Architect's rendition of the completed changes at the Village Cup on Rt. 15 in Jericho.

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16th annual Country Garden Tour



Local gardens open for the annual garden tour.

By Phyl Newbeck Special to the Mountain Gazette

The flowers are blooming in Jericho and Underhill. While it is possible to get a glimpse of many gardens from the road, for only \$12, some of the area's best gardeners will open up their yards for close inspection. This is the 16th year for the Country Garden Tour and every year, more and more people spend a day in the gardens of friends, neighbors and total strangers admiring their handiwork. This year's tour will take place on Saturday, June 27 from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. All proceeds go to benefit the Jericho Community

Garden tour participants are given a map and directions for a self-guided tour. This year there are eight gardens, including five which are being viewed for the first time. Some gardeners volunteer to be on the tour while others are nominated by admiring neighbors. Betsy and Matt Chapek on Krug Road in Underhill have been on the tour before. They have an English style garden in their front yard and a back yard which is transitioning from perennials to larger shrubs and ornamentals. At the home of Cynthia and Peter Seybolt on Pleasant Valley Road, visitors can savor a breathtaking view which includes many plants which were successfully transplanted almost 20 years ago. A glimpse of history in the form of old family relics can be viewed at the "legacy cottage garden" of Caroline Wadhams and Peter Bennett on Edgemont Road in Underhill.

Last October, Lonni Rodgers and Jan deVries were featured on the first ever Rock Tour held by the Community Center. Organizers were impressed enough with their property in the fall to want to have them on the tour for the summer. The couple used the boulders and stones that covered their property to make walls, steps, pathways and demarcations for various flowerbeds and vegetable gardens. Stone walls are also a feature at the home of Brooks Buxton of Jericho, which includes a hillside terraced garden.

Every year, tour organizers pick a different location for a tea which is held between 10:30 and noon. This year, the location is the Skunk Hollow Road home of Bartlett Leber and Drew Rockwell.

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The couple uses only organic pest and disease control for their perennial and vegetable beds. One lengthy perennial bed leads wends its way down from the road to their barn, punctuated by a pergola with flowering vines in the middle. Although the Leber/Rockwell house has been on the tour before, organizer Orelyn Emerson is excited that they will be returning since they have added a new rock garden to their property. Although Emerson has been involved in putting together the garden tour for years, she said it never gets old. "It's always exciting," she said. "I just love going to different gardens and seeing the creativity that abounds in our community."

Emerson is also excited about the addition of John and Kerry Young to the garden tour. Most properties on the tour feature flowers, but the Youngs are growers of giant vegetables. In 2007, their 1,009 pound pumpkin was the third largest in the state and the 220th in the world. John Young refers to giant vegetable gardening as "gardening at 100 mph. It's sheer adrenaline. In August we see 25-35 pounds of growth per day." Unfortunately, no pumpkins will be on display in June, although Young speculated that one plant which has been in the ground since April 18, sitting under infrared lights and atop soil heater cables, should be five to six feet long by then. Young admits that his is an expensive hobby, requiring research on genetics and databases, information he'll gladly share with folks on the tour. In addition to pumpkins, Young grows giant tomatoes, beans, onions and sunflowers. His largest sunflower stalk was 16'10" tall, and the largest flower was 27" across. Young ships his pumpkin seeds across the world and is proud of a picture of a kangaroo in Australia standing next to a pumpkin grown from one of his seeds. Visitors from as far away as Washington state and New Brunswick have visited his garden. The most amazing thing about this wonderland of giant vegetables is the size of the Young's property: all the vegetables and flowers are grown on a 1/2 acre plot.

Another pair of newcomers to the tour are Trish and Howie Kargan of Murray Lane in Jericho. Trish, a graduate of the UVM Master Gardener program, has planted over 250 trees, shrubs, and

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Changes at the Village Cup

By Phyl Newbeck Special to the Mountain Gazette

Big changes are taking place at the Village Cup in Jericho. New owner Stephen Burke, who took over from Kim Evans last November, will propose a master plan for the bakery/café to the Jericho Development Review Board on June 25.

Burke's ambitious plan has five goals which will be completed in a six-phase process:

- 1. Maintain the Village Cup as a community meeting place and resource;
- nity meeting place and resource;
 2. Design a safe and functional parking area;
- 3. Rehabilitate the façade to maintain its historic integrity, and create a welcoming and inviting gateway to the historic Jericho Corners Village District;
- 4. Make the business more efficient and responsive to customer needs; and
- 5. Maximize energy efficiency.

Burke has already begun the first phase of the project which includes expanding and renovating the kitchen. The installation of an energy efficient walk-in cooler is part of this phase, which will necessitate closing off part of the porch area. Once the

kitchen is finished, the current walk-in cooler will be removed, which will allow the service line to move towards the kitchen. This, in turn, will create more seating space. The current service entrance will be replaced with a window, and an exit will be installed on the eastern side of the café. Burke hopes to eventually employ two people in the kitchen and two behind the service counter. "We will be able to serve more people faster," he said, "and still have that home town feeling."

That's only the beginning. Burke wants to build a covered porch which will wrap around the front and side of the old brick house and the west side of the café. A new handicap ramp will be added to the porch. Burke felt strongly about ensuring that both the ramp and the entrances would be covered by pediments to protect customers from the elements. Next, Burke intends to increase the Village Cup's seating capacity. This requires a permit from the state's wastewater management division, but Burke expects approval because the original permit is based on the presumed usage of a three-bedroom house and over the last nine years, the actual use has been

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Hometown Heros

I.D. students work to feed hungry neighbors



Children from the Underhill I.D. School are guided by Paul Chamberlain, of Chamberlain Family Farm, River Road in Underhill, as they plant a vegetable garden for the local food shelf. The third and fourth graders planted seeds and grew a variety of vegetable plants under grow lights in their classroom. The garden is located at the Deborah Rawson Memorial Library which has been approved as a Master Gardening Site. The school also engaged in a year-long project to produce compost for the garden. PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Browns River Middle School students raise money for the *Pennies for Peace* project



Our BRMS Readers raised \$84.08 for the Pennies for Peace project to support schools in Central Asia. After reading Greg Mortenson's story, Three Cups of Tea our students did a positive push for education to end the school year.

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Do you know of someone who is putting out an extra effort to help a friend, neighbor here or across our nation or world? Send us a short story. Our address is on page 2.

Dr. Rawson honored by UVM Medical College

By Ted Tedford

Special to the Mountain Gazette

The University of Vermont College of Medicine presented Dr. Burnett Rawson with its prestigious Service to Medicine and Community Award June 12.

The award is presented to alumni who have maintained a high standard of medical service and who have achieved an outstanding record of community service.

A native Vermonter and a 1939 graduate of the medical school, Dr. Rawson ran a successful urology practice in New York for many years. After his retirement, he and his wife devoted financial resources to libraries around Vermont, including a major donation to the library that serves Jericho and Underhill, named the Deborah Rawson Memorial Hospital, after their daughter, Deborah Rawson, an author and journalist who died in 1992.

Dr. Rawson created and is the benefactor of the Winnie Belle Learned Fund, a grant program of the Vermont Public Library Foundation. Winnie Learned was born in 1863 in Westford, and was a teacher and principal at schools in Massachusetts for many years before returning to Vermont in 1911. In 1932, during the Depression Winnie

1911. In 1932, during the Depression, Winnie Dr. Rawson continued on page 11

Rawson Library repairs costing about \$30,000

By Ted Tedford

Special to the Mountain Gazette

Repairs to the outside of the Deborah Rawson Memorial Library are expected to be completed by the end of June, at a cost between \$25,000 and \$30,000.

Library Board Chairwoman Mary Bassett said the builder doing the work found no protective wrap under the siding in large parts of the approximately 12-year-old library that serves Jericho and Underhill.

Because of the lack of wrap, moisture had seeped in over the years, damaging large areas of the library siding, especially on the west side and rear that are most exposed to sun and wind, Bassett said. Some of the pillars had rotted as well.

All the woodwork under the siding is being wrapped and some areas are being further insulated. All siding on the building is being replaced, Bassett said.. In some areas, water got in around windows, also causing some rot. The work is being done by builder Jesse Cowan of Cambridge.

Library Director Holly Hall said the original builder was Scott Construction of the Newport area. That company went out of business shortly after completing the library, according to Bassett.

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POLICE REPORTS

Thursday, June 4, 2009 at approximately 5:25 AM, Vermont State Police/Lamoille Outpost was called to investigate a burglary at the Waterville Market, VT Rt. 109, Waterville. Trooper Christian Hunt reports that the burglary occurred sometime overnight Wednesday-Thursday, June 3-4. Upon arrival it was discovered the suspect(s) forced entrance to the structure. Several undisclosed items were taken. Anyone with information is encouraged to contact VSP/Lamoille at (802) 635-7036. (Case #09A102316)

Monday, June 8, 2009, Sgt. Gregory Campbell, VSP/Williston, reports that VSP dispatch was advised of a car-vs.-motorcycle head-on collision at 8:15 AM in clear, dry conditions on US Rt. 2 in Bolton. Vermont State Police, the Waterbury Fire Department, Richmond Rescue, and Waterbury Rescue responded to the scene. Preliminary investigation revealed that David T. Punie, 55, of Burlington, VT was traveling east on US Rt. 2 in a 2001 Toyota Prius when he veered left of center and collided nearly head-on with a 2007 Kawasaki motorcycle operated by Mark Towle, 47, of Barre, VT, traveling west. Towle was thrown from his motorcycle; the Prius rolled over before coming to rest. Both operators were transported to Fletcher Allen Health Care in Burlington, VT, and Towle was pronounced deceased upon arrival. Punia, who was wearing a seat belt, sustained shoulder and ankle bruising and facial lacerations. The Kawasaki was totaled; the Toyota had extensive rollover damage. Speed is not believed to be a factor in the collision; however, Punia was processed for DUI - drugs, and legal action is pending laboratory results. (Case #09A102376)

Saturday, June 6, 2009 at about 2:00 PM, Trooper Michael Kamerling, VSP/Williston, reports that Paul Brown III, 24, of Milton, VT accidentally caused damage to private property owned by Diane Lesko and Ross and Brenda Robair, Weaver Rd., Huntington. Brown then left the scene before identifying himself to them or providing them insurance information. Brown was later cited for leaving the scene of an accident, and is to appear in Chittenden

District Court on July 28, 2009. (Case #09A102350)
Thursday, June 11, 2009, Lamoille County Sheriff deputies stopped Greensboro, VT resident Thomas Lussier, 28, in Johnson, VT, and arrested him for breaking into his ex-girlfriend's house in Cambridge, VT in the early morning. Lussier was charged with burglary, unlawful trespass, and unlawful mischief. He was lodged at the Northeast Regional Correctional Facility in St. Johnsbury, VT in lieu of \$2000 bail.

Chittenden County traffic alerts

Provided by the Chittenden County Metropolitan Planning Organi-

Jericho - Underhill Flats

Motorists should be aware of sidewalk construction on VT Rt. 15 between the Raceway and Palmer Lane during the week.

The Bridge Street Iron Truss Bridge over the Winooski River is closed to all traffic for repairs until the end of June. Commuters must seek alternate routes, including US Rt. 2 and Cochran Road.

County-wide on state roads

Motorists should be aware of state workers doing road patching, mowing, and bridge sweeping operations. There will be short duration lane closures for most of June due to cleaning catch basins on the state highways.

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Captain Richard Phillips (Underhill) cuts cards with Boston Red Sox hurler Tim Wakefield at the Pitching in for Kids Poker benefit, held at Ned Devine's in Faneuil Hall Marketplace, Boston, on June h Phillips joined a score of athletes,

captain Jason Varitek, baseball legend Luis Tiante, Jonathan Papelbon, N.E. Patriots Bill Belichick, David "Big Papi" Ortiz, and others, in this major fundraiser. The sold out crowd gave Phillips a standing ovation when he arrived!

PHOTO BY LEO GOZBEKIAN

UNDERHILL JERICHO FIRE DEPARTMENT

By Kitty Clark

EMERGENCY CALLS: May 29 2:48 p.m. EMS Assist. Jericho School, 90 VT RT 15

May 29 3:28 p.m. EMS Assist Maple Leaf Farm

5:09 p.m. Trees down on VT 117 & Skunk Hollow, May 31 Jericho

May 31 5:37 p.m. Tree down in the area of 75 Cilley Hill Rd., Jericho

June 4 7:51 a.m. Fire Alarm at the Underhill Highway Garage, Underhill

June 4 10:13 p.m. Smell of propane at the Ethan Allen Firing Range, Jericho June 8 2:11 p.m. EMS Assist at Maple Leaf Farm, Underhill

June 9 10:04 p.m. EMS Assist at Jeri Hill Apts., Jericho June 10 8:00 p.m. Minor Accident near Jolly on VT RT 15, SQ51

June 11 11:30 a.m. Smoke investigation, back of Harvest Run, Underhill SQ51 only

SAFETY MESSAGE:

BARBECUE GRILLS: "Requirements of the 2006 Vermont Fire & Building Safety Code'

For other than one and two family dwellings, no hibachi, gas-fired grill, charcoal grill, or other similar devices used for cooking, heating, or any other purpose, shall be used or kindled on any balcony or under any overhanging portion or within 10 ft. (3m) of any structure. Listed electric ranges, grills or similar electrical apparatus shall be permitted.

Open fires and cooking fires shall be constantly attended by a competent person until such fire is extinguished. This person shall have a garden hose connected to the water supply or other fire-extinguishing equipment readily available for use.

More tips for making barbecuing safer in the next issue of this

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COURT REPORTS

April 29, 2009, Brian Albarelli, 28, Jeffersonville, VT, charged with disorderly conduct - fight, etc. in Burlington, VT on September 20, 2008; verdict by jury of guilty; sentenced to four to five days; charged with resisting arrest in Burlington, VT on September 20, 2008; verdict by jury of guilty; sentence deferred for six months.

April 30, 2009, Christopher Wright, 24, Jeffersonville, VT, charged with DUI, first offense, in South Burlington, VT on April 12, 2009; pleaded guilty; fined \$300, sentenced to four to 12 months, suspended but five days, probation.

May 8, 2009, Sueleah Saile, 53, Underhill Center, VT, charged with DUI, second offense, drug or both, in Essex, VT on July 18, 2008; amended to vehicle operation – reckless or gross negligence; pleaded guilty; fined \$400, sentenced to four to 12 months, sus-

pended, probation.

May 13, 2009, Thad Krueger, 37, Jeffersonville, VT, charged with aggravated assault, felony, in Burlington, VT on October 17, 2009; amended to simple assault, misdemeanor; pleaded no contest; sentenced to four to 12 months, suspended, probation.

May 19, 2009, Jason T. Schofield, 26, Jeffersonville, VT, charged with counterfeiting/possession, felony, in Colchester, VT on October 13, 2008; amended to petty larceny \$500 or less, misdemeanor; pleaded no contest; sentenced to nine to 10 days.

May 21, 2009, Jason T. Schofield, 26, Jeffersonville, VT, charged with unlawful mischief greater than \$250 in Burlington, VT on May 16, 2009; pleaded guilty; sentenced to six to seven days.

May 21, 2009, **Debra M. Smejkal**, 46, Bolton, VT, charged with DUI, first offense, in Williston, VT on April 22, 2009; amended to disorderly conduct - obstructs vehicular or pedestrian traffic; pleaded no contest; fined \$300, sentenced to one to three months, suspended, probation.

May 26, 2009, James Dearmin, 42, Jericho, VT, charged with unlawful mischief greater than \$1000, felony, in Colchester, VT on November 9, 2008; pleaded guilty; sentenced to nine to 12 months, suspended, probation.

May 26, 2009, Jonathan M. Howard, 39, Westford, VT, charged with vehicle operation - license suspended in Essex, VT on January 16, 2009; pleaded guilty; sentenced to 29 to 30 days.

May 27, 2009, Brandalia Sheppard, 17, Jeffersonville, VT, charged with DUI, first offense, in Burlington, VT on April 12, 2009; pleaded guilty; fined \$300, sentenced to three to six months, suspended, probation.

May 28, 2009, Brian S. Miller, 27, Underhill, VT, charged with theft of service greater than \$900, felony, in Williston, VT on April 10, 2009; amended to theft of service \$900 or less, misdemeanor; pleaded guilty; sentenced to three to six months, suspended but five days, probation.

How green was (or will be) my garden

By Sara Riley Special to the Mountain Gazette

Finally got some garden in, after delay due to too-much-rain and

(let us not pass over this too lightly) the need to find appropriate soil amendments for the garden I near-poisoned with too much wood ash. Well, to be honest, it was my son who has done and is

doing the garden work this year. Turning over two half-ton loads of compost/topsoil from the Intervale, integrating organic blood meal for nitrogen and sulfur for lowering the pH, setting up a cold frame, starting and setting out plants, choosing varieties and seeding row crops - all "my" garden work this year, he is doing. I am grateful, even if it does feel very, very strange to let it go.

Next come moving those poppiesthat-ate-Chicago to where they will have more room for their attempt at world domination; cutting back and containing the creeping phlox that is the only serious challenge to the poppies; moving a hosta that is completely overshadowed by the now huge, once tiny junipers on either side; rescuing five or six tiny junipers from tall grass lawn that's keeping them from thriving; and writing for replacement of the kiwi vine that failed to take last summer. A friend has offered to share some Jerusalem artichoke, and I need to identify a place it can spread without being pesty.

Gardens are like houses: never fin-

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ART

Bryan Memorial Gallery presents *Painting with 3 New England Plein Air Painters*. A three day workshop with Robert Duffy, Michael Graves and Barbara Lussier. Monday – Wednesday, June 29, 30 and July 1, 2009

New England Plein Air Painters members Robert Duffy, Michael Graves and Barbara Lussier will present a three day plein air painting workshop in Jeffersonville, Monday – Wednesday, June 29, 30 and July 1, 2009.

The workshop will include two plein air painting sessions per day, for three days, from 8 AM – 4 PM. Each day's workshop will be led by one of the three instructors, while the other instructors will paint along with the group. Each day will conclude with a critique, and the workshop will culminate in an evening session on the third day, discussing the artwork in progress, and the experience of painting in plein air with all three of the instructors.

Artists in any medium are welcome, though painting with oils will be emphasized. Participants are responsible for their own art materials and their own meals and accommodations. A light meal will be provided on the evening of the third day.

For more information, go to *www.bryangallery.org*, and click on workshops. Space is limited, and registrations are taken on a first come, first served basis. Bryan Gallery is at 180 Main Street, leftersonville VT

First ever **Artist Mash-Up** is a success at Helen Day Art Center Odin Cathcart, HDAC's new Exhibitions Director is relatively new to Vermont, yet his job is to identify up and coming local artists and make opportunities for them to show their work.

Enter the Mash-up. Cathcart invited any and all artists to join him for conversation on Thursday evening, June 4th at the Art Center. The turnout was excellent with over 30 artists joining the group for informal conversation followed by a group discussion on the topic of Artists' needs and the Art Center's role as a resource for artists.

Painters, sculptors, photographers and printmakers came from the Lamoille Valley, Milton, Montpelier and Burlington to introduce themselves and drop off digital portfolios for Odin to review in consideration for future exhibitions.

Artists Get Wet—Views of Lake Champlain is the theme for the **Essex Art League show** at the Phoenix Book Store and Cafe at the Essex Outlet Mall, 21A Essex Way, Essex Jct. The display is part of the 400th anniversary of Champlain's visit to the lake. The exhibit continues through June 25.

Marie Cowan, a member of the Essex Art League, will be exhibiting her work at the Essex Town Offices through June. The offices are at 81 Main Street, Essex Junction.

Kitty DiNicola, Jennifer Fay, Michele-Marie Bradley, and Patrick Kennedy, will be showing their work at the Williston Fletcher Allen Health Care Center through June. The center is at 353 Blair Park, Williston. The artists are members of the Essex Art League. For more information call 862-3014 or visit essexartleague.com.

On display in McCarthy Gallery during the Saint Michael's Playhouse Season: Art works by some of Vermont's best artists will be exhibited in a show entitled *Art of Vermont: The State Collection* in various venues around the state this summer. The only showing in Chittenden County will be in the Saint Michael's College McCarthy Arts Center Gallery from June 5 to August 9. Gallery hours match the hours of the Saint Michael's Playhouse box office, which is also in the McCarthy Arts Center. Gallery hours are Tues-

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I think the sun is slated to come out this week. I sure hope so. When the kids were small, I used to tell them that the rain is "what keeps Vermont green," and it is, but – well, we're good and green already. I could stand a nice stretch of sunshine and summer. That sudden drop-like-a-stone of the temperature and spitting of snow on May 31 was mighty discouraging.

In New England generally and Vermont in particular, there is not much in the way of weather that can do you in. We do have blizzards, but if you stay off the roads and hunker down by the woodstove to wait it out you'll be fine. Other parts of the country aren't so tame, and those of us who grew up here sometimes learn this in, um, exciting ways.

My daughter flew up from Texas last week and drove back in a car we're giving her while she's going back to school. Her beau, Southern born, mentioned – twice in one phone call – that "severe" weather was forecast on her last evening on the road and she might think of finishing the drive the next day. She blithely assured him she'd be fine, and ended up driving through a storm system with near-tornado conditions: two layers of weird cloud, illuminated by continuous strobe-lightning, funnels descending off to the north, hail, blinding rain, and wind that took away her control of the vehicle. She was sure she was done for. And this experience did not include an actual tornado.

Now, other parts of the country scoff at our mountains, have wilder weather/natural events (tornados, hurricanes, earthquakes,

volcanoes, wildfires, dust-bowl droughts, weeks on end of flood, heat waves, etc.), or have more iconic places than our comfortable home state. I just smile, knowing that it doesn't take much woods to get into trouble or be lost in. We have our mountains, rivers, woods, cliffs, lake. We have our settled landscape, our couple of livable small cities, our hometowns. We have our wildlife and wild outdoors. Best you stay near those icons then, I say to myself, and leave our beautiful Vermont to us. We know when and where we're well off.

Sara's editorial quote of the week:

"In 1963, the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. wrote in a letter from a Birmingham jail, 'We will have to repent in this generation not merely for the hateful words and actions of the bad people but for the appalling silence of the good people.' That's still true." – Charles M. Blow, NYTimes, June 13, 2009



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day through Saturday, 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM.

The show includes primarily oils, acrylics and pastels. Artists and their works included in the exhibition, although not necessarily in the Saint Michael's portion, include the following: Eric Aho, Night Mowing, 2007; Elizabeth Nelson, Summer Night, West Glover, Vermont, 2003; James F. Gilman, View of Montpelier, 1889; Claire Van Vliet, Burke, 1987; Annemie Curlin, triptych, 2007; Thelma Appel, Champlain Valley, 1977; Eugene Fern, Rolling Hills of Vermont, 1980; Thomas Curtin, Horse Team and Sugar Shack, 1899-1977; Jeanette Chupack, Studio Interior, June Afternoon, 1987; Robert K. Carsten, Comtu Falls on the Black River, 1998; Alden Bryan, Cambridge, c. 1955; Viiu Niiler, Harmony of the Spring Mountain Range, 1982; Lawrence C. Goldsmith, High Elevation, 1985; Lois Eby, Dancing Series: Simplicity 1, 2006; Andrea Wasserman, Elizabeth Billings, Jeffrey Sass, Eric Oberg, Carl Bielenberg, Kinetic Leaf Sculpture, 1999; Christoph Spath, Balance, 1995; Francis R. Hewitt, Red/Red Purple, 1982; Emily Mason, Dusty, 2007, Seam by Seam, 2007; Nakki Goranin, Mr. Richard Nye, 1997; Peter Miller, Fred Tuttle, 1987; Julian Scott, The Mounted Sentry, 1884; Janet Fredericks, Sara Reclining, 1983-86; J. Q. A. Ward, Erastus Fairbanks, c. 1860; and Thomas Waterman Wood, Daniel Waterman Wood, 1880.

Three art openings in June at The Firehouse Center, Burlington, VT: Burlington City Arts is pleased to announce several new contemporary art experiences at the Firehouse Center on Church Street. Opening June 5, with a reception and artist talk from 5:00 to 8:00 PM, is Uncharted Territories in the Firehouse Gallery, featuring Clark Derbes, Wylie Sofia Garcia and Ted Ollier. On the second floor, Bill Davison's recent monotypes Vestiges, Hues, Fragments: The Lake Champlain Duck Hunting Series will be displayed, and Artist-In-Resident Tara Jensen will open the Fourth Floor Studio to the public on June 5 for First Friday Art Walk and several Saturdays through June. Both exhibitions are on display through August 1, and Tara's residency continues through the month of June. These exhibitions are also part of the Vermont Quadricentennial, celebrating the 400th anniversary of Samuel De Champlain's arrival to the region. Uncharted Territories investigates themes of abstract cartography, adventure, the relationships between personal and physical exploration, and the human need to discover.

Work presented in the gallery by Vermont artists Clark Derbes and Wylie Sofia Garcia charts personal journeys, invokes road maps and topographical maps, and calls for audience participation to reassemble and interact with the work in an act of personal remapping. Massachusetts artist Ted Ollier will lead the audience out of the gallery using Global Positioning Devices to locate and create works of art throughout the city and the surrounding environs using a unique variation on the outdoor treasure hunting sport known as "geocaching." In the tradition of geocaching, participants will be encouraged to take something and leave something behind from each location. Vermont artist Bill Davison documents his perception of the subtle variations of light, texture and atmospheric conditions accumulated over 40 years as an avid duck hunter on Lake Champlain with Vestiges, Hues, Fragments: The Lake Champlain Duck Hunting Series. Using abstract watercolor monotypes, Davison isolates the unique marks, colors, and forms which define each of the 11 distinct hunting locations on the lake, and viscerally captures the experience of building blinds, setting decoys and retrieving killed birds in the light of day and the darkness of pre-dawn. Montpelier artist Tara Jensen is the Firehouse Center's Fourth Floor Artist-In-Residence from April through June. During Jensen's residency, she will complete an installation of a witch hut containing three witches and their kitchen table. Interested in the witch as a social outcast and gatekeeper between nature and society, Jensen seeks to "animate a consciousness that is comfortable with death, organic cycles and transformative magic.'

The interior of the hut features papier mache, soft sculpture, found objects, plush dolls, and black lights. The studio is open to the public on Saturdays from 12:00 – 5:00 PM, June 6, 13, and 20, and for *First Friday Art Walk* on Friday, June 5.

Uncharted Territories is sponsored by Truex Cullins and Partners, Architects and The Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts. For more information about gallery exhibitions, special events, classes or workshops, please call 802-865-7166 or visit Burlingtonartscouncil.com.

Bryan Memorial Gallery opened *Masters of Vermont: the Men* with a roundtable discussion featuring children of the artists. Children of three of the esteemed Vermont artists featured in *Masters of Vermont: the Men* were featured at a roundtable discussion on Memorial Day Sunday at the gallery.

Tom Slayton, former editor of *Vermont Life* Magazine and son of artist Ron Slayton, Emilie Gruppe Alexander, director of Gruppe Gallery in Jericho and daughter of artist Emile Gruppe, and Alden Bryan, retired judge of the VT Superior Court and son of the painter Alden Bryan, shared stories and memories of their artist fathers.

The national publication *American Art Review* has chosen *Masters of Vermont: the Men* for its ten-page lead story in its June issue. Bryan Memorial Gallery is at 180 Main Street, Jeffersonville, VT, and is open daily, 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM. For more information call 802-644-5100 or visit *www.bryangallery.org*.

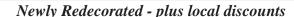
Friday, June 5 - First Friday Art Walk, 5:00 - 8:00 PM, citywide, Burlington, Vermont. Art is everywhere in Burlington as galleries and art venues stay open late to welcome walkers and share Burlington's incredible art scene. Take a guided tour or make your own. Pick up your copy of Art Map Burlington, First Friday Art Walk's official publication and your guide to art in Burlington, or check out www.artmapburlington.com to see a list of participating venues.

First Friday Art Walk and Art Map Burlington are sponsored by Burlington City Arts, Kasini House, Opportunities Credit Union, Robert Hull Fleming Museum, and the South End Arts and Business Association. Questions, call (802) 264-4839 or send email to info@artmapburlington.com.

Call for Fine Artists and Craftspeople - Rutland, VT—The Chaffee Art Center presents the 48th annual Art in the Park Summer and Fall Festivals. These fine art and craft events are Vermont's oldest continuing arts tradition, and the Chaffee Art Center's major fund-raising events. They will be held on August 8 and 9, and October 10 and 11 from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM in Main Street Park at the

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OBITUARIES

Priscilla Klain Spear of Richmond, VT, daughter of Zora and Mary (Dudley) Klain, died on Saturday, May 30, 2009 in Vermont Respite House in Williston, VT. She was born on June 25, 1927, in New Brunswick, NJ. Priscilla graduated from UVM in 1948 and married Calvin Spear in 1949, after teaching a year in Waterbury, VT. After spending time in Illinois, Massachusetts, Long Island, NY, Georgia, Florida, and Delaware, Pris and Cal settled in Portland, CT for 30 years where they raised their four children. Pris taught in the Portland



Elementary School System for 25 years. During this time they enjoyed a camp in West Brookfield, VT, where they built a log cabin, hunted, hiked, and snowmobiled. Upon retirement, Pris and Cal moved to Richmond, VT. Pris volunteered at Miscellany Mart, Birds of Vermont Museum, the Old Round Church, and was the coordinator for Richmond Meals on Wheels from the time it was first organized in 1994. She enjoyed Richmond's Hale and Hearty Senior Group as secretary for a number of years, and the PEO organization where she was treasurer, but her greatest love, after her family, was gardening - from starting seeds to harvesting the bounty. She is survived by her children: Kathleen Mary Spear, Calvin Jack Spear, Mark Charles Spear, and Brian Klain Spear; and grandchildren Christopher Spear and wife Jennifer, Kevin Spear, and Michael Spear. She was predeceased by her husband Calvin in 2006. The family wants to thank Mom's friends for the outpouring of love shown to her during her stay at the Respite House and also the wonderful care provided to her by the staff. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated in Holy Rosary Church in Richmond on Friday, June 5, 2009, followed by a luncheon in the church hall. Burial will be private in Riverview Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to the Champlain Valley Agency on Aging, 76 Pearl St., Suite 201, Essex Junction, VT 05452, or Richmond Rescue, P.O. Box 404, Richmond, VT 05477.

COLLEGE GRADUATES

Katelyn Bevins of Richmond, VT graduated May 16, 2009 from Johnson State College in Johnson, VT with a bachelor of arts degree.

Christopher Sloane of Richmond, VT graduated May 16, 2009 from Johnson State College in Johnson, VT with a master of arts degree.

Emily J. Spine of Richmond, VT graduated From the Community College of Vermont with an associate of arts degree.

Thomas James Wood of Richmond, VT graduated From the Community College of Vermont with an associate of science degree.

COURT REPORT

April 6, 2009, **Ada Carty**, 41, Richmond, VT, charged with simple assault in Richmond, VT on November 26, 2008; amended to disorderly conduct – fight, etc.; pleaded guilty; sentenced to 60 days, concurrent, suspended, probation; charged with unlawful mischief \$250 or less in Richmond, VT on November 26, 2008; pleaded guilty; sentenced to six months, concurrent, suspended, probation.

April 29, 2009, **Caroline L. Connor**, 46, Lincoln, MA, charged with DUI, first offense, in Richmond, VT on February 28, 2009; pleaded guilty; fined \$300, sentenced to one to three months, suspended, probation.

May 1, 2009, **Beverly Bourgault**, 44, Huntington, VT, charged with false pretenses or false tokens greater than \$900, felony, in Williston, VT on July 20, 2008; amended to bad checks, misdemeanor; pleaded guilty; sentenced to six months, concurrent, suspended, probation; charged with false pretenses or false tokens greater than \$900, felony, in South Burlington, VT on July 23, 2008; pleaded guilty; sentenced to two to five years, suspended but 30 days, probation; charged with false alarm-fire/emergency in South Burlington, VT on July 18, 2008; pleaded guilty; sentenced to six months, concurrent, suspended, probation.

May 8, 2009, **Christopher Hagan**, 29, Richmond, VT, charged with sex offender registry failure to comply second or subsequent, felony, in Richmond, VT on November 26, 2008; verdict by court of guilty; sentenced to 29 to 30 days.

May 13, 2009, **Taniqua Lang**, 19, Richmond, VT, charged with DUI, first offense, in Burlington, VT on January 18, 2009; amended to vehicle operation – careless or negligent; pleaded guilty; fined \$300, sentenced to one to three months, suspended, probation.

May 15, 2009, **Gregory Jones**, 49, Richmond, VT, charged with simple assault in Williston, VT on February 25, 2009; pleaded guilty; sentence deferred for one year.

May 27, 2009, **David Stafford**, 31, Richmond, VT, charged with false pretenses or false tokens less than or equal to \$900 in Williston, VT on February 23, 2009; pleaded guilty; fined \$300, sentenced to four to six months, suspended but 30 days, probation; charged with depressant./stimulant/narcotic possession in Williston, VT on March 5, 2009; pleaded guilty; sentenced to four to 12 months, consecutive, suspended, probation.

May 27, 2009, **John Cowan**, 35, Richmond, VT, charged with DUI, first offense, in Burlington, VT on April 3, 2009; pleaded guilty; fined \$300.

MILITARY NOTES

Paro graduates to service

Army ROTC battalion cadet **Jeremy A. Paro** of Richmond, VT was commissioned into the U.S. Army at the annual spring commissioning at Clarkson University on May 9, 2009. Paro, a graduating senior, majored in mechanical engineering at Clarkson.

Library

Thank you to TD Banknorth for again underwriting the Library's 4^{th} of July balloon sale.

The book discussion for July 13 will be *The Last Detective* by Robert Crais. Multiple copies are available at the library. The discussion will be held at the library at 7:15 PM.

Please take a look at our new, improved, updated web page: www.richmondfreelibraryvt.org. Many thanks to our new webmaster, Anya Krymkowski!

We have an exciting new pass that you can borrow from your hometown library. It is a day use pass for any of the Vermont State Parks. It allows you to take one vehicle holding up to eight people into a State Park for free. You may borrow it for 2 days from the checkout date. There are no renewals. You may reserve the pass by calling the library at 434-3036 to be put on a waiting list; but you cannot reserve it for a specific date. You will have 2 days from the date the library calls you to pick up the pass. The late return fees are: \$10 the first day and \$5 per day thereafter. The fee for a lost pass is \$80, which is the actual replacement cost. The pass is made possible by cooperation between the Vermont Department of Libraries and the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources.

We also have other free/reduced admission passes for interesting sites throughout the state. The VINS (Vermont Institute of Natural Science) offers a pass allowing free admission for up to four people. Another pass you might want to take advantage of this summer is the free family pass to the Birds of Vermont Museum in Huntington. Or perhaps you would like to go to the ECHO Lake Center in Burlington for \$2 each for three children and two adults. Also, by showing your library card, you can receive a 10 % discount at many *vmga.org* sites (museums).

New books: *Hackoff.com* by Tom Evslin, *Two Rivers* by T. Greenwood, *Corsair* by Clive Cussler, *You Don't Love Me Yet* by Jonathan Lethem, *When Red is Black* by Qiu Xiaolong, *Lady of the Glen* by Jennifer Roberson, *Through the Narrow Gate* by Karen Armstrong, *Basics of Alzheimer's Disease*, *The Last Secret* by Mary McGarry Morris.

POLICE REPORT

Amanda Gale was last seen under suspicious circumstances in Pennsylvania on 6-13-09. Gale has family members in Richmond, Vermont and maybe in transit. Gale is described as 5'4 125 pounds, brown eyes and brown hair cut above the shoulder with blonde highlights. If you have information pertaining to her whereabouts please call Senior Officer Sarah Messier at 434-2153 or Sgt Maholtz of the Dubois, PA Police Department.

Thursday, May 28, 2009 at 3:51 PM, Trooper Michael Kamerling, Vermont State Police/Williston, stopped **Steven A. Moquin**, 48, of Huntington, VT on East St. in Huntington for operating a vehicle with a defective exhaust system. Moquin was found to have a criminally suspended operator's license. He was arrested without incident. After processing, he was released with a citation to appear at Chittenden District Court on July 14, 2009. (Case #09A102223)

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Junction of Routes 4 and 7 in Rutland, Vermont. During the festivals there will be live music, hourly door prize drawings, and free activities for children and demonstrations of works in progress.

We are seeking potential exhibitors in the following categories: fine art, clay, fiber, floral, glass, jewelry, photography, specialty food, and wood. All exhibitors are juried. An application can be printed from the website *www.chaffeeartcenter.org* or mailed if requested by calling (802)775-8836.

Emile A. Gruppe Gallery presents the spring juried show of the Vermont Watercolor Society which will hang now through June 28. The Vermont Watercolor Society was founded in 1995 by a small group of artists and has over 155 members from all over the state today. The VWC aims to extend the appreciation of transparent watercolor in all its diverse forms. The gallery is open Thursday Sunday 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM, and is located at 22 Barber Farm Road in Jericho, (802) 899-3211, www.emilegruppegallery.com.

Several members of the **Essex Art League** will be exhibiting during the month of June. Marie Cowan will display her work at the Essex Town Offices, 81 Main St., Essex Jct. Showing work at the Williston Given Health Care Center, Blair Park West, Williston will be Kitty DiNicola, Jennifer Fay, Michele Marie Bradley, and Patrick Kennedy. For information call 862-3014 or visit www.essexartleague.com.

MUSIC

The Vermont Symphony Orchestra's TD Banknorth Summer Festival Tour observes Lake Champlain's 400th anniversary this season, as the orchestra travels to nine special locations around the state. From Thursday, June 25 through Sunday, July 5, the state's premiere orchestra performs *The Lake Effect*, a program marking Samuel de Champlain's discovery of Vermont's great lake in 1609. The VSO will perform in beautiful mountain and lakeside

settings, welcoming pre-concert picnicking, and concluding each performance with what has become a VSO tradition, Tchaikovsky's 1812 Overture.

The VSO pays tribute to our Frenchman in America with Gershwin's "An American in Paris" and a program both Gallic and aquatic: an overture by Berlioz, a medley from *Les Misérables*, selections from Handel's Water Music, show tunes from *South Pacific*, and more. At the end of the concert, Sousa's Hands Across the Sea March and celebratory fireworks lend a dramatic *bon soir*.

The annual outdoor festival of classics and pops connects to communities, bringing the VSO to special stunning settings and historic locations around the state. Audiences enjoy the history of Hildene Meadowlands, the lakeside elegance of Shelburne Farms, the ridgeline sunset from the Trapp Family Lodge Concert Meadow, and other treasured Vermont venues.

The complete list of dates and venues includes: Thursday, June 25 - The grounds behind the Mahaney Center for the Arts, Middlebury College, Middlebury; Friday, June 26 - Jackson Gore Inn, Okemo Mountain Resort, Ludlow; Saturday, June 27 - Three Stallion Inn, Randolph; Sunday, June 28 - Mountain Top Inn, Chittenden; Monday, June 29 - Quechee Polo Grounds, Quechee; Thursday, July 2 - Hildene Meadowlands, Manchester; Friday, July 3 - Grafton Ponds, Grafton; Saturday, July 4 - Shelburne Farms, Shelburne; Sunday, July 5 - Trapp Family Lodge Concert Meadow, Stowe.

Concerts begin at 7:30 PM in all sites. Tickets range from \$29-32 for adults; free to \$16 for children. In some locations an AARP discount is also available. All sites are wheelchair accessible. Gates open for picnicking at 5:00 or 5:30 PM. depending on location.

For more information about the 2009 TD Banknorth Summer Festival Tour, or to order tickets, please visit *www.vso.org* or call FlynnTix at (802) 863-5966.

The hills will be alive with the sound of music from June 29-July 3 when **Interplay Jazz hosts a one-week residential workshop** in Woodstock, VT that includes master classes, jam sessions, films, yoga, performances – and all that jazz.

For registration and performance details please go to www.Interplayjazz.com.

Sunday, June 14, 2009, the **Bronze Ambassadors**, a teenage handbell group from Newport, Vermont, will play the prelude, anthem, and offertory at the First United Methodist Church in Burlington. The service will start at 9:30 AM. There is free parking on Sundays across the street in the municipal parking garage.

The Bronze Ambassadors will also present a benefit concert at 3:00 PM at Burlington First United Methodist Church to raise funds for their trip to Arizona later in the summer, where they will be the featured event at the American Guild of English Handbell Ringers convention.

Please contact Burlington First United Methodist Church Minister of Music George Matthew, Jr. for more information. The church's telephone number is 862-1151.

THEATER

The **Dorset Theatre Festival** is pleased to announce a new component of its summer 2009 programming. From August 18-28, DTF will present a new theatrical adaptation of the children's classic *Alice in Wonderland*, based on the novel by Lewis Carroll and adapted and directed by Tracy Bersley. This family-friendly production will run in repertory with the mainstage musical *Marry Me A Little* from August 18 - 28.

For more information, call 802-867-2223 x200 or visit www.dorsettheaterfestival.org. Single tickets for Summer '09 go on sale in June and will be available at www.dorsettheatrefestival.org, by calling 802-867-5777, or by visiting the Playhouse Box Office at 104 Cheney Road, Dorset.

ONGOING EVENTS

ADULTACTIVITIES

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

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

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

The Vermont French Canadian Genealogy Society library is open for research. Call for summer hours. We offer Vermont & Canadian Catholic Parish records, Vermont Vital Records on Microfilm, census records and other resources to assist with family history research. The library is located at the Dupont Building, Hegeman Ave. across from the VT State Police building in Fort Ethan Allen, Colchester. For more information or an appointment call 862-8082, 878-8081, go online at www.vt-fcgs.org/library or email us at mail@vt-fcgs.org.

FARMERS' MARKETS

Here comes that time of year again – for luscious, locally-produced food and crafts. Here are the details for our towns this year.

Mills Riverside Farmers' Market, Mills Riverside Park, VT Rt. 15, Jericho. 3:00 – 6:30 PM, Thursdays, June 11 through September 24. For information, contact Jessamy Pratt, 899-5899 or jessamypratt@yahoo.com.

Richmond Farmers' Market, Volunteers' Green, Bridge St., Richmond Village. 3:00 – 6:30 PM, Fridays, June 5 through October 16. For information, contact Carol Mader, 434-5273 or *cmader@surfglobal.net*.

Westford Farmers' Market, Westford Common, VT Rt. 128, Westford. 3:30 – 6:30 PM, Fridays, June 12 through October 16. For information, contact Janet Franz, 878-7405 or *jfranz@sover.net*

HEALTH GROUPS

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

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Come to the Party in the Park July 5th.

COMING EVENTS

Friday, June 19 & Saturday, June 20

Multi-family yard sale, United Christian Assembly, Raceway Road, Jericho, 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM, to benefit Kids Bayou Adventure Week. Rain or shine.

Saturday, June 20

The Brain Injury Association of Vermont's 7th Annual Walk for Thought Walk, Bike or Roll – ½ mile, 1 mile or 3 miles - You choose the distance! Oakledge Park, Flynn Avenue, Burlington. Registration begins at 9:00 AM. Any and all financial pledges and donations are accepted for this event. For more information email www.biavt.org or support1@biavt.org, or call 1-877-856-1772.

Sunday, June 21

Father's Day country breakfast, St. Thomas Church, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council #7810, Underhill Center in the parish hall from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM. The buffet style breakfast will include juice, fruit, eggs, pancakes, sausage, bacon, home fries and coffee. Plan now to treat Dad on his special day. Cost is by donation.

Sunday, June 21

Father's Day breakfast. Fathers eat free. Held at VFW Post 6689, 73 Pearl Street, Essex Jct. Any questions call 878-0700.

Saturday, June 27

Jericho/Underhill Country Garden Tour 2009, from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM, eight residents and avid gardeners of Jericho/Underhill will open their gardens, sponsored by the Community Center in Jericho. Ticket holders will enjoy a garden tea and self-guided tour. Tickets, \$12, can be purchased at the Jericho Center Country Store, Irish Farm and Florist, Old Mill Craft Shop and the Richmond Corner Market. Contact Orelyn Emerson, 899-3853.

Saturday, July 4

Camels Hump via Burrows Trail Come along for what will be a spectacular evening of fireworks on the summit of this great Vermont mountain. Witness dozens of area holiday colors in the sky. Easy to moderate hike at a strong pace, 4.8 miles, 2,200' elevation gain. HEADLAMP REQUIRED. Contact leader by July 2. Robynn Albert, 878-4036 or robynnalbert@hotmail.com.

Annual Auction, Bazaar and Chicken Barbecue to be held at the Shelburne United Methodist Church, Rte. 7 (across from Shelburne Museum) in Shelburne. Bazaar will open at 9:00 AM, featuring baked goods, toys, books, and many white elephants. Auction begins at 10 AM with items & gift certificates from businesses in Chittenden County. Chicken barbecue starts at 11:30-adults: \$12, children under 11: \$6. For more information, contact the church office weekdays, 9:30 AM - 1:30 PM, at 985-3981.

Richmond parade and fireworks. Fun Run at 10:30 AM. The parade route starts at Harrington's on East Main St., turns south on Bridge St. at the Four Corners and continues on to the Round Church. Food, fun and folly after the parade in the park. Old fashioned games, music, bingo, pony rides, an auction, a dog agility demonstration, and a car show are all part of the afternoon activities. All day events ending with fireworks on Friday, July 4. Fries, fried dough, and burgers will be served by the Parade & Fireworks Committee.

Bristol Great Outhouse Race, 9:00 AM, Main Street, Bristol, from St. Ambrose Church to stop light. There are usually 3 or 4 outhouses entered per heat and there are usually four heats. The actual course length has never been measured. Members of the crowd can bet on their favorite entrant in a heat by buying tickets (\$1.00 each) of the color assigned to that entrant for that heat. All tickets are numbered and double so the purchaser gets one half and the seller retains the other half. Other events include parade, fun and games, barbeque, and fireworks.

Hinesburg Fourth of July Parade & Fireworks 2009. July 3, 6:00 PM, registration for Hilly Hobble Foot Race, Hinesburg Community School; 7:00 PM, Hilly Hobble Foot Race begins at Buck Hill Road West & Route 116. July 4 parade at 11:00 AM. Parade begins south of town and headsnNorth along Route 116, turning at Mechanicville Road, ending at Commerce Park. Book sale, carnival, ice cream social, chicken BBQ and more. Fireworks at dusk (about 9:30 PM.) Hinesburg Community Band to perform before fireworks.

Colchester Celebration, Lakeshore Drive, Colchester. Fun Run 8:15 AM UMS, parade 11:00 AM in the Village, concert: 6:15 - 8:45 PM, fireworks dusk at Bayside Beach, Quad Celebration Bayside Park - canal schooner *Lois McClure* visits from 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM. Come celebrate the Quadricentennial featuring tours on the *Lois McClure*, local food, period music, traditional children's games and a boat parade on Malletts Bay.

Jeffersonville festivities. There will be a Fourth of July parade and country fair in Jeffersonville. Goodtime Charlie will host the festivities in Jeffersonville and at Smugglers' Notch. Evening celebration of Independence Day includes music by the 40th Army Band and an old-fashioned Firemen's Barbeque. At dark there will be fireworks with the majestic Green Mountains as a backdrop. Location: Smugglers Notch Resort, 4323 Vermont Route 108 South. Information: 800-451-8752 or visit www.smuggs.com/pages/summer/specialOffers.php.

Williston July 4th events, Central School Drive, Parade 10:00 AM, parking available at Allen Brook and a shuttle bus will be operating from WCS. Dog friendly, restrooms, family bike race, library book sale, food vendors, and family events, fireworks at dark.

Thursday - Saturday, July 2-14

Burlington International Waterfront Festival. We're celebrating an extraordinary moment this year—the 400th anniversary of French explorer Samuel de Champlain's daring expedition as the first European to set foot in Vermont. We hope you'll join us for the fun. Burlington's Champlain International Waterfront Festival promises 13 days of world-class performances, food events, history forums, a Native American encampment, and recreational activities downtown and along our resplendent lake waterfront. From our Tony Bennett concert to an original radio variety show by Vermont teens, we've got something for everyone. Vermont's resplendent lakeside city will host an unforgettable extravaganza featuring music, comedy, film, theater, writers, dancers, new technology, lake ecology, and special events. Look forward to world-class, multi-faceted Native American and Franco-American showcases. dynamic history forums, invigorating lake walks and waterfront activities, headline music concerts, and fireworks extravaganzas. On Saturday, July 11th a mammoth parade and day-long celebration will culminate in a stunning pageant and international fireworks spectacular. Location: Burlington Waterfront Park and other city locations. Information: 800-VERMONT or visit www.celebratechamplain.org.

Thursday, July 9

Mary Carty book signing, Phoenix Books and Cafe 6:30 PM, *PMAT: The Perfect Marriage Aptitude Test*, free and open to the public. For more information, please contact Michael DeSanto at 802-872-7111.

Friday-Sunday, July 17-19

Wilderness Heals pledge hike. The three-day Wilderness Heals annual pledge hike is one of New England's most challenging allfemale fundraising hikes. Join fellow women July 17-19 for a hike through New Hampshire's White Mountains and help raise money for the Elizabeth Stone House in Boston, Mass. The Stone House serves women and their children who have experienced domestic violence, mental illness, substance abuse and other forms of trauma. Choose from six trail options including a new Front Country option, which offers more manageable trails for those who are new to hiking. Other trail options offer hikers overnight accommodations in AMC huts, and hikers who participate in the Back Country option sleep in tents. Each team will include an experienced team leader. Round-trip transportation from Boston provided. The fundraising minimum is \$1,200. Hiker registration fee is \$50 and the registration deadline is June 19. For more information or to register, visit www.elizabethstone.org or call 617-427-9801, ext. 415.

Friday, July 31

Dedication of the Forrest E. Orr Conservation Center at the Jericho Research Forest, 5:00 – 7:00 PM. In 2008 the Orr Family made a generous gift in honor of Forrest E. Orr, an Orleans County forester and avid conservationist, to support the renovation of the pole barn at the Jericho Research Forest. The Orr Family will be joining us for this special occasion on July 31. Wood-fired flatbread and desserts will be served. For more information about Forrest E. Orr follow the link to our website: http://www.uvm.edu/envnr/greenforestry/?Page=orr/default.html. Please send your RSVP to Kelly Hamshaw at *Kelly.A.Hayes@uvm.edu*.

Ongoing events continued from page 4—

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

TOPS Chapter 145 Jeffersonville meets 6:15 PM on Thursdays at the Eagles Club, Route 109, Jeffersonville. Weigh-in 5:30 – 6:00 PM

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

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

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

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

KID

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

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

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

SENIORS

Jeri-Hill XYZ Seniors meet at the Town Hall in Underhill Center on the first and third Wednesday of each month. All seniors are welcome! Dinners are served at 11:30 AM. For information, please call Lenore Whitten, 878-8996, Bette Workman, 899-4446, or Loreen Teer, 899-1363.

Westford Senior lunches – Join Westford Seniors for lunch at the Red Brick Meeting House on the Common the second Monday of each month. Lunch is served at 12:00 noon with a short meeting or presentation following. Call 878-7405 or 879-7382 for information or for a ride.

SPORTS ACTIVITIES

Adult coed volleyball in Westford, 8:00-10:00 PM, Mondays, Westford Elementary School gym. Fun, casual volleyball. \$2 at the door. Call coordinators Jon and Tammy Brown, 872-8333, for information.

Bolton Men's Basketball, Tuesdays, 7:00-9:00 PM, Smilie School Gym. For adults and young adults, age 16 and up. Contact Bill Newton, 434-3348.

SUPPORT GROUPS

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

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

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

Lamoille Valley Kin as Parents, second and fourth Thursdays, 6:00 – 7:30 PM, Lamoille Family Center, Morrisville. Dinner and child care provided. For more information, Imelda at 888-5229 ext. 152 or Rhonda Barr, 888-1376.

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

TOWN GOVERNMENT AND ORGANIZATIONS

Cambridge Area Rotary meets on the first Thursday of the month, rotating to local restaurants, 7:00 – 8:00 AM at 158 Restau-

rant, Main St., Jeffersonville. For information, call Anita Lotto, 793-0856, or Chuck Hogan, 644-8134.

Tim Nulty, Jericho Selectboard member, at the Village Cup, first and third Wednesdays, 8:00 – 9:00 AM, and at the Flour Shop, second and fourth Wednesdays, 8:00 – 9:00 AM.

Westford Fire Department, Mondays, 7:00 PM, at the fire station next to the Town Garage. Volunteer for firefighting, dispatching, radio communications, computer operations, grant writing, equipment maintenance, fire police, education, and much more. For information, email John Quinn, *jquinninvt@aol.com*.

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

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

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

The **Village of Jericho, Inc. Board of Water Commissioners** will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, June 19 at 7:00 PM at the Old Red Mill at 4B Red Mill Drive in Jericho.

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

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

New staff at Sweet Clover Market

Sweet Clover Market is excited to announce the addition of two new staff members to the Sweet Clover family. Katie Fiore has joined the kitchen as a prepared foods chef and Paul Michel has joined the meat department as the new butcher.

Fiore brings with her 15 years of restaurant experience. Fiore will be making soups, sandwiches, salads, and to-go entrees, fulfilling her passion for "cooking honest food and making it taste good."

Michel, a native of Enosburg, Vermont, has over 30 years of experience working with meat. He will bring his talents to Sweet Clover Market where he will "cater to customers' needs, showing them how grass-fed, all-natural meats are of a different quality than what you find at the big stores."



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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Schoolboard needs to reconsider actions To the Editor.

The Winooski and Chittenden East school boards joined Governor Douglas and George Wallace on that most ignominious of lists – the wrong side of history. Like Wallace, who defended segregation with a baseball bat at the University of Alabama, or like Douglas who unsuccessfully vetoed the bill for marriage equality, these boards have taken a stand against progress and human rights.

Those board members who voted for imposition on teachers, in two of the lowest-paying school districts in Chittenden County, should be ashamed of themselves. When people around the world are struggling for human rights, those school boards are denying their employees the right to continue bargaining collectively. While more Americans believe health care is a human right, those boards have voted to restrict their employees' access to it. Finally, under the guise of helping to lower property taxes, these school board members are jeopardizing the right of their town's children to quality education.

Before the Chittenden East school board imposed its unfair terms on district teachers, board vice-chair and Democratic Party state legislator Doctor George Till remarked that he respected teachers. Well, George, actions speak louder than words, and to you and all the other board members in Chittenden East and Winooski, "respect" means a return to the bargaining table and the negotiation of fair and reasonable contracts. Otherwise you, like Governors Douglas and Wallace, will remain on that wrong side of history.

Brian Walsh, VT-NEA Vice President

It has been a pleasure To the Editor,

To the Citizens of Underhill and Jericho,

After fifteen years, I am retiring as the assistant principal from Browns River Middle School. It has been a real pleasure for me to have served in this role and I want to thank the citizens of Underhill and Jericho for all of your support for our schools.

I carry with me many fond memories of the school. It is a good school, with good kids, caring faculty and staff, and supportive parents. Students leave BRMS well prepared for high school, and 4 years later leave MMU ready to enter college or the work force. I have served with two wonderful administrators: Paul Corologos and Nancy Guyette, who have kept the focus on high standards for our kids while also supporting programs which support the unique needs of this age group.

I will miss the daily interactions with the BRMS community, but I will remain a part of the wider communities of Jericho and Underhill. It is my hope for the future that the school and community will continue to work together for our kids. It has become somewhat of a cliché to say "It takes a village to raise a child," but I believe that there is some fundamental truth to this. My own children were raised in this community and they have often expressed to me how much they value the chance they had to grow up in such a supportive place. And I have seen our communities support our children in so many ways. This is truly a child-centered place (in all the good ways) and I have been fortunate to have been a part of it. Thank you.

Sandra Gillim, BRMS

United Christian Assembly members take mission trip



United Christian Assembly Members Stacy Van Gemert, Rebecca Christie, Sharon Brigham, Marie Prim, Sue Bohen, Amber Gillespie, Sarah Perrotte (front row) and Daniel Christie, Pastor Mike Murray, Eric Murray, Steve Hoyt (back row) are leaving for California to help at the Dream Center. Dixie Bolio, Jennifer Brodeur, and Joe DiZazzo were not available for the photo.

PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

A group of 14 people from United Christian Assembly in Jericho will be leaving July 6 for a mission trip to the Dream Center in Los Angeles, California. The Dream Center is a nonprofit outreach dedicated to helping inner cities by meeting tangible and spiritual needs of the people. The Dream Center provides food, clothing, job train-

ing, health care, parenting classes and many activities and programs for men, women and teens.

Volunteers lead daily outreaches to people who are often excluded by asking, "how can we help you?" Teams do many things including mow lawns, clean houses, paint, clean graffiti, do home repairs and visit the elderly.

Green Mountain Club outings

Unless otherwise specified, call the trip leader to sign up, find out what equipment you'll need, and learn about any changes. Check with trip leader before bringing your pet along. Guests are always welcome. Trip leaders often arrange carpooling. If you ride along in someone else's car, we recommend reimbursing the driver at the rate of 10 cents a mile.

Friday June 19, Forest City to Montclair Glen. Skip work and hike up to the newly renovated Montclair Glen Lodge on the approach trail to Camels Hump. We'll follow the Forest City Trail up and back. Suitable for all levels. Moderate hike at a moderate pace, 4.4 miles. Linda Evans, 899-3006

Saturday, June 20, Adirondack Waterfalls This hike in the Ausable Lakes area of the Adirondacks passes many scenic waterfalls and cascades. It will be a full day; we may take advantage of the long hours of daylight. Moderate hike with slow pace, about 10-12 miles. Contact leader in advance. Dot Myer, 863-2433 or dotmyer@myfairpoint.net.

Sunday, June 21, Mt. Ellen, join me and my father for this Father's Day outing. Bring your Dad, too, if you are able. Moderate hike with strong pace, 8.6 miles, 2,580' elevation gain. Group limit 15. Well-behaved dogs only. Contact leader by June 19. Robynn Albert, 878-4036 or robynnalbert@hotmail.com.

Saturday, June 27, Mt. Hunger via Waterbury Trail, dog friendly. Get out and bring your eager

dogs and we'll hike Mt. Hunger via the Waterbury Trail to get some of the best views in Vermont. Moderate with moderate pace, 4 miles, 2290' elevation gain. Group limit 10 people, 4 dogs. Contact leader by June 25. Kelley Mackison, 999-7839 or kelleymackison@gmail.com.

Sunday, June 28, taking the Subway to Mansfield. We'll go up the Halfway House Trail then take Canyon North, Canyon North Extension and Subway to the Mansfield Ridge, then to the top and down Sunset Ridge. The canyons all involve a significant amount of scrambling with some exposure. Very difficult hike at a strong pace, 8 miles, 3000' elevation gain. Group limit 10. Contact leader by June 26. Richard Larsen, 878-6828 or *larsen007@aol.com*.

Sunday, June 28, Missisquoi National Wildlife Refuge. Dog friendly, leashes required. Hike multiple trails at the Missisquoi National Wildlife Refuge in Swanton. Easy, 3.0 miles or more if group wishes, with no ascent. Leisurely pace. Group limit 8. Call leader by 6/27. Robert Chaperon, Jr., 868-5132 or *chaperor@myfairpoint.net*.

Saturday, July 4, Camels Hump via Burrows Trail. Come along for what will be a spectacular evening of fireworks on the summit of this great Vermont mountain. Witness dozens of area holiday colors in the sky. Easy to moderate hike at a strong pace, 4.8 miles, 2,200' elevation gain. HEADLAMP REQUIRED. Contact leader by 7/2. Robynn Albert, 878-4036 or robynnalbert@hotmail.com.

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES AT MILLS RIVERSIDE PARK

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This year, Mills Riverside Park will be ten years old. The park's birthday party will be co-sponsored by the Jericho Underhill Land Trust and celebrated on August 5 with cake!

July 1 Shane Brody and friends - Jazz, Blues and Folk traditional songs both popular and original July 8 Tammy Fletcher - Need we say more?

July 15 Ed Moore and family - Fabulous Swing jazz for all ages July 22 Possum Haw - Energized, original, bluegrass/folk

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China Rose Bridal Shop open in Westford

By Phyl Newbeck Special to the Mountain Gazette

Away from the malls, the crowds and the traffic, a brand new bridal shop is tucked away on a dirt road cul-de-sac in Westford. Jessica Goodrich opened China Rose as a home business this winter. Business has been building slowly; she has had only four sales since opening day, but word of mouth is spreading the news about this low-cost, low-key bridal emporium.

Goodrich said response to her business has been very positive. People tell her she has a nice assortment of dresses they haven't seen anyplace else; her prices are low; and best of all, her unhurried approach is treasured. Goodrich is open by appointment only, but that allows customers a certain degree of privacy and the ability to take their time. "People like not being on parade in front of everyone else," she said. And since Goodrich doesn't have to flit from one customer to another, visitors can take their time, spending up to three hours in the shop until they find the dress that's right for them.

Goodrich has a degree in secondary education from UVM, but after graduation she chose to work as a bookkeeper at Grand Union. She held that position for several years before taking the entrepreneurial plunge. Goodrich began planning the shop last November and started advertising in January. Her first customer walked through the door in February.

Business is slower than Goodrich would like, but she's hoping accolades from satisfied customers will increase her business. A chain store bridal shop will soon be opening in South Burlington, but Goodrich isn't that worried about the competition. She believes her lower prices and personal attention will garner a loyal following for her shop. None of the dresses she carries costs more than \$800.

Goodrich gets all her dresses from a single supplier. In addition to bridal gowns, she carries veils, tiaras, and bridesmaid dresses. Virtually all of the supplier's dresses come in uniform sizes so if a customer sees a dress she likes but her size isn't in stock, Goodrich can see how the fit would work by having her try on a comparable gown. She does not make alterations herself, but sends customers to local establishments such as the Sewing Corner in Jericho. Goodrich keeps sizes 2 through 20 in stock, but can order dresses up to size 30.

Goodrich jokes that the decision to open her own business was a mid-life crisis, but the truth is she was following a deferred dream. "I've always loved wedding gowns," she said, admitting that as early as high school she subscribed to bridal magazines. Last year, she discovered the web site of her current supplier on the internet and found herself fantasizing over which dress she might pick if she were getting married. "Maybe," she mused, "it was just time to do something different."

Goodrich said she has already received rave reviews from her customers, several of whom went to larger chain stores before visiting her establishment. One thing that may impress customers is the fact that Goodrich actually puts the list price of her dresses on the tags so customers know her mark-up is small. Goodrich hopes the business will expand. "I don't need to sell five hundred dresses a year," she said, "but one hundred would be nice." Ideally she would like to build an extra room for the shop. Currently, there are so many dresses in her spare bedroom that "you have to wiggle by

Setting up the fitting area takes roughly 45 minutes. Goodrich has to move furniture out of the living room in order to wheel the dresses in. "It really looks like a bridal shop when it's all set up," she said. The dog is sent outside, but occasionally the family cat will wander through and purr to the customers. Consistent with her low-key approach, there is no sign at the entrance to her home, although Goodrich is considering placing a wreath on her mailbox when she has an appointment.

While business is less than the three to four appointments a week that Goodrich would like to see, she is still happy with the way the business is working out. "It's so much fun when girls come in," she said. In return, Goodrich's first customer was tickled to receive an invoice with the number 0001 on it and promised to send photos from her wedding. Goodrich is particularly pleased when a customer comes in with a set idea, only to fall in love with an entirely different dress. "I'm not making a living yet," she said, 'but it's a lot of fun."

To make an appointment, call Jessica Goodrich at China Rose at

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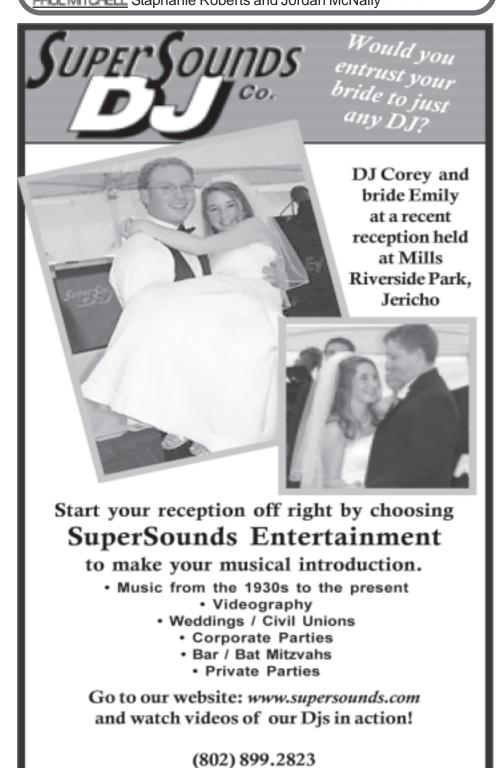
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Jericho Congregational Church 331 Browns Trace, Jericho Center 899-4911

Jericho United Methodist Church

71 VT Rt. 15 Korean-American United Methodist

Church of VT 69 VT Rt. 15 899-4249 Mt. Mansfield Unitarian Universalists

Fellowship Meet at Jericho Elementary School899-1765

United Christian Assembly 899-2949 100 Raceway Rd. United Pentacostal Church VT Rt. 15 899-4835

<u>Underhill</u> St. Thomas Catholic Church 6 Green St., Underhill Center 899-4632 United Church of Underhill 899-1722

Westford United Church of Westford

Deborah Fitzgerald

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Allison Weinhagen 878-5804 Chester Balon 893-4519 Christine O'Donnell 878-2302 879-2686 Paul Birnholz Caroline Brown 878-8890 Ann Moore 849-2744

Other facilities

Each town has other facilities available for ceremonies and receptions that can be rented for reasonable rates. Prices may have changed; please call

The Eagles Club is located on VT Rt. 109 in

Jeffersonville. Call 644-5333 for information. **The Red Brick Meeting House** in Westford is available for public functions. The cost, which includes tables and chairs to accommodate 60 guests, please call for current pricing information.. A kitchen with stove and refrigerator is available for use and there are restroom facilities. Call Caroline Brown, 878-8890, for information.

The Jericho Community Center is available year round for a fee of \$15 per hour; the building will hold about 100 people. You are responsible for all amenities. Call Andrea Hook, 899-2366. The

property is handicapped-accessible.

Mills Riverside Park has a pavilion with a scenic view of Mount Mansfield. Private parties can rent the pavalion for \$40 per day. You must fill out a use permit form (online at www.parkdistrict.jerichounderhill.com). Call Livy Strong, 899-2693, early to reserve the pavalion.

The Cambridge Elementary School may be available. Call 644-8821 for information.

The Underhill Town Hall in Underhill Center can be rented for \$200. The facility has a kitchen area and is handicapped-accessible. Call Town Clerk Sherri Morin for reservations, 899-4434, extension 101.

Moore Park is a small park in Underhill Center. across Pleasant Valley Road from the Underhill Town Hall. The park has picnic tables and a lawn area. The park may be used for gatherings at no charge, but please carry out what you carry in, and note that there are no facilities (water, rest rooms) on the property. Facilities at the Town Hall are available during normal town office hours. For more information, call Sue Kusserow, 899-2215.

The Westford Town Common is available for public functions but without exclusive use. Call Nanette at the Westford Town Office, 878-4587, for information.

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Requirements for Vermont marriage licenses

Your wed date set. The invitations sent...let's back up. Your number one priority should be your marriage license.

Requirements may vary as each county in Vermont could have their own requirements.

There are ID requirements. Driver's licenses or a certified copy of your birth certificate is acceptable. You will need to know your mothers' maiden names, and the states where your parents were

You do not have to be a resident of Vermont. However, residents need to apply for a license in the town where one of them resides. Nonresidents should apply for a license in the county where they will be married.

If you have been married before you will need a certified copy of the divorce decree. A plain copy of the death certificate is all that is required if your spouse is deceased.

Vermont does not have a covenant marriage option or waiting period and no proxy marriage.

No waiting period.

There is a \$45.00 plus \$10.00 for a certified copy of the license. Some counties may require cash or travelers' checks only.

No tests required.

Cousins can marry this may be limited to Vermont residents. According to the brochure provided by the Vermont Department of Health, "First cousins, who are Vermont residents, or residents of another state where marriage between first cousins is allowed, may marry each other in Vermont. You cannot marry in Vermont to evade the laws of the state where you live." We recommend calling the county clerk where you want to get married to verify this requirement.

Vermont law does not support Common Law Marriage

Vermont became the fourth state to allow gay marriages and the first state to approve same-sex marriage by a vote of the legislature. The new law will take effect on September 1, 2009

Applicants under the age of 18, but older than 16, need signed parental or guardian consent. Current law states that no one under the age of 14 can get married.

Authorized persons to perform weddings in Vermont are judges, supreme court justices, assistant judges, justice of the peaces, and ordained or licensed clergymen. Non-resident clergy need to file for a permit from the county Probate Court where the marriage will take place.

Through Act 148, Vermont allows you to have a friend or a family member be the officiant of your wedding through the Tem-

porary Officiant program. After paying the \$100 fee and registering for the program, anyone meeting the requirements can be authorized to solemnize a specific wedding

License is valid for 60 days.

A copy of your certificate of marriage can be obtained by contacting the Vermont Department of Health Vital Records Unit, 108 Cherry Street, P.O. Box 70, Burlington, Vermont 05402

Please note: State and county marriage license requirements often change. The above information is for guidance only and should not be regarded as legal

It is important, especially since the passage of S. 115, that you verify all information with your local marriage license office or county clerk before making any wedding or travel plans.

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and from the parking lot. Caterers, linens, music, and cleanup come at additional cost and must be coordinated by the wedding party; the Museum can provide a list of caterers and rental companies. The prices also include sites to hold a ceremony, either in one of the many gardens (90-180 guests) or in the Charlotte Meeting House (seats 125).

Call Bruce Andrews, 985-3348, ext. 3389, to make

Choosing the day

Although most weddings now take place on Saturday, it was considered unlucky in the past. Fridays were also considered unlucky particularly, Friday the 13th. An old rhyme advises a wedding in the first half of the week:

Monday for wealth, Tuesday for health,

Wednesday the best day of all,

Thursday for losses, Friday for crosses,

Saturday for no luck at all.

Advice on which month to marry in is given by the following rhyme:

Married when the year is new, he'll be loving, kind, and true. When February birds do mate, you'll wed and never dread your

If you wed when March winds blow, joy and sorrow both you'll

Marry in April when you can, joy for maiden and for man. Marry in the month of May, and you will surely rue the day. Marry when June roses grow, over land and sea you'll go.

Those who in July do wed, must labor for their daily bread. Whoever wed in August be, many a change is sure to see.

Marry in September's shrine, your living will be rich and fine.

If in October you do marry, love will come but riches tarry.

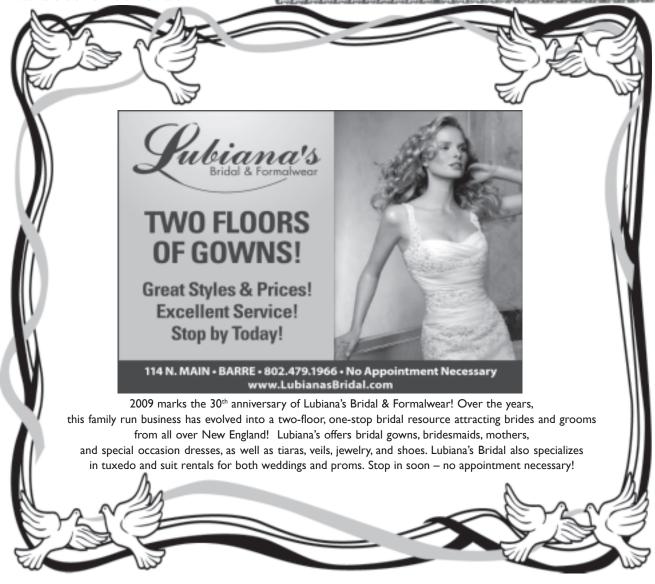
If you wed in bleak November, only joys will come, remember. When December snows fall fast, marry and true love will last.

May has been considered an unlucky month to marry in for a number of reasons. In pagan times the start of summer was when the festival of Beltane was celebrated with outdoor orgies. This was therefore thought to be an unsuitable time to start married life. In Roman times the Feast of the Dead and the festival of the goddess of chastity both occurred in May. The advice was taken more seriously in Victorian times than it is today. In most Churches the end of April was a busy time for weddings as couples wanted to avoid being married in May. Queen Victoria is thought to have forbidden her children from marrying in May.

Lent was thought an inappropriate time for a wedding as this was

June was considered to be a lucky month to marry in because it is named after Juno, the Roman goddess of love and marriage. The summer as a whole was considered a good time to marry and this is partly to do with the sun's association with fertility.









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Three new trustees join Copley health systems board

The Copley Health Systems Board of Trustees welcomes three new trustees: Bryce Breton, an attorney from Morrisville; Elaine Nichols, an attorney from Stowe; and Nancy Putnam, a C.P.A. from Jeffersonville.

Brvce Breton of Morrisville is an Attorney and Senior Vice President with Stevens Law Office in Stowe. She concentrates in family and juvenile law. Breton regularly provides pro bono representation in Lamoille County family and probate courts for those in need. Active in the community, she is a certified Vermont Crisis Worker having completed the Clarina Howard Nichols Center Training Program. She also volunteers to teach classes and clinics for courts in Lamoille and Washington County to educate people about legally representing themselves in family court actions. Breton holds a BA with a double major in English and Philosophy in addition to her law

Elaine Nichols of Stowe brings extensive legal experience and board experience to Copley Health Systems. She is president of Nichols & Associates, P.C. Previously she had served as an associate in the Corporate/Commercial Department of Darby, Laundon, Stearns & Thorndike. Her career began as a Senior Associate with Downs Rachlins & Martin in Burlington and St. Johnsbury. Nichols graduated magna cum laude with a BA from the University of Vermont and received her law degree from Boston College Law School. She is an active member of our community, serving on various boards and committees, including the Stowe Land Trust board and the Stowe Education Fund. Her husband and two children were all born

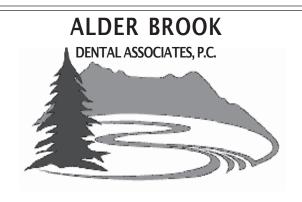
Nancy Putnam of Jeffersonville has been a Certified Public Accountant with Marckres Norder and Company since 1996. Previously she served as a Vice President and Trust Officer at Franklin Lamoille Bank and Vice President, Tax and Estate Officer for Howard

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The Copley Health Systems Board of Trustees welcomes three new trustees: Bryce Breton, an attorney from Morrisville; Elaine Nichols, an attorney from Stowe; and Nancy Putnam, a C.P.A. from Jeffersonville. Pictured with Board Chair Jan Roy (left) and Copley President Melvyn Patashnick are Nancy Putnam, 2nd to PHOTO CONTRIBUTED left, and Elaine Nichols.

Bank in Burlington, Vermont. She serves on the Development Review Board for Cambridge and mentors at the Cambridge Elementary School. Nancy received her BA in Political Science from the University of Maine. She furthered her career with studies at Roosevelt University in Chicago and Northwestern University.



The Copley Hospital Auxiliary Executive Committee presented a \$15,000.00 gift to Copley Hospital President Mel Patashnick last week. Pictured (l to r) Gurli Olsen (Auxiliary Treasurer), Leah Hollenberger (Copley's Senior Director Development), Judy Shanley (Auxiliary President), Mel Patashnick, Greg Ward (Copley's Senior Director Clinical Services) and Judy Grosvenor (Auxiliary Secretary). The gift is the second contribution the Auxiliary has made to this year's Annual Fund Campaign, for a total PHOTO CONTRIBUTED donation of \$25,000.00.

Copley Hospital receives \$15,000 gift

Copley Hospital has received a donation of \$15,000 from the Copley Hospital Auxiliary. The Copley Hospital Auxiliary Executive Committee, including President Judy Shanley, Treausurer Gurli Olsen and Secretary Judy Grosvenor, presented the check to Copley Hospital President Mel Patashnick, Senior Development Director Leah Hollenberger and Senior Director of Clinical Services Greg Ward last week. The gift will be used to purchase a "GlideScope" that allows for quick intubation. The gift is the second contribution the Auxiliary has made to this year's Annual Fund Campaign, for a total donation of \$25,000.

"We are very grateful to the Auxiliary for their generous support of Copley Hospital," said Patashnick. "Since 1977, the Auxiliary has gifted Copley more than \$700,000 and this total does not reflect the monies granted to employees for education and other depart-

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CAMPUS HONORS



Erin Willard, daughter of Michael and Susan of Underhill, graduated Magna Cum Laude from Bryant University on May 16th. She received a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with a concentration in finance and a minor in applied actuarial mathematics. Erin has accepted a position in the Global Wealth and Investment Management division of a Fortune 500 company in Boston.

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Molly Bartlett of Jericho, VT was named to the dean's list for the spring 2009 semester at Benedictine College in Atchinson, KS.

Amy Malinowski, daughter of John and Donna Malinowski of Jericho, VT, has been awarded a \$25,000 University Mall Scholarship of Excellence toward her first year of college. The scholarship rewards students who embody excellence in academics, leadership, and community service. Amy attends Mount Mansfield Union High School in Jericho, VT. She was recognized for her recent efforts as the founding president of the SHAPE Club, as well as work with the Vermont Teen Leadership Safety Program. Amy plans to attend Babson College in Massachusetts.

Just Married Parizo-Wells

Melissa J. Parizo, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Homer J. Parizo Jr. of Bolton, VT, and Jamie J. Wells, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Wells Sr. of South Burlington, VT, were united in marriage on Saturday, May 16, 2009.

Justice of the Peace Michael Metcalf officiated at the double-ring ceremony near Caspian Lake in Greensboro, VT.

Jessica Reynolds was the maid of honor. The bridesmaids were Megan Wells, Krystal Williams, Josselyn Parizo, and Kaya Parizo. Rayne Williams was the flower girl.

Michael Wells was the best man. The ushers were Jarred Parizo, Paul Gorton, Richard Bryce, and Brandyn Wells. Bryce King and Kyle Wells were the ring bearers.

A reception was held at the home of the bride's aunt on Caspian Lake. The couple will honeymoon in the Virgin Islands in the fall.

Mrs. Wells graduated from Milton High School and is an account manager at Citifinancial. Her husband graduated from South Burlington High School and is self-employed in a landscaping business. The couple resides in St. Albans, VT.

3rd annual Party in the Park Sunday July 5, 1:00 - 6:00 PM Sponsored by Mt. Gazette & Mills Riverside park Albert Alexander Anthony DeBrita, 69, of Jericho, VT passed away peacefully at home on May 29, 2009. He spent his final days in the home he built in 1972, surrounded by his loving family and friends. Al was born on November 18, 1939 in Brooklyn, NY. He was the son of the late Patrick and Pauline



DeBrita. After graduating in 1957 from West Hempstead High School, he served six years in the U.S. Navy. He then went on to RCA Institute, where he graduated in 1964. Soon after, he met and courted his loving and beautiful wife, Sandra. They were married on June 5, 1965 in Poughkeepsie, NY. In 1970, he received a bachelor's degree in physics from Marist College. Al began his lifelong engineering career in 1964 at IBM in East Fishkill, NY. In 1970, he and Sandra moved to Vermont where he continued his IBM career at the Essex Junction Plant. Over his years of distinguished service to IBM, Al received numerous achievement awards including a GTD Achievement Award for outstanding individual performance and a Division Award for Outstanding Technical Achievement, as well as a United States Patent. After retiring from IBM, he worked for ASIC North, where he received the General Manager's Excellence Award. This was in recognition of his teamwork and dedication to excellence. He truly was an exceptional man who always gave 110%. His hobbies included hunting, fishing, and reading. He was also an active member of the Republican Party. Of most importance to him was his family. He enjoyed supporting, mentoring, and educating his children to ensure their continued success in life. He was proud of each one of them and they will always be proud of him. He also enjoyed teaching his grandchildren how to build wooden airplanes, how magnets work, and taught them how electricity works. These memories and more will forever be in our hearts. Our Father was a man of great dignity, honor, and strength, His merits are noble, and of admirable length. He was far greater than all other men that we knew, He was our Dad, he was our mentor, our friend and hero. (Forever will be) Dad - We love you and will miss you – Brian, Tracy, and Valerie. He is survived by his loving wife, Sandra DeBrita of Jericho; his son Brian DeBrita and wife April of Texas; his daughter Tracy DeBrita Gamelin of Williston, VT; and his daughter Valerie DeBrita of Colchester, VT. He is also survived by his four precious grandchildren: Kayla DeBrita, and Zachary, Devon, and Danielle Gamelin. He is also survived by his brother Philip DeBrita and wife Kathy of West Hampton, NY, and several nieces and nephews. Services were held at The Church of the Nazarene, Williston, VT on Friday, June 5, 2009. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the VNA, 1110 Prim Rd., Colchester, VT

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Patti-Lynn Roberts,
52, died peacefully on
Thursday, May 28, 2009
at her home in Bolton, VT.
She is survived by her husband Ken and their son
Joshua, age five; her sons,
Keith Williams and his
wife Stacey and their three
daughters, Daniel Williams
and his wife Hollee and



Red Cross recognizes blood donors

Following are the names of donors who have received their gallon pins from American Red Cross Blood Services, New England Region recently:

Gary Bruening, Underhill 30 gallons; Timothy Durbrow, Underhill, 52 gallons; John McCarthy, Jeffersonville, 52 gallons.

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mental requests for smaller purchases."

Ward notes that the GlideScope provides a clear, real-time view of a patient's airway, using a high resolution camera and color monitor to facilitate intubation. "It is extremely useful for restricted or small airways, allowing for both normal and restricted views," explains Ward, who is also a respiratory therapist. "It allows us to easily insert a breathing tube through the mouth down into the trachea, which is the large airway from the mouth to the lungs."

The scope will be used in Copley's Emergency Department. "We are so grateful for the Auxiliary's help in procuring this needed scope," said Nancy Natvig, RN, Copley's Nurse Director of Emergency Services. "The Auxiliary's generous gift will certainly help save lives."

Copley Hospital has raised 90% of their annual fund goal of \$245,000, with the majority of funds going toward the hospital's charitable care program. Hollenberger adds that recent donors have also helped the hospital purchase a needed patient lifting device, IV pumps and a Hematology microscope. "We are fortunate that our community hospital is able to keep its technology and equipment up-to-date, in part because of tremendous support like this," she said. Hollenberger notes that Copley Foundation volunteers are still working to raise \$24,000 to successfully end the Annual Fund campaign. In addition, the upcoming Stowe Wine and Food Classic June 19-21 at Trapp Family Lodge, coordinated by Stowe Charities, Inc., will

raise funds for Copley's Charitable Care Program. The July 14 Copley Scramble Golf Tournament at the Stowe Country Club will raise funds to purchase a new light for one of the Operating Rooms.

The Copley Hospital Auxiliary is a separate non-profit organization whose mission is to raise money in an effort to support the needs of Copley Hospital and its staff. Auxiliary members manage the hospital Gift Shop and Second Chance, a thrift shop located on Brigham Street, along with volunteering at the hospital in a variety of ways including clerical support, wheelchair transport, greeting people at the reception desk, patient activities, school tours, and more. The Auxiliary has more than 90 members, each paying an annual membership fee of \$5. While they all share a commitment to their community hospital, members also enjoy the social aspects of the Auxiliary. The group holds two annual luncheons that include guest speakers; the most recent featured Copley dietitian Nancy Wagner discussing nutrition as one ages. Previous speakers have included botanist Dr. Phil Chiaravalle and Copley Respiratory Therapist Steve Cothalis, Vermont's Respiratory Therapist of the Year.

For more information on becoming an Auxiliary member contact Gurli Olsen at 253-2629. To contribute to Copley Hospital's Annual Fund, contact Leah Hollenberger at 802-888-8302 or send a contribution to Copley Hospital Foundation, 528 Washington Highway, Morrisville, VT 05661.

OBITUARIES

their two daughters; her stepdaughter Amy King and her husband Justin and their four children; and her stepson Kenny Roberts and his wife Jessica and their three children. She also left behind her brothers Greg Smith and his wife Maryann, Doug Smith and his wife Melissa, and David Smith; her father Claude Smith; and her stepmother Carol. Patti ran an in-home daycare for many years. She loved kids and she was a big kid herself. Her love of music and her crafts were a pastime for her. She will be greatly missed. A memorial was held Tuesday, June 2, 2009, in Gifford Funeral Home in Richmond, VT.

Charlene L. Russin, 68, Lowell/Underhill, died at her home in Lowell on Friday, June 12, 2009, following years of failing health. She went to Heaven to join her husband on their 50th wedding anniversary on June 13, 2009. Charlene was born in Burlington on April 17, 1941, the daughter of the late George T. and



Francelia (Wells) Bessette. She married Armand Henry Russin in Underhill on June 13, 1959. He predeceased her in 1993. Charlene enjoyed doing puzzles, playing video games and crocheting. She is survived by her children, Armand Russin, Rhonda Quesnel, Liz Savo, Chad Paquette of Lowell, and Rick Paquette of North Carolina; 10 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; her siblings, Florence Hutchinson of Bristol, Sandi LaBree and Donna LeClair, both of Virginia, Frank and Danny Bessette of Arizona, George (Joe) and Henry Bessette, all of Lowell, Pat Russin of Milton; 27 nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband Armand and two grandsons. Friends were invited to visit with the family at Gifford Funeral Home, 22 Depot St., Richmond, from 10 AM on Tuesday, June 16, 2009, until the prayer service at 11:30 AM. Burial followed in St. Thomas Cem-

etery, Underhill Center. Arrangements were in care of Gifford Funeral Home.

Donna M. Ziegler (Osborne) died at her home in Bolton, VT after a series of health challenges. She is survived by her three children and their families, including six grandchildren, her brother and his family, and her devoted friends. She loved us all. She joins many loved



ones in heaven and we know they will be watching over each of us. Visiting hours were held at Gifford Funeral Service in Richmond, VT on Tuesday, June 16, 2009, from 3:00 to 4:00 PM immediately followed by a brief memorial service.

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(Campbell) Stephanie (Boyden) and Matteo Campbell's son Rueben Frederick was born Tuesday, May 18, 2009 at Fletcher Allen Health Care in Burlington, VT.



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(Moran) Ellie Rosemary Moran arrived on Saturday, May 9, 2009 at 1:46 AM at the Fletcher Allen Medical Center, Burlington, VT. Her proud parents are William and Colleen (Carroll) Moran of South Burlington. Ellie was 7 lbs. 11oz., and 20.5 inches long. Her grandparents are Jim and Patty Carroll of Jericho and Carole Moran of South Burlington.

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Belle Learned befriended Burnett Rawson. With the family's permission, she took Burnett from the family farm in Underhill and arranged for his schooling. She was instrumental in getting him into the UVM College of Medicine.

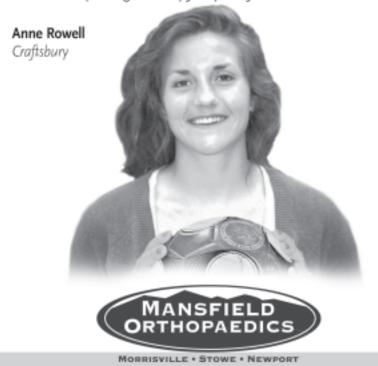
Dr. Rawson created the Winnie Belle Learned Fund to, as he said: "help the public libraries of Vermont foster literacy, love of learning, critical analysis and intellectual exploration in their communities, particularly among children and their families."

Nine other graduates of the UVM College of Medicine also were honored at the dinner and ceremonies Friday night.

Dr. Rawson now lives at Meadow Run in Essex

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1 cup blueberries 1 ½ tsp. baking soda

1 ½ cups dairy sour cream ½ cup brown sugar, firmly packed

1 tsp. ground cardamom

1 ½ tsp. vanilla

Cream together butter and sugar until fluffy; add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Sift flour together with dry ingredients. Add to creamed mixture alternating with sour cream. Add vanilla. Fold in chopped apples. Pour half the batter into a well greased and lightly floured 13x9x2 inch baking pan. Cover with blueberries. Sprinkle with brown sugar. Top with remaining batter. Bake in a 325? oven 40-50 minutes or until done. Cool on cake rack. Makes 16

MMU students graduate atBTC

Burlington Technical Center graduated 115 students on June 9, 2009. Students receiving Completion Certificates spent two years at BTC and had to meet high standards in one of twelve programs. Recognition was given to Outstanding Students for the Year and to Presidential Scholars who earned A's throughout the year. At the graduation Aviation Technology student Luke Moultroup, Electronic Recording Arts students Alyssa Citorik and Rhoen Pruesse-Adams, and Human Services/Early Childhood Education students Elizabeth Pacy and Alia Barbano-George addressed the audience. Luke plans to attend the BTC Post Secondary Aviation Program, Alyssa plans to attend Hofstra University, Rhoen plans to attend New York University, Elizabeth plans to attend the University of New Hampshire and Alia plans to attend Pace University. Other students who are graduating have plans to continue their educations in four-year colleges and universities, two-year technical schools, community colleges, enter the military or go directly into the job market. The following MMU students successfully completed their BTC programs: Travis Garrett, Aviation Technology; Meghan E Holt, Honors Medical & Sports Sciences; Cody A Lassiter, Aviation Technology; and Luke A Moultroup **, Aviation Technology.

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CVAA Senior Meals

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

Thursday, June 18 - Ponderosa, Williston, 11:00 AM check in, 11:15 lunch. All you can eat.



Tykes on Bikes Neighborhood

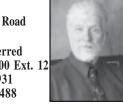
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Monday, June 22 - Covenant Community Church, 12:00 noon. Goulash, tossed salad, Italian bread, tapioca pudding.

Tuesday, June 23 - T Bones, Hampton Inn, 10:30 AM check in, 11:00 lunch. Chicken and biscuits.

Wednesday, June 24 - St. Mike's, Colchester, 11:00 check in, 11:30 lunch. Buffet.

Thursday, June 25 - Ponderosa, Williston, 11:00 AM check in, 11:15 lunch. All you can eat buffet.

Friday, June 26 - United Church, Hinesburg, 12:00 noon. Meat lasagna, garden salad, Italian bread, rice pudding.

Monday, June 29 – Covenant Community Church, Essex Center. 2:00 noon. Salisbury steak, new red potatoes, summer vegetables, fruit bread, pears.

Tuesday, June 30 – JP's Diner and Deli, Essex, 10:30 check in, 11:00 lunch. Ham steak dinner.

Libraries

DEBORAH RAWSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY, UNDERHILL Art for the month of June is the work of Robert Brunelle

Be Creative at your library reading logs for adults are available at the library. For every 5 books you read or listen to fill out a log and you will be entered into a drawing for a gift certification from a local business at the end of August. Thank you to the Friends of DRML for sponsoring this drawing.

The Friends of DRML will meet Tuesday, June 23 at 7:00 PM at the library. All are welcome! This is a great chance to join a group of people that support the library in various ways.

The Mystery Book Group will meet Friday, June 26 at 7:00 PM. They are reading The horse you came in on by Martha Grimes. All are

Introduction to Pilates with Lisa Timbers. Monday, June 29 at 7:00 PM. Have you wanted to try Pilates before paying for a class? This is your chance to try it free! Please call the library 899-4962 to sign up. Job Opening! Library Clerk, Part-time, Deborah Rawson Memorial

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-8, Saturdays 10-2 We are looking for a public library enthusiast who enjoys working with people of all ages, is detail oriented, and likes a variety of tasks. Good computer skills required.

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Summer Grand Opening Event

Magician Tom Joyce will entertain family members of all ages! Thursday, June 25. 1:00 PM at DRML. Co-sponsored by the Friends of the DRML and the JTL. Register at the library on June 24.

Learn About the Orchestra Friday, June 26, 1:00 PM

Have you thought about playing a musical instrument but just were not sure which instrument you'd like to play? Then this is just the event for you. After performing a short musical selection, youth orchestra members will explain about the special qualities of their selected instrument. Recommended for families with children kdg and older.

Register at the library on June 24.
Theater Arts - Tuesday, June 30, 9:30 - 11:30 AM
Sue Adams will lead participants in dramatizing scenes from the book Mississippi Mud. Be ready to have fun using your body in expressive ways as the group recreates vignettes of this story. Grade 3 and up. Register at the library on June 24.

School Survival Skills - Wednesday, July 1, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM. Nicole Thompson will assist participants in understanding their learning styles and strengths. Learn strategies and techniques that will have a positive effect on academic achievement. Bring a bag lunch and the library will provide beverage and dessert. middle and high school. Register now by calling 899-4962.

Vegetarian Cooking - Thursday, July 2, 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM Whether you are a vegetarian, interested in the vegetarian diet, or just want to cook; this class is for you. Come get your hands dirty and help create some delicious vegetarian dishes. Bring you appetite! Presented by nutritional consultant Rebecca Flewelling. Grade 5 - high school. Those in middle and high school may register now by calling 899-4962. Those in elementary school may register at the library on June 24.

Library hours: Tuesday 12:00 - 8:00 PM, Wednesday 10:00 AM -6:00 PM, Thursday 12:00 - 8:00 PM, Friday 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM, Saturday 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM, closed Sunday and Monday. For infor-

mation on any of the library's programs, call 899-4962.

JERICHO TOWN LIBRARY, JERICHO CENTER

Friday, June 19, 7:00-9:00 PM, TAB (Teen Advisory Board-grades 7-

Movie Night. All new members welcome to join and have fun with the fabulous TABbers. Refreshments served. Please call the library for more

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Pearson on the Poetry Trail around the Village Green in Jericho Center. Children can fill their pockets with poems and treats. The trail ends with readings, drawings and fun activities. Help Tracey celebrate her new book My Brother Bert written by Ted Hughes, one-time British Poet Laureate who has his own poetry trail in England. This event is free and families are welcome. A book signing will follow at 12:00 PM. All book sales proceeds will benefit children's programming at the Jericho Town Library.

Join the 2009 Summer Reading Program "Be Creative!" at the library. This program is open to preschool through young adult, with programs, prize drawings, story hours, a reading club and more. Families are invited to join the Read-to-Me portion of the program. All programs are free and open to the public. Registration starts Wed., June 10 for students, grades 5-12 and June 20 at 12:00 PM for grades K-4. Stop in or call 899-4686 to register for summer events.

6/22-2-4 PM Terrific Tie Dye w/Susan Skelly -Raindate 7/1, 2-4 PM (grades 1-up) 6/24-2-3:30 PM Wonderful World of Watercolor w/Kathleen Berry

Bergeron (K-up) 6/26 – 1-2 PM Sensational Scrapbooking w/Bonnie Belfield (grades 3-

6/26 – 2:30-3:30 PM Think Outside the Box w/Amy Malinowski (all

ages) 6/29-1-3 PM -Who Art Thou?: Find Your Personality Type w/Marty Kingsley, from VSAC Myers-Briggs outreach (grades 7-12) 7/3 -1-2 PM Shrinky Dinks w/Amy Malinowski (all ages) 7/6- 1-2 PM Ellie's Parties w/Ellie Tetrick (grades: toddler-K)

7/6- 2:30-4 PM Intro to Drawing with MMUHS Art teacher, Dodi

Gomez (gr 5-up)
7/8-2-3 PM Mailbox Masterpieces - w/Beth Barndt (grades 2-up)
7/10-1-2 PM Ace of Cupcakes w/Barb McKennedy (grades 2-6)
7/13-1-2:30 PM Ukrainian Egg Painting w/Kate Mendicino (grades 3-

7/15-2-3 PM Mosaic Bean/seed Collage - w/Kara Kitchen-Glodgett

7/16 & 7/17 10-11:30 AM-Basket weaving w/Scotte Mason (grades 3-

7/17-1-2 PM Know your Colors – w/Marjorie Minot (grades 5-up) 7/17-2-3 PM Makeup Artistry w/Marjorie Minot (grades 5-adult) 7/20- 10-11 AM Art with ID Elementary School Art Teacher, Jennifer

Larkin (gr K-4) 7/20-1-3 PM Color with Quilts w/Suzanne Freitas, Joanne Petri, Dawn

Marland (gr 3-up) 7/22-10-11AM Fiddling Around w/Laura Markowitz (preK-up) 7/22-1-3 PM Rock Art Painting w/Donna McDermid (all ages)

7/24-1-2:30 PM Rocket Science 101 w/Olaf (grades 5-up) 7/24-2-6 PM Anybody can Theaterize!!!- w/Annalise Shelmandine (grades 7-up) 7/27-1-2 PM Environmental Art 3-D nature journals-Sue Bahr & Rachel

Rose (gr 5-up)

8/01-10 AM-1PM Rocket Science 102 w/ Howie Druckerman (all ages w/an adult) (rain date 8/2) (grades 5-up)

Aug 3-7 –1-3 PM Writing Bonanza – palette of great writers: Joyce Babbitt, Mary Jane Dickerson-poetry, Phyl Newbeck-journalist, Joanne Carter, and Rachel Rose (grades 5-up)

7/31-4-5 PM End of summer program pARTy celebration on Green w/

Monday, June 29 from 6:30-8:00 PM, Do you like to Write? In the spirit of this summer's theme Be Creative the library will be hosting a writer's club for teens and adults. This is a free program open to the public (can register but not necessary). For more information call Elise Doner at 899-2644. If anyone wants to volunteer to be a part of the catalog automation

project underway there is still more work to be done, which includes computer and non-computer tasks. So, if you have even an extra hour or two please consider helping. For more information call the library at 899-4686.

Story time including craft and snack is held every Wednesday upstairs at 10:00 AM. Come share the joy of books, finger plays, flannel board, and songs with guitar music led by Derek! Wed. June 17-July 29 special art themes with summer program!

The Board of Trustees meets regularly the first Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM at the library. The public is welcome so join us at our upcoming meetings on July $2^{\rm nd}$ and Aug $6^{\rm th}$. The hours for the Jericho Town Library on the Green are Monday and Friday 1:00-5:00 PM, Wednesday 10:00 AM-12:00 PM and 2:00-6:00 PM, Saturday 10:00 AM-1:00 PM. For more information call 899-4686 or email us at Jerichotownlibrary@gmail.com

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WESTFORD TOWN LIBRARY

Upcoming Events:

Thursday, June 18, 11:00 AM. Storytime. Stories and activities for children birth to five. Theme: Visual Arts.

Saturday, June 20, 11:00 AM. Creative Pet Show. Is it the most creative pet (maybe your favorite teddy bear?) or most creatively dressed pet? Unleash your creativity but not your critter. Meet at the

Gazebo on the Common. Special guest judges, fun and prizes for all.

Wednesday, June 24, 6:00 – 7:00 PM. R.E.A.D. with JR the newfie,
a Delta and therapy dog specially trained to help young readers. For
children in grades 1-3. Preregistration and signed permission slip required. Call 878-5639 for details. He will also visit us on Wednesdays, July 8 and 22, and August 5

Thursday, June 25, 11:00 AM. Storytime. Stories and activities for children birth to five. Theme: Music Makers & Shakers with Beth

Friday, June 26, 1:00 -2:00 PM. R.E.A.D. with JR the newfie, a ta and therapy dog specially trained to nelp young readers. For children in grades 1-3. Preregistration and signed permission slip required. Call 878-5639 for details. He will also visit us on Fridays, July 10 and 24, and August 7.

Friday, June 26, 6:00 PM. Strategy & Board Games for Teens &

Summer Reading Program fun continues through Saturday, August 1. Check the website or Town newsletter for more details. Art Fits Vermont & All-Age Community Art Show. Join a statewide project to showcase the creativity of Vermonters. Stop by the library to pick up a large wooden puzzle piece to decorate as you see fit. Bring it back to the library for the All-Age Community Art Show by Wednesday, July 15. Only fifty puzzle pieces available. Also, all community members are invited to participate in the All-Age Community Art Show. Bring in two or three pieces by Wednesday, July 15 to display through August. Hobbyists encouraged and all media accepted. Show off your creativity at the library. Art show opening and reception: Friday, July 17, 5:00 – 7:00 PM.

The Westford Public Library is open Wednesday 1:00 - 7:00 PM, Thursday 10:00~AM-6:00~PM, Friday 12:00-6:00~PM and Saturday 10:00~AM-2:00~PM. We can be reached at 878-5639, westford_pl@vals.state.vt.us or www.westford.lib.vt.us

on implementing programs and could use some help. If you are an astronomy buff and/or own a telescope, we especially want to hear from you. The Varnum Memorial Library is open Mondays and Tuesdays from 1:00 - 8:00 PM. and Thursdays and Saturdays from 9:00 -12:00 noon. Let's celebrate how far we've come in learning about space.



3rd annual Party in the Park Sunday July 5, 1:00 - 6:00 PM Sponsored by Mtn. Gazette & Mills Riverside Park



Surviving the summer sports doldrums

By Richard Mindell Special to the Mountain Gazette

Now that the MMU sports season has officially ended, local sports fans will have little to get excited about other than the yearly struggle between the beloved Red Sox and the despised New York Yankees. The Patriots don't return to action until late summer, and the Lake Monsters can only fill a small portion of the void. So here's to finding a good sports book, or two, to help fill the hours of late summer afternoons and evenings.

There are two types of sports books: the sophomoric and gratuitous sports hero bios that we read in junior high school, and those that are written by skilled writers who make the effort to thoroughly examine sports trends and events in a way that makes readers think, and feel. Then there's a whole slew of wonderful works of fiction that unfold against the backdrop of sports, but are more than just sports books. Of these, one author stands above all the rest; W.P. Kinsella, who with a few strokes of his pen, can take you to another world, a world of wonder, of emotion and introspection.

Kinsella's masterpiece is a small book called, Box Socials. Kinsella, you might recall, is the author of Shoeless Joe, the book upon which the movie *Field of Dreams* is based. If you think *Field of Dreams* is about baseball, you missed the point. The film, like the book, is a story of relationships, of father and son, of hope. Box Socials, like Shoeless Joe, is written in a unique style that is different. But once you get used to Kinsella's writing style, you will fall in love with this book, especially the characters. Box Socials is the story of Truckbox Al McClintock, a local legend who could hit a baseball clean across the Pembina River and his one at-bat against Bob Feller. Then again, it really isn't about that at all. It's really about the lives of the people who lived in the small towns on the Canadian plains during the 1930's. Box Socials has been described as "seductive," "romantic" and "beautiful." It is. It is as charming and quirky and hilarious a book as you'll ever read, and I promise you you'll wonder why you have never heard of it before. You'll be truly sorry after you've turned the last page - sorry there isn't more. It goes without saying that you should read Shoeless Joe, as well, even if you've seen the movie.

You won't feel that way about local author Howard Frank Mosher's, Waiting For Teddy Williams, however. I loved Mosher's A Stranger in the Kingdom and Where the Rivers Flow North. But Waiting for Teddy Williams, while a sensitive presentation of a young boy's life in the Northeast Kingdom that can best be described as "Tom Sawyer loves baseball," tends to drag on a bit. Still, if you like Mosher, particularly his book, *The True Account*, try Waiting for Teddy Williams. Like all of Mosher's books, it's beautifully and skillfully written. You'll love the characters and it has its moments.

Then check out Darryl Brock's, If I Never Get Back, a fantasy about baseball in its infancy in the late 1800's. It's a great period piece, and not a bad read. When you finish that and on a completely different, and lighter vein, try an obscure novel by NFL commentator and former NFL lineman, Tim Green, called, Ruffians. It's a fastpaced and entertaining read and a great expose of life behind the scenes in the NFL.

If you prefer non-fiction, there are some great books you should try. My favorite is an account of the life of Moe Berg by Nicholas Dawidoff, called The Catcher Was a Spy. You've never heard of Moe Berg? Moe Berg was a major league catcher in the 1930's who left the game to became an American spy during World War Two. He couldn't hit a curve ball, but he could speak 13 languages and he led a most fascinating and extraordinary life.

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David Halberstam has written several outstanding books about sports. Halberstam is a gifted writer who can hold a reader's interest writing about paint drying. Try, *The Breaks of the Game* (pro basketball) and *The Summer of 49* (Red Sox v Yankees, Ted Williams v Joe Di
Maggio). Then try Roger Angell's $\mathit{Late\ Innings}$ and
 ASummer Game. And if you can find them, treat yourself to Rebel Baseball, by Steve Perlstein, and Slouching Toward Fargo, by Neal Karlen, two anecdotal and humorous accounts of minor league baseball in small-town America, and the wacky characters - the owners. the players, the managers and the fans - who make it so popular.

Under the Tarnished Dome, by Don Yeager and Douglas Looney (behind the scenes of Notre Dame football) and The Punch, by John Feinstein, an account of the circumstances preceding and following the famous punch Kermit Washington threw at Rudy Tomjanovich that almost killed Tomjanovich and shook the NBA to its knees in 1977, are two very interesting books that I highly recommend. Feinstein also wrote A Season on the Brink and A Good Walk Spoiled, both pretty good reads.

I hope that helps sports fans. Next issue I'll cover sports movies you should watch this summer. Luke will make a return guest appearance in *The Mountain Gazette* to help me in that effort. Be

Sign up for Jericho youth tennis tournament

The tennis courts behind the Jericho Elementary School will be the venue this summer for one of the USTA Vermont hosted Junior Grand Prix Tournaments on July 11 and 12. The tournament will consist of play in the following youth categories: girls and boys singles, 10, 12, 14, 16, and 18. Youths do not have to be USTA members to compete. To enter the tournament or to receive more information, please e-mail tournament director Suzanne McDevitt at Suzanne.mcdevitt314@gmail.com or call 899-1097.

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Notes from Montpelier By Rep. Bill Frank

The legislature was called back to Montpelier by the Governor after he vetoed the FY10 budget bill, H.442, passed by the legislature. Was there a great budget divide between the Governor and the legislature? I think it was much narrower than all the speeches and news coverage would imply. There was general

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agreement on what needed to be done. The differences became narrower as the declining financial picture of the state became clearer. Both the Administration and the House Leadership came to recognize that reductions in state spending and increased revenues would be necessary to address Vermont's fiscal problem. The disagreement centered more on tax fairness and how to share the pain. The Federal Stimulus package (ARRA) of \$175 million made it possible to spend more while raising less money from Vermont taxpayers than in 2008. The only reason the total

budget increased was due to the use of these ARRA funds.

To say that you just tighten your belts

and spend less to solve the problems to get through this enormous economic downturn is taking a way too easy way out, and I feel it is in error. Neglecting to use ARRA funds to stimulate the local economy at a time when businesses and individuals are cutting back is the worst thing we could do. It would create greater needs for middle and low income citizens while depriving the state of the means of meeting increased needs. ARRA funds need to be used very carefully so a financial cliff is not created when the funds run out. This could happen if we were to use them for new programs that were not sustainable. A cliff will be avoided by using the funds to create efficiencies and cost savings. If we were to refuse to use ARRA funds to their capacity as some suggest, and also cut programs, we would be creating that cliff

current recession. The proposals offered by the administration between the end of the session and the special session were the same as the Governor gave in his budget address in January. It was a cost shift where educational costs that had been covered by the general fund, teacher's retirement costs, would be paid from the education fund. It was a plan that did not share the burden equitably. Most agree that teacher's retirement is an educa-tion expense, but it would have required a tax increase on residential property while making it appear that the general fund was balanced. The House had previously voted on this plan on April 24 when an amendment was offered to the budget bill. The amendment was defeated 0-130 as no one was willing to support it then, and no one was willing to defend it in June.

The Governor also proposed to eliminate the property tax adjustments for Vermont current level is \$90,000. The Joint Fiscal Office assessed the impact of this plan on every town in the state. In Underhill town,

129 families would have had an average increase of \$690; in Jericho town, 199 families would see theirs rise by \$535; in Bolton, 28 families, average increase \$390. If you live in the ID school district, 54 homes in Jericho would have an average increase of \$676; 28 homes in Underhill would pay \$554 more. That's a quarter of a million dollars more in property taxes middle class homeowners in our three towns would have paid. This really attacks the middle class homeowner while giving a slight decrease in taxes for those making over \$200,000.

The real budget differences are a matter of degree and tax fairness rather than a great divide. The legislative budget that I voted for reduces income-tax rates slightly for low and middleincome earners and increases taxes on those with incomes over \$200,000 a year without the disastrous shift to the property tax that would have cost Vermonters a great deal more and attacked a homeowner's life time savings. It is a budget that includes millions of dollars in difficult cuts while maintaining a safety net for critical state services. It addressed a \$291 million revenue short fall over two years with reductions, ARRA funds, and only \$21.3 million in new state revenues distributed among many different taxpayer groups. The alternative would have done none of these and would have effectively placed more of the burden on two wage earner families and decrease the burden on those with very high incomes. If supporting hard working middle-income families is a partisan vote, I will continue vote to support them From agriculture to palliative care to alternative energy to bal-

ancing budgets and yes, marriage equality, the Vermont Legislature accomplished a long list of how to move Vermont forward in the 2009 session. These are hard times for Vermonters and in hard times, Vermonters work together to help Vermonters. I have written about many of these accomplishments in an end of session report that is on my web site at www.RepBillFrank.com As always I like to hear from you, either by email: Bill@RepBillFrank.com, phone: 899-3136 or mail: 19 Poker Hill Rd, Underhill, 05489.

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The library trustees will not need to go to tax-

payers to pay for the renovations because the library has funds, including CDs and other savings. However, Bassett said that money was originally provided through taxes from the two towns.

We are sorry this happened," Bassett said, "but it doesn't make good sense to put good wood after bad. It (the repairs) had to be done. This is too nice a building to let it go to rack and ruin."

Once the construction work has been completed, Underhill painter Bill Stapleton will repaint the

Bassett said the library trustees sent letters to ten contractors about the repairs and then interviewed three.

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less than 60% of that. Burke plans to decrease water consumption by installing a new low water usage dishwasher, dual flush toilets, and flow restrictors on the sinks. He estimates the dual flush toilets will halve the water consumption for liquid waste. The café, including the bathroom, will be fully compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act. "It's not hard when you're designing things to have them look good and be functional," Burke said.

In less than a year's time, Burke intends to convert the first floor of the brick house to a dinner restaurant which would open after the café closes. In conjunction with this additional seating, Burke hopes to improve and expand the parking area. At this time, Burke does not have exact plans for his restaurant, only that it will be "family oriented, slightly upscale and moderately priced." The changes to the kitchen, café and parking lot will come first since they need to be finished before winter. "Then," said Burke, "I'll sit down and catch my breath, and think it through carefully." Burke is not troubled by the fact that a restaurant on Route 15 has changed hands repeatedly after early iterations floundered. He believes the Village Cup has a head start, having already established itself as a bakery and café. "Business has increased incrementally since I bought this place," he said, noting that neither the recession nor the construction on the façade have dimmed local ardor for the Village Cup's offerings.

Burke is proud of the fact that he has worked with Efficiency Vermont, among others, to reduce energy consumption and lower the building's environmental impact. This work has included installing Energy Star equipment, adding a pellet stove for supplementary heat, composting food waste, installing energy efficient windows and doors, reducing heat loss by insulating the foundation and walls, and rebuilding some of the older sections of the stone foundation. Energy efficiency, said Burke, "makes sense any way you want to approach it. It would be absolutely silly not to get the most efficient equipment you can get."

Next door to the Village Cup, Faith and Ken Lick are happy with the proposed plans. "We're very excited about the progress," said Faith. "He has a great vision. I think it's wonderful." Her husband Ken concurred, lauding Burke for doing a professional job and improving the property. Ken was also pleased that Burke's vision wasn't "too grandiose" which might cause the project to collapse and the building to be left vacant. "He's been a good neighbor," said Ken, adding that he planned to work with Burke to take down some trees on his land in order to improve the view from the deck of the café. Ken is glad to see that Burke's plans are long-range. "We've seen the drawings," he said. "It looks very

Burke was delighted to learn that the town of Jericho will soon be installing a welcome sign right before his property line. Noting that the brick house dates back to 1835, Burke said "the first thing you'll see after the sign is this historic building." Reactions to the plans by customers and neighbors have been entirely positive, according to Burke. "We've tried to respond to the customers' needs to make the building functional, attractive and eventually profitable," he said. "I think we're on the right road."

Probate Perplexities

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Does the probate process perhaps produce for you a plethora of perplexities? While the word probate" may evoke a variety of reactions from different people, most experience some level of confusion with the concept. What is probate? And why can one person's experience be so different from another's?

Probate, from the Latin "probare" which means "to prove," defines the Court process that (a) seeks to validate (or "prove") a will; and (b) administers the estate of a deceased individual. A probate proceeding is mainly initiated to enforce the decedent's post-death instructions, either found in the will or by operation of state law, on assets that don't carry automatic instructions created during life. In more basic terms, it is the process used to transfer assets to the next owner.

In Vermont, Probate Courts oversee the estate administration, from the opening of the estate to its closure. The process typically involves the appointment of a personal estate representative for the estate (aka Executor or Administrator), the payment of expenses, and the distribution of the assets. Since all estates are not equal in assets, expenses, and family dynamics, the details of the process will vary.

The following illustration may provide more

George and Martha are married and have several children. They own a joint bank account and a house in Vernon, as joint tenants. They also have life insurance, naming each other as beneficiary. George dies first, and Martha dies a few years later, without making any changes to these assets.

Question: Is probate necessary after George's death?

Answer: Not likely; all of George's assets pass directly to Martha as the surviving joint owner or as the beneficiary.

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Answer: Yes, as there are no automatic instructions such as a surviving joint owner or beneficiary. A Court proceeding (probate) is needed to direct the distribution of these assets, either according to a valid will she may have or by the intestacy laws of the state.

Question: Is probate still necessary if Martha signed a will?

Answer: Yes; wills do not operate automatically; the will must be offered to the Probate Court for approval, which will then begin the probate pro-

Question: How long will the entire probate process take?

Answer: It depends; if the will is valid, all parties consent, and the assets are fairly simple and modest, it could take about 6-12 months from start to finish. The process could be quite involved (a year plus) if there are issues with the construction or terms of the will, disagreements amongst the children regarding distribution of personal property or sale of assets, emergence of unknown creditors, asset location or valuation difficulties, required filing of an estate tax return, or a variety of other complexities.

If the probate process persists on producing a pinch of perplexity, please ponder this phrase: probate passes property to people, after a person has passed on.

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perennials around the house in various configurations including an annual garden, a meadow border, a fledgling rock garden, and a vegetable garden. She was hard pressed to say which section was her favorite, comparing it to trying to choose a favorite child. The Kargan garden was recommended to the committee last year, but the couple was unable to participate. When the committee called again this year, Trish didn't think she could say no. Included in her plantings are some relatively rare plants such as elderberries and fern

leaf buckthorn. In the past, Kargan has enjoyed being a visitor on the garden tour and hopes that people will enjoy her property as well. "Gardens are meant to be shared," she said.

Advance tickets can be purchased at the Old Mill Gift Shop, Irish Family Farm and Florist, Richmond Corner Market and Jericho Center Country Store. On the day of the tour, tickets will be available only at the Jericho Center Country Store. For more information, contact Orelyn Emerson at (802) 899-3853.