

NEWS BRIEFS

2021 Old Fashioned Harvest Market

The UCU Steering Committee for the popular Old Fashioned Harvest Market that has been presented annually for 45 years, interrupted only briefly in the fall of 2020 due to COVID19 restrictions, reports that plans are proceeding for the event to be back on track this fall. Get ready to participate in and enjoy the full familiar format of exciting activities on the grounds and in the vicinity of the United Church of Underhill on Park Street in Underhill on Saturday-Sunday, September 25-26, 2021.

What's it all about? For those who have enjoyed the excitement in years past, find a quick refresher at contact/underhillharvestmarket.com.

For those who are new to this annual event, you will want to participate in the camaraderie, fun and games, entertainment, crafts, foot-stomping musical entertainment, mouth-watering food offerings – and more!

Go to contact/underhillharvestmarket.com to get a run-down on what's to come! Save the date and volunteers from the United Church of Underhill and the Underhill/Jericho communities will welcome and assist you. We look forward to seeing you!

Jericho Town Hall now open

Jericho Town Hall opened fully to the public on Monday, June 14. Masking will only be required for unvaccinated individuals. Normal business hours will resume for all departments.

Did you move to Jericho last year and are just now getting to meet your neighbors? Stop by and visit the Town Hall if you have questions about Jericho.

Have you been missed being in the Town Hall over the last year? Stop by and visit.

Do you have a question or want to get more involved in Jericho? Stop by and we will try to get you connected to the right network.

Underhill to hold meetings on proposed new Town Plan

Interested in learning about Underhill's newly proposed Town Plan? The Underhill Planning Commission is hosting a series of meetings to discuss the newly proposed Town Plan. Pursuant to 24 V.S.A. Chapter 117, Sections 4384(d) & 4441, the residents of the Town of Underhill and all interested persons are hereby notified that the Underhill Planning Commission will hold public hearings at 6:00 PM on:

Tuesday, June 22, 6:00 PM, on the GoToMeeting platform <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/659606293>. You can also dial in using your phone. +1 (646) 749-3122, Access Code: 659-606-293;

Thursday, June 24, 6:00 PM, on the GoToMeeting platform <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/564788637>. You can also dial in using your phone. +1 (646) 749-3122, Access Code: 564-788-637; and

Saturday, June 26, 10:00 AM at Underhill Town Hall, 12 Pleasant Valley Road, Underhill, VT.

At these meetings you can receive input on a newly proposed Underhill Town Plan to be subsequently adopted, thereby replacing the existing 2015 Town Plan.

If the Saturday, June 26, 2021 public hearing located at the Underhill Town Hall is not feasible due to ongoing COVID-19 emergency restrictions, the hearing will also be held remotely over the GoToMeeting platform <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/880519149>; or dial in using your phone. +1 (646) 749-3122, Access Code: 880-519-149.

Please note, the June 22 meeting will also be broadcast on Mount Mansfield Community Television at <http://mtmansfieldctv.org/> or on Comcast Channels 1076 and 1086.

The Town Plan is available on Underhill's website at <https://www.underhillvt.gov/>.

Bolton Notch Road open ahead of schedule

By Amy Grover, Bolton Town Clerk and Treasurer

Great news! Notch Road opened as of 4:00 PM on Thursday, June 10 — way ahead of schedule. Thanks for your patience, and thanks to the project contractor, G.W. Tatro, for finishing the project ahead of schedule!

Fallen behind on your mortgage due to COVID-19?

VHFA is now accepting applications for the VT COVID Emergency Mortgage Assistance Program (MAP). Eligible VT homeowners could receive a grant for up to 12 months of past due payments due to COVID-19 hardship.

For more information and to apply online at the Vermont COVID Mortgage Assistance Application website, <https://www.vhfa.org/map/>.



A Field Guide to June: most of our avian migrants have returned; the flush of spring ephemeral wildflowers is beginning to fade. However, new life abounds in June! Find out more in the Vermont Center for Ecostudies' Field Guide to June at <https://vtcostudies.org/blog/field-guide-to-june-2021/>.

PHOTO BY K.P. McFARLAND

Jeffersonville July 4 Super Heroes Parade, anthem, and awards

Cambridge Area Rotary presents the Independence Day Parade on Sunday, July 4th at 10:00 AM in Jeffersonville.

This year's theme is Super Heroes! Grand Marshals will include Teachers (Mary Anderson/CES), Nurses (Greg Johnson/UVM Medical, Sue Reed/CES), Frontline Workers (Kayla Neumeister/158 Main), and yet-to-be-announced draft choices. There may also be Wonder Woman and Spiderman sightings.

After the Parade, at approximately 11:00 AM at the Cambridge Elementary School Field, the singing of the National Anthem will be followed by a brief awards ceremony for the best floats. \$500 in prize money is at stake!

Floats and Paraders will meet at Tatro's Construction near the 108/15 Roundabout no later than 9:30 AM. The usual route will be followed through town. Spectators may want to be in less populated areas, such as Maple and Depot Streets.

There will be no Town Fair this year, but the Varnum Memorial Library is holding its Annual Book Sale from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM, and Visions of Vermont and Cambridge Arts Council are hosting the Jeffersonville Arts Jam (food trucks and art demonstrations) from 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM.

Before deciding to hold the Parade, Cambridge Area Rotary consulted with the Town of Cambridge Select Board, Town Health Officers, and the Jeffersonville Village Trustees. We encourage participants to use common sense, be sensitive to others, and to follow any CDC and State of Vermont health guidelines. In particular, we ask that folks maintain social distancing and wear masks as needed. We reserve the right to cancel this event if circumstances dictate.

For more information, go online to <https://www.facebook.com/CambridgeAreaRotaryVT> or contact rcarter@smuggs.com.

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Board vacancy on Jericho Underhill Park District

There is a vacancy on the Park District Board of Trustees from the Town of Underhill. If you enjoy Mills Riverside Park on a regular basis and would like to know more about this position, please contact the Park District at jupdistrict@gmail.com.

Governor Peck Road paving through June 25

By Paula Carrier, Jericho Administrative Assistant

The Town of Jericho has started paving Governor Peck Road. Paving will run through Friday, June 25. This project began at the intersection of Browns Trace and Governor Peck Road and will proceed to about #102 Governor Peck. There will be delays and down to one lane traffic so if you can seek an alternate route, please do so.

Post-Memorial Day thanks

By Amy Grover, Bolton Town Clerk and Treasurer

Thank you to Cemetery Commissioner Betty Wheelock for making sure new flags were placed at the monuments at the Town Office, and were ready and available for the Smilie students to place in the East Bolton Cemetery.

Thank you as well to Highway Department team member Dan O'Shaughnessy for cleaning the monuments, and to whomever placed the two beautiful planters of red geraniums at the monuments.

Thank you all for remembering and honoring Bolton's veterans.

Westford Summer Concert Series

By Phyl Newbeck
Special to the Mountain Gazette

There is no surer sign that Vermont has turned the corner on the pandemic than the return of summer concerts and one favorite, the Westford Summer Concert Series, is back. Shows are scheduled for Sundays in July and August from 7:00 – 8:00 PM. Food trucks will be setting up at 6:00 PM for those who want to picnic on the Green while enjoying the music. As long as some COVID restrictions are still in place, the Red Brick Meeting House will not be available in case of rain, although that may change.

The series has been taking place for roughly 25 years and Michael Kirick has been the man behind it for the last five. Last year, Westford was able to hold concerts in July and August by adhering to the Governor's restrictions on crowd size, and requiring masks and physical distancing. "Because there were few activities around the state," Kirick said, "and we had a large green with space to stretch out, we had over 100 people at every show except perhaps the one that took place when there was a tornado watch. We had a very successful season." Kirick noted that bands are paid through town funds but because times were so lean for musicians, last year he also put out a tip bucket. "People were really responsive to that so I'll do that again," he said. "Performers had a tough time during COVID and people were very generous."

There are still some restrictions in place on the size of crowds but Kirick is hopeful that by the time the series starts on July 11, those may be lifted. So far, *Mediterranean Mix* and *Kingdom Creamery* are committed to having their trucks at the event, but this year will mark the first time that concert-goers will also have the option of patronizing the Westford Country Store. "We don't want to get too competitive with them," Kirick said. "We want them to be successful."

This year, Kirick decided to hold concerts on every Sunday in July and August, with the exception of July 4. There are two rain dates built into the schedule but in the event of perfect weather, those dates will feature local musicians. The two concerts scheduled for July are *Christine Malcolm and the Beautiful People* on July 11 and *Blues for Breakfast* on July 18. Malcolm usually plays with the *Dirty Blondes* but for this concert she'll be joined by Rudy Dauth of the *Chad Hollister Band*, Franny Forim from *Beg, Steal, or Borrow*, and Hank Clark of *Heavy Nettles*. Malcolm's music is described as "Americana folk with a new grass feel." *Blues for Breakfast* started playing in New England three decades ago. They describe themselves as classic American rock in the tradition of the *Grateful Dead*. Their concert will coincide with the first Westford farmers' market of the season.

After a rain date on August 1, the series resumes on August 8 with a show sure to appeal to the younger set. Vermont PBS award-winning *Mr. Chris and Friends* will regale both young and old with his songs about life on a farm. Kirick describes Mr. Chris as the Mr. Rogers of Vermont. One week later, Danny Coane will bring his *Vermont Bluegrass Pioneers* to the Green. The band features Banjo Dan Lindner, Matt Flinger on mandolin, and Sam Blagden on bass. The last scheduled show will be the *Erin Harpe Country Blues Duo* on August 22. Normally an electric guitarist, Harpe will play an acoustic set with Jim Countryman on bass. Even though they are based in Boston, the duo's music will take you south to the Mississippi Delta. August 29 will be a potential rain date.

Kirick tries hard to invite new musicians to Westford and the majority of the bands playing this year have never brought their music to the Green. Kirick knows that many residents will miss the *Starline Rhythm Boys* who are usually part of the series, but health issues are keeping them off the stage this year. He believes the *Vermont Bluegrass Pioneers* will be a suitable replacement.

Kirick is a volunteer who is happy to offer his time to help his town. He admits he does get some reward for his labors. A musician in his own right, he joins some of the bands on stage. "My philosophy is that music is life," he said. "To get out and hear live music is part of the fabric of being alive. I'm very blessed that this town has allowed me to put this all together."

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Westford Common Hall Photography note cards available

Beginning what we hope to be a continuing tradition of note card offerings by local talent, the first sets of photo note cards for purchase are available at Westford Town Office.

There are two sets of notecards: local bird photographs by Kristen Keating, and Westford Town iconic structure photographs by Amber Haller, in framed cards. Both sets have 10 cards in each. \$20 for one set, \$35 for two sets.

All proceeds of these gorgeous limited edition cards go towards the revitalization of the Westford Common Hall. There is a self serve envelope (exact cash or check made out to Westford Common Hall) and example page with the cards on the counter in the Town Office. We hope you will enjoy having these available. They are beautiful!

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COMING EVENTS

IN-PERSON and VIRTUAL and SOCIALLY DISTANCED Friday, June 18

Underhill Rec Food Truck Night, 5:00 – 8:00 PM, Moore Park, Underhill Center (across from Town Hall). Come down for the first Underhill Food Truck night of the summer! Local favorite *Red Hot Juba* will be playing and several local food trucks will be available including Underhillbilly BBQ, Grazers, and Mac's Sugar Shack. Come join us for dinner, music, and enjoy the community of Underhill!

Saturday-Sunday, June 19-20

Spring Open Studio Weekend, 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM both days, throughout Vermont. Artists participating locally include Irene La Croix of Rend'l Pottery; Gerry Stoner with whimsical, graceful welded steel sculptures; Katrina Allen with nature inspired abstract paintings; The Emile A Gruppe Gallery hosting artists including Toby Fulwiler with classic hardwood farm bowls and Julie Keller of Starbird Pottery. There are some maps available at the Gruppe Gallery and the Jericho Center Store, but you can also go to vermontcrafts.com for the online version. There are 71 artists and studios statewide participating this year.

Saturday, June 26

UCU Clutter Barn Tag Sale, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM, Underhill Congregational Church Clutter Barn, VT Rt. 15, Underhill Flats. We have been accepting donations since May and have enough items to fill the Clutter Barn and five tents! Books will be on sale at the Damkot Barn on VT Rt. 15 – the red barn with the Van Gogh painting *Starry Night* on the door. And our famous cookies from the Harvest Market Cookie Factory will be sold under the tent behind the church. Safety precautions will be in effect by limiting the number of shoppers inside the Barn.

Roast Pork Supper to go, 5:00 PM, Binghamville United Church, Fletcher. Menu: roast pork, mashed potatoes and gravy, vegetables, rolls, and cupcakes for dessert. Adults, \$12; children under 12, \$5. Families welcome! Take out or tailgate. For reservations call Dennis or Charles, 849-2120.

Annual Lions Club Strawberry Festival, 6:00 – 8:00 PM, United Church of Underhill, Underhill Flats. This drive-through event is sponsored by the Jericho-Underhill Lions Club. Please enter the parking lot from the Park Street entrance and you will be guided through from there. The strawberry shortcakes will be \$7, with the proceeds to be used to help out various organizations in the community. We look forward to seeing you all!

SUMMER CAMPS & ACTIVITIES

Vermont's 2021 summer camp regulations

The state of Vermont has issued guidance for overnight summer camps this summer. It is available at <https://www.healthvermont.gov/sites/default/files/documents/pdf/Overnight-Summer-Camp-Guidance.pdf>.

Free in-person, hands-on summer 4H programs

UVM Extension's 4-H Teen and Leadership Program is offering FREE in-person programs this summer for youth entering grades 7-12 in the fall. Our popular Summer of Science is back with a cool line-up of interesting science topics. Workshops on herpetology, microbiology, virology, plant science, rocketry, geology and more are being offered, including a bonus workshop on bees for youth entering grades 2-6. We also are hosting our Natural Resources Management Academy for teens interested in the environment and who are ready to explore, in depth, their passion for Vermont's natural resources. Registration is now open!

Learn about these and other youth opportunities at www.uvm.edu/extension/youth/announcements.

Summer swim lessons at Smuggs from Cambridge Rec

This program is sponsored by Smugglers' Notch Aquatic Department and the Cambridge Recreation Board! Join in on the fun! Learn how to swim this summer at Smugglers' Notch Resort! Our American Red Cross-certified water safety instructors will teach you how to have fun and be safe in the water this summer. Space is limited. This is a first come, first served opportunity.

To register, please visit https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc7McubnCS5Q5coPMHmAGeT11b07eTjCglAjKEzz-P25VDZw/viewform?usp=sf_link.

Saturdays, July 17, 24, 31 and August 7 and 14; 10:00 – 10:30 AM: Levels 1, Level 2, Level 3. 10:30 - 11:00 AM: Preschool Group 1, Preschool Group 2, Baby and Me. Maximum of six students per class. Location: Notchville Park at Smugglers' Notch.

The cost is \$60 for Cambridge residents (after Recreation Board subsidy); \$80 non-resident.

More information on Swim Lesson Levels can be found at <https://www.smuggs.com/pages/pdf/SwimLessonsLevels.pdf>.

Westford Summer Rec soccer, T-ball programs

Register to secure your spot today! Mail or drop off your registration form and fee to the Town Office or pay online and mail form with payment confirmation. Scholarships are available; email recreation@westfordvt.us. For more information and registration forms: <https://westfordvt.us/recreation/>.

Pre-K: Tuesdays June 22-July 27, 4:00 - 4:30 PM. Registration fee \$20.

K & grade 1: Tuesdays June 22-July 27, 4:45 - 5:30 PM. Registration fee \$20.

Grades 2-4: Tuesdays 5:45 - 6:45 PM, and Saturdays 9:00 - 10:00 AM, June 22-July 31. Registration fee 20.

Grades 5-8 pick up: Thursdays July 8-August 19, 6:00 - 7:00 PM. Registration fee 20.

Adult pick up: Thursdays July 8-August 19, 7:00 - 8:30 PM. Registration fee 20.

T-Ball ages 3-6: Saturdays 9:00 - 10:00 AM, July 3-August 21. Registration fee \$25.

Summer Symphony Camp June 21-25

The VT Youth Orchestra Association is holding Summer Symphony Camp June 21-25 for students entering grades 5-9. VYOA SSC is a great way to introduce young musicians to symphony and jazz orchestra!

To accommodate for social distancing requirements due to COVID-19, the camp will be offered twice a day, with a partnering 90-minute online session. Students entering grades 5 and 6 will attend morning sessions and students entering grades 7-9 will attend afternoon sessions. Each camp will come to a close with an end-of-camp concert that will be live streamed from the performance hall of the Elley-Long Music Center.

To learn more and register, visit <http://www.vyo.org/summersymphony/>.

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— Terrence W. Sehr

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Westford Selectboard May 27 meeting draft minutes

By Nanette Rogers • Town Clerk, Westford

Keep up with what your Selectboard is talking about! You can view the draft minutes from the Thursday, May 27 Selectboard meeting online at <https://westfordvt.us/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/2021-05-27-Draft-Minutes.pdf>.

GERMAN SHEPHERD RESCUE OF NEW ENGLAND, INC.

Easy Dog Ice Cream Recipe

A YUMMY TREAT YOUR DOG IS SURE TO LOVE!

Ingredients:
 3 RIPE BANANAS
 32 OZ PLAIN YOGURT
 CUP OF PEANUT BUTTER

Directions:
 BLEND ALL THE INGREDIENTS TOGETHER. POUR INTO ICE-CUBE TRAYS AND FREEZE TILL FROZEN.

WORSHIP SERVICES

Virtual services at MMUUF

Sunday services at the Mount Mansfield Unitarian Universalist Fellowship are held on the second and fourth Sundays of each month, September-June (the final service until September was on June 13, 2021). Services are led by members of the fellowship and by invited guest speakers, including visiting UU ministers and leaders of other faiths. Each service explores a different topic. Worship, reflect, and sustain one another, within an inclusive spiritual community, built on values of honoring and affirming the worth of every person, striving for justice, participating in the world community, and respecting the natural web of existence. Please contact president@mmuuf.org or 899-2558 for how to join. Located at 195 VT Rt. 15, Jericho. Learn more at www.mmuuf.org and www.uua.org.

Jericho United Methodist Church outdoor worship service

Jericho United Methodist Church welcomes you to grow in Christ with us. We hold dear the United Methodist Church's motto: "Open doors. Open Hearts. Open Minds." We recognize that our faith journeys are all unique, just as we as individuals are all unique. Know that whoever you are, whatever you do, you are welcome here. We believe that we grow together or not

at all. All are welcome! Join us Sundays at 10:00 AM. There will be music, prayer, and message from our pastor Rev. Sean Delmore on Zoom for virtual worship. For updates or a Zoom invitation, please contact 802-899-4288 or Jen (luitjens@yahoo.com). Located at 71 VT Rt. 15, Jericho.

United Church of Underhill

The United Church of Underhill is an active, vibrant congregation. We are young and old; single, couples, and families; believers, questioners, and questioning believers. All are welcome. Some people think of us as the Harvest Market Church or the Clutter Barn Church. We gather to worship together every Sunday morning at 10:00 AM. Our service is traditional but lively, with music, a children's sermon, and much more. For instructions on joining worship from home, please see <https://unitedchurchofunderhill.com/joining-worship-from-home/>. We provide many opportunities for worship, fellowship, and service, but we also welcome you to come in, be still, and contemplate your faith. Located at 7 Park St., Underhill. Pastor's office (with voicemail) 899-1722; church secretary, Tuesday and Wednesday 11:30 AM – 2:30 PM (no voicemail) 899-4583.

Online church services in Jeffersonville, Waterville

By Rev. Devon Thomas

The Second Congregational Church in Jeffersonville and the Waterville Union Church would like to invite all who feel called to join us for our online church services, Sundays at 10:30 AM. We are now having weekly Zoom services and any who would like to watch can do so via our Facebook pages. So, as we like to say at the church: know that no matter who you are or where you are in life's journey, you are welcome at our church; or in this case, our web-space! <https://www.facebook.com/watervilleunionchurch> or <https://www.facebook.com/SecondCongregationalUCC>

Jericho Congregational Church is here to help

The COVID-19 pandemic has affected our lives in numerous ways that we never could have imagined. Many of us are now working from home, home schooling, and in some cases, separated from those we care deeply about. We at Jericho Congregational Church want you to know that we are here for you during this unsettling time. If you need a listening ear or someone to pray with about any of the impacts of this crisis, please contact us at 858-5452 or jcchelps@gmail.com. You are not alone, and we are here to help.

Live virtual worship at Good Shepherd, Jericho

You are invited to worship with Good Shepherd Church at 9:00 AM every Sunday. Services continue to be live-virtual for the coming month. To join in: Zoom links are provided via Good Shepherd's communication document called the E-Bulletin.

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Green Mountain Conservation Camp this summer

VT Fish & Wildlife's Green Mountain Conservation Camp (GMCC) offers hands-on learning experiences about fish, wildlife, ecology, botany, forestry, hunter firearm safety, outdoor first aid, and so much more.

GMCC offers opportunities for hiking, canoeing, fishing, archery, .22 rifle and shotgun shooting, orienteering, and other fun activities. Campers have a unique opportunity to meet Vermont State Game Wardens, foresters, fisheries and wildlife biologists, and others who work in the outdoors.

Wildlife education and outdoor skills are the focus of GMCC and the program's goal is to cultivate a caring attitude among our youth for Vermont's fish and wildlife resources.

All GMCC Sessions (Basic and Advanced) starting with the week of Sunday, July 4 will accept applications for the full number of campers. This change is based on new protocols outline by Governor Scott. Due to previous Vermont travel restrictions, no out-of-state residents will be permitted to attend GMCC this summer. Age exceptions will be made in 2022 to accommodate any campers affected by these regulations.

For information about registration and more, go online to <https://vtfishandwildlife.com/learn-more/gmcc>.

Camp locations: Buck Lake Camp, 1051 Buck Lake Rd., Woodbury, VT – pleasantly nestled in the woods alongside Buck Lake; and Edward F. Kehoe Camp, 636 Point of Pines Rd., Castleton, VT – located on Lake Bomoseen, with a particularly beautiful mountain view.

Summer Camps at the Barn School in Westford

The Barn School will be offering summer camps this year most weeks between June 14 and August 20. Register online at <https://forms.gle/WYiWX9iVnjJY5nCB9>.

Lots of outdoor play, fun activities, projects, and time to play! Camps will follow all protocols and safety procedures for safe operation. Please email with any questions: Kara@thebarnschoolvt.com.

Equine camps at Freedom Farm

Synchrony Dressage at Freedom Farm, just off VT Rt. 15 on Cilley Hill Rd., Jericho has children's camps coming this summer. Please go to <https://www.synchronydressage.com/summer-camp> for more information.

Kids summer activity camp June 21-25

Does your kid need something fun to do this summer? Do they need to stay active? Do they need some structured yet fun time to keep from getting rusty with school skills or catch up? Who doesn't after this crazy COVID year? Skill work tailored to meet individual needs. Or do they just want to connect with other kids?

If so, tell them to grab a buddy and get them off the couch or screen and out of your house! This summer activity camp runs Monday-Friday, June 21-25, 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM.

This camp focuses on fitness, soccer, nature, art, skill work; alternative activities available. Staff includes a licensed K-12 teacher (BA Art, English, and Elementary Ed; Masters in Education with a concentration in Reading; with summer recreation programming experience). CPR and First Aid certified; practices COVID protocols.

The Soccer Clinic has a four-year lettered MMU Girls Varsity Soccer offensive player: striker and Striker Clinic coach for CCS. There will be guest appearances by MMU Girls Varsity Soccer players.

The camp is located on five acres at 11 Covey Rd., Underhill, with field, woods, and pond adjacent to hiking trails for nature and fitness experiences. Snacks and beverages are included.

Call or email for schedule and information: ConnieEsmay@gmail.com, 802-858-9171 or connieesmay@gmail.com.

Chittenden County Soccer School 2021

Registration is open for Chittenden County Soccer School (CCSS) 2021, July 12-16 at Mills Riverside Park in Jericho. All players receive a camp tee and team award. We have a dedicated and experienced coaching staff returning again this summer to bring the "love of the game" to all our players. Individual ball skills, teamwork, game tactics, full-sided and small-sided games, and goalkeeper training are all part of our daily plan!

Half- and full-day camp options for all ages!

Age groups range from 4 and up.

Please email [Eric Barker, barkereric15@gmail.com](mailto:barkereric15@gmail.com), with any questions. Or visit our website at <https://sites.google.com/view/chittendencountysoccerschool/home> to register!

Voltage Soccer Camp July 12-16

The Cambridge Recreation Board and Vermont Voltage Soccer Academy are pleased to announce a one-week, half-day soccer camp for children (ages 5-15) of all different ability levels.

The Academy offers an opportunity to learn and enjoy many aspects of the game of soccer in a fun yet competitive

environment. Fundamentals as well as sophisticated techniques of soccer will be taught on a personalized individual level, along with various forms of group instruction provided by Camp Director Bo Vuckovic, a FIFA UEFA A Pro license holder, and the staff of the Vermont Voltage Soccer Academy who are all former professional soccer players. Emphasis is placed on the development, improvement, and refinement of basic playing skills.

The camp will be held Monday-Friday, July 12-16 from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM, at Cambridge Elementary School.

The cost is \$125 (\$115 for each additional child). Children will receive a camp T-shirt and soccer ball. To register, visit <https://form.jotform.us/30836461021142>.

Summer camps at Burlington Surf Club

Looking for something fun, outdoor and active for your kid this summer? Check out our half-day Windsurfing (ages 10-16) or SHE Girls (girls ages 9-12) camps at our Burlington Surf Club waterfront location. We provide the gear. You provide the kids. For more information, go online to <http://www.wndnws.com/camps/>.

ECHO summer camp registration is open

The ECHO Center on the Burlington waterfront offers one-day and week-long science, stewardship, and design themed day camps during summer break and school vacation. A day at ECHO camp can move from a behind-the-scenes observation of ECHO's animal care activities to a LEGO engineering challenge. Led by STEM educators with an instructor-to-child ratio of approximately 1:6, our program adheres to physical distancing guidelines with small groups, extra time outside, and cleaning protocols. Please note: masks are required.

Program offerings for grades 1-3 include: S.T.E.A.M. Camp, Science of Superheroes, and Animal Adventures. For grades 3-5: Ecosystem Explorers, and Fantastic Forces

ECHO has limited scholarship funds available for those requiring financial assistance to participate in our camps. Questions? Contact camps@echovermont.org.

For more information, go online to <https://www.echovermont.org/events-programs/camps/>.

Hoops 101 basketball camp this summer

MMYBL is pleased to announce that MMU Boys Varsity Head Coach Dan Hamilton is hosting his "Hoops 101" co-ed camp for grades 4-8 this summer at MMU from Monday-Friday, June 28-July 2. Camp sessions will run 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM. The cost is \$135. Space is limited so register now to secure your player's spot in this awesome camp.

More information is available at <http://mmybl.org/site/>.

Registration open for Part 2: the Early Years summer camp

Enrollment is now open for Part 2: The Early Years Summer Camp at Richmond Elementary School! We will offer six weeks of fun weekly themes, on-site water play, and lots of outdoor time! We will differentiate activities to gear them towards the different age groups' interests and abilities. The children will be able to go on field trips throughout the summer.

There are flexible enrollment options to work with your summer plans. For more information, please visit our website (www.parttwokids.com) or contact Joanne, joanne@part2kids.com.

YMCA summer camp registration is open

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- Burlington – three day camps, each with eight one-week sessions, for ages post-K to age 12, ages 8-14 (girls and gender non-conforming), and ages 8-14 co-ed;
- North Hero – Camp Abenaki, tech-free overnight and day camp for boys;
- Underhill, Georgia, Waterbury, Fletcher – Camp Koda, post-K to age 12, with three- and five-day options.

The Y offers financial assistance to qualifying families. For more information, visit www.gymca.org/camp.

Summer Athletic Performance Camp

Designed to offer middle and high school athletes the opportunity to develop a mental and physical advantage, Fit2Excel is offering a summer performance camp focusing on improvements in balance, coordination, agility, speed, strength, mental toughness, and injury prevention. Online registration is available now at <http://fit2excelvt.com>.

The camp sessions are Monday/Tuesday/Thursday, 8:00 - 9:00 AM or 9:15 - 10:15 AM, in four-week sessions: June 14-July 8 and July 19-August 12. Cost: \$240 for four weeks, \$60 for one week.

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HEALTH NEWS

Bone Builders is back!

With the support of RSVP (CVCOA) we have opened our bone builder class at the Jeffersonville church. Classes are free and geared towards improving mobility and balance. We meet every Monday and Thursday from 11:00 AM – 12:15 PM. All are welcome, but mask and social distancing are recommended if you are not fully vaccinated. Currently, all members are vaccinated.

This is a drop-in class so prior registration is not needed, but we do ask you to be prompt. If you are a new participant please come early to do a little paperwork. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at amtobin912@gmail.com.

Vermont health care:
a vacuum of leadership

By Bill Schubart

As I've written in the past, we'll never sort out the hot mess that health care's become in Vermont and in the U.S. until we agree on the fundamental question of whether health care is a definable right or just a lucrative business.

Our persistent ambivalence only extends its cost and complexity with second-class outcomes. With a total domestic cost of \$3.8 trillion (17.7% of G.D.P. / \$11,600 per American) and worse health outcomes than those of our peers abroad, we can no longer evade the question. Reduced to its simplest terms, today the health of Vermonters must compete with the privilege of those who make billions out of misfortune.

My knowledge about the health care industry dates from 2002-2006 when I was recruited to chair the recently consolidated Fletcher Allen Hospital, just as its former president Bill Boettcher was indicted for lying to regulators about the hospital's expansion and began serving a two-year jail sentence. My cram course in the health care industry left me full of questions about its future.

Where to start? The arcane lexicon of health care doesn't help. Know what "denial management," "capitated payments," "open-source wellness," or "OneCare" mean? Join the crowd.

To begin with, do 620,000 people living in such a small state need fourteen hospitals? Arguably not. Adding five to the eleven hyperlocal Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC) we currently have would more cost-efficiently serve Vermonters' health needs – a key focus of Senator Sanders. Our two tertiary-care hospitals, UVM and Dartmouth, and perhaps six regional critical-access hospitals collaborating (rather than competing) on allocated specialty care and procedures would enhance quality while lowering system costs.

It might also help alleviate the severe shortage of health care professionals. From nurses to nurse-practitioners, physician-assistants, primary-care doctors, and specialists, hospitals are struggling to find staff. And the well-documented lack of primary care doctors turns the system on its head from a cost-efficiency perspective.

Before becoming chair, I chaired the "physicians' compensation committee," and learned that contrary to conventional market-demand algorithms, the doctors most in demand were at the bottom of the pay scale while the few marquee surgeons earned more than the CEO. Why? Because compensation was based on billing potential rather than need or systemic – read preventive – value. It's encouraging that UVM Medical Center (UVMCMC) is currently reviewing their compensation philosophy.

At UVMCMC, this personnel shortage is leading to long

delays in patient scheduling. Patients seeking orthopedic, spinal, or pain treatment can wait months for an appointment. I was initially told it would be four to six months before I could get a hip replacement. Many prospective patients now resort to the growing number of for-profit specialty clinics popping up around Chittenden County or travel to Dartmouth where these procedures are more accessible.

Governor Scott, celebrated nationally for his management of COVID in Vermont, remains curiously silent on the broader issue of health care strategy. So, who owns health care vision and policy formulation in Vermont: the Agency of Human Services (AHS) with its six departments, including the Vermont Department of Health, Department of Health Access, the Department of Mental Health, the Department of Corrections, or... The Green Mountain Care Board? Is it not the Governor's task to lead or assign responsibility?

Who will be the driver and champion of a vision for improving health care access, affordability, and outcomes, and deploying OneCare, if not Governor Scott, his AHS Secretary Mike Smith, the Green Mountain Care Board, or John Brumsted, CEO of VT's largest health care delivery system?

Without OneCare becoming a reality across our network of health care delivery systems, our Medicare waiver will not work nor will we ever be able to manage the consumer cost escalations for those who can afford access.

This disturbing lack of vision, leadership, policy formation, and accountability in health care strategy is at the root of the problem.

The Green Mountain Care Board's (GMCB) original 2011 mission called for experienced leaders in health care policy to: improve the health of the population; reduce the per-capita rate of growth in expenditures for health services in Vermont across all payers while ensuring that access to care and quality of care are not compromised; enhance the patient and health care professional experience of care; recruit and retain high-quality health care professionals; and achieve administrative simplification in health care financing and delivery.

Under Governor Scott, with the appointment of Sen. Kevin Mullin (R-Rutland) as chair, the focus of the GMCB tilted from visionary goal-setting by experienced health care professionals to more bottom-line cost-control overseen by financial experts. The 50-member GMCB Advisory Committee (of which I was a member) shrank to less than half, many of whom are now stakeholders in the current system.

Although Vermont has partnered with the federal government and bought into the concept of OneCare, it still faces stiff headwinds — not because it's a faulty concept but because it lacks government leadership. OneCare's core tenet is philosophical. To quote Ben Franklin, "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." Move the \$6B spent each year in Vermont in transactional costs upstream into prevention and "population health." But OneCare is misunderstood by many in the health care and legislative communities. Often confused with single-payer and multi-payer systems, it works with either, although the latter is clearly becoming the norm.

As one hospital administrator put it, and I paraphrase: We're dependent on a steady stream of broken people for our survival. We repair and bill transactionally. The sum of those transactions keeps our doors open. If we were simply given our annual budget against an accountable and measurable commitment to invest in prevention, education, and maintaining population health, we would save money and see fewer sick Vermonters.

If we are ever to achieve "population health," it must involve committing to an integral understanding of physiological and mental health from a care perspective. We closed most of our "mental hospitals," such as they were, and built more prisons. Now we have the tragedies surrounding teens and adults being housed in emergency rooms for lack of any resources in mental health, which is shameful. The Howard Center and Brattleboro Retreat are at capacity and underfunded. Until we integrate physical and mental health, we'll succeed at neither. Do we also not understand that poverty, homelessness, hunger, abuse, and lack of access to health care are all precursors to mental and physical illness? Is the prison endgame at \$50,000 per prisoner per year really cheaper than population health?

We have the resources and the money to get this right. There are cutting-edge resources in the VT Dept. of Health, as we've seen in the crisis management of COVID. Our two colleges of medicine, Larner at UVM and Geisel at Dartmouth, are doing world-class research, have a trove of relevant data, and a cadre of committed professionals. We have the legislative and regulatory resources. What we're lacking is the leadership to deploy these resources to forge and execute a vision for preventive managed care.

True leaders don't try to satisfy everyone. They take political risks. They pioneer. If pleasing everyone, positive polling, and re-election are leadership's goals, we'll never see change. Governor Scott has vastly outperformed his peers in COVID crisis-management. He must now understand health care itself as the crisis and lead.

Help for parents of children
who stutter is at your library

Thanks to some generous donations, the Stuttering Foundation has donated a new DVD, entitled *Kids Who Stutter: Parents Speak*, to public libraries across the country.

In this 16-minute DVD, parents and speech-language experts talk about how to promote easier talking as they interact with their children. The professionals offer simple tips that parents can follow easily.

The DVD features some of the world's leading therapists with children who stutter: Lisa A Scott, Ph.D. of the Florida State University's School of Communication Science and Disorders; Ellen Kelly, Ph.D., of Vanderbilt University School of Medicine; speech-language consultants Frances Cook, MBE, MSc, Willie Botterill, MSc, and Elaine Kelman, MSc., from the Michael Palin Centre for Stammering Children in London.

"This is an important tool for families and teachers of children who stutter," added Jane Fraser, president of the nonprofit Stuttering Foundation. "Our latest DVD is designed to give parents and teachers the tools they need to play a vital role in the process of helping children who stutter."

For more information about stuttering, write the 74-year-old nonprofit Stuttering Foundation, P.O. Box 11749, Memphis, TN 38111-0749, call 800-992-9392, or visit www.stutteringhelp.org.

A public library that will shelve any of the 16 free books and DVDs the Foundation offers to public libraries can email info@stutteringhelp.org or call 800-992-9392.

COMMUNITY COLUMNS

Three Sisters, high tides, and
giant sea scallops

By Douglas Boardman

Special to the Mountain Gazette

Sandy and I took many road trips with my best friend Bill and his wife Pearl. We always drove our Dodge Grand Caravan because it had lots of room for luggage. I always loved Prince Edward Island mussels and so did Sandy, so I suggested we drive up to PEI to see where the mussels come from. We had also heard that they have "singing sands." Our good friends had never been up to that area either, so we planned out a 10-day trip at the end of September.

It was near the end of the tourist season and some of the motels were closed, but having the kids back in school, there were still a lot of cabins open for business. The weather was cool at night but very comfortable. We took the roads less travelled and enjoyed the scenery. We went through St. Johns, New Brunswick and headed toward Nova Scotia. I was struck by the colorful houses: red, blue, purple, pink — all beautifully mixed in rows. I have never seen more lighthouses anywhere else, and I saw a lot of them in the Navy. I learned that there are over 40 lighthouses in Nova Scotia, and although PEI is much smaller, being surrounded by water, they have over 50 lighthouses. Wow. Many are not used anymore but are still cared for by the community. We were amazed at the beauty of the islands, water, rocks, singing sands, tides, potatoes, mussels, lobster, and scallops.

We only had 10 days, so we couldn't stay in one place very long. Another place we went to was Hopewell Rocks in the Bay of Fundy in New Brunswick. We got there at a decent hour when the tides were out so we could walk on the ocean floor, but it takes some time to walk down to the bottom. The tides come in twice per day and reach heights of 50 feet. The Three Sisters are amazing rock stacks that have been there for eons. There are actually four rocks that stand out, but only three are sisters. The fourth one is not named, so it might be a brother! They stand about 100 feet high and at high tide they are surrounded by water and attract a lot of kayakers. When the tide is out you can walk through them. If you are really daring you can rent a raft and ride the waves coming in with the tide, which they say is like whitewater rafting. The marinas and individual boats along the Bay of Fundy sit on the ocean floor when the tide is out. When the tide comes in, the boats are floating again 40 to 50 feet higher. A horn blows to remind you to get off the ocean floor before the tides come in. The power of water and wind in the Bay of Fundy formed the rocks into statues and grottos. They reminded me of Arches National Park in Utah, which were formed mainly by wind. The combination of wind and water is extra powerful!

On our trip we also went to Peggy's Cove in Nova Scotia, and saw the lighthouse. While we were strolling around looking at everything, the host of WCAX's *Across the Fence* came walking out of a building. My wife Sandy and her friend Pearl noticed him right away. He asked if he could interview them and they said sure — so that was their 15 minutes of fame. (With no fortune, of course!) We went to nearby Digby, which is known for its giant sea scallops, and on to Lunenburg, which is a large fishing village. It is more like a city than a village, with an older part mixed with modern higher buildings and the Fisheries Museum of the Atlantic. The harbor offers trips on the "Bluenose II." It is a replica of an old schooner that was known as the Queen of the North Atlantic. She was wrecked in 1946 and the replica was built in 1963.

We also stopped in Halifax, which amazed me with their skyscrapers which seemed so out of place. Of course, it is the capital of Nova Scotia, and it has over 400,000 people. The military garrison there is quite impressive. There were lots of great restaurants and we agreed that they had the best PEI mussels, potatoes, sea scallops, lobster, and seafood chowder. We stayed in smaller fishing villages that were near to the water. One cabin came with a grill, and we cooked corn and steaks for dinner. It was the only day we ate steaks in 10 days because the seafood was so good.

The last place we stopped in Nova Scotia was a knife factory near Pictou on our way to the ferry to PEI. It is where the Grohmann knives are made the old-fashioned way (by hand). The final person inspects the finished product and hand sharpens the blade with a sharpening stone, making the blade extremely sharp. After we left there, we headed to the ferry that went to Prince Edward Island.

Next column: PEI mussels and potato fudge

My kingdom for a horse —
William Shakespeare

By Sue Kusserow

Special to the Mountain Gazette

It is an Apple afternoon. The sun is just October enough to give gold to the lines of short stumpy mother trees that bear enough apples to bend the manicured branches to the ground. There is the sound of laughter; shouts of "Boy, this is a huge one!" This young boy's burden is so large that it takes two hands to hold on, and there is the sound of a large, murderous crunch as he bites into his scarlet-red trophy. It splits with a sound that is truly nicknamed *mouth watering*. The skin is warm, but the bite opens to the pale and cool core. We don't associate apples with "juicy" (like oranges or peaches) but these are. That first bite spurts enough juice so that the slurpy sound is internationally recognized as the sign of a healthy apple. It is Apple Day at Allenholm Farms in South Hero. And you would presume that most people came to marvel at the many varieties in bushel baskets, paper bags, drops for those of us who turn them into applesauce or pies. We stop at the cider press where the proof of apples' juiciness is sloshed into tiny paper cups, good for three mouthfuls and a return to get a refill.

Ana is with me. She is five years old and my granddaughter. And she didn't come for the apples. Her cider cup balances half-full in her hand, and her eyes are looking at me... longingly and pleadingly. She came here because they have pony rides and she is urging me to follow the tracks and hoof marks of her most beloved animal: the horse. She drops the cider and takes my hand, guiding us by the sign that says in big, hastily scrawled letters: PONY rides. And there he is, tied to a moribund, old apple tree that has long ago given up the apple business. The pony wears a western saddle: sheer safety for any young cowboy. The reins are so long that yanking and stern admonitions to *giddy up!* are lost on this veteran of many Apple Festivals.

"Hello, young lady!" says the teenage boy who tends "Brownie," now half asleep in the warm copper sun. Ana reaches up and barely touches Brownie's neck, but any fur in any place of a horse widens her eyes and opens her lips. "Here, I bet you'd like a ride." Ana nods, too excited to speak. The young man hoists her up and she hangs on to the pommel of the saddle, not that Brownie is restive or bucking... quite the contrary. I secretly slap his bottom to show some sign of life and he does turn to look at me. He judges I'm not a threat at all, and shifts legs, which Ana finds very exciting: this start of a ride around the apple tree. "Are you ready, Missy?"

The young man puts a lead rope on Brownie who acts as if it is an insult... ("To think that I would gallop off among the apple trees!") I follow behind, literally, delighting in watching Ana clinging to the reins, occasionally pulling one, then the other, so gently that even Brownie doesn't notice. Around we go, the path

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LIBRARY NEWS

DRML & JTL Summer Reading Program video

Here is a link to the Deborah Rawson Memorial Library / Jericho Town Library video about our 2021 Summer Reading Program: *Tails and Tales*.

<https://youtu.be/oXf7TUxypvE>

Be on the look out for even more information coming soon!

DEBORAH RAWSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Deborah Rawson Memorial Library has gone back to curbside only. We will open again for appointments once we see COVID numbers declining.

Curbside hours: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1:00 – 7:30 PM; Wednesdays and Fridays, 1:00 – 5:30 PM; and Saturdays, 11:00 AM – 1:30 PM. You may place items on hold at <https://drml.bywatersolutions.com>. You will receive an email or a phone call when your item is ready. Just let us know what day you would like to pick it up by calling 899-4962 or emailing rawsonlibrary@drml.org. Items may be returned in the book drop any time. Items are quarantined up to a week before they are checked in. Our WiFi remains active and is accessible from the parking lot or other areas adjacent to the building. WiFi is available 24/7. A password is not needed to connect. Please be aware that our WiFi does not offer a secure connection.

To register for programs, call 802-899-4962, or email Erik (program_assistant@drml.org) for Adult Programs or Abbey (youth_librarian@drml.org) for Youth Programs.

Adult Programs

Mah Jongg — Monday, June 21, 1:00 PM, Zoom. Please join us as we explore the ancient Chinese tile game of winds, dragons, and number tiles. If you like Rummy-style card games, you'll love Mah Jongg! We'll be meeting on the free website MyJongg.net, with a Zoom call allowing us to chat. All are welcome — no experience necessary! A National Mah Jongg League 2020 card is required to participate.

Deborah Rawson Book Lovers — always the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM. DRBL is a monthly adult book discussion group. New members are always welcome to drop in on any meeting. For more information on how to join in, contact Christine@cstaffa.com.

Youth Programs

Summer Reading Program Information: You've been waiting, and here it is! Visit our Summer Reading Program webpage to find out about all the cool stuff we have going on this summer: <https://www.drml.org/srp2021>.

Outdoor Story Time — Tuesdays, 10:30 AM. Join Ms. Abbey on the back lawn of the library Tuesday mornings for stories and songs! This program is weather dependent. If it is a rainy morning we will not meet. If you are not sure if storytime is happening, check our Facebook page or call 802-899-4962. For the safety of all who attend, everyone must maintain six feet of social distance, and everyone over the age of 2 must wear a

mask. Please bring a blanket or a towel for your family to sit on. Contact 802-899-4962 or youth_librarian@drml.org for more information.

Story Walk — Starting at the end of the sidewalk on the right side of the building and wrapping around the edge of the field. Look for a new story almost every month, or reread great stories on each visit.

Curbside Crafts — Pick up a *Tails and Tales* themed craft kit each Wednesday from the Deborah Rawson Memorial Library or the Jericho Town Library. Supplies are limited, so first come first served!

Summer Reading Bingo — Pick up a new BINGO sheet each month!

Visit DRML and JTL at the Jericho Farmers' Market — Thursdays 3:00 – 6:00 PM.

Summer Reading Challenge: Readers of all ages across Vermont are invited to participate in the 2021 Vermont Summer Reading Challenge, available through August 31 at vermont.beanstack.org! Read or listen to any book and track minutes using the Beanstack web or mobile app. You can help young children participate by tracking minutes when reading to or with them. Log minutes and complete activities to earn digital badges. Collect 10 badges to complete the challenge!

Raptor Road Trip with VINS — Saturday, June 19, 11:00 AM [all ages] Live in the backyard of DRML we will have a visit from VINS and a special raptor friend to hear about how these magnificent birds migrate. Masks and social distancing required. Rain location is the Mills Riverside Park Pavilion. Please call 899-4962 to let us know you plan to attend so we can manage crowd sizes. Thank you!

Camp NaNoWriMo: Virtual Brainstorm — Monday, June 21, 3:00 – 4:00 PM. [ages 8+] National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo) is a worldwide challenge to start and finish a piece of writing during the month of July. In this workshop, teens grades 6 and up will play writing games, sign up for the program, and start to plan how they will start and finish a project in thirty-one days. This program is hosted in collaboration with Fletcher Free Library and Deborah Rawson Memorial Library.

Maker Day: Button Machine — Thursday, June 24, 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM. [all ages] Sign up for a slot and come make pin back buttons, magnets, and keychains with our 1.25" button making machine! Create your own designs or punch out pictures from magazines. Let your inner maker shine! Call 899-4962 to reserve your spot.

Movie Night — Saturday, June 26, 9:00 PM. [all ages] Check our website for movie information. Weather dependent.

Skype A Scientist — Tuesday, June 29, 4:00 PM. [all ages] Hear from biologist Ryan Taylor about his work studying frog voices in Panama, and his personal work looking at shark group patterns off the coasts of North Carolina and Florida. Contact 802-899-4962 or youth_librarian@drml.org for a meeting link.

Contact information: email rawsonlibrary@drml.org; website www.drml.org; phone 802-899-4962.

JERICHO TOWN LIBRARY

Join us for storytime at 10:30 AM every Wednesday this summer! Storytime will feature some exciting picture books, crafts and other hands-on activities, and plenty of chances to get some wiggles out. Look for our canopy tent on the Town Green in front of the library. No need to pre-register or make an appointment! You are encouraged to bring a picnic blanket or towel to sit on. Note that outdoor storytime is weather-dependent; when in doubt, check our social media in the morning to see if we have canceled (we will call it by 10:00 AM). We can't wait to see you and your little ones!

Jericho Town Library is going to be at the Jericho Farmers' Market every Thursday this summer, so stop by our booth for a

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LEGISLATIVE REPORTS

Legislative update: Chittenden 8-3

By Alyssa Black • State Representative, Chittenden-8-3

June 11

Our legislative session adjourned a few weeks ago and it's been a busy few weeks for me while I try to acclimate back to my full-time job, as well as catching up on delayed chores (yes, I'm talking about housework, uggg!) I know this is a busy time of year for you all as well. With school ending, the transition to summer schedules, and of course our continued efforts to cope with the pandemic. Hoping we can all find time to recharge and enjoy the beautiful Vermont weather. Below is information on our last Community Conversation for 2021 and some updates and resources that may be helpful. Please feel free to reach out to me (ABlack@leg.state.vt.us) at any time. I'm still working on my end of session report and should have a link to that in the coming week.

Upcoming legislative veto session: The legislature is reconvening on Wednesday-Thursday, June 23-24 for a veto session that was scheduled prior to adjournment. At that time we will consider the three bills that were recently vetoed by the Governor and address any additional business that can be covered in that time. This is my first veto session, so I am not exactly sure what to expect but happy to bring any of your thoughts or questions to the debate and will of course report back after. Two of the three bills vetoed by the governor address charter changes around voting access. This response by our House Speaker provides a good summary of the situation: <https://speaker.vermont.gov/newsroom>

Economic Recovery Bridge Grants for businesses: On Monday, June 7, the Economic Recovery Bridge Program launched to deliver \$30 million in financial relief to businesses who have not received state and federal funding due to eligibility constraints and to businesses who can show a continued loss of revenues due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Businesses can find the full program guidelines by going online to <https://accd.vermont.gov/covid-19/> and clicking "Relief and Recovery Programs" and then "Economic Recovery Bridge Program."

Summer Meal Program: Essex-Westford School District (EWSA) continues to offer free meals to children this summer. Meals are free to all children ages 18 and under, no application or prior approval is needed. Children do not need to be with you. It is important to note that these free meals are not only for families in need, and you won't be taking away a meal from someone in need. Funding is based on participation, so the more people that take the free meals, the stronger we can be for those that need us the most. For information: <https://www.facebook.com/EWSDFTSNCP/photos/a.179021502438680/1493246264349524/?type=3>.

Essex Community Juneteenth Celebration: On Saturday, June 19, Essex will stage its first Juneteenth celebration. The event will be held from 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM at the pavilion of the Brownell Library at 5 Corners, celebrating the contributions of African Americans to life as we know it in the United States. The event will highlight excerpts and work of African American inventors, musicians, poets, orators, and authors. For information: <http://essexcjc.org/s/Essex-Juneteenth-2021-11x17.pdf>. For those unfamiliar with the history of the day, Juneteenth is celebrated in commemoration of June 19, 1865 when the last enslaved people in Galveston, Texas were informed of Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation on September 22, 1862 and the April 9, 1865 end of the Civil War, when Robert E. Lee surrendered the last major Confederate army to Ulysses S. Grant at Appomattox Courthouse. Juneteenth has been celebrated in Texas since June 19, 1866 and, in 1979, Texas became the first state to make Juneteenth an official holiday. Forty-seven states and the District of Columbia now recognize Juneteenth as a state or ceremonial holiday.

It is an honor to serve our community. Please keep me posted on the type of updates you would like to receive and never hesitate to reach out to me at ABlack@leg.state.vt.us or 802-598-1026.

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Subscribe ahead of time, by the Tuesday prior to a service you hope to attend, at www.goodshepherdjericho.org. You need to subscribe only once, and you can unsubscribe at any time. Pastor Arnold leads Tuesday Evening Prayer at 7:00 PM, also via Zoom. Centering Prayer Meditation Practice is offered on Fridays at 8:30 AM; access information is at <http://goodshepherdjericho.org/>. We are an open-minded Christian community where people from different faith traditions, along with those who aren't sure where they belong or what they believe, seek the support of a spiritual home. We welcome you in the name and love of Christ. Contact Pastor Arnold Isidore Thomas for more information at 802-503-9666 or pastorthomas@goodshepherdjericho.org.

Calvary Episcopal Church on Zoom

Calvary Episcopal Church is a welcoming, caring, Christian community called to live the Gospel of Jesus Christ, grow our spiritual gifts, and serve our neighbors. While the church building is currently closed, worship services are being held on Sundays at 9:30 AM via Zoom. All are warmly invited to attend! The Zoom link can be found on Calvary's website: <http://calvarychurchvt.weebly.com/>. Hope to see you soon!

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Neglected maintenance of N. Cambridge Cemetery

To the Editor,

On Saturday, May 01, 2021 I asked on FPF #3901 for someone from the Cambridge Cemetery Commission to contact me with what was proposed to be done about the despicable condition of the N. Cambridge Cemetery (fence repair and painting, signage straightening). The response I received was from the chair, who called me a "bully" and resigned from the commission (according to her email), and I had scheduled and appointment with another commissioner only to sit in her parking lot for 15 minutes and then get dismissed due to whatever.

I was your lone elected (violation of Vermont law – has to be three or five) cemetery commissioner from 2010-2016 during which time myself and nearly 100 volunteers totally restored four of Cambridge's cemeteries, saving the taxpayers thousands of dollars.

Since 2016 I have brought up issues which needed to be addressed with the N. Cambridge Cemetery several times and have been willing to work with the commission to help rectify these repairs, but unfortunately it has fallen on deaf ears.

The laws which govern cemeteries in Vermont are clear, but it

would appear that no one has read them. I had given copies to the Selectboard and the Town Clerk's office (no offense to the Town Clerk's office intended) when I was CCC.

I find it pathetic that on this (Memorial Day) weekend that such disrespect is being shown to our veterans and the settlers of our town by the actions of the CCC.

My family goes back to 1759 in this town. My mother was a Buker and her great-great-grandfather Zebulon Buker is buried in Hopkins Cemetery, so I take our cemeteries very personally. My family plot is in the N. Cambridge Cemetery and it appalls me that over the last four years how this cemetery has fallen into such despair and all because the Cemetery Commissioners are neglecting their ELECTED positions. There are no legitimate excuses, the laws set forth by the Secretary of the State of Vermont are clear and enforceable. The Hopkins/E. Cambridge Cemetery are having the same issues.

Being as where none of the commissioners are willing to contact me, I will be in touch with the Attorney General's office this coming week.

Why do individuals accept the nominations for a position, become elected, and then not uphold that position? I guess I was raised in a different time.

Kevin C. Whitcavitch AKA: The Bully
Jeffersonville

Teach children to say the magic words "please," "thank you," "you're welcome," and "excuse me" by making sure to use them regularly yourself. Encourage your children to use those words at a family meal when good table manners, as well as polite words, can be used and practiced. A toddler before the age of two may not grasp what being polite is all about but will note the positive response and feedback they get when they give or receive these words of politeness.

Be patient in teaching your children manners and politeness. Hearing "please" and "thank you" may not come immediately, but with patience and consistent usage of these terms it will.

How to properly greet others is a great social skill to instill in your older toddler and preschooler. Asking a child to see what color someone's eyes are is a great way for them to look at a person. Practicing responses to "How are you?" can also help build confidence when that question is asked by someone they don't know that you are introducing them to.

Preparing your child to use good manners in advance is a great strategy with older children, such as an expectation in visiting the home of a friend that they will help clear the table or use polite language and thank the hosts.

Speaking of reinforcement, praise your children's use of manners when words or behaviors just occur naturally without your having to prompt them, and that will go a long way to reinforcing good manners.

Hopefully, tips like these in a manner of fact way will help you help your children learn to enjoy and benefit from practicing good manners.

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so well-used that lazy old Brownie trips on the ruts. The young man looks up and grins. Who wouldn't, to see so much joy in one small face, gold-encircled by limp ringlets. He yanks Brownie past his stopping post, which doesn't please this creature of habit, but he plods along. Ana looks very serious, thinking that her niblets of reining are what is moving old Brownie, and who could be so cruel as to disillusion her! At the finish line, she would like to slide off, like they do in National Velvet, but the young man helps her, even though she feels she doesn't need it!

We ride home with her curled in her favorite behind-the-driver spot, her head nap-nodding with the curls limp from the heat, and her cheeks the color of newly-opened baby apples. Thus is the beginning of a love affair with these beautiful creatures... started by one who was not so beautiful, but was transformed by a child's dreams.

May I share some tips for good manners with you?

Good manners are necessary for people to live together and get along in this world. They are a great way to instill values of kindness and respect in your children, values that will last a lifetime and which the world seems to need nowadays more than ever. Using them can also help a child be more confident in new social situations as they get older.

If you want your child to learn to practice good manners, I have some suggestions:

Start early and be consistent. Even before a child may be able to speak, teaching them to wave hello and goodbye is a form of learning the proper way to greet someone.

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free book, fun outdoor activities, and some other goodies you can take home with you. And if you've been meaning to get a library card, we can help you with that, too. Come say hello, get a book, and play some games!

The Homebound Access Service provides delivery services to anyone who is homebound (permanently or temporarily) and can't come to the library to pick up their books in person. Patrons can request materials via phone, email, or a snail mail paper form. We'll deliver orders between 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM on the first and third Wednesday of each month, and patrons can return books at that time as well. The community's health is our priority: for everyone's safety, deliveries will be contactless and outdoors. Please share widely to anyone you know who may be interested. All anyone needs is to be a Jericho resident; we can issue a library card if they don't already have one. You can reach us or ask for a paper request form to be sent to someone at library@jerichotownlibraryvt.org or 802-899-4686. Read more at www.jerichotownlibraryvt.org/homebound-access-service.html.

Open by appointment, 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM Tuesday-Friday, and 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM Saturday, and are still filling curbside pickup orders, so keep them coming! You can sign up for a 30-minute browsing session, submit a curbside request, and read more about our COVID-19 policies here: <https://www.jerichotownlibraryvt.org/covid-19-policies.html>.

We do a very brief health screening at the door, including a temperature check with a contactless thermometer and a question about if you have left the state in the past 14 days and followed state-mandated quarantine policies. Masks and 6' social distancing procedures are still absolutely required. You can read our full reopening plan on our website: <https://www.jerichotownlibraryvt.org/covid-19-policies.html>. If you are sick, please stay home. If a family member is sick, please stay home.

We look forward to having everyone back and happy reading — Gretchen Wright, Director, Jericho Town Library

Library hours: Tuesday-Friday, 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM and Saturday, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM. Please check our website and the notice boards outside of the library for updates and more information on programs and library services: www.jerichotownlibraryvt.org or 899-4686.

VARNUM MEMORIAL LIBRARY JEFFERSONVILLE

The Varnum Memorial Library is open for curbside pickup and in-person browsing. Please continue to wear a mask. Our hours are: Tuesdays 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM; Wednesdays 1:30 PM – 6:00 PM; Thursdays 11:30 AM – 6:00 PM; Fridays 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM; and Saturdays 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM.

Our next Committees Meeting will be Thursday, July 17 at 6:30 PM. If you have any questions, please email varnumboardofdirectors@gmail.com.

Join us for the following events in the coming weeks!

Friday, June 18: Share Music Love. Do you want to let the world how much you love Reggae, Country, Classical, Hip Hop, Jam Band, Jazz, Metal, Zydeco, or Celtic? Are you a fan of Bowie, Bjork, Biggie, Beatles, Beasties, Black Keys, Black

Sabbath, Bob Marley, Bob Dylan, Baez, Bach, Bird, or the Byrds? You can host your own hour-long music appreciation show. Tell us what you know about the music and why you like it. We'll provide a speaker to plug into; you provide the music on a device. Please let us know if you're interested in volunteering to share your music love at varnumboardofdirectors@gmail.com

Wednesday, June 23, 9:30 AM: Summer Reading Program Kick-off Event – Animal Mask-arade! Come register for the Summer Reading Program, *Tails and Tales*. Share some stories, make an animal mask, and join us for a mask-arade around the village with stops at some of our local businesses for some special surprises. Register for the program by filling out the form online at <https://forms.gle/FHwSp2d74fAprt28>.

We also have a handful of grab-bags left for our potted plant activity. Swing by the library for a goody bag with a mini terracotta pot, paint, and paintbrush.

We are working on getting all events up on our website. If you have any questions regarding events, please reach out to the board of directors, varnumboardofdirectors@gmail.com.

Please note the library has only one working computer at this time. If you would like to use a computer, please let us know in advance, if possible, and we will do our best to accommodate.

We now have faster internet at the library! We've boosted our speed nearly 10x. As always, we welcome members of our community to continue to utilize our WiFi for drive up hotspots.

If you are having difficulty with your Libby/Overdrive login, your credentials are your library patron card number (beginning with 2C1400...) and your pin number is your last name, all lowercase.

Please let us know how we can assist you by emailing us at varnumrequests@gmail.com or calling us at 644-2117.

The Varnum Library, P.O. Box 198, 194 Main St., Jeffersonville, 802-644-2117; thevarnum@gmail.com; www.varnumlibrary.org.

WESTFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

Looking for something to do this summer? The Westford Public Library has you covered with a variety of park and museum passes. We've added some new passes so you can explore even more of Vermont. Passes may not be reserved, and are available for three-day checkout to Westford residents with a valid library card.

- New! Fairbanks Museum and Planetarium (St. Johnsbury): free family pass;
- New! VINS (Quechee): \$5/person up to four people;
- VT State Parks: free entry for one vehicle (up to eight people);
- VT State Historic Sites: free entry for one vehicle (up to eight people);
- ECHO: \$7/person up to for guests (ask for the code, they are still using online ticketing);
- Shelburne Farms: free family pass;
- Shelburne Museum: half off regular admission;
- Birds of Vermont Museum: BOGO;
- Lake Champlain Maritime Museum: no pass needed, free

admission this season;

- American Precision Museum (Windsor): free family pass;
- VT History Museum (Montpelier): free family pass.

It's been a while, but there's another episode of *Bree on Books!* You can trust my recommendations or pick out your favorites now that we are open our regular hours on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays (see below). Adult Fiction: https://youtu.be/2Z1oZ-nJV_I. Adult Non-Fiction: <https://youtu.be/8M7ucY46b-U>

Donations for the Book Sale: every Saturday in June, 9:00 – 11:00 AM. We are limiting drop off of donations to two boxes per person. We are *not accepting*: VHS tapes, cassettes, music CDs, textbooks, encyclopedias, magazines, and moldy or damaged books. Ask yourself, "Would I lend this to a friend?" If the answer is no, then keep it out of the book sale.

We *will be accepting*: gently used, clean books in good condition, kids books, DVDs, and audiobooks. Try to bring them in a box, if possible.

Do not use the book drop for donations – it damages the library books and makes a big mess!

You can now visit the library (meaning come in and browse the shelves, use the computer, grab a DVD, etc.) Wednesdays 1:00 – 7:00 PM and Saturday 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM, no appointments needed. We are still doing curbside service on Thursdays 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM and Fridays from 3:00 – 6:00 PM. Patrons of all ages are welcome, children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

Based on Governor Scott's Vermont Forward plan for Group B establishments, the library board feels it is safe to open the library under Universal Guidance:

- masks, social distancing, and hand hygiene are required;
- the library will allow patrons inside at 50% capacity;
- high touch surfaces will be cleaned regularly.

We also ask that patrons limit visits to 30 minutes unless using the computers or internet.

Our first outdoor, in-person storytime on Thursday was great fun! Storytimes will now be outside on the Common on Thursdays at 11:30 AM, unless the weather is bad. It was SO nice to see all those kids! (and the adults were pretty great too!)

We are in phase 5 of our reopening plan. See our website for more details. We will monitor and re-evaluate our opening plans monthly based on state and local health data.

The library is doing a lot of virtual programming, available on YouTube. Search YouTube for "Westford Librarian" and subscribe to see all virtual story times and the popular "Bree on Books" series. Virtual Early Literacy Story Time is fun for all ages and is posted every Thursday on YouTube, FPF, Facebook, and the website. Curbside Craft Kits available weekly, as a curbside order (see above).

The Westford Food Shelf is now open twice a month, on the first Wednesday of each month, 4:30 – 5:30 PM, on the third Saturday, 8:00 – 9:00 AM. With increased openings, they need more inventory! The Westford Public Library has food collection bins at all curbside pickups from now on. These bins are for non-

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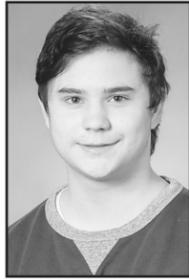
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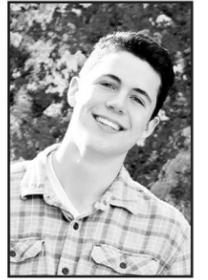
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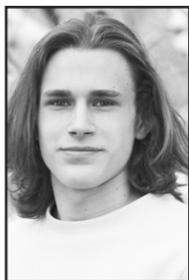
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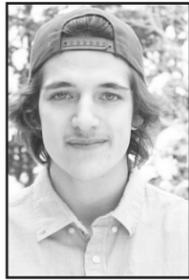
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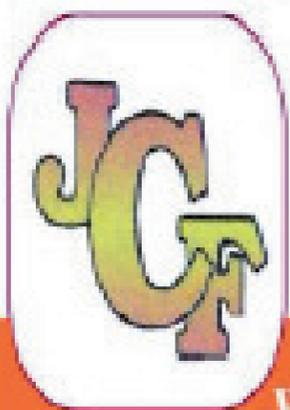
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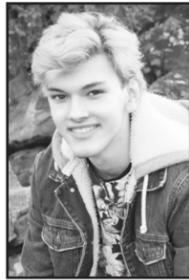
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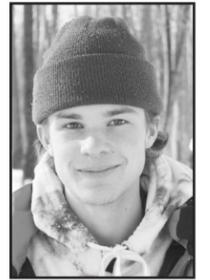
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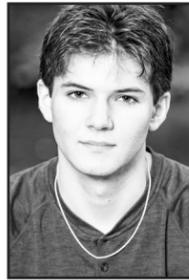
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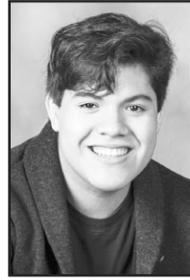
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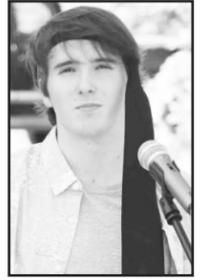
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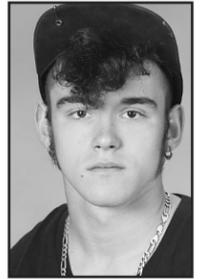
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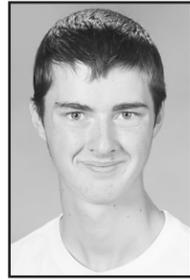
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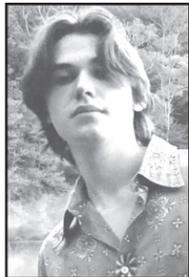
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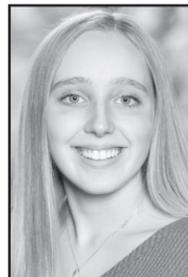
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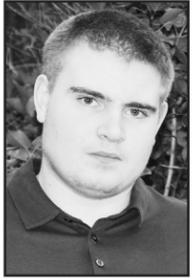
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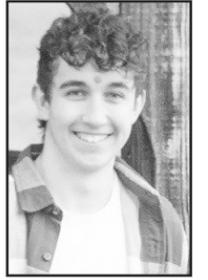
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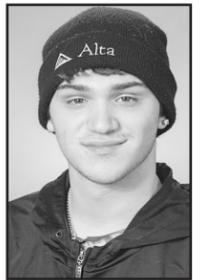
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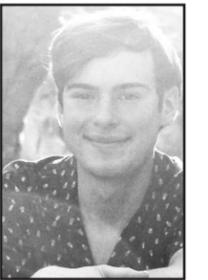
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College news

Gina Airoidi of Jericho, VT has been named to the spring 2021 Dean's List at the University of Vermont, Burlington, VT.

Sarah Antonick of Jericho, VT graduated on Wednesday, June 9, 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Vermont, Burlington, VT.

Jonathan Thomas Aselin of Jericho Center, VT, a sophomore majoring in mechanical engineering, was named a Presidential Scholar for the spring 2021 semester at Clarkson University, Potsdam, NY.

Rachael Beauchemin of Jericho, VT graduated on Wednesday, June 9, 2021 with a Bachelor of Science from the University of Vermont, Burlington, VT.

Arianna Belfield of Jericho, VT graduated on Wednesday, June 9, 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Vermont, Burlington, VT.

Devyn Beliveau-Gale of Jericho, VT has been named to the spring 2021 President's List at Castleton University, Castleton, VT.

Ella Bergin of Jericho, VT has been named to the spring 2021 Dean's List at the University of Vermont, Burlington, VT. On Wednesday, June 9, 2021 Bergin graduated from the University of Vermont with a Bachelor of Science.

Brianna Borch of Jericho, VT has been named to the spring 2021 Dean's List at the University of Vermont, Burlington, VT.

Myra Boulanger of Underhill, VT has been named to the spring 2021 Dean's List at Castleton University, Castleton, VT.

Gabrielle Boyson of Underhill, VT graduated on Wednesday, June 9, 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Vermont, Burlington, VT.

Xander Bueti of Waterbury, VT has been named to the spring 2021 Dean's List at Curry College, Milton, MA. Bueti is majoring in Studio Arts.

Alexandra Cameron of Underhill, VT graduated on Wednesday, June 9, 2021 with a Bachelor of Science from the University of Vermont, Burlington, VT.

Thomas Chivers of Jericho, VT graduated on Wednesday, June 9, 2021 with a Bachelor of Science from the University of Vermont, Burlington, VT.

Isaac Collins of Jeffersonville, VT has been named to the spring 2021 President's List at Plymouth State University, Plymouth, NH.

Mason Combs of Jericho, VT has been named to the spring 2021 President's List at Plymouth State University, Plymouth, NH.

Leah Corbin of Underhill, VT graduated on Wednesday, June 9, 2021 with a Bachelor of Science from the University of Vermont, Burlington, VT.

Jacob Crawford of Jericho, VT has been named to the spring 2021 Dean's List at the University of Vermont, Burlington, VT.

Maura Duval of Underhill, VT has been named to the spring 2021 Dean's List at the University of Vermont, Burlington, VT.

Catherine Farmer of Westford, VT has been named to the spring 2021 Dean's List at the University of Vermont, Burlington, VT.

Francesca Frost of Underhill, VT has been named to the spring 2021 Dean's List at St. Lawrence University, Canton, NY. Frost, a member of the class of 2021, attended Mount Mansfield Union High School, Jericho, VT.

Steven Garcia of Jericho, VT graduated on Wednesday, June 9, 2021 with a Bachelor of Science from the University of Vermont, Burlington, VT.

Christian Golden of Westford, VT graduated on Wednesday, June 9, 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Vermont, Burlington, VT.

Lindsay Hollowell of Westford, VT has been named to the spring 2021 Dean's List at the University of Vermont, Burlington, VT. On Wednesday, June 9, 2021 Hollowell graduated Magna Cum Laude from the University of Vermont with a Bachelor of Science.

Sierra Hayes of Waterbury, VT has been named to the spring 2021 Dean's List at the University of Vermont, Burlington, VT.

Morgan Haulenbeek of Cambridge, VT graduated on Wednesday, June 9, 2021 with a Bachelor of Science from the University of Vermont, Burlington, VT.

Emma Hazel of Westford, VT has been named to the spring 2021 Dean's List at the University of Vermont, Burlington, VT.

Kyle M. Hekeler of Waterbury, VT, a senior majoring in civil engineering, was named to the spring 2021 Dean's List at Clarkson University, Potsdam, NY.

Grace Hoffman of Underhill, VT graduated on Wednesday, June 9, 2021 with a Bachelor of Science from the University of Vermont, Burlington, VT.

Aaron Hogan of Jericho, VT has been named to the spring 2021 Dean's List at the University of Vermont, Burlington, VT.

Ceilidh Rose Kiegle of Jericho, VT, a freshman majoring in software engineering, was named a Presidential Scholar for the spring 2021 semester at Clarkson University, Potsdam, NY.

Alexa Kravitz of Waterbury, VT graduated on Wednesday, June 9, 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Vermont, Burlington, VT.

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perishable food and household items.

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FAIRFAX COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Because of COVID-19, all of our programs are virtual. Please sign up at least one week before the program date!

All events are free unless noted. Pre-registration required; contact 802-849-2420 or libraryprograms@fwsu.org.

Library Curbside Pickup Hours: Tuesdays and Thursdays 3:00 – 7:00 PM. In-person visits in the library are during Tuesday Curbside Pickup times and appointments can be set up over the phone or by email.

The Summer Reading Program begins on Saturday, June 26 and runs through August! This summer, we are thrilled to be offering a Summer Reading Program with an animal theme called *Tails and Tales*. We are happy to be planning several fun outside programs including a special program kick-off show! Participants can track their reading time for drawings for lots of great prizes! Register online at <https://forms.gle/bxr5Y51qebw1FmiG6> and stop in the library for a book log. Children record how much time they read and get small prizes throughout the summer as well as entries for our grand prize drawing at the end of the summer.

Youth Events

Thursday-Friday, June 17-18, 4:00 PM: Salt Dough Snakes. Make your own salt dough and make some snakes! (Or any other creature of your choosing!) Pick up your materials at the library on Thursday between 3:00 – 7:00 PM, and watch the [Facebook](#) livestream on Friday at 4:00 PM. The video will remain available afterwards, so don't worry if you miss it! Ages 6+ Please register!

Tuesday, June 29, 10:30 – 11:15 AM: Preschool Story Time, theme: *Animal Stories*. Join us for stories and songs! We will meet outside on the middle school lawn. Please bring a blanket or something to sit on, and don't forget to wear your masks and keep social distancing guidelines in mind! Children's books will be available to check out as well. Before you leave, pick up an activity to make at home!

Saturday, June 26, 12:00 PM: Summer Reading Kickoff with 802 Reptiles! Kevin Clarkson, Owner/Operator of 802 Reptiles, will be here for a one-hour reptile educational program. On hand will be various friendly reptiles from all over the world. Afterwards, there will be a Q&A with the audience as well as time for all to pet and even take pictures with these beautiful animals. This event will be hosted outdoors on the middle school lawn. See you there! Please wear your masks and keep social distancing guidelines in mind!

Through June 30, Wednesdays at 4:00 PM and Saturdays at 9:00 AM: Kids Yoga with Jessica Turner. Sign up for the full course, or pick and choose the classes you want to attend! Wednesday classes will be hosted outside (weather permitting) with Zoom as a rain day option. To sign up, or for more information, go online to <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/kids-yoga-classes-with-jessica-turner-tickets-141741664133>.

Adult Events

Saturday, June 26, 1:00 PM: Virtual Knitting Club. Relax and chat while working on your latest knitting or crochet project! If you would like some basic knitting materials, let us know and they will be provided at curbside pickup on Thursday, 3:00 – 7:00 PM. Join the Zoom meeting on Saturday! Please register with libraryfairfax@gmail.com to receive the zoom link!

Thursday, June 24, 6:30 – 8:00 PM: Virtual Book Club. The Library Book Club will meet, weather permitting, outside at the library. Book club book will be announced soon! To request a copy of the book for curbside pickup, please contact fairfaxlibrarian@gmail.com or 849-2420. All are welcome.

For up-to-date information about programs, visit our website: www.fairfaxvtlibrary.org, where you can also find a link to the interactive Google calendar.

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RICHMOND LIBRARY

The Library opened to in-person browsing on an appointment basis on Monday, June 14. Appointments will be every 30 minutes. Call or email. Please continue to wear masks within the Library.

Youth Summer Reading Program It's going to be great! Like last year, we'll be set up downstairs just inside the door and there will be reading records, stickers, "charms," guessing jars, prizes, and more. Instructions, self-serve activities, and information about in-person programs and activities await you in the library foyer. Please visit as often as you can this summer.

Here is how the Summer Reading Program will work this year: Visit the library foyer to pick up your *Summer Reading Record*. Upon your visit you will find clear instructions for self-serve registration. You will be invited to take a charm necklace or keychain and your first charm. You may request library books by putting them on hold through your RFL account (rfl.kohavt.org), by emailing or calling (rfl@gmavt.net/434-3036) or by filling out a "Book Bundle" request slip (available in the library foyer) and leaving it in the box provided. When books are ready for pickup they will be placed in the foyer book bin corresponding to your last name, and you will be notified. As you read books (and they don't need to be library books), add their titles to your reading record and bring this with you when you next come to the Library. Come back each week to add stickers to your *Summer Reading Record*, to get the week's charm for your necklace or keychain, and of course to pick up new books. Check the library's website regularly to learn about any updated policies regarding library hours and protocols.

Concert & Picnic with the Swing Peepers: Bring a blanket or chairs to sit on and bring your own picnic lunch to enjoy while we usher in the first day of summer and celebrate *Make*

Music Day with the Swing Peepers in full throttle. Described as "Vermont-made music and storytelling for kids and families, we're certain that kids of all ages will delight in these homegrown entertainers." No registration is required to attend this awesome event on the library lawn on Monday, June 21, 12:30 PM.

Outdoor Storytime: We will gather on the library lawn behind the building and observe whatever current safety protocols are being recommended. Families should bring their own blanket or chairs and are welcome to bring snacks and/or a picnic lunch. No registration is necessary. Storytime includes books with big, bold pictures, rhymes, songs, and the opportunity to pick out some picture books to take home. Join us on Mondays at 11:00 AM during the months of June and July.

Youth Open Air Arts & Crafts: Join library staff for some fun crafting in the backyard this summer. We will be using natural and recycled materials as well as other craft supplies to create one-of-a-kind masterpieces. A full schedule of programs appears on our website under the youth services tab. Please call ahead to reserve your spot each week as supplies are limited and will go first to those who register. rflgmavt.net/434-3036.

Science Under the Sun: This summer we will be offering four different science programs for youth aged 3-13. Topics will include worms, birds, the color wheel, and bats, and will include stories, experiments, and hands-on learning. Check out our website for dates and times and for more information about each program. Please call ahead to reserve your spot.

A StoryWalk® is an outdoor reading experience that reveals a story page by page as the reader follows the StoryWalk route. There will be a new StoryWalk set up around the library grounds each month this summer. For the month of June come enjoy a story with the happiest of endings, *Sam Who Never Forgets* by Eve Rice.

VOX Audio/Picture Books for Young Children: Thanks to a generous donation we were recently able to expand our collection of VOX Books, slim audio devices that live in beautiful full-size picture books. The permanently attached VOX Reader transforms an ordinary picture book into an all-in-one read-along with no need for computers, tablets, or CDs. Children simply push a button to listen and read. From what we have seen and heard so far, kids love them. Request one today for your favorite little person.

Playaways: For older children we have a large collection of audio devices called Playaways. Full, unabridged Juvenile and Young Adult titles come packaged in these tiny little devices that are perfect for long car rides.

Curbside Hours have been extended: new hours are Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM, Wednesdays 10:00 AM – 8:00 PM, and Saturdays 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM.

Bookchat: Join us for the next *Discover Between the Covers Bookchat* with librarians Stacey Symanowicz and Rebecca Mueller on Wednesday, June 16, at 1:30 PM, on Zoom. Meeting ID: 847 5233 7630 Passcode: 009642; or by phone at +1 929 205 6099 US (New York). Find prior bookchat lists and full links at <https://richmondfreelibraryvt.org/collections/book-chats>.

Online content. Visit the Library's web page and check out the Online Services. Download a book from Overdrive, learn a new language with Rocket Languages, pursue a new career with Learning Express, explore a new hobby or learn a new skill with Universal Class. All free with your library card!

Electric vehicle charging is available at the Library/Town Center Municipal Parking Lot. Anyone with an electric vehicle (EV) can take advantage of the Town's new ChargePoint Charging Station, providing level-2 charging for up to two vehicles. Energy is provided "at cost," and is equivalent to paying about \$1.50/gallon for a gas vehicle. Users can check if the chargers are in use on chargepoint.com or your favorite EV app.

Contact us at 434-3036 (leave a message after hours) or rfl@gmavt.net.

Richmond Free Library, 201 Bridge St., P.O. Box 997, Richmond, VT 05477; 434-3036; fax 434-3223; www.richmondfreelibraryvt.org.

BROWNELL LIBRARY, ESSEX JUNCTION

Our program offerings or changes are on our program calendar at <https://brownelllibrary.org/events/calendar>.

The library offers curbside service, Monday-Friday, 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM.

Place books, DVDs, etc. on hold at <https://brownell.kohavt.org/> by calling us at 802-878-6955, or emailing frontdesk@brownelllibrary.org. Holds and email requests received by 5:00 PM will be available for same-day pick-up. Phone-in requests received by 5:30 PM will also be available for same-day pick-up. We will call you when your request is ready.

Our book drop is open for returns. Because we are still encouraged to stay safe and stay home, all materials will be checked out to you for three weeks.

Contact us at frontdesk@brownelllibrary.org or 878-6955. Brownell Library, 6 Lincoln St., Essex Junction. Contact Main Desk 878-6955, Youth Desk 878-6956, Reference Desk 878-6957, or frontdesk@brownelllibrary.org.

ESSEX FREE LIBRARY

The Essex Free Library offers curbside pickup, Monday-Friday, 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM. For more curbside details, please visit <https://www.essexvt.org/753/Curbside-Services>.

We are accepting book returns in the book drop only. Please do not return books inside the vestibule.

While the building is closed, our online resources and services are always open. All you need is your library card. Don't have a library card? Request a virtual library e-card today to access our ebook and audiobook collections. (https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScH6EF1cpRRmOhjQ_O1GTNOzZ1_eJS3WJtR4BQe1aT6mYMT0A/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1)

Essex Free Library, 1 Browns River Rd., Essex. 802-879-0313; essexfreelibrary.com.



According to Chittenden County Forester Ethan Tapper, this eastern red-spotted newt is the top predator of the forest floor, eating insects and small wetland animals like snails; and the combined weight of their entire population in Vermont is higher than the combined weight of the state's coyote population. The animal in the picture is a juvenile, and is also known as a "red eft." Mature adults are dark in color but retain red spots.

PHOTO BY SARA RILEY

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June 9, 2021 with a Bachelor of Science from the University of Vermont, Burlington, VT.

Laura Lyford of Waterbury, VT was named to the spring 2021 President's list at Hudson Valley Community College, Troy, NY. She is studying Criminal Justice.

Mason Maeder of Underhill, VT, a junior majoring in mechanical engineering, was named a Presidential Scholar for the spring 2021 semester at Clarkson University, Potsdam, NY.

Connor McCormack of Underhill, VT has been named to the spring 2021 Dean's List at the University of Vermont, Burlington, VT.

Robert Merena of Jericho, VT has been named to the spring 2021 Dean's List at the University of Vermont, Burlington, VT.

Brennan Moreau of Jericho, VT, a sophomore majoring in chemical engineering, was named to the spring 2021 Dean's List at Clarkson University, Potsdam, NY.

Isabella Mosca of Jericho, VT has been named to the spring 2021 Dean's List at the University of Vermont, Burlington, VT.

Letizia Mosca of Jericho, VT graduated on Wednesday, June 9, 2021 with a Bachelor of Science from the University of Vermont, Burlington, VT.

Casey Munns of Jericho, VT graduated on Wednesday, June 9, 2021 with a Bachelor of Science from the University of Vermont, Burlington, VT.

Jillian Neff of Waterbury, VT graduated on Wednesday, June 9, 2021 with a Bachelor of Science from the University of Vermont, Burlington, VT.

Kira Nikolaidis of Waterbury, VT has been named to the spring 2021 Dean's List at the University of Vermont, Burlington, VT. On Wednesday, June 9, 2021 Nikolaidis graduated Summa Cum Laude from the University of Vermont with a Bachelor of Arts.

Ryan Parker of Cambridge, VT has been named to the spring 2021 Dean's List at the University of Vermont, Burlington, VT.

Nathan Peck of Waterbury, VT graduated on Wednesday, June 9, 2021 with a Bachelor of Science from the University of Vermont, Burlington, VT.

Alex Pendo of Waterbury, VT has been named to the spring 2021 Dean's List at St. Lawrence University, Canton, NY. Frost, a member of the class of 2024, attended Harwood Union High School, Moretown, VT.

Ryan Peoples of Underhill, VT has been named to the spring 2021 Dean's List at the University of Vermont, Burlington, VT.

Connor Philbrick of Jericho, VT has been named to the spring 2021 Dean's List at Plymouth State University, Plymouth, NH.

Stefan Pilo of Underhill, VT, a junior majoring in mechanical engineering, was named to the spring 2021 Dean's List at Clarkson University, Potsdam, NY.

Iain Pless of Jericho, VT has been named to the spring 2021 Dean's List at the University of Vermont, Burlington, VT.

Anna Quinn of Westford, VT has been named to the spring 2021 Dean's List at the University of Vermont, Burlington, VT. On Wednesday, June 9, 2021 Quinn graduated from the University of Vermont with a Bachelor of Science.

Rachel Rackliff of Jericho, VT, a senior majoring in civil engineering, was named a Presidential Scholar for the spring 2021 semester at Clarkson University, Potsdam, NY.

Hannah Randall of Jeffersonville, VT has been named to the spring 2021 Dean's List at the University of Vermont, Burlington, VT.

Matthew Reinfurt of Underhill, VT has been named to the spring 2021 Dean's List at Plymouth State University, Plymouth, NH.

Rebecca Russell of Waterbury, VT has been named to the spring 2021 Dean's List at Castleton University, Castleton, VT.

Evan Spaulding of Jericho, VT graduated on Wednesday, June 9, 2021 with a Bachelor of Science from the University of Vermont, Burlington, VT.

Joshua Springer of Jericho, VT has been named to the spring 2021 Dean's List at the University of Vermont, Burlington, VT.

Anthony Storti of Cambridge, VT has been named to the spring 2021 Dean's List at the University of Vermont, Burlington, VT.

Erin Sulva of Jericho, VT has been named to the spring 2021 Dean's List at Castleton University, Castleton, VT.

Katrina Tang of Waterbury, VT graduated on Wednesday, June 9, 2021 with a Bachelor of Science from the University of Vermont, Burlington, VT.

Aidan Trombley of Jeffersonville, VT graduated on Wednesday, June 9, 2021 with a Bachelor of Science from the University of Vermont, Burlington, VT.

Olivia Vita of Jericho, VT has been named to the spring 2021 Dean's List at the University of Vermont, Burlington, VT.

Alexandra Wedge of Waterbury, VT has been named to the spring 2021 Dean's List at the University of Vermont, Burlington, VT. On Wednesday, June 9, 2021 Wedge graduated from the University of Vermont with a Bachelor of Science.

Aidan Woods of Jericho, VT has been named to the spring 2021 Dean's List at Plymouth State University, Plymouth, NH.

Alison Yandrow of Waterbury, VT graduated on Wednesday, June 9, 2021 with a Bachelor of Science from the University of Vermont, Burlington, VT.

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PEOPLE - OBITUARIES



Georgianna Rebecca Adam passed from this life peacefully, surrounded by friends and family at home in union of prayer on Tuesday, May 11, 2021. Georgie was born in Winooski, VT on June 2, 1943, the daughter of Wilfred Adam and Lorena (Young) Adam, and was baptized at St. Francis Xavier Church in Winooski. She received her education at Beeman Academy in New Haven, VT and Winooski High. For a brief time, she was a member of the Hospitaliers of St. Joseph, ministering in the medical field in Montreal, Québec and Kingston, Ontario, as well as in Fanny Allen Hospital in Colchester, VT. She was also part of a team in Colebrook, NH, setting up an operating room unit and Central Supply. Georgie was one of the first women bus drivers in Vermont. For 15 years, she worked in Central Supply for the American Red Cross. Georgie gave her time, talent, and treasure with total dedication to the service of several Catholic parishes. She made life-long friends with co-workers and community. Whatever the need, Georgie responded with her characteristic simplicity, generosity and kindness, asking nothing in return. "Here I am, Lord." Georgianna is survived by her life-long friend and companion Alice Bowman, with whom she formed a faithful bond for 40 years, and with Frances Routhier who pre-deceased her on May 26, 2020. She leaves behind her sister Veronica Deyette and husband Norman of Jericho, VT; and her brother Frances Adam and wife Betty of Ocala, FL. Georgie has 13 nephews, six nieces, and ten great-nieces and -nephews. Special gratitude goes to Hospice Staff for their personable, respectful, and professional care of Georgianna, as well as to Dr. Adriane Trout and Dr. Sanders. Gratitude is also due to friends and family who kept vigil in prayer, visits, and care, especially Cookie Yandow her lifelong friend, Msgr. Peter Routhier, and Father Bernard Gaudreau. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Wednesday, May 19, 2021 at St. Joseph Cathedral in Burlington, VT. Interment followed at Deer View Cemetery in Williston, VT. The protocol for social distancing will be observed. Participants will be required to have a face mask and follow the directions of the ushers. Georgianna's wish is that donations be made to Hospice or Catholic Charities. Arrangements were by Boucher and Pritchard Funeral Directors.

Eugene LaFountain, 50, died on Wednesday, May 19, 2021 in a Nashville, TN hospital, with his wife and father by his side. Eugene was born in Burlington, VT. He graduated from Mount Mansfield Union High School, Jericho, VT in 1990. He was a part of the Underhill-Jericho Fire Department for a short time, and this was his most favorite volunteer service. After that Gene moved to Sarasota, FL where he lived for 29 years. He worked many of those years for Mike's Elite Towing. Gene's passion was anything in the rescue field. Gene recently moved to Cleveland, TN to be closer to his family and the country life again. Eugene is survived by his wife Yen LaFountain and their two young children, Cameron and Ashton LaFountain; Eugene's older children Chelsey Babcock and Nick LaFountain; step-children Brittany Kendrick and Carissa Kendrick; by four grandchildren; by his parents Steven and Noella LaFountain; brother Scott LaFountain and his wife Brook; sister Lisa Ward and her husband Erik; Yen's parents, father Toan Dinh, step-mom Bay Nguyen; Yen's brothers and sisters; and several nieces, nephews, friends, and extended family. Family will be having a small private Celebration of Life. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Underhill-Jericho Fire Department or to the American Heart Association.



Roderick L. Meilleur, 71, of Jericho, VT passed away on Tuesday, May 18, 2021 at the UVM Medical Center, Burlington, VT. A Memorial Service in Celebration of Rod's life was held on Saturday, June 12, 2021 in Elmwood-Meunier Funeral Chapel, Burlington. For a full obituary please visit www.Elmwood-Meunier.net.



Terrence W. Sehr of South Burlington, VT, and previously of Jericho, VT died unexpectedly on Saturday, May 29, 2021. Start with the small things. This was one thing he taught us: do the easy part first. Whenever something hard confronts you and things are difficult, the momentum gained from starting with the simpler things helps push y2ou through solving the big things. This applies to school tests, working a job, and real-life circumstances. He was a person of many talents who thrived in the digital world as a programmer, a teacher, and an artist. He was introspective and thoughtful about others, and the world around him. He believed that people were innately good, and society had the capacity, but often lacked the will, to fulfill the desire for a just world. He lived that wish in his choice of jobs within

his vocations. His personal accomplishments included raising two amazing children who loved him: Carly of South Burlington and Evan of Campbell, CA. He was their helping hand and their foothold throughout their lives. His loss for them is a hole that will be filled as they share his memory throughout their lives with each other and others who also loved or admired him, both family and friends. His wife, Kathy, knows how lucky she was to have him all the years of their marriage and before. He was her husband, and her best friend. Their relationship lasted just shy of 50 years. In addition to his family, Terry's accomplishments included a Bachelors in Engineering from Cooper Union, a Masters in Computer Science from UVM, and a Masters in Fine Arts from Champlain College. At Champlain he discovered digital art and worked with art groups providing live experiences in a variety of locations within Vermont. In his last few years with us, he made new friends from his evolving art, shared the excitement of discovery with students in area colleges as an adjunct professor, and tutored distance learners of all ages online. In addition to his immediate family, he leaves his mother Evelyn and father William of Waldwick, NJ, whose hearts have been broken by his loss. He also leaves his brothers Bob and Dave, who had an early impact on his discussion of big life issues; his sisters Ann and Beth; and all their families. These include nieces and nephews Andrew Zimmerman, Michael and Jackie Sehr, Matthew Sehrsweeney, and Will and Grace Charles. Also left is Ann's husband Jerry, Dave's wife Maria, and our extended family Julia, Kae, Chelsea, and the Donahues. He additionally leaves many friends we consider our family here in Vermont. They have supported us over the years through the many changes and challenges in our lives. There will be a celebration of Terry's life at Champlain College on the afternoon of Saturday, June 19. Please RSVP to kathleen.sehr@gmail.com for details. We as a family are starting with the easy things first to move our lives forward in the direction he would have hoped for us as we learn to live with his loss. We will hold him close forever. Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Cremation Society of Chittenden County, a division of the Ready Funeral Home. Please visit www.cremationsocietycc.com to place on-line condolences.



Robert (Robbie) David Blais of St. Johnsbury, VT, formerly of Underhill, VT, passed away peacefully at Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital on Monday, March 29, 2021, after a lengthy battle with Multiple Sclerosis. He is survived by his parents Robert E. and Mary C. Blais of Essex Junction, VT. He is also survived by his daughters Beatrice Blais and Kady Derrick of Massachusetts, and by siblings Stephen, Corinne, James and his wife Lorri (Gebo) Blais, and nephews Taylor and Aaron Blais, all of Vermont, and by several cousins. A graveside service was held at St. Francis Xavier Cemetery in Winooski, VT on Saturday June 12, 2021. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to: National MS Society, P.O. Box 91891, Washington D.C. 20090

(Robbie Blais, who once told me that while it's true I am not a native Vermonter, they do accept converts. Be at peace, Robbie. You will be missed, and remembered. BBR and SLR)



Richard John Aylward, RT of Duxbury / Waterbury, VT passed away on Thursday, May 13, 2021 in the comfort of his home and with family beside him. Richard was 80 years old and passed due to a long illness of Esophageal Cancer. Born on July 3, 1940 in Burlington, VT, he was the son of the late Milton Aylward and Evelyne (Griffiths) Aylward. On July 8, 1961, he married his high school sweetheart, Nancy J. Eastman. Richard was a 1959 graduate of Mount Assumption Institute, Plattsburgh, NY, and the Franklin School of Science & Arts, Philadelphia, PA. As a young man Richard worked for his parents at The Aylward Nursing home in Colbyville, VT. By the sixth grade he made the transition from Waterbury High School to Mount Assumption Institute in Plattsburgh, NY. After graduating from MAI, he then proceeded on with his education at The Franklin School of Science and Arts in Philadelphia, PA, graduating with a degree in radiology. From there he went into the U.S. Army and was stationed in Germany for three years, where he performed the job of a medic. During this time he married the love of his life and high school sweetheart, Nancy J. Eastman, on July 8, 1961. After arriving back to Vermont, he purchased The Aylward Nursing Home in Colbyville, VT from his parents. This would begin his life as an entrepreneur and craftsman. In 1970, he assisted in building his home and constructing Crossroad's Discount Beverage in Waterbury, VT. He owned and operated Crystal Ice Company in St. Albans, VT and the Georgia Pallet Mill in Georgia, VT. Later in life, he continued his career at

Bolton Valley Resort, Bolton, VT and was employed as the Head of Maintenance for 15 years. Richard also volunteered for the Waterbury Ambulance Service, and was the president from 1970-1980. He also was an active member of the Waterbury Rotary Club, Knights of Columbus, and the volunteered for the Golden Gloves. In his leisure time he enjoyed spending time with his family, reading, gardening, working on his bulldozer, tinkering on his cars, refereeing at the Golden Gloves, hunting, camping, fishing, snowmobiling, building, and watching the Boston Bruins. He was always willing to volunteer in a project where he saw necessary. Richard is loved and mourned by his siblings, Mary (Aylward) Johnson, Peter Aylward, and Robert Aylward. Richard is survived by his children: Kimberly Aylward Jones and her husband Todd, Darrin Aylward, Toby Aylward, and Katie Aylward; by ten grandchildren: Kasey Jones, Garrett Jones, Michaela Lord, Megan Wells, Ridley Tessier, Aleena Tessier, Haley Aylward, Briana Aylward, Corey Aylward, and Cassandra (Aylward) Winters; and by seven great-grandchildren, as well as many nieces and nephews and extended family; and by two special cousins, Nancy Cobb and Fred Fletcher. Richard was predeceased by his wife of 60 years, Nancy J (Eastman) Aylward; by his son Todd R. Aylward; and by two great-grandchildren, Jackson and Jasper Winters. As it was Richard's request, services will be privately held. For those who wish, memorial gifts would be appreciated to The Waterbury Ambulance Service, 1727 Guptil Rd., Waterbury, VT 05676; or Central Vermont Home Health and Hospice, 600 Granger Rd., Barre, VT 05641 (www.cvhhh.org). To send online condolences visit www.perkinsparker.com.

On Sunday May 9, 2021, **Bonnie Lee Carpenter** of Cambridge, VT passed at the age of 65 due to a battle with cancer. Bonnie was born February 8, 1956 in Bennington, VT to Hudson and Esther Carpenter. She attended Dorset Elementary and Burr and Burton Seminary in Manchester, VT. She graduated with a B.S. in Civil Engineering, Cum Laude, from the University of Vermont in 1979. On November 21, 1979 she married Christopher Conover on their land where they designed and built their dwelling with their own hands. They were blessed by two amazing children, Caitlin who lives in Salida, CO and Schuyler who lives in Essex, VT. She is survived by her husband Christopher Conover; her sisters Virginia Labbe, Nancy Burditt, Joan Brooks, and Judy Carpenter; and her brother Judson Carpenter; and by her dog Allie and her three cats, Luna, Willow, and Leelu. Bonnie worked during school part time doing land surveying. After college she worked for Knight Consulting Engineers until she decided to become a full-time mother to spend more time with her children. During this time, she was a Girl Scout leader for several years. Later she went back to work at Smugglers' Notch Resort and at the University of Vermont in the purchasing department. After caring for her mother jointly with siblings, she retired in 2017. She was kind-hearted and would go out of her way to help any person (or animal) in the most selfless way possible. Bonnie loved the outdoors and enjoyed many outdoors activities, particularly skiing, hiking, and camping. She enjoyed watching the changing of the seasons, from the first blossom of flowers, to the changing of the leaves, to the soft coat of snow covering the land. She spent summer vacations with family at Chateaugay Lake in New York, along with other traveling adventures around the country and abroad. In lieu of flowers the family suggests donations in Bonnie's name to the Leiomyosarcoma Support & Direct Research Foundation (LMSDR.ORG). Please visit awrjfh.com to share your memoirs and condolences.

SPORTS NEWS

Babe Ruth sign-ups

Babe Ruth Season is quickly approaching and we are gearing up for the upcoming season.

We are working to put teams together. We need to know if we have enough players to fill a 13-year-old team, a 13-15 year-old team, and possibly a Senior Babe Ruth team (16-18 year-old).

Please sign up as soon as possible at Mount Mansfield Babe Ruth League - Powered by BabeRuth (sportssignup.com) for the upcoming season for 13 and/or 13-15 year-old. If you have interest in the Senior Babe Ruth option, please contact Ben Butler, 802-310-0269 or mansfieldbaberuth@gmail.com.

For more information, contact Ben Butler or Rick Gouse, rick.gouse@comcast.net or 802-734-7917.

Westford Summer soccer, T-ball

Register to secure your spot today! Mail or drop off your registration form and fee to the Town Office or pay online and mail form with payment confirmation. Scholarships are available; email recreation@westfordvt.us. For more information and registration forms: <https://westfordvt.us/recreation/>.

Pre-K: Tuesdays June 22-July 27, 4:00 – 4:30 PM. Registration fee \$20.

K and grade 1: Tuesdays June 22-July 27, 4:45 – 5:30 PM. Registration fee \$20.

Grades 2-4: Tuesdays 5:45 – 6:45 PM, and Saturdays 9:00 – 10:00 AM, June 22-July 31. Registration fee \$20.

Grades 5-8 pick up: Thursdays July 8-August 19, 6:00 – 7:00 PM. Registration fee \$20.

Adult pick up: Thursdays July 8-August 19, 7:00 – 8:30 PM. Registration fee \$20.

T-Ball ages 3-6: Saturdays 9:00 – 10:00 AM, July 3-August 21. Registration fee \$25.

Underhill Fall Soccer registration

K-League is our Rec League program that serves Jericho/Underhill, an entry-level program that brings players on at the U5 age with a small-sided format that looks to keep all players engaged, keep play fun, and allow for growth. The program runs up through the first-year U10 age level and is an easy transition into club play. All sessions are held locally, and the goal is to provide a positive and fun environment where all feel welcome. Play is approached on an equal playing time basis, as it is a non-results-oriented program.

Player registration URL: https://system.gotSPORT.com/programs/9408886V3?reg_role=player.

K-League runs September 5-October 14, on Sunday afternoons and one weekday night (weekday night depends on age group). The program cost is \$30.

For info or questions, contact mountmansfieldsc@gmail.com.

TOWN OF JERICHO- DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Jericho Development Review Board will hold a public hearing at 7:00 pm on WEDNESDAY July 14, 2021 at the Jericho Town Hall to consider the following.

- A request to the DRB by Dead Pine LLC for two Boundary Line adjustments. This property is located at 347, 353 & 359 Browns Trace which is in the Village Center Zoning District.

All interested persons may appear and be heard. Additional information related to this application may be viewed at the Jericho Planning and Zoning Office during regular business hours.

Chris Flinn
Zoning Administrator
cflinn@jerichovt.gov

MISCELLANEOUS NEWS

Underhill Center Community Food Sharing Shed

The Community Food Sharing Shed across from the Underhill Town Hall, opened for the growing season on Tuesday, June 1, 2021.

The concept of operation is simple. Donations of produce, baked goods, and eggs may be dropped off at the shed anytime. Those who wish, please help yourselves to the free food.

We ask that no clothing or canned goods be left at the shed.

Memorial Day Parade, Farmers' Market, and CHMS trees videos

Angelike A. Contis, Mt. Mansfield Community TV

Here's a trio of short MMCTV videos featuring recent events happening in our community:

The Underhill-Jericho Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony: <https://archive.org/details/underhill-jericho-memorial-day-2021>

Richmond Farmers' Market Preview: <https://archive.org/details/RFMpreview2021>

CHMS Students Plant Trees at Volunteers' Green, Richmond: <https://archive.org/details/richmond-chms-trees-05272021>

Volunteer delivery drivers needed!

Do you have a little time to spare this summer and want to give back to the community? If you answered YES, we have the PERFECT volunteer opportunity for you! Become a *Meals on Wheels* volunteer delivery driver. We have routes open Monday-Friday. You can deliver once a week or once a month, whatever works best for you.

Meal pick-up time is at 10:30 AM at 21 Munson Ave., Morrisville. Most delivery routes take about 90 minutes. We offer a free lunch and paid mileage to all volunteers and promise it is fun and rewarding.

Our volunteer application is online at www.mowlc.org, or call us to find out more at 888-5011.

Clutter Barn Tag Sale June 26

The next tag sale at the Underhill Congregational Church Clutter Barn will be Saturday, June 26, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM. We have been accepting donations since May and have enough items to fill the Clutter Barn and five tents! Please come and shop for that one-of-a-kind item or just something you didn't know you needed until you spot it.

Safety precautions will be in effect by limiting the number of shoppers inside the Clutter Barn.

Besides sales at the Clutter Barn, adult books will be on sale at the Damkot Barn on VT Rt. 15 – the red barn with the beautiful depiction of the Van Gogh painting *Starry Night* on the door. Also, our famous cookies from the Harvest Market Cookie Factory will be sold under the tent behind the church.

Support the UCU Mission of community service and buy some useful or fun "stuff" at the same time. See you there!

Annual Lions Club

Strawberry Festival June 26

The Jericho-Underhill Lions Club is hosting its annual Strawberry Festival on Saturday, June 26, 6:00 – 8:00 PM, at the United Church of Underhill in Underhill Flats. This will be a drive-through event.

Please enter the parking lot from the Park Street entrance and you will be guided through from there. The strawberry shortcakes will be \$7 with the proceeds to be used to help out various organizations in the community. We look forward to seeing you all!

Volunteer Opportunities with United Way

United Way's Volunteer Connection site is set up to help connect agencies and volunteers. Agencies are working hard to navigate volunteering during this time, so the opportunities are limited. Here is a link for Volunteer Connection to learn more about these and other opportunities: <https://unitedwaynwvt.galaxydigital.com/>.

HANDYPERSON – ReSOURCE is in need of a volunteer handyman to help repair donated items to be sold in the store. If you have an aptitude for repairing things, email volunteer@resourcevt.org.

OFF THE TRUCK – Habitat for Humanity ReStore in Milton is looking for volunteers age 16 and older to help unload donations, price home goods, stock shelves, test electronics, or take on special projects to help raise money to build affordable, energy-efficient homes for working families. Contact the Volunteers Coordinator at volunteer@vermonthabitat.org.

MENTOR! MENTOR! Vermont Works for Women provides career services to women seeking employment advice so they can find and keep jobs to meet their needs. They are looking for women volunteers to serve as career mentors. Volunteers will be matched with women clients to help with job search planning, writing resumes, practicing for interviews, and professional etiquette. Flexible scheduling. To volunteer, visit <https://www.vtworksforwomen.org/support/volunteer> and complete the Volunteer Interest form.

AMBASSADORS NEEDED IN FRANKLIN COUNTY – American Red Cross needs volunteers to serve as Ambassadors to greet donors, explain the blood donation process and assist with initial intake and hand off through the donation process. Volunteers also share the Red Cross story, including the mission, vision and values. One five-hour shift a month, generally on weekdays between 8:00 AM – 7:00 PM. Apply at redcross.org/volunteertoday.

ON THE FARM – Vermont Youth Conservation Corps needs volunteer help to grow food for Vermonters through their Health Care Share program. All activities are outside and can include planting, harvesting, and weeding in their fields. Shifts are 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM or 1:00 – 4:00 PM, Monday-Thursday. Contact Kyle at volunteer@vycc.org.

Green Mountain Passports available from Town Clerks

Green Mountain Passports is a discount program for Vermont resident seniors (62 or older) and veterans. The Passport allows free admission to Vermont State Parks (excluding overnight camping and other park fees), Vermont State Historic Sites, and events which are fully State sponsored.

Eligible seniors and veterans must fill out an application with their town clerks. The application is short but the passport needs to be issued in person. There is a \$2 fee, after which the Passport is good for life. If you have lost your card, your town clerk can issue another one to you at no cost.

Here is a link to information about Vermont state parks, and fees: <https://vtstateparks.com/fees.html>.

Keep an eye out for gypsy moths

Here is a posting from UVM Extension Entomologist Margaret Skinner, regarding a recent increase in Gypsy Moth sightings:

<https://mcusercontent.com/82de78016f1d10726d79da666/files/81e9d9d6-b47e-334a-4283-dc412afd2354/GypsymothMay2021.01.pdf>

What is Internet upload speed? Why is it important?

By Charlotte Reber, Johnson member of the Lamoille FiberNet Governing Board

When talking about broadband internet speed, there are two different numbers to pay attention to: download speed and upload speed. *Download speed* determines how fast data can be sent to your device, such as when you receive emails, load websites, download files, or stream videos. *Upload speed* determines how fast data can be sent from your device, such as when you're using sharing your live video and audio in a virtual meeting, uploading files to the cloud, or doing work on remote computers.

With most broadband systems, including DSL, satellite, and cable, download and upload speeds are asymmetrical, meaning the numbers don't match. Download speeds are often much higher than upload speeds because of limitations in the technology used. For example, cable internet is based on the infrastructure built initially just for cable TV, so it was designed to send data very quickly to the subscriber's home, but originally was never expected to send data back out again! Asymmetrical upload and download speeds are usually written in the format "download/upload," such as 25/3 Mbps, the current minimum standard for broadband defined by the FCC.

Unfortunately, internet service providers aren't always transparent about their upload speeds. Often when you look up plans and offerings for ISPs in your area, you'll only see one number listed: the download speed, which may be much higher than the available upload speed. Although this number may not be easy to find, it's very important to take it into account! Having a good upload speed is just as important as download speed if you need to use your internet for virtual meetings, remote learning, VoIP (Voice over Internet Protocol or using the internet to make phone calls) phone calls, or many other education and work-from-home scenarios.

Fiber optic cable, unlike most other broadband internet solutions, is designed to be symmetrical, meaning its download and upload speeds are the same, such as 100/100 Mbps. This makes fiber one of the most robust and future-proof broadband types, since not only does it allow for extremely fast speeds, it also supports the symmetrical download/upload speeds that have become essential to work and education. Although you may not need your upload speed to be exactly symmetrical to your download speed, it is an important factor to consider when choosing an ISP and service plan.

Wondering what internet download/upload speeds you have currently? You can check your connection speed for free any time by running a quick test at www.speedtest.net.

The mission of Lamoille FiberNet Communications Union District (LFCUD) is to make locally controlled, affordable and reliable high-speed Internet service available to every address in our member towns. For more information, go online to <http://www.LamoilleFiber.net>.

Summer food assistance

By John Mandeville, Executive Director

Lamoille Economic Development Corporation

Summer food programs can help support your family, school, and community! Summer meals and EBT are powerful when used together, but families can use them individually, too.

Free meals are available to everyone 18 and under this summer, and are healthy and kid-friendly. To find meals near you, call 2-1-1 or text FOOD to 877-877.

EBT cards look and work like debit cards, and can be used at grocery stores, farmers' markets, and more in any state! If you'd like to learn more about SNAP/3SquaresVT, WIC, and more food programs, call 2-1-1 or text VFBSNAP to 85511 for more info. EBT benefits are doubled at participating farmers' markets in Vermont.

This message is brought to you by the Hunger Council of the Lamoille Valley.

Does your business qualify for economic assistance?

By John Mandeville, Executive Director

Lamoille Economic Development Corporation

Wondering if your business qualifies for Vermont's Economic Recovery Bridge Program? Opening on Monday, June 7, the Economic Recovery Bridge Program is expected to deliver \$30 million in financial relief to businesses who have not received state and federal funding due to eligibility constraints and to businesses who can show a continued loss of revenues due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Priority for the first 30 days will be given to businesses that have not received or do not have a pending application for any State or Federal financial assistance in 2020 or 2021 including, but not limited to: Paycheck Protection Program Loans and Grants; Economic Injury Disaster Loans and Grants; Vermont Economic Recovery Grants; Sole Proprietor Stabilization Program Grants; Healthcare Provider Grants; Restaurant Revitalization Grants; Shuttered Venue Grants; and Vermont Agricultural Grants.

After the initial 30-day window, second tier priority will be given to businesses who suffered a 2020 net tax loss and can still demonstrate an adjusted net loss after adding back the amounts of non-taxable assistance received in 2020 and 2021.

For more information, go online to <https://accd.vermont.gov/covid-19/economic-recovery-bridge-program>.

Heat pumps... have you heard of them?

Legend has it that American inventor Robert C. Webber came up with the idea for heat pumps in the late 1940s when he was experimenting with his deep freezer. He accidentally burnt his hands when touching the outlet pipes of the cooling system and decided to see if the mechanics could be reversed.

So, what's all the fuss about now? The technology has come a long way. Nowadays, heat pumps are one of the most efficient and cost-effective heating/cooling systems on the market. They cool (or heat!) large areas of your home, and because they use electricity, they are remarkably environmentally friendly, and can drastically reduce your carbon footprint and energy bills.

If you're thinking about getting a heat pump, find an Efficiency Excellence Network contractor to get an instant discount of \$350-450 on qualifying models. And additional utility incentives and income-based bonuses are available.

Learn more at <https://www.encyvermont.com/rebates/list/heat-pump-heating-cooling-system>.

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ART / MUSIC / THEATER

Call to artists: Doorways/Portals

What better way to celebrate the opening up of the Jericho Town Hall than with a show based on doorways or portals. Is it interesting architecturally, a doorway to a secret garden, or a portal to another dimension? However, you view a doorway or portal, established and emerging artists are invited to submit one or two pieces of artwork in any medium including photography for *Doorways/Portals*.

The exhibit is scheduled for July-September 2021 in the Jericho Town Hall. The main requirement is that the work must be able to be hung on a gallery style hanger. Registration forms are due by Friday, June 25, 2021. For registration materials and information, contact Catherine McMains, catherine.mcmains@gmail.com.

Registration and related materials are available on the Jericho Town website.

The exhibit is one of an ongoing series of shows that are a part of a collaborative effort between the Town of Jericho and a committee of volunteers involved in the arts. Committee members include: SelectBoard member Catherine McMains, gallery owner Emilie Alexander, and artists Dianne Shullenberger and Carla Hochschild.

MMU Madrigal singers on YouTube

MMU Madrigal Singers perform *True Colors* arranged by Tim Brent in this YouTube video of their virtual choir. We hope you enjoy it and share it with others! Here is the YouTube link to copy and paste into your browser: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CV1g7bPesA>.

Here are more songs for your enjoyment: *Blackbird* and *Light of a Clear Blue Morning* and *Lullaby* and *Cape Breton Lullaby*. Copy the URL into your browser to go to the performances:

- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EayFt6WF_ul
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3QLXn3d3Lg4>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AhaZ6rV1vek>
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r1hBeR_j-40

Jeffersonville Art Jam

The Northern Vermont Artists Association (NVAA) will be sponsoring their 90th Annual June Juried Show at the Visions of Vermont Gallery at 100 Main St., Jeffersonville. The show runs through Saturday, July 10 and is open 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM.

This is a visual art show of paintings and photography, open to all members of the NVAA. Registered artists can submit two works for the show, which will award cash prizes to winners

in multiple categories; some may have a booth on the Visions of Vermont lawn during a Saturday that the show is running. There will be a number of Art Happenings and events sponsored by Visions of Vermont, the Bryan Memorial Gallery, and the Cambridge Arts Council in conjunction with the show.

Spruce Peak Arts Summer exhibition

Spruce Peak Arts Gallery unveils its Summer 2021 exhibition *Exploring Earth*, the third exhibition in their environmental art series, following *Exploring Air* in 2018 and *Exploring Water* in 2019. *Exploring Earth* reflects on the intersection of spirituality and art, celebrating earth magic, spirits in nature, animals, plants, and transcendence. The group exhibition features work by artists Isaias Crow, Jennifer Herrera Condry, Will Kasso Condry, Harlan Mack, and Amy Hook-Therrien.

This group of artists have been collaborating in the Spruce Peak Arts virtual panel discussion series *Being a BIPOC Artist in Vermont*. “The work on exhibit examines our connection to Mother Earth, reaching into our spirit as artists, and rituals that feed creative practice,” states Curator Kelly Holt. *Exploring Earth* highlights and honors BIPOC artists, telling stories as they relate to the land as a contemplative space, plant life, spirituality, healing, creatures and our global community through painting, drawing, mixed media and video installation.

In lieu of an opening reception, there will be two panel events continuing the *Being a BIPOC Artist in Vermont* series:

- A virtual discussion: *The Intersection of Art and Spirituality* on Wednesday, June 23 at 7:00 PM. To register, go online to <https://www.sprucepeakarts.org/events/being-a-bipoc-artist-in-vermont-part-2/>.
- An in-person and livestreamed conversation on *The Importance of Collecting Art in Celebration of Culture* (to be scheduled in August).

VT author, photographer to speak June 29

Vermont photographer Carolyn L. Bates will speak about publishing three books and about the artwork of Tony Shull and the street murals of Burlington – on Tuesday, June 29, 11:00 AM, at the Heineberg Senior Center, 14 Heineberg Rd., Burlington. For information, contact Camille Aylwin, 802-863-3982 or aylwin@heinebergcsc.org.

Open Studio Weekend June 19-20

This year’s Spring Open Studio Weekend will be held Saturday-Sunday, June 19-20, 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM. Artists participating locally include Irene La Croix of Rend’l Pottery; Gerry Stoner with whimsical, graceful welded steel sculptures; Katrina Allen with nature inspired abstract paintings; The Emile A Gruppe Gallery hosting artists including Toby Fulwiler with classic hardwood farm bowls and Julie Keller of Starbird Pottery. There are some maps available at the Gruppe Gallery and the Jericho Center Store, but you can also go to vermontcrafts.com for the online version. There are 71 artists and studios statewide participating this year.

Artwork by Tony Shull at Sequoia Salon

The Sequoia Salon (38 Kilburn St., Burlington) is mounting an exhibit featuring the works of local artist Tony Shull, running through Friday, June 25. A project put together by several close friends of the artist, this retrospective highlights Shull’s whimsical, and often provocative, sense of humor as well as his iconic commentaries on our society and “the human condition.” Burlington photographer Carolyn Bates has spent the past several months collecting images of murals around town for a book she is preparing. In the course of researching her book, she became especially intrigued by Shull’s body of work found on the outsides of building all over town,

but also collected inside various businesses and at the homes of his many friends. In collaboration between Bates and a group of those friends, the exhibit now being held at Sequoia Salon was “hatched,” including a collection of some of Shull’s original paintings, along with photographs of iconic murals, sculptures, and playful “toys” that are a specialty of the artist. Prints of about 40 pieces of artwork are available to buy, as are printed sets of cards featuring Shull’s images. Shull is a long-time resident of Vermont, having moved to Vermont and the Burlington area with his family when he was a child. He is a self-taught artist, musician, and inveterate tinkerer, and is always busy creating something out of whatever is at hand, according to his friends. The exhibit at Sequoia Salon is open to the public by appointment; call 802-540-8333, Monday-Saturday, to arrange a viewing. All proceeds from the sale of prints and cards will go to the Shull family for use in a future scholarship in Tony’s name.

VT International Film Festival

The Vermont International Film Festival has partnered with the Middlebury New Filmmakers Festival to present Split/Screen, an eight-month curatorial collaboration. Running through June 2021, the festivals will co-present a monthly series of films online. Learn more about Split/Screen at <https://vtiff.org/vtiff-now/split-screen/>.

Milton Artists’ Guild summer 2021 classes

Painting with Alcohol Inks with Catherine Putzier, Saturday, June 26, 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM. Looking to try a new medium and create some vivid abstract plant life and mix color in wild patterns? Join Catherine Putzier at the MAG art center as she teaches you all the basics you need to know to get started creating art with alcohol ink! This is a fun, very flowing medium and students will learn techniques needed to create and finish a piece on a prepared canvas, and a variety of other surfaces. Come relax and unwind and get creative!

Wonderful World of Textures – Watercolor with Gary Eckhart, Tuesday, July 20, Thursday, July 22, and Tuesday, July 27, 6:00 – 9:00 PM. Enjoy three sessions of painting in watercolor devoted to the utilization of textures to develop dynamic paintings that are more exciting and desirable by collectors. The active, technique-focused workshop is open to all artists with an understanding of basic watercolor principles. The in person workshop is conducted by award-winning watercolor artist Gary Eckhart, a signature member of numerous watercolor societies and an elected member of the American Artists Professional League. His paintings are in private and corporate collections in North and South America and Europe.

For more information and to register, <https://www.miltonartistsguildstore.com/workshops>.

Creative Aging training for teaching artists

We are seeking teaching artists to participate in multi-day training as part of Vermont’s Creative Aging Initiative. The initiative seeks to build relationships across the state to provide older adults with creative opportunities, especially those who are homebound. It has developed from a partnership between the Vermont Arts Council and the Central Vermont Council on Aging.

The training will take place Monday-Wednesday, July 19-21 from 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM, and will be provided by Lifetime Arts, the national leader in creative aging programs and services. Trainers will highlight current research, ideas for developing skill-based instruction for older adults, the importance of social engagement activities, and more.

This training is limited to 15 teaching artists. Those selected to participate will receive a \$300 honorarium and will have the opportunity to submit proposals for further developing curriculum as part of the initiative.

Contact Troy Hickman, thickman@vermontartscouncil.org for application or to answer any questions, or apply online at https://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001HZNL-1AH85ewOvBQAZZsmIG6UJAYIDwZL3vw4Lu-MMMihG-2QgLYvLXzQ9utMrx5m7NpSGqPCz16gqPdkhsfuEzgJ6T7Qhlm-ftwbGt6DWaeYMu4xcAnfedD2-E5y9jjnH9ubo9YSrr57ccpqoNRueAAbiFvBQTVkcfMI8X8DwkwDqyus0VRwZB4nc5-wvEJkF6FGU6XSJEve8JNlbPxxApC_jj3maqjY2_lueAto3siV3IQ5UfjMG8wvfi4&c=MPo7vGkXh6ARMJqFKbYhDvDX7NmYpDegckl9bJzeNOuoM2MmIMDuw==&ch=EzhS--mO9of26SayQTektpeawt4A1MWLJwBlLg80D4X3ClqloDbw==

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