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No movement yet on negotiations between teachers, CESU board

By Ted Tedford

Special to the Mountain Gazette

There have been letters going back and forth, but no movement on contract negotiations between the Chittenden East Supervisory Union (CESU) School Board and the teachers' union.

Terri Szymanski, outgoing head of the Green Mountain Chapter of the Vermont Education Association, said she has replied to a letter from Jim Massingham, co-superintendent of CESU, urging the teachers' union to return to the bargaining table to discuss a contract for the upcoming year, which started July 1.

Szymanski replied that the union—the Green Mountain Chapter of the Vermont Education Association—is willing to discuss a two-year contract but only if negotiations cover at least the school year just ended.

A Board spokesman said the Board will not negotiate a contract for the year which ended June 30.

"We have moved on" by declaring finality May 20 after 16 months of negotiations and imposing a contract on the teachers, said Robert Letovsky, chair of the Board and its spokesman.

Westford Road Committee

By Phyl Newbeck

Special to the Mountain Gazette

Like many towns, Westford has wrestled with road issues for years. Unlike many towns, it has tried to get as much citizen involvement as possible, rather than leaving all decision making to the selectboard and road foreman. In May 1998 the selectboard established the town's first road committee. Based on the minutes from that year, Town Clerk Nanette Rogers speculates that this was done in response to requests and/or complaints from residents. The committee drafted a plan which was adopted on April 12, 1999 and designed to last for four years. In May 2003 another committee was formed to update the plan. The revised plan took effect on April 24, 2004 and expired in 2008.

Although Westford had good results with road committees in 1998 and 2003, they were less successful in 2007. A committee was organized but, according to Selectboard Chair John Quinn, nobody was willing to serve as chair and it eventually disbanded without updating the plan. This year, the selectboard is trying again, sending out solicitations via the town newsletter and Front Porch Forum. As of June 25, only two applicants had expressed interest.

Quinn said it is extremely important to find residents to serve on committees such as the road committee. "The selectboard has so many things to look at that we can't always look at things in depth," he said. Quinn said the last road committee found their work very rewarding and the selectboard considered their efforts to be extremely important. Thanks to the 2004 plan, Quinn believes Westford's roads are in much better shape than ten years ago, despite heavy clay soils that led many to call the town "Wetford."

2009 featured a particularly difficult mud season, and Quinn said many residents called the town offices to complain. Everyone who called was sent a letter inviting them to be part of the solution and join the road committee, but so far none have done so. Due to deteriorating road bases, Quinn said there is a constant battle between those who believe more roads should be paved and those who want to keep dirt and gravel. Quinn is somewhat frustrated that even those with strong opinions are unwilling to take the time to serve on a committee where they could have an impact on these decisions. "People don't realize," he said, "that committees can be pretty powerful and wield a lot of influence." The Westford road budget is low in actual numbers, but constitutes a relatively high percentage of the town budget at 39%. Unfortunately, in preparing a reduced budget for the voters, the selectboard had to make cuts which included reducing capital investments in roads.

Quinn said the committee would work on maintenance and infrastructure issues, but stressed that no engineering background was needed. In the past, road committees have consisted of architects, lawyers, accountants and carpenters, all of whom, according to Quinn, did a great job. He believes diverse backgrounds make for better committees. In addition, committee members get to learn a great deal about their community. It appears Westford is unique in having had road committees in the past. Vermont historian and road expert Paul Gillies was unaware of any other municipality following Westford's path; a pity in his view because "too often selectboards make random decisions on road maintenance (or the decisions are made by default by the road crew), without any systemized, principle-based approach."

Quinn said that before the formation of the 1988 committee, Westford simply followed the advice of the road foreman without a comprehensive plan in place. Now that the 2008 plan has expired, the town is at a disadvantage. There are a number of potential infrastructure projects but without a plan, there is nothing "shovel ready" which would allow Westford to take advantage of grant monies.

If no committee is formed, Westford will simply continue to seek the advice of the road foreman. "We'll do the best we can," said Quinn, "but we're losing an opportunity for people to take a close look at what is going on. A committee will give us the biggest bang for the buck." Quinn noted that the selectboard is often forced to be a reactive body, responding to problems like collapsed culverts rather than preventing them proactively. "The absence of a committee makes us more reactive," said Quinn, "and when you are reactive it costs more."

The board has the discretion of imposing a contract if it has followed all steps mandated by state law. "We followed the law," Letovsky said.

That could leave the next move up to the union. If they don't agree to negotiate a contract for next year, they could go out on strike, but rulings by the Vermont Labor Relations Board gives school boards final authority. A strike could be illegal.

"The negotiating committee has been advised by their legal counsel that the previous rulings by the Vermont Labor Relations Board give the School Board the final authority in negotiations," said Massingham. "The Board's attorney believes a strike at this point would be illegal."

The Board's lawyer, Dennis Wells, did not return a phone call seeking comment.

Mount Mansfield Union High School teacher Jon Harris, chief negotiator for the union, said if the Board will not negotiate the 2008-2009 contract, the union is not interested in returning to the bargaining table. The Supervisory Union and its teachers worked all last school year, unable to finalize an agreement.

"They are trying to force us into a corner...to make a decision that we legally do or do not want to make," Harris said. "We need to negotiate the '08-'09 contract. "We need good-faith bargaining, that's what we would like to do."

At issue are salaries for the teachers, a salary index and revised working hours for a few teachers at the supervisory union's two middle schools. The Board made a final offer of a 3.75 percent pay increase for one year. The union wants a 3.9 percent increase.

The administration and the Board want six teachers at Browns River and Camels Hump Middle Schools to change their working hours to tutor several students who are falling behind. The Board wants them to start work two hours early and leave two hours early in the afternoon. The union fought that.

It also fought a Board plan to replace percentage increases for teacher salaries with a dollar amount. The Board agreed to drop that proposal. Teachers get an annual step up the salary schedule and they also earn more money for advanced studies.

Another issue that had kept the two sides apart was a health-care plan proposed by the Board. It wanted to require all the 300 teachers in the supervisory union's nine schools to accept a health-care plan that the board said would save the teachers and the supervisory union money. The board at its last meeting earlier this spring agreed to make that plan optional, a demand by the union.

Harris said the teachers' association will meet before school starts to discuss where things stand.

Comprising the supervisory union are the elementary schools in Bolton, Huntington, Jericho, Richmond, Underhill Central, and Underhill I.D.; Browns River in Jericho; Camel's Hump in Richmond; and Mount Mansfield Union High School.

Planting season continues at Deborah Rawson Library



Local kids are enthusiastic workers in the Garden behind the Deborah Rawson Memorial Library. Some vegetables from the garden will be contributed to the local food shelf.

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Jericho considers new hiking trail

By Phyl Newbeck *Special to the Mountain Gazette*

There is a disconnect in Jericho Center. Varney Road dead-ends and becomes a Class 4 road which reemerges in the wetlands at the conclusion of Wilder Road behind the Jericho Center Country Store. The town is considering turning that Class 4 road into a trail which would allow rural residents of Varney and Schillhammer Roads to walk to the store through the woods. In furtherance of this goal, a committee has been formed to investigate the possibilities. The Town already owns the right-of-way which would connect the two missing links.

According to Town Planner, Seth Jensen, the Select Board has been discussing a pedestrian link between Varney and Wilder Roads using the town right-of-way for at least a year. The goal was to make the village of Jericho Center more accessible to the rural area surrounding it, and also to showcase the wetlands behind the Center as a natural area. The Town received a \$10,000 Transportation Action Grant from the Chittenden County Metropolitan Planning Organization in January, and subsequently invited residents to serve on the Jericho Center Boardwalk Committee. Six citizens living in or near Jericho Center volunteered to join the effort which is being chaired by Tim Nulty of the Jericho Select Board.

The first organizational meeting was held on June 2nd. The group drafted and sent out a Request for Proposals (RFP) with a deadline of June 30th, looking for a consultant to help plan the boardwalk/trail. Funds from the grant can only be used for planning purposes such as hiring a consultant. Jennifer Ely of the Winooski Valley Park District came to the meeting to talk about boardwalks which were built at the Ethan Allen Homestead to provide a reference point. At the next meeting on July 2nd, the committee will go through the responses and choose a proposal. They plan to reach out to abutting property owners and ideally would have a design in place by the fall. The consultant will be responsible for community outreach. There will be at least two public meetings. The first will be introductory and will gather information about local concerns, while the second will present the first draft of the plans for public comment.

The trail is intended solely for non-motorized use. At this juncture, no determination has been made as to whether the boardwalk should accommodate bicyclists and/or horses, a decision which will be made after reviewing the proposals submitted. The committee has determined that ATVs and dirt bikes should not be allowed. The proposal specifies that the boardwalk and trail must "minimize environmental impacts, including erosion during and after construction." Additionally, consideration must be given to changes in water level due, in part, to a beaver dam on the premises. The boardwalk must be elevated sufficiently to allow wildlife to travel underneath it.

Michele Morris of Schillhammer Road is a member of the committee. Morris is an avid fan of outdoor recreation who has used the Class 4 road to get from her house to Jericho Center. She recognizes that the steep slope of the road could cause erosion problems and that any plans must be made cautiously. Morris is pleased to be part of the boardwalk/trail effort. "I think it's really important to be involved in the events of the town you live in," she said, "and self-propelled transportation happens to be something I'm particular passionate about." Morris noted that in a rural community, there often aren't enough links between village centers. She hopes the committee will be able to remedy that issue in Jericho Center.

Another committee member, Mary Neighbors of Schillhammer Road, is more ambivalent about the project. A member of the Jericho Conservation Commission, Neighbors likes the idea of being able to walk through the woods from her home to the Jericho Town Library. However, she is concerned about having a boardwalk cross through a natural area which has been undisturbed for many years. Neighbors wonders if any of the consultants submitting proposals might agree that there are hazards involved to local wildlife and perhaps suggest alternatives. In any event, she would like to be involved in designing the project, no matter which proposal is accepted.

Sue Morse, the founder and director of Keeping Track, an organization devoted to teaching citizens to take care of wildlife habitat, is concerned about the effects of the proposed trail and boardwalk. Morse worries that human recreation is being given precedence over wildlife, noting that the area in question is part of a significant wildlife corridor. "I want us to be cautious," she said, "and look into this thoroughly and appreciate its impact on wildlife." Additionally, she noted that ground disturbance almost always introduces invasive plants. "Every time we intrude we run the risk of displacing those who live there," she said. "They can't just pack their bags and move someone else. That's the naiveté we suffer from. We think we can do our thing continually and wildlife will adjust but they can't." Morse stressed she was not necessarily opposed to the project, but wants to make sure that it is properly researched.

Committee facilitator Tim Nulty noted that the RFP includes language about minimizing environmental impacts. Additionally, April Moulart, a District Wetlands Ecologist from the Agency of Natural Resources indicated that state permits would be required which would provide further safeguards. According to Nulty, Moulart was "extremely enthusiastic" about the proposed trail and said the state would actively support the idea. Nulty is pleased with the number of people who have agreed to serve on the committee and with the diversity of ideas represented. He noted that there would be some technical issues to deal with, particularly the steep slope leading into Jericho Center. "I think it would be a very nice thing to have," he said, "particularly for those on Varney Road." Nulty believes the end result will be to have a beautiful wetland area which can be appreciated by more people; a connection for those on Varney Road; and a beautiful walking-running loop.

POLICE REPORTS

Vermont State Police are seeking information about **Amanda L. Gale**, 21, who is still missing. She is 5'4", 125 pounds, and slender. Her hair is shoulder length, dark brown with blonde highlights, and she has brown eyes. Amanda has been known to frequent truck stops and was last seen, on June 13, in Dubois, PA under suspicious circumstances. Anyone with information about Amanda's whereabouts, please contact your local police department or Senior Officer Sarah Messier, Richmond VT Police Department, at (802) 434-2153.



Sunday, June 21, 2009, a burglary or vandalism occurred at the **Chittenden Mills** store on VT Rt. 15, Jericho, VT, at about 3:15 AM. Vermont State Police Trooper Cari Crick reports that VSP responded to a report of breaking glass and found the front window of the business smashed. An ongoing investigation will determine if any items were taken. Anyone with information regarding this investigation is encouraged to contact the Vermont State Police, 878-7111. (Case #09A102550)

Tuesday, June 23, 2009, VSP responded to a report of a motor vehicle accident involving an intoxicated person at Smugglers' Notch, Jeffersonville, VT. On arrival, troopers confronted **Jared Tiede**, 23, of Johnson, VT in a parking lot. Tiede was combative and scuffled with troopers before being taken into custody. Tiede was

cited to appear in VT District Court July 14, 2009, on charges of DUI, second offense, resisting arrest, driving on a criminally suspended license, and disorderly conduct.

Friday, June 26, 2009, Vermont State Police are investigating numerous **thefts from vehicles** in Bolton and Jericho overnight June 25-26. All of the thefts involve unlocked vehicles. Items taken from vehicles include GPS navigation systems, iPods, cell phone chargers, prescription medication, and other items. The approximate value of items taken is \$1000. Vermont State Police encourage the public to ensure their personal vehicles and residences are locked when unoccupied. If you have any information regarding these thefts, please contact Trooper Angela Baker, VSP/Williston, 878-7111.

Saturday, June 27, 2009 at about 4:30 PM, Vermont State Police were advised of a **call for medical assistance on the Forest City Trail on Camel's Hump** in Huntington, VT. Sgt. Maurice Lamothe, Patrol Commander VSP/Williston, reported that Huntington Rescue was on scene coordinating rescue efforts for a male who had injured a knee about two miles from the trailhead. A team of about 20 people hiked up the trail and carried the male out to a waiting ambulance at about 11:00 PM. Huntington Rescue, Waterbury Rescue, Colchester Technical Rescue, Stowe Rescue, Richmond Rescue, and VT Fish and Game were represented in the rescue mission. The man was transported to Fletcher Allen Health Care in Burlington, VT. (Case #09A102654)

On Sunday, June 28, 2009 at approximately 11:45 PM, Vermont State Police were advised of a **domestic assault** in Underhill at the James and Jane Chicoine residence. VSP were told that the female victim Jane Chicoine had left the residence with a family member.

A short time later VSP were advised a 911 call was received from the residence. James Chicoine said that he set the house on fire, had put it out, and could not breathe.

On arrival **James Chicoine, 45**, was taken into custody and transported to Fletcher Allen for medical screening. The house sustained light damage in the kitchen and living room areas. Underhill Fire and Essex Rescue assisted at the scene.

Jane Chicoine had suffered broken ribs in the assault. James Chicoine was lodged at Chittenden County Community Correction facility and will appear in Chittenden County District Court to answer to charges of 1st Degree Aggravated Domestic, Arson, and Disorderly Conduct. Bail was set at \$10,000. (Case #09A102761, #09A102672) Arresting officer VSP Trooper Crick.

UNDERHILL JERICHO FIRE DEPARTMENT

By Kitty Clark

EMERGENCY CALLS:
June 15, 5:18 PM, EMS Assist on Irish Settlement Road, Underhill

June 16, 1:57 PM, EMS Assist on Poker Hill Road, Underhill
June 17, 9:54 PM, EMS Assist at Maple Leaf Farm, Underhill
June 19, 10:49 AM, EMS Assist at Maple Leaf Farm, Underhill

June 20, 12:45 PM, Fire Dept. responded to the sighting of smoke in Jericho, found origin on Lee River, control burn with permit

June 25, 8:19 AM, EMS Assist on Ethan Allen Road, Jericho

SAFETY MESSAGE:
BARBECUE GRILLS: Everyone loves a barbecue; gas and charcoal BBQ cooking grills have become an essential part of our lifestyle. Unfortunately, cooking on gas and charcoal grills can also be dangerous. Here are a few tips that can help make it safer.

Traffic Alert

Provided by the Chittenden County Metropolitan Planning Organization

Please note there will not be work on many of these projects on Friday, July 3, due to the 4th of July holiday.

State-wide on state roads – Motorists should be aware of state workers mowing, road stenciling, bridge washing and cleaning out catch basins along state highways. Please drive cautiously in these work zones.

Jericho – Construction of the Nashville Road bridge #13 near Browns Trace will close one lane and cause minor traffic delays for the next three weeks.

Richmond – The Bridge Street Iron Truss Bridge over the Winooski River will be reduced to one-way traffic during work hours throughout the completion of the bridge project, but will be open to two-way travel whenever possible during non-work hours and weekends. The pedestrian walk is now open to the public.

Colchester-Essex Junction VT Rt. 15 repaving – The VT Rt. 15 repaving project from the Winooski-Colchester Town Line (and proceeding east for approximately three miles to the Champlain Valley Exposition in Essex Junction will cause traffic delays. Most of the work impacting traffic will be done from 6:30 PM – 6:30 AM, Sunday-Thursday, through early October. Traffic flow will be maintained at all times, with traffic control present. Motorists should use extreme caution while driving through the construction zone, and the speed limit will be strictly enforced.

Winooski-Burlington US Rt. 7 reconstruction – Work on US Rt. 7 in Winooski on Mansion St. and progressing south toward the rotary will reduce traffic to one lane and cause traffic delays. Work will be done between 7:00 PM – 6:00 AM. Traffic control will be present.

Hinesburg – Work at the intersection of VT Rt. 116 and Silver St. will reduce traffic to one lane at times and cause traffic delays. Construction times are 6:30 AM – 6:00 PM weekdays, and motorists should seek other routes when possible.

Interstate 89 Colchester-Georgia Repaving – Road construction through July on northbound I-89 between Exits 17 and 18 will reduce traffic to one lane. Traffic flow will be maintained at all times with traffic control present, but motorists should plan for delays. The speed limit is 55 miles per hour and fines are doubled for speeding in the construction zone.

Charcoal briquettes should be stored in a dry area because damp or wet charcoal is sensitive to spontaneous heating.

The use and storage of barbecue grills should be restricted to the out-of-doors. Never use barbecue grills for home heating or indoor cooking.

Charcoal briquettes should be allowed to cool naturally a safe distance from structures and combustible materials and then properly disposed of.

Charcoal lighter fluid should be properly stored, away from living areas of the home.

Propane cylinders should be stored outside at least 20 feet from building openings such as windows and doors.

Never bring the propane tank into the house. Store cylinders and grills with cylinders attached in a shaded, cool area out of direct sunlight.

Charcoal and gas grills are sources of carbon monoxide. CO fumes are odorless and can quickly overwhelm you in an enclosed space. Use only LP containers equipped with an overflow protection device. Have a fire-safe summer.

Visit www.ujfd.org to learn more about your Fire Department and the men and women that respond to your emergency calls.

COURT REPORTS

June 10, 2009, **Eric Whitten**, 26, Jeffersonville, VT, charged with disorderly conduct – fight, etc. in Burlington, VT on February 19, 2009; pleaded guilty; fined \$200.

Burlington Technical Center Honor Roll

The following Mount Mansfield Union High School students earned an A- or better in their Burlington Technical Center programs, placing them on the Burlington Technical Center Honor Roll for the second semester: Luke Moultrou, Aviation Technology and April Hoyt, Design & Illustration.

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FROM THE COUNTRY STORE

By Linda St. Amour

6 Degrees to Omaha Beach

Seeing how it's July right now, it may seem odd to many of you to read about something that happened on June 6th. Many of you are aware of what happened on that fateful day in 1944, but for those of you who have to think about it for more than a few minutes, that was the day that nearly 9,000 brave Americans lost their lives in Normandy, France. D-Day. And as time goes by, there are fewer and fewer of those who survived that day to tell us their stories. We here at the store in Jericho Center, and the neighbors of a survivor living in West Bolton, are fortunate enough to know a man who was there that day and to hear his incredible stories.

His name is Don Durivage. You can either see him here at the store getting his cough medicine every day or at his home in West Bolton, working on his mammoth stone wall (and living up to his nickname, "Rocky"). If you're teeing off on the 13th hole at West Bolton Golf Club, look out across the road and you'll see his huge wall, which looks more like a citadel in the making than a stone wall. And yes, we've written about Don here before. Like his witty one liners, his story never gets old.

Don traveled all over the world in his early years as a Navy Seaman, and he was there on June 6th, 1944 during the fateful invasion of Normandy. His experience there was one he'll never forget. He was a young 17-year-old cook on a LCI transport boat (he fudged his birth date in order to serve his country), and he loved his job. To this day he is so proud to have lived and worked beside so many brave men. "You become family in a situation like that," he says.

When you see Don, he greets you like he's known you his whole life. With his cap that reads "US NAVY LCI-411" planted on his head (his cap is like a body extremity he can't live without), he'll shake your hand, ask how the day is going, and tell you, "Don't drink and drive, pull over." If you laugh and keep talking to him, you'll often hear a story from his service in the military. Then he'll tell you some more jokes and he'll tell you how life and people have been so good to him. "People are wonderful...life is wonderful," he says, which might seem odd coming from a man who saw so many of his fellow comrades' lives cut short, and who just two years ago lost his loving wife Anne to cancer. But that's Don. A glass-half-full kind of guy. "Life has been good to me and I am amazed at how wonderful people are" is what Don always says.

Don is a man of not many regrets, but if you ask him, he'll tell you that his one big regret was not getting a rock from Omaha Beach to add to his gargantuan stone wall (again, a wall so big that he uses his tractor to haul the stones up and onto the wall). So one day I decided that it can't be that hard to find someone to get Don a rock from Omaha Beach.

I e-mailed inns, restaurants and tourism offices. "Send me a rock or stone from the beach, and I'll send you maple syrup...I'll even pay for postage," I pleaded. I explained the reason so they wouldn't think I was some nutty American lady bent on collecting French rocks. Well, no luck after a few weeks' waiting. I even started to think about checking on my free airline miles to see if I had enough to go myself. I asked Don about a visit but because of health reasons he didn't think he could go. I think the emotional impact would have been too hard on him too.

But good fortune is bound to shine upon a soul as goodhearted as Don Durivage. After a few weeks, Corinne Thompson approached me and said that her cousin and Jericho Center resident, Rob Towne, was looking for me. At the time he was selling his house across from the store and thought that perhaps there were some antiques of his that I could use for the store. Rob was packing when I met him at the house. His good friend, Janet Shadroui, was helping him sort things out and pack. While browsing through his little indoor yard sale, I overheard the word "France" in conversation. "Janet's sister lives in France and is coming for a visit next month," Rob had said. From Normandy, France, incredibly! I told Rob the story about Don and the wheels were set in motion.

A few weeks later Rob tracked me down and handed me a small package neatly tied with string. Inside the box was a little bag of sand, a few stones, and sea shells. A note read "Some shells, sand and stones from Omaha Beach, Normandy. We remember." It was signed "a friend in France."

Don was truly moved to get this and once again exclaimed "people are truly wonderful!" After trying to go through channels thousands of miles away and coming up short, it was amazing that the gift came from someone just 200 feet from the store, through six degrees or so. Special thanks to wonderful people like Rob Towne, Janet Shadroui, Corinne Thompson, and Hilary Shadroui Cornet. And thanks to you, Don, for your dedication in service to our country, and for lighting us up with smiles every day. Thanks to you, we'll remember.

P.S. Rob Towne later told us that Janet & Hilary's late father was a navigator on a B17 Bomber in England. While serving there he met and married their mother. She was serving in the women's branch of the British Army and this "English war bride" is alive and living well in Vermont.

The View from the Center

By J. Harrison L. Heidel

When she was a child, my younger sister suffered terribly from motion sickness. *Kinetosis* is a condition in which a disagreement exists between visually perceived movement and the inner ear's sense of movement. Depending on the cause it can also be referred to as seasickness, carsickness, simulation sickness, airsickness, or space sickness. If she had become an astronaut instead of an attorney, she would have suffered from all forms of kinetosis. Dizziness, fatigue, and nausea are the most common symptoms of motion sickness and if the nausea isn't relieved, you know what happens next. Most trips in the car she skipped beyond the most common symptoms and got right on with expelling the contents of her stomach. Whether it was a short trip to the grocery store, church, or school, or a family vacation that required a good bit more riding in the car than usual, preparations for her ailment had to be well executed. To this day, when I take a seat on an airplane and spy one of those little white bags in the pouch of the seat back ahead of me, I look around to see if she is on the plane, ready to pass a bag to her.

A family medicine text that sits on my bookshelf gathering dust suggests that about 33% of people are susceptible to motion sickness even in mild circumstances such as being on a boat in calm water, although nearly 66% of people are susceptible in more severe conditions such as riding on a train. Approximately 50% of the astronauts in the U.S. space program have suffered from space sickness. And I thought riding in the car with someone "throwing up" was unbearable.

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Summertime and strawberries

By Sue Kussero

Guest Columnist, Mountain Gazette

Summer is really here...on the edge of the River Road is the sign of its arrival: STRAWBERRIES. The day is slightly cloudy, with tiny shafts of sun sliding through, so that when they hit, one realizes how truly hot it might be without the puffy



huge cumulus clouds piling up in the west. From the road, one can see that the bigger silhouettes are bent over, moving along slowly, in what they feel, after a brief research, are the "best spots." Occasionally, even they wander a bit, from row to row, foraging farther up the rows to see if there are some undiscovered patches of bright red (or even better, deep dark red)...turning over bright green leaves to find the beauties. Then the ethical decision comes: should I just pop this juicy one into my mouth...right NOW...or take it home to be crushed gently with some sugar, and dropped by spoonfuls on fresh-made shortcake biscuits? The ethical problem is solved: "I have worked hard, picked almost my quota, and ergo, I deserve this reward." In it goes, and as the juice slides out the corners of the mouth, it is obvious the right decision has been made.

Swarming, bouncing, jumping over rows to get to another are the kids; shouts of "Boy, this is a great patch!" brings a big gang, except for the industrious and those unpersuaded by hype and advertising, who stick to what they have. There is much more squatting, kneeling and actually sitting by the younger group; they find it no problem to rise up again, often with a badge of initiation upon their once-clean shorts...their baskets are half full, and seem to be emptying as fast as they can be refilled. There is always that wonderful huge one, just under a leaf, that has not been discovered yet, and that needs showing off to all who will listen: "See? I think this is three grown together...I bet I have the biggest ever discovered!" And of course, that one berry deserves, actually necessitates, being popped into the discoverer's mouth.

Just beyond the picking area, the Brown's River swims on; underneath the covered bridge is a swimming hole, just the right height for my six-year old grandson, and his dog, Eddie. It is purposefully purified to: get off stains on sticky hands, clean chins, probably try and at least rinse the strawberry stain off the shorts, with just the right amount of smooth round pebbles to try and capture with your toes. And for Eddie, there are always a few that get tossed farther ahead, for him to swim to, duck his nose, and try and figure out what happened to that particular projectile. Ah, but there is always another one, Eddie.

We are all here, often stopping to chat with neighbors, the kindergarten kids waving to "Gramma Sue" who sings with them at the elementary school. Sometimes, an impromptu song bursts forth: "Can you tell my mamma how to sing that song about the Boa Constrictor?" "Gramma Sue" claims hers is the most joyous, elegant and honored title that ANYONE could wish for! A woman walks slowly between the rows, about 6 months pregnant, in a long, plain, earth-brown dress that gives her a timeless, gentle look: an eternal painting out of time. Beside her bounces a 3-year-old, chatting in half sentences between strawberries.

Do we all know how lucky we are? To have each other, sky, water, dogs, a soft breeze, dribbles of sunshine, the syncopated chorus of children, and of course, the sweet/spicy bite of that first big strawberry?

I think we do. I have a saying: "There comes a point in each of our lives when we realize that we are responsible for our own joy"...Not too hard to do, when we are surrounded by summer in Vermont!

Mount Mansfield Moments

By Sara Riley

Mountain Gazette Community Columnists

Remember what sun looks like? I saw some last week, when I stopped after work at the Mills Riverside Farmers' Market on Thursday. Besides several farms' produce, there were syrup, wooden bowls crafted from wooden bores, salsa, ethnic foods, condiments, and probably more, but I arrived with only 20 minutes to spare. Check it out, but go earlier than I did, so you have time for samples and small talk.

There was only intermittent peek-a-boo sun for the Garden Tour, which was thoroughly enjoyable anyway. Aside from following, and being followed by, gardening friends and acquaintances ("Hey! I just saw you!") I learned that giant hanging gourds can require a hole to grow (down) into, if you underestimate their ultimate length and your tower turns out to be too short. I learned that a garden can be beautiful, fragrant, edible, and accessible, all at the same time. I saw a Star Magnolia grown successfully, and not against a south wall, and so learned (again) that the individual can sometimes defy type. I heard about legacy gardening, for which the perennials were swapped thirty years ago or more, among gardeners whose names echo in our town - I just saw some of those names in a 1987 Underhill Town Report left out for customers to read at the Country Store. Fun reading, and we owe gratitude to all those folks who have served our town so long and well.

All in all, I'm not sure whether the Garden Tour left me inspired or depressed. It's my hope to someday have a garden worthy of being on the tour, assuming anyone wants to jolt their way up our road...

Quite a few break-ins lately. Lock your cars, lock your homes. 'Tis the season, summer that is, and unfortunately we have to be aware of who's driving our roads. It's hard to tell if it's someone from away, casing possible targets, or if it's someone with a lost dog, driving slowly up and down and peering into dooryards from the road.

This morning it was someone looking for a dog, which I later was relieved to hear had been found and returned to its owners. Night-before-last it was me; yet another of our dogs went walkabout just before a thunderstorm broke, and ended up sleeping out. She apparently curled up somewhere sheltered, then at first light lit out for home, because the other dogs raised a ruckus when she trotted across the deck at 5:30 AM. This darned dog is too smart, and has figured out how to nose open the sliding screen door to get out.

She stood there on the deck, though, waiting for me to get up and let her back in through that same door. Go figure.

Remember When

By Ida Goodell Manning

Remember those soft fresh smelling towels, sheet, and White diapers neatly placed on the clothesline. Back in the fifties, wash day was always Mondays. Country enjoyment was hanging the wash outdoors to dry in the breeze. Those fresh smelling sheets on the bed at night gave you a good night's rest.

What a delight.

For some those days are gone forever but memories are here to stay.

Doesn't that memory comfort you, even if you forgot to bring them in before the rain came down?

Dryers are a remarkable invention. But still some families choose to hang clothes outdoors to enjoy the scent.

Spring is here.

Apple blossoms, lilacs, spring flowers, and fresh mowed grass Delivered that special fragrance that remains for a while. Clotheslines, clothes pins, and washing machines all change with time.

But we hope the freshness of the country air will stay forever. Enjoy the spring aroma.

Editor's note: This poem was submitted earlier this year. The memories came flooding back of the old wringer washer set on the back porch with two rinsing tubs, whites first, then towels, and sheets. Dad's barn clothes always last. I have no dryer at my house. I hang clothes summer and winter. The gentle breeze for summer rack and the wood stove in winter will dry a load in no time.

Recently there was a piece on the Vermont news about a law that was just passed in our legislature. The law gave folks the right to hang clothes. How sad that we have become so intent on legislating how things have to be or look. We could use good old fashioned common sense and pride to dictate our own actions.

Summer church camp offered

United Church of Underhill, Jericho United Methodist Church and Essex Center United Methodist Church are teaming up to offer an exciting week of extreme adventure camping for our community's youth. This year our extreme adventure camp's theme is Camp EDGE - where we will Experience and Discover God Everywhere. We are excited to once again host this community event where mission work is a big part of what we do. Our missions in the past have included funding medical huts in Africa, providing backpacks for the Vermont Refugee Resettlement Program, and supporting our local food shelf. The camp is available this year August 17-21 at the United Church of Underhill from 9:00-11:30 AM. This camp is free and is open to all area youth entering grades kindergarten through 8.

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COURT REPORT

June 15, 2009, **Mark A. Wissell**, 44, Richmond, VT, charged with domestic assault in Richmond on November 24, 2008; pleaded guilty; sentenced to nine to 12 months, suspended but five days, probation.

June 16, 2009, **Ysabel Trujillo**, 63, Richmond, VT, charged with DUI, first offense, in Richmond on February 3, 2009; amended to vehicle operation – careless or negligent; pleaded no contest; fined \$300, sentenced to two to six months, suspended, probation.



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FARMER'S MARKET

Friday, July 3

Richmond Farmers' Market on Volunteers Green. From 5:00 to 6:00 PM experience Longford Row, a high energy Celtic group. A face painter will be on hand to add a little whimsy to your day. The market is open from 3:00 to 6:30 PM. Come and meet your local growers and buy local. For further information, contact Carol Mader at 434-5273 or cmader@surfglobal.net.

Friday, July 10

Richmond Farmers' Market on Volunteers Green from 3:00 to 6:30 PM. The Richmond Police Department, the Richmond Fire Department and Richmond Rescue will again host a local Kids and Cops. Meet area police officers, firefighters and emergency medical technicians. At 5:00 PM there will be a K9 unit demonstration on the field. Visit the band shell and create your own personalized masks at the craft table. Cheryl Owens and a group of homeschoolers have formed a group called The Homespun Theater Company. T For further information, contact Carol Mader at 434-5273 or cmader@surfglobal.net.

Richmond second grader already a writer

Nora Sylvester of Richmond, VT was one of 12 children who won VT Public Television's 15th annual Reading Rainbow Young Writers and Illustrators contest, which encourages children to express themselves by writing and illustrating original storybooks. Nora, a second grader, wrote *How Armadillos Got Their Shells*. Her story is posted on VPT's website, and the station will broadcast a short spot featuring Nora reading her work.

COMING EVENTS

Saturday, July 4

Vermont's own 40th Army Band in concert. Come see the 40th Army Band perform at 8:00 PM on the Village Green at Smugglers' Notch Resort in Jeffersonville, VT. The concert is free and open to the public. Further information about the 40th Army Band may be obtained by calling the unit's office in Colchester weekdays at 338-3480, or by visiting www.vtguard.com.

Camel's 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 heads north 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

Saint Michael's Class of 2009 honors Patricia Delaney with Class Appreciation Award

At a graduation-week banquet in May, the Saint Michael's College Class of 2009 presented Patricia Delaney of Huntington, assistant professor of anthropology, sociology and gender studies, with a Class Appreciation Award, given annually to members of the Saint Michael's faculty and staff who have made a significant impact within the class.

Presenter Julie Griffin-Carty, senior class vice president, said Delaney "works to combine lessons learned inside and outside of the classroom by encouraging students to volunteer their time and experience the community outside of the bubble." Specifically, Delaney's courses place students in service work and field work that enables them "to explore outside the box and become part of a community." She noted that Delaney balances her teaching with frequent travel that focuses on international development, including a 2008 summer abroad trip to the South Pacific and another to the kingdom of Tonga. She also has developed a partnership between students and the refugee population at Champlain Elementary School that recently was recognized by an award from Vermont Campus Compact. Additionally, she supports extra-curricular programming to raise social awareness. The citation read at the banquet honored her "level of engagement, scholarship and student support."

Delaney resides in Huntington. Outside Saint Michael's she enjoys biking, including a 20-mile-plus commute to campus in the fall semester, and cross-country skiing.

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, July 10

Contra dance to be held by Queen City Contras at 8:00 pm at St. Anthony's Hall, 305 Flynn Avenue, Burlington, VT. All are welcome, all dances taught, no partner or experience necessary. Beginners' session at 7:45 PM. Admission is \$8.00 adults. Children under 12 free. Please bring clean, soft-soled shoes for dancing. Dance Info: 802-371-9492 or 802-343-7165

Saturday, July 11

Garage Sale – sponsored by TOPS, 76 Raceway Road, Jericho, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM. Assorted items. For more information call 899-3130.

Friday, Saturday, Sunday, July 10-12

Dog Shows: The Vermont Scenic Cluster presents 3 days of All Breed Dog Shows, Obedience and Rally trials Friday- July 10 – Woodstock Dog Club – 50th Saturday – July 11 – Champlain Valley Kennel Club – 56th and Sunday – July 12 – Green Mountain Dog Club – 58th. 9:00 AM to 5:00PM each day. All events are indoors and air-conditioned at the Miller Expo Centre, Champlain Valley Exposition in Essex Junction Admission \$8.00 adults, \$2.00 child, under 12 free when accompanied by an adult. No unentered dogs. For more information, www.woodstockdogclub.org or www.cvkc.org.

Friday, July 10 there will be a special viewing of the movie "War Dogs of the Pacific," the true story of the Marine Dog platoons of WWII. The movie will be introduced by AKC judge and former WWII vet and war dog handler Robert Forsyth. Admission to movie is \$5.00. 7:00 PM at CVE.

Tuesday-Friday, July 14-17

Vermont Folklife Center will host *Discovering Community through Video Documentary*, a four-day video intensive workshop that will train educators in the skills of video production and model the use of video documentary in the classroom. The workshop will be held in the Vermont Folklife Center's Vision & Voice Documentary Workspace at 88 Main Street in Middlebury. For information about *Discovering Community through Video Documentary* including daily schedule, tuition, and registration, call the Vermont Folklife Center at (802) 388-4964 or go to www.vermontfolklifecenter.org.

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T.I.L.T.

Teen Institute for Leadership Training

SUMMER 2009



Teen Institute for Leadership Training (TILT) Retreat

August 5th - 7th, 2009

the Chittenden East Community Partnership (CECP) will sponsor a TILT Retreat for MMU students this summer. This program, open to students entering grades 9-12, will take place in Jericho at the Ethan Allen Training Site.

This TILT Retreat will provide an opportunity for teens to come together to learn new skills, gain insights, build friendships, explore healthy decisions, and share their thoughts with others in a positive, drug free environment.

For more information about this training retreat, or to request a staff application, please contact Rebecca and Michael Thompson, TILT Coordinators at 802/434-3243 or TILTvermont@gmail.com.

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ONGOING EVENTS

ADULT ACTIVITIES

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, Fridays, 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.

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.

KIDS

Underhill Playgroup, kids ages 0-5 with their caregivers are

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Wednesday, July 15

Look Good ... Feel Better Teaches Beauty Techniques to Cancer Patients next sessions of the American Cancer Society's will be held at the American Cancer Society office, at 55 Day Lane in Williston, 3:00 PM. To register, call the American Cancer Society at (800) ACS-2345.

Mt. Mansfield Scale Modelers club, Essex Jct., Brownell Library, 6:30-8:30 PM. Informal gathering of scale model enthusiasts.

Author Thomas Middleton at Phoenix Books. Essex's own Thomas Middleton will discuss and sign his new memoir, *Saber's Edge: A Combat Medic in Ramadi, Iraq*, at 6:30 PM at Phoenix Books and Café, Essex Center. The National Guardsman, the citizen soldier called upon to fight for this nation in a time of war, is one of the least understood and perhaps one of the most compelling figures of the Iraq War. *Saber's Edge* is the story of a middle-aged Vermont firefighter called upon to be a soldier in the worst place on earth, Ramadi, Iraq. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, please contact Michael DeSanto at 802-872-7111.

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

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

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, jquinnvt@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 Tues-

day, 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.

July 4th – fireworks and traffic diversions

Richmond – On Saturday, July 4, the intersection of US Rt. 2 and Bridge St. is closed for the parade between 10:15 – 11:30 AM. Through traffic should stay on Interstate 89 or use alternate routes.

Burlington – The fireworks on Friday, July 3 off the Burlington waterfront will create very heavy congestion east of Battery St. Traffic circulation will be adjusted at 9:45 PM. There will be two lanes leaving the city on Main St. King St. and Maple St. (Union to Prospect) will be closed. Traffic flow on College, Cherry, or Pearl Sts. will be forced onto Colchester Ave. or the Beltline (VT Rt. 127). Motorists are encouraged to use these designated streets and avoid neighborhoods or cross town routes. Traffic flow to side streets will be restricted. Traffic lights will be adjusted and some intersections staffed with police officers. If possible, please use the following services to the waterfront: Park and Ride from UVM's Water Tower Lot on East Ave., the College Street Shuttle, regular CTA bus service, or the Vermont Railway's Fireworks Express.

Colchester – On Saturday, July 4, VT Rt. 2A from US Rt. 7 to East Rd. will be closed to traffic from 10:45 AM – 12:15 PM for the parade. Minor delays will occur on US Rt. 7 because of the parade crossing, and traffic control will be present. For the fireworks display in the evening at Bayside Park in Mallett's Bay, expect traffic delays on Blakely Rd., Mallett's Bay Ave., and Lakeshore Dr. between 9:00 – 11:00 PM.

Hinesburg – On Friday, July 3 from 7:00 – 9:00 PM, drivers are urged to use caution due to a foot race along VT Rt. 116 during that time. On Saturday, July 4, it is anticipated that traffic will be moving slowly throughout the day for numerous 4th of July activities. From 10:30 AM – 12:00 noon during the parade, traffic will be detoured off VT Rt. 116 through the village area onto North Rd., Richmond Rd., and CVU Rd. to avoid the parade route.

Milton – On Saturday, July 4 from 10:45 AM – 12:15 PM, the following roads will be affected due to the parade: US Rt. 7, Herrick Ave., Barnum St., Middle Rd., and Bombardier Rd. Fireworks in the evening will also cause slow traffic in the Bombardier Rd. area.

Williston – On Saturday, July 4, US Rt. 2 from Talcott Rd. to VT Rt. 117 will be closed for the parade from 9:30 – 11:30 AM. Traffic will be detoured up VT Rt. 117 to North Williston Rd. to Mountain View Rd. to VT Rt. 2A.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letter example of misleading rhetoric To the Editor,

A letter to the editor by the vice president of the Vermont NEA appeared in the Mountain Gazette saying that CESU School Boards are on the wrong side of history. His letter gives a perfect example of the inflammatory and misleading rhetoric which so damages NEA-school board negotiations. Comparing the school boards to George Wallace opposing school integration and writing "these boards have taken a stand against progress and human rights" is not only inaccurate, but coming from the Vice President of the Vermont NEA it lays bare the complete lack of reality with which certain leaders of the union communicate. He says the boards have "voted to restrict their employees' access to" health care. What we did in CESU is add an additional, more affordable health plan as an alternative without removing any current plans.

After 16 months of negotiations, the seven school boards of the Chittenden East Supervisory Union imposed a contract. This imposition followed many hours of negotiations, fact finding, mediation and agreement upon many issues. There remained three outstanding issues. The Boards offered a salary increase of 3.75%; the union wanted two years at 3.9% each. The Boards added a cheaper alternative health care plan which saves both the district and the teachers money on premiums, even with the district paying the \$1000 deductible for teachers. This is a higher deductible version of a plan already available to teachers in their dual option plan, currently chosen by most teachers. Teachers remaining on current plans will increase their premium contribution from 12% to 15%. Middle school administrators requested flexibility to require approximately 12 teachers to alter their hours, starting 2 hours later and finishing 2 hours later to comply with requirements for added instruction imposed by the No Child Left Behind Act. The union wanted individual teachers to be allowed to reject that change. Administrators wanted the ability to require teachers to attend rare weekend events such as graduation.

The timing of imposition was driven by the needs of starting a new health care plan. It takes time to set up a new program, educate and enroll people for a start date of July 1. This can't be done retroactively for obvious reasons.

At the Board meeting preceding the imposition, I stated Board members respect teachers very much. The schools of CESU are some of the very finest in the state. The teachers of our district are tremendous. Year in and year out they go above and beyond what is required.

I said three additional things which have re-

sulted in attacks from NEA members. I said that while campaigning for the Statehouse I knocked on 2500 doors. Voters' most common complaint was that property taxes were too high. Secondly, I said there were members of the public who were appalled the Union was asking for 7% raises for each year of a three year contract. Thirdly I said the Union should not continue to suggest that the passage of school budgets in CESU this March was an endorsement of their bargaining position. Passage was the result of the proposed budget increases being significantly smaller than in past years. Shortly thereafter, an unsigned letter was sent to teachers around Chittenden County misquoting me as saying teachers should be "ashamed." The NEA leadership is unwilling to review videotapes of the event with me, nor have they identified the author of the letter.

The Vice President of the Vermont NEA wrote that school boards that impose contracts will be on the wrong side of history. I disagree. You can shoot the messenger but the message from the people is clear. Personal attacks and attempts to demonize the individual willing to deliver the message will not change those underlying facts. Our prior negotiations ended with a teachers' strike which received very little public support and was terribly disruptive to the students and our community. The community has not forgotten. Inflammatory rhetoric, outright distortion of the facts, and efforts to intimidate volunteer school board members as well as elected officials who would dare to disagree with the Union's position are nothing but bullying. That will always be on the wrong side of history.

George Till, State Representative and Vice Chair CESU Executive Committee

A moving experience To the Editor,

I grew up in Jericho and was drawn to attend the ceremony for Capt. Phillips and his family. The attached poem came to me as I watched children playing at the site. I don't know if it will be of interest, but thought I'd send it along.

The Captain's Homecoming 04/28/09

We gather under a Vermont Spring day,
Warm, sunny, yet with snow
Still clinging to the Mansfield heights.
The family comes shyly;
Hero is not a title worn lightly, or
Without a stange discomfort to them all.
It is a quiet celebration;
Children playing in the new grass
Will grasp only the barest of details
In this story of a man of honor.
But this tale will spring to life again
On the day when these children's children
Are old enough to learn of valor;
Ready to understand integrity.

Then the story will be retold:
"In the town where I grew up, there
Lived a man who captained ships
Along the coast of Africa."

Dave Schmolli, formerly of Jericho

Apology to the community for paintballing To the Editor,

Paintballs are made of gelatin based shells filled with many various colors. After a paintball is shot out of a gun, the speed varies from 150 feet per second to 450 feet per second, depending on the type of gun you use.

Over the summer, my friends and I were getting overheated by the blaring sun and we decided to go swimming at the nearest river. As we were driving in the hot car spitting seeds out the window, one of my friends suggested that we make the short journey more interesting. He decided that he should take out his paintball gun and start shooting signs. Without thinking at all, I instantly wanted to join the excitement of watching the paint covering the signs. I quickly connected my CO2 tank to my gun, but I was disappointed when I realized the fun was over because the road had ended. After the car had turned onto the next road, there was a house to the left of me. I thought I could step it up a level by shooting something

much bigger than a sign. With no forethought at all, I shot the house with four paintballs thinking everything was going to be all right. No, that was not the case. There were two people and a dog inside the house. Little did I know a paintball could have gone through a window and injured or even killed someone.

Shortly afterwards, the police arrived and I was arrested and charged and treated like a criminal for this misdeed. I now know that even if something sounds like it is going to be fun or cool, you should always consider how it's going to end before you do it. In the heat of the moment while I was doing this act, the only thing that was going through my mind was that I was invisible, because no one could see me and invincible, because nothing could stop me. In reality, I was neither of those two things because there have been long-term consequences throughout this year. If I am ever in a car with other kids again, and they use peer pressure on me to do something, I will just say, "No," and hope others would say the same thing because it's just not worth it.

I am truly sorry for those whom I affected in this incident. I didn't think about the consequences of my action. I am deeply sorry for letting down my community and I hope you can forgive me.

Brian, Jericho

ONGOING EVENTS

Are those Mountain Gazettes?

Master Gardeners gather at the Deborah Rawson Memorial Library to lay newspaper and hay to protect the wonderful garden that was planted for the food shelf by the third and fourth graders at the Underhill I.D. Elementary School. PHOTO CONTRIBUTED



DEBORAH RAWSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY, UNDERHILL

Be Creative @ 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 certificate from a local business at the end of August. Thank you to the Friends of DRML for sponsoring this drawing.

The library would like to host a cake decorating workshop. Do you or someone you know teach cake decorating? If so please call Holly at the library. 899-4962.

Have you noticed how wonderful our gardens are looking? A big thank you to all the Master Gardeners and community members that have been working so much on them. The following businesses have contributed to the gardens as well: Valley Dream Farm, all the wonderful annual flowers; Chamberlains for rototilling and helping to plant; JeriHill for tomato plants, Jericho Settler's Farm, vegetable plants; Barber Farm Inc., mulch. Please let them know you appreciate them donating to the library.

Every Thursday in July from 3:00 - 6:00 PM the Big Red Book Barn will be open. Stop by the new and improved Farmer's Market and then walk to the barn. Every book will be just .25 cents.

The Friends of DRML are sponsoring a poster contest for children and adults. Stop by the library for details.

Spin a Tale - Tuesday, July 7, Wednesday, July 8 & Thursday, July 9, 10:30 AM - 12:00 noon. Ginny Perkins will help young writers develop their writing skills. Participants will have the opportunity to try some interesting activities that will foster creativity and promote a love of writing. grade 3 - 5.

A Visit to the Underhill Town Garage - Thursday, July 9, 1:15 PM. Kids who love large road equipment will not want to miss this. Meet at the library and we will caravan to the Underhill Town Garage where children may investigate and sit in the equipment that the town uses to maintain our roads. Don't forget the camera. It is suggested that those attending do not wear sandals. recommended for preschool - grade 1

A Visit from a Lake Monster Team Member - Saturday, July 11, 10:30 PM, After reading a short story to audience members the Lake Monster player will answer fan's questions, sign autographs and distribute tickets to students.

Leaping Ladybugs it's Miss Ellie's Preschool Party -Wed July 15, 11:00 AM, Sing-a-long to Miss Ellie's guitar, dance using ribbons, and play fun parachute games. ages: 2 - 5 years

Willy Wonka - Thur July 16, noon Be here when the Very Merry Theatre arrives at our backyard to present an original version of Willy Wonka. Bring a chair or something comfortable to sit on. In the event of rain the play will be held in the Underhill ID multi-purpose room. No registration needed, all ages.

Game night for adults Wednesday July 15 from 6:30 to 8:30 PM. Do you love to play games and are looking for other players? DRML will host a night of Scrabble, Trivia, card games etc. If you have a favorite game please bring it and bring a friend! The library will have a selection of games and cards as well.

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

JERICHO TOWN LIBRARY, JERICHO CTR

Thank you to everyone who has already joined the Summer Reading program "Be Creative!" @ Your Library. It is not too late so come in and sign up. It 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 events are free and open to the public. The following Summer Program events still have openings. Stop in or call 899-4686 to register.

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)

7/13-1-2:30 PM Ukrainian Egg Painting w/Kate Mendicino (grades 3-up)

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)

7/24-2-6 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)

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

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

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!

Upcoming:
Wed., July 8, 10:00 AM - Acting it Out!
Wed., July 17, 10:00 AM - Cool Collages

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 Aug 6th and Sept. 3rd.

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

WESTFORD TOWN LIBRARY

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

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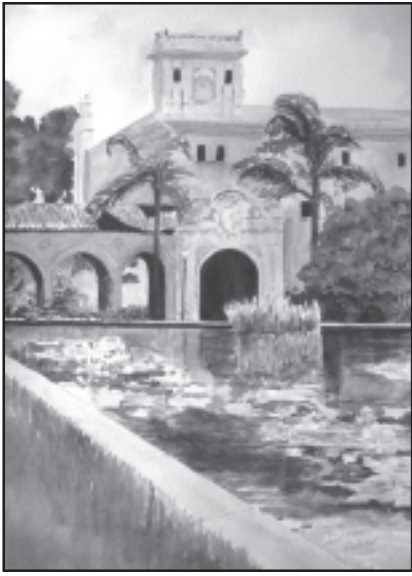
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ART
The **Emile A. Gruppe Gallery** presents watercolorist Adrienne Fisher with her new show *The Colors of My World*. The public is invited to meet the artist at a reception Sunday, July 5 from 3:00-5:00 PM at the gallery located at 22 Barber Farm Road in Jericho, Vermont. The show will hang through August 2. Gallery hours are Thursday through Sunday from 10:00 AM -3:00 PM or by appointment, 899-3211.

Members of the **Essex Art League** will display their work in several venues during the months of July and August. "Outside the Box" is the theme of the group show at the Phoenix Book Store and Cafe at Essex Way, Essex. Members have been encouraged to try new ideas and media for this exciting display. Suchetha Pradhu will be exhibiting at the Essex Town Offices at 81 Main Street, Essex Jct. For more information call 862-3014, e-mail caimi@surfglobal.net, or visit essexartleague.com.

Vermont Hand Crafters is looking for creative and artistic Vermonters to join this not-for-profit organization dedicated to furthering the excellence of fine crafts and art that is created in Vermont.

Applications to join this prestigious group must be postmarked by July 31, 2009 to be considered for membership and the privilege to exhibit work in the annual Craft Vermont Show.

Vermont Hand Crafters is now accepting applicants for a newly created category called Alternative Craft. This category reflects the current trend towards green, recycled, and repurposed crafts. As with all other categories, the creativity and quality of the work is more important than the actual medium or technique used to produce it. Other acceptable categories include baskets, botanicals, decorative painting, digital art, fiber decorative, fiber wearable, furniture, glass, leather, metal, mixed media, paper, print-making, and wood. VHC is currently limiting new members in the following categories: photography, jewelry, fine art, ceramics, and aromatherapy/soap. Applications will still be accepted in these areas but may be reviewed more stringently for uniqueness as compared to the work of our current membership.

New member applications are available online at www.VermontHandCrafters.com. All applicants must be legal residents of Vermont who produce original handmade functional art and craft items. Applicants selected for membership will join a nurturing and inclusive community of Vermont's best artists.

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

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 was *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* are displayed. Both exhibitions are on display through August 1. These exhibitions are also part of the Vermont Quadracentennial, 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.

For more information about gallery exhibitions, special events, classes or workshops, please call 802-865-7166 or visit Burlingtonartscouncil.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 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.

MUSIC

Sunday, July 5 - **Irish Oats**, Vermont's youthful Celtic roots ensemble, makes an early public appearance at 7:30 PM at the Four Corners Schoolhouse in East Montpelier. The concert will benefit Montpelier's Summit School of Traditional Music and Culture, now offering summer courses in banjo, fiddle, vocal music, highland pipes and African drums. Seating for this concert is limited, so reservations are strongly advised. Tickets are \$12, and reservations can be made by calling 802-917-1186 or e-mail to music@summitschool.org.

Wednesday, July 8 - **Vermont History through Song**. Singer and researcher Linda Radtke, joined by pianist John Lincoln, brings Vermont history to life with engaging commentary about the songs found in the Vermont Historical Society's collection of sheet music. A Vermont Humanities Council event hosted by Burlington City Arts. Part of the Burlington International Waterfront Festival. Unitarian Universalist Church of Burlington, 152 Pearl St, 2:00 PM. Jen Crowell, (802) 264-0766.

Friday, July 10 - **Lowell Thompson & Crown Pilot; Barbaoca and Ryan Ober**, Old Lantern, Greenbush Road, Charlotte, 7:00 PM. All ages welcome. Admission \$10 at the door, ages 12-18 \$5, under 12 free. Special advance ticket purchase: buy three get one free. Limited number available. Call 425-3739 to order. Cash bar. Dinner available.

Tuesday, July 14 - **Bastille Day Concert**, The Bardot Youth Choirs and Orchestra of France will perform a 70-voice, 45-instrument concert at Saint Michael's College at 7:00 PM in the Chapel of St. Michael the Archangel. The Bastille Day Concert is part of Celebrate Champlain, 1609-2009, The Lake, The Land, The People, and is presented by Saint Michael's College free of charge to the public.

Wednesday, July 15 - **A Vermont music sampler**. Vermont has a significant and fascinating musical folklore. John Philip Sousa wrote Stars and Stripes Forever in Isle La Motte; Justin Morgan was first a composer and secondly a horse breeder; many Vermont folk songs and ballads were gathered by Helen Flanders; electronic music was discovered at Bennington College; and there's more! This slide presentation includes listening to music on tape and commentary from musician and scholar William Tortolano. A Vermont Humanities Council event hosted by Fletcher Free Library. Burlington, Fletcher Free Library, 7:00 PM. Amber Collins, (802) 865-7214.

Thursday, July 16 - **Music at the Meadow**. Vermont pianist Michael Arnowitz will perform a benefit house concert of piano jazz music as part of the piano series to benefit the Eleva Chamber Players, 6:00 PM at the Moose Meadow Lodge in Duxbury. Admission is by donation (\$25 - \$250 per person) and includes the concert and a generous reception. Reservations are required. Visit Eleva's website at www.elevachamberplayers.org or call 802-244-8354.

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. 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 complete list of dates and venues includes: 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.

THEATER

Saint Michael's Playhouse children's theater brings a show direct from Broadway. Playhouse Junior stages the musical *A Year with Frog and Toad*.

Frog and Toad wake up in the spring from a long winter's hibernation and roll into numerous surprising adventures. An actual Broad-

way musical designed specifically for children's theater, *A Year with Frog and Toad*, under the direction of Broadway actor/director Marc Tumminelli, will be staged Friday, July 3 at 11:00 AM and Sunday, July 5 at 10:00 AM and 12:00 noon, in the McCarthy Arts Center at Saint Michael's College. The production is part of the Saint Michael's Playhouse series for young theatergoers—Playhouse Junior.

All tickets for *A Year with Frog and Toad* are \$9, and can be purchased at the McCarthy Arts Center box office or by phone at (802) 654-2281 or online at www.saintmichaelsplayhouse.org. (There is a \$2.50 fee per ticket for those bought by phone or on line, but no fee in using the walk-up window.)

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 main-stage 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 are available at www.dorsettheaterfestival.org, by calling 802-867-5777, or by visiting the Playhouse Box Office at 104 Cheney Road, Dorset.

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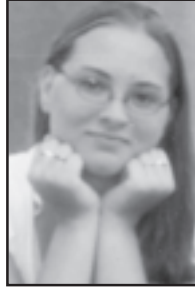
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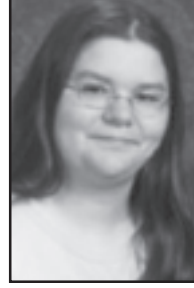
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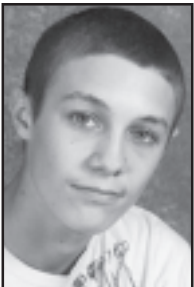
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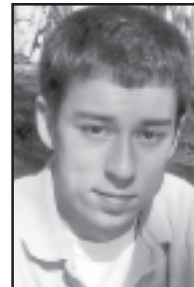
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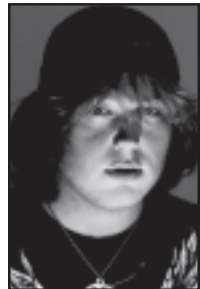
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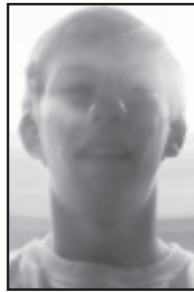
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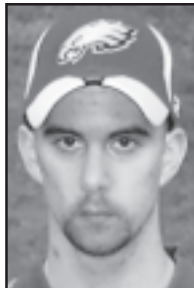
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Focus on: Frozen Shoulder

The term "frozen shoulder" is one that is loosely applied to many problems that occur about the shoulder. For physicians, it is not a diagnosis, but rather a description of a group of symptoms: poor shoulder range of motion, poor shoulder function, and pain that could be the result of a variety of causes. The pain and stiffness could be due to disuse, overuse or not using the extremity in a normal fashion. It could be due to traumatic causes from falls, arthritis, or a complication of stiffness after a shoulder operation. "Frozen Shoulder" also describes a true disease process – adhesive capsulitis.

The shoulder is an interesting joint. It must both allow full range of motion and provide stability. The muscles that surround the shoulder joint and the capsule, which holds the ligaments that help support the shoulder joint, are vital. The muscles around the shoulder can be loosely classified into two categories. The smaller muscles that directly surround the shoulder joint include the four muscles of the rotator cuff. These rotator cuff muscles function to load the shoulder joint when they contract and provide stability to the shoulder, while the larger muscles place the arm in space with power. The capsule and ligaments about the shoulder act as check reins, like the reins one uses to guide a horse while riding it. These ligaments provide stability only at the extremes of motion such as when the arm is fully extended and brought overhead, as when you throw a ball overhand. When the capsule and ligaments have become tight and prevent the arm from engaging in the full range of motion, this is what is loosely termed as having a "frozen shoulder."

Your physician will take a detailed history of the symptoms and their onset, gaining clues to determine the underlying process involved. This is key to defining a specific treatment plan to best help you regain pain-free shoulder function, and it helps the physician better understand some of the underlying causes that need to be treated within the treatment plan.

Treatment options will vary depending on the underlying cause. Physical therapy may be prescribed for range of motion and strengthening of specific muscles. Pain control measures may be recommended such as steroid injections to reduce inflammation around the shoulder joint. Operative intervention may be needed to repair torn structures or for true adhesive capsulitis.

Adhesive capsulitis is a disease in which the normal shoulder capsule is infiltrated with a specialized type of cell called a myofibroblast. These myofibroblasts latch onto one another and contract, limiting shoulder range of motion. The disease actually progresses through three stages over the course of 12-18 months. In the first stage, the patient's shoulder becomes progressively stiffer over 4-6 months, losing motion and function. Treatment at this stage is predicated on pain control and attempted gains of motion with physical therapy. The second stage, which may last 6-12 months, is characterized by a diminishing level of pain in an otherwise very stiff, limited shoulder. The shoulder "thaws" in the third stage, lasting approximately 4 to 6 months. Pain diminishes and there is a spontaneous increase in shoulder range of motion. Treatment during the second and third stage may include operative intervention such as arthroscopic joint debridement, release of tight structures and shoulder manipulation to improve long term shoulder function and decrease the length of time the shoulder is limited. While adhesive capsulitis can be treated non-operatively, the resulting range of motion in the affected shoulder is typically less than that of the patient's other shoulder and less than that of people who have not experienced the disease. A candid discussion with your physician regarding treatment outcomes and quality of life is recommended so that you can make the decision that is best for you.

Eric R. Mullins M.D., board certified orthopaedic surgeon, Copley Hospital, Morrisville

Jericho-Underhill Lions Club to hold blood drawing

The Jericho-Underhill Lions Club is sponsoring a blood drawing on Wednesday, July 22 from 1:00 to 6:00 PM at the Covenant Community Church on Rt. 15 near the Essex/Jericho line across from John Leo's Service Center.

Donors can enjoy homemade pies and desserts after donating. There will also be free movie passes, coupons for a free carton of Friendly's Ice Cream and magnetic massages. Donors must be at least 17 years old, weigh over 110 lbs., and be in good health.

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CAMPUS HONORS

Amanda Brooklyn, daughter of John and Rebecca Brooklyn of Jericho, VT, has graduated with honors from Walnut Hill School of the Arts in Natick, MA in the Theater Department. Next fall, she will attend the theatre program at Fordham University, at the Lincoln Center Campus, Manhattan, NY.

Meghan Elisabeth Ferguson of Underhill, VT has been named to the dean's list at Keene State College in Keene, NH.

William A. Manning of Jericho, VT recently graduated from St. Laurence University and was elected to the University's chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, the national academic honor society. The graduate of Mount Mansfield Union High School majored in history with a minor in sports studies and exercise science.

Thomas William Sacco of Underhill, VT has been named to the dean's list at Keene State College in Keene, NH.

Silas Hambleton Saxer of Jericho, VT has been named to the dean's list at Keene State College in Keene, NH.

Brent Michael Soules of Jericho, VT has been named to the dean's list at Keene State College in Keene, NH.

Shila Wells of Westford, VT has been named to the dean's list for the fall, winter, and spring quarters at Rochester Institute of Technology in Rochester, NY. Shila studied diagnostic imaging in RIT's College of Science, and graduated in May. Wells is the daughter of Randy and Stacy Wells, and is a 2005 graduate of Essex High School.

Jennifer Niles, daughter of Tom and Sandy Niles of Underhill, represented the University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine as the ADA/Dentsply Student Clinician at the American Dental Association meeting in Honolulu, Hawaii.

Local students named to Clarkson University Presidential Scholar and Dean's list include: **Andrew D. Davis** of Underhill, VT, senior, Presidential Scholar, mathematics; and **Andrea M. Walsh** of Underhill Center, freshman, Dean's List, mechanical engineering.

COLLEGE GRADUATIONS

Clarkson University graduates for 2009 included **Grant L. Clarke** of Jericho, VT, MS, Electrical Engineering.

ENGAGEMENTS

REYOME-CODLING

Dick and Sue Reyome of Underhill, VT announce the engagement of their daughter, Chrissy Reyome, to Joe Codling, son of Jean Codling and the late Walter Codling of Marshfield, VT. An October 10, 2009 wedding is planned.

FREEMAN-UTTER

Claude and Sabrina Freeman of North Clarendon, VT announce the engagement of their daughter, Jessica Lynn Freeman, to Millard Walter Utter III, son of Millard Utter Jr. and the late Tammy Utter of Richmond, VT. A September wedding is planned.

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(**Lytell, Liberty**) Heather Lytell and James Liberty Jr. had a son, Ezekiel Dante Liberty, on Wednesday, May 20, 2009 at Copley Hospital in Morrisville, VT.

HUNTINGTON

(**Contois**) Hayley (Centerbar) and Cory Contois had a daughter, Adrianna Claire, on Saturday, May 16, 2009 at Fletcher Allen Health Care in Burlington, VT.

RICHMOND

(**Allen, Nagurney**) Rebecca Allen and Gregory Nagurney had a daughter, Claire Ellen Nagurney, on Tuesday, May 12, 2009 at Fletcher Allen Health Care in Burlington, VT.

(**Whitcomb**) Kimberly (Wilber) and Howard Whitcomb III had a daughter, Lydia Beth, on Saturday, May 16, 2009 at Fletcher Allen Health Care in Burlington, VT.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Shannon Dychton of Huntington has been named as a Samara Scholar for 2009. The Samara Foundation awards a \$750 scholarship each year to four high school seniors who have worked for the elimination of homophobia and discrimination based on gender identity. Shannon graduated from Mount Mansfield Union High School, Jericho, VT, in 2009.

Joan Wry of Underhill, VT, assistant dean of St. Michael's College, was awarded a Rev. Gerald E. Dupont Award from the graduating seniors of the class of 2009 at an awards banquet in May. The award is given to persons who demonstrate dedication to the ideals of courage, vision, devotion, and faith on which St. Michael's College was founded, and is given in recognition of outstanding contributions to the St. Mike's community. She and her husband Steve have three daughters, the youngest of whom is a student at St. Michael's.

Vermont Business Center has announced that **Bob Uerz**, Founder and Manager of R.C. Uerz & Associates, LLC in Jericho, VT successfully completed the Professional Certificate in Leadership and Management. Uerz successfully completed courses in Strategic Human Resources, Organizational Performance, Business Finance, Accounting, Negotiations Strategies, Strategic Marketing, Financial Analysis, Increasing Sales, Marketing, Gaining Competitive Advantage, and Business Coaching.

Charlene L. Russin, 68, died at her home in Lowell, VT 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, VT on April 17, 1941, the daughter of the late George T. and Francelia (Wells) Bessette. She married Armand Henry Russin in Underhill, VT 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, VT; 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, VT; and 27 nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband Armand and two grandsons. Friends attended a prayer service with the family at Gifford Funeral Home, Richmond, VT. Burial followed in St. Thomas Cemetery, Underhill Center, VT.



Brent Evan Willeford, 39, Rocky Mount, N.C., formerly of Jericho, VT, went home to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Friday, June 12, 2009, after a very short battle with cancer. He was born on Sept. 16, 1969 in Marshall, Minn. to Allen and Marlys Willeford. Brent spent his childhood in Jericho, VT, where as a teenager he was active in the North Avenue Alliance Church youth group, and graduated from Mount Mansfield Union High School in 1987. He graduated from Gordon College in Wenham, Mass. in 1992, with a double major in Accounting and Business Administration. While in college, he was sports editor of the campus newspaper and traveled on a European seminar. He was married to Carol



Renee Sipe on Aug. 21, 1993 at Woodinville Alliance Church in Washington state, and they lived for several years in the Seattle area. The couple then moved to Vermont and lived in Burlington, St. Albans, Vergennes, and Alburg where Brent held various accounting positions at Heritage Ford, Family Life Services and Dealer.com, before moving to North Carolina in 2005. For the past several years, Brent was employed as an accountant at LiveDo USA in Wilson, N.C. and was a member and deacon of Englewood Baptist Church in Rocky Mount, N.C. Over the past few years, Brent had gone on missions trips to Brazil and Thailand and was studying and preparing for further mission work. He was a loving father and husband, and will be greatly missed by his family and friends. Brent is survived by his loving wife Carol and three sons, Andrew Ethan, 9, Nathan Austin, 8, and Parker Isaac, 5, all of Rocky Mount, N.C.; his parents, Allen and Marlys Willeford of Jericho; and his brother Tim and sister-in-law Christina and their daughter Katarina of Brookfield, Conn. A celebration of his life was held at 2:00 PM on Wednesday, June 17, in Englewood Baptist Church in Rocky Mount, N.C. Honoring Brent's heart for missions, in lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Englewood Baptist Church, 1350 S. Winstead Avenue, Rocky Mount, NC 27803, or to the charity of your choice. Online condolences may be sent to the Willeford family by visiting the funeral home website at www.wheelerandwoodlief.com

Barbara Ann "Honey Girl" Bushey, 72, of Huntington, VT passed away on Wednesday, June 17, 2009 in Fletcher Allen Health Care, Burlington, VT. She was born on January 15, 1937 in Burlington. Honey loved to do many things, like crafts, playing cards, and baking with the kids. Honey was a homemaker who raised many kids that were like her own. She is survived by her husband of 46 years, Daniel Bushey; brother Joseph Barber and wife Nancy and their kids Kenny, Kevin, Trista, and Joanne; mother-in-law Loretta Holmes; sister-in-law Nancy Creller; and nieces and nephews James Lefebvre and wife Judy and their kids Jeff, Holly, Lisa, and Lori; Julie Cline and her kids Peter, Patrick, and Heather; Susan Earls and husband James and their daughter Kathy; Patrick Lefebvre and wife



Tonda and their son Derek. Honey is also survived by numerous great-great-nieces and -nephews. Honey was predeceased by her parents Joseph and Grace Barber; her sister Dorothy Lefebvre; and brother-in-law Donald Creller. She was being taken care of by Derek and Terri Lefebvre and their children, Hilary, Cayci, and Cody. Honey will be greatly missed by everyone. "We love you, Honey Girl." Services were private.

Betty Jean White of Vergennes, VT, formerly of Huntington, VT passed away at home on Thursday, June 18, 2009. She was born in Middlebury, VT on March 16, 1929, to the late Roy and Florence Booska. Betty was the wife of the late Hugh "Bert" White, who predeceased her on May 17, 2007. She was also predeceased by a grandson, Brian A. White on September 26, 2006; her brothers, Bob, Clarence, and Ronnie Booska; and a sister, Bonnie Sistik. Betty loved Bingo and was an Avon lady for years. She leaves behind her son William "Bill" White and spouse Susan of Huntington; daughter Cynthia Ann White; eight grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Janet Bessette and Ann Ruscoe and their families in Florida; two sisters-in-law, Betty Booska of Tennessee and Noreen Booska of Wallington, VT, and their families; plus many nieces and nephews. She also leaves behind her caregivers, who made it possible for her to stay at home: Doris Brace, Mindy Brace, Wendy Sue Patch, and Emma Dion. She couldn't have had better care. Thank you, girls. We also want to thank VNA, Meals on Wheels, and everyone who shared in Betty's well being. The funeral will be at the convenience of the family. In Betty's memory, donations may be sent to the Alzheimer's Association, 338 River St., Montpelier, VT 05602. Mother, may you rest in peace.

Thor Berger Bergersen of Underhill, VT, devoted husband, loving father, role model and caring friend to all who knew him, passed away with his loving family by his side on Saturday, June 20, 2009, in Newton, MA at his son's home following a valiant battle with Multiple Myeloma. Thor was born in Oslo, Norway on January 16, 1938. The son of Armand and Margit Bergersen, now deceased, Thor spent his first 21 years in Oslo.



Obituaries continued on page 13

NOTICE OF ORDINANCE ADOPTION

Pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 1972, notice is hereby published that the Town of Jericho Selectboard adopted an ordinance regulating travel on Snipe Island Road.

The ordinance was adopted on June 18, 2009.

The purpose of the ordinance is to regulate and restrict vehicular traffic on a portion of Snipe Island Road in order to prevent damage to the road and to preserve the surrounding area core habitat.

The ordinance contains the following section headings: Section 1, Authority; Section 2, Purpose; Section 3, Definitions; Section 4, Activity Prohibited; Section 5, Penalties; Section 6, Enforcement; Section 7, Posting; and Section 8, Severability.

A full text of the ordinance as adopted may be obtained during normal business hours at the offices of the Jericho Town Clerk on Vermont Route 15.

Questions about the ordinance may be directed to the Office of the Jericho Town Administrator, located in the Jericho Municipal Building, Route 15, Jericho, Vermont, Telephone 802-899-9970.

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO PETITION FOR VOTE

Notice is hereby further published that the voters of the Town of Jericho may petition for a vote on the question of disapproving the ordinance at a special Town meeting duly warned for that purpose, by submitting a petition signed by not less than 5% of the qualified voters of the Town of Jericho, and presented to the Jericho Selectboard or the Town Clerk within 44 days following June 18, 2009, the date the ordinance was adopted.

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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, July 2 – Bridge Street Café, Richmond, 10:30 AM check in, 11:00 AM lunch. BBQ chicken.

Friday, July 3 – Holiday. No meal site.

Monday, July 6 – Covenant Church, Essex Ctr., 12:00 noon. Baked ham with pineapple, scalloped potatoes, summer vegetables, dinner rolls, fruited Jello and topping.

Tuesday, July 7 – Libby's Dinner, Colchester, 1:30 PM check in, 2:00 PM dinner. Turkey dinner.

Wednesday, July 8 – Elks' Club, North Ave., Burlington, 10:00 AM check in, 11:00 AM lunch. Roast pork dinner.

Thursday, July 9 – Ponderosa, Williston, 11:00 AM check in, 11:15 lunch. All you can eat buffet.

Friday, July 10 – Hinesburg meal site, 11:30 AM.

Monday, July 13 – Covenant Church, Essex Ctr., 12:00 noon. Meatball subs, potato salad, garden salad, hot dog roll, chocolate pudding.

Tuesday, July 14 – Pizza Hut, Susie Wilson Road, Essex, 10:30 AM check in, 11:00 AM lunch. All you can eat pizza buffet.

Wednesday, July 15 – St. Michael's, Colchester, 11:00 AM check in, 11:30 AM lunch. Buffet.

Thursday July 16 – Dutch Mill, Shelburne Road, Shelburne, 10:30 AM check in, 11:00 AM lunch. Baked stuffed chicken.

In addition, CVAA-sponsored meals for seniors are offered on an ongoing basis at the following establishments. Tickets must be presented before ordering. For details about the special ticket program, call 865-0360.

Bridge Street Café, Richmond – breakfast, lunch, or dinner (ordered before 5:30 PM) Monday-Thursday. Regular menu excluding shrimp, steak, and some specials.

Dutch Mill, Shelburne Rd., Shelburne – Tuesday-Sunday, 7:30 AM – 2:00 PM.

Old Yankee, 4A Jericho East, Jericho. Meals Wednesday-Sunday, 3:00 – 5:00 PM. Order off senior menu.

Senior meals served at St. Jude's

Friends and neighbors are invited to gather at St. Jude's in Hinesburg every second and fourth Wednesday to enjoy a good meal served from noon to 2:30 PM. Bingo follows lunch. You need not be a member of the church to attend. For more information call Ted at 453-3087.

Nursing home myths debunked

Even without the emotional stress of placing a loved one in a nursing home, the financial questions and concerns can be overwhelming. Regulations relating to public benefits are constantly changing and may be difficult to interpret, causing myths to emerge and circulate. This article will attempt to debunk some of those fictions.

Myth #1: Medicare will pay for my nursing home care.

Fact: Medicare is a federal insurance program available to those over age 65 and those who are disabled. Medicare Part A may provide coverage of skilled nursing facility care up to a maximum of 100 days, following a minimum 72-hour stay in the hospital. Coverage after the first 20 days requires a co-payment, which may be covered by supplemental health insurance.

Myth #2: I can't afford a nursing home.

Fact: While the average cost of a nursing home in Chittenden County may be about \$250/day, the percentage of residents who privately pay is less than 20%. Medicaid is the pay source for over 60% of the residents, with Medicare slightly over 10% and long-term care insurance under 10%.

Myth #3: The state gets my house if I receive Medicaid benefits.

Fact: Long-term Medicaid (also known in Vermont as "Choices for Care") is the state and federal health insurance program for individuals who qualify both medically and financially. Generally, your primary residence, if valued at less than \$500,000, is not considered a countable asset when determining your eligibility. Although there may be some payback to the state after your death, recovery will also depend upon who else may have an interest in the property.

Myth #4: I am married, but my spouse's assets are separate and safe.

Fact: If you privately pay, and your spouse doesn't sign as a guaranteed payer, then the spouse may avoid contributing private funds towards your care. However, if you then seek to apply for public assistance, Medicaid considers ALL assets owned by each spouse, regardless of whose name appears on the asset. Furthermore, if you own assets with another person (e.g., a child), those assets will likely be counted as well.

Myth #5: I can give my assets away and become eligible for Medicaid.

Fact: There is a penalty for transferring assets without receiving any value in return, if the gift has occurred since February 2006 (there will be a 5-year cut-off date when we reach February 2011). The penalty doesn't start to run until you are otherwise eligible for Medicaid, and there is a presumption that you made the gift to qualify for public benefits. For every \$218 that you transfer, the current penalty is one day without benefits.

For more information about nursing homes and financial options, visit the following websites: www.dad.state.vt.us/lcinfo/, <http://ddas.vermont.gov/ddas-programs/programs-cfc/>, www.medicare.gov, http://www.bishca.state.vt.us/HcaDiv/consumerpubs_healthcare/shopping_ltc_April2005.pdf.

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Messier recognized for service

On June 6, 2009, an Award of Recognition plaque was presented to Don Messier for 10-plus years of service on the Vermont Education Board of the Community High School of Vermont. Messier is a retired superintendent of schools.

The CHSVT has awarded over 1,000 high school diplomas to students in the Prison and Probation and Parole System in the past ten years. Don has visited every prison and probation and parole site several times during his 10-year tenure as a volunteer.

In addition to his volunteer service with the Department of Corrections, Don has been an active 10-year volunteer at the Burlington Food Shelf and the Fletcher Allen Hospital, totaling thousands of hours.

Don is the father of Dr. Stephen E. Messier and Dr. Matthew E. Messier. Don resides in Jericho with his wife, Ann.

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Sports Flicks for Rainy Summer Afternoons

By Richard and Luke Mindell
 Special to the Mountain Gazette

They don't call 'em the Green Mountains for nothing - they're green because of all the rain we get around here. So when the summer rains hit and your lawn is too wet to mow, hunker down with a good sports movie to get you through a soggy afternoon or summer's evening. Here's a list from which you can choose some of the very best sports movies ever made.

Let's start at the top. If you read my last article about sports books, you know I admire author W.P. Kinsella. *Field of Dreams*, an adaptation of Kinsella's book, *Shoeless Joe*, is a tale of relationships, of fathers and sons, of people's dreams. It explores the almost mystical relationship Americans have with baseball. The magic that kids and grown men feel while watching their heroes play the game is depicted literally and beautifully as the ghosts of long dead hall of famers walk out of an Iowa corn field to take their turn at bat, to run the bases, to take another turn at life just one more time. It's a must-see, not only for baseball fans, but for anyone who appreciates good, if sentimental cinema.

If sentimentality isn't your thing, try the almost painfully blunt *Bull Durham*, probably the best movie ever made about minor league baseball. The Durham Bulls, a team that buses from jerk water town to jerk water town, are a place where players and lives cross, players who are on their way up to the majors and players who are on their way down at the end of their careers. The film also takes a surprisingly interesting look at the women who attach themselves to the players - mostly the ones on the way up.

Staying with the baseball theme, try *The Natural* (Robert Redford) and *The Rookie* (Dennis Quaid), both wonderful tales of unlikely people in unlikely circumstances. These movies would be among my favorites even if they didn't unfold against the backdrop of baseball. They're about my favorite subject of all - people.

If you're in the mood for a good laugh, you can't go wrong with *Major League* (Charlie Sheen), the story of a bunch of goofballs and nut jobs who defy the stereotypical image of professional baseball players.

Caddyshack (take your pick about which one - I think they're both great, even though Luke tells me that comparing the two is considered heresy) is a laugh-a minute. How can you beat the movies' two primary protagonists - Rodney Dangerfield and Jackie Mason - for the funny stuff?

If you want something with more substance, try *Million Dollar Baby* (Clint Eastwood - and directed by Eastwood), an engrossing tale of a female boxer's rise to the top of her sport, and a movie you certainly won't be able to get out of your head. It's going to stay with you for a while. This film has power and passion and even if the rain stops midway through the movie, I guarantee you will not shut it off or hit the "pause" button to go outside.

There are only a handful of true cinematic masterpieces in the sports genre, and the undisputed king, is *Raging Bull*, the telling of Jake Lamotta's tumultuous life in and out of the boxing ring. Nothing in the genre comes close to this astonishing feat of acting (Robert DeNiro, Joe Pesci), combined with the pure cinematic genius of Martin Scorsese.

Coming close to the brilliance of *Raging Bull* is Robert Rossen's 1961 pool room film, *The Hustler*. (Ironically, Martin Scorsese made a sequel to this film 25 years later.) Paul Newman plays a pool shark who can beat anyone and anything but his own self destructive tendencies. Jackie Gleason and George C. Scott help make this film stand tall above almost all other sports films.

For you hoops nuts, *Hoosiers* (Gene Hackman) is a great period piece of mid-western high school basketball in the sixties and seventies, a sort of *A Stranger In the Kingdom* or *Northern Exposure* of sports movies - a look at people thrown into alien cultures and the way they overcome that adversity.

Then there's *Hoop Dreams* (Ray Allen), the story of a group of young African-Americans striving to stay alive while dreaming of making it some day to the NBA. (Roger Ebert calls it his favorite movie of all time.) And there's always *White Men Can't Jump* (Wesley Snipes, Rosie Perez, Woody Harrelson), which is one of my personal favorites, if not for the pick-up basketball scenes then for the music at the beginning of the film and, of course, for Perez's fabulous performance (don't forget the foods beginning with the letter, "Q").

My favorite pigskin film is *Remember the Titans* (Denzel Washington), the story of integration of high school sports in Virginia in the sixties. It's a very moving story. The characters come across as real high school kids dealing with real-life problems. They could be our kids at MMU. It's very convincing and the ending is unforgettable.

On a lighter note, *The Longest Yard* (Burt Reynolds) is a must see for all football fans. I also liked a somewhat obscure comedy called, *Necessary Roughness* (Sinbad, Scott Bacula, and Robert Loggia), though I wouldn't say it's something you'd remember the day after you saw it. But it entertains and that's equally important.

What would an article about sports movies be without *Rocky* (Sylvester Stallone), maybe the best sports movie ever made, or *Chariots of Fire*? Then there's *Jerry Maguire*, *Eight Men Out*, and *Slapshot* and *Miracle*, if you like hockey. And if we get a lot of rain this summer, don't forget *When We Were Kings*, the story of Muhammad Ali, *Brian's Song* and *Bang the Drum Slowly*, all worthy of your time.

I hope this list helps, and don't forget to come see Luke down at Film Buzz, in Richmond, (the bridge is open - yea!) for the very best in sports movies and all your favorite genres.

Richard and Luke's Top Ten Sports Movies (after much arguing...discussion)

1. Raging Bull (boxing)
2. Bull Durham (baseball)
3. The Hustler (pool)
4. Field of Dreams (baseball)
5. Remember the Titans (football)
6. Hoosiers (basketball)
7. Rocky (boxing)
8. The Natural (baseball)
9. Million Dollar Baby (boxing)
- 10 (Tie) Caddyshack (golf) and Major League (baseball)

One final note, we couldn't decide if the Coen Brothers' film, *The Big Lebowski* constitutes a sports movie. There is some bowling, but, then...it's not really about bowling, so we decided to leave it out. If we included it, however, it would without question be among the top three.

He went to Schous Technical Institute in Norway and transferred to the University of Colorado, graduating with an Electrical Engineering degree. While in Boulder, he met the love of his life, Nancy Picton. They were married in Cincinnati, OH on August 31, 1963. From Colorado they moved to Scottsdale, AZ where he worked for Motorola and earned his master's in engineering. In 1967, they moved to Vermont where Thor had many positions at IBM in Essex, retiring in 1993 as the Director of Marketing. He and Nancy enjoyed a wonderful life in Underhill, while spending their summers in southern Norway. Thor was extremely proud of his children and cherished his time spent with his grandsons. He loved to ski, hike, and spend time with his family as well as a very special group of friends. Thor leaves his wife of 46 years, Nancy; his daughter Jennifer and husband Thom Porrier of Jericho, VT; his son Thor Christian, wife Lisa and their sons Tyrus and Torsten of Newton, MA; and his brother Oivind Bergersen and his wife Merete of Oslo, Norway; as well as many dear friends both in the U.S. and Norway. The family cannot adequately express their gratitude for all the help and support they have received. A celebration of Thor's life was held at the family's home on Saturday, June 27. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Thor's name to the Dana Farber Cancer Institute and his family can deliver them personally to Dr. Kenneth Anderson's research on Multiple Myeloma.

Maurice Beliveau, 90, of Jericho, VT, died Tuesday, June 23, 2009 of congestive heart failure in Fletcher Allen Health Care in Burlington, VT after a long and rich life. He was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather, with many admirers and no enemies. He was born on March 8, 1919 in a log cabin in northern Quebec, Canada to homesteaders Elie and Angeline Beliveau. The family moved to Waltham, VT to run a dairy farm when Maurice was 9, providing a total immersion experience in learning English. In 1938, Maurice graduated from Vergennes (VT) High School and began mechanical engineering studies at UVM, hitchhiking back to Waltham on weekends to help on the farm. He served for two years in India during World War II in the U.S. Army Air Force, then returned to complete his UVM degree in 1948. He met Lyn Vinton, a Vassar College student, on a blind date, where he dazzled her with his ability to navigate back roads by the stars. They married in 1953. He worked for 30 years as a mechanical engineer at IBM in Poughkeepsie, NY and Essex Junction, VT. Like his father, he designed and built his own house. His retirement lasted nearly as long as his working life. He devoted many hours to investment research, frequently volunteered in the schools, and delivered for Meals on Wheels, as well as traveling twice around the world. He was a lover of classical music and Citroen automobiles. Physically active throughout his life, at the age of 89 he single-handedly moved a six-ton boulder with a car jack, a crowbar, and a come-along. Maurice was inventive, dependable, exceptionally capable, and often unconventional. If you could break it, he could fix it. He practiced thrift and recycling long before they were fashionable. A pioneer in the field of energy conservation, he had an enthusiasm for turning off lights that frequently left family members reading in the dark. Maurice is survived by his wife of 56 years, Lyn; their five children and spouses: Catherine and Robert Peacock of South Burlington, VT, Joseph Beliveau and Julie Erdelyi of Jericho, Paul and Constance Beliveau of Essex Junction, VT, Teresa and Joseph Erdelyi of Jericho, and Victoria Beliveau and Stephen Mattera of Jericho; and 13 grandchildren: Christine Peacock, Averil and Aliza Beliveau and Jordan and Marley Pratt, Anne, Evelyn, Arthur, and Jessica Beliveau, Katherine and Alexander Erdelyi, and Andrew and Derrick Mattera. He is also survived by two brothers, Roland of Windsor, CT, and Gerald of Swanton, VT; as well as nephews, nieces, and cousins. He was predeceased by his parents and seven siblings. A memorial Mass was celebrated on Friday, June 26, 2009, at Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Catholic Church, Main St., Richmond, VT. Memorial gifts may be sent to Bixby Library, 258 Main St., Vergennes, VT 05491.



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**TOWN OF JERICHO
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The Jericho Development Review Board will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, July 23, 2009 at 7:00 PM** in the Jericho Town Hall to consider the following:

- A request by Jolley Associates for Conditional Use and Site Plan Review of an employee parking lot. Said property is located at 345 Vermont Route 15 and is in the Village Center District.
- A request by Scott Hallock and Mary Pratt Copans for Sketch Plan Review of a 2-Lot subdivision/PUD. The property is located at 8 Bentley Lane in the Agriculture and Forestry Zoning Districts.

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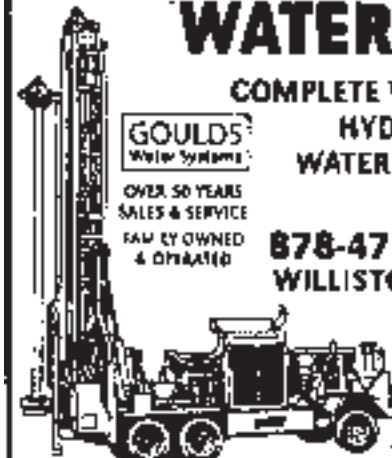
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Friday, June 26, 6:00 PM. Strategy & Board Games for Teens & Adults.

Summer Reading Program fun continues through

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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 .

VARNUM LIBRARY, JEFFERSONVILLE

Be a part of the excitement at the Varnum Memorial Library in Jeffersonville this summer as we celebrate the International Year of Astronomy!

Traditionally, we celebrate the fourth of July with our book sale, book raffle baskets, cookie sales, and watermelon slices at the school. While those traditions will remain, we will also have a float in the parade to kick off our official opening of our NASA/ALA "Visions of the Universe" exhibit. If you'd like to be a part of building our space themed float or would like to march with us in costume, call us at the library or stop on by for the details.

We will have three book gift basket raffles held at the close of activities on July 4. There are two baskets geared towards kids. One is full of dinosaur books and toys, while the other is all about pirates. Adult mystery fans will enjoy some great reads and creative mystery items. Tickets are available at the library now and will be on sale on the 4th at the school grounds.

The free space programs and activities are for all ages. The first big event on the calendar, Model Rocketry, will be held Saturday, July 11 at 10 am in cooperation with the Champlain Region Model

Rocket Club at the Smuggler's Notch Resort. The event will include a talk about model rockets and a launching demonstration of different types of rockets. A rain date is scheduled for July 12. For more details, contact the library. August will be very busy with poetry workshops, movie viewings, actual moon rocks talks and viewing, a presentation on the sun and northern lights, and a Moon viewing event. Keep an eye out for more details as it gets closer.

Children's programs are picking up full speed in July. Preschool Story Times will be held on Tuesdays at 10 am. School-aged programs continue to be held on Tuesdays at 2:30. The theme is a mixture of "Be creative@your library" and "Visions of the Universe". Celestial crafts and science activities are a part of this creative program. Take part in the multiple reading incentive programs by stopping in the library for reading materials or information.

The Varnum Memorial Library is open on Mondays and Tuesdays from 1:00-8:00 PM, Thursdays and Saturdays from 9-12 noon. It can be reached at 644-2117 and is located on Main Street in Jeffersonville. We now have a Vermont State Parks pass, two Shelburne Farms passes, and the always popular ECHO pass. Call or stop in to reserve passes.

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I know I could have been more tolerant of her dilemma, maybe even empathetic, but my brothers and I seemed to live by a code that was less than considerate of our "little sister." She was, after all, the first girl in our family in 3 decades of male offspring. She may have been our parents' little princess, but the brothers failed to recognize any royal lineage or divinity in her bloodline, especially when we got in the car.

Because of her motion sickness she became something of a "guinea pig," the subject of much experimentation determined to take the edge off her difficulty, some medicinal, some bordering on witchcraft. One of the most interesting was a recommendation from a fairly convincing aunt that she hold a section of a newspaper against her chest while riding in the car. Aunt Ruby reported that something in the newsprint and the scent of the paper magically relieved the symptoms. As I saw it, a section of newspaper close by was handier than reaching frantically for a bag, a practical suggestion, I thought, if there ever was one. My "not helpful" point of view was blamed for the newspaper's failure to produce positive results.

I often took the train from Lynchburg, Virginia to Manassas to visit my mother. I loved riding the train. I found it peaceful and I could catch up on my reading. This particular train made its way up and down the east coast from New York to Miami. It had a dining car with white tablecloths and china on the tables, and waiters dressed in white coats. I enjoyed visiting my mother, but truth be said the main event of those trips was sitting in the dining car drinking coffee, if it was early in the day, Dewar's on the rocks if later. I always dressed appropriately for the trip, neatly pressed chinos, a laundry-starched white shirt, bow tie, and suede shoes. The straw hat was too much, Mother said, "You look like a politician or a carpet-bagger with that thing on your head."

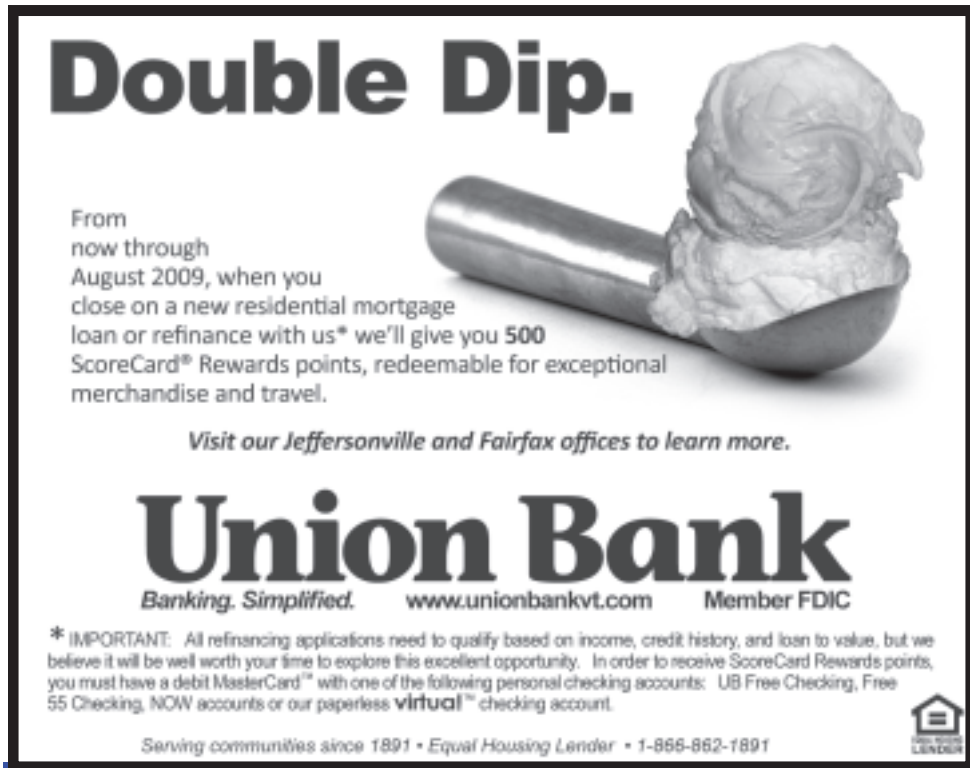
As I boarded the train earlier than usual one Sunday morning, the conductor told me it was very full. I was carrying passengers from another train that had broken down. "Sir you'll have to check several cars before you'll find an empty seat, and the dining car will not be open this morning. Further, since we are carrying so many passengers the train will not stop in Charlottesville...we are non-stop to Manassas this morning." I walked through three cars of people who had assumed odd positions trying to remain asleep in the dimly lit cars. The cars were too warm and smelled of too many people. Once I found an unoccupied seat next to someone asleep, their face pressed against the train's window, a little circle of condensation left by their breathing, I thought better of throwing open my Sunday edition of the *Washington Post*, lest I give them a good start.

I had never ridden on a high-speed rail line, but this train ride had to be something like it. I was seated looking toward the caboose end of the train and found it difficult, and eventually impossible, to look out of the window as trees and telephone poles became a near blur while the train fairly thundered its way to Manassas. Then it hit me. A squeezing, gnawing sensation had gripped my stomach, and a bitter taste had made its way into my throat. I sat frozen in my seat, eyes closed, doubting I would be able to stand up, let alone walk or run, if I should try. "Motion sickness," I thought

"What took you so long to get off the train?" Mother was waiting at the station for me. "I thought maybe you missed her. It really made good time. You look kinda tired and rumped this morning, Hare, and it looks like you've got black newsprint all over the front of your nice white shirt...looks like you were holding it right there against your chest...if we hurry we can make it to Shoney's for their breakfast buffet, my treat, I just love their sausage and gravy biscuits."

Sitting on her front porch later that Sunday and feeling much better, I told her I should phone my sister, I owe her an apology. "That would be nice," she said, "whatever it is, she'll be happy to mark it off that list she has kept all these years."

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