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Capt. Phillips rescued unharmed by Navy snipers; three pirates killed



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Captain Richard Phillips, pictured with the Captain of the USS Bainbridge, was freed after a 5-day ordeal. He was flown by helicopter to the USS Boxer where he has undergone a medical examination.

National media attention annoying to Phillips family and neighbors

By Sara Riley

Special to the Mountain Gazette

Ah, the national media

Early the first morning, Thursday, April 9, it was only one truck and two or three cars with out-of-state plates. My first thought on seeing them (blocking the road to neighbors' homes, btw) was concern that it was an ambulance crew. Then I recognized the satellite rig and realized why they must be there; turned back and rolled down the window and spoke briefly to two young women in a car. They asked, do you know the Phillips? Not personally, I said, but we're a very small town here, and drove on with eyes stinging.

That afternoon it had ballooned to half a dozen sat trucks and 12-15 cars and I had to slow way down to run the gauntlet safely. A young woman was working around the more-than-sun-bright lights focused on the spot a reporter would stand with the Phillips' home as backdrop. I rolled down the window and said, you *do* turn those things off at night, right? Oh yes, she said.

Friday morning I signed the yellow ribbon in the general store, picked up coffee, and drove by the even bigger-than-before gaggle. Much hubbub for just after 7:00 AM, and by now I figure they had all the local angle they needed. Friday I read in the *Free Press* that the Phillips family had asked for privacy and had told the press to be off the property by Friday morning. The State Police finally had to be called to provide "encouragement." But I'm told they didn't leave, the national media just moved their sat trucks and cars into the St. Thomas Church lot – about to be filled with Good Friday worshippers at the 4:30 service – and finally to Moore Park across from Town Hall.

Maybe they think everyone is eager to be on national TV, to have a moment of notoriety no matter for what. Hard to argue, given the Jerry Springer show and the popularity of sundry "reality" television shows. But I think they misread our town.

I hear about DRML librarians declining to talk about the Phillips with fishing reporters. Residents expressing displeasure with pushy, nosy media, sometimes to their faces. The Center Postmaster – truly, the absolute *last* person they should *ever* have asked to vio-

late *anybody's* privacy – also refused to speak to these furriners.

Have they taken the hint? A certain amount of interest is understandable; we're willing to satisfy a certain amount of media curiosity – it is, after all, an important and wrenching international story – but after that, they're just making pests of themselves, invading the family's privacy, impeding the life of the town, and generally wearing out their welcome.

Wonder if they wonder why no one likes them?



A gaggle of reporters and photographers stand across from the Richard and Andrea Phillips home on River Road in Underhill Sunday evening after Phillips was rescued.

PHOTO BY TED TEDFORD



Satellite trucks and reporters vehicles fill Mores Park in Underhill Center.

PHOTO BY BRIAN RILEY

By Ted Tedford

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Sea Captain Richard Phillips will be coming home safe.

The 55-year-old captain of a container ship held hostage for five days by pirates off the Somalia coast was freed Sunday April 12 after U. S. Navy snipers killed three pirates in a lifeboat where they had been holding Phillips after seizing his ship the previous Wednesday.

Phillips, 55, was unharmed and by this newspaper's deadline was resting after a medical exam aboard the USS Boxer that had stood by the hostage scene.

"I'm just the byline. The real heroes are the Navy, the Seals, those who have brought me home," Phillips said in a phone call to Maersk Line Limited President and CEO John Reinhart Sunday night soon after his dramatic rescue. Phillips and his wife talked by phone soon after his release, according to a Navy spokesman.

U.S. Navy Admiral William Gortney said the pirates threatened to kill Phillips during his captivity aboard the lifeboat and just before he was rescued the pirates were pointing their guns at Phillips. Gortney said the captain of the USS Bainbridge, the first American warship on the scene, believed Phillips was in "imminent danger" and ordered the snipers to shoot.

U. S. officials said a fourth pirate was injured during the shooting and was captured. He said Phillips had been tied up most of the time during his five-day ordeal aboard the enclosed lifeboat in temperatures ranging up to 120 degrees.

Allison McColl, a spokeswoman for Maersk Line Limited, owner of the ship Alabama, captained by Phillips, told a large contingent of reporters and camera crews gathered across River Road from the Phillips' home Sunday evening that Mrs. Phillips was not up to talking with reporters. She said Mrs. Phillips wanted to thank people across the country and local friends and other residents for their support during the ordeal.

President Obama called Andrea Phillips Sunday afternoon after he was informed Phillips had been rescued unharmed. "I share the country's admiration for the bravery of Captain Phillips and his selfless concern for his crew," Obama said. "His courage is a model for all Americans."

Mrs. Phillips was expected to fly this week to Norfolk, Va., for a reunion with her husband.

Phillip's ship, the cargo container Maersk Alabama, was hijacked by five pirates 300 miles off the coast of Somalia April 8. Phillips reportedly ordered his crew to lock themselves in a room and then gave himself up as hostage. The crew managed to retake the ship but the pirates took Phillips and boarded an enclosed motorized lifeboat.

The destroyer USS Bainbridge was the first on the scene, followed over the weekend by the USS Hallyburton which has helicopters and the USS Boxer, a small aircraft carrier and flagship of a multi-nation anti-pirate task force, equipped with a mobile hospital, missile launchers, three dozen helicopters and attack fighters.

Somali pirates dispatched several captured vessels with hostages aboard to raise the stakes in the stand off, but the American warships kept them away. The lifeboat had drifted to within 20 miles of the Somalia coast by Sunday, nearly 280 miles from where the Maersk Alabama was hijacked.

Phillips had leaped off the lifeboat shortly after midnight Friday in an attempt to reach the USS Bainbridge standing by several hundred yards away, but the pirates fired shots either toward him or in the air and one pirate leaped into the water after the captain and brought him back to the small vessel. Details on how the Navy Seals shot the pirates have not been released.

The Alabama, with its crew and 18 armed Navy guards aboard left the scene in the Indian Ocean and sailed for its original port, Mombasa, Kenya, where it offloaded food and other humanitarian supplies. When they heard the news that their captain was safe, they raised an American flag on the ship and whistled and pumped their fists in the air.

A few days after reporters and photographers staked out her house, Mrs. Phillips asked state police to move the media away. Three large news satellite trucks were parked down privately owned Snyder Lane, across River Road and reporters' cars parked next to the family barn across the road. Photographers had set up tripods and cameras close to the white picket fence on the



Allison McColl, spokeswoman the Phillips family of Underhill, speaks to reporters after Capt. Richard Phillips was rescued in a dramatic shooting in the Indian Ocean.

PHOTO BY TED TEDFORD

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Underhill voters pass budget, adding funds for tennis courts

By Ted Tedford
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Voters approved town spending of \$1,568,994 after adding \$5,000 to the recreation budget for repairs to the town tennis courts at a special town meeting April 4.

About 100 residents turned down a proposal by Seth Friedman to add \$12,000 to give two town road employees a raise. Friedman's amendment died for a lack of a second.

The special meeting was required after the official town warning for the March 3 town meeting excluded the budget item.

Tom Lee, chairman of the Recreation Committee, asked voters for the \$5,000, saying the committee has raised about \$4200 in private donations toward an estimated \$10,000 needed to make repairs to the badly deteriorated tennis courts adjacent to the town pond. The committee had asked the Selectboard to appropriate the money, but Selectboard Chairman Steve Walkerman told the meeting the board felt the committee should raise all the funds.

In response to a question, former Selectman Stan Hamlet said that when the federal Bureau of Recreation granted the town funds to build a tennis court, it also required the town to maintain it.

Once it was built, Hamlet quipped, "the ball was in our court."

Once money matters were taken care of, voters engaged in a wide-ranging discussion of concerns. Most of it hinged on a proposed gravel pit off Pleasant Valley Road that was defeated by voters by more than a two-to-one margin last November.

Peter Seybolt, who lives near the proposed site, said buying and operating the pit would not save taxpayers much money over what they now spend for hauling sand and gravel from out of town. He said noise from a machine used to crush large stones would be heard all over Underhill.

The Selectboard had proposed spending \$1.5 million for 28 acres from Dr. and Mrs. Richard Albertini and Carolyn Gregson just off the New Road which intersects with Pleasant Valley Road.

Seybolt suggested that over the 20-year life of the pit the town would save only \$12.70 a year per person, or about \$35 a year per household. He said the Selectboard's estimates of what it would cost to do work at the pit don't include the cost of purchasing a bulldozer and building an 850-foot berm to reduce noise at the pit.

He said he doesn't believe town zoning regulations or Act 250, the state's sprawl control law, would approve the proposed pit.

Albertini said talk about the proposed site began when the road crew foreman approached him a few years ago. There was a gravel pit there before, Albertini said. He added that only a small portion of the acreage would be used at a time and that trails used by the public will be retained. He added that while neighbors have concerns about establishing a pit there, he and his wife and Gregson's homes also are located there.

In response to a question by Friedman, Walkerman said the Selectboard will be looking at other options suggested at the hearings held on the pit issue.

Peter Brookes, a former selectman, urged the Board to keep voters involved in any future activity on the pit. "There is a perceived lack of openness on the issue," he said.

Gael Boardman suggested the town clean up the old town-owned



Steve Guay's baby cashmere fainting goat kids are about the cutest little things you can imagine. PHOTO BY SARA RILEY

gravel pit on Bear Town Road and sell it, but Walkerman said the old pit would need "lots of fill" to make it saleable.

The town hall building and town garage also elicited some comments. Walkerman said the town may sue DEW construction over problems that have plagued the town garage roof since it was built. He also said the town hall roof has not deteriorated as much as originally thought and needs only some caulking and painting. He also said the Board is working on plans to make the town hall more energy efficient.

Betty Moore urged residents to support purchasing draperies for the meeting room on the town hall second floor.

T-Mobile may be coming to Cambridge

By Katherine Quimby Johnson
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The March 30 hearings by the Cambridge Selectboard about the possible location of cell towers on the Nuzzo property and on the Madonna Base Lodge were attended by adjoining property owners. Attorney Mark G. Hall of Paul Frank and Collins represented OmniPoint, a division of T-Mobile. Landowner Robbie Nuzzo spoke about the proposal for his property on Route 108 South, while Mark Delaney, Vice President for Corporate Development at Smugglers' Notch Resort, spoke on the resort's behalf. This hearing is part of what Hall described as T-Mobile's initial entry into Vermont.

The proposal for Nuzzo's property would involve a 10-foot square area, fenced area around 50- to 70-foot pole. There seemed to be some confusion about the actual height of the pole. Larry Wykoff asked why the pole wasn't going to be placed in the barn cupola, where Unicef has already installed an antenna. Hall said he did not see why it wouldn't be possible to send someone out to look into the feasibility of co-location. "We're capitalizing on co-locations," he said. During the discussion that followed Hall said that the company would like to start construction around Memorial Day.

The antenna on Madonna Base Lodge would be placed on a corner of the lodge. Delaney said that two other providers—Sprint and Unicef—now use that site, and that Verizon is showing interest.

In response to a question from Yvonne Kehoe, Hall explained that the signals from these antennae would have no effect on homeowner's ability to receive radio, satellite TV, or cell phone signals. Hall also explained that T-Mobile is not a "cell phone," but a data system of the sort used by BlackBerries or the I-Phone. "The signals can't go around corners," he said. He anticipated that the range of these two antennae would be from the resort to Jeffersonville.

The Selectboard will make a determination at their next regular meeting. The date for that meeting has not been set. Board meetings are now posted at the Town Office in Jeffersonville and at the Post Offices in both Jeffersonville and Cambridge Village.

Ingvoldstad receives NASJA award

By Katherine Quimby Johnson
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Peter Ingvoldstad, the recently retired director of the ski school at Smugglers' Notch Resort, received the 2009 Lifetime Achievement Award from the North American Snow Sports Journalists Association (NASJA) at a ceremony on March 21, 2009, in Lutsen, Minnesota. Ingvoldstad was recognized for his snowsports-related innovation, competition, design and other endeavors.



Peter Ingvoldstad
PHOTO COURTESY OF SMUGGLERS' NOTCH RESORT

"I'm delighted that Peter got this award," said Jules Older, director of Global Interactive Content, who nominated Ingvoldstad. "I see him as one of ski instruction's pioneers." Older cited the shaping of snow for instruction before terrain parks became standard features and teaching methods combining playfulness and instruction as two of Ingvoldstad's contributions to the field. "I'm not a good skier, but Peter's lessons have always been among the best of my life," said Older.

In announcing the award, the Smugglers' Notch Resort Media Relations Office reported that Ingvoldstad's substantial accomplishments helped establish Smugglers' Notch Resort as a leader in programming for children and families and helped the resort achieve its status as America's Family Resort.

While Ingvoldstad was pleased to receive the award, he said, "It's hundreds of other people that I'm getting recognition for—all the other people who made the programs possible. It took over 3,000 people to make the ski school run over the 30 years I was involved with it." In addition to ski school staff, Ingvoldstad named Jules and Effin Older and Dodi Gomez, who contributed to the creation of a coloring book about skiing. Older went on to write a feature about a ski lesson with Ingvoldstad, a piece that Ingvoldstad says increased public awareness of the high quality of instruction available at the resort.

Praise is not the only thing that increased public awareness of the ski instruction program Ingvoldstad developed for what became Snow Sport University. He reports that years ago a hefty debate arose between proponents of the Ski Wee program, which holds that children are ready to learn to ski at age four, and the Smugglers' Notch program, which starts instructing children at age three. "The debate was great because it gave writers a story to cover," Ingvoldstad recalled. "We were in national magazines. There were articles in magazines like *Redbook* and *Family Circle*. It's part of how Smugglers' became a family resort."

According to his bio, Ingvoldstad has been skiing since he was very young. Born and raised in Idaho, he moved to Long Island when he was 15, and had his first gig as a ski instructor at the age of 17, when he was hired by a ski tour company. His instructing career at Smugglers' Notch Resort began in 1976.

After a quarter of a century of responsibility for instruction, Ingvoldstad found it refreshing to simply enjoy the recreational opportunities offered by the Midwest's largest ski area. "The skiing made me feel like I was 20 years old again," he reported. One day he strapped on the cross-country skis and went canyoneering, following a river down the canyon it had carved. Another day he ice climbed for the first time. "Even though I live in one of the best areas for ice climbing, that was my first experience. It was great!"

In addition to the outdoor activities, Ingvoldstad also explored the North House Folk School, which teaches traditional northern crafts. He recognized similarities between that endeavor and his own current project, the development of the non-profit Smugglers' Gateway to Nature, a year-round environmental education effort combining work and play. Between the award and the recreational opportunities he enjoyed, Ingvoldstad says, "I was feeling like I was coming out of hibernation into a new life."

Although the NASJA award recognizes lifetime achievement, after talking to Ingvoldstad, it's impossible not to believe that another lifetime's worth of achievements lie ahead, achievements that will undoubtedly take place in the great outdoors.

Bomb scare called a hoax at Browns River Middle School

Students and faculty were ordered out of the Browns River Middle School here Wednesday, April 8 after a note was found in one of the bathrooms indicating a bomb was planted somewhere in the building.

A search by State Police and school employees searched the building, but nothing was found. An investigation was launched into the incident, according to State Police Sgt. Jim Deeghan of the Williston Barracks.

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Gateway to Wolfrun Natural Area

By Phyl Newbeck

Special to the Mountain Gazette

(Editor's Note: Phyl Newbeck is a long-time Board member of the Jericho Underhill Land Trust)

In 2003 the Jericho Underhill Land Trust (JULT) purchased a 279 acre tract of land known as Wolfrun Natural Area. In contrast to previous land trust purchases such as Old Mill Park and Mills Riverside Park, Wolfrun Natural Area was not well-known and was not a recreation area. Rather, Wolfrun was purchased because of its wildlife habitat. Wolfrun is home to black bear, bobcat, moose and many other wildlife species. Although the area is dominated by dense forest, cliffs and wetlands, there are hiking trails throughout the property. JULT has since enrolled the property in current use and established a management plan to ensure that the rich flora and fauna of Wolfrun will be preserved. All the pieces have fallen into place with only one hitch: the land has been relatively inaccessible to visitors. That may soon be changing.

The Land Trust has just begun a fundraising drive to purchase a tract of land in Bolton adjacent to Wolfrun which is being called the Wolfrun Natural Area Gateway. JULT Chair, Livy Strong, said the Board has been trying to find better access to Wolfrun ever since the initial purchase in 2003. "Wolfrun Natural Area is landlocked," she said. Although the land trust purchased a fifty foot right of way, it was difficult to improve that section since the organization wasn't the owner. As a result, said Strong, "Wolfrun is difficult to find, difficult to drive to or park near, and difficult to walk into. We look forward to improving all of the above with the purchase of this additional land."

Strong stressed that while access is important, it is not the main priority for preserving the land. Rather, she said, the sensitive wildlife habitat and the proximity of the land to a busy thoroughfare, make it crucial the "Gateway" be protected. In addition to abutting Wolfrun Natural Area, the Gateway connects with a 1,700 acre parcel of privately conserved land in Richmond and sits across the road from a 403 acre parcel of conserved land in Bolton. Other



Mother and calf

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parcels of privately and publicly conserved land are nearby. The Gateway property has significant frontage on Stage Road in Bolton. Strong believes this makes the property vulnerable to development pressures which could affect the existing conserved parcels. She sees the purchase as an expansion of the existing area, as well as a buffer between the busy road and sensitive habitat.

The Gateway is a 125 acre parcel which has been appraised at \$435,000. However, because the land is part of a group of parcels identified as crucial forested habitat by the Chittenden County Uplands Project, there will be access to funding through the federal Forest Legacy Program. In fact, the Forest Legacy Program will provide \$395,000 towards the purchase price, leaving the Land Trust to raise \$66,000 plus project costs. The Gateway land includes beaver ponds, wetlands, cliffs and forested hillsides. Strong describes it as a place of "exceptional wildlife habitat and dramatic beauty." Existing trails will make it possible for visitors to experience this for themselves.

Some may wonder why the Jericho Underhill Land Trust wants

to purchase land that is entirely in Bolton, but Strong has an answer for them. "Wildlife doesn't stop at town lines and turn back," she said. "To stop a project because it doesn't fit within town lines is counterproductive." Strong noted that the original Wolfrun purchase included land in Richmond and pointed out that when the land trust purchased Mills Riverside Park which includes acreage in Underhill, the organization was still known as the Jericho Land Trust. "This land is an enhancement of a project we've already completed," she said. "It's not a stand-alone purchase of land in Bolton."

Sue Morse is the Director of Keeping Track, a non-profit whose mission is to "inspire community participation in the long-term stewardship of wildlife habitat." Morse has been tracking wildlife at Wolfrun Natural Area for over thirty years. What she likes best about the potential purchase is that it assures connectivity between the higher elevations and

the valley habitat. "The ability of animals to move from valleys to summits can't be overstated," she said, adding that conserving land in the foothills leads to greater diversity of habitat features. Morse noted that animals need habitat for security, resting, travelling and foraging. "There is a greater opportunity in the foothills," she said, "to get everything they need."

Strong is hopeful the community will rally around the purchase. Land Trust membership runs from May 1 to April 30, and Strong will be asking new and renewing members to designate their fees toward the purchase of the land. She expects to host a fundraising drive similar to the one for Wolfrun Natural Area which will allow people to "adopt" an acre. "This purchase is very important," she said. "We need better access to Wolfrun. It's like not having a front door." However, Strong stressed that the Gateway property is important in its own right. "Anyone who walks in and sees Moose Pond and realizes two-thirds of it could be someone's backyard understands why we have to buy that property."

CCV students lend helping hands at the Westford Food Shelf

By Phyl Newbeck

Special to the Mountain Gazette

The Westford Food Shelf is getting some assistance in its own right these days. Members of a college nutrition class came to help out in March. That's a good thing because according to one of the food shelf founders, Julia Andrews, there is high demand for their services.

For years, the Westford Food Shelf was run by a resident named Marian Stark and was based in her home. When she passed away, there was a void which was filled when Andrews and Lauren Curry decided that hungry Westford residents should not have to travel to Essex or Fairfield for food. Under their direction the new food shelf opened in June 2008. "When we started it was very slow," said Andrews, "but it ramped up a lot more quickly than we thought it would." By the third month of operation, twenty families were visiting the shelf. Since then, numbers have ranged between twenty and thirty. Andrews said she never expected to be serving more than twelve families during the first year of operation.

Andrews and Curry decided the work was too much to handle on their own. "The pace was unsustainable," said Andrews, "and we immediately recognized that not sustaining it wasn't an option.

We needed additional boots on the ground." Four local women joined them to form a fledgling Board of Directors in November, including Marian Stark's daughter Carma and the pastor of the United Church of Westford where the food shelf is located.

Andrews believes time was on their side in setting up the food shelf. She and Curry started fundraising before the economy got bad, and when things plummeted, they were in a position to help the people who needed them. Andrews noted that whenever she makes a specific request to community members, say for toothpaste or tuna fish, the bins are full of what she requested. Still, she couldn't have been more pleased when she learned that there were students coming to the rescue, as well.

Ellen Ammirato is a Westford resident who teaches a course in nutrition at the CCV Burlington site. She noted that there is a trend toward greater community service in education and she wanted to capitalize on that by helping her community. Therefore, Ammirato offered class credit to any student who was interested in assisting at the Westford Food Shelf. Two students from Milton were interested in doing just that.

Ammirato reported that the students helped set up prior to the distribution day and then returned on that day to restock items and

help some patrons carry the groceries to their car. Ammirato said she was really impressed with how many community members came by on distribution day to provide fresh meat, fruit and vegetables for the Food Shelf. "It's really nice to see that community support," she said. "It's also really nice to see such valuable items contributed."

This year participation in community service was optional for Ammirato's course, but next year she intends to make it mandatory, allowing students to choose the location that works best for them. "I think food insecurity is a very real issue considering the economy," she said. "There is a real awareness, that even in a small community like Westford many people rely on the support from their community to get through this tough time. It's everyone and anyone that's being affected."

Andrews was very pleased to have the students' help. "I was out of town and nobody called me," she said, "so I know it all went well. All the staples were gone. That means another month where hopefully people will have good food on their table."

To help keep the pantry stocked, the food shelf will be hosting their second annual fundraising concert at the Red Brick Meeting House on May 30. Last year's concert which featured Bobby Sweet attracted over forty people. Sweet is returning this year and will be joined by local singer/songwriter Patti Casey. Comcast is underwriting the cost of the concert which allows the organizers to lower the price to \$8 from last year's \$10. All the proceeds will go towards the food shelf, including the purchase of gift cards so that residents can buy items which might not be available at the shelf.

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Game night in Richmond

Are you a board game enthusiast? A group of adults in Richmond is interested in starting a Board Game Night for adults only. We'd also like it to serve as a community socialization time and a challenge for minds that may feel sluggish from the winter or too much TV or not enough people contact or whatever! Some of the suggested games: Scrabble (the biggie), Cribbage, Trivial Pursuit, Canasta, and Clue. This could be an interesting and fun way to meet your neighbors, whether close or farther away and have some quality adult time too. And it's FREE!!! We certainly need to do everything we can to keep our community together during these hard economic times, not to mention the bridge being closed. What do you say?

This idea is currently in the planning stages and none of the details, like when, what time, or even where have been decided yet. The only thing we do know is that if there is enough interest, we'd like to hold the game nights at the Richmond Free Library in their Community Room where there is plenty of space, tables, and chairs. We originally thought that this would be a nice way of getting a few friends together around someone's kitchen table to pursue our mutual interest in playing Scrabble, however, we figured if we liked the idea maybe there were others out there that would like to play too. So we decided to do a little 'market research' and find out how many people might be interested, when, and for how long. And then the ideas came rolling in, if people like to play Scrabble they'd probably like to play other board games too which led us to the list you see above. So again I ask, 'what do you say?'

Well if you have anything to say, please say it to Kiki through her email at: c.laurita@yahoo.com. We'll let you know what is happening when we know more about what is happening. Please hurry so we can get this thing going! Can't wait for some fun!

CAMPUS HONORS

On March 19, 2009, the National Technical Honor Society, which honors student achievement and leadership, and enhances career opportunities for technical students, inducted 53 students from the Center for Technology, Essex, VT, including the following local students: **Megan McGuire** of Richmond, VT, studying to be a dental assistant.

POLICE REPORT

On April 3, 2009 at approximately 1:25 AM officers from the Williston Police Department stopped a vehicle on Essex Road near O'Brien Court for a traffic violation. Investigation revealed that the driver, Marvin Carpenter, 57, of Richmond was intoxicated and subsequently arrested. A breath test indicated that his BAC was .122%; he was charged with DUI#1 and issued a citation to appear in court. Arresting Officer Ptl. Greg Shelley, Williston Police Department.

Friday, April 10, 2009, Sr. Trooper Michelle LeBlanc of VSP/Williston reports that **Eric Larson**, 17, of Richmond, VT was cited for three counts of aggravated assault with a weapon and negligent operation as related to the road rage incident on Interstate 89 northbound between the Williston and South Burlington exits on April 7, 2009 in which a male was seen pointing a weapon at several cars operated by Daniel Edson, 26, of St. Albans, VT, John Raper, 38, of Williamstown, VT, and James Raper, 42, of Williamstown. Larson was issued a citation for the above crimes and will appear in Chittenden District court on April 13, 2009. (Case #09A101541)

COURT REPORT

March 4, 2009, **James H. Kilpeck**, 25, Richmond, VT, charged with DUI, first offense, in Richmond on December 26, 2008; pleaded guilty; fined \$200, sentenced to one to three months, suspended, probation.

March 9, 2009, **Dave Poulin**, 32, Essex Junction, VT, charged with vehicle operation - license suspended in Richmond, VT on February 8, 2009; pleaded guilty; sentenced to 14 to 15 days.

Underhill Reflection

By Sara Riley
Special to the Mountain Gazette

I think it started for me when I went to vote at Town Meeting last month and then couldn't stay, and not because, as in previous years, I went to cover Jericho's meeting for the Gazette. This time felt different, because I had to go to my new out-of-town job.

I can hear it now, the small-sympathy-symphony of teeny tiny violins! Yah, I know.

I've lived here since 1990, and most of that time I spent working out of town, as do many readers. For a year and a half I drove a long commute each day, a pleasant ride over Oak Hill or a scary one over Kenyon Road, through beautiful Monkton Ridge to Vergennes - a lovely drive, but it was two and a half hours out of every day. Other years I worked in South Burlington, Burlington, and Colchester. And every night, I came home on the River Road toward the Center, goggling the hillsides and the mountain silhouette and thinking: I live here.

It's true that I'm from away. I grew up in western Massachusetts, following my brother around the woods and swamp and lake, learning to love the life I found when I came here. (I think it's extinct where I grew up.) Somehow I think it was fated that I'd end up in Underhill. Almost 35 years ago, I remember finding Underhill Center on a map (I've always loved maps) and thinking about its location, against a mountain and at the crook of two roads that both led only there, as an intriguing place I'd like to see.

I feel great gratitude and appreciation for the people who have made this town the kind of place I want to live. I loved the two sessions at the DRML where our area elders described an earlier Underhill / Jericho. It's said that change is inevitable, but what those elders provided in the hunting/fishing/outdoors culture, in the legacy of farms and their buildings, in their neighborly commitment to each other - these things still live here, thank God. Last fall after the Sullivans' barn burned, neighbors and friends gathered to raise a new structure. There must have been 30 vehicles parked on the road, on a Saturday morning - and it was opening day of deer season. Now, that's big.

There's something about this small town. I feel connected here. When I hear a siren, there's a good likelihood that someone I know is involved. Like many Gazette readers, I put children through the schools, volunteered in the classrooms, hiked and skied the mountain, fished the rivers and streams here. Sent the kids out to play, in the neighborhood and in the woods, without fear. Encountered a variety of wildlife. Collected trash on Green Up Day. When the kids were young, we called it "High Meadows Trash Patrol," up and down the hill with the lawn tractor and trailer. Led a Girl Scout troop for a year. Schlepped kids to after-school and youth sports (soccer and ice hockey, mainly). Worked at the general store and at the post office. Attended Town Meeting and voted. Buried beloved pets here. Gardened, hosted guests and family. Laughed and, sometimes, cried. Lived. Lived, here at home.

And worked here at the Mountain Gazette. Here I made wider connections, in Underhill and in the other towns the Gazette covers. The writers, past and present. I still miss Mary Jane's column, both in the Gazette and in its predecessor, Ted Tedford's Mountain Villager. Marian's recipes. Working at the Gazette, I had to know about events at the libraries, what was going on at the schools, Kitty's fire department report, who was having kids of their own, neighbors' life events. Even the police news. And people connected me with the newspaper. Still do; I still field questions and funnel information.

I find I miss it more than I expected to. So here I am, back again like a bad penny. I'm still working full-time out-of-town, but I'm going to take a stab at contributing a column of observations, news if you all want to send it to me, photos from time to time. Don't know what to title it, though, since "Underhill Overview" isn't available.

Any suggestions?

CESU MEETINGS

April 27, CESU Policy Committee meeting, 6:30 PM at Central Office, Richmond Town Center.

April 28, Underhill ID School Board meeting, 7:00 PM at Underhill ID Elementary School.

April 29, Jericho School Board meeting, 7:00 PM at Jericho Elementary School.

May 4, CESU Spring Meeting, 6:45 PM at Mt. Mansfield Union High School.

May 5, Underhill Center School Board meeting, 6:30 PM at Underhill Central School.



2nd Annual Vermont Glades Reading held at the Red Clover Salon

Vermont Glades players Dan Evert, Mike Donnellan and Riley Wetmore read to families at the Red Clover Salon on Sunday April 5 as part of the Red Clover Salon Literacy Platform in partnership with the Brownell Library. The UVM invited attending families to watch the UVM team practice following the reading. The goals of the Red Clover Salon Literacy Platform are to: Build community in Essex Junction; promote the Brownell Library and promote parents reading to their children and reading generally by all.

Essex Business and Professional Association president Linda Bogardus represented the Heavenly Food Pantry and interviewed the Vermont Glades players and coach Jimmy Smullen, as well as other Red Clover Community Comrades including Kat Rednis of the Brownell Library, Sarah Lemmah of Champlain Valley Agency on Aging and parent Allison Coeyman of The Summit Street School Natural Playground committee. The Glades picked the April CVAA Senior Makeover raffle winner on the air. Congratulations winner Cecilia Cross. Check Channel 17 listings or go to www.cctv.org, to find out when the interviews will be aired.

ART IN THE MOUNTAINS

ART

Large acrylic on paper narrative paintings which explore the invention and mythologization of collective history through a personal lens. David E. Kearns presents his M.F.A. Thesis Show March 30 - April 18, 2009 in the **Julian Scott Memorial Gallery** of Johnson State College. Reception with the Artist - Thursday, April 2 from 3:00 - 4:00 PM and Saturday, April 4 from 2:00 - 4:00 PM.

Burlington City Arts is pleased to announce two exhibitions at the **Firehouse Center** on Church Street, opening Friday, April 17, and running through May 30: *Micro-Macro*, featuring sculpture by Jason Hackenwerth in the Firehouse Gallery, and *Sk8Cre8*, a benefit for BCA's Mentor Arts program in the Lorraine B. Good room on the second floor of the Firehouse. *Sk8Cre8* begins on Friday with a reception from 3:00-8:00 PM, and *Micro-Macro* opens with an artist talk and reception from 5:00-8:00 PM. The sculpture installation of the *Micro-Macro* exhibition will be open for public viewing on April 15 and 16 from 1:00-4:00 PM.

Also, as part of this exhibition from April 20 - May 30, BCA's Gallery Education Program, *See.Think.Do!* invites youth and adults to the Firehouse Center for an interactive arts experience. Visits last approximately 1-1.5 hours and begin in the gallery with open-ended questioning, discussion and hands-on activities, to conclude in the studio classroom where students will create their own original artwork to take home. To schedule a visit with your group or for more information about future *See.Think.Do!* programs, please contact Katie A. Nelson at knelson@ci.burlington.vt.us or 802-865-7551.

Emile A. Gruppe Gallery in Jericho, Vermont presents Nancy Stone, a Vermont painter, with her new show *The Power of Nuance* opening April 1 with an artist reception Sunday, April 5 from 3:00-5:00 PM at the gallery located at 22 Barber Farm Road. Nancy, a painter, book artist and art teacher, has won numerous awards for her work, most recently at the Bryan Memorial Gallery award for watercolor in the Northern Vermont Artist Show. One of her pieces has been chosen to represent Vermont in the 2009 Lake Champlain Quadricentennial tour with local exhibits at Shelburne Farms and the Statehouse.

Gallery hours are Thursday through Sunday 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM or by appointment, 802-899-3211.

"Views of Lake Champlain" is the theme for the **Essex Art League show** at the Phoenix Books Store and Cafe at the Essex Outlet Mall, 21A Essex Way, Essex. The display is part of the 400th anniversary of Champlain's visit to the lake. The exhibit

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continues through May. For further information call 862-3014 or visit www.essexartleague.com.

Sunday, April 19 from 2:00 – 4:00 PM at the **Fleming Museum Auditorium** in Burlington, VT: For 60 years, Louis L. McAllister photographed people, places and events in the Burlington area. The extraordinary McAllister Archive at the University of Vermont's Special Collections contains thousands of images dating from the early 1900s into the 1960s. Librarians Chris Burns and Prudence Doherty will talk about McAllister's life and show example of his photographs. They will also preview the new McAllister Digital Collection available on the UVM library website. Free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

For the eighth year, the **Dianne Shullenberger Gallery** will present "DELICIOUS WORDS," Sunday, April 19 and 26. This program started with the purpose of highlighting the creative talents of local people: writers, visual artists, musicians, and cooks. The gallery is in the Snowflake Bentley homestead. In Bentley's time, he also held Sunday afternoon music gatherings in his parlor. This year Alicia Lewis of New York City, daughter of Dave and Sue Eaton of Jericho, will display 365 days of words encoded with eraser cut images, commemorating her year: "On Becoming Fifty." Adrienne Fisher of Jericho, a special educator, watercolor artist and poet; Lynda Kinsley of Westmore, poetry teacher and oil painter; and Sally Margolis of Barton, storyteller, librarian, speech and drama teacher, will unite to present "Three Women, Three Voices, Three Hearts." April 19 (only), William Shullenberger, author and professor of English at Sarah Lawrence College. The dessert chef: Kristin Kassis.

Dianne Shullenberger Gallery, 228 Nashville Road, Jericho, Vermont, Sunday, April 19 and April 26 at 4:00 PM, tickets \$15; RSVP to Dianne Shullenberger 899-4993.

During the month of April members of the **Essex Art League** will be exhibiting at various venues. Michelle Bradley, Michelle Jackson, Al and Suzanne Strong, Jennifer Fay, Bill and Rosalie Allard will display at the Fletcher Allen Health Center in Blair Park, Williston. Lynn Powers will show her work at the Essex Town Offices at 81 Main St., Essex Jct. For information call 862-3014 or visit www.essexartleague.com.

"Combat Paper" will be featured at Firehouse Center for the Visual Arts now through April 11.

Village Cup, Jericho, paintings by Mike Smith, mirrors by David Gale.

Flour Shop, Underhill, Chris White, photography; Tim Durbrow, photography; Pam Fiaschetti, paintings; Donna Owens, photography; Lee Cordner, photography; Chris Gluck's student art from Poker Hill Arts.

MUSIC

Vermont Contemporary Music Ensemble performs relationships – *America's Musical Family Tree*, April 17 and 18 in Montpelier and Colchester, Vermont.

Vermont's own contemporary chamber ensemble will present music from America's family tree. The program will begin with *Largo* by the father of America's music Charles Ives. The program will continue

with two of Ives' immediate music progenies, Elliott Carter and Lou Harrison. Carter's *Figment #2* for cello solo will be performed by VCME member Bonnie Thurber Klimowski. Steven Klimowski will perform Harrison's *Cornish Lancaran* for clarinet and recorded gamelan (an Indonesian drum). There will be a pre-concert talk presented by Artistic Director of the VCME, Steven Klimowski with the composers to give us insight into their works.



Please join us for an evening of chamber music and a reception immediately following. Friday April 17, Unitarian Church, Main Street, Montpelier; Saturday April 18, McCarthy Arts Center, St. Michaels College, Colchester.

Concerts begin at 8:00 PM with a 7:15 PM pre-concert talk. Tickets available at the door.

For further information and program notes visit us at www.vcme.org, clarcell@vcme.org.

The **Vermont Symphony Orchestra** is offering special "Spring Fling" tickets for the final Masterworks concert this season. Concertgoers may buy tickets for the Saturday, May 2 concert for just \$19, saving as much as 58% off the regular price. On May 2, composer Joan Tower and New York Philharmonic principal violist Cynthia Phelps join the VSO for a performance of Tower's *Purple Rhapsody* (Viola Concerto) (2005). The concert includes Britten's *Soirées Musicales* (1936) and Hindemith's *Trauermusik* (1936) and concludes with one of the 20th century's true masterworks, Stravinsky's *Firebird Suite* (1945). A limited number of "Spring Fling" special tickets are available through the VSO office at 802-864-5741, ext. 10.

In April, the VSO Chorus will present a special "Music of Our Time" performance featuring Carl Orff's *Carmina Burana* and a new work by Braintree composer Gwynneth Walker, with Robert De Cormier and Dawn Willis conducting. This semi-annual program of the VSO Chorus will be held at the Elley-Long Music Center at St. Michael's College in Colchester on Saturday, April 18 at 7:30 PM.

For additional information or tickets, please call the Flynn/Tix Regional Box Office at (802) 86-FLYNN (863-5966).

Ongoing events

Tuesdays – Open Mic, 9:00 – 11:00 PM, Smuggler's Notch Inn, Jeffersonville, 644-6765.

Wednesdays – NIPS-West Open Potluck and Songs/Dance Tunes Session, Moshe's house, Essex, first and third Wednesdays; contact Moshe, 879-0876 or www.groups.yahoo.com/NIPS-West. Open Mic, 8:00 PM, Overtime Saloon, St. Albans; www.overtimesaloon.com. Open Mic Night, 6:30 PM on the first Wednesday of each month, Phoenix Books, Essex Shoppes and Cinema, Essex Center.

Thursdays – Open Mic, 8:00 PM – midnight, Village Tavern, Jeffersonville.

Saturdays – Acoustic music session, 1:00 – 4:00 PM, Foothills Bakery, Fairfax

THEATER

The **Essex High School's Theater Club and Professional Food students** at the Essex Center for Technology will join forces on Saturday, May 16 at 6:00 PM for a dinner/theatre event of *The Next Generation*, a star trek theme murder mystery to be served along with a four-course meal. Tickets are \$25/person, with proceeds to benefit the Committee on Temporary Shelter (COTS).

To obtain tickets, please contact Karen Gonillo in Essex High School's main office at 879-7121. Last year this event was sold out, so call today for ticket information. Treat yourself to a scrumptious meal, enjoy EHS theater and support COTS.

The **Fairfax Community Theatre Company** presents "An Evening of Durang," April 16-19. This selection of delightfully irreverent, brilliantly crafted plays by Christopher Durang marks the company's 47th show. Plays include "Mrs. Sorken," "For Whom the Southern Belle Tolls," and "Sister Mary Ignatius Explains it All for You." Performances will be held at the Brick Meeting House on Rt. 128 in Westford. Show times are April 16, 17, and 18 at 7:30 PM and April 19 at 2:00 PM. Tickets are \$10 and \$8, and will be available at the door. Due to mature themes and language, this show is not recommended for children under 12. For more information, call 849-2923, email info@fctvt.org, or visit us on the web at www.fctvt.org. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the ongoing restoration efforts at the Brick Meeting House.

Come and see me, **Brenda Boutin**, on Wednesday at the Village Cup from 9:00 to 11:00 AM or call me at 453-6354 for an appointment.

Jericho joins together for Green Up Day

On Saturday, May 2, Jericho townspeople will join together in a massive volunteer one day cleanup of trash and litter from the Town's roads, river banks and parks. This unique annual first Saturday in May statewide event was launched by Gov. Deane C. Davis thirty-nine years ago and it was the first of its kind in the nation.

The Jericho Green Up Day Committee, Jessica Alexander, Brooks Buxton, Amanda Repp and Brian Swisher, is organizing the event again this year in coordination with the dedicated support of the Jericho Center Community Center volunteers. The annual Green-Up Day breakfast for all the participants will be held at the Community Center from 8:30 to 10:00 AM on Saturday, May 2, and all volunteers – young and old – are invited. If any of those attending the breakfast this year may also kindly wish to bring any additional hot breakfast dishes or baked goods to be shared by all, it would be most appreciated.

The committee wants to thank the Jericho Boy Scouts Troop which did an amazing job last year cleaning up the litter on the Onion River Road) between the Jericho/Essex Town Line and the Barber Farm Road. The efforts too of the Jericho Girl Scouts Troop and the Mt. Mansfield Masonic Lodge deserve special recognition.

The committee this year would like to encourage active participation from the students of Mount Mansfield Union High School. Many elementary and middle school students faithfully volunteer each year and a great turn-out from their older peers would be a welcome challenge.

Green Up Day rubbish bags will be available for collection from the Jericho Town Office after April 14 and of course at the Green Up Day breakfast. Kenny Barkyoub, Road Commissioner, advises that the town garage on Brown's Trace will remain open on Saturday, May 2, to collect the litter bags.

Buxton, who serves on the Board of Directors of Green Up Vermont, Montpelier, reports that each year Green Up Vermont raises over \$75,000 - from corporate, individual sponsors and friends in order to provide the necessary funds to purchase and distribute litter bags, including at official State information booths throughout the year, and also sponsors the annual Green Up Day poster and writing contest in Vermont schools with hundreds of students and teachers actively participating each year.

Natural communities, physical landscape

Come learn more about Jericho's natural treasures and important wildlife by joining the Jericho Conservation Commission for a Significant Natural Communities of Jericho presentation and slide show at 7:00 PM on April 29 at Mount Mansfield Union High School.

The inventories of significant natural communities and community systems and the physical landscape of Jericho are part of the ongoing Jericho Significant Wildlife Habitat Mapping Project.

So far, the Jericho Mapping project has completed two modules: an inventory and assessment of Jericho's significant natural communities and natural community systems and an inventory of Jericho's physical landscape diversity. This work was partially funded by a grant from the Vermont Community Foundation.

The committee is starting a third module, which will identify and analyze regional connectivity and large habitat blocks in the Jericho Area.

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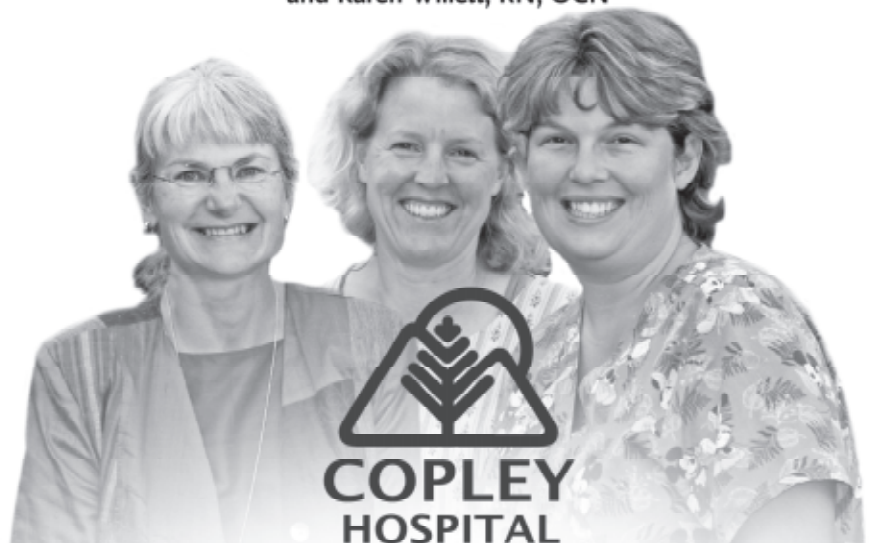
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COMING EVENTS

Saturday, April 18

Genealogy Workshop: Beginning Genealogy (repeated class), Vermont French Canadian Genealogy Society Library, Dupont Hall-Fort Ethan Allen, across from VT State Police Building, 10:30 AM until 12:30 PM. Free and open to the public. This schedule is subject to change without notice. Please call 846-7897 to confirm dates and class subjects.

Annual Polish Dinner, St. Thomas Church, Underhill Center, starting at 5:30 PM, sponsored by The Knights of Columbus Council #7810. The dinner will include homemade smoked kielbasa, pierogi (dough stuffed with cheese or with potatoes and cheese), cabbage, sauerkraut, potatoes, and dessert. Treat the whole family to this delicious meal to celebrate spring. \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children 6 to 10 years of age. Ages 5 and under free. Take-out meals will be available. For further questions, please call St. Thomas rectory at 899-4632.

Sunday, April 19

Vermont history through song. Singer and researcher Linda Radtke, joined by pianist John Lincoln, brings Vermont history to life with engaging commentary about the songs found in the Vermont Historical Society's collection of sheet music. Burnham Memorial Library, 3:00 PM. For information Ginger Gellman, (802) 879-7576.

Westford Music Series: free concert featuring Soaked Oats, United Church of Westford, 4:00 PM. Burlington-based trio that sings and plays tunes from old time country/cowboy/Appalachian/honky-folk genres. Amity Baker and Jeff Fellingner have been regulars with the touring ensemble "Northern Harmony" based in Marshfield and Amity leads the "Village Harmony" summer camp. In addition, all are members of the choral group "Social Band." For more information contact Marge Hamrell 879-4028 or email mhamrell@myfairpoint.net.

Monday, April 20

Community Yom Hasho'ah (Holocaust Remembrance Day) Service, Temple Sinai; 500 Swift St.; South Burlington, 7:30 PM and will include the participation of the Vermont Jewish Community Chorus. For more information please call Temple Sinai at 862-5125.

Saturday, April 25

Annual Flea Market and Bake Sale, Eagles Club, RT. 109, Jeffersonville, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. To benefit Eagles Auxiliary #3210 Charity Fund. Call 899-3130 for more info.

Wednesday, May 6

Searching for Thoreau. Part of the First Wednesdays series. Author and former editor of Vermont Life Tom Slayton explores the New England places most important to Henry David Thoreau. A Vermont Humanities Council event hosted by Fletcher Free Library, Burlington, Fletcher Free Library, 7:00 PM. Barbara Shatar, (802) 865-7211.

Cranky Yankee: All together now! Jim Cooke is known for "Calvin Coolidge: More Than Two Words" – a one-man show that has changed popular perceptions and challenged scholarly misperceptions of Vermont's only elected president. Jim has created other one-man performances based mainly on New England characters. A Vermont Humanities Council event hosted by Friends of the Milton Library, Milton Public Library, 7:00

PM. Fran Ferro, (802) 893-6647.

ONGOING EVENTS

ADULT ACTIVITIES

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

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

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

The **Vermont French Canadian Genealogy Society library** is open for research Tuesdays 7:00 to 9:30 PM and Saturdays 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. We offer Vermont & Canadian Catholic Parish records, Vermont Vital Records on Microfilm, census records and other resources to assist with family history research.

Genealogy Workshops will be held in March and April. The library is located at the Dupont Building, Hegeman Ave. across from the VT State Police building in Fort Ethan Allen, Colchester. For more information or an appointment call 862-8082, 878-8081, or go online at www.vt-fcgs.org/library or email us at mail@vt-fcgs.org

HEALTH GROUPS

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

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

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

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

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

Fit Kids Support Group, first Mondays, 4:15 – 5:00 PM. Program for kids 8-13 and their parents. Learn about nutrition, physical activity, ways to increase activity level safely, changing eating behavior, self-esteem, and obstacles that interfere with weight management success. Northwestern Medical Center, Cobblestone Building, Classroom A. Speaker: Kay Tran, Reg. Dietitian, MS, CDE. Free; pre-registration required: 524-1234 or cjh@nmcinc.org.

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

KIDS

Underhill Playgroup, kids ages 0-5 with their caregivers are always welcome to join us Fridays from 9:30 - 11:00 AM at Underhill Central School for playtime, crafts, stories, songs and fun! For additional information or

questions, please contact Heather Lebeis at 899-4415 or Underhillplaygroup@yahoo.com.

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

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

SENIORS

Jeri-Hill XYZ Seniors meet at the Town Hall in Underhill Center on the first and third Wednesday of each month. All seniors are welcome! Dinners are served at

11:30 AM. For information, please call Lenore Whitten, 878-8996, Bette Workman, 899-4446, or Loreen Teer, 899-1363.

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

SPORTS ACTIVITIES

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

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

SUPPORT GROUPS

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

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

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

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

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

TOWN GOVERNMENT AND ORGANIZATIONS

Cambridge Area Rotary meets on the first Thursday of the month, rotating to local restaurants, 7:00 – 8:00 AM at 158 Restaurant, Main St., Jeffersonville. For information, call Anita Lotto, 793-0856, or Chuck Hogan, 644-8134.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Village of Jericho Board of Water Commissioners will hold their monthly meeting on Monday, April 13, 2009 at 7:00 PM at the Old Red Mill on 4B Red Mill Drive in Jericho.

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

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Art work for April is by Brown's River Middle School students. Book Discussion Series - Michael McKnight will lead a book discussion series on different religion from around the world. We will be using Huston Smith's book, *The Illustrated World's Religions*. Each session will cover one religion with a short lecture and then discussion to follow. Books will be provided. Space is limited to 15 so call or stop by the library to register. You do not have to come to all the sessions. Meeting dates are: Wednesdays at 7:00 PM April 15, 29, May 13, 27, and June 10, 24. All meetings will be at the Deborah Rawson Memorial Library.

Thursday, April 16 the Board of Trustees will meet at 7:00 PM. The Mystery Book group will meet Tuesday, April 21 at 7:00 PM. The discussion will be on Agatha Christie's *Witness for the Prosecution*.

Would you like to learn how to roast your own coffee at home? Join us Wednesday, April 23 at 7:00 PM. Karl Kemerait will show you how.

Ron Krupp will do a workshop Thursday, April 23 at 6:30 PM on how to plan and plant a garden. Ron Krupp is the author of *The Woodchuck's Guide to Gardening*. Ron has been the gardening commentator on Vermont Public Radio for the past 10 years. He was the founder of the Brattleboro Farmers' Market in 1972 and is currently the coordinator of the 165 plot- Tommy Thompson Community Garden in the Intervale in Burlington.

Italian Movie Night is Friday, April 24 at 6:30 PM. This time the movie is in English. A discussion will follow. The movie is cosponsored with the Vermont Italian Cultural Association (VICA).

Two brothers, played by Stanley Tucci and Tony Shalhoub, have emigrated from Italy and are trying to make a go of their Italian restaurant in New Jersey. One brother is a gifted chef who refuses to cater to American customers who expect the "Americanized" version of Italian food, while the other brother is desperately trying to keep the restaurant financially afloat. The two goals run amok of each other when they spend all they have to prepare a true Italian dinner for a big-time musician in hopes of stimulating business. Resolving conflict Italian-style comes to the fore at the end of the movie. Call the library for the title. 899-4962

The library is hosting a flea market on Parade Day Monday, May 25 from 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM. Spaces are available for 25. Contact Cindy Hamlet to reserve a space. 899-3760.

Story Times - Stories, songs, fingerplays, craft and snack for preschool children. Wednesdays at 11:00 AM April 29 and May 6. Thursdays at 10:00 AM April 16, 30, and May 7.

Family Story Times - Quiet stories for families with children preschool through grade two. Children are invited to wear pajamas and join us for a light bedtime snack.. Thursday at 6:30 PM, April 16, and 30

Parent Book Discussion Group- Tuesday, April 14 at 6:30 PM. The Parent Book Group, will be discussing Bill McKibben's book, *Maybe One*.

Learn more by goggling "DRMLPBG". Call or visit the library (899-4962) to borrow a copy and to register for the book discussion.

Children Book Author - Friday, April 17 at 10:00 AM. Picture book and beginning reader author David Martin will visit with families and talk about his books. If you have a young reader or older preschooler you'll not want to miss this event. To register call: 899-4962

Pruning workshop at DRML

Charley Siegchrist of Barber Farm Landscape Design volunteered his expertise to teach and the guide 25 Master Gardeners and friends to a short lecture followed by a hands on pruning of the tree and scrubs at the Deborah Rawson Memorial Library in Jericho on Saturday April 11.

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Story Telling - Wednesday, April 22 at 10:30 AM. Our very own Evergreen Erb, using voice, harp and drum will retell *The Tale of Gwinna* written by Barbara Berger for families with children in kindergarten up.

Vacation Art - Wednesday, April 22 at 1:00 PM. Children in grades 1 and up are invited to join Anne Jobinpicard as she leads a workshop in painting canvas tote bags. These bags would be just great for carrying books, toys, or collections. Registration required. Call: 899-4962

Food For Thought - Thursday, April 23 at 1:00 PM. Middle and high school students are invited to come and help select new books for the library collection. Refreshments served. To register call: 899-4962

Music with Paul - Friday, April 24 at 10:30 AM. New to the DRML but a favorite in nearby communities, Paul Garrett will entertain families with his songs and encourage us to join in for some sing-a-long fun.

Baby Tea - Sunday, April 26, 10:30-12:00. Those families living in Underhill or Jericho having babies born in 2008 are invited to celebrate with us at the 12th annual Baby Tea. There will be live music, refreshments, and the opportunity to select a library book to dedicate to your child. Cosponsored by: Building Bright Futures, the Jericho Town Library, and the Deborah Rawson Memorial Library. To register call 899-4962

After School Art with Jen - Wednesday, April 29 at 4:00 PM. Join in the fun and create recycled paper art. For children in grades two and up. Advance registration required. Call: 899-4962. Funded by the Winnie Bell Learned Grant.

Books and Bulbs Abound at the Deborah Rawson Memorial Library - The Deborah Rawson Memorial Library in Jericho has a new distinction which has nothing to do with books.

Master gardener site at library

The Library has just been approved as a Master Gardener project site by the UVM Extension Service.

The mission of the Master Gardener program is "recruiting, training, and overseeing volunteer Master Gardeners whose goal is to promote successful, safe, and environmentally prudent home horticulture practices through education and community activities." The library has already started programs to meet this mission. On April 11, local landscaper Charlie Siegchrist gave a workshop on pruning, and on April 23, gardener and author Ron Krupp will provide a presentation on how to plan and plant a garden. Other gardening themed events will take place throughout the summer.

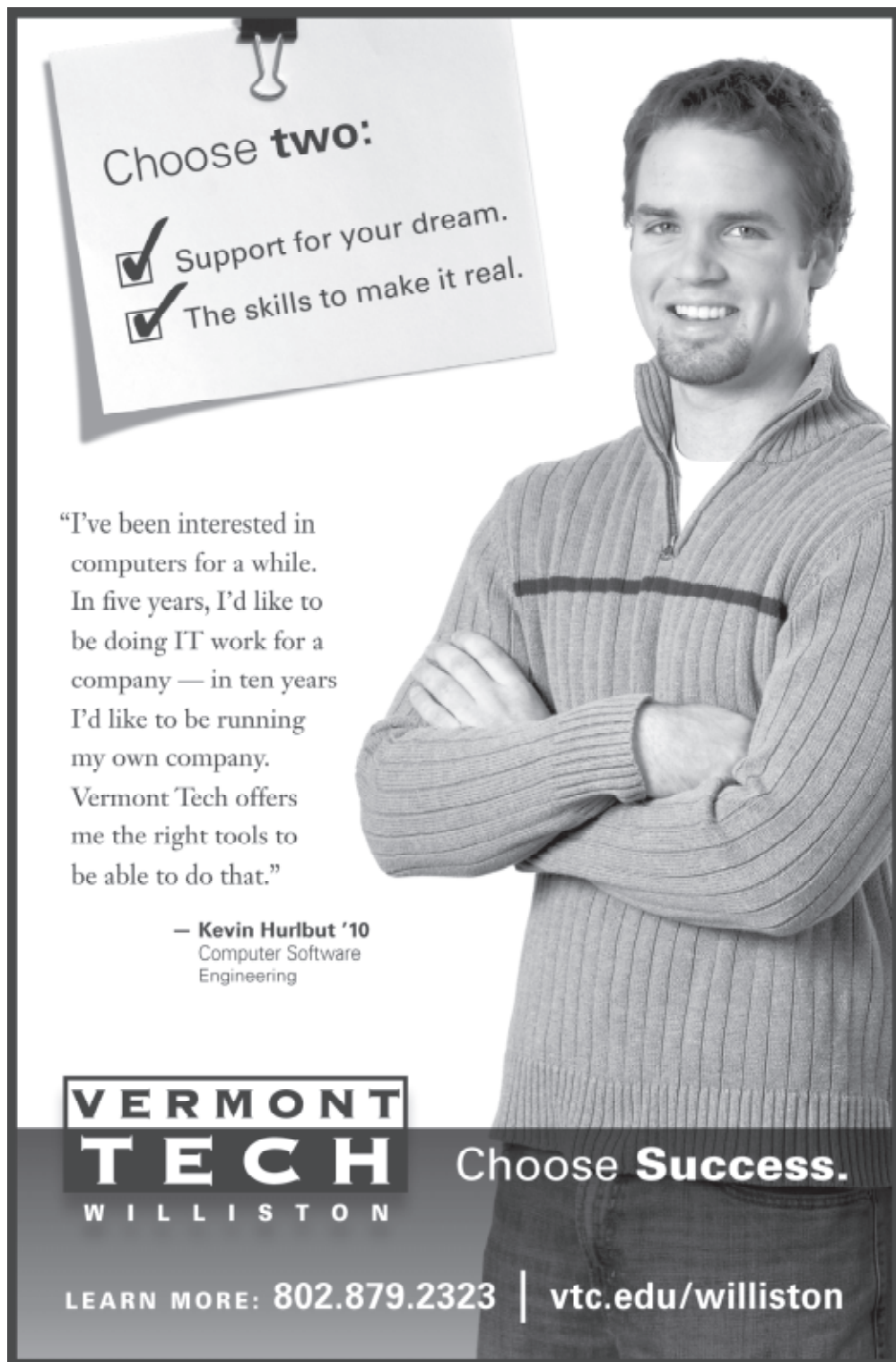
The library's new designation is thanks to the work of Susan Adams, an Underhill resident who just completed the Master Gardener course. UVM requires Master Gardner students to perform forty hours of volunteer work at an accredited site. Adams has been involved with the library for years and knew about the existing gardens at Deborah Rawson. However, she discovered that since the library wasn't an approved site, the work she did there would not count towards credit. This bothered her since she knew that the librarian, Holly Hall, did all the gardening work herself in her spare time. Adams volunteered to help Hall, despite the lack of credit for her work, and put ads in the paper asking for others to volunteer their time. None did, but she was able to raise interest in the project.

In addition to a beautiful flower garden, Adams also found a totally overgrown vegetable garden behind the library which had been planted but never weeded. She and Hall set to work on that and soon were joined by another volunteer, Bernadette Howard. In the hope of getting more people involved, Adams applied to make the library a Master Gardener project site. Lisa Avery, a Program Specialist with the Master Gardener Program said there are three requirements for a site: Those involved cannot be compensated for their work; the project must strengthen and support the Master Gardener Program; and the site must educate others. The last requirement is right up Adams' alley. She worked at Jericho Elementary School as a physical education teacher for thirty-five years before retiring in 2007. She was named Vermont Teacher of the Year in 2000. In furtherance of the educational component, Adams plans to label all the existing plants and draw up maps so that visitors can tour the gardens on their own.

Even before the project was approved, Adams asked the Underhill ID School to donate compost. The third and fourth grade classes will use that compost for starter plants. Adams was able to get donations of cells and soil from Gardener's Supply and seeds from a national gardening association. Depot Home and Garden in Essex Junction provided starter potatoes and Paul Chamberlin of Underhill agreed to talk to the students about gardening. Adams isn't finished involving the community in her project. Mount Mansfield Union High School is interested in participating and the Jericho Underhill Food Shelf will be the recipient of vegetables from the garden.

Avery confirmed that the library is the first project site in the Jericho/Underhill area. There are twelve other sites in Chittenden County. Master Gardner project sites include libraries, schools, senior centers, memorial parks, historic sites, rain garden projects,

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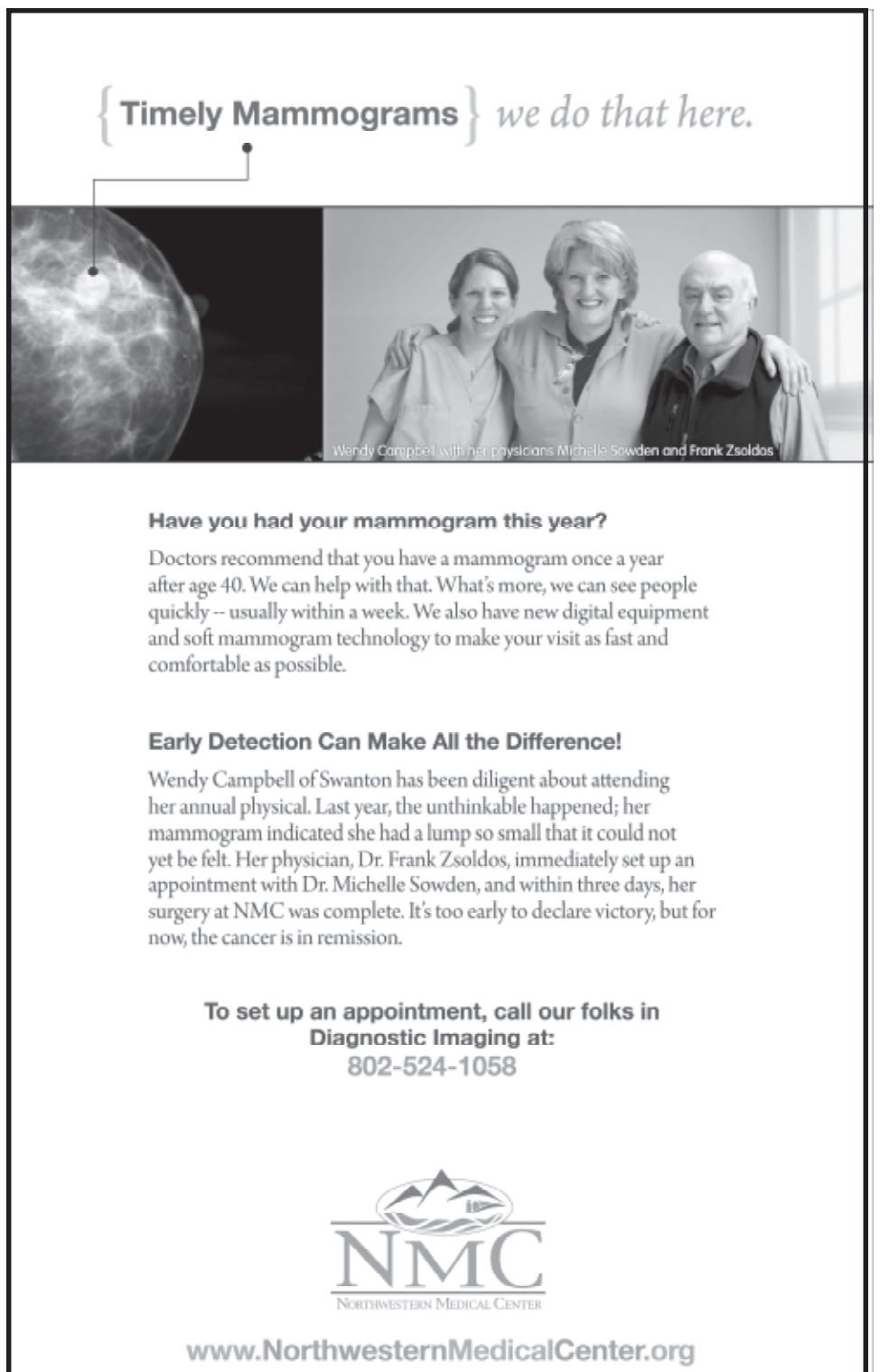
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POLICE REPORT

Wednesday, April 8, 2008, Trooper Mark Magnant, VSP/Williston, reports that the Vermont State Police are investigating a residential **burglary** that occurred on **Pettengill Road in Westford, VT**. Unknown person(s) forcibly entered a residence during the early- to mid-afternoon hours and removed a large quantity of assorted personal belongings, coins, and prescription medication. Anyone with information regarding this burglary or who may have observed any suspicious vehicles or activity on Pettengill Road is encouraged to contact Trooper Magnant at the Vermont State Police in Williston, (802) 878-7111. (Case #09A101562)

Friday, April 3, 2009 at approximately 8:12 PM, Trooper R.J. Lucas of VSP/Middlesex reports that **Elhanji Ba, 32**, of Burlington, VT and **Landing Badji, 40**, of Jericho, VT were traveling northbound on I-89 in Middlesex, VT. Upon approaching the Exit #9 off ramp, Badji slowed his 2003 Jeep Liberty but appeared to be driving past the exit. Ba approached in a 2000 Subaru Legacy sedan from behind and, due to deteriorated conditions – rain and fog, on a wet roadway – collided with the rear of Badji's vehicle. The passenger side front corner of the Subaru and the driver's side rear corner of the Jeep were damaged. Both drivers were wearing seat belts; neither sustained injuries, and both were able to drive their vehicles away from the scene. (Case #09A301462)

Overnight Friday-Saturday, April 3-4, 2009 between 6:15 PM and 7:30 AM, Trooper Paul Badger, VSP/Williston, reports that there were two **burglaries in Jericho, VT**: a break-in at **Mount Mansfield Animal Hospital** on South Main Street, called in at approximately 8:15 AM Saturday; and at 10:40 AM Saturday, VSP/Williston was advised of the second incident at **Body Logic Massage**, located on VT Rt. 15. The method of entry was similar in both incidents and both properties sustained damage. Based on the circumstances surrounding the incidents, it's believed the burglaries are related. Anyone with information about the burglaries is asked to contact S/T Paul Badger at 878-7111 or Champlain Valley Crime Stoppers. (Cases #09A101508, #09A101509)

On March 29, 2009 at approximately 0150 hrs the Johnson Fire Department was dispatched the area of Plot Road, Johnson for a reported glow in the sky. It was determined that the **fire** was coming from a vacant residence owned by Charles Tymon on Plot Road in the Town of Cambridge. The Cambridge Fire Department was immediately dispatched to the scene and requested mutual aid with the Johnson Fire Department. A Lamoille County Sheriff Department Deputy was first on scene and advised the house was fully engulfed.

The Fire Departments aggressively and quickly attacked the remaining structure. Fire Chiefs from the Johnson and Cambridge Fire Departments concluded that the State Police should be contacted to conduct an origin and cause investigation.

On March 30, 2009 the State Police and Division of Fire Safety began an investigation into the fire. Investigation revealed the house had been for sale and vacant for some time, the power had been shut off, it was not being heated and all the water pipes had been drained. The fire appears to have been intentionally started from direct human involvement. There were no reported injuries from the fire.

Anyone with any information is asked to contact Det. Sgt Nally at 802-229-9191 / 802-250-4588 or Vermont Arson Tip Award Program (VATAP) at 1-800-32-ARSON.

The Vermont State Police are investigating a **burglary** involving the theft of a large number of tools and equipment from a residence on Fields Lane in the **Town of Jericho, VT**. The theft occurred sometime between Sunday, March 29 and Wednesday, April 1 2009. The items taken were removed from a shed located on the victim's property. The items taken included a generator, air compressor, chainsaws, compactor, welder along with a large number of hand and power tools. The approximate value of the property taken was \$15,000. Anyone with information regarding this burglary is asked to call Trooper Magnant of the Williston State Police at (802) 878-7111. (Case #09A101472)

Wednesday, April 8, 2009 at approximately 9:45 PM, Trooper Cari Crick, VSP/Williston, reports that State Police responded to a residence in Underhill, VT for a report of a family fight. Upon arrival, troopers met with **Nicole Uhlir, 26**, of Underhill, VT, and **William Uhlir, 31**, of Underhill, who were involved in the fight. The Uhlirs were arguing when Nicole hit William in the face. Nicole was placed under arrest for domestic assault and transported to the Vermont State Police barracks, and subsequently lodged in Chittenden County Correctional Facility on \$500 bail. (Case #09A101564)

COURT REPORT

February 27, 2009, **Kimberly Prim, 29**, Cambridge, VT, charged with retail theft \$900 or less in Essex, VT on September 6, 2008; pleaded guilty; sentenced to two to six months, consecutive, suspended but five days, probation; charged with unlawful trespass - land in Burlington, VT on October 10, 2008; pleaded guilty; sentenced to one to three months, suspended but 20 days, probation; charged with unlawful trespass - land on October 23, 2008; pleaded guilty; sentenced to one to three months, consecutive, suspended, probation.

March 4, 2009, **Kelly King, 31**, Underhill, VT, charged with DUI, first offense, in Williston, VT on December 18, 2008; pleaded guilty; sentenced to four to 12 months, suspended, probation.

UNDERHILL JERICHO FIRE DEPARTMENT

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EMERGENCY CALLS:

March 25, 1:00 PM - Responded to a brush fire in the area of 122 Skunk Hollow Road in Jericho

March 25, 1:37 PM - EMS assist front of our Station in Underhill

March 29, 10:15 AM - EMS assist Lee River Road in Jericho
March 29, 1:05 PM - Responded to the Proctor Maple Research in Underhill for a fire alarm set off by steam

March 30, 8:45 AM - 9K5 checked out a Carbon Monoxide call on Browns Trace Road in Jericho

March 30, 10:51 AM - EMS assist on Packard Road in Jericho

March 31, 1:59 PM - EMS assist on Packard Road in Jericho

April 1, 11:47 AM - Respond to West Country View Rd in W. Bolton for the a furnace problem

April 2, 6:51 PM - Responded to the report of outside burn on Plains Road in Jericho

April 4, 1:37 PM - Responded to the gravel pit on Ethan Allen Drive in Jericho for an overturned loader, with the operator under the machine

April 4, 7:29 PM - Respond to Roaring Brook in Underhill for a chimney fire

April 4, 8:41 PM - Responded to Packard Road in Jericho for a chimney fire

April 5, 6:48 AM - Responded to a fire alarm at St. Thomas Church in Underhill Center set off by cooking

April 6, 10:50 AM - EMS assist on Jericho Center Circle in Jericho

April 7, 1:59 AM - Responded to Woodland Road in Underhill

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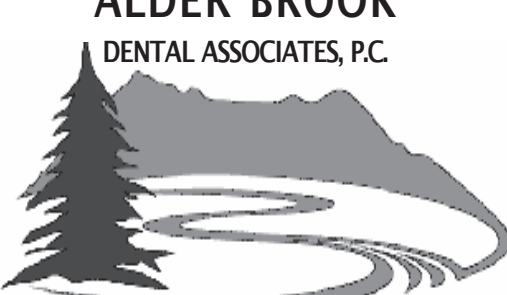
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 April 7, 10:59 AM - EMS assist on Jericho Center Circle in Jericho
 April 8, 5:21 AM - Responded to a one vehicle roll over in the area of 1050 Vermont RT 15, Westford
 April 8, 12:10 AM - EMS assist on Ross Lane in Jericho

MEETINGS & DRILLS:
 Tuesday, March 31 - a business meeting was held at the Underhill Station
 Tuesday, April 7 - the monthly maintenance drill was held at both stations.

SAFETY MESSAGE: "CALLING 911": If in the event you need to call 911, remember to give the Dispatcher, the phone number that you are calling from, your name, your address and what your problem is. It is very important that you remember to stay calm, speak clearly and remain on the line to answer all of the dispatcher's questions, that way she knows which agency she or he needs to dispatch to your call.
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Tips for a Safe Ride

Head injuries continue to be the leading cause of injury-related deaths among children. Wearing a helmet while riding a bike, rollerblading or skateboarding can reduce the risk of head injury by as much as 85 percent. "Riding your bike is like driving a car; there are rules to follow," states Copley Hospital's Wellness Center Manager, Linda Shaw, RN. "And rule number one is that everyone should wear a helmet - adults and children."

Safety begins with a properly fitted helmet - one that is not too small or too big. Shaw offered the following "Eyes, Ears and Mouth" test when purchasing your helmet:

- When putting on the helmet make sure its level.
- Eyes - look up, you should see the rim on your helmet.
- Ears - the straps should meet right under your ear lobes to form the letter Y.
- Mouth - the strap should be loose enough that you can slide a finger between the strap and your skin, but tight enough when you open your mouth wide, you can feel the helmet pulling down on the top of your head.

Other rules include proper clothing and respecting the rules of the road, i.e. obey traffic signs, yield to people walking and ride in a single file. Replace loose fitting/baggy pants for something more snug, and recommends tucking in your shoelaces. Bright clothing is recommended to help pedestrians and vehicles easily see you. Regardless of your sport, wearing headphones is not recommended.

A common question often asked is when to replace a helmet. Always replace a helmet after a fall involving the helmet. A fall can damage the inner lining of the helmet and that the damage is not always visible. A helmet can also be damaged when throwing it or leaving it in a hot place. Even with the best care, most manufacturers recommend replacing a helmet after 5 years.

Remember, head injury can mean brain injury. That's why it's so important to wear your helmet.

Copley Hospital's Wellness Center is offering children's helmets at a reasonable price and will help fit the helmet properly. For more information on Copley Hospital's bike helmet program, or to schedule a fitting appointment, contact the hospital's Wellness Center at 888-8369.

CAMPUS HONORS

Jeffrey Daki Demas has been named to the dean's list at University of Rochester in Rochester, NY. A sophomore majoring in optics, Demas is the son of Liz and Doug Demas of Underhill, VT and a graduate of Mount Mansfield Union High School in Jericho, VT.

Casey LaDuke, a senior majoring in psychology, has been named to the dean's list at University of Rochester in Rochester, NY. He is the son of David and Laurie LaDuke of Jericho, VT and a graduate of Mount Mansfield Union High School in Jericho, VT.

Kevin J. O'Connor of Jericho, VT, a junior majoring in Communication in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences, has been named to the dean's list for the fall semester at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, VA.

On March 19, 2009, the National Technical Honor Society, which honors student achievement and leadership, and enhances career opportunities for technical students, inducted 53 students from the Center for Technology, Essex, VT, including the following local students: **Hilary Haskins** of Huntington, VT, studying cosmetology 1; **Cassie Collins** of Jericho, VT, in the business academy; **George Kailey** of Jericho, VT, studying natural resources - forestry; **George Merrillou** of Jericho, VT, studying health information; **Nick Hayes** of Jericho, VT, in computer animation; **Robin Wescott** of Jericho, VT, a health information student; **Jeremy Audet** of Underhill, VT, studying computer system technology; **Angela Baizley** of Underhill, VT, majoring in child care and human services; **Melissa Beauregard** of Underhill, VT, professional foods 2; **Michelle Bruner** of Underhill, VT, cosmetology 1; **Daniel Christie** of Underhill, VT, studying computer animation; **Kevin Corbin** of Underhill, VT, professional foods 2; **Katie Lynch** of Underhill, VT, in the business academy; **Elizabeth Sargent** of Underhill, VT, in health informatics; **Ruby Verge** of Underhill, VT, studying child care and human services 2; **Sagen Lancaster** of Waterville, VT, studying computers; **Evan Aiken** of Westford, VT, in natural resources - forestry; **Charles Wood III**, studying engineering and architectural design.

ENGAGEMENTS

Liberty-King

Nicole Marie Liberty, daughter of Michael and Laura Liberty of Westford, VT, and Daniel William King II, son of Daniel and Tamera King of Essex Junction, VT, announce their engagement.

Keith-Arguin

Theodore and Dena Keith of Morrisville, VT announce the engagement of their daughter, Deidre Anne Keith, to Adam Dennis Arguin, son of Dennis and Rosalie Arguin of Jeffersonville, VT. A wedding is planned for the fall.

RECIPES BY MARIAN TOBIN

Apple Pancakes

- 1-1/2 cups sifted flour
- 1-1/2 tsp baking powder
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 1 egg beaten
- 1-1/4 cup milk
- 2 tablespoon oil
- 2/3 cup grated peeled apples

Sift together flour, baking powder, sugar, and salt. combine egg, milk and oil. Add gradually to dry ingredients, stirring only until batter is smooth. Fold in apples. Drop by spoonfuls onto hot greased griddle. cook until surface is covered with bubbles. Turn and cook till bottom is delicate brown. Makes about 18 medium size pancakes.



WELCOME HOME



(Herridge) Dominic & Angelina Herridge announce the arrival of the newest addition to their family - Elias Ciaran Herridge. Elias was born on March 19, 2009 at 9:33am at Fletcher Allen in Burlington. His big sister and brother, Breanna and Connor, are overjoyed with their new baby brother. We want to thank all those people (and you know who you are) who have supported and joined us in our excitement for Elias' arrival. We feel very blessed!

JUST MARRIED

Booska-Hill

Sarah Elizabeth Booska of Starksboro, VT, daughter of Jim and Jerry Booska, and Jason Duane Hill of Starksboro, son of Jarry and Judy Hill, were united in marriage October 4, 2008. Justice of the Peace Greg Cluff officiated at the double-ring ceremony at the Round Church in Richmond, VT.

Martha Murdough was the matron of honor. The bridesmaids were Rebekah Shamoun, Lisa Ward, Hillary Moye, Carolynne Erwin, Emily Booska, and Madison Shamoun. Sophia Shamoun was the flower girl.

Matt Hill was the best man. The groomsmen were Peter Murdough, Ty Zimmerman, and Adam LaFountain. Maximus Shamoun was the ring bearer.

Mrs. Hill graduated from Mount Abraham Union High School in Bristol, VT and works at Merchants Bank. Her husband graduated from Mount Mansfield Union High School in Jericho, VT and works at Seven North.

The couple resides in Starksboro, VT.

OBITUARIES

Leo A. Barton Jr. of Jericho and West Bolton, VT passed away surrounded by his family on Wednesday, March 25, 2009. Leo was born in Laconia, NH on November 11, 1942. He grew up on his parents' small farm in Tilton, NH and always treasured the simpler days of farming, cutting wood, fishing, and hunting. Leo was an accomplished mason, trained originally through the Bricklayers Union in Concord, NH. He took great pride in his bricklaying ability and was known as "Speedy Trowel" in his day. He went on to own his own masonry businesses in Vermont and has built many of the brick buildings throughout the area. He was a well-known and valued member of the Vermont construction community. In 1964, Leo married Carol Cutting of Penacook, NH. They lived in Northfield, NH and started their family. Their oldest daughter Kerri and son Jeffrey were born in Concord, NH. The family moved to South Burlington, VT in 1968, where their youngest daughter, Dori, was born. In 1978, the family moved to Jericho where they stayed until 1996, when Leo, Carol, and Kerri moved to West Bolton. Leo loved his family, his close friends, his work (the "business"), and the land he lived on. Leo was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed deer hunting, fishing, riding his four-wheeler, taking drives with his dog, and spending time with his two grandsons. Anyone who knew Leo found him to be the most generous of people. He provided for his family, taking care of his wife and daughter Kerri during the hardest of times. He had a tireless spirit that always looked on the bright side of life, even during the saddest hours. Leo leaves behind his loving wife Carol; his daughter, son-in-law, and granddaughter Dori Barton, Aaron, and Meadow Worthley; his grandsons Jason and Justin Barton; his great-granddaughter Selina Barton; his sister Carol Bolduc; and close friends Sandra Lalibrete and Macy Flynn; his beloved dog Amy; and many friends. Leo was predeceased by his son Jeffrey Barton and his daughter Kerri Barton; his mother Thalia Moynihan; and his father Leo Barton Sr. A memorial service was held in the Huntington Com-



munity Church in Huntington, VT on Saturday, April 4, 2009, with a reception following. Donations in Leo's memory can be made to Richmond Rescue, P.O. Box 404, Richmond, VT 05477.

Anne "Tina" Vogt Coggio Fisler of Lee River Road, Jericho, VT passed away Friday morning, March 27, 2009 in the loving arms of her daughter Gina and husband Frank following a courageous battle with cancer. Tina was born April 29, 1947 in Weston, CT, the daughter of Clarence Wedekind Vogt and Frances Anne Ballou, and was the oldest of three children. She attended the Mary Burnham Boarding School in Deerfield, MA, and graduated from Skidmore College in Saratoga, NY in 1969. She would have attended her 40th class reunion in May. Tina cherished life and nurtured friendships that spanned decades. Her circle of friends grew larger through the years and included girlhood friends from Kettle Creek and nine years at Camp Arcadia in Casco, ME, where she proudly earned the rank of Junior Maine Guide. She was one of the founding members of the Stockettes investment Club, loved to sing, travel, and "hook" gifts for others, and had a strong radiating spirit that drew others to her and created lasting bonds. Tina taught health and physical education classes at Edmunds Middle School and Burlington High School for 23 years, retiring in 1995. She was committed to helping others and was instrumental in developing the Before School Program at Edmunds and the health curriculum at BHS. She loved animals and was a volunteer at the Humane Society in South Burlington, where she was affectionately known as "Top Cat Tina." Most recently, she shared the story of her illness online with her blog, "Team Tina - When life throws you pumpkins, make pumpkin pie!" She had readers from around the world and gained courage by sharing her pictures and updating her widening circle of devoted followers on her progress. Tina felt a responsibility to her family and friends, and there was always room for more. Survivors include her daughter Gina Coggio of Sunnyside, NY, who inspired her and made her proud; Frank, her devoted husband of 14 years, of Jericho and formerly of Middlebury, VT; step-daughter Susan Sears, her husband David, and granddaughters Megan and Alex, all of Middlebury; a sister, Sarah "Toni" Vogt of Arlington, MA; a brother, C. Michael "Tico" Vogt, his wife Courtney, niece Eliza and nephew Henry, all of Saratoga, NY; and many loving members of her extended family and friends. Tina was predeceased by her first husband Arthur Coggio in 1993. The family wishes to thank the doctors and nurses at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center and the Medical Center Hospital of Vermont who treated her with compassion and tenderness over the last year. She knew her doctors and nurses by their first names. Her great personal strength made a lasting impression and earned her the respect and admiration of all who met her. At Tina's request, the family held a private gathering in celebration of her life at her home in Jericho on Saturday, April 4, 2009. Those who wish to honor her memory are encouraged to donate to the Humane Society of Chittenden County, 142 Kindness Court, South Burlington, VT 05403, or to the American Cancer Society, 30 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01701.



Kay Dawn (Moore) Kopacz, 71, passed away at her home following a long and courageous battle with cancer on Wednesday, April 8, 2009, surrounded by her loving family. Kay was born in Kitaning, Pa. on June 29, 1937, daughter of Virginia (Cochran) Moore and the late James Moore. She married Robert Kopacz on July 3, 1954, in Hyde Park Methodist Church in Hammond, Ind., whom predeceased her on Oct. 20, 1997. Kay loved and adored each of her grandchildren; they were her blessings in life. She recognized and cherished their interests and activities. Her love of motorcycles began at an early age. Pursuing her passion led her to learning how to ride a motorcycle and completing a course on motorcycle safety at the age of 65. She loved winter activities. She enjoyed snowmobiling for many years and also liked to downhill and cross country ski. She loved adventure and travel seeing many places but made her home in Vermont because she enjoyed the changing of the seasons, the stunning landscapes and the down to earth friendliness of the people. Kay and Bob both had a passion for antiques, opening antique shops in Maine and Vermont. Both spent much time together on antique buying trips. Kay enjoyed following her husband's Polish traditions at Christmas, making Pierogis, Kapusta and other favorite dishes. She was an amazing hostess and cook who thoroughly enjoyed entertaining for her children and friends. She had a passion and natural talent for floral arranging. In her later years she enjoyed working in flower shops in Jeffersonville, VT. She is survived by her three sons and their families, Robert Kopacz, wife Lori, and their three children, Heather, Beverly and Pamela of Hardwick, VT, David Kopacz, wife Stacey, and their four children, Taylor, Fletcher, VT, Marissa and Allie of Hopkinsville, Ky.,



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New Patients Welcome

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public parks, community gardens (particularly those that plant an extra row for the hungry), museums, and nursing homes. The Master Gardener Program has been in existence since 1991 and the number of people signing up continues to increase. Avery said there are already people on the waiting list for next year's program.

Holly Hall, the Deborah Rawson Librarian, is thrilled that the library is now a certified project site, noting that anyone from the Jericho/Underhill area who is interested in becoming a Master Gardener can now complete their volunteer hours close to home. This will also increase the number of people who are willing to volunteer in the gardens which, in turn, will improve the quality of the gardens. Hall is also happy about the community links which will be forged via the gardens with the schools, food shelf and senior center. Every month, the local senior citizen group has a luncheon in Underhill. The library has always supplied books for this event. Now, they intend to bring left-over produce, as well. Additionally, any produce not used by the food shelf or the seniors, will be placed outside the library. "There are going to be people in the community who have had to cut back severely on their budgets," said Hall. "This way, they don't even have to ask for help. The food is there for the taking."

"This is a great match for me," said Adams "because I love education and gardening. The thing that drew me to it is that I've been given so much by the community, and it's so much fun to give back. I want to use the knowledge that I have and share it." Adams is excited about the library's new designation. "I was happy to work there on my own," she said, "but working with my fellow Master Gardeners will bring much more richness and depth to the project. The possibilities are endless."

The Deborah Rawson Memorial Library at 899-4962. We hope you will join us for what promises to be a great celebration.

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.

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JERICHO CENTER

Jericho Town Library, on the Green in Jericho Center
Come celebrate National Poetry month during April with us! *Changes That Transform* - This is the theme for the sixth Annual poetry reading and writing workshop directed by retired UVM Professor Mary Jane Dickerson sponsored by the Jericho Town Library and the Deborah Rawson Library. The working sessions will meet Monday, March 30, April 6, and April 13, from 6:30-8:00 PM at the Jericho Town Library, and conclude for a final evening of sharing at the Deborah Rawson Memorial Library on Monday, April 27 from 6:30-8:00 PM. Poets of all ages are encouraged to participate. Attendance in the past has been a mix of middle and high school students and adults. Registration is required: please call JTL at 899-4686 to sign up.

Friday, May 8, from about 1:15 until 3:00 PM, Homeschool Kids Connect at the Library. Learn and experience Spanish and the culture with MMU High School Spanish teacher, Mickey Dutcher, and AP Spanish students. Enjoy activities and traditional Spanish festivities including Cinco de Mayo celebration. Grades 5 and up. To register call Jericho Town Library 899-4686.

Saturday, May 30, 9:00-10:30 AM, TAB (Teen Advisory Board-grades 7-12) meeting. Join and have fun with the fabulous TABbers. Refreshments served.

Feeling shut in? If you are sick or having a hard time getting around call us so we can bring you a good book (large print also available) at 899-4686.

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

High School students needing to fulfill community service please volunteer at the library when your schedule permits. Your help is really appreciated. Call or stop by.

Story time including craft and snack is held every Wednesday upstairs at 10:00 AM. Come share the joy of books, finger plays, flannel board, and songs with guitar music led by Derek! Upcoming themes: Wednesday, April 22, 10:00 AM - Sun, Wednesday, April 29, 10:00 AM - Recycle, Wednesday, May 6, 10:00 AM - Mother's Day.

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

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WESTFORD TOWN LIBRARY

Student Poetry at the Library - Westford Students in grades K-4 have been learning about poetry - rhyme and rhythm, comparisons, feelings and repetition. Vermont poet Ted Sheu visited the school in March and worked with the students to help them uncover their own writer's voices. A selection of the poems are on display in the library through April. Thanks to Ms Bochanski and the poets of Westford School for sharing their work!

Upcoming Events:
Thursday, April 16, 11:00 AM - Storytime. Stories and activities for preschoolers. Theme: Mice.

Thursday, April 16 6:45 PM - Movie Night for Teens & Adults. Featuring Heath Ledger's Oscar-winning performance as best supporting actor. Rated PG-13. Free popcorn.

Thursday, April 11 Am - Storytime. Stories and activities for preschoolers. Theme: Farming (parent-led).

Friday, April 23, 6:00 PM - Strategy and Board Games for Teens and Adults. Hosted by Matt Taylor.

Thursday, April 30, 11:00 AM - Storytime. Stories and activities for preschoolers. Theme: Safari.

Friday, May 1, 6:00 - 8:30 PM - Westford Knitters. All needlecrafters are welcome! Contact Julie Nelson at 343-0165 or julie@coolmoonyoga.com for more info.

Thursday, May 7, 11:00 - Storytime. Stories and activities for preschoolers. Theme: Mother Earth.

Saturday, May 9, 6:00 PM - Women's Game Night. Join this fun and welcoming group for games, food and laughter. Contact Kara Bolton at 879-2513.

Wednesday, May 13, 6:00 - 7:00 PM - Book Discussion: *The Life of Pi* by Yann Martell. Stop by the library for a copy. "Yann Martel's imaginative and unforgettable *Life of Pi* is a magical reading experience, an endless blue expanse of storytelling about adventure, survival, and ultimately, faith." (Amazon.com).

New Additions to the Collection Include: DVD: *Slumdog Millionaire*, and many wonderful donations including *Star Wars*, History Channel and Discovery Channel DVDs about the *Civil War* and *Pearl Harbor*, *Madagascar*, *Over the Hedge*, *Happy Feet*, and *American History for Kids* DVDs about the American Revolution, Constitution and Civil War. Donors - many thanks for your generosity.

Adult Fiction: *Admission* (Korelitz), *Borderline* (Barr), *Corsair* (Cussler), *Heart and Soul* (Binchy), *Unincorporated Man* (Kollin). Adult Nonfiction: *Crazy Love* (Steiner), *Once a Runner* (Parker), *Tipping Point* (Gladwell). Juvenile: 2009-2010 DCF books coming soon.

Donations now being accepted for the July 4 booksale. We accept adult and children's titles, DVD, audio books on CD, fiction, nonfiction, hardcover and paperback. No magazines, text books, Readers' Digest condensed versions, please.

Our hours are Wednesday 1:00 - 7:00 PM, Thursday 10:00 - 6:00 PM, Friday 1:00 - 6:00 PM and Saturday 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM. be reached at 802-878-5639, vt.us.

League of Vermont Writers' April program presents

The League of Vermont Writers announced its spring meeting line-up featuring a panel discussion focused on the Masters of Fine Arts degree and presentations on finding a writing community and grant writing. The spring meeting will be held at the Hotel Coolidge in White River Junction on April 18, 2009.

Linda Cruise, Loella Bryant, and Tamara Ellis Smith will open the meeting. The panel will explore issues relating to the various options in graduate writing degrees at the more than 300 programs now available nation-wide and abroad. The discussion will include the pros and cons of the low-residency MFA option, as well as advice for those considering applying to one of the dozens of programs now offered in the U.S.

Katherine Quimby Johnson experimented with a career in academia before beginning her current career as a full-time freelance writer and editor. In addition to sharing tips on finding your writing community, she will also explore how social networking can build your writing career.

After lunch, experienced presenter Deb Fennell, with over 20 years experience in the not-for-profit world, will provide insight and save you time as she shows participants how to write grants for your favorite cause and market your grant writing skills, as well as how to seek grant funding to further your writing career.

LVW meetings are open to all. Writers interested in attending the meeting can visit the LVW Web page <http://www.leaguvevriters.org> or get in touch with Goudey O'Brien at (802) 496-7226 for registration information.

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CVAA Senior Meals

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

Thursday, April 16 – Ponderosa, Williston, 10:00 AM check in, 11:15 lunch. All you can eat buffet.

Friday, April 17 – United Church, Hinesburg, 12:00 noon. Roast pork and gravy, apple sauce, mashed potatoes, vegetables medley, whole wheat roll, ambrosia

Monday, April 20 – Covenant Church, Essex Center, 12:00 noon. Spaghetti and meatballs, garden salad, Italian bread, oatmeal cookie

Monday, April 20 – Papa Nicks, 3:00 PM. Beef burgundy noodles.

Tuesday, April 21 – T-Bones, Hampton Inn, Colchester, 10:30 AM Check in, 11:00 AM lunch. Roast beef dinner.

Wednesday, April 22 – Elk's Club, No. Avenue, Burlington, 10:00 AM check in, 11:00 AM lunch. Ham dinner.

Thursday, April 23 – Ponderosa, Williston, 11:00 AM check in, 11:15 AM lunch. All you can eat buffet.

Friday, April 24 – Hinesburg 12:00 noon. Swedish meatballs, egg noodles, Harvard beets, Pumpernickle bread, chocolate cake.

Monday, April 27 – Covenant Church, Essex Ctr., 12:00 Noon. Turkey a la king, mashed potatoes, spring vegetables, biscuit, sugar cookie.

Tuesday, April 28 – JP's Dinner and Deli, Essex, 10:30 AM check in, 11:00 AM lunch. Roast pork dinner.

Wednesday, April 29 - Dutch Mill, Shelburne Rd., Shelburne, 10:30 AM check in, 11:00 AM lunch. Spaghetti and meatballs.

Thursday, April 30 – Ponderosa, Williston, 11:00 check in, 11:15 AM lunch. All you can eat buffet.

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

A.J.'s Kitchen, 85 Main St., Essex Jct. – open menu; tickets limited. Sunday-Tuesday, 5:00 AM – 2:00 PM, and Wednesday-Saturday, 5:00 AM – 8:00 PM.

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

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

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

Pizza Putt, Airport Parkway, So. Burlington – lunch or dinner, seven days a week. Choice of spaghetti with marinara sauce or baked ziti with tomato sauce and cheese, salad, garlic bread or roll, soda, coffee, or milk.

Ponderosa, Williston – lunch buffet, 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM, Monday-Friday. Tickets are limited.

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Douglas Kopacz and his wife Erin of Montgomery Cente, VT; her mother Virginia (Cochran) Moore of Texas; her brother Raymond Moore and his wife Denise of Texas; two sisters, Faye Kuyat and her husband Jim of California, Faith Thompson and her husband John of California; also loved as her own grandchildren, Rachel and Caitlin Schattman. She was also predeceased by her brother James Moore. The family wishes to extend a special thank you to the nurses on Shepardson 4 and the oncology unit at Fletcher Allen Health Care. There will be no public visiting hours. A memorial service was held on Saturday, April 11, 2009, in the A. W. Rich Funeral Home - Fairfax Chapel with the Reverend Peggy Tooker officiating. Inurnment will be at the convenience of the family. Memorial contributions may be made to either the American Cancer Society, 121 Connor Way, P.O. Box 1460, Williston, VT 05495-1460, or to the Lamoille Home Health and Hospice, 54 Farr Avenue, Morrisville, VT 05661. Arrangements are by John D. Workman - A. W. Rich Funeral Home - Fairfax Chapel, 1176 Main St., Fairfax, VT 05454. The family invites you to send your online condolences and view Kay's life tribute by directly visiting www.awrichfuneralhomes.com.

Got Stuff? Sell it at Bolton's Community Yard Sale

Bolton's 3rd annual Community Yard Sale, Plant Sale and Food Sale will be held at Smilie School on Saturday, May 16 from 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM.

Community members will be able to reserve a space to sell their outgrown or no-longer-needed items at the sale. The cost for this will be \$15.00.

Or, new this year, individuals can choose to donate their yard sale items to the Smilie School Community Association. Parent volunteers will take care of all the sorting, pricing and selling of the donated items, and anything that isn't sold will be passed on to local charities.

Donations of clothing, books, toys, sporting goods and housewares

are welcome; however, we are not able to accept large items, textbooks or furniture. All donated items should be in good used condition.

All proceeds from the sale of the donated items will go directly to supporting student activities and enrichment programs at Smilie.

Drop-off of donated yard sale items will take place on Thursday, May 14 and Friday, May 15 from 5:00-8:00 PM at the school. For more information, please contact Amy Turner at 434-3514 or via e-mail at boltonyardsale@hotmail.com.

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If you find it difficult to talk to your child about alcohol use, you're certainly not alone.

Even parents who give their child a clear "no-use" message about illegal drugs find it hard to be as tough with their child about alcohol use. After all, although it is a drug, alcohol is legal for adults to use and many parents do drink at home occasionally.

However, the social acceptability of alcohol is actually what makes it one of the most dangerous drugs your child will ever have contact with. What other drug can a child get hold of simply by opening the fridge at home? While drinking is often portrayed on television as being funny or sexy, illegal drug use rarely is. It is alcohol – not heroin, marijuana, cocaine, or other drugs – that is responsible for accidents resulting in the leading cause of accidental death for youth 15 to 24 years of age.

Prevention begins at home.

Parents are the *single greatest influence* on their child and have a major role in determining whether or not their child will experience alcohol or other drug related problems.

Set a good example.

Remember that children are mirrors. In front of them, even the most casual gestures and comments about alcohol use take on great importance. By setting good examples, you'll increase the chance that your child won't make risky decisions about alcohol or other drugs.

- › If you drink, let your child see you drink small amounts that don't produce intoxication. Also let them see you abstain from drinking at times and hear you say, "No thanks, I'm driving."
- › If you don't drink, explain to your child why you have made this choice. Point out examples of low-risk drinking, should they choose to drink as adults.
- › Show your child you are a responsible host by having non-alcoholic drinks available for guests, never "pushing" drinks, and by serving food with drinks.
- › Demonstrate positive ways to handle stress. Don't make casual comments about "needing a drink to relax," or "deserving a drink" after a difficult day.
- › Treat alcohol like a dangerous substance. Don't have your children serve you a drink and don't ask them to get you alcohol from the fridge.

Be aware of other influences.

Whether you're talking with them about it or not, your child is already receiving powerful messages about alcohol. These

messages are coming from their peers, the media and even from you own unconscious behavior.

As a parent or guardian, you can't control all the information your young child receives about alcohol. However, as the single greatest influence, you have the unique ability to prepare them for the peer pressure and onslaught of pro-alcohol messages to come.

Some suggestions to counteract pro-alcohol messages include:

- › Be selective about television shows, movies, and concerts that show alcohol and other drug use as normal and fun.
- › Point out the negative effects of alcohol use when you and your child are watching shows or commercials that portray alcohol use as funny or attractive.
- › Make sure your child's parties are chaperoned and that alcohol and other drugs are not available. If you have your doubts, don't be afraid to say "NO" to your child.
- › Get to know your child's friends and their parents. Know where your child will be, who they will be with, and what they will be doing.
- › Set reasonable curfews for your child and be clear about places and people that are off limits.

April is Alcohol Awareness Month



Together we can talk about alcohol.

For more information please visit the Vermont Department of Health website at:

<http://healthvermont.gov>

Poker Hill School News

So far it has been a busy spring at Poker Hill School. Princess, one of the school's miniature horses, delivered a foal earlier this month. The adorable filly has been named "Palooza."

The children have been busy with a grocery store in the dramatic play area. They've also continued to make monthly food shelf deliveries, visited local sugar houses, and are currently enjoying all the mud!

The annual Pokerpalooza event was held earlier this month.



Poker Hill School families and friends gathered for pizza and a night of dancing with SuperSounds DJ Bryant Pless. Everyone had a blast.

Mark your calendars for our annual golf tournament/ This fun event will be held Friday, May 29 at West Bolton Golf Club and all proceeds benefit the school. Take a day off from work and join us for an awesome day of golf, lunch, and prizes. For more info, please call David London at 899-3716.

Registration for Wolverine Youth Football

The Chittenden East Wolverines will be holding registration for this upcoming year for children in grades 2-8. Registration will take place May 19 and May 20; May 19 at Jericho Elementary School 6:00 to 8:00 PM, and May 20 at Camel's Hump Middle School from 6:00 to 8:00 PM.



Rachel Wellman named to BFP All-State Girls' Basketball Team

Rachel Wellman, a senior at Lamolite Union High School, has been named to the Burlington Free Press All-State Girls' Basketball Team. The 5'10" forward/guard, the only returning starter on the LUHS team, led the Lancers to win the Division II title. Rachel plans to study physical therapy at the University of Vermont and plans to play basketball for UVM.

MMU Spring Sports: Varsity Baseball MMU Varsity Baseball: "Road Warriors" welcome a new coach while searching for a place called home

By Richard Mindell
Special to the Mountain Gazette

Remember how the MMU varsity football team had to play all of its games on the road because there was no home field at the MMU complex in Jericho? Well, get ready parents, students, local baseball nuts and neighbors, the varsity baseball team will have to cope with the same problem this spring, as their home diamond no longer meets the standards of the Vermont Principal's Association for interscholastic competition. Due to the construction of the lower field this fall, the right field fence at the varsity baseball diamond had to be moved in toward home plate, shortening the distance from the plate to the fence to 260 feet, well short of the distance required by the VPA.

So the buses will roll again, taking the MMU team to far off towns all around Vermont, from St. Albans to Brattleboro to St. Johnsbury. The MMU players will be at a disadvantage because they will always play on surfaces with which they have no familiarity, especially the pitchers who will never have the luxury of pitching from their own mounds. The players will feel more pressure academically because they will have to leave classes early several times each week during the season to bus to other schools for games. "It's tough on the kids," first year Head Coach Brian Chandler admits. Chandler enters his first season as head coach of the Cougars, taking over for long-time Cougar mentor Bob Slayton, who retired from coaching this year after 33 years at the helm of MMU baseball. But Coach Chandler isn't making any excuses. In fact, Mr. Chandler is so upbeat about his first season as head coach he thinks this situation can actually give his team an edge.

"I hope it helps us develop team chemistry," Chandler said. "Our kids have always decided to ride the team bus home from away games instead of riding with their parents because they want the camaraderie after a good win. They also want the quiet on the bus after a tough loss. The bus ride home after a loss can be agonizing, but it builds character. I think that's important. Anything we can do to build team rapport is invaluable."

Coach Chandler will welcome back a core group of players from a team that finished the regular season with a 17-3 record, (14-2 and the top seed in the tough Metro Conference), including seniors Geoff Green (catcher, .372 BA and a staggering .577 on-base percentage and an honorable-mention all-Metro pick in '08), Taylor Yeats (first base), Matt Bristol (left field), Stephen Beaulieu (pitcher) and Will Godek (center field, .302 BA, .447 OBP). "For me to have this core group of kids for my first head coaching baseball experience ... I couldn't have picked a better group."

Chandler has been impressed with the dedication this group has exhibited during the off season. "This group has spent a lot of time in the weight room getting ready for the season. The younger kids saw this and they started coming in. They want to be good. They know all the sacrifices they make during those workouts will pay dividends. This same core group has come up short in the playoffs the past two seasons. Two years ago MMU lost in the quarter finals. Last year, despite finishing first in the Metro, the Cougars came up short again, losing in the semi finals. "This year they want to play in the championship game," Coach said.

The 2009 squad will rely on leadership from its core group and depth from a strong group of returning players including seniors Angus Dickerson (third base) and Mike Webb (second base), juniors Ethan Blum (pitcher and first base), Ben Dolan, who Coach Chandler says can play numerous positions, Jeremy Van Horne (third base), Dan French (outfield) and Jesse Leonard (catcher), sophomores Sam Spencer (second Base), Jeff Sutherland (third Base) and Shayne de La Bruere (pitcher), as well as freshman Cody Sharrow (shortstop).

Absent from this group is a proven power hitter, a "go-to" guy, as Coach Chandler points out. But he's not phased. "We don't have one go-to guy; we have nine go-to guys. We'll sacrifice, we'll bunt, we'll squeeze. We'll move runners, steal bases, do the small things teams do to win games."

They better, because MMU varsity baseball always has a target on its back. "Last year we were the team to beat in the Metro," Coach said. "The caliber of teams in the Metro is outstanding. Winning the Metro (last year) carries a lot of responsibility. The other teams are always gunning for you. You always get the other team's best pitcher."

Coach Chandler has high hopes for this year's squad as well as future teams coming up from the middle schools and the community's little league system. "We want to reconnect with the little leagues," Chandler said. To do this he plans to initiate a program where all of his varsity players will spend time with a designated little league team to help the little league coach in practices and games, to umpire little league games and to invite the little league kids to varsity games so the young kids can feel the excitement of a game on that level. "We want them to imagine themselves playing for MMU when they get here," Chandler said. "we want them to know what it's like to be a Cougar."

Coach Chandler also wants to start a district-wide clinic for little league coaches. "We want to give back," he said. His goal is to provide little league coaches with help on developing practice drills, development

of individual skills and teamwork. But he was quick to point out it wouldn't happen overnight. "We can't accomplish everything in one year."

As for the travelling? "We're road warriors," Coach Chandler said. "I'm inheriting the best group I can imagine to travel with. It will build team character. I like that."

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS

Town of Underhill

Development Review Board (DRB) Hearing

Monday, May 4, 2009 at 6:30 PM

Hearing to be Held

at the Underhill Town Hall, Underhill Center, VT

The DRB will hold a hearing on the Boundary Line Adjustment application for 2 adjacent parcels owned by Paul and Joan Chamberlin, located at 97 River Road in Underhill, Vermont. These properties are located in the Rural Residential and Water Conservation zoning districts.

The DRB will also hold a hearing on the appeal by Albert Bernasconi, Jr. of the Zoning Administrator's decision to issue a zoning violation notice for gravel extraction on his property located at 49 Meadow Lane in Underhill, VT. This property is located in the Residential zoning district. Gravel extraction is not a permitted or conditional use in this zoning district. This hearing will begin immediately following the preceding boundary line adjustment hearing scheduled for 6:30 PM.

Town of Underhill Development Review Board (DRB) Hearings and Site Visits

Monday, May 18, 2009 at 6:00 PM

Hearings to be Held

at the Underhill Town Hall, Underhill Center, VT

The DRB will hold a hearing on the conditional use request of Abbi Jaffe to operate a yoga studio as a home occupation at her property located at 491 Irish Settlement Road in Underhill, Vermont. This property is located in the Rural Residential zoning district. A site visit at this property will begin at 6:00 PM. This is one of two site visits. The hearing will take place immediately following the second site visit (details below).

The DRB will also hold a combined sketch and preliminary hearing on the application of Steven and Wendy Guay for a 2-lot planned residential development of property they own at 63 River Road (RV063) in Underhill, Vermont. This property is located in the Water Conservation zoning district. A site visit at this property will begin immediately following the site visit scheduled for 6:00 PM (see above). The hearing will take place immediately following the preceding hearing.

A copy of these applications and additional information may be obtained at the Underhill Town Hall. These hearings are open to the public. Pursuant to 24 V.S.A. §§ 4464(a) (1) (C) and 4471(a), participation in these local proceedings is a prerequisite to the right to take any subsequent appeal. If you can not attend the hearing but would still like to exercise your right to be heard, comments may be made in writing prior to the hearing and mailed to: Zoning Administrator, P.O. Box 32 Underhill Center, VT 05490 or to underhillzoning@comcast.net.

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TOWN OF JERICHO – SELECTBOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Jericho Selectboard hereby provides notice of a public hearing being held pursuant to Title 24 VSA Section 4442 for the purpose of hearing public comments concerning: **Proposed Jericho Land Use and Development Regulations.**

The public hearing is scheduled for May 7, 2009 at 7:00p.m. in the Jericho Town Hall, located at 67 Vermont Route 15.

The purpose of these regulations is to improve conformance with the Jericho Town Plan and to ensure compliance with the Vermont Planning and Development Act (Title 24 VSA Chapter 117) and other recently amended state statutes. If adopted, these regulations will replace the Jericho Zoning Regulations, adopted December 3, 2003 and the Jericho Subdivision Regulations, adopted July 8, 1985.

The proposed regulations shall apply in all areas of the Town of Jericho.

Summary of Proposed Regulations:

Section 1	Authority and Purpose
Section 2	Definitions
Section 3	Zoning Districts
Section 4	Zoning Uses
Section 5	Dimensional Standards
Section 6	Overlay Districts
Section 7	General Provisions
Section 8	Flood Hazard Regulations
Section 9	Regulation of Telecommunication Towers and Facilities
Section 10	Permit and Review Procedures
Section 11	General Development Standards
Section 12	Administration and Enforcement

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lawn in front of the house. By mid-afternoon Friday, the news media had moved their vehicles a half mile away to the St. Thomas Church parking lot and at Moore Park across from the Town Hall on Pleasant Valley Road. The media trucks were moved away from the church parking lot because of Easter Sundry Mass.

Neighbors and friends of the family wrapped yellow ribbons and yellow flowers around trees and along the Phillips' picket fence. Yellow ribbons festooned trees and telephone poles up and down River Road.

In a statement released Friday by Maersk Lines Ltd., Andrea Phillips thanked her friends, neighbors and others around the world for standing by her and her husband.

"We have felt the compassion of the world through your concern for Richard. My husband is a strong man and we will remain strong for him. We ask that you do the same," she said.

At Good Friday services at St. Thomas Church, Father Charles Danielson asked about 70 parishioners to offer "prayers of special need" for the Phillips family. He compared Phillips' capture and sacrifice for his crew to Jesus' sacrifice on the cross. "Jesus died for all of us, including a family many of us are close to in this congregation Richard Phillips and his captors, the broken and bleeding nation of Somalia and all the broken, bleeding nations of the world," Danielson said. Several parishioners said they thought his words were appropriate.

Andrea Phillips expresses thanks for her husband's pirate rescue



Andrea Phillips speaks to reporters at a news conference at the Sheraton in Burlington.

By Ted Tedford
Special to the Mountain Gazette
Speaking hoarsely after her five-day ordeal, Andrea Phillips, wife of freed merchant marine Capt. Richard Phillips of Underhill said Monday she had spoken with her husband earlier in the day and that he is well and on his way back to the United States.

Mrs. Phillips, her children, Danny and Mariah, and her husband's mother, Virginia, appeared briefly at the Sheraton Hotel in South Burlington

Monday afternoon.

Because of her temporary loss of voice, she turned her written statement over to a spokesperson for the shipping line for which her husband works.

Allison McColl of Maersk Line Limited read the statement which

said in part: "I have agreed to meet with you to thank everyone locally and across the nation whose overwhelming concern and prayers for his safety helped me. I don't know what happened on the lifeboat. The hard part was wondering. We held onto our faith knowing he would come home."

She added: "He (Richard) will tell his story with his usual sense of humor. My family are extremely proud."

She said her husband wanted to thank the military and all those involved in saving him from the pirates who captured him in the Indian Ocean Wednesday October 8 after briefly taking over his ship.

"I want to give special thanks to President Obama and all the officials involved," she went on.

"You have no idea what Richard faced. You have given me the best Easter ever."

She thanked everyone for respecting the family's privacy.

"We are all looking forward to his return." The family left without taking questions from the huge number of reporters and photographers.

Messages to the Phillips family...

Praise God for Capt. Phillips' safe return. I know that he and his family will get thousands of emails, phone calls, etc. but I wanted to add my thoughts to him and his family.

The Christian segment of this country was praying earnestly for him.

To me, Capt. Phillips is a true hero. As Christ said, "Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends." John 15:13 (NKJV)

By offering himself as a hostage to let his crew go free, Capt. Phillips has bought my respect, my love, and the admiration of all who love the Lord.

Phil Ruby

What more can you say! Captain Phillips is a true American hero. He stood up to the anarchy on the high seas and won. I am just as proud of him as I am of the U.S. Navy that rescued him.

Tom Niblack, Redlands, CA. U.S. Navy Veteran.

God Bless you for being such a strong person in the face of danger. I followed your story until the end. My wife and I want to congratulate your safe return. Enjoy your time off. Hopefully the President will continue to provide safety in the area.

Take care, John Leach.

Notes from Montpelier

By Rep. Bill Frank

Just as I started pulling my thoughts together for this article on Easter Sunday I heard Captain Richard Phillips had been freed. We are all proud of this extraordinary man who put the lives of others before his own. We can be proud of his family for showing the world how strong they are. We can be proud of our town for uniting together to support the Phillips family. We can all be proud to live in Underhill. We have a hero as a neighbor!

The Legislature has been working at a record pace as we move toward a May 8 adjournment. The money bills, which always start in the House, have passed the House and now the Senate has started working on them. I feel positive about what the House has passed but I still have concerns. The challenge of the 2010 Fiscal Year State Budget, referred to as "The Big Bill," was to close the \$228 million budget gap. The Governor's proposal asked for layoffs of up to 660 state employees and the shift of \$63 million from the general fund to the property tax. Those State employees perform services many Vermonters who are experiencing job layoffs and other economic problems so desperately need right now. This is not the time to reduce services to needy Vermonters. The Stimulus package, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act will pay

for \$163 million of the budget. The Governor keeps saying no to new taxes. But what is a \$63 million property tax increase if it's not new taxes?

The Transportation bill passed the House with a bonding proposal for fixing our roads and bridges. These bonds will be paid for by adding five cents to the gasoline tax. I supported raising the gas tax three years ago to pay for desperately needed road and bridge repairs; I continue to support it now.

The third money bill deals with Capital Construction and State Bonding. The Human Service committee spent a lot of time developing a plan for the first phase of closure of the State Hospital. Money to plan for a new Acute Care center at the Rutland Regional Medical Center is included in the bill.

These money bills are now being worked on in the Senate; changes will be ironed out by a conference committee and then sent to the Governor for approval.

Rep. George Till and I will be at the Deborah Rawson Memorial Library Tuesday evening, May 5, 6:30-8:00 PM to discuss the legislative session and any questions or concerns you have. I hope you can join us. As always I like to hear from you, either by email: Bill@RepBillFrank.com, phone: 899-3136 or mail: 19 Poker Hill Rd, Underhill, 05489.



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