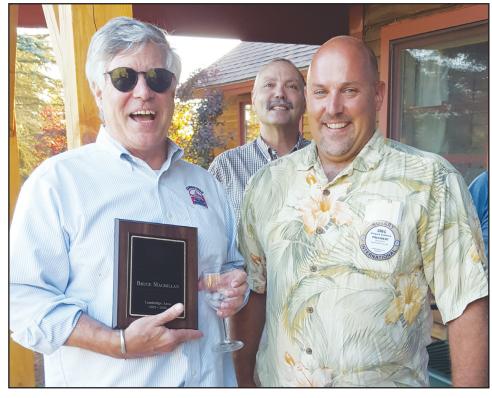
## Cambridge Area Rotary announce new president



Outgoing Cambridge Rotary President Greg Smithers with Bruce MacMillan, recipient of the Rotarian of the Year award for 2015/2016. PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Cambridge Area Rotary conducted its annual changeover at the Sterling Ridge Resort on Thursday, June 30. Tom LaChance was inducted as President for 2016/17 by outgoing President Greg Smithers (2015/16).

Susan Lassiter will be President-elect. Greg Johnson and Diana Wood will continue as Club Treasurer and Secretary.

At the meeting, outgoing President Smithers announced that Bruce MacMillan was the recipient of the Rotarian of the Year award for 2015/2016.

Rotary is a worldwide organization of business and professional leaders that provides humanitarian service and encourages high ethical standards in all vocations. Rotary's main



Tom LaChance, incoming President of Cambridge Rotary for 2016/17, with outgoing President Greg Smithers (2015/16). PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

objective is service – in the community, in the workplace, and around the globe. The 1.2 million Rotarians who make up more than 35,000 Rotary clubs in nearly every country in the world share a dedication to the ideal of Service Above Self. Rotary clubs are open to people of all cultures and ethnicities and are not affiliated with any political or religious organizations.

The Cambridge Area Rotary meets every Thursday at 7:00 AM, upstairs at 158 Main in Jeffersonville. If you are interested in attending a meeting or joining, please contact Susan Lassiter, the Membership Committee chair, at Slassiter@unionbankvt.com to make arrangements.

#### The Clutter Barn

Just off "the Green" at Underhill Flats next to the brick apartment/ hair salon building and adjacent to its sponsor, the United Church of Underhill, stands The Clutter Barn – a sort of second-hand mercantile store with a unique inventory of gently used household items, toys, games, puzzles, books, clothing in sizes infant to adult, sewing/craft/knitting supplies, office supplies, holiday accessories, sporting goods, a small collection of furniture, and much more. The Clutter Barn is a working mission of the United Church of Underhill, with the purpose of offering workable/useable items for sale at moderate prices to the wider community, with all proceeds benefiting in-house and outreach programs of the church.

Every Saturday from the first of May to September 10, donations of goods are accepted from 8:30 AM – 12:00 noon, excepting the last Saturday of each month when the "store" is open to the public for a tag sale. Volunteers from the church and the community are available in the building to receive, sort, and price donated items, as well as to assist donors when needed. On tag sale days, the building and outdoor tents are buzzing with customers eager to find treasures among the inventory!

Coming up on Saturday, July 30, from  $8:00\,\mathrm{AM} - 3:00\,\mathrm{PM}$  is this month's tag sale.

Our tables and shelves are overflowing with interesting merchandise and the public is invited to take advantage of this incomparable shopping experience! A feature of the July sale is selected spring and summer clothing displayed outside the building on sale for  $25\phi$  each item.

The Clutter Barn is also open during the United Church of Underhill Old Fashioned Harvest Market, Saturday and Sunday, September 24 and 25. This is an annual event sponsored by the church and offers two fun-filled days of shopping at vendors' booths, amazing entertainment, a variety of mouth-watering foods, children's games, silent auction, and surprises for all.

Come – share all of these experiences with family, friends and neighbors!

## UVM Extension program to host tours of electric plants

To increase public awareness of water use and management in the Lake Champlain Watershed, University of Vermont Extension's Lake Champlain Sea Grant Program will host free tours of two electric generating facilities in August as part of its *Get to Know Our Lake Champlain Watershed* Summer 2016 Tours.

On Thursday, August 18 the public is invited to visit the Joseph C. McNeil Generating Station, a wood-powered electric generating facility in Burlington, which came on line and began producing power for the New England grid in 1984. The tour will run from 2:00-3:00 PM.

A behind-the-scenes look at the Winooski One Hydro Plant will be offered on Thursday, August 25 from 3:00 – 4:00 PM.

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## WNRCD seeking participants for 2017 Trees for Stream Initiative



The Winooski Natural Resource Conservation District (WNRCD) is currently seeking landowners within the District who live along rivers or streams and are interested in installing riparian buffers on their property during the 2017 growing season.

Riparian buffers are the grasses, shrubs, and/or trees that grow along streams. In natural conditions these plants colonize streambanks, controlling erosion and helping to filter and clean stormwater runoff before it enters our waterways. Without this protection, streambanks become unstable, erode, and become a greater source of non-point source pollution.

According to the Lake Champlain Basin Program's most recent State of the Lake report, the erosion of streambanks accounts for roughly 20% of VT's total phosphorus load into the lake. Stream bank erosion is of particular concern in the Winooski watershed, where so many live and work adjacent to our rivers.

If you own property along a stream or river and would be interested in having a riparian buffer planted on your property,

contact WNRCD's Stormwater Specialist Holly Kreiner at *holly@winooskinrcd.org* to set up a site visit. Landowners who participate in the program will be required to contribute a small portion of the planting cost and commit to a long-term stewardship of the buffers once planted.

For more information on participating in our Trees for Streams initiative or for more information on conservation programs and resources provided, visit www.winooskinrcd.org.

The Winooski Natural Resources Conservation District is one of 14 conservation districts throughout Vermont. It encompasses all of Chittenden and Washington County as well as parts of Orange County (Orange, Williamstown and Washington). The district relies on grants and individual donations to complete its conservation work. The WNRCD focuses its resources on completing conservation projects within the areas of agricultural assistance, forestland enhancement, urban conservation and watershed stewardship.

**COMING EVENTS** 

#### Thursday, July 21

Roast Turkey Supper, serving at 5:00 and 6:00 PM, Binghamville United Methodist Church, Fletcher. Roast turkey with stuffing, mashed potato and gravy, vegetables, cabbage and Jell-o salads, rolls, cranberries, pickles, and dessert. Adults, \$10; children under 12, \$5. To reserve tickets: 849-2120.

Vermont **Prohibition:** Books Burlington, 191 Bank St., Burlington. Join Adam Krakowski for a talk on his new book and discover the tumultuous side of Vermont's temperance movement. Vermont became the nation's second dry state in 1853. But some locals refused to comply, and what was intended to increase wholesomeness forced a newly carved detour toward crime and corruption. Adam Krakowski is also the author of Vermont Beer: History of a Brewing Revolution. Tickets \$3 per person include coupon for \$5 off a book by the featured author. Coupons expire at closing the evening of the event. Seating is limited. Information: www.phoenixbooks.biz or 448-3350. Saturday, July 23

VT Writer's Summer Conference, all day, DoubleTree Hotel, Williston Rd., S. Burlington. The League of Vermont Writers hosts its fourth biennial Writers Meet Agents event, with workshops, presentations, and a limited number of (paid) pitch sessions with eight dynamic literary agents (reservation required; first come, first served). Janet Reid will present her advice on querying agents; Dede Cummings will present her experience as a seasoned writer, agent, and publisher now working in Vermont; Jan Kardys will talk about building a writer's platform and marketing. Keynote speaker Jan Gangsei will talk about her new YA political thriller Zero Day and her experience finding and building a relationship with her agent. There will also be an agent

panel, breakout roundtable sessions, and a post-

conference cocktail hour to give writers a chance network with peers and professionals. For more information and registration instructions, www. leagueofvermontwriters.org.

Tuesday, July 26

The Nature of the Beast, 2:00 PM, First Unitarian Universalist Society Meeting House, 152 Pearl St., Burlington. Phoenix Books welcomes celebrated mystery author Louise Penny for the paperback release of her latest Chief Inspector Gamache novel. Join us for the author's only Vermont appearance on this book tour. Penny, author of ten previous Chief Inspector Armand Gamache novels, will discuss her book The Nature of the Beast and answer audience questions. Books will be pre-signed by Penny, and guests will have the opportunity to have their books personalized after the reading. Other titles by Penny will also be available for purchase at the venue. Tickets \$20 per person includes one admission, one presigned paperback of the featured book, and one \$5 coupon good at Phoenix Books. Purchase admission package ahead of time at Phoenix Books Burlington, online at www.phoenixbooks.biz, or 448-3350.

Thursday, July 28

**Feathered "Foliage**," 6:30 – 8:00 PM, Birds of Vermont Museum, 900 Sherman Hollow Rd., Huntington. Bob and Shirley Johnson share their experience traveling in southeast Brazil with Victor Emanuel Nature Tours, with Shirley's notes complementing Bob's photography of the amazing colors and lively lifestyles of these southern birds, especially antbirds, woodcreepers, and cotingas as well as tanagers, hummingbirds, woodpeckers, and parrots. Enjoy wine and cheese before the presentation. \$10 suggested donation. 802-434-2167 or museum@birdsofvermont.org.

Saturday, July 30

Ice Cream Social, 2:00 - 4:00 PM, Birds of Vermont Museum, 900 Sherman Hollow Rd., Huntington. Celebrate Bridges to Birds and mark the opening of the bridge phase of the project with tributes, conversation, and plenty of ice cream. From rain storm to rain garden, water to walkways, you can find out the whole story, and enjoy our new spaces. Join us to thank all those amazing donors who made it happen. Bring friends and family! Donations welcome. Information: 802-434-2167 or museum@birdsofvermont.org

Bird Monitoring Walk, 7:30 – 9:00 AM, Birds of Vermont Museum, 900 Sherman Hollow Rd., Huntington. Join fellow birders for this monthly monitoring walk on the Museum property. Most fun for adults, older children; birding experience optional. Please bring your own binoculars. Free; please pre-register. 802-434-2167 or museum@ birdsofvermont.org.

Sunday, July 31

Ice Cream Social and Band Concert, 7:00 PM, Binghamville United Methodist Church, Fletcher. Come and bring a friend, an armchair and/or blanket and enjoy a cone, sundae, or banana split while listening to the Fletcher-Fairfax-Westford band.

Thursday, August 4

New Flora of Vermont, 7:00 PM, Phoenix Books Burlington, 191 Bank St., Burlington. Calling all botanists, gardeners, and nature lovers! Join Arthur Gilman for a talk on his book, New Flora of Vermont. Incorporating many innovations and advances in floristic knowledge, the book is a comprehensive treatment of the known plant species found in Vermont. Arthur's talk will feature live specimens of some plants of particular interest! Tickets \$3 per person include coupon for \$5 off a book by the featured author. Coupons expire at closing the evening of the event. Seating is limited. Information: www.phoenixbooks.biz or 448-3350.

Saturday, August 6

Underhill Historical Society Flea Market and Silent Auction, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM, Moore Park, across from the Town Hall on Pleasant

Valley Rd., Underhill Center. Vendor spaces for the flea market are \$25; contact Essie Howe, 899-3146 or eehoweern@aol.com. Donations for the silent auction can be made by contacting Scott Tower, 899-2983 or scotthtower@hotmail.com. New items or services from local merchants. artisans, or individuals are appreciated.

City Limits exhibit and opening reception, 6:00 PM, Phoenix Books Burlington, 191 Bank St., Burlington. Join us to celebrate the opening of James Benoit's City Limits, a collection of black and white photographs of Burlington architecture and landmarks. The exhibit runs through September 10. James Benoit started with photography while in the Army, with a Canon rangefinder camera. During a 32-year government career, his photographs documented travels around the United States. In recent years. he has produced large format digital color prints, and his pictures have appeared on calendars and the cover and pages of Vermont Magazine. Free and open to all. Information: www.phoenixbooks. biz or 448-3350.

Tuesday, August 9

Discovery Time in the Nestlings Nook, 10:30 – 11:30 AM, Birds of Vermont Museum, 900 Sherman Hollow Rd., Huntington. Theme: Bird Bodies. Discover birds through stories and investigative play. Books, crafts, music, nature walks, and more. Free with admission; donations welcome. 802-434-2167 or museum@ birdsofvermont.org.

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#### **COMMUNITY COLUMNS**

#### Teach your children (two languages) well

By Lewis First, MD Chief of Pediatrics UVM's Children's Hospital

Parents who speak more than one language in their home have been asking me lots of questions about what to expect when teaching their infants and toddlers to be bilingual. Let me translate those concerns into some helpful information about children who are raised or taught to be

There are benefits to being bilingual. Studies have shown that children exposed to several languages are more creative and better at developing problem-solving skills. Other studies say that speaking a second language helps that child have an easier time learning other languages in the future. It may also lead to cultural benefits, such as children communicating better with relatives or making children more eager to learn about the history and traditions of their family's country of origin. This, in turn, can help them develop stronger identities related to their cultural

So if you want to bring your children up as bilingual, I have some suggestions. First make a plan as to how fluent you want your children to be: do you want them just speaking the language, or reading and writing it as well? Once the plan is made, consistency in carrying out that plan is crucial. Studies suggest that children need to be exposed to a second language at least 30 percent of their waking time to become bilingual, but this is just a guideline and it may be more or less.

As to how best to teach a second language, there are several approaches. The most common approach is the "one-parent, one-language" technique: one parent speaks to the child in English and the other in the second language. You can also try the "second language at home" method, where children speak English when out in public or at school with others and only speak the second language when at home.

It is important to not mix two languages into one sentence or sentences, although your child may do that. If your child does this, casually correct them by providing the proper word in the language you are using at the time. You might find materials online that are fun for children to watch and learn from as well.

But does learning two languages at once delay speech development? Some studies say it may initially slow overall language development relative to single language children, but by the time bilingual children are ready to enter school, they have easily caught up in their language skills and no speech and language delay is noted.

Hopefully tips like this will not lose something in translation when it comes to considering whether or not to teach your young children to be bilingual.

#### What is natural?

By Sue Kusserow

Special to the Mountain Gazette

(This essay comes from my second marriage with a husband who was first a ranger at Yellowstone Park; then a naturalist, and then introduced the training program for both new and seasoned naturalists in Yellowstone Park. This was his beloved job for 40 summers; I was a volunteer there for 25 summers.)

How "natural" is a national, regional, state park supposed to be... allowed to be? How far "back" is natural? Should paved, two-way roads, with a clover-leaf design leading three million visitors per year in to see Old Faithful, be allowed/ necessary/hideous in such rare and thrilling mountain country? Roads started as elk trails and bison poachers' hideouts. Yellowstone was established as the first National Park in 1872, and as a National Park Service in 1916. The pledge was made at that time, to keep the areas as they were "supposed to have been." Wolves were here 'naturally" at some point in pre-Park time. Does that mean they should be brought back... under quite different social, agricultural, and economic

Herds of elk seemed too much for the carrying capacity of the land. And conversely, the bison population was down to 15 animals in Yellowstone due to poaching. So, during the early 1900s there was a policy of "adjusting" the numbers of animals to the carrying capacity of the land; one reason for the re-introduction of wolves... to keep the elk population at bay. The same ecological imbalance is occurring again and is being studied.

It was discovered that bison did not seem to know where the roads go; in winter they found it easier to follow a plowed road than to swing their

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## What to do with Leaves & yard debris

Leaves, yard debris, and clean wood are banned from landfill disposal throughout all of Vermont. This material IS accepted at several facilities in Chittenden County. Limits, specifications & fees may apply. Please call ahead!

Dumping mechanisms allowed only at Green Mountain Compost, McNeil, Parsons & Williston Drop-Off Center.

NON-WOODY yard debris: leaves, grass, weeds, garden & house plants

NO plastic bags or pots, wood, branches, dirt, rocks, etc.

**☼ Green Mountain Compost** (1042 Redmond Rd., Williston) Mon.-Sat: 8-4 • 660-4949

CSWD Drop-Off Centers (these facilities are not landfills) • 872-811

- Burlington (339 Pine St.) Wed 9:30-5; Thur & Sat 8-3:30
- Essex (218 Colchester Rd.) Tue 9:30-5; Wed-Sat 8-3:30 • Hinesburg (907 Beecher Hill Rd.) Sat 8-3:30
- Milton (36 Landfill Rd.) Mon 9:30-5, Fri & Sat 8-3:30
- Richmond (80 Rogers Ln.) Tue & Sat 8-3:30, Thur 9:30-5 • So. Burlington (87 Landfill Rd.) Mon, Tue, Thur & Sat 8-3:30, Fri 9:30-5
- Williston (1492 Redmond Rd.) Mon-Sat 8-3:30

McNeil Wood & Yard Waste Depot (111 Intervale, Rd., Burlington) Tue, Thur, Fri & Sat, 8-4 • 864-7446

Woody debris: branches, logs, clean stumps NO pressure-treated, painted, or stained wood; NO dirt, rocks, etc.

McNeil Wood & Yard Waste Depot See above for info

CSWD Drop-Off Centers • All except Burlington & Hinesburg

Parsons Stump Dump • Colchester - 355-5512 • Call first!

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Situated on the Winooski River in Winooski, this 7.4-megawatt hydroelectric generating station also has a fish lift and riverside park.

Because space is limited, preregistration is

meet will be provided.

require a disability-related accommodation to participate, please contact Kris Stepenuck, 802-656-8504 by Wednesday, July 27 for the McNeil Generating Station tour or Wednesday, August 3 for the Winooski One



#### **HEALTH NEWS**

## Health classes, workshops at Northwest Medical Center, St. Albans

Cancer Exercise Rehab Group, ongoing every Tuesday and Thursday, 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM. A physical therapy evaluation is required to assure that the client is able to participate. This class pinpoints the common needs of patients. This includes decreased range of motion, decreased strength, cancer related fatigue and lymphedema. Wendy Lawrence, certified NMC Oncology Rehab Physical Therapist. NMC Rehab gym, Cobblestone Building. Preregistration required; 524-1064 to register or for more information. Free for the first eight weeks, then \$40 for open gym access.

**Fit Moms**, Wednesdays, 7:00 – 8:00 PM. Get in shape for a strong birthing experience. Join other moms as we prepare our bodies for labor. Please consult a physician before beginning this exercise program. Stephanie Preedom, AFAA. NMC Wellness & Fitness Room. Pre-registration required; contact Stephanie, 802-288-1141 or *stephanie.preedom@gmail.com* to register or for more information. Free to Northwestern OB/GYN patients.

**Foot Clinics** – Regular care of your feet can prevent problems. If you are an elderly and/or disabled person who is unable to do your own foot care, please consider attending a Foot Clinic. Franklin County Home Health Agency offers monthly Foot Clinics throughout the year in St. Albans, Swanton, Franklin, East Fairfield, and Enosburg. To schedule an appointment, please call our office at 802-527-7531. The cost for Foot Care Clinics is \$20.

**Healthy Weight Support Group**, every Monday, 12:00 – 12:30 PM. This weekly support group for those working on weight management combines behavioral and nutritional strategies to increase physical activity and decrease calorie intake. It will provide you with techniques to help you manage your eating behaviors. Come 15 minutes early for a weight check. Northwestern Medical Center, Grand Isle Room. Speakers Kay Tran, Registered Dietitian, MS, CDE, and Leslie Gardzina, Registered Dietitian, Northwestern Medical Center. Free. No registration required, just drop in to attend

Start the Conversation – End of Life Planning. We plan for all life's milestones – marriage, birth, retirement. But few of us have plans in place for our end of life. Planning for end-of-life starts with understanding your care options, including hospice and palliative care options. An advance directive can provide this information for your family and physician. Start this conversation with your family before you are in a health crisis. Information and materials to help facilitate your conversation are available on a new website for the Start the Conversation statewide initiative, www.starttheconversationvt.org. You can also call Franklin County

Home Health Agency to learn more about your hospice and palliative care options, 802-527-7531, or visit our website www.fchha.org.

The Diabetes Support Group meets the second Monday of every quarter (March, June, September, and December) in The Green Mountain Room at Northwestern Medical Center. The lunch session starts at 11:30 AM (complimentary lunch provided); topic is from 12:00 – 1:00 PM. The evening session starts at 5:00 PM (complimentary dinner provided); topic is from 5:30 – 6:30 PM. There is usually a guest speaker. Call Debbie Robertson to indicate which session you would like to attend: 524-1031.

Healing Circle Breast Cancer Network, Healing Circle Cancer Support Group. A self-help cancer support group for women of all ages and lifestyles who have cancer. At our monthly meetings, we share information, offer each other support and comfort, and learn new things from speakers. We extend an invitation to any woman who has cancer, whether you are newly diagnosed or a long term survivor. Held the first Tuesday of every month, 5:00 – 6:30 PM, Northwestern Medical Center Conference Franklin Room. Please call 802-524-8479 with any questions or to RSVP (not required).

Are you breastfeeding? Thinking about it? Come and join other moms, babies, and families at our regular breastfeeding support/ social group. The group is offered by the VT Department of Health and is free to all. You can ask questions and get help, join in group discussion, and most important – meet moms just like you and share your experiences. There are four meeting times each month: first Saturdays, 9:30 – 11:30 AM at the Bent Northrop Memorial Library, Fairfield (by Fairfield Center School); second Wednesdays, 9:30 – 11:30 AM, Family Center in Alburgh; third Thursdays, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM, Family Birth Center conference room, Northwestern Medical Center. Call 524-7970 for more information.

Have you lost a loved one to suicide? If yes, please consider attending a free, confidential group that meets monthly in St. Albans. Everyone in the group, including its facilitators, has had someone close to them take their life and knows how devastating that experience can be. You can just come and listen to others share what they are going through and how they are coping or you can share your own story. The choice is always yours to do what feels best to you. For more information on dates, times and location or to answer any questions you may have call Tony at 802-393-6503.

Chronic Disease support group workshops – Learn to feel better by learning how to deal with frustration, fatigue, and pain, manage symptoms and medications, and improve strength and flexibility. If you are interested, call 524-8831 or 524-1031. Each session is 2½ hours once a week, for six weeks. Your interest will help decide locations, dates and times.

**Grief and Recovery Support Group** – Experiencing a loss can be painful to face alone. Franklin County Home Health's Grief and Recovery Support Group serves as a safe place to share feelings

with others who are coping with grief. This support group is offered free of charge to anyone who would like to talk to others and help one another. It also provides a resource for grief education in our community. The group meets the first and third Wednesday of each month from 7:00 – 8:00 PM at the Franklin County Home Health office in St. Albans, 3 Home Health Circle. For more information, contact Lori Wright, 527-7531.

New program now enrolling first time mothers – Franklin County Home Health Agency's Nurse Family Partnership Program (NFP) helps first time mothers in Franklin, Lamoille, and Grand Isle counties. NFP is an evidence-based program that enrolls mothers during pregnancy and provides them with regular nurse visits until their child's second birthday. Nurses provide support, education, and counseling on health, behavioral, and self-sufficiency issues. Interested women and their healthcare providers can call 802-527-7531 for more information.

**Baby Bumps Support Group** for Mothers and Pregnant Women – Pregnancy can be a wonderful time of your life. But it can also be a time of stress that is often compounded by hormonal swings. If you are a pregnant woman, or have recently given birth and feel you need some help with managing the emotional bumps in the road that can come with motherhood, please come to this free support group lead by an experienced pediatric registered nurse. This group is for both pregnant women and mothers. Second and fourth Tuesdays of the month from, 5:30 - 6:30 PM, Birthing Center, Northwestern Center, St. Albans. For more information, contact

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#### Mountain High Pizza Pie

Monday - Thursday

11:00 AM - 8:30 PM Friday 11:00 AM - 9:00 PM Saturday 11:00 AM - 8:30 PM Sunday 4:00 - 8:00 PM

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#### What is natural? continued from page 2 -

massive heads like a snow plow, into a snow bank to get down to the grasses. But these roads led the bison into a different milieu and mindset. The wandering animals walking the winter roads to find food were shot when outside the Park boundaries, since they were disobeying the rules of the agribusiness industry in Montana. (This practice was recently discontinued.)

A bison calf is left on a small island; it can't seem to follow its mama across the river. It whimpers; the mama bellows. Its cinnamon-colored coat stands out on the farther edge of the river where an empathic crowd has gathered. The mother calls again, waits a while and then leaves. Is that desertion or the natural consequences of not interfering with instinctual decisions? Yellowstone Park visitors complained and pleaded to have the calf rescued. A moral sense of concern for a helpless entity seems important to respond to... but, are we then breaking the laws and patterns of those we are hired to protect... to keep in their "natural" state?

Years ago, an impossibly-steep cliff trail led halfway down, almost to the base of the Lower Falls of the Yellowstone River. In the early 1900s it was a popular adventure for young ladies dressed for travel and daring outings (voluminous skirts, high-button shoes, mutton-leg sleeves reaching to the wrists). An enterprising concessioner offered, for a fee, a sling on a rope that lowered the braver ladies down to a drenching view of the Falls... a very slow and decorous version of a bungee jump. Later, a series of iron steps was substituted and christened *Uncle Tom's Trail* in honor of the original entrepreneur. Many travel down, and many, in all shapes and sizes, struggle back up. Does enabling visitors to descend and stand in awe at the natural spray and power of the Falls forgive the intrusion of iron steps on the side of a 308-foot waterfall?

Our attitude towards questions presents an interesting dichotomy. "Why are those trees planted so close together?" asks a bus tour member. Answer: "They're not planted deliberately, Ma'am. After the fires of 1988, burning cones of Lodgepole Pine burst forth to distribute millions of seeds, and they sprouted along the roadsides where they had plenty of sun." Because one knows the explanation and another does not, is that listed as a silly, ridiculous question? Does what is natural at one point become so encrusted that the term disables itself? Because we need to explain so much, is that therefore a silly question, or is it our own enthusiastic need to explain that becomes overdone? A huge boulder, a glacial erratic at Canyon Village, is surrounded by trees. "Isn't it wonderful how nature put that boulder down without breaking any trees!" Ravens have figured out how to work together to get food out of the bearproof garbage cans. Radios connect addicted summer geyser gazers with rangers so that each eruption of known geysers is recorded. Boiling River, a hot spring combined with an icy snow-fed river, is close to the boundary of Yellowstone Park and a small town: Gardiner, Montana. It was long been considered the right of the

townspeople and Park visitors to get a warm, bubbly bath. Although the Park protested for years, it was finally realized that parks are for the enjoyment of ALL the people, including Yellowstone's human residents.

Heart attacks, altitude sickness, wind-tossed pines that threaten tenting areas, refrigeration for medications that visitors carry, rental bikes, horses to ride, insurance, trucks steaming along at 8000 feet bringing Ben and Jerry's ice cream, first-aid training for staff, clinics with prothrombin meters for visitors, a federal court system at Park headquarters for drunken drivers and defacers of obsidian cliffs, elk anesthetized and antlers sawn off due to aggressiveness to Park visitors, CD directions through your ears. So what is natural? Sometimes the questions that sound silly bring us back to what we are doing; laughing at a question may be more insidiously ironic that we are willing to admit.

When there is such a gap between what is questioned and what is explained, does this translate as silly, sensible, ignorant, or unaware? Have we as NPS staff become "natural-ized" to this place?

Definitions do change – natural of one time is not the natural of another time... the meaning is not going to be the same. What we try and understand and certainly try to influence, is the definition that is in the mind of the person who now may see it differently... a word epiphany. The meanings of words are in the people who use them, not inherent in the words themselves. We honor previous peoples, history, time spans, Indians, influential people in the Park (via the names of features, the history we tell in books, on walks, the artifacts in a Visitor Center). But, we would not let Indians repossess this land, even though it was "natural" to them.

We are supposed to introduce visitors to our explanations of nature, but still knowing that we, too, will not always be natural to a place or time. A video camera at Old Faithful now records each eruption. It cuts down on the numbers of people crowding around for the countdown to its burst of boiling water, but my "natural world" is no substitute. A cure to one thing often brings another. Elk wear collars and can be trailed through the wilderness. Visitors' Centers have coyotes howling, elk bugling, bison grunting, geese honking... and all at the push of a button. Geothermal energy is used in ordinary homes in other countries and we "waste" so much of it here. Why not put the geysers to work? And the wasted lumber of pine blowdowns... "Look all that good lumber just going to rot because it's natural?" The National Park Service phrase "Enjoyment For All" means housing, meals, a bed for those who don't want to camp out, and housing for the superintendent of Yellowstone as well as summer-only workers from Lithuania selling sweatshirts with a sketch of a bugling elk.

So, go enjoy nature for yourself and write your own definition of it, as my late husband and I did for many years.

#### **Area Worship Services**

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### Gary Irish responds on Jericho historical issues

To the Editor

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After reading Sue Mayers Richardson's letter in the July 7, 2016 issue of the *Mountain Gazette*, I feel I must respond to some of the issues she raises. Even though only four generations of my family have lived in Jericho (the previous three generations of my family lived in Underhill, Westford, and Milton respectively), I did serve on the historical society board of directors for about 30 years, so I do have some perspective on the situation. First, today, in the 1960s and even in the 1860s, the town consisted of three villages, not two – Jericho Corners, Jericho Center, and Riverside. She is correct that the mission of the Jericho Historical Society is to preserve the history of Jericho. It was originally founded when there was a threat of the Chittenden Mills building being turned into a commercial venture of some sort, destroying the historic nature of this impressive landmark. And Blair Williams put much effort into preserving the legacy of Wilson "Snowflake" Bentley.

In the early years of the society, virtually all of the society's efforts went to stabilizing the mill building, but as time went on and that became less of a pressing issue, the society discovered that there was a market for prints of Bentley's snowflake photos, and that has become the main focus of the society, with little being done on preserving any other aspects of Jericho history (for example, the committee currently updating the Jericho town history is completely separate from the historical society, which has refused to offer any support to this effort). Some of the things that have happened include members being severely criticized for doing routine maintenance on the grounds, and work being done on the mill building that is not historically accurate, impacting its visual appeal. Even though it is often known as the Old Red Mill, the society refuses to paint the first story of the building red, as it was painted in the 1880s. Milling equipment acquired by the society in 1974 for use in the mill, along with other mill items donated to the society, and even machinery from the mill itself, all of which was historically significant and should have been preserved, was instead sold for scrap metal.

With the society's increasing lack of interest in any aspect of Jericho history other than Bentley, they have even neglected to maintain the name of the mill building, Chittenden Mills, which was named after Thomas Chittenden, first governor of Vermont, and great-great-grandfather of Frank Howe, who along with his father Lucian Howe, built the mill in 1885, and the name has been legally taken over by the beverage store in front of the mill. For a time, it was often called the Old Red Mill, after the Old Mill Craft Shop that the society operates in the mill building, but recently their new sign only calls it the Old Mill. So now it is just one of dozens of "old mills" around Vermont, where previously it was at least one of only three Old Red Mills in Vermont, let alone the unique Chittenden Mills. On their new sign, they do have "Chittenden Mill" in small letters, leaving the 's' off the end of the name (I suspect that even most society members today do not know that the name refers to the machinery, not the building, and there were numerous mills in the building, hence the plural), and they say on the sign that the mill was building was built in 1855, not 1885, i.e. they didn't bother to even fact check their information.

So in summary, I believe that, contrary to Ms. Richardson's assertion, the voters at town meeting were presented with at least enough of the facts of what is going on within the society, including learning that the society has a cash cow with the Bentley prints they sell, and thus really has little need for town funds (at least compared

#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

to such groups as the food shelf or senior citizens), that they are doing little to preserve other aspects of Jericho history, that in fact they are selling historic items for scrap, and given this situation that there were better uses that could be made of the town funds.

Gary Irish Jericho

## Martha Abbott supports Zuckerman for Lt. Gov.

To the Editor,

There is only one candidate for VT Lieutenant Governor who is working while running for office. Senator David Zuckerman is an active farmer working alongside his wife and his crew everyday on the farm, and also traveling all over the state campaigning. If elected, Zuckerman would be the first active farmer to be our Lt. Governor in over 50 years.

You can meet Senator David Zuckerman at the Chittenden House on VT Rt. 117 at the foot of Barber Farm Road on Sunday, July 24 at 1:00 PM.

Martha Abbott Underhill

#### Sirotkin stands out

To the Editor.

There is one candidate that stands out for me in the crowded field of 11 Democratic Senate Primary candidates: Senator Michael Sirotkin.

I knew Michael well before he became our Senator, following in the footsteps of his very special wife, the late Chittenden County Senator and Essex Representative Sally Fox.

Michael advocated for 30 years in the Statehouse for a multitude of worthy causes, including the senior citizens of our state. He was a frequent visitor and testified often before the budget Committee I chaired for ten years. Over the course of his very successful career, Michael was clearly recognized by many lawmakers Montpelier as one of the strongest, most sensible and respected advocates in the Statehouse. Please join me in casting one of your Democratic Senate votes for Michael Sirotkin.

Martha Heath Westford

#### **Support for Senator Michael Sirotkin**

To the Editor

We have known Michael Sirotkin for more than thirty years. Before entering the Vermont Senate three sessions ago, Michael was already well known and respected by lawmakers as a tireless, highly effective, and trusted advocate for working families, senior citizens, and Vermont consumers. He took on the tobacco, insurance, and pharmaceutical industries and was instrumental in the passage of Vermont legislation which led the nation in protecting Vermont consumers.

As someone who has worked in the Statehouse for many years it has been a pleasure to see Michael put his three decades of experience to work for his Chittenden County constituents, recently championing such issues as combating opioid abuse, farm to school enhancements, and parents' sick days. He takes his work very seriously and, as all Senators should, he regularly seeks input from his constituents and always responds in a timely fashion to their

Having raised his family in Essex Town for 25 years with his

late wife, Sally Fox, a revered former state representative, Michael knows our part of Chittenden County better than most. He is a clear standout in a very crowded field of Senatorial candidates.

Please be sure to cast one of your six Senate votes to re-elect Michael Sirotkin. Thank you.

John and Dianne Shullenberger

#### Thanks for Underhill's banners

To the Editor,

Underhill artist Mary Hill and her crew of volunteers have displayed the many banners that are hanging from telephone poles throughout town. The banners that have been hung for five years are sponsored by the Underhill Historical Society. The Society wishes to thank Mary and her fellow artists for their efforts.

Scott Tower Underhill

Jericho

#### **REVIEW - MUSIC**

#### Richmond and Big Heavy World team up to serve local arts Nonprofit music office Big Heavy World and the town of

Nonprofit music office *Big Heavy World* and the town of Richmond are working together to expand the resources available to the musicians of the Lake Champlain basin. In the process, artists and arts advocates of the region have come together to begin discussion and planning for even wider activation of the arts community, for the benefit of Richmond and neighboring towns.

A resolution designating *Big Heavy World* to be a Local Arts Agency of Richmond qualifies the music office to pursue federal funding that may be redistributed to musical artists as grants. The grant programs that are the source of re-granting funds are managed by the National Endowment for the Arts, and are competitive.

Steve May, a Richmond selectboard member, guided the proposed resolution and moderated a public discussion on Thursday, June 30. Creative transportation design and an arts center emerged as prominent topics. The conversation revealed enthusiasm for collaborative efforts to use the arts to improve the quality of life in Richmond. Live music has historically been hosted in Richmond's public library, a bandstand on Volunteers Green, and in the 1812 Old Round Church preserved by the Richmond Historical Society, a National Historic Landmark.

For more information, contact *Big Heavy World*'s James Lockridge, 802-865-1140, *jim@bigheavyworld.com*, or *bigheavyworld.com*.

#### **COLLEGE NOTES**

#### Local students to attend Clarkson

**Alexander Cummings** of Jericho, VT, a graduate of Mount Mansfield Union High School in Jericho, will begin studying this fall at Clarkson University, Potsdam, NY as a member of the class of 2020. He will major in mechanical engineering.

Christopher Pendris of Jeffersonville, VT, a graduate of Bellows Free Academy in Fairfax, VT, will begin studying this fall at Clarkson University, Potsdam, NY as a member of the class of 2020. He will major in engineering studies.

#### HEALTH NEWS

#### **Driving Safety**

By Mary Kintner

It amazes me that almost everyone that comes to my office for chiropractic care has been in an automobile accident at some point. It is not clear to me whether it is because there are so many accidents, or that accidents cause damage that never completely resolves and necessitates chiropractic care... Avoiding accidents seems to be an obvious first step – prevention is a chiropractic fundamental! Here are a few suggestions.

Keep your eyes on the road – an obvious but we all can get distracted. Drive defensively. Look out for other drivers; they can do unexpected things, such as stopping suddenly or not using their turn signals.

Tailgating is annoying, distracting and very dangerous. It used to be suggested that you keep a car length between you and the car in front for every 10 mph. That means that if you are driving 50 mph, you need to keep a distance of five car lengths. However, making the estimate is difficult. A better method is the two-second rule. If the vehicle in front passes a landmark such as a telephone pole, you should not pass the pole for another two seconds. Add additional time if the roads are wet or slippery, if your vehicle is loaded with passengers or extra weight, if you are tired or distracted, or if you just want to increase you safety.

Keep an eye on the vehicle behind you. People often tell me that suddenly find themselves too close to the car in front because they were distracted or daydreaming... Sometimes just tapping your

brake will alert the driver behind to back off, and you can always pull over in a safe location and let the tailgater pass.

At stop lights and signs, fully depress your brake. In the event that you were hit from behind, your vehicle will absorb more of the impact. Better to repair or replace your vehicle than getting physically hurt! While we are on the subject of stops, press your head into the head restraint – the further your head is from the restraint, the less your head and neck will be protected. (It is not a headrest!) Keep your eyes straight ahead; this, too, will reduce injury to your head and neck.

When you stop behind someone, make sure you can still see where their tires hit the road – any closer and you are at risk of hitting them if you are hit from behind, likely causing you multiple "whiplashes." In high school drivers education I was taught to place my hands at 10:00 and 2:00 on the steering wheel. (The instructor wanted to know where our teenage hands were!) I have since learned that it is better to place the hands at 3:00 and 9:00 or lower, for two reasons: 1) it allows your upper trapesius (upper shoulder) muscles to relax; and 2) if your air bag were to deploy, the risk of shoulder injury is reduced.

Other safety measures include wearing your seat belts. There are extremely rare occasions when the belts make matters worse but statistically, seat belts save lives and reduce injuries in the vast majority of cases.

Texting and using hand-held phones while driving is against the law. This is because texting while driving puts you and innocent people at risk.

Replace bald tires. Without adequate tread it takes longer to stop, increasing the likelihood of losing control.

Keep your windshield clean to avoid glare and give your eyes a

Keep your windshield clean to avoid glare and give your eyes a break. At night, use your high beams whenever possible, and if you

are driving over 45 mph you are over-driving your brakes – meaning the distance required for stopping exceeds the distance you can see! Scary. We all have and will need to drive over 45 mph at night, but be aware that you can't stop in time if the need involves a distance beyond your vision...

Someone I knew used to teach tractor trailer safety. He gave me two terms about driving safety. One is *herding*. That means, try not to drive in a group. If I must be in a group, I try to be either at the front or the rear of the group. The other term is *billboarding*. If you get too close to a vehicle in front of you, you cannot see what is in front of them. Consequently you are assuming that they are alert and able to stop in time. Better to back off and gain your own perspective of what is ahead.

Even if you have done everything to prevent an accident, they do happen. It is estimated that people average one accident every ten years. If you have been injured, make sure you get the care you need afterward. Until I became a chiropractor, I thought whiplash was like a bruise – annoying and uncomfortable but with time you got over it. I was wrong. Often the normal curve of the neck is straightened permanently. People often injure other parts of their spine besides the neck and headaches can become a new problem. Although most symptoms of whiplash occur shortly after an accident, symptoms can occur for up to two years after an accident. (This is one of the reasons insurance companies try to get you to settle quickly.) Long term recovery is improved if care is rendered sooner rather than later. The longer problems have persisted, the harder and less complete the recovery. Chiropractic can offer relief of many symptoms by adjusting the affected joints and treating the involved muscles and ligaments.

It is always best to avoid an accident by driving defensively and safely. I wish you safe travels.

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Rhonda Desrochers at Franklin County Home Health Agency, 802-527-7531. This program is presented jointly by Franklin County Home Health Agency, Northwest Counseling and Support Services, Northwestern Medical Center, and the VT Department of Health.

Mom's Night Out – First Thursdays, 6:00 – 8:00 PM, LaQuinta Inn (Franklin Meeting Room), 813 Fairfax Road, St. Albans. Are you the mother of a child with special needs? Is your life just too busy? Too stressful? Have you got too many things to do? Are you up to your armpits with paperwork? Do you have to advocate for your child and family? Do you wish you had someone to have conversations with? That understands because they are the mother of a child with special needs too. Take some time once a month for you. Contact: Betty Morse, Family Support Consultant, 1-800-800-4005-ext. 201 or betty.morse@vtfn.org.

SHADOWS OF THE MOON, A support group for families and individuals living with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD). Please

come and join us to talk, learn and even teach each other. Last Tuesday of every month, 6:30 – 8:30 PM, La Quinta Inn & Suite (Franklin Conference Room), 813 Fairfax Rd., St. Albans. For more information, call Cheryl, 802-868-3658, or Laura, 802-849-2817.

Franklin/Grand Isle Counties VFN Families Together – A support group for parents and caregivers of children/youth/ adults with special needs. Third Thursdays, 6:00 – 8:00 PM, Holy Trinity Episcopal Church Parish Hall, 38 Grand Ave., Swanton. FREE pizza will be served, RSVP required by noon on Thursday to Laura Weber, Family Support Consultant, laura.weber@vtfn.org.

Alzheimer's Support group – This group for those with Alzheimer's and caregivers, family members, and friends meets the last Tuesday of each month at NMC in the Green Mountain Room from 6:00 – 7:00 PM. For information, contact Amanda Wilson, 527-7531

#### **LIBRARIES**

#### **DEBORAH RAWSON MEMORIAL** LIBRARY, UNDERHILL

Story Hour! Wednesday, July 20, 10:30 AM, and Thursday, July 21, 10:00 AM. Come hear stories and enjoy specific weeks when special visitors join Thad for some stories and fun! Children's emerging language and literacy skills will be encouraged as we enjoy fingerplays, songs, stories, a project, and snack. Recommended for preK-grade 2. No registration needed. While visiting, please ask to join our Story Hour email

Motorized Vehicle Tinker Time, Tuesday, July 19, 2:30 – 4:00 PM. Grades 4+ (K-3 with adult). Create your own vehicle with a motor and battery using a wide variety of parts.

Library hours: Tuesday 12:00 – 8:00 PM, Wednesday 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM, Thursday 12:00 - 8:00 PM, Friday 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM, Saturday 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM, Sunday 1:00 - 4:00 PM; closed Monday. For information on any of the library's programs, call 899-4962

#### JERICHO TOWN LIBRARY

Community Programs and Events

Open Mic Night: First Thursday of the month, 6:30 - 8:30 PM. An evening of local talent featuring live music, poetry, and storytelling. All ages and all talent levels welcome! Reserve your spot in advance: jerichoopenmic@gmail.com.

Italian Conversation Group: First and third Tuesdays of the month, 6:00 – 7:00 PM. Join native Italian speaker Franco Gotti for an informal Italian conversation group. All levels welcome.

Tai Chi for all levels and all ages: Wednesdays, June 29, July13 and 27, 10:00 - 11:00 AM. Join instructor Shaina Levee on the Jericho Center Green to learn and practice Tai Chi - a powerful healing art, moving meditation, and non-contact martial art all in one. This series is open to all ages and all levels. Free and open to the public. Rain location to be announced.

Youth Programming

Dungeons & Dragons: Wednesdays, 4:30 – 6:30 PM. Players ages 12+. No experience necessary but a commitment to the group is needed in order to follow the on-going story line.

Summer Youth Programming – please preregister online or by calling the library

Kids Rock! (Ages 8 and up with waiver and transportation): Friday, July 22, 9:30AM – 1:00 PM. Ready to rock?! Vermont Climbing and Adventure School will lead a kids' rock climb at Bolton Notch. Certified instructors Louise Limoge and Regina Limoge will teach climbers of all abilities safety skills and climbing techniques. Participants will meet at the library then caravan to the site. A list of what-to-bring will be provided

Pizza Friday with Carman and the Cosmos (all ages): Friday, July 22, 12:30 PM. Have some free pizza and veggies, then meet Carman, a three toed box turtle! Learn about turtles and their habitats and how to help turtles when you find one. The presentation is followed by a gardening craft. This program is presented by the Humane Society of Chittenden County as part of their "Paws on the Go" Humane Educational programs.

Whoop! Whoop! Hula Hoopla (Ages 10+): Monday, July 25, 2:00 - 3:00 PM. Whoop it up with playful, creative movement in this hula hooping workshop! Lead by instructor Heather Hayes, kids will hoop, dance, and have fun! Hula hoops will be available or bring your own. This program will be held on the Jericho Center Green. In the event of rain, it will be held at the Jericho Community Center.

Clif Storytelling and book giveaway (all ages): Monday, July 25, 2:30 – 3:30 PM. Join the Children's Literacy Foundation for a fun and interactive storytelling event for both parents and children! Every child in attendance will get to choose two new books to take home and keep.

Summer Celebration with Bread & Puppet Theater! (all ages): Wednesday, July 27, 3:00 PM. It's the grandest of grand finales! Celebrate our final summer event with the internationally renowned puppet troupe Bread & Puppet, Cirque del Fuego fire performers, games, live music, workshops, community art, and ice cream social. This event takes place on the Jericho Center Green. Rain location will be the Jericho Community Center.

All library programs are free and open to the

Library Services

Interlibrary Loan will not be available from Friday, July 29-Sunday, August 14. Please plan accordingly so that we can help you get the books you need! Thanks for understanding.

The next meeting of the board of directors will be Monday, September 12 at 7:15 PM. Everyone is welcome to attend.

For more information on programs and library services, please visit our website at www. jerichotownlibraryvt.org.
VARNUM MEMORIAL LIBRARY,

#### **JEFFERSONVILLE**

Wednesday, July 20, 1:30 – 3:00 PM: Animal Athletes. We are delighted to welcome back Michael Clough from the Southern Vermont Natural History Museum! He will share with us stories about athletic animal superstars!

Wednesday, July 27, 1:30–3:00 PM: On Your Mark, Get Set...MOVIE! Come to the library for popcorn and a movie that incorporates the summer theme!

Story Hour and Crafts with LN, every Thursday, 10:00 - 11:00 AM. Come hear stories from a gifted and talented storyteller, and she does a craft with kids!

Weekly Crafting Circle, Mondays, 5:00 -7:00 PM. Come and enjoy fiber and fabric with craft novices, as well as folks who have enjoyed handwork arts for their lifetimes! Have a project you're already working on? Bring it in and share your expertise and enthusiasm.

The Varnum Library, P.O. Box 198, 194 Main St., Jeffersonville, 802-644-2117; thevarnum@ gmail.com. Please visit Varnum Library's website,

Hours: Mondays and Tuesdays 12:00 - 7:00 PM, Wednesdays 3:00 – 7:00 PM, Thursdays 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM, Fridays 2:00 - 5:00 PM, and Saturdays 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM. Closed Sundays.

#### WESTFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY, WESTFORD

Early Literacy Storytime for birth to preschool age children is every Thursday, 11:00 AM. No registration needed. Several stories around a theme, and a theme-based craft. All ages and levels of attention are encouraged to come. Don't worry if they fidget - they are still getting a lot

Playgroup every Monday, 9:30 AM! Tai Chi 2, every Tuesday and Thursday, 9:00 9:45 AM.

Library Hours: Wednesday 1:00 - 7:00 PM, Thursday 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM, Friday 1:00 -7:00 PM, Saturday 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM; website www.westfordpubliclibrary.wordpress.com; email westfordpubliclibrary@gmail.com. Like us on Facebook. 878-5639, Bree Drapa, Librarian.

#### RICHMOND LIBRARY

Knit Night, Wednesdays, 6:30 - 8:00 PM. Bring your knitting project and join other knitters in the Mezzanine Lounge. Don't knit? Then bring your tatting, crochet, embroidery, needlepoint, quilting, or whatever is keeping your hands busy!

Lego Club: Come join other Lego enthusiasts. We have lots of Legos to build with and our collection is growing thanks to donations from the community. Lego Club is appropriate for youth age 5-10. No registration is required, just come play on Wednesdays from 3:00 - 4:00 PM.

Early Bird Math is an interactive math literacy story time for young children and their caregivers. Through books, songs and games, children are exposed to numbers, counting, shapes, measurements, and many other early math concepts, and will enjoy a chance to play with their peers. Join Wendy in the Community Room on Fridays at 11:00 AM.

And, of course, browse www.rfl.kohavt. org to discover new audiobooks, movies, and books for all ages! The catalog will also search downloadable ebook and audiobook titles from ListenUp Vermont.

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

Open Monday and Wednesday, 10:00 AM – 8:00 PM, Tuesday and Thursday, 1:00 – 6:00 PM; Friday, 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM; Saturday, 10:00 AM

#### FAIRFAX COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Summer hours have begun, and run until the first day of school in August: Monday-Wednesday-Friday 10:00 AM – 5:30 PM, Tuesday-Thursday 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM, Saturday 9:00 AM - 1:00

You can take advantage of our Attraction Passes for free or reduced entry. Passes may be reserved up to a week in advance and must be returned on the same day as they are taken out. Here is the list of what we offer you:

- · Birds of Vermont: Free admission for one family (immediate family only). Seasonal.
- Echo Leahy Center: Admits up to two adults and three youths with a co-pay of \$4 each (www. echovermont.org). Year round.
- · Lake Champlain Maritime Museum: Allows ne family free entrance (www.lcmm.org). Seasonal. · Shelburne Farms: Free admission for one
- family to the walking trails and children's farmyard (www.shelburnefarms.org). Seasonal. • Shelburne Museum: Free entry for two adults
- and accompanying children under 18 (www. shelburnemuseum.org). Year round. · Vermont Historic Sites: Free entry for one
- family or groups of up to eight people (http:// historicsites.vermont.gov/). Seasonal.
- Vermont's History Museum: Free family admission (www.vermonthistory.org). Year round. · Vermont State Parks: Free entry into state
- park day areas for up to eight people in one vehicle (10:00 AM – sunset). (www.vtstateparks. com). Seasonal.

All events are free unless noted. Pre-registration encouraged. Call or email libraryprograms@ fwsu.org.

Tuesdays, July 19 and 26, 5:00 - 8:00 PM: Gaming Group. Ages 10+ play tabletop board and card games at this weekly event. All are invited.

Tuesdays, July 19 and 26, 9:30 - 10:30 AM: Preschool Story Hour. July 19: What's Yummy to Eat. July 26: Olympics. Join us for themed stories, songs, and activities for ages 0-6. No registration

necessary for story hour.

Thursday, July 21, 10:00 – 11:30 AM: Bike Day. Bring your bike and helmet and meet at the basketball court near the Elementary School for a

bike safety course. Plus try out the Smoothie Bike from Rise VT and have a refreshing drink you helped make! All ages. Please register.

Thursday, July 21, 5:30 - 7:30 PM: Tea and Bristles. Perfect for all skill levels, Julie Griffis leads this painting class through step-bystep instructions to create a masterpiece. This month's piece will be a painting of sunflowers. Recommended ages 16+. Cost is \$25 for materials and snacks. Must register.

Thursday, July 28, 5:00 - 7:00 PM: Library Olympics. Meet on the lawn in front of the Middle School for a field day with lots of fun outdoor games. Ages 4+. Sponsored by FLARE.

Saturday, July 30, 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM: Fairfax Mini Renaissance Faire. This community festival will feature long sword and jousting demonstrations, a Bird on Glove presentation by VINS, Renaissance games, refreshments, and much more. Held on the lawn outside the BFA Middle School. Fun for the whole family. Free.

Tuesday, August 2, 9:30 – 10:30 AM: Preschool Story Hour: My Body. Join us for themed stories, songs, and activities for ages 0-6. No registration necessary for story hour.

Tuesdays, August 2, 9, 16, and 23, 5:00 – 8:00 PM: Gaming Club. Ages 10+ play tabletop board and card games at this weekly event.

Thursday, August 4, 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM: Summer Reading Finale with Modern Times Theater. Join us for this modern take on a Punch and Judy show where children help Punch make good choices about his health. Following the show will be our grand prize drawings and cake!

Wednesday, August 10, 3:00 - 4:00 PM: Summer Science: Gears. Kids 8+ will create a cardboard automata that uses gears to animate a 3D picture. Must register.

Saturday, August 13, 10:00 - 11:00 AM: Resumé Writing. Join our very own Lara Bessette as she leads this informative workshop on how to write a resumé for the modern age. Please register.

Tuesday, August 16, 10:00 – 11:30 AM: Fairies in the Library. Kids 3-9 will enjoy fairy themed stories, crafts, games and snacks. Must register.

Thursday, August 18, 6:00 - 8:00 PM: Harry Potter Party. Celebrate all things Harry Potter as the library transforms into Hogwarts for the night. Activities, trivia, snacks and more. Please RSVP so we know how much food to provide. (The new book Harry Potter and the Cursed Child will be available August 1, add your name to the wait list.)

Tuesday, August 23, 7:00 - 8:00 PM: "Know

Your Neighbor" Speed Networking and Dessert Potluck. Do you love to garden? Looking for a job or new clients? New to town and just want to meet some neighbors? We all have unique gifts and interests, so come down to the library for a fun hour of getting to know your neighbors while snacking on some tasty treats. (For the potluck, please no nuts/nut products).

Thursday, August 25, 5:00 - 7:00 PM: Spy Night. Kids 6+ come to the library for an evening of spy training for a top secret assignment. Create a disguise, use secret codes, complete a mission to save the world.

Saturday, August 27, 10:00 - 11:00 AM: Henna. Learn how to use henna to create temporary designs on the skin. Come with a friend and make a design on each other. Must preregister. Under age 18 must also have a parent's written permission, as these last up to two weeks.

School hours begin Tuesday, August 30: Monday and Wednesday 8:30 AM - 5:30 PM, Tuesday and Thursday 8:30 AM - 8:00 PM, Friday 8:30 AM - 3:15 PM, Saturday 9:00 AM

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

Summer Hours: MWF 10:00 AM - 5:30 PM, TuTh 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM, Sat 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM. Phone: 802-849-2420.

#### DOROTHY ALLING MEMORIAL LIBRARY, WILLISTON

All events free. Children 8 and younger must be accompanied by an adult while at the library. Outdoor Art with MC Baker: Monday and Wednesday, July 25 and 27, 1:00 – 3:00 PM. Get active with art! Create paintings inspired by the power of words. Drop-in program for all ages.

Preschool Music: Mondays, 11:00 AM with Peter Alsen; and Thursdays, 10:30 AM with Marcie Hernandez. (Except Thursday, August 11: Spanish Music with Constancia Gomez.) For children up to age 5 with a caregiver. No pre-registration. Limit: one session per week per

Summer Story Times: Tuesdays at 10:30 AM. July 26: Outdoor Adventure; August 2: Firefighter Story Time; August 9: Yoga Story Time with Danielle Brown; August 16: Read with a Police Officer. All ages. No pre-registration.

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[ CUSTOMIZED TOTAL KNEE REPLACEMENTS ]

30 days after my knee surgery, I was doing a century bike ride!

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Fitness Fun! Seuss Style: Friday, August 5, 11:00 AM. Test your fitness abilities and Dr. Seuss knowledge at the same time. Presented by Danielle Brown. Ages 5-10.

Magic Show with Tom Joyce: Summer Reading Finale and Raffle Drawing: Monday, August 8, 6:30 PM. An evening of comedy and magic for all ages.

Spanish Music with Constancia: Thursday, August 11, 10:30 AM. Songs, books and rhymes for children up to age 5. Non-Spanish speakers welcome! Presented by Constancia Gomez.

Kindergarten Kickoff and Library Open House: Monday, August 15, 6:30 PM. New kindergarten students and their families are invited to listen to stories, get a library card, and meet new friends. If you are signing up for a new library card, please bring ID with your Williston or St. George address. For Williston and St. George students entering kindergarten in 2016. Call 878-4918 to register. Presented with Building Bright Futures.

Lego Day: Thursday, August 18, 1:00 – 3:00 PM. Make your own LEGO creations using the library's LEGO collection. All ages. Children ages 8 and younger must be accompanied by an adult.

Programs for Adults

Shape and Share Life Stories: Monday, August 1, 12:30 – 2:30 PM. Learn to craft stories from life experiences. Led by Recille Hamrell.

Archery: Thursday, August 11, 4:00 – 5:45 PM. Engage in handson-learning with the sport of archery. Sign up for session 1 (4:00 4:45 PM) or session 2 (5:00 – 5:45 PM). Presented by Pelkey Archery. Pre-register. Space is limited.

Current Events Conversation: Wednesday, August 17, 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM. Gather with others interested in informal discussion on current newsworthy topics.

Brown Bag Book Club: Friday, August 19, 12:30 - 1:30 PM.

Meet others who love to discuss books. This month we will discuss The Burgess Boys by Elizabeth Strout. Books available at the front desk. Beverages and dessert provided.

Tech Tutor: Tuesday, August 23, 4:00 - 6:00 PM. Stop by anytime during tech hours for one-on-one technology help from a teen. Guarantee a time by making a 30-minute appointment, 878-

Movie: Wednesday, August 24, 5:45 PM. Drama film/Romance. With support from his loving wife Gerda (Alicia Vikander), artist Einar Wegener (Eddie Redmayne) prepares to undergo one of the first sex-change operations. Academy Award for Best Actress in a Supporting Role. Rated R. Snacks provided. (Two hours.)

Adult Coloring: Saturday, August 27, 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM. Switch off the phone, computer, and TV. Come try the new coloring book trend that is helping adults benefit from the quiet zen that a coloring session can bring. Books and color pencils are provided.

Venture Vermont Outdoor Challenge: All summer. Download a score sheet; record outdoor activities between April 1 and October 15, 2016 and receive your VIP gold coin - good for entry into Vermont State Parks for the rest of 2016, and for all of 2017! Details at http://www.vtstateparks.com/htm/venturevt.htm.

Dorothy Alling Memorial Library, 21 Library Lane, Williston. 802-878-4918, www.williston.lib.vt.us. BROWNELL MEMORIAL LIBRARY, ESSEX JCT.

Brownell Library, 6 Lincoln St., Essex Junction. Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 9:00 AM - 9:00 PM; Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday (July until after Labor Day, closed Saturdays): 9:00 AM 5:00 PM. Call Main Desk 878-6955, Youth Desk 878-6956, Reference Desk 878-6957, or email frontdesk@brownelllibrary.



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#### **United Way Volunteer** Connection Listings

By Sue Alenick, United Way Volunteer Columnist

Volunteer! United Way of Northwest Vermont's mobile-friendly Volunteer Connection search platform connects you to hundreds of volunteer needs. Search by age, date, county or interest; search for nonprofits by causes that are meaningful; "fan" your favorite nonprofit and get an email when they post new needs. Now volunteers have even more ways to stay connected to community needs. Go to www.unitedwaynwvt.galaxydigital.com or contact us at volctr@unitedwaynwvt.org or 860-1677.

SORT IT OUT - ReSOURCE is looking for volunteers to help transform their Household Goods Store to a more inviting, functional space. Volunteer crews will help move furniture, clean, paint, decorate, and organize dishware, small appliances, arts and crafts, books, etc. Food and beverages provided. Sunday, July 24, shifts between 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM. Contact Bridget Johnsonm 658-

4143 or *volunteer@resourcevt.org*.

ALL SKILLS NEEDED – Green Mountain Habitat for Humanity needs volunteers who can commit to a weekly four-hour shift to help with customer service and greeting, unloading donations, testing, cleaning, and pricing donations, volunteer recruitment, and more. They'll create a volunteer position just for you! Monday-Saturday shifts, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM, 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM, and 2:00 - 6:00 PM. Contact David Mullin, 872-8726 or dmullin@vermonthabitat.

HELP SPREAD THE WORD - The Lake Champlain Regional Chamber of Commerce sends out bimonthly newsletters to their members. They need volunteers to place inserts in the newsletters, then seal them with paper tabs. Donuts and coffee provided! About two to two-and-a-half hours per shift. Contact Junelle Shepard, 864-3489 Ext. 233, or junelle@vermont.org

A DRIVING NEED - The City of Winooski is seeking a group transportation driver to drive a city-owned vehicle with up to 14 passengers to and from programs and special events. Volunteer must have a valid Vermont driver's license and be comfortable with diverse populations. Background check required. Contact Paul Sarne, 655-6410, Ext. 12, or vista@winooskivt.org.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT - Burlington Dismas House needs volunteer cooks to prepare dinner one evening a month for up to 10 residents and staff. Volunteers may bring food already prepared or bring groceries and cook in the house kitchen. Volunteers may also join the residents for dinner. Contact Chris Celotto, 658-0381 or chris@dismasofvermont.org.

SENIOR MEALS - The City of Winooski hosts community meals at the Senior Center every Thursday. Volunteers can help set up, serve, and clean up after these meals. 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM. Training provided. Background check required. Contact Paul Sarne, 655-6410, Ext. 12 or vista@winooskivt.org.

COMING EVENTS – Several local groups are planning special events in August and need volunteers to help make their efforts a

• Epilepsy Foundation of Vermont – 27th Annual Essex Mud Volleyball Tournament, Sunday, August 14. Volunteers needed the day before from 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM to prepare the field, hang banners, set up nets, etc. On the 14th, volunteers can help with the barbecue, parking, selling t-shirts, and clean-up. Contact Audrey

Butler, 318-1575 or *epilepsy@sover.net*.
• Samaritan House – 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Classic, Friday, August 19. Help stuff bags the night before and/or be on the green on Golf Day. Contact Joe LeClair, 527-0847 or joe.leclair@samaritan-house.

#### **Green Mountain Bicycle Club** day tour rides

All riders must wear helmets and obey the rules of the road. Please do not ride two abreast if there is traffic in either direction. For mornings with questionable weather, please call the ride leader to make sure the ride is still taking place. Ride leaders are obligated to go to the starting point and provide maps but may choose not to ride if the weather is miserable. Riders below the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent. E indicates an easy ride, M is for moderate, and S is for strenuous. Rides begin promptly 15 minutes after the meeting time. Social rides are more leisurely versions of the mapped ride – usually the shorter route – with longer food breaks. Always contact the social ride leader before the ride to make sure those versions of the ride are taking place.

Sunday, July 24: Covered Bridges of Franklin and Lamoille County. The hilly 41-mile loop (M) goes through Eden and Johnson, while the 55-mile ride (M/S) passes more covered bridges in Montgomery Center, returning through Bakersfield. Meet 8:45 AM at Jeffersonville Fish and Wildlife Access (.3 mile north of the intersection of VT Rts. 15 and 108, across the bridge). Leader Mike Egan, 734 4076 /egan1955@gmail.com; co-leader Viola Chu, 735-7924 /hviolachu@gmail.com

Sunday, July 31: Not Quite Quebec. 51 (M) and 64 (M/S) rides on low traffic roads near the Canadian border. This is a reworking of our old Almost to Canada ride, which eliminates some of the higher traffic roads while crossing the Missisquoi River twice and travelling along the shore of Lake Carmi. Meet 8:45 AM at Tractor Supply Company at exit 20 off I-89. Leader Dave Merchant, 893-6794 /dpierchand@comcast.net; co-leader Joyce McCutcheon, 893-1690 /mellowmiti@aol.com; social ride leader Donna Leban, 862-1901 /lightspd@comcast.net.

Sunday, August 7: GMBC Picnic Date – Double Ferry South. 50 (M/S) miles starting with the Burlington to Port Kent ferry. The hilly terrain on the New York side brings beautiful views of the lake. The second ferry will take us from Essex, NY to Charlotte and we'll return on flatter terrain back to Burlington. Bring money for the ferries. Please note this is the reverse of the way the ride used to go. Meet 7:45 AM for 8:10 AM ferry, at the Burlington Ferry dock. Leader Kevin Batson, 825-5816 / kevbvt@gmail.com; co-leader Amy Otten, 878-4070 / amyotten@netscape.com; social ride leader Donna Leban, 862-1901 / lightspd@comcast.net. Following the ride there will be a picnic prepared by Sal DeFrancesco at Charlie Auer's Boathouse starting between 2:00 - 3:00 PM. Riders are encouraged to bring a desert or side dish to share.

Saturday, August 13: Upper Valley Weekend – Horse Country Ride. All three rides start in South Royalton. The short ride (26 M) will travel north to Chelsea and return; the medium (40 M/S) continues up VT Rt. 110 to the top of the hill in Washington and back; and the long ride (51 S) goes to Chelsea, up to the Vershire heights, then down into the Connecticut River valley, back through

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#### ART / MUSIC / THEATER

#### **ART/PHOTOGRAPHY**

Bryan Memorial Gallery presents Robert Douglas Hunter and his students in its Main Gallery, through Monday, September 5. The exhibit includes 24 landscapes and still life paintings by Hunter, considered the Dean of the Boston School of Painting in the 20<sup>th</sup> century. It also includes 60 works by 20 of his students in over 40 years of teaching. A digital preview of this exhibit can be seen at *www.bryangallery.org*. Bryan Memorial Gallery, 180 Main St., Jeffersonville; 802-644-5100. Gallery hours: 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM daily, and by appointment at any time.

A Visual Picnic! Come feast your eyes on the wonderful new art display offered by the members of the Essex Art League during the month of July at the Old Red Mill in Jericho, http://www.jerichohistoricalsociety.org/the-old-red-mill.html. Paintings in all mediums, photographs, matted prints, and ceramic art are available for purchase. For information on the league as well as a detailed calendar of events, online gallery, and meeting times, visit their website, http://www.essexartleague.com.

In Layers: The Art of the Egg is a community art show focused on the beauty, biology, and essence of eggs at the Birds of Vermont Museum, 900 Sherman Hollow, Rd., Huntington daily through October 31. Let the work of almost two dozen artists, amateur and professional, young, old, and in-between, hatch feelings of passion, delight, commitment, and discovery in you. Admission included with museum admission. For information, 434-2167, museum@birdsofvermont.org. or www.birdsofvermont.org.

The annual outdoor sculpture show, Exposed, opens on Saturday, July 23 at Helen Day Art Center, Stowe, with an opening reception and walkabout beginning at 4:00 PM. Light refreshments will be available in the gallery, and artists will be available to talk about their work. After the walkabout, celebrate Nathan Suter's 10 years of service to Helen Day at his Farewell Party. Prints and Drawings by Pat Steir will be on exhibit in the main and east galleries at Helen Day Art Center in Stowe through Sunday, November 13. Video of Steir by Stowe artist Molly Davies will accompany the work. On Thursday, September 30 at 6:00 PM, guest lecturer Suzy Spence will present Steir's work in the context of art history and contemporary art. In the west gallery is Beyond the Far Blue Mountains, a remastered, digital HD projection of the original 16mm film by Molly Davies. Upcoming exhibits: August 12-September 4, Vermont based artist Tara Thacker will present her ceramic sculpture and installation

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Strafford and Sharon to S. Royalton. There are two country stores in Chelsea, and additional ones in West Fairlee and Strafford on the long ride. Meet 9:15 AM at North side of the South Royalton Green. Leader Pat Stabler, 781-929-9085 / everstab@verizon.net; co-leader Tom Evers, 617-605-0928 / everstab@verizon.net. After the ride, cyclists can camp out in South Royalton, stay at an area hotel, or return home. There is a \$10 fee for camping, part of which might be refunded. Talk to Pat and Tom to get more info about the camping.

Sunday, August 14: Upper Valley Weekend – \*\*\* new \*\*\* – Pomfret Perambulations. This 50-mile ride (M/S) heads up Howe Hill, then down the lovely Pomfret Road to West Hartford and the White River. After a climb over the hill to Woodstock, we'll ride along River Road to pick up VT Rt. 12. Another climb will bring you into Barnard and a stop at the excellent general store by lovely Silver Lake. North Road provides you with some lovely views to the west, then back VT Rt. 107 to VT Rt. 14 to the Royalton green. Meet 9:00 AM at north side of the South Royalton Green. Leader Bryan Harrington, 899-2908 / alpinefogman@yahoo.com; co-leaders Pat Stabler and Tom Evers, 781-929-9085 / everstab@verizon.net.

Sunday, August 14: Monkton Ridge Ride. Three options: 23 (E), 38 (M), and 48 (M) miles will travel some familiar roads and some less traveled. The short ride will not ascend to Monkton Ridge but all rides will have some nice descents which, of course, can only reached by some nice ascents, none of which are too hard. Lots of food stops available along the way. Meet 8:45 AM at Shelburne Village Shopping Center. Leader Lou Bresee, 658-0597 / lakelou@comcast.net; co-leader Amy Ross, 324-2137 / vtamy@comcast.net.

Sunday, August 21: Buck Hollow and Beyond. The 40-mile (M) route goes north to Fairfax, through Buck Hollow into Fairfield, returning via St. Albans. The longer loop (58 M/S) continues into Sheldon. There are potential food stops in St. Albans, Georgia, and Fairfax. Meet 8:45 AM at Milton High School. Leader Joyce McCutcheon, 893-1690 / mellowmiti@aol.com; co-leader Dave Merchant, 825-3808 / dpierchand@comcast.net.

Sunday, August 28: Awesome Ausable River Ride. A great, challenging ride in New York State. Follow the Ausable River from Port Kent to Lake Placid for the 80-mile (S) option, or turn around prior to Lake Placid for the 64-mile (M/S) version. Food stops include Keeseville, Ausable Forks, and Lake Placid. Bring money for the ferry. Meet 7:45 AM for the 8:10 AM ferry at Burlington Ferry Dock. Leader Matt Kuivinen, 881-9045 / mattkui@earthlink. net; co-leader Dave Merchant, 893-6794 / dpierchand@comcast. net; social ride leader Donna Leban, 862-1901 / lightspd@comcast. net.

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along with new large scale photography work in the West Gallery; September 16-November 13, Sally Gil will exhibit her collages in the West Gallery. Helen Day Art Center, 90 Pond St., Stowe; open Wednesday-Sunday, 12:00 – 5:00 PM and by appointment

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Beauty within HAVOC – The HAVOC Gallery exhibits fine art by Joël Urruty, Mandy Daniels, George Peterson, Gordon Auchincloss, Susan Madacsi, Damien Hirst, and Bruce R. MacDonald. Gallery Hours: Thursdays and Fridays 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM and every first Friday 5:30 – 7:30 PM. The Gallery is also open by appointment, 800-639-1868; most days there is someone there, so just stop by. The hours of the gallery might be chaotic, but the vision of HAVOC and the art is not. The Havoc Gallery, 27 Sears Lane, Burlington.

Free artmaking for all ages at the River Arts Art Tent at the Wednesday Night Live Music Series at the Oxbow Park, Morrisville, Wednesday nights through August 24, 5:30 – 7:30 PM.

#### MUSIC

On Sunday, July 24 at 4:00 pm, the 18th Annual Folk Music Concert will be held at the Old West Church in Calais. The annual event has been organized by singer Deb Flanders in honor of her great-aunt and native Vermonter Helen Hartness Flanders, one of the pioneers of folk music history in the United States and an internationally recognized ballad collector and authority on folk music found in New England and in the British Isles. This year's concert will feature Last Night's Rain from Northumberland, England. The Oxnard sisters, Jane on fiddle and Ailsa on guitar, play traditional and contemporary folk music from the UK and the USA. Fiddlers Pete Sutherland and Oliver Scanlon and Vermont Symphony Orchestra cellist John Dunlop, and violinist/fiddler Laura Markowitz will round out the lineup for an afternoon of memorable music making. General admission at the door: \$15; a portion of the proceeds will benefit the Vermont Folklife Center. For more information: 802-233-1015 or www.debflanders.net.

#### **THEATER**

Guess Who's Coming to Dinner is coming to St. Michael's Playhouse. Set in the late 1960s, a wealthy white couple's proud, liberal sensibilities are shaken when their daughter brings her African-American fiancé home to meet them. Both sets of parents must confront their own unexpected reactions and concerns

for their children as their beliefs are put to the test. A warm and loving exploration of family and culture and knowing which of them has the greater hold on our hearts. Performances of Todd Kreidler's stage adaptation of the Academy Award-winning film begin on the Playhouse stage Wednesday, July 20. Performances are Wednesday-Saturday evenings, July 20-23, Tuesday-Saturday, July 26-30 (8:00 PM curtain), and Saturday matinees July 23 and 30 (2:00 PM curtain). Ticket prices range from \$35-45 and may be purchased online at saintmichaelsplayouse.org, calling 802-654-2281, or visiting the walk-up window in the lobby of McCarthy Arts Center. The Playhouse is located at McCarthy Arts Center, VT Rt. 15, Colchester. For a complete show schedule and more information, contact the theater box office directly at 802-654-2281 or visit us at saintmichaelsplayhouse.org.

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Running through Saturday, July 23, Dorset Theatre Festival is proud to present the Regional Premiere of Sarah Ruhl's acclaimed play Dear Elizabeth, which chronicles the unconventional and remarkable 30-year friendship between two of the most honored American poets of the 20th century: Elizabeth Bishop and Robert Lowell. Chronicling the unconventional and remarkable friendship with postmarks from Maine to Key West and as far away as London and South America - Ruhl's Dear Elizabeth is a lyrical and moving portrait of two lives that unfold in letters. Opening July 28 and running through August 13, Dorset Theatre Festival continues its commitment to developing new plays with the World Premiere of Theresa Rebeck's The Way of the World, a contemporary retelling of the sardonic masterpiece by William Congreve. The Way of the World is set in the demimonde of the hyper-rich Hamptons and follows the story of a good-hearted heiress who has become prey to the attentions of an amoral party boy. After the callow seduction her aunt, making the older woman a figure of public ridicule, their romance is dead in the water. But his insistence on winning back the moneyed heroine fuels the summer's gossip in the land of the onepercent. Can love emerge in a world where love means nothing? While embracing a language completely of the moment, the play faithfully revels in Congreve's gimlet-eyed questions about society. For more information on this program as well as the Festival in general, please go to dorsettheatrefestival.org or call 802-867-2223.

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#### **OBITUARIES**



Janine Michelle Mauche DuMond, 67, passed away unexpectedly on Friday, April 15, 2016 at the UVM Medical Center in Burlington, VT. She was born in Elmira, NY. Most recently of Underhill, VT, Janine previously lived for many years in Saranac Lake and Lake Placid, NY – she called both the Green and Adirondack Mountains home. Janine was a devoted and loving mother, grandmother, daughter, sister, and aunt. She was a caring and dedicated nurse, a talented organist and pianist, a piano teacher and a swimming instructor. Janine loved hiking, cross-

country skiing, and kayaking - she held a deep appreciation for nature and was passionate about spending as much time as possible outdoors. She was also a gifted seamstress, amateur astronomer, lover of classical music concerts, as well as an enthusiastic contra dancer and fiddle player. Janine is survived by her son Justin Crawford DuMond (and his wife Alison DuMond) of Erie, CO, and her daughter Lara DuMond Guercio (and Lara's husband Brian Guercio) of Billings, MT; her three grandsons Soren Joseph DuMond, Felix Ansel DuMond, and Brooks Colden Guercio; and her mother Anne Budell (VanVorce) Mauche. The oldest of eight, Janine is survived by her four brothers (Jacques Mauche, Timothy Mauche, Christopher Mauche, and Shawn Mauche) and three sisters (Renee Mauche Faatz, Muffett Mauche, George and Therese Mauche O'Rourke), as well as 12 nieces and nephews. She is predeceased by her beloved father John Joseph Mauche, originally from Rennes, France. Family and friends are invited to a celebration of Janine's life to be held on Tuesday, August 2, 2016 at 11:00 AM at the Adirondack Loj at Heart Lake in Lake Placid, NY (1002 Adirondack Loj Rd.; see ADK.org for further directions). For those interested, her children suggest in lieu of flowers that contributions in Janine's memory be made to the Adirondack Mountain Club, Green Mountain Club, or Appalachian Trail Conservancy.

Stephen Fuller, 62, of Jericho, VT and Winooski, VT, passed away after a long illness on Sunday, June 12, 2016. He was a carpenter by trade and an avid fisherman. He is survived by his daughter Courtney Fuller, his mother Caroline Fuller, sisters Kristi Gallant and Victoria Fuller, brother Ronald Fuller, and by many nieces, nephews and countless friends. A celebration of his life was held on Friday, June 17 at Jericho Community Center. Condolences may be shared with the family at <a href="https://www.laivgnefuneralhome.com">www.laivgnefuneralhome.com</a>. Donations in his name may be made to a charity of one's choice.

A graveside service for **Robert George Parent** of Jeffersonville, VT, who passed away on Saturday, December 12, 2015 took place in St. Thomas Cemetery, Range Rd., Underhill, VT on Friday, June 24, 2016, with military honors. Arrangements were in care of Gifford Funeral Home and Cremation Service, 22 Depot St., Richmond, VT 05477.

Stan Nelson, devoted husband, loving father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, went home to be with his Lord on Friday, June 24, 2016. He was surrounded by his family and caring staff at Green Mountain Nursing Home the last hours of his life. Stan was born in Chicago, IL where he lived until 1995, when he and his wife relocated to Westford, VT to be near their daughters and grandchildren, whom he loved more than anything on Earth. He grew up near Wrigley Field and was an avid Cubs fan, well known to everyone who knew him. He loved to tell his boyhood stories of climbing the fence of Wrigley, to watch games from the bleachers. He also had a passion for the drums, which he played in high school. He told with humble pride of being chosen to play in a marching band that paraded down Chicago's Michigan Avenue, a testimony to his talent. He served for two years in the United States Army during the Korean War era. He was spared going off to war, and his years in the Army with the two closest friends that he made during that time, again became fond memories that he loved to retell. He

is survived by his wife Marion R. Nelson, daughters Dianne Smith and Janice Emanuelsson with their respective husbands Thomas A. Smith and B. Morgan Emanuelsson, grandchildren Shannon Smith Wells (and husband Jim Wells), Tommy Smith (and wife Liz Smith), Lina Emanuelsson and Calle Emanuelsson, greatgranddaughters Minnette Wells and Ellyson Smith, and soon-to-beborn Claire Wells. He is also survived by his brother Paul A. Nelson, and sister Frances S. Wallgren, with their families. We would like to especially thank the loving staff at Sterling House Assisted Living in Richmond, VT and Green Mountain Nursing Home in Colchester, VT, who so lovingly cared for him the last eleven months of his life. Memorial services will be held at future dates to be announced in the churches he called home: United Church of Westford (VT) and Winnetka Covenant Church near Chicago. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to an Alzheimer's Research Fund of choice. As in the words of his favorite hymn, Precious Lord. Take My Hand: "Through the storm, through the night, Lead me on to the light. Take my hand, precious Lord, Lead me home." He has been led home to the Light. He will be sorely missed. We love you and thank you for the love you gave us.



Marilyn Louise 79, passed away on Lafountain, Tuesday July 5, 2016 at The Manor in Morrisville, VT. She was born August 6, 1936 in North Hyde Park, VT, daughter of the late Raymond and Evelyn (Foss) Sanborn. Louise was a loving, kind, and compassionate woman. She enjoyed daily walks in Jeffersonville and gardening, had a great sense of humor, and would do anything for anyone. She just loved to do things for others, loved to take care of them. She loved all animals and had been employed as a veterinary assistant

for many years. She loved God and her family. She will be greatly missed by all of her family and friends. Louise is survived by her son Walter "Rick" Lafountain, Jr. of Jeffersonville, her daughter Carmen Amick and husband John of Waterbury Center, VT, her sister Joyce Lawrence of Essex, VT, her three grandchildren Shawn Lafountain, Daniel Lafountain, Aaron Lafountain, five greatgrandchildren, several nieces, nephews, and cousins, and many close and dear friends. She was predeceased by her husband Walter Lafountain on January 20, 1999, and by her brothers Larry Sanborn and Philip Sanborn. Visiting hours were Friday, July 8, 2016 at A W Rich Funeral Home - Fairfax Chapel, Fairfax, VT. Funeral services were held on Saturday, July 9, 2016 at A W Rich Funeral Home - with Pastor Larry Wakefield officiating. Burial followed in the family lot in Jeffersonville Village Cemetery. Memorial contributions in Louise's memory may be made to Love Is, LLC, 7827 VT Rt. 14, Craftsbury, VT 05827. The family also invites you to share your memories and condolences by visiting www.awrfh.



Dennis Ray Longe, 61, of Jeffersonville, VT passed away as a result of a tragic accident on June 30, 2016. He was born in Burlington, VT on December 22, 1954, the son of Douglas and Blossom (Edwards) Longe. He graduated from Lamoille Union High School in Hyde Park, VT. in 1974. Dennis was employed by Engelberth Construction Inc. Previously, he worked for Northeastern Havoc for several years. In 1978 Dennis married his high school sweetheart, Judy Russin. He enjoyed traveling to Colorado to visit their daughter and her family. His three

grandsons were the joy of his life. Dennis was always there to lend a helping hand to anyone who needed anything. He is survived by his loving wife Judy, daughter Trista and her husband David Maughan, and by grandsons Douglas, Zachary, and Joshua of Henderson, CO. He is also survived by his mother Blossom, brother Robert and wife Patricia, sisters Betty Cyko and partner David, Sherrie Melton and husband Robert, and Barbara Longe. Also, he leaves his mother-inlaw Marie Salter, whom he respectfully admired, along with many nieces and nephews. Dennis was predeceased by his father Douglas and brother Jack. A memorial service was held Saturday, July 9, 2016 at Jeffersonville United Church, Jeffersonville. Arrangements were under the care of Stephen C. Gregory and Son Cremation Service, S. Burlington, VT.



Edna Smith Andrews died on Tuesday, July 12, 2016 at Franklin County Rehabilitation in St. Albans, VT. She was born January 15, 1921 in Richmond, VT, daughter of Sidney and Gladys (Riggs) Smith. She was predeceased by her four sisters: Sarah Durand, Esther Cray, Eleanor Mahoney, and Lorraine Ring, and brother Foster Smith. She was a lifelong resident in Richmond and attended local schools. On November 28, 1940 she married Sumner Fuller Andrews of Richmond. She was a member of the Richmond Congregational Church, Hale & Hearty

Senior Citizen, and co-owner and operator of Richmond Cash Market. She is survived by Rod and Linda Andrews of Holland, VT, Steve and Georgie Andrews of Georgia, VT; her grandchildren Laura Andrews, Eric and Deb Andrews, Steve and Megan Andrews, Justin Andrews and fiancé Brenda Hammond, Heather and Adam Deslaurier, and Peter and Jess Andrews; fifteen great-grandchildren, and one very special dog, Daisy. At Edna's request there will be no visiting hours or funeral services. A private graveside service will be held in the family lot in Riverview Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be sent to Humane Society of Chittenden County, 142 Kindness Court, S. Burlington, VT 05403. The family would like to thank the staff at Franklin County Rehabilitation for the outstanding care provided.

#### LEGISLATIVE REPORT

#### VT's progress on opioids

By Michael Sirotkin VT State Senator, Chittenden County



Last November, on a cold weekday night, I was truly moved by the more than 100 Richmond residents who attended a community meeting on the growing heroin problem in their town. They were both troubled and angry at the increase in related crime in Richmond and Chittenden County, while at the same time were compassionate about the need for greater treatment and prevention.

It prompted me, along with

combat opiate addiction, which I can thankfully report was signed into law last month. I am also now been nationally recognized as significant progress in confronting

Senator Tim Ashe, to introduce

an omnibus bill (S.243) to

proud to report that Vermont has now been nationally recognized as one of only four states to make significant progress in confronting the challenge of opioid addiction and overdosing.

In a startling report released June 23, the National Safety Council shows 28 states are failing their residents by lacking a comprehensive, proven plan to eliminate prescription opioid overdoses. The report *Prescription Nation 2016*, www.nsc.org/RxDrugOverdoseDocuments/Prescription-Nation-2016-American-Drug-Epidemic.pdf, sets forth a definitive ranking of how states are tackling the worst drug crisis in recorded U.S. history, and assigned a "Making Progress" rating to only four states – Vermont, Kentucky, New Mexico, and Tennessee.

After exhaustive evaluations of the data and research into prevention strategies, the Council identified six key actions that could have immediate and sustained impact. and the states were ranked based on their efforts in these areas:

- 1. Requiring continued medical education for prescribers
  - 2. Adopting opioid prescribing guidelines
  - 3. Passing legislation that eliminates "pill mills"
- 4. Expanding use of prescription drug monitoring programs
- 5. Allowing overdose reversal drug naloxone to be prescribed with a standing order
- 6. Closing the treatment gap by increasing access to buprenorphine

Our new law touches upon virtually all of these, enhancing many efforts begun in the last few years. It also does much more, such as putting meaningful resources into community grant programs to support local opioid prevention strategies, which can certainly assist local efforts in Richmond and other Chittenden County towns, and also funds alternative pain treatments as well as a no-charge statewide take-back program for the disposal of unused drugs.

Finally, I am pleased to report that many of the new initiatives in our bill will be paid for by the pharmaceutical industry – the very same folks who profited greatly from the extensive and excessive prescribing of opiates such as oxycontin – as we were able to more than double our current state fees on drug manufacturers. Thanks to Senator Ginny Lyons for her help in seeing these new funds be appropriately directed towards combating opiate abuse.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at *sirotkin.senate@gmail. com* with questions or concerns on S. 243, or any other legislative matter. Thank you.

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#### In this year alone SENATOR SIROTKIN championed:

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#### **ONGOING EVENTS**

#### **ADULT ACTIVITIES**

Clutter Barn – located next to the United Church of Underhill, Park St., Underhill Flats, the Clutter Barn holds donation days are Saturdays, July 23, August 6, 13, and 20, September 3 and 10, from 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM. Tag sales are July 30, and August 27, 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM. And of course the Clutter Barn is open during the Old Fashioned Harvest Market, held this year Saturday-Sunday,

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

The Vermont Genealogy Library in Fort Ethan Allen, Colchester has the resources to help you find those elusive ancestors. We are open every Tuesday from 3:00 – 9:30 PM. Late summer Saturday opening August 8. We continue to be open every Tuesday. Please see our website www.vtgenlib.org for more information including directions and how to contact us if you are visiting the area.

Toastmasters of Greater Burlington, 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 7:00 PM, Holiday Inn, 1068 Williston Rd., S. Burlington. Do you want to develop your speaking and leadership skills? Ace an interview? Ignite your career? If so, Toastmasters of Greater Burlington is the place for you. You'll find a supportive learn by doing environment that helps you achieve your goals. For information, 802-782-4832.

**Yoga,** Tuesdays, 6:30 – 8:00 PM, Collins-Perley Sports Complex, St. Albans. For information including cost, 802-527-1202.

Eagles Auxiliary #3210 holds bingo at the club house, VT Rt. 109, Waterville, Friday nights. Doors open at 5:30 PM. Bingo starts at 6:45 PM. For information, contact Sally, 644-5377.

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

Mt. Mansfield Scale Modelers, 3rd Thursday of the month, 6:30 8:30 PM. Modelers encompassing all categories of interest and skill levels are welcome. Brownell Library, Kolvoord Community Room, Lincoln St., Essex Junction.

Smugglers' Notch 55+ Club meets Wednesdays at Smugglers' Notch for a social time, then breaks into groups to ski. Brief organizational meeting, coffee and rolls, and then head out to the trails in self-selected ability groups. Gather informally in summer for a wide variety of outdoor activities. Membership benefits include various discounts at Smuggs. Information: Deborah, 644-5455 or just attend a meeting at the Morse base lodge, 9:00 AM every Wednesday

The Underhill Historical Society meets at the Underhill Town Hall on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month, 6:30 PM. Anyone welcome. **HEALH EVENTS & GROUPS** 

La Leche League of Essex Junction – monthly breastfeeding support meetings, first Thursdays, 6:30 - 8:00 PM, Essex Free Library, 1 Browns River Rd., Essex Jct. Join us whether you are pregnant, nursing your first tiny baby, or weaning your last toddler. Free! We meet downstairs in the children's area.

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

Alcoholics Anonymous meeting, "Women's Big Book" group meets Thursdays, 6:00 - 7:00 PM, United Methodist Church, VT Rt. 15, Essex Jct., across from Grange Hall.

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

Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting, "The Firing Line" group meets Wednesdays, 7:15 – 8:15 PM, Maple Leaf Farm, Stevensville Rd., Underhill. Open Step meeting.

Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting "The Firing Line" group meets Saturdays, 8:00 – 9:00 PM, Maple Leaf Farm, Stevensville Rd., Underhill. Open Speaker Discussion meeting.

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

Alzheimer's support group, monthly on the 3rd 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.

Brain Injury Support Group - a place for survivors and family members, caregivers, friends, and the community to receive valuable resources and information about brain injury. The support group is a place to share experiences in a safe, secure, and confidential environment. Monthly meetings: 4th Fridays at the YMCA in Winooski 11:00 AM – noon;  $1^{st}$  Wednesdays at Fanny Allen in Colchester, 5:30-7:30 PM; and  $2^{nd}$  Tuesdays at the Saint Albans Diner in Saint Albans. Call the BIAVT help line, 877-856-

Mom's Night Out, first Thursday of each month, 6:00 – 8:00 PM, LaQuinta Inn (Franklin Meeting Room), 813 Fairfax Rd., St. Albans. Are you the mother of a child with special needs? Do you have to advocate for your child and family? Do you wish you had someone to have conversations with, who understands because they are the mother of a child with special needs too? Contact: Betty Morse, Family Support Consultant, 1-800-800-4005-ext. 201 or betty.morse@ytfn.org.

Approach Autism With Advocacy, Recovery & Education (AAWARE) in the Lamoille Valley, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.)

Eating Disorders Parental Support Group, monthly on the 3rd 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,

Foot Clinics - Having trouble trimming your own toenails? Franklin County Home Health provides foot clinics around the county that can help. Call 802-527-7531 for an appointment and cost information. Cost: \$20.

Healthy Weight Support Group, Mondays, 12:00 – 12:30 PM, Northwestern Medical Center, Conference Room 3, St. Albans. For those working on weight management. Behavioral and nutritional strategies to increase physical activity and decrease calorie intake; techniques to help manage eating behaviors. Come 15 minutes early for weight check. Kay Tran, Registered Dietitian, MS, CDE, & Leslie Gardzina, Registered Dietitian. No registration required,

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

Champlain Valley Prostate Cancer Support Group, 6:00 -8:00 PM, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays, Hope Lodge, 237 East Ave., Burlington. Newly diagnosed? Prostate cancer reoccurrence? General discussion and sharing among survivors and those beginning or rejoining the battle. August 9: discussion of treatment alternatives. Information: Mary L. Guyette RN, MS, ACNS-BC, 802-274-4990.

TOPS Chapter 145 meets Thursdays 6:15 PM, Eagles Club, VT Rt. 109, Jeffersonville. Weigh-in 5:15 – 6:00 PM.

Healing Circle Breast Cancer Network, support group for women with breast cancer, monthly meetings 1st Tuesdays 5:30 PM, Northwestern Medical Center, Conference Room #1. RSVP

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

Franklin County Prostate Cancer Support Group, monthly, 1st Tuesdays, 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. Information: Fern Mercure, 524-0719.

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

#### **KIDS**

Playgroups free of charge and open to all children birth-5 years, and their caregivers. Stories, songs, crafts, free play, local events and information, and more – an opportunity to play with the children in your life, meet other playmates, and connect with other parents and caregivers. Playgroups follow the school calendar. Come to any or all groups that fit your schedule. For information on any playgroup, contact Heather Lebeis, 899-4415 or underhillplaygroup@yahoo. com. Mondays: Jericho Community Center, 9:30 – 11:00 AM; Wednesdays: Richmond Free Library, 8:45 – 10:15 AM; Fridays: Underhill Central School, 9:30 - 11:00 AM; Fridays: Huntington Public Library, 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM.

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

Early Literacy Storytime, Thursdays, 11:00 AM, Westford Public Library. Stories and activities using early literacy concepts for ages birth-preschool. Drop-in; no registration needed. New families welcome. Information: Victoria, 878-5639 or westford\_ pl@vals.state.vt.us, or visit www.westford.lib.vt.us and click on Events @ Your Library.

#### SENIORS/COMMUNITY MEALS

Jeri-Hill XYZ Seniors meet at the Catalyst Church on the Raceway, Underhill on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month. All seniors welcome. Dinner served at 11:30 AM. Information, Bette Workman, 899-4446, Loreen Teer, 899-1363, or Doug Keith,

**Community Meal** 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of the month, 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM, United Church, Johnson. Come for a hot meal and get to know your neighbors. Meal followed by community gathering. Information: Ellen Hill, 635-1439, ellen.hill@ isc.edu.

Westford Senior Lunches -Join Westford Seniors for lunch at the Red Brick Meeting House on the Common, monthly on the Monday. Lunch, 12:00 noon; short meeting or presentation after. Call 878-7405 or 879-7382 for information or for a ride.

Bolton Up and Downtown Club meets the last Thursday of the month at the Bolton Fire Station. Meal at 5:00 PM. Open to adults 60+. Contact Doris Wheelock at

Huntington senior meal site -The Huntington senior meals are served monthly on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, 12:00 noon at the Community Baptist Church, Huntington Center.

St. Jude's Church senior meals, Hinesburg, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month. Bingo games afterward. Everyone welcome, Dinners including caregivers. \$4 per person. Information: Ted

Starksboro First Baptist Church senior "Good Food for **All" free dinners**, 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month, United Church of Underhill, VT Rt. 15, Underhill Flats, 5:00 – 7:00 PM; and on the last Thursday of each month at Calvary Episcopal Church, VT Rt. 15, Underhill Flats, 5:00 – 7:00 PM. Everyone in the communities

#### SPORTS ACTIVITIES

Ongoing Pilate classes, Dakini Studio, Underhill, Mondays and Thursdays, 6:00 PM. Register at 899-4191. For more information and other scheduled classes, www.dakinistudio.wordpress.com.

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

Zumba, Tuesdays, 5:30 PM, Red Brick Church, Westford, with Heather Sanders, \$5, first class free; Saturdays, 9:15 AM, BFA, Fairfax, \$5; Sundays, 9:00 AM, Meeting House, Fletcher, \$5; with Kathy Bourdeau Mondays, 7:30 PM, BFA, Fairfax, \$5; Wednesdays, 7:00 PM, BFA, Fairfax, \$5.

**Zumba Fitness,** Monday evenings only, 5:30 – 6:30 PM, River Arts Center, Morrisville. Certified instructor Karen Machia. No registration required, drop in. 888-1261 or www.riverartsvt.org for

#### TOWN GOVERNMENT & ORGANIZATIONS

Cambridge Area Rotary meets on 1st four Thursdays of the month, upstairs at 158 Main restaurant, Jeffersonville, 7:00 -8:00 AM. Information: Susan Lassiter, 644-6600 or Slassiter@

Westford Fire Department, Mondays, 7:00 PM, at the fire station next to the Town Garage. Information: John Quinn, jquinninvt@aol.com.

Jericho Village Water District Board of Commissioners meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month, 7:00 PM, Old Red Mill, Jericho. **Jericho-Underhill Water District** meets 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the

month, United Church of Underhill, Underhill Flats, 7:00 PM. Information: 899-4076 or 899-3810.

Jericho Historical Society, monthly on 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursdays, 7:30 PM, Old Red Mill Jericho

Jericho Underhill Park District Board meeting, 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 7:00 PM, Deborah Rawson Memorial Library project room, Jericho. Residents of Jericho and Underhill always welcome. Information: 899-2693.

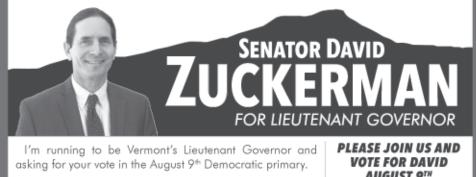
Jericho Energy Task Force meets monthly, 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursdays, 7:00 - 8:30 PM, Jericho Town Hall, VT Rt. 15, Jericho.

#### THRIFT SHOPS & FOOD SHELVES

Essex/Jericho/Underhill Food Shelf, open 3rd Saturday each month, 9:00 - 11:30 AM, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, VT Rt. 15, Jericho. Meat, dairy, produce, pantry items, pet food, and some non-food items. All are welcome.

Westford Food Shelf, open monthly, 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays, 8:00 – 10:30 AM, United Church of Westford. All are welcome. Fresh produce, meat, and non-food items available.

The Heavenly Cents Thrift Shop, just east of Five Corners, Essex Jct., VT Rt. 15, 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM Tuesdays and Wednesdays; 4:00 – 8:00 PM Thursdays.



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#### **CVAA Community Senior Meals**

Call CVAA, 865-0360, if you have questions or to make reservations for the following month, on or after the 22<sup>nd</sup> of a month at 10:00 AM. If the 22<sup>nd</sup> is a weekend day, reservations may be made the following Monday. Reservations are on a first-come, first-serve, month-by-month basis only. Milk is served with all meals. Donations are accepted for all of these meals.

Tuesday, July 19 - Ray's Seafood, Essex Jct., 10:30 AM check-in, 11:00 AM lunch.

Wednesday, July 20 - American Legion, Colchester, 10:30 AM check-in, 11:00 AM lunch. Meatloaf.

Tuesday, August 2 – Ray's Seafood, Essex Jct., 10:30 AM check-in, 11:00 AM lunch.

Friday, July 22 – United Church, Hinesburg, 12:00 PM. Parmesan baked fish, Tartar sauce, mashed sweet potatoes, peas, oatmeal raisin cookies.

Monday, July 25 - Covenant Church, Essex Ctr., 12:00 PM. Chicken Parmesan, buttered noodles, garden vegetable medley, whole wheat roll, peach shortcake.

Tuesday, July 26 - Ray's Seafood, Essex Jct., 10:30 AM check-in, 11:00 AM lunch.

Wednesday, July 27 – JP's Diner and Deli, River Rd., Essex Junction, 10:30 AM check-in, 11:00 AM lunch. Meatloaf.

Thursday, July 28 – Pizza Putt, S. Burlington, 10:30 AM check-in, 11:00 AM lunch. Spaghetti and meatballs.

Friday, July 28 – United Church, Hinesburg, 12:00 PM. Beef stroganoff with egg noodles, honey glazed carrots, dinner roll, watermelon.

Monday, August 1 - Covenant Church, Essex Ctr., 12:00 PM. Pork riblets, roasted red potatoes, broccoli and cauliflower, wheat bread, butterscotch pudding.

Tuesday, August 2 – Ray's Seafood, Essex Jct., 10:30 AM check-in, 11:00 AM lunch.

Wednesday, August 3 – Athens Diner, Colchester, 10:30 AM check-in, 11:00 AM lunch. Cold plate.

Thursday, August 4 - Dutch Mill, Shelburne Rd., Shelburne, 10:30 AM check-in, 11:00 AM lunch. Baked

Friday, August 5 – Spirit of Ethan Allen Cruise, check-in 11:30 AM; cruise 12:00 – 1:30 PM. Tickets \$21, include lunch and narrated tour. Tickets required; contact Pat Long,

Monday, August 8 – Covenant Church, Essex Ctr., 12:00 PM. Pork tenderloin au jus with apple and sweet potato garnish, creamed spinach, marble rye bread, peaches.

Tuesday, August 9 – Pizza Hut, Susie Wilson Rd., Essex Jct., 10:30 AM check-in, 11:00 AM lunch. All you can eat pizza buffet.

Wednesday, August 10 - IHOP, University Mall, S. Burlington, 8:30 AM check-in, 9:00 AM breakfast. Two eggs, hash browns, choice of breakfast meat, pancakes,

Thursday, August 11 – Holiday Inn, S. Burlington, 11:00 AM check-in, 11:30 lunch. Turkey buffet.

Friday, August 12 – Hinesburg mealsite, 11:30 AM.

Monday, August 15 – Covenant Church, Essex Ctr., 12:00 PM. Meat lasagna, tomato sauce, tossed garden salad, garlic bread, watermelon.

Tuesday, August 16 - Ray's Seafood, Essex Jct., 10:30 AM check-in, 11:00 AM lunch.

Wednesday, August 17 – American Legion, Colchester, check-in 10:30 AM, lunch 11:00 AM. Meatloaf.

Thursday, August 18 – IHOP Lunch, University Mall, S. Burlington, 10:30 AM check-in, 11:00 AM lunch. Pot roast. Friday, August 19 – United Church, Hinesburg, 12:00 PM. BBQ style chicken pieces, roasted red potato, sliced carrots, wheat bread, cinnamon applesauce.

Monday, August 22 – Covenant Church, Essex Ctr., 12:00 PM. Homestyle chicken and biscuits, mashed potatoes, wax beans, mandarin oranges.

Monday, August 22 - Papa Nick's, 3:00 PM. BBQ chicken.

Tuesday, August 23 - IHOP Lunch, University Mall, S. Burlington, 10:30 AM check-in, 11:00 AM lunch. Pot roast. Wednesday, August 24 – Athens Diner, Colchester. 10:30

Thursday, August 25 – Pizza Putt, S. Burlington, 10:30

Friday, August 26 – United Church, Hinesburg, 12:00 PM. Parmesan baked fish, tartar sauce, mashed sweet potatoes, tossed green salad, pumpernickel bread, pineapple

Monday, August 29 – Covenant Church, Essex Ctr., 12:00 PM. Broccoli cheddar soup, egg salad sandwiches, tossed green salad with dressing, carrot cake.

For the following special restaurants requiring ticket, the suggested donation is \$5 per ticket; this non-returnable and non-exchangeable universal ticket is available the first of each month and must be used in the month it is purchased. The tickets are available from Pat Long at the different meal sites, or at the CVAA office (the office has a limited amount of money available to make change) located at 76 Pearl St., Suite 201, Essex Jct. – in the plaza with the post office and Big Lots and across the parking lot from Kinney's (across from the fairgrounds). There is an elevator on the side across from Kinney's. Tickets must be presented before ordering. Restaurants have the right to offer limited menus.

Athens Diner, Colchester: Monday-Saturday, 6:00 AM – 4:00 PM; Sunday, 6:00 AM – 3:00 PM.

Dam Diner, Milton: Breakfast served all day. Sunday-Thursday, 7:00 AM – 8:00 PM; Friday-Saturday, 7:00 AM – 9:00 PM.

Dutch Mill, Shelburne Rd., Shelburne: every day, 7:30

Holiday Inn, Williston Rd., S. Burlington: Early Bird Dinner, Monday-Sunday, 5:00 – 7:00 PM with choice of one of four entrees (chicken, haddock, quesadilla, or soup

IHOP, University Mall, S. Burlington: Monday-Friday, 11:00 AM – 9:00 PM – breakfast served all day; order off special senior menu.

Pearl St. Diner, Pearl St., Burlington: Tuesday-Friday, 6:30 AM - 3:00 PM, breakfast served all day; Saturday-Sunday, 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM.

Pizza Putt, Airport Parkway, S. Burlington: lunch or dinner, seven days a week - choice of spaghetti with marinara or baked ziti with tomato sauce and cheese. Each with salad, garlic bread or roll, soda, coffee, or milk.

St. Michael's College, Colchester: Monday-Friday, breakfast 7:15 - 8:30 AM; lunch 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM; dinner 5:00 - 6:30 PM. Saturday-Sunday, brunch 11:30 AM -1:00 PM, dinner 5:00 - 6:30 PM.

Trader Duke's, S. Burlington: Mondays, 4:00 – 6:30 PM choice of grilled chicken or meatloaf meal.

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Tuesday, August 30 – Jackie Labounty Memorial Day at the Fair, Beer Tent, next to Grandstand. Tickets required; contact Pat Long, 865-0360.

Wednesday, August 31 - JP's Diner and Deli, River Rd., Essex Junction, 10:30 AM check-in, 11:00 AM lunch. Chicken 'n biscuits.

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