Thrall. Contact Katrina (849-6111 ext. 8 or fairfaxparksandrec@yahoo.com).

Summer Nature camp at the Fairfax Community Library, ages 6-12. Exordium Nature Camp: This weeklong camp is an exploration and celebration of the natural environment and the plants and animals within. Hands-on activities, exploration walks and games included. Parents are welcome and encouraged to join

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and straightened out as we see fit, and then go on to the next topic.

Carol is small, lithe and tanned. She swims in the ocean very day. Her small home near the wooden yurt is half-outdoors in the California sun, decorated with esoteric sculptures that her husband creates. He draws also; some things are for sale, but generally are kept to surround their world. She reaches out a firm hand to guide me up the steps. Usually I am 'old' enough to refuse help, doing my own fading tasks in my struggles with pride. But her hand is both gentle and firm and non-committal... no lessening of capabilities implied.

I remember when I was in nursing school – my final year in the University of Connecticut BSN program. A neighbor gave me, as a graduation present, a massage at a nearby small cottage hidden in the woods. The masseuse was from Sweden: pleasant, mundane and direct, with the strongest arms I had ever known. When I got back to my car, by what staggering means I do not know, I was so relaxed and pummeled that (in the days of shift cars), I couldn't depress the clutch pedal. So, for 15 minutes I sat and liquefied into the driver's seat, wondering if I would ever get home.

Carol is probably the exact opposite of that first experience. Her fingers are probing rather than overwhelming; Serena calls her "The Healer". She has an intuitive sense of what you need, what to do. I seem to be a 'head person': neck, shoulders, forehead, ears, cheeks are gently fingered and I find myself breathing more slowly and deeply. Carol has a habit of soft, "Hmm's now and then and I tried to connect these sounds to the decisions she was making. But thought and research do not connect in a gentled brain and I gave up trying to analyze the system as a pseudo-intellectual waste of a good moment.

Vicky is probably middle-of-the-road. She is physically strong (she capably rebuilt her house after watching her first home burn). She is more of a 'back person', tracing the spine with her thumbs, pushing the long dorsal muscles with her elbow. Each finger and toe gets a rub and a tug and every now and then, depending on my complaint for the week, she'll add a new variation. She has a hearty laugh and a sincere hug as I leave, with the admonition to "Drink plenty of water!"

in the fun with their children. Registration required with Katrina or Amy, 802-849-6111 ext 8 or fairfaxparksandrec@yahoo.com. Monday-Friday, July 21-25, 10:00 AM-2:00 PM, Fairfax Community Library. The Library Trustees are providing one half-price scholarship; contact the library for more information. Instructor Kurt Valenta, aka Mr. K, educator.

Summer Art camp at the Fairfax Community Library, Art camp for ages 6-12. Art camp is a time to let your creativity run wild while enjoying the freedom of nature. In this week-long camp, students will experience creative play through art and nature. Students will use their surroundings to be inspired. Registration required with Katrina at 802-849-6111 ext. 8 or fairfaxparksandrec@yahoo.com. Monday-Friday, August 4-8, 10:00 AM-2:00 PM.

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 first and third Thursdays of the month
- Thursdays: Huntington, 11:00 AM-12:30 PM, Huntington Public Library
- Fridays: Underhill Central School, 9:30-11:00 AM

Kids' Yoga, 3-5 years, and 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 ages 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 second and fourth Wednesday, 11:30 AM-12:30 PM at the United Church, 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. 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. Meal at 5:00 PM. Open to adults 60 and over. Contact Doris Wheelock at 434-3769.

Huntington Senior Meal site – served the third Tuesday of each month at 12:00 noon at the Community Baptist Church, Huntington Center.

St. Jude's Church, Hinesburg, senior meals held on second and fourth Tuesday of each month with bingo games after the dinners. Everyone is welcome including caregivers. Dinners are \$4 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, second Thursday of each month, United Church of Underhill, VT Rt. 15, Underhill Flats, 5:00-7:00 PM, and on the last Thursday of each month at Calvary Episcopal Church, VT Rt. 15, Underhill Flats, 5:00-7:00 PM. Everyone in the communities is invited.

SPORTS ACTIVITIES

Ongoing Pilate classes at Dakini Studio in Underhill, Monday and Thursday, 6:00 PM. 899-4191 to register. Find more information and other scheduled classes at dakinistudio.wordpress.com.

Qi Gong, the ancient Chinese art of movement, Saturdays 9:00-10:00 AM, 562 VT Rt. 15, Johnson; Saturdays 11:00 AM-noon, River Arts, Morrisville; Sundays 11:15 AM-12:15 PM, Artful Cup, Jeffersonville.

Zumba, Fairfax - Tuesdays 7:00-8:00 PM and Saturdays 9:00-

Touching has special power... closeness beyond the usual handshake. One allows another to assume a role usually reserved for friends and partners. Even the fact that these sessions are a product, given and received and paid for, doesn't lessen the basic tenet: that one gives to soothe and the other accepts with trust.

How fortunate I've been to have great memories of such sessions.

OBITUARIES

Surrounded by her family, Judith (Summerton) Moriarty, 78, of Jericho, VT, died in the Vermont Respite House, Williston, on Monday, March 10, 2014, following a battle with pancreatic cancer. Her positive attitude and sense of humor throughout her illness inspired everyone around her. Judy was born June 15, 1935, in Bath, Maine, to Merle and Fred Summerton, who predeceased her, as did her stepmother, Christine Curtis Summerton. She attended schools in Bath, graduated from Vergennes (VT) High School

in 1953, and the University of Vermont in 1957. While employed as a Social Worker at the former Weeks School in Vergennes, she married her college sweetheart, Air Force 2nd Lt. Francis C. Moriarty on November 15, 1958, and began a 20-year life as a military spouse and mother. She and Frank traveled the world together, raising three children along the way. Two of those years, while Frank was deployed alone, she filled the difficult role of mother and father for her children. Fond memories of their military life included living in Paris and Versailles, France, and Stuttgart, Germany, and numerous camping trips throughout Europe. They purchased their current home in Jericho in 1973 while Frank was deployed to Thailand, returning there upon his retirement in 1978. Judy then spent 18 years employed by the Vermont Chief Medical Examiner's Office, retiring at age 62. She and Frank then enjoyed splitting their year between Vermont and their "salt water" farm on Quahog Bay in Harpswell, Maine, until her disease forced a sudden return in August. Judy's life was her family, her love for gardening, butterflies, animal life, and her beloved Corgis, Mollie and Avery. Survivors include her husband of 55 years, Frank; children, Kathleen "Kam;" Timothy "Tim" and wife, Susan; and their children, Kaitlin and Griffin; and Colleen and husband, A. Foris Anctil, and their children, Evan, Corinne, Reid and Jocelyn. She also leaves many relatives and friends who helped her weather her ordeal. Particular thanks go to the professional and nurturing care given to Judy by the physicians, RNs, LPNs and volunteers at the Medical Center of Vermont, Vermont Center for Cancer Medicine, Visiting Nurse Association, and the Vermont Respite House. Visiting hours were held on Sunday March 16, 2014, from

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

Zumba Fitness, Saturdays, 8:30 AM, Jericho Community Center, with licensed instructor Lori Preiss. 899-0343 or lori@greenmountainfitness.com.

SUPPORT GROUPS

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

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

Approach Autism With Advocacy, Recovery & Education (AAWARE) in the Lamoille Valley, third Sunday, 3:00-5:00 PM, Second Congregational Church of Jeffersonville, Community Room, Jeffersonville. Special topics, guest speakers, resource information; 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, jquinninv@aol.com.

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

Village of Jericho, Inc., Board of Water Commissioners will hold their monthly meeting Tuesday, April 15 at 7:00 PM. This meeting will be held at the Old Red Mill, 4B Red Mill Dr., Jericho.

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 Thursday of every month from 7:00-8:30 PM, Jericho Town Hall.

LIBRARY NEWS

**DEBORAH RAWSON LIBRARY,
UNDERHILL**

We are pleased to announce our DRML pig mascot has been named! Introducing Osquealia Porcia Hamlette! Thank you to Kathy Baricleman, Henry Bradshaw, Emma Jobinpicard, and to all who entered their name suggestions! We loved so many and had a hard time deciding! Stop in this month to help translate the many Latin phrases that decorate Osquealia!

April is National Poetry Month. Be sure to come to one of the special events we have planned to celebrate poetry!

Community Banner Painting! Calling all friends and neighbors! Join local artist Mary Hill during the month of April to refresh and repaint the town banners painted and hung last spring to celebrate Underhill's 250th birthday last year. Many banners need some new paint before being hung for spring and summer! Supplies are provided and no "artistic" experience required just COME and paint! Monday evenings April 7, 21, and 28 from 6:00-8:00 PM and Friday afternoons April 4 and 11 from 2:30-4:00 PM

The Jericho Energy Task Force will host a movie night Friday, April 4, 6:30 PM. The Jericho Energy Task Force is a volunteer committee that tackles energy-related projects within the Jericho community, including energy efficiency, transportation, and renewable energy. Call 899-4962 for details.

The Music of Poetry, Saturday, April 5, 1:00 PM. Jazz and classical musician Michael Arnowitt will explore the musical aspects of poetry, song lyrics, and literature in this lecture and demonstration. Mr. Arnowitt will discuss his insights on the elements of sound and time in literary composition and the similarities he hears between the literature of great writers and the music of classical composers, jazz musicians, and pop songwriters. Presented by the Vermont Humanities Council.

The Deborah Rawson Book Lovers book club will meet Tuesday, April 8, 7:00 PM. April's book pick is *The Double Bind* by Vermont author Chris Bohjalian. DRBL is an adult book discussion group that meets every second Tuesday of the month. New members are always welcome. For more information about the book club, contact Christine Staffa at christine@cstaffa.com.

The Adult Writers Group will meet Wednesday, April 9, 6:00-8:00 PM. Whether you've been working on your novel for years or have just picked up a pen, we would love to welcome YOU to our community of writers. Meetings are devoted to talking about what we are reading, our observations, and thoughts of improvement. We meet the second Wednesday of every month. For more information about the group please contact Elise Doner at 899-2644 or email busyleet4kids@gmail.com. Happy writing!

Poetry Reading Sunday, April 13, 2:00 PM. Daniel G. Lusk, Senior Lecturer of English Emeritus at UVM, will present poems from his new and recent poetry collections: *KIN* (Wind Ridge, 2013) and *LAKE STUDIES: Meditations on Lake Champlain* (Lake Champlain Maritime Museum, 2011). Both books feature Vermont poems inspired by wildlife and other treasures often hidden from view in our local forests, lakes, and ponds. Readers have noted the sense of reverence for the wild and the way the poems combine discoveries by historians and scientists and Lusk's own experiences with folklore and

imagination concerning the prehistory of the land and lake.

Seed Saving Workshop, Tuesday, April 15, 6:30-7:30 PM. Join Koi Boynton from High Mowing Seeds to find out how to save seed from your garden. Learn how pollination impacts isolation, harvesting techniques, and ensuring good germination. Get an overview of how to process and clean your seed and some tips on garden planning for seed saving. Koi Boynton is the Social Mission & Education Coordinator at High Mowing Seeds.

A new book discussion group is starting! What qualities make a piece of writing "spiritual"? What sets a spiritual essay apart from others and make it exceptional? Using the new book *Best Spiritual Writing of 2013*, the group will attempt to answer these questions and many more about the contemporary religious landscape in this country. This excellent collection includes diverse viewpoints and is sure to spark lively discussions about "questions of ultimate concern." Leading the discussions will be John Michael McKnight, Ph.D., of Underhill Center. Professor McKnight teaches in the CORE division of Champlain College and has participated in many adult learning sessions at the library over the past five years. **Wednesday evenings, 6:30-8:00 PM, from April 16 to May 7, 2014.** Please register soon by calling 899-4962 and to receive the free book that is provided for participants.

Representatives George Till and Bill Frank will be at the library on Thursday, April 17, 6:30 PM to give the community a legislative update. Come and ask questions, express your thoughts, and have a discussion with our local representatives. No registration required.

Events for Families and Kids

On Fridays, April 4 and 11, 2:30-4:00 PM, kids and adults are invited to help repaint and refresh the Underhill community banners that will be rehung throughout town in the spring. Join local artist Mary Hill after school in the program room to help with this special community project. Sign up by calling 899-4962.

April Baby Time is Tuesday, April 8 at 10:30 AM. Drop in and join Thad as he leads our group with board books, lap rhymes, and songs for babies 18 months and younger. This is a wonderful time for parents and child care providers to connect, chat, and share ideas. Older siblings welcome. No registration required.

Spring Story Time! Drop in for stories, songs, a walk (weather permitting!), crafts, and snack. No registration required. **Wednesdays: April 2, 9, and 16, 10:30 AM and Thursdays: April 3, 10, and 17, 10:00 AM.**

Homeschool Panel Discussion, Thursday, April 10, 6:30-8:00 PM. Curious about home schooling? If you would like to learn more about the various approaches to home schooling and hear about others' experiences, come out to talk with local homeschooled to hear all about it. All are welcome!

Friday Night MATH! Friday, April 11, 6:00-8:00 PM. Use your noodle (and have a yummy pasta dinner!) on this special night for children pre-K to grade 2 and their families. Connect and learn about early math literacy with Thad. Space is limited; call 899-4962 to sign up.

Love to putter and tinker with machines? Join friends after school on **Tuesday, April 15, 2:30-4:00 PM** for some time to work on some projects. Take things apart and look inside, put together a model, or bring a project you've been

date. Arrangements are in the care of the Ready Funeral Home Mountain View Chapel, Essex Junction. To send online condolences, please visit www.readyfuneral.com. The family asks that in lieu of flowers, donations be made in Judy's memory to the Vermont Respite House, 99 Allen Brook Lane, Williston, VT 05495.

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5:00 to 7:00 PM at the Ready Funeral Home, Mountain View Chapel, 68 Pinecrest Drive, Essex Junction. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Monday March 17, 2014, at 11:00 AM at St. Thomas Church in Underhill Center. Committal services will be held at Oak Grove Cemetery, Bath, Maine, at a later

working on at home.

Family Movie Night is on Friday, April 18, 6:30-9:00 PM. Plan on a fun family night! Wear your PJs, grab a pillow, and bring the whole gang! Arrive a few minutes early to settle in! We will provide the popcorn! Call 899-4962 for details. No registration required.

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.

FAIRFAX COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Events are free unless otherwise noted. Please pre-register. Call or email libraryprograms@fwsu.org

Tuesday, April 1, 9:30-10:30 AM: Preschool Story Hour: Silly Stories and Songs with music by Alana. Join us for themed stories, songs, and activities for ages 0-6.

Wednesday, April 2, 3:15-4:15 PM: R.E.A.D. to a Dog. Kids ages 5-10 can read a just right book of their choice to a fuzzy, friendly dog. To sign-up for a 15-minute time slot, call or stop by.

Thursday, April 3, 6:30-7:30 PM: PJ Story Hour. Bring the kids for a story and a craft.

Saturday, April 5, 10:00 AM-noon: Fairfax Welcome Baby Event.

Saturday, April 5, 9:00-11:00 AM: Local Bird Walk. Explore the birds on the rec path with local bird enthusiast Bob Smith. Meet at the library prior to heading out. Bring binoculars if you have them.

Tuesday, April 8, 9:30-10:30 AM: Preschool Story Hour: Mud and Puddles

Tuesday, April 8, 6:30-8:00 PM: Learn How to Sell Online on Etsy and Ebay. Annette

Hansen of Make Life Cozy conducts another session of this popular class.

Thursday, April 10, 3:00-4:00 PM: After School Maker Series: Origami Bracelets and Chains. Come make these cool origami chains at the library after school. Ages 8+ We'll supply everything! Free.

Thursday, April 10, 6:30-8:00 PM: VHC "How They Lived" Book Discussion continues with *Eminent Victorians* by Lytton Strachey. Led by Cheryl Heneveld, the group discusses this classic. Books available at the library.

Saturday, April 12, 10:00 AM-noon: Make a Wire Bracelet with Judy. Suitable for beginners, come make this great piece of jewelry. Let us know when you register if you prefer copper or brass finish. \$10 payable at class.

Tuesday, April 15, 9:30-10:30 AM: Preschool Story Hour: Stories from Other Places with music by Alana.

Tuesday, April 15, 6:30-8:00 PM: NEW!! Laugh Out Loud Adult Book Group. No pre-reading required. Come have fun as we play silly games with pulp fiction book covers, pencil, and paper! Ages 18+.

Wednesday, April 16, 3:15-4:15 PM: R.E.A.D. to a Dog.

Thursday, April 17, 3:00-4:00 PM: Maker Series: Legos are Back!!

Saturday, April 19, 10:00 AM-noon: Saturday Drop-In Fiber Group! A fun monthly event. Bring your knitting, crochet, or other fiber arts project. All welcome. Some instruction available.

Tuesday, April 22, 9:30-11:00 AM: Pirate Party for ages 0-6. Must pre-register. Stories and crafts and a snack.

Thursday, April 24, 3:00-4:00 PM: School Libraries continued on page 5

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Vacation Edition of Crafternoon with Nicole.

Friday, April 25, 9:30-11:00 AM: Month of the Young Child.

Event to be determined.

NO Preschool Story hour on Tuesday, April 29.

Tuesday, April 29, 6:30-8:00 PM: Vermont author Howard Coffin discusses Franklin County Civil War history. Subsidized by the VT Humanities Council.

Fairfax Community Library: 75 Hunt St., Fairfax, VT, 05454; Phone: 849-2420; Program Planner: Karyn Norwood at knorwood@fwsu.org; Library News: <http://www.bsfairfax.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

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April is National Poetry Month! The theme is "The Examined Life," led by Mary Jane Dickerson, retired UVM English professor. This workshop is sponsored by the Jericho Town Library and the Deborah Rawson Memorial Library; come celebrate with us on the

following dates: Working sessions will meet Mondays April 7, 14, and 21, 6:30-8:00 PM at the Jericho Town Library. The conclusion, a final evening of sharing, is at the Deborah Rawson Memorial Library on Monday, April 28, 6:30-8:00 PM. Poets of all ages are encouraged to participate. Attendance in the past has been a mixture of middle and high school students and adults. Registration is required. To sign up, please call the Jericho Town Library at 899-4686.

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Interested individuals can submit a letter of interest to Todd Odit, Town Administrator, via email at todit@jerichovt.gov, or via mail to PO Box 39, Jericho, VT, 05465.

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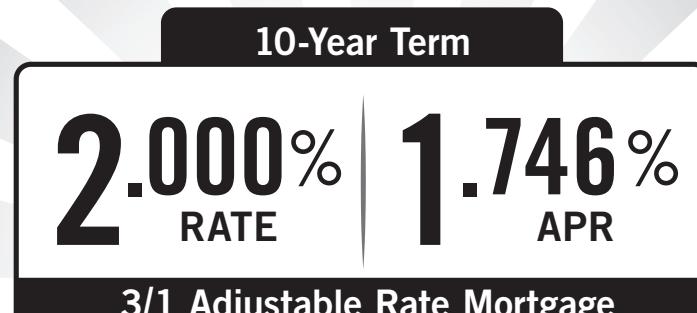
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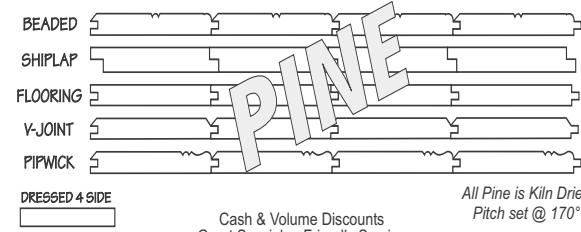
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Browns River Middle School students experience being homeless

On Thursday night, March 27, approximately twenty students from Browns River Middle School slept in the gym to experience what it is like to be homeless. The event was sponsored by Spectrum Youth and Family Services. As originally planned the kids were supposed to sleep outdoors in tents, to simulate the homeless experience. But weather forced them indoors.

The following are quotes from students who slept in the gym: Sydney Hatch (sixth grade) said, "We learned a lot about homeless people. We learn they usually stay in one large group for protection."

"People walk on the other side of the street to ignore the homeless."

"We should have more places like Spectrum."

"When people get laid off, if they don't have any family they can become homeless."

"I think it was a lesson everyone should experience."

Eve Chamberland (sixth grade) remarked, "Now I have a better understanding about people who are homeless. Now when I see them on the street I want to help them."



The Walp, Graning, Hatch, Norland, Davis, West, Wright, Little, Esmay, Cheney/Moriarty, Muzzy, Jarvis, Ide families with Tina Gallagher and Gregory Martin. Below 32degrees forced us into a "shelter-like" experience in the BRMS gymnasium.



Browns River Middle School Drama Club



On March 20 and 21, Browns River Middle School Drama Club performed the original musical *Scheherazade and the Arabian Nights*. The music was created by a former BRMS student, Hailey Ward, who now attends Interlochen Arts Academy High School. The script was adapted by drama club director Dave Tisdell and was co-directed by Emily Pawlusia and Dave Tisdell. Breanna Herridge gave an outstanding performance as Scheherazade, Zac Burns performed and sang in the role of Hamed the Sultan, and Patrick Thompson acted as Ali Baba.

JES - Growing Minds auction

What an incredible community we have here in Jericho! We've been talking to businesses, teachers, and parents about our Jericho Elementary School 'Growing Minds' Auction on Saturday, April 12 at 6:00 PM, and the response has been fantastic! The auction will be hosted by the school's PTA, Partners in Education, and will support expanding Farm to School, cafeteria improvements, increased access to fresh vegetables, and other mind and body wellness activities that enhance the student experience at Jericho Elementary School. Entrance is free!

The auction will feature live local music from *The Milo White Band* (Derek Burkins, Chanon Bernstein, and Tim Berry), delicious appetizers, and a wonderful array of local products and services. There is something in the auction for everyone, including these items and more:

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With well over 100 products/services and experiences from local businesses, organizations, teachers, and parents, you are sure to find something of interest. We welcome you to come by, meet some of your neighbors, enjoy the appetizers and the music - and if something catches your eye, have fun bidding!

REVIEWS

ART/PHOTOGRAPHY

Emile A Gruppe Gallery, 22 Barber Farm Rd., Jericho. Current Exhibit: *Landscape Perspectives*, Fiona Cooper Fenwick, Jane Neroni, Julie Davis. Presentation Sunday, April 6, 2014, 2:00-3:00 PM: *The Informed Palette: Three Personal Journeys With Color*. In this presentation each artist will discuss the development of their individual palettes and how those palettes have changed and evolved over time. Each presenter will talk for 10-15 minutes followed by comments and questions. The artists and their topics are: Fiona Fenwick – Using the Mason Palette and a modified winter palette; Jane Neroni – The Plein Air palette; and Julie Davis – The “restless” palette.

The Governor's Gallery, Pavilion Office Building, 5th floor, 109 State St., Montpelier. RE-ENVISIONED, Fabric Collage & Colored Pencil by DIANNE SHULLENBERGER, April 4-June 27, Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM-4:30 PM. Artists reception: Friday, April 4, 4:00-7:00 PM, with poetry reading by

Mary Jane Dickerson, 5:30 PM, Conference Room: THE LANGUAGE OF WATER, Poems created to accompany the work of Dianne Shullenberger. Photo ID required for admission

Delicious Words 2014, Sunday, April 6, Dianne Shullenberger Gallery, 228 Nashville Rd., Jericho, 4:00 PM. Tickets: A minimum donation of \$25 to benefit C.O.T.S. RSVP 899-4993, vtdianne@hotmail.com.

Essex Art League – Say goodbye to winter by taking in the beautiful new display offered by members of Essex Art League during the month of April. The Grand Opening and Artist's Reception will be held on April 4 from 5:00-8:00 PM at Union Station, Main Street Landing, Burlington. Celebrate the arts while exploring this exciting new gallery space! Refreshments will be provided. Demonstrations and a chance to interact with some of the artists and learn about their work will be held on Saturdays, April 12 and 19 from 11:00 AM-3:00 PM. The exhibit will be on display until April 26.

Teen Art Studio Tuesday, April 8, with Painter Amber DeVoss. Ages 11-18 get inspired and make art with professional artists in this free open studio. 6:30-8:30 PM. Helen Day Art Center, 90 Pond St., Stowe. Free. For more information contact: education@helenday.com, 802-253-8358, www.helenday.com.

2014 Spring Gala; Tinseltown, an evening celebrating the Golden Age of Hollywood, Saturday, April 5, 5:00 PM, Stowe Mountain Lodge. Get dolled up, and take a trip back to the 1940s and 1950s, when Hollywood was seen as the capital of sophistication, glitter, and glamour. Presented by Helen Day Art Center. For more information contact 802-253-8358, www.helenday.com.

4th Annual Jericho Plein Air Festival, to celebrate, nurture and enhance the visibility of

our art community. Call to Artists: Saturday, July 19, festival headquarters: the Emile A. Gruppe Gallery, 22 Barber Farm Rd, Jericho Center, VT. Painting sites to be announced. Registration: \$20. The work created on Saturday will be exhibited at the Emile A. Gruppe Gallery from July 20-August 10, 2014, with an opening reception on Sunday, July 20 from 2:00-4:00 PM. For information and registration materials contact Barbara Greene at blgreen@myfairpoint.net or (802) 899-2974.

MUSIC

Queen City Contras will hold its regular dance on Friday, April 11, 8:00 PM, Edmunds School, 299 Main St., Burlington. Music by Sarah Blair and Colin McCaffrey. The caller will be Sarah VanNorstrand. All are welcome, all dances taught, no partner or experience necessary. Beginners' session at 7:45 PM. Admission is \$8 adults; under 12 free. Please bring clean, soft-soled shoes for dancing. Information: 802-371-9492 or 802-343-7165 or www.queencitycontras.org.

Annual Roland Pigeon country music concert, Sunday, April 27 at the United Church Westford, 4:00-5:00 PM. All are invited to join Roland, family, friends, and fellow musicians for an afternoon of a wide variety of country, folk, and old time fiddle music. Both young and older talent will be participating and offer a broad appeal to audiences of any age group. Free. Refreshments will follow the entertainment. Information: 802-879-4028.

THEATER/FILM

"Twelfth Night" – Shelburne Players' spring comedy by William Shakespeare, Shelburne Town Center, 5420 Shelburne Rd., April 4-12. Described by reviewers as "the most nearly perfect happy comedy ever written" and "one of Shakespeare's finest and most inventive works, filled with music, mistakes, love, disguises and practical jokes throughout..." the Players' version will be presented in a contemporary setting. April 4, 5, 10, 11 and 12 at 7:30 PM; April 6 at 2:00 PM. Tickets are \$15 general audience and \$12 for seniors and students, and can be purchased in advance at Shelburne Supermarket. Call 343-2602 for more information and to reserve tickets, or go to www.ShelburnePlayers.com.

Les Misérables – Lyric Theatre Company opens a nine-performance run of *Les Misérables* on the MainStage of Burlington's Flynn Center for the Performing Arts. The musical phenomenon based on Victor Hugo's classic novel is an epic and uplifting story about the survival of the human spirit. The score includes songs that have been imprinted on our hearts – *One Day More*, *On My Own*, *I Dreamed a Dream*, and more. Artistic Director Kelly Kendall, Music Director Martin Hain, Choreographer Jane Burchard, and Production Supervisor Stephen Kendall lead the team of skilled actors, artists, and designers. Tickets on sale at the Flynn Center Box Office, 153 Main St., Burlington; by phone at 802/86FLYNN; or online at www.flynncenter.org. Students and senior citizens are eligible for discounted tickets at some performances; group rates available. Matinees at 1:00 PM on April 5, 6, 12, and 13, and evening performances at 7:30 PM on April 4, 5, 10, 11th, and 12. The Sunday April 13, matinee will be audio-described for patrons who are blind or visually impaired. The show features mature themes.



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