Area girls participate in Essex Youth Hockey



U-14: Front row (from left): Nicole Beaudoin, Molly Burke, Erin Murray, Katie LeBlanc, Charlotte Adams, Abby Wintersteen. Back row: Mikaela Osler, Taylor Drake, Taylor Hallowell, Rachel Elliot, Kimmy Dvorak, Monica Keithcart. Coaches (last row): Patrick Burke, Paul Wintersteen, Mike Drake.



U-12: Front row (from left): Melanie Theriault, Sarah Manley, Victoria Gibson. Second row: Jennifer Berardo, Mackenzie Burnett, Jasmine Powell, Mikayla Butkus, Allison Rutz. Third row: Mercedes Sauve, Tiffany Barnes, Rachel Morse. Coaches, last row: Patrick Theriault, Craig Butkus, Hugh Gibson. Not present: Vika Simons. For more information about Girls' Hockey Programs, please contact Craig Butkus, Women's Director, 879-5227. Girls' hockey programs are offered to girls ages 5-14, and the Essex Youth Hockey Association covers Essex, Essex Jct., Westford, and the towns in the Chittenden East Supervisory Union district.

Westford Town Office notes

Petitions for articles to be considered for inclusion in the warning for Town Meeting are due by 4:30 PM Thursday, January 24. Petitions must be signed by at least 5% of the registered voters (a minimum of 67). Please be sure that the person signing the petition is a registered voter and that their name is legible.

Petitions for local offices (e.g., Selectboard, School Board, Auditor, Lister, etc.) can be picked up at the Town Office and must be submitted no later than 4:30 PM on Monday, January 28. Petitions must be signed by a minimum of 14 registered voters. Please contact the Town Office for a list of available offices.

Following are a few important dates to remember leading up to Town Meeting:

- January 24 (Thursday) Last day to file petitions signed by at least 5% of the registered voters (a minimum of 67) with the town clerk for articles to be included in the warning for Town Meeting. Be sure that the person who signs the petition is a registered voter and signs their name as it appears on the checklist and is legible. It could mean the difference of a petition brought in at the last minute not being acceptable.
- January 28 (Monday) Deadline for filing with the town clerk nominating petitions for town offices to be filled by Australian Ballot.

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Bolton continued on page12

Special to the Mountain Gazette Following the December 2007 defeat of a bond combining two municipal projects, the Cambridge Selectboard met with representatives of the Cambridge Fire Department. At the December 17 meet-

Cambridge to vote on Fire Department

ing, the decision was made to proceed immediately to a revote for a Fire Station, while postponing the decision on a Town Garage. Bernie Juskiewicz, Selectboard chair, said later, "We anticipate coming to the town for a vote on Town Meeting Day. We've asked Clark Elliott to bring us three scenarios. They will involve the current site." The proposed relocation of the Town Garage is widely viewed as the reason for the previous bond's defeat.

Bv Katherine Ouimby Johnson

The vote on the bond for the Cambridge Fire Station construction project will be held Wednesday, January 23 in the Cambridge Elementary School gymnasium. The polls open at 7:00 AM and close at 7:00 PM.

The \$1.85 million requested represents the same price for the same Fire Station previously proposed to voters. The total includes \$1,438,000 in construction costs, \$192,000 in site preparation, and \$220,000 in contingency funds

However, speaking at a sparsely attended informational meeting held January 9, Juskiewicz said that the interest rate on such bonds has dropped slightly, from approximately 4.04% to 4.01%. The first year payment on the bond, which would occur in 2009, would be \$164,069, which would mean \$0.0321 on the tax rate. However, as presented at the January 9 meeting, the tax impact for the first year's payment would be offset by the 2007 retirement of current municipal debts equaling \$128,000, reducing the estimated increase in the tax rate to 0.007, or \$16.36 on a property at the town average value of \$233,800.

Most of the comments from the dozen or so people who attended the meeting had to do with specifics of the building. One resident commented, "It looks too big for a little town." Howard Cary,

construction bond Department, responded, "Were you here for the last two meetings? There were a lot of people at those meetings who said the opposite.

Members of the Fire Department and David P. Roy, vice president of Weimann Lamphere Architecture/Engineering, explained that the building's height resulted from the need to have clearance for the 14-foot doors in the truck bays, and to have space above the vehicles so that members of the fire department could work on the top of the trucks. In addition, Lamphere said the space was also needed to accommodate a sprinkler system and other utilities above the door area.

When several people expressed concern about the proposed second story over the office area in the rear, moderator Jerome Cole, who works in building supplies, commented, "That is very inexpensive space to gain." Dan St. Cyr, Second Assistant Chief of the Fire Department added, 'That's space for the future. We were thinking, 'Let's do it right to as far out as we can plan in that 50 year period."

In response to a question from Hollis "Sonny" Edwards, Jr. about the amount of the budget for site preparation, Juskiewicz said, "Anything that comes in lower will result in a decrease to you, the

Ône more informational meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 22 at 7:00 PM in the Cambridge Elementary School gymnasium.

CAMBRIDGE FIRE STATION BOND

Informational Meeting Tuesday, January 22, 2008 7:00 PM

Cambridge Elementary School Gymnasium

Wednesday, January 23, 2008 7:00 AM - 7:00 PM Cambridge Elementary School Gymnasium

North Carolina firm plans Jericho radio station

By Ted Tedford

Special to the Mountain Gazette

A North Carolina company plans to open an FM radio station in Jericho if the Federal Communications Commission approves the firm's application for an operating license.

NC Friends Broadcasting Inc. has applied to the FCC for a license to run a "non-commercial Class A radio station" in the town with "fewer than five employees" and to broadcast from a 308foot antenna. The station's signal would be below 92 on the FM dial.

According to a copy of the company's FCC filing papers, NC Friends Broadcasting would provide non-commercial educational programming "on religion, current events, history, public interest, social issues, and human interest stories." Some of the programs it would broadcast are from Focus on the Family, a Christian non-profit organization founded by James Dobson.

Three phone attempts to reach Todd P. Robinson, a North Carolina investor and president of NC Friends Broadcasting of Greensboro, NC. were unsuccessful. Robinson's wife Allison and Scott Knox, also of Greensboro, are listed as officers and directors. Knox also did not return a

NC Friends Broadcasting was incorporated in North Carolina on October 15, 2007. The company filed its FCC application seven days later, October 22. A copy of the FCC filing is available to the public at the Jericho Town Library.

According to the North Carolina Secretary of State's office, NC Friends Broadcasting's principal office and mailing address is at 2307 Princess Ann St., Greensboro, NC, the Robinsons' home. Robinson has also incorporated these companies in North Carolina: Todd Robinson Inc. on September 14, 1998, and Toddjon Inc., July 25, 1978.

Robinson also has interests in nine commercial radio stations in Arizona, California, Virginia, and West Virginia.

A. Wray Fitch, the company's lawyer in Arlington, VA, said in a phone interview last week he

did not know how long it would take for the FCC to reach a decision on the license. "It's all about whatever other stations are operating in that frequency (below 92 FM) or close to that. There could be one located in Burlington that might be in conflict," Wray said. He added if there is a conflict FCC approval could be months away, or it could be within weeks, if there is no conflict.

The company's FCC filing does not pinpoint where the antenna tower would be located. Wray said he does not know where the company plans to locate the station or the antenna tower. "There are a number of steps before finally determining that," he said.

The FCC filing only indicates the antenna would be located at 44-31-40 north latitude and 72-48-58 west longitude.

Jericho is listed as 44.50 north latitude and 72.99 west longitude. The top of Mount Mansfield in Stowe, where several radio and TV station towers are located, is listed as at 44.48 north latitude and 72.79 west longitude.

The company has not applied for a permit to operate a business in Jericho, according to Jericho Zoning Administrator Jenn Rowe. She said Monday if NC Friends Broadcasting plans to operate a station with employees it would need to get a conditional use permit from the Development Review Board. She also said the company would be required to receive site-plan approval for park-

Rowe said the town's telecommunication regulations do not spell out what restrictions there are on the height of antennas. The height cannot exceed the minimum necessary to provide adequate coverage, according to the regulations.

Other objectives NC Friends Broadcasting listed in its application are: "NPR-type programs, such as Morning Edition, and interviews with national individuals of note in the areas of music, art, culture, and current events."

It also plans local "public service-type announcements that deal with issues of concern to

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PHOTOS CONTRIBUTED Bolton town news

By Deborah La Rivière, Town Clerk

Town Meeting is fast approaching. The following are some dates you might want to keep handy:

If you are planning to run for an elected office, the deadline to return your petition to the Town Clerk, with signatures from nine voters registered in Bolton, is Monday January 28.

If you wish to place an article on the warning at town meeting, you must present your petition to the Town Clerk, with signatures from 5% (42) of voters by Thursday January 28.

The last day to register to vote at Town Meeting is Wednesday, January 27 at 4:00 PM.

Town Meeting itself is Monday, March 3 and voting by Australian ballot is Tuesday, March 4. Bolton votes for its municipal and local school

budgets by voice vote at the Monday night meeting. The MMU budget, all elected officials' positions, and any other issues will be voted by Australian ballot on Tuesday. As well on Tuesday there will be Presidential primary voting.

In Vermont, in the Presidential primary a voter must declare his party affiliation to the election official at the check-in table. At that point, you are given one primary ballot, either the Democratic primary ballot, the Libertarian ballot, or the Republican ballot. People may not wish to announce publicly what party they vote in, but these are statewide rules. You may choose not to declare a

COURT REPORT

November 8, 2007, Edward Cormier, 27, Jericho, VT, charged with simple assault in So. Burlington, VT on August 24, 2007; amended to disorderly conduct - fight, etc.; sentenced deferred for

November 30, 2007, Erik S. Mixon, 27, Underhill, VT, charged with vehicle operation – license suspended in Colchester, VT on September 7, 2007; amended to disorderly conduct – obstructs vehicular or pedestrian traffic; pleaded guilty; fined \$200.

December 3, 2007, Warren J. Palmer, 53, Jericho, VT, charged with DUI, first offense, in Williston, VT on November 2, 2007; amended to vehicle operation - careless or negligent; pleaded guilty;

December 3, 2007, Eric Petri, 18, Jericho, VT, charged with petty larceny \$900 or less in Williston, VT on November 10, 2007; pleaded guilty; sentenced deferred for three months.

December 4, 2007, Michael J. Tavares, 34, Underhill, VT, charged with DUI, first offense, in Williston, VT on November 23, 2007; pleaded guilty; fined. \$200.

December 11, 2007, Clayton C. Reynolds, 49, Westford, charged with marijuana possession two ounces or more, felony, in Burlington, VT on October 31, 2007; pleaded guilty; sentenced to 30 days to 12 months, consecutive.

December 11, 2007, Brian P. Palker, 44, Cambridge, VT, charged with DUI, first offense, in Burlington, VT on November 21, 2007; pleaded guilty; fined \$250, sentenced to one to three months, suspended, probation

December 12, 2007, **Robert D. Blais**, 47, Underhill, VT, charged with DUI, first offense, in Williston, VT on November 5, 2007; pleaded guilty; fined \$300.

December 12, 2007, Sean T. Provost, 33, Westford, VT, charged with DUI, second offense, in Winooski, VT on November 21, 2007;

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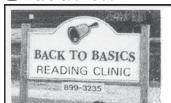
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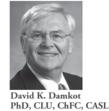
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pleaded guilty; fined \$300, sentenced to six to 12 months, suspended but 60 hours, probation.

December 12, 2007, Stephen M. Salyer, 27, Underhill, VT, charged with false pretenses or false tokens \$900 or less in Williston, VT on August 31, 2007; pleaded guilty; sentenced to four to 12 months, consecutive, suspended but 30 days, probation; charged with cocaine possession less than 2.5 grams in So. Burlington, VT on September 24, 2007; pleaded guilty; sentenced to four to 12 months, consecutive, suspended, probation.

POLICE REPORT

Saturday, December 15, 2007 at 6:15 PM, Sr. Trp. Garry Scott, VSP/Williston reports that VSP were called to a "leaving the scene of a crash" call on Nashville Road in Jericho, VT. Upon arrival, Troopers located the at-fault operator, Timothy Mercer, 24, of Jericho, VT attempting to remove his vehicle. He was processed for DUI and also issued a citation for leaving the scene of a crash when he continued to drive after hitting a vehicle driven by Donna Porter, 55, of Jericho, then going off the road and then running away. Mercer was cited to appear in Chittenden Court on Thursday, January 24, 2008. (Case #07A105516)

Thursday, December 20, 2007 at 9:45 PM, Trooper Cari Crick of Vermont State Police/Williston reports that VSP responded to a motor vehicle crash on VT Rt. 15, Underhill. A Jeep Cherokee operated by Rilda Corriveau, 46, of Underhill, VT, was traveling eastbound, when the vehicle struck a power pole, causing minimal damage to the pole. Corriveau required extrication and was transported to the hospital for evaluation. Corriveau, who was wearing a seat belt, told police she had fallen asleep at the wheel. There was impact damage to the passenger side of the vehicle. (Case #07A105625)

Friday, December 21, 2007 at 11:30 PM, Troopers from VSP/ Middlesex responded to a two-vehicle collision on Interstate 89 northbound in Middlesex, VT. Investigation by VSP Troopers Darryl M. Cremo and Daniel Schneider showed that Charles Trottier, 46, of Burlington, VT was traveling northbound on I-89 in a 1997 Ford Aspire at approximately 50 miles per hour, when his vehicle moved into the breakdown lane of I-89 and struck a vehicle that was stopped in the breakdown lane of I-89 near mile marker 56. The vehicle that was struck was a 1998 GMC truck operated by James Letourneau, 47, of Jericho, VT, who had stopped because he thought one of the Christmas trees he was transporting was about to come off of his vehicle. As Letourneau was tending to the trees, he was struck by Trottier's vehicle. Trottier's vehicle sustained extensive front end damage while Letourneau's vehicle sustained minor rear end damage. Letourneau was transported to Central Vermont Hospital and then to Fletcher Allen Hospital after suffering two fractured legs. Trottier was transported to Central Vermont Hospital for a head laceration. Further investigation showed that Trottier may have been operating his vehicle while under the influence of alcohol. Trottier was processed for Driving Under the Influence and was issued a citation to appear in Washington County District Court on January 8, 2008 to answer to the charges of Driving Under the Influence and Grossly Negligent Operation of a Motor Vehicle with Serious Bodily Injury Resulting. (Case #07A305592)

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Cambridge Fire Department news

By Jason Luneau

EMERGENCY CALLS FROM December 27-January 9

Saturday, December 29, 7:36 AM - Responded to VT Rt. 104 near the Cambridge/Fairfax town line for a reported motor vehicle

Monday, December 31, 6:40 PM - Responded to the Smugglers' Notch Inn for a reported automatic fire alarm.

Wednesday, January 2, 6:17 PM – Automatic fire alarm, Smugglers' Notch Resort, Meeting House.

Thursday, January 3, 10:02 PM - Responded to 115 Mann's Meadow, unit #105 B, for reported carbon monoxide alarm activa-

Friday, January 4, 1:42 PM - Responded to the Edwards residence, Church St., Jeffersonville for a reported chimney fire.

Friday, January 4, 2:45 PM - Responded to the Drinkwine residence, VT Rt. 15, Jeffersonville for a reported chimney fire.

Friday, January 4, 1:05 AM – Automatic fire alarm, Smugglers' Notch Resort, Poolside condominiums.

Tuesday, January 8, 11:05 AM - Automatic fire alarm, Smugglers' Notch Resort, Tamarack condominiums. WEEKLY TRAINING AND ACTIVITIES

On Thursday, January 3, CFD held its annual meeting where the election of officers was held. The results of the elections were: Chief - Alan Cary; 1st Asst. Chief - Carey White; 2nd Asst. Chief - Dan St. Cyr; 1st Captain – Dan Wyckoff; 2nd Captain – Jason Luneau; 1st Lieut. – Howie Alden; 2nd Lieut – Chris Langlois; Secretary – Austin Irish; Treasurer - Tammy White.

On Wednesday, January 23, there will be an Australian ballot vote held for the approval of a \$1.85 million bond for the construction of a new fire station. The vote will be held at the Cambridge Elementary School (CES) gym. The polls will be open from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM. There will be a second informational meeting held at CES on January 22 at 7:00 PM.

Underhill-Jericho Fire Department news By Kitty Clark

EMERGENCY CALLS:

Thursday, December 20, 10:48 AM - Responded to 11 Brookside Dr., Jericho for a carbon monoxide investigation.

Thursday, December 20, 8:52 PM - Responded to 383 VT Rt. 15, Jericho for an accident.

Sunday, December 23, 1:11 AM – Responded to 6 Kelley Rd., Underhill for a carbon monoxide alarm.

Sunday, December 23, 2:50 PM – Responded to 225 River Rd., Underhill for a carbon monoxide alarm.

Sunday, December 23, 8:34 PM - Responded to 123 Hanley Lane, Jericho for an electrical problem.

Monday, December 24, 3:29 PM - Responded to Maple Leaf Farm. Underhill for a fire alarm. Friday, December 28, 6:48 PM - Responded to an accident on

Governor Peck Rd., Jericho. Tuesday, January 1, 8:12 PM - Responded to 16 Hawk Ridge,

Underhill for a gas smell. Wednesday, January 2, 9:31 AM - Responded to a one vehicle

accident on VT Rt. 117, Jericho. Thursday, January 3, 6:58 PM – Responded to 94 Barber Farm

Rd., Jericho for a chimney fire. Friday, January 4, 3:15 PM – Responded to 37 Krug Rd., Underhill for a chimney fire.

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Please call the Town Clerk's office at 878-4587 for information regarding available town offices

- January 29 (Tuesday) Town clerk must return nominating petitions found not to conform, stating in writing the reasons why they cannot be accepted.
- January 30 (Wednesday) 5:00 PM deadline for candidates to file written consent for the candidate's name to be on the ballot.
- January 30 (Wednesday) 5:00 PM deadline for a person to withdraw after he or she has consented to be nominated.
- February 27 (Wednesday) 5:00 PM deadline to submit an application for addition to the checklist or to file a written notice of intent to apply for those who are not eligible to register to vote but will be by Town Meeting.
- March 3 (Monday) In towns using Australian Ballot, a voter or an authorized person on behalf of a voter, may request an early voter absentee ballot until 5:00 PM
- March 4 (Tuesday) Town Meeting Day.
 Polls open from 7:00 AM 7:00 PM

For questions concerning Town Meeting or deadlines leading up to Town Meeting, please call the Town Office at 878-4587.

A look around town

By Brenda Boutin and Sara Riley Mountain Gazette staff

A recent trip to Staples brought me back to the *Mountain Gazette* via Skunk Hollow Road in Jericho. Much to my surprise, I came upon four teenagers furiously picking up parts to their car and stuffing them into the trunk: the grill, the front bumper, and various other pieces of this and that. It was obvious that speed and slippery roads were not a good mix and they were lucky that the new guard rails stopped their plunge off the right side of the road.

The stoplight at Gentleman's Corner seems to be doing a very good job at keeping traffic moving.

Where is our snow? Once it starts snowing, before Thanksgiving this winter, it should not thaw or, worse yet, rain until after Town Meeting...

And when the temp is above 28°F it's really hard to run the woodstove without broasting everybody in the house.

Roberta is still not back at the Flour Shop Bakery but we hear her broken leg is well on the mend. Get well and hurry back.

Luke Mindell has purchased Film Buzz in Richmond. Take a trip over – the variety of movies is rivaled by none – and chat with Luke.

Did you know that a law was passed about a year ago giving tow trucks the same protection under the law as police and emergency vehicles? Slow down and steer clear of these hard working people. Their job is.

Fairfax Food Shelf—The Fairfax Food Shelf has moved to the United Church, which is on the corner of Fletcher Road and River Road near the Foothills Bakery. The Food Shelf is open the first two Wednesdays of the month from 9:00 AM to 12:00 noon. Please use the downstairs entrance. Please call 849-6588 if you have any questions.

It didn't happen here – this time – this office gets press releases from the State Police by email. Just saw one where a 20-year-old boy and an 18-year-old girl, siblings by their same-last-name, lost control of their car on a rightward curve and slid into the oncoming lane. "Vehicle #1 was sliding sideways in the road when it struck the front end of vehicle #2." Both kids killed, and the 42-year-old driver of vehicle #2 will now have to live with that sight in his mind's eye for the rest of his life. The kids' family probably shattered. Why. Why again. It has happened and happens here, and all across our state and nation, too. Everybody, please slow down, especially on icy curves. That day, nobody actually got any benefit from the two minutes "saved" by speeding on a typical local trip...

And by the way, there is a *stop* sign in Underhill Center...

There was a well-attended service in the town hall on Saturday, January 12 commemorating the lives of longtime Underhill Center residents George and Eve Shakespeare. Eve passed on December 18; George a year or two ago. Wish I'd known them better, and when they were more active. Wish their (and others') Madonna Vasa trail was still marked and maintained...

Laura Wells has added a crafty gift shop at the Sewing Corner. So, stop in and sew up a storm.

Westford's Town Clerk, Nanette Rogers, reports that the town was "able to distribute holiday baskets to 15 families on December 21 due to the overwhelming generosity of fellow residents. Thank you to everyone who donated food items or money to make this possible! A special thanks to Charlotte Vincent, Leni Jorschick, Arlitha Racine, Melissa Manka, Lynn Gauthier, Janet Franz, and Henry Terrier for helping with the baskets."

Send in your own news/newsy items for this

new(s) column!
We miss Shad. Can you tell? Chortle...

From the Country Store

By Jon St. Amour Special to the Mountain Gazette

It seems like an eternity since I last wrote in here, so let me take a moment to welcome myself back. Okay, thanks. As we enter 2008, I thought this would be a good time to reflect on all that has happened in Jericho last year. Okay, I reflected. Not much happened.

Seriously, we had a terrific year here at the store, buoyed by a fantastic summer that culminated with our 200-year bash. We're still having small discussions about making it an annual event, albeit scaled down and with less ruckus. We'll let you know what we come up with.

It was an interesting year here as well. We had a Vermont Lottery commercial shoot here (which went smoothly) and a movie shoot here (which went horrendously). I can't wait to see the film when it comes out this spring to see if the tumult was worthwhile. I will be excited to see Mayor Felix Streeter of West Bolton in it, who has an Oscar-worthy (so I've heard) cameo in the film. See the film, folks, if for nothing else than to see ol' Felix do his best Brando impression on the big screen

Jericho Center received a huge facelift, with side-walks stretching through town and a couple of crosswalks put in (not that most people pay any attention to these crosswalks). The much-needed sidewalks are great and now parents and kids can finally walk into the Center without fearing for their lives. However, people crossing the road to get to our store still need to recite 10 *Hail Marys* in order to make it safely. Also, Jericho Congregational Church put on a beautiful addition and the Community Center received a much-needed paint job.

We also had tragedy. In December, our friend and neighbor John McNulty and his father were involved in a bad accident on Plains Road. Incredibly, their truck malfunctioned and slammed into a

tree. They survived but John Jr. is partially paralyzed from the neck down. We have a collection box here at the store to help Johnner and his family with their expenses if anyone out there would like to do anything for them. Our thoughts and prayers are with John.



sage Shad Emerson. He will be missed for a long time, but we all now he is giving the Big Man upstairs fits of giggles. Chortle!

Yet there was great news, too. Lots of new babies arrived including Aidan Verdonk. Abe

We lost many friends, including Jericho's jovial

Yet there was great news, too. Lots of new babies arrived, including Aidan Verdonk, Abe Alexander, Emerson Griffiths, and my son Cole (my apologies for not listing all of you cute new babies!) to name just a few. On a personal note, the sleep deprivation for my wife and me continues. Natalie, our two-year-old, still has trouble going to bed and staying asleep, and Cole is following suit. So excuse me if I blather like an idiot or trip over myself at six in the morning when I see

We're all looking forward to what this year promises. More sidewalks are coming and there will be many more babies reinvigorating Jericho, including our very own Twink Bugbee's first grandchild (congrats Ashley and Francois). I promise you, my wife and I will be having no more babies. There are enough St. Amours for this town to handle now. And finally, it's the last hurrah for George Dubyah Bush, which is a great thing all by itself. Thanks for the memories, Dubyah!

Another note, on Friday, January 25, Jericho Elementary School will be holding "Soups for Slides and Swings," an all-you-can-eat soup dinner to help raise money for new playground equipment at the school. It starts at 6:00 PM and features awesome homemade soup courtesy of Brian and Hayley Stone of the Garden of Eatin' Café in Four Seasons Garden Center. The immensely talented Brian and Hayley will feature such soups as Kickin' Chicken Chili, Amy's Creamy Swiss Artichoke, and Hayley's Carrot Apple Ginger Bisque, to name a few. Tickets are sold here at the store for \$10, with 100% going towards the purchase of the new equipment, which is sorely needed. They have a lot of money to raise. Be sure to buy a ticket today to support the school and sample some awesome soup.



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Saturday, January 5, 7:50 AM – Responded to Browns Trace near Fitzsimonds Rd., Jericho for a one-vehicle accident.

Sunday, January 6, 12:47 PM – Reponded to 963 VT Rt. 15, Westford for a carbon monoxide investigation.

Wednesday, January 9, 12:11 AM – Responded to Browns River Middle School, Jericho for a fire alarm activation.

Wednesday, January 9, 4:36 PM – Responded to the area of 175 Schillhammer Rd., Jericho for a tree and power lines down.

The Annual Meeting of the UJFD was held on Tuesday, January 8 with year end reports of the officers and election of administrative positions. The following were elected: Moderator, Phil Surks; Clerk, Kitty Clark; 1st Assist. Chief, Tim Clark; 2nd Assist. Chief, Loni Morse; Captain, Todd Fischer; Captain, Shawn Martell; Lieutenant, Nate Goldman; Lieutenant, Joe Greenough. Former Captain Mike Greenough stepped down from his position after serving as Captain for the past four years. Mike did an excellent job serving in this position and his fellow officers will miss his leadership. He will continue in the department as a firefighter.

This past year the department answered 221 emergency calls, including calls on very hot summer days, very cold winter days, and all times of the day and night.

The members are always ready to assist the residents of Underhill and Jericho and you can make their job a little easier by making sure your address is clearly visible from the road. We have asked so many times to make sure your residence can be found quickly and still many have not done

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SAFETY MESSAGE: As you can see by the above calls that we have answered, many for carbon monoxide investigations. You cannot see, smell or taste it, but small carbon monoxide leaks from heating systems, stoves, and dryers make thousands of people sick with severe headaches, nausea, and dizziness.

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Bass soloist Kevin Deas will perform Saturday, January 26 in the VSO concert featuring Beethoven's Missa Solemnis. Deas is famed for his portrayal of Porgy in Porgy and Bess, and has appeared many times with the VSO. PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

ART

Local artist and Essex Art League past president Kathy Cinder-Wells demonstrates floral work at the next Essex Art League meeting Thursday, February 7; discussion will follow. For information, 899-6757 or go to www.essexartleague.com. EAL artists are displaying fine art at the Given Health Center, Williston through February. All work available for purchase. For information, 899-6757 or go to www.essexartleague.com.

Brownell Library is featuring a special exhibition of art by Essex Art League members from Underhill, Jericho, Essex, and other nearby towns throughout January. For more information, contact 899-6757 or go to www.essexartleague.com.

SPIN-OFF – In January, the Gruppe Gallery will host a group show with paintings and prints by Robert Huntoon, Emily Bissell Laird, Grace Nelson Lance, Jerry Amici, Tally Groves, and Marian Willmott. Emile A. Gruppe Gallery, 22 Barber Farm Rd., Jericho. Thursday-Sunday, 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM or by appointment, 899 3211.

On display at the Flour Shop, VT Rt. 15, Underhill, **art by Poker Hill Arts students**, whose card creations are also being offered for sale – benefits the Jericho Underhill Park District.

January art in the Deborah Rawson Memorial Library: Quilts by Annie Buck and Baskets by Ramona Mann.

We Are Vermont: photography at Helen Day Art Center. Images by ten celebrated Vermonters honoring the portrait genre and looking into the diversity of Vermonters, January 25-March 22. Free artists' tour: Friday, January 25, 4:30 – 5:30 PM, preceding free opening reception, 5:30 – 7:30 PM. Family Day: Saturday, February 2, 1:00 – 3:00 PM – Portrait Extravaganza! Free. VT Farm Women's Reception Thursday, March 6, 5:30 – 6:30 PM; free. Panel discussion: VT Farms: Facing the Future, Thursday, March 6 right after Farm Women's Reception; free; local farms represented. These two events co-sponsored by VT Farm Women's Fund. Helen Day Art Center, School Street, Stowe, 253-8358, www.helenday.com.

MUSIC

Thursday, January 17: Hughes, Stone and Bolles, On the Rise Bakery, Richmond; contact 434-7787 or www.ontherisebakery.net.

Saturday, January 19: Recital of All American Music by Ronald Barron, principal trombonist of the Boston Symphony Orchestra, and pianist Annemeike Spoelstra, 3:00 PM, McCarthy Arts Center, St. Michael's College, Colchester. Donations benefit VT Master Brass.

Saturday, January 19: Damn Yankee String Band (Sarah Hotchkiss, John Mowad, and Jen Wells), 7:00 PM, Cider House Barbecue, Waterbury; contact 244-8400. Community Contra Dance with Mark Sustic (caller) and *Fiddleheads* and other youth musicians, MMUHS, 7:00 – 9:00 PM, Community Center, Jericho Center, benefits Jericho Public Library; contact dtmalin@comcast.net.

Sunday, January 20: Old Time Rules Will Prevail: The Fiddle Contest, Vermont presented by Adam Boyce, 4:00 PM, Richmond Free Public Library; presented by the Richmond Historical Society; contact turnerbatt@aol.com or adamrboyce@juno.com.

Wednesday, January 23: VT Statehouse/VSO Farmers' Night Concert – popular annual concert in the Statehouse Chambers, Montpelier, 7:30 PM. Free and open to the public; first-come, first-seated. Doors open at 6:45 PM. Conducted by Anthony Princiotti, featuring Mozart's String Quartet K157 in C major for string orchestra; Vivaldi's Concerto for Bassoon and Strings RV498 in A minor, VSO Principal Bassoonist Janet Polk, soloist; Bach's My Spirit Be Joyful for brass quintet; and two movements of Tchaikovsky's Serenade for Strings. For information, www.vso.org.

Wednesday, January 23: Bluegrass Open Session with Kaley and Matt, On the Rise Bakery, Richmond. Contact 434-7787 or www.ontherisebakery.net.

Thursday, January 24: The Bariku Ensemble, On the Rise Bakery, Richmond. Contact 434-7787 or www.ontherisebakery.net.

Friday, January 25: Inner Fire District, On the Rise Bakery, Richmond. Contact 434-7787 or *www.ontherisebakery.net*.

Saturday, January 26: Vermont Symphony Orchestra and VSO Chorus present Beethoven's choral work *Missa Solemnis*, Flynn Center, Burlington, 8:00 PM. The VSO Chorus is composed of nearly 100 Vermont residents from all walks of life. Pre-concert discussion "Musically Speaking" moderated by *Barre Times-Argus* music critic Jim Lowe, 7:00 PM at the Flynn Center, free for audience members. Information or tickets: call 86-FLYNN (863-5966), VSO office 800-VSO-9293, ext. 10, or visit *www.vso.org*.

Saturday, January 26: Vorcza, On the Rise Bakery, Richmond. Contact 434-7787 or www.ontherisebakery.net.

Thursday, January 31: Josh Brooks, On the Rise Bakery, Richmond. Contact 434-7787 or *www.ontherisebakery.net*.

Music in the Deborah Rawson Memorial Library – Sunday, February 3, 2:00 PM: Lynne Robbins and friends in a community sing-along! Bring your instruments, favorite songs and/or voices. Listeners also welcome! Lynn is a member of the highly respected Bella Voce choir.

Sunday, February 10: Community Dance with Mark Sustic (caller) and Sarah Hotchkiss and John Mowad (musicians), 2:00 – 4:00 PM, Browns

River Middle School, Jericho; sponsored by the Mount Mansfield Unitarian Universalist Fellowship; contact *mrksustc@together.net*.

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

Wednesdays – NIPs-West Open Potluck and Songs/Dance Tunes Session, Moshe's house, Essex, 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, contact Moshe, 879-0876 or www.groups.yahoo.com/NIPS-West. Open Mic, 8:00 PM, Overtime Saloon, St. Albans. www.overtimesaloon.com.

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

Fridays – English Country Dance, 7:00 – 9:30 PM, Elley-Long Music Center, Colchester. First, third, and fifth Fridays through mid-June. Live music on third Fridays. Contact Val Medve, 899-2378, or *valandtom@together.net*.

Saturdays – **Acoustic music session**, 1:00 – 4:00 PM, Foothills Bakery, Fairfax; contact *mrksustc@together.net*.

THEATRE

Fairfax Community Theatre Company will present four plays for the 2008 season's three regular slots: Spring: A Murder is Announced: A Miss Marple Mystery by Leslie Darbon, adapted from Agatha Christie's novel; summer: A Cry of Players by William Gibson; and fall: The Brothers Grimm Spectaculathon by Don Zolidis, translations by Brian Friel. Information, www.fctcvt.org or email info@fctcvt.org.

Saint Michael's Playhouse's summer 2008 season productions: June 17-28, *Barnum*, Broadway musical based on the life of P.T. Barnum. July 1-12, *Moonlight And Magnolias*, a madcap comedy about the making of *Gone with the Wind*. July 15-26, *Almost, Maine*, romantic comedy set in the far northern town of Almost, Maine. July 29-August 9, *Pump Boys And Dinettes*, Broadway musical celebrating life's simple pleasures. Information: St. Michael's box office, 654-2281.

Connections at Covenant Community Church

Connections is a monthly Internet and PC mutual support group that gathers informally on the third Thursday of each month between 11:00 AM – 2:00PM at the Covenant Community Church, Essex (off VT Rt. 15 across from John Leo's). Wireless Internet access is available and several folks will volunteer for one-on-one help or with small "birds-of-a-feather" groups that might explore genealogy, photography, or other topics of interest. Lunch will be BYO, with coffee available.

So we might gauge interest in this program, please send a short note to connections@jerichocovenantchurch.org or call 879-4313 if you wish to be involved. Please include any specific topics you'd like to see covered.

COMING EVENTS

Saturday, January 19

Contra Dance, 7:00-9:00 PM, Jericho Community Center, Jericho Center. Second_annual Contra Dance—bring a_partner, your entire family, or come alone. All welcome, _including beginners. Mark_Sustic, calling and instruction. Music_ by the Fiddleheads; musicians with acoustic_instruments welcome to join in with the band. Donation: \$5/person, \$10/families suggested at door.



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Sunday, January 20
Chicken & Biscuit Dinner, 4:00
- 7:00 Pm, St. Thomas Church,
Underhill Center. Buffet style dinner; no reservations necessary but
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with the planning. Take out din-Coming Events continued on page 5



2008 Vegetable and Meat CSA Informational Meeting

(New and past members encouraged...come with questions!)

Wed. Jan 30th 7:00pm

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- 1 tablespoon extra virgin olive oil
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 1 teaspoon sea salt
- 1 28-ounce can crushed tomatoes (Muir Glen Fire Roasted are excellent in this soup)
- 2 cups veggie or chicken broth
- 3 cups of finely chopped chard that's been rinsed well and de-veined Saffron Yogurt

a pinch of saffron (30-40 threads)

1 tablespoon boiling water

two pinches of salt

1/2 cup 2% Greek yogurt

Bring 6 cups of water to a boil in a large saucepan, add the lentils and cook for 20 minutes or until tender. Drain and set aside.

While the lentils are cooking, make the saffron yogurt by combining the saffron threads and boiling water in a tipy cup. Let the saffron

the saffron threads and boiling water in a tiny cup. Let the saffron steep for a few minutes. Now stir the saffron along with the liquid into the yogurt. Mix in the salt and set aside.

Meanwhile, heat the oil in a heavy soup pot over medium heat, then add the onion and salt and saute until tender, a couple minutes. Stir in the tomatoes, lentils, and water and continue cooking for a few more minutes, letting the soup come back up to a simmer. Stir in the chopped greens, and wait another minute. Taste and adjust the seasoning if need be. Ladle into bowls, and serve with a dollop of the saffron yogurt.



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ners will be available. Cost: by donation. Menu: chicken and gravy, biscuits, mashed potatoes, cole slaw, peas, carrots, and cranberry sauce with apple crisp and ice cream for dessert. For information, call the St. Thomas rectory, 899-4632.

Thursday, January 24

Kindling Words Caravan, 4:00 – 5:00 PM, Phoenix Books and Café, Essex. Children's book authors and illustrators will sign books and speak to youthful readers.

Monday, January 28

Anxiety In Families With Food Allergies, 6:00 – 7:30 PM, Temple Sinai Religious School, So. Burlington. VT Food Allergy Organization presents Dr. Susan Lillich, PhD, Clinical Psychologist on anxiety and stress in families that have children with life-threatening food allergies and how this anxiety can be passed onto the child. Free; registration required, contact 985-5050 or vtallergy@verizon.net. Please indicate if you need a Certificate of Attendance when making reservations.

Climate change lecture by Bill McKibben, 3:30 PM, Champlain College Alumni Auditorium, Burlington. The author/environmentalist on "Climate Change: How We Can Be Part of the Solution," the keynote address for Focus the Nation, a national initiative to explore global warming solutions. Free. Information: 860-2700.

Wednesday, January 30

Civil War Sites In Vermont, 7:00 PM, Brownell Library, Essex Junction. The Civil War affected everyone, not just those who carried a gun. Historian/author Howard Coffin has found fascinating places right here in Vermont, including a cave where a man lived for years to avoid the draft, a home where a woman sequestered herself after hearing of her fiance's death, and an isolated house where soldiers returning with syphilis were quarantined. A VT Humanities Council event hosted by Brownell Library. Information: Penelope Pillsbury, 878-6954.

Saturday, February 2

Community Wood Energy Project, 1:00 PM, Jericho Research Forest, Tarbox Rd., Jericho. Part of the Saturday Forest Walk and Fire Series. Follow the story of a local biomass fuel (woodchips) from our local forests to Mount Mansfield Union High School, where the woodchips heat the building. Free will offerings accepted. Free Jericho Flatbread and cider. Sessions typically the first Saturday of each month. For information, www.greenforestry.org.

Silent Auction and music by Runaway Dog Rock Band, 2:00 -4:00 PM, United Church of Fairfax, Fletcher. Family friendly event benefits United Church of Fairfax. Great food to eat and buy with attic treasures, services, and hand crafts for the silent auction. Information: Susannah, 849-6073

ONGOING EVENTS

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 infor-

Women's volleyball, Brown's River Middle School, Mondays, 7:00 -9:00 PM. All age levels and skills welcome. Follows school calendar: no volleyball when there is no school. For information, contact Cathy Leatherstitch, 899-1395 or cleather@us.ibm.com.

Basketball - open gym in Westford, Mondays and Wednesdays, 5:30 - 7:00 PM, and Saturdays, 10:30 AM - 12:00 noon, until Jr. High practice begins. \$1 donation at door. For information, call Rich Staab, 879-4745.

HEALTH GROUPS

Overeaters Anonymous meets 6:00 – 7:00 PM, Wednesdays at the Jericho United Methodist Church, VT Rt. 15, Jericho. Questions please call 899-2355.

Healthy Weight Support Group, Mondays, 12:00 – 12:30 PM and Wednesdays, 3:45 – 4:15 PM. Weekly support group for those working on weight management combines behavioral and nutritional strategies to increase physical activity and decrease calorie intake. Provides techniques to help you manage your eating behaviors. Come 15 minutes early for a weight check. Northwestern Medical Center, Cobblestone Building, Classroom A. Speakers: Kay Tran, Registered Dietitian, MS, CDE; and Leslie Gardzina, Registered Dietitian, Northwestern Medical Center. Free; pre-registration required, 524-1234 or

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

Cholesterol Class - Wednesday, January 23, 9:00 - 10:00 AM. Monthly group discusses foods and eating habits that may help to manage your cholesterol levels; practical suggestions for overcoming the barriers to heart healthy eating. Topics: saturated and unsaturated fats, fiber, portion sizes, American Heart Association guidelines. Northwestern Medical Center, Cobblestone Building. Speaker: Kay Tran,

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RICHMOND FREE LIBRARY

Display case: We have Richmond Cub Scouts' Derby cars again this year. Please come see these original and ingenuis creations.

Your Richmond Free Library card gets a 10% discount at all Vermont museums and galleries; present it at the time of your visit. Saturday, February 10, 4:00 PM: Minor Key will present a children's musical concert in the library community room. Open to the public; suggested donation \$5/person or \$12/family.

Book sale: Unfortunately the annual book sale hosted by the Friends of the Richmond Free Library will not be held this year due to lack of storage space for donations in the Town Center basement during construction.

Book discussion: In February, the book group will be discussing

Fiddle contest in Richmond

Sunday, January 20: Old Time Rules Will Prevail: The Fiddle Contest, Vermont presented by Adam Boyce, 4:00 PM, Richmond Free Public Library; presented by the Richmond Historical Society; contact turnerbatt@aol.com or adamrboyce@juno.com.

OBITUARIES

Mildred "Millie" C. Haskin of Richmond, VT, formerly of East Aurora, NY, passed peacefully on December 28, 2007 in her son's home in Richmond. Millie was born in Buffalo, NY on July 20, 1910 to J. Louis Sandman and Dorathea L. Sandman (nee Eisemann). She attended schools in the Buffalo metro area: Masten Park High School, Byrant & Stratton, University of Buffalo, and Hilbert College. She married William R. Haskin on January 16, 1928. They moved from Buffalo to East Aurora in 1940. She was a member of Baker Memorial Methodist Church of East Aurora. After many years as a housewife, Millie embarked on a second career working first at Bell Aerosystems in Wheatfield, NY and, later, for Forsythe Industries in East Aurora. She was a member of Quota Club International and the East Aurora Dawn Dunkers. She moved from East Aurora to Richmond in 2000. Millie was oldest member of Sports & Fitness in Williston. Millie was predeceased in childhood by her brother Marvin. She was also predeceased by her husband William R., and her son Douglas W. Sr. She is survived by a son, Bruce R. Haskin, Sr. and his wife Jeanann M. of Richmond, and her daughterin-law Rose Haskin of Leroy, NY. She is also survived by her grandchildren: Douglas W. Jr. of Honeoya Falls, NY; William M. Handel of Amherst, NY; Ian W. Kuvik of Arizona; Jennifer A. of SLC, Utah; Bruce R, II of Richmond; and her great-grandchildren Rachael Haskin of Honeoya Falls and Alex Handel of Amherst. The family wishes to thank the VNA for the care given to Millie to ease her final days. A memorial service was held on Saturday, January 5, 2007 in the Jericho Congregational Church in Jericho Center, VT. Memorial contributions may be made on behalf of Millie to either Chittenden/ Grand Isle VNA (Martha Lunbeck, Director of Development, Visiting Nurse Assoc. of Chittenden and Grand Isle Counties, 1110 Prim Rd., Colchester, VT 05446) or North County Animal Shelter (3524 Laporte Rd., Morrisville, VT 05661). Burial will be at the family's convenience at Forest Lawn, Buffalo, NY.

David Allen "Pappa Dave" Quintin, 53, of Richmond, VT, formerly of Essex, died untimely on Monday, December 31, 2007. David was born in Montpelier on July 13, 1954, the son of Philip V. and Theresa (Demartino) Quintin, and he was raised and educated in Montpelier, VT. He served his country for four years with the United States Coast Guard, 19 years with the Vermont Army National Guard, and was a veteran of Desert Storm and Operation Iraqi Freedom. David was employed for most of his life as a master electrician. He was a lifetime member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Montpelier and the Bristol American Legion, Post 19. He was the kind of man who enjoyed helping people. He would do anything for anyone, the kind of man who would give the shirt off his back. David is survived by his loving wife, Constance Quintin; his three children: Tyler Crumbley and wife Kristen of North Carolina, Levon Quintin and Lisa of Florida, and April Lyn Quintin and Victor of Florida; granddaughter Kristine Crumbley; stepchildren Aaron, Michael, and Adam Josey; step-grandchildren Whalen and Tycie-Ana Josey; sister JoAnn M. Quintin of Brookfield, VT; brothers Nicola J. Quintin of Essex, VT and Peter J. Quintin of Oakland, CA; uncle Albert Quintin; aunts Alice Parrow, Del and Bud LaCasse, and Rosalie and Lauren Paquette; nephews and nieces Joshua and Jennifer Robtoy, Jamie Maxham, and Angela and Shannon Quintin; grandnieces Madelline and Laurel Maxham; and extended family. He was predeceased by his brother Michael Quintin. Funeral services with full military honors were accorded Mr. Quintin on Saturday, January 5 in the LaVigne Funeral Home, 132 Main St. in Winooski.

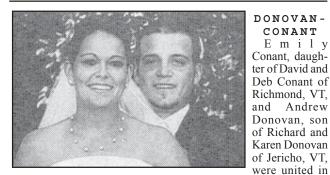
the book Tales From Margaritaville by Jimmy Buffet. Please call the library, 434-3036, for more information.

New titles: Greening Your Home: Sustainable Options for Every System in Your House by Clayton Bennett, Sword Song: the Battle for London by Bernard Cornwell, Lord John and the Hand of Devils by Diana Gabaldon, The Last Well Person: How to Stay Well Despite the Health-care System by Nortin M. Hadler, The Invention of Everything Else by Samantha Hunt, My Lady Judge: A Mystery of Medieval Ireland by Cora Harrison, The Age of American Unreason by Susan Jacoby, Sizzle and Burn by Jayne Ann Krentz, Troubled Waters: An Alan Lewrie Naval Adventure by Dewey Lambdin, The Book of Old Houses by Sarah Graves, Last Call by James Grippando,

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marriage Saturday, September 29, 2007.

The Rev. William Wintersteen officiated at the double-ring ceremony in the First Congregational Church in Burlington, VT.

Bridesmaids were Hannah Dransfield, Gillian Conant, Jessica Conant, Molly Turpin, Anya Farr, Emily Donovan, and Katie Zidovsky. Molly and Lucy Flynn were flower girls.
Ushers were David MacDonell, Ransom Conant, Kyle Conant,

Todd Farr, Andy Butler, Trevor Nadeau, and Mike Ulshoeffer. Sam Flynn was ring bearer.

A reception was held at the home of the bride's parents.

Mrs. Donovan graduated from Mount Mansfield Union High School and The College of St. Rose. She is employed by MMUHS. Her husband graduated from MMUHS and St. Michael's College. He is employed by Birds Eye Building Company. They reside in Richmond.

COURT REPORT

November 28, 2007, Earl Rosen, 22, Richmond, VT, charged with forgery – utter/publish an instrument, felony, in Burlington, VT on March 4, 2007; amended to bad checks, misdemeanor; pleaded guilty; sentenced to three to nine months, suspended but 10 days, probation; charged with bad checks in Colchester on February 8,

2007; pleaded guilty; sentenced to three to nine months, consecutive, suspended, proba-

November 29, 2007, Clifton F. Burnell, 33, Richmond, VT, charged with vehicle operation license suspended in Milton, VT on April 28, 2007; amended to disorderly conduct - obstructs vehicular or pedestrian traffic; pleaded guilty; fined

December 10, 2007, Keith **A. Williams**, 28, Williston, VT, charged with second-degree unlawful restraint – victim less than 16 years, felony, in Richmond on March 16, 2007; pleaded guilty; sentenced to one to five years, suspended but two months, probation.

December 19, 2007, Jesse Manning, 27, Richmond, VT, charged with domestic assault in Burlington, VT on October 28, 2007; pleaded guilty; sentenced to one to 12 months, suspended, probation.

Dreamsongs by George R. R. Martin, Murder Melts in Your Mouth: A Blackbird Sisters Mystery, The Careful Use of Compliments by Alexander McCall Smith, Blonde Faith by Walter Mosley, Starburst by Robin Pilcher, A Life of Picasso by John Richardson, The Rest is Noise: Listening to the Twentieth Century by Alex Ross, The Sunrise Lands by S. M. Stirling, One-way Ticket by William G. Tapply, The Nine: Inside the Secret World of the Supreme Court by Jeffrey Toobin, Touch and Go: A Memoir by Studs Terkel, 500 Ideas for Small Spaces by Kimberley Seldon, Now and Then by Robert B. Parker, Dirty Diplomacy by Craig Murray, Independents Day: Awakening the American Spirit by Lou Dobbs.

ENGAGEMENTS

MEILLEUR-DESJARDIN

Norman and Maureen Meilleur of Richmond, VT announce the engagement of their daughter, Kellie Meilleur of Burlington, VT, to Steven Desjardin Jr. of Burlington, son of Steven and Janet Desjardin of Vergennes

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Community Wood Energy heats up

Vermont Family Forests' (VFF) Community Wood Energy initiative is working to supply biomass fuel wood that is sustainable for Vermont' forests, efficiently utilized, locally sourced, and fairly accessed. UVM's Green Forestry Education Initiative will host a workshop based on a case study of the wood chip supply at Mount Mansfield Union High School. Wood chips are used to heat larger buildings; MMUHS, BRMS, and CHMS are among 30 VT schools heating with wood chips, not fossil fuels.

Saturday, February 2, 1:00 – 4:00 PM, VFF's David Brynn, UVM grad student Emily Schadler, and UVM Forestry alum Paul Cate will demonstrate sustainable harvesting techniques using a Vimek forwarder (photo, above) at the Jericho Research Forest on Tarbox Road. Free and open to the public; please leave pets at home. Refreshments will be served. For information, go online to www.uvm.edu/envnr/greenforestry/.

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Registered Dietitian, MS, CDE. Suggested donation, \$5 at door; preregistration required: 524-1234 or cfhw@nmcinc.org.

Tufts Strong Living Program (light strength training) - Mondays and Wednesdays through March 26, 3:00 – 4:00 PM (beginner class); Tuesdays and Thursdays through March 27, 4:00 - 5:00 PM (advanced class). Strength training course designed to reduce effects of osteoporosis; for those over 50, but all ages welcome. After 40, we begin to lose _ pound of muscle mass yearly. By 65, an inactive person may have lost 1/3 of muscle mass, leading to frailty and increased risk of osteoporosis. Strength training can rebuild lost muscle and strength, while increasing bone density. Through a series of simple chair-based strength. Not an aerobics fitness program! Participant must have had a physical exam in the past year and will need a physical assessment before starting. Instructors: Lynne Marie Villareal, Franklin County Home Health; Louise Doyle and Charlene Gless, certified Tuft Instructors. Hawk's Nest Senior Housing, Community Room, St. Albans. Suggested donation, \$5 at first class. Pre-registration required, limited to 12: 524-1234 or cfhw@nmcinc.org.

Events/Seniors

Statewide Quit Line – Telephone Smoking Cessation Counseling. Call 1-877-yes-quit (1-877-937-7848). Free.

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

ADULT ACTIVITIES

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.

French Canadian Genealogy Research, Tuesday evenings, 7:00 -9:30 PM, Dupont Building, Fort Ethan Allen, Colchester. For information, 864-6037 or mail@vt-fcgs.org.

Jeri-Hill XYZ Seniors meet at the Town Hall in Underhill Center on the first and third Wednesday of each month (February 6, 20). 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.

Connections @ CCC Internet Café, — a community Internet Café for those 60+, Thursdays, 10:00~AM-2:00~PM, Covenant Community Church, VT Rt. 15, between Essex Center and Jericho. Computer/Internet instruction, presentations, lunch. Use a Connections computer or bring your own. For more information and to make lunch reservations (\$4 suggested donation), call 879-4313.

Open Gym at the Westford School Gym, Sundays, 2:00-4:00PM. Ongoing through March (except March 2). Open to all children aged 0-6 and their families. Bring bikes, trikes, cars, etc. Balls, scooters, jump ropes, and other equipment provided. For information, call Julie, 872-2641. Sponsored by the Westford Early Childhood Con-

Chittenden East Early Childhood Connection playgroup programs – both follow the school calendar; ages birth-5 years; everyone welcome; contact Abby for information, 899-3727. Jericho Playgroup, 9:30 – 11:00 AM at the Jericho Community Center; meets Mondays. Underhill Playgroup, 9:30 – 11:00 AM at the Underhill Central School; meets Fridays.

Welcome Baby group, Friday, January 18, 10:30 AM – 12:00 noon, Deborah Rawson Memorial Library, Jericho. For parents and infants, one year and younger. Come all during baby's first year! Receive a welcome baby bag and have the opportunity to chat with other new parents. Program facilitator Eliza Kramer. Co-sponsored by the Early Childhood Connection. For information, call Abby, 899-3727.

Westford Playgroup, Wednesdays, 10:00 AM – 12:00 noon, children's section, Westford Town Library. Free and open to all children 5 and under and their families – drop in! Open play till 11:20 AM, cleanup and circle time of story and/or songs, followed by a snack of crackers and extras brought from home to share.

TOWN GOVERNMENT AND ORGANIZATIONS

Tim Nulty, Jericho Selectboard member, at the Village Cup, first and third Wednesdays (February 6, 20), 8:00 – 9:00 AM, and at the Flour Shop, second and fourth Wednesdays (January 23, February 13, 27), 8:00 - 9:00 AM. Anyone wishing to discuss any issue is welcome.

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. You are welcome and encouraged to join. For information, email John Quinn, jquinninvt@aol.com.

Board of Water Commissioners of the Village of Jericho, Inc. – monthly, 7:00 PM at the Old Red Mill on 4B Red Mill Dr., Jericho. For information, 899-2938.

Jericho Historical Society, second Thursday (February 14), 7:30 PM, Old Red Mill, Jericho.

Jericho Underhill Park District Board meeting, first and third Wednesdays (February 6, 20), 7:00 PM, Deborah Rawson Memorial Library project room, Jericho. Residents of Jericho and Underhill always welcome. 899-2693 for information.

SUPPORT GROUPS

Approach Autism With Advocacy, Recovery & Education (AAWARE) in the Lamoille Valley, third Sunday (January 20), 3:00 – 5:00 PM, Second Congregational Church of Jeffersonville Community Room, Jeffersonville. Special topics, guest speakers, resource information; playroom for kids, fenced side yard for outdoor play. For information, Terry Holden, 644-2759 (Jeffersonville) or Tina Karl, 888-3430 (Hyde Park).

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

Lamoille Valley Kin as Parents, second and fourth Thursdays (January 24), 6:00 – 7:30 PM, Lamoille Family Center, Morrisville. Dinner and childcare provided. For more information, Imelda at 888-5229 ext. 152 or Rhonda Barr, 888-1376.

Grandparents as Parents - Mondays, Milton Family Community Center. Childcare provided. For information, Charlotte, 893-1457.

Grandparents Raising their Children's Children, third Tuesday (February 18), 6:00 – 8:00 PM, Wesley Methodist Church, Main St., Waterbury. Light refreshments and onsite childcare provided. For information, Evelyn, 433-1513.

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the local service area... (such as) water safety issues, health matters, and employment issues." Its programs from Focus on the Family, the company said, would "educate on social and religious issues." NC Broadcasting also says it will provide educational call-in programs on drug awareness, family and social interaction, music, religious and other social issues, and will cooperate with local schools and colleges in the hopes of offering internships.

Asked if the new station would be a Christian broadcasting station, Wray said, "It is not a Christian station. It's non-commercial on an educational frequency below 92 on the dial and is non-profit." He added that it will get its income "by either fund-raising or by underwritten announcements or underwritten programming."

SENIORS

Bolton senior news

Bolton's senior dinner is Thursday, January 24 at 5:00 PM at the Fire Station. For \$3 each person, the dinner is roast beef and baked potatoes, broccoli, rolls and dessert.

Thanks to all residents and businesses that contributed to our Senior Holidays Baskets. Thirty-four baskets were prepared and delivered. Our seniors were delighted with their 'bags' and very thankful.

Westford needs volunteer contact for seniors

Westford is seeking a volunteer to be the key contact for elderly or disabled residents who need help with small projects such as springtime cleanup, helping to prepare for winter, emergency snow shoveling, cleaning out garages, and outbuildings, etc. This person would maintain a volunteer list and match needs when requested. Anyone interested in serving the community in this capacity should contact the town office, 879-6503.

CVAA Senior Community Meals information

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

Thursday, January 17 – Dutch Mill, Shelburne Rd., Shelburne, 11:00 AM. Baked stuffed chicken.

Friday, January 18 - United Church, Hinesburg, 12:00 noon.

Meatballs, garden salad, Italian bread, tapioca pudding. Monday, January 21 – Martin Luther King Day holiday – no

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or standing weight bearing exercises, you will build bone and muscle nterfes

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Friday, January 26

Tim Jennings & Leanne Ponder 7:00 Waterville Elementary School (Storytelling with music)

Saturday, January 27

PRIMITIVE BIATHLON

8:00-2:00 Sterling Ridge Inn & Log Cabins (Sunday Jan 28 Also)

Horse-drawn Sleigh rides

(weather permitting) 12:00-4:00 Vermont Maple Outlet Route 15

Snowshoe "Weather Walk"

2:00-3:00 Smugglers' Notch Resort Nordic Center

Children's Story Hour & Origami

2:00-3:00 Varnum Memorial Library (All ages. Refreshments)

Two Block ART WALK

Main Street, Jeffersonville

2:00—4:00 Bryan Memorial, Milk Room, Visions of Vermont, & Winslow Galleries

Firefly Productions

3:30-4:30 Smugglers' Notch Inn (Children's theater)

Lasagna Dinner

(by the Cambridge Fire Dept. Auxiliary) 4:30-6:30 Cambridge Elementary School Cafeteria

Community Bonfire

5:30-8:30 Cambridge Elem. School

No Strings Marionette Co.

6:30-7:30 Cambridge Elementary School Auditorium (The Snow Maiden)

"Fire & Ice" Volleyball

7:30-8:00 Cambridge Elem. School (Cambridge Fire Dept. Vs. Fairfax Fire Dept.)

FIREWORKS Finale

8:00 Cambridge Elem. School

Alan Sheredy. Esq. Questions?









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Workshops

Doing French Canadian Genealogy Research, Saturday January 19, 10:30 AM, VT French Canadian Society Library, Dupont Hall, Fort Ethan Allen, Colchester. C. 90 minute workshop. Speakers -Paul Landry & Janet Allard on unique features of French Canadian genealogy research, name changes, variations, phonetic names, etc. Using Drouin records, Loiselle records and Vermont Vital Records. Free and open to the public. All classes in English. Bring your lunch & stay the day. Library open for research 10:00 AM -4:00 PM. For information or to reserve space, contact 864-6037 or mail@vt-fcgs.org. Website www.vt-fcgs.org.html/. 01/17

SeniorNet Classes at Covenant Community Church -SeniorNet will be offering two classes in Essex at the Covenant Community Church just off VT Rt. 15 across from John Leo's business. SeniorNet of Vermont offers low-cost computer classes for seniors over 50. A three-hour "Windows Vista Introduction" seminar will be offered on Tuesday, January 22, 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM. A 15-hour "Using Windows Vista" course will be offered starting Tuesday, January 29, intended for people who now have a Vista computer. Tom McGonegal will instruct both classes. A "Using Windows XP" will be offered at the SeniorNet classroom in South Burlington. Online registration for all classes is available at http:// seniornetvt.org/. 01/17

Saturday, January 26 - Jeanine Fitzgerald Seminar: Children's Ways of Knowing. Children live, learn, and play in environments with greater diversity than ever before. Yet it appears that we have lost our ability to appreciate, embrace, and celebrate the richness of these differences. This session will re-discover the "whole child." We will explore styles for living, loving, and learning, and acknowledge each as a variation of normal development. 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM. Cost: \$55. Child Care Resource, Williston. Register by calling: 863-3367 ext. 34. 01/17

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Support parents' rights in libraries

I'm writing to alert parents to a bill titled "An Act Relating to the Confidentiality of Library Patron Records" (S.220), recently introduced into the Vermont Senate. If it becomes law, parents won't be able to be told by a librarian what books their children 13 and older have checked out or have overdue.

This restriction violates parental rights. It also presents all sorts of bizarre scenarios as it plays out in real life.

For example, the first week of January, I took my 10-year-old to the Deborah Rawson Memorial Library to renew our library cards. She was given something to sign. When I asked the librarian what she was signing, I was told it was a permission slip for her (my daughter) to allow me access to her library records! (I tore it up.)

Silly me, and I thought it was parents who sign permission slips. When had I stepped through the looking glass?

As absurd as this policy is, it was a solution the staff came up with, anticipating the passage of this intrusive legislation. They didn't want to have to withhold information from parents. Still, to disrespect the parent's role by requiring their children's permission is unacceptable. (I was later told that they have discontinued this policy for now.)

In another real life example, a friend of mine received a call from a librarian (not from DRML) for her daughter who was not home. When my friend was told that her daughter had overdue books, she asked what they were so she could have her look for them. The librarian asked if her daughter had turned 13 yet. She had not, so the librarian said, "Good, then I can tell you."

These policies have been instituted even though this legislation hasn't yet become law

The purpose of the bill is to strengthen library patron confidentiality, which I cannot argue with. However, this provision of the bill isn't about confidentiality; it's about usurping parental rights and cannot be tolerated. It is absurd for librarians to leave top-secret phone messages for minor patrons or to require permission from them to release information to their parents.

I plan on pursuing getting the language of the bill changed so parents have their rightful access to their minor children's library records. I hope you will ioin me.

Please contact your state senators and representatives and demand that your role as parent be respected.

Eileen Haupt, Jericho

MMUHS field update

To the Editor,

The MMU Facilities Committee would first like to thank the voters and community members for their patience and understanding. This past March the voters in our five towns passed a bond to develop the Packard Road field space. We are also scheduled to reconfigure and upgrade our current fields. While we have all the plans in place and the National Guard is anxious to level the field for us, we are still awaiting the final decision on our Act 250 permit. Many

Bill McKibben is the keynote speaker for Focus the Nation, an educational initiative on global warming solutions. His address Climate Change: How We Can Be Part of the Solution is Monday, January 28, 3:30 PM, Champlain College Alumni Auditorium, Burlington. For information: 860-2700. PHOTO CONTRIBUTED



people including our engineer, lawyer, Superintendent, and others have put in many hours to get us to where we are currently. Everyone involved is doing what they can to move things along. All other permits are in place. Right now we are hoping to hear from the Act 250 Commission soon and when we do, we will be ready to hit the ground running in 2008. If anyone has questions or would like to hear more about our progress, please feel free to attend one of our Facilities Committee meetings or contact our Superintendent James Massingham at the Chittenden East Supervisory Union office, 434-2128, or a member of the MMU Facilities Committee: Linda Willmott, Chair, 899-4529; Jeff Forward, 434-3770; Michael Marks, 434-3789; Clifford Peterson, 899-4999; Rich Reid, 434-4813; George Till, 899-2984.

MMU Facilities Committee, CESU

Listen to voters on parental notification

To the Editor.

Two years ago I knocked on over 1500 doors in communities as diverse as South Burlington, Underhill, Rutland, and Waterbury. I was collecting signatures for a non-binding Town Meeting referendum supporting parental notification of abortion.

Here's what I learned:

Most voting Vermonters (at least those who answer their doors and talk to people with clipboards) support parental notification. The ratio was about three out of four. Some towns, a little less; most towns, a little more. Rich, poor, pickup trucks or Volvos, the majority said "yes" to parental notification.

Those who refused to sign often lived in expensive homes and spoke of those other parents who just couldn't be trusted to react responsibly with upsetting information. "It's the poor people, you see; telling them will only make matters worse." I kept my opinion of their elitism to myself.

Too many so-called "leaders" in local government and Montpelier weren't interested in hearing from their constituents at Town Meeting. Something in them - agenda, worldview, mindset, or desire for control - resisted it. At heart I operate with a fifth grade civics class understanding of how government should work. Their indifference and even hostility surprised and disillusioned me. Ever hopeful, I encourage the latest batch of elected Vermonters to study this issue with an open mind and allow a vote by the full Legislature.

Guy Page, Cambridge

LEGISLATIVE REPORTS

Legislative update

By Representative Gaye Symington

This will be a very challenging year for the state budget. I hope that, even though it's an election year, we will steer clear of short term band aid solutions and instead focus on long term policy decisions about how we are doing the job of providing essential services to

Two examples of such longer term policy approaches are in energy policy and corrections policies.

Vermonters are paying \$2 billion a year for fuel to power their vehicles and heat their homes. Only four years ago, that was \$1.1 billion a year. That means we've taken out of our pockets an additional \$900 million a year to stay warm and get where we need to go. (Just as a point of reference, the entire school property tax paid by Vermont residents, businesses, and second homeowners is \$750 million.)

The legislature will put forward a comprehensive plan to reduce home heating fuel use, with the goal of saving Vermonters money and ensuring that public heating assistance dollars are going to heat the home, not the air outside it. That effort will require upfront investment to be effective. We need to make that investment if we're going to help Vermonters lower their fuel costs.

On the corrections front, Vermont remains one of the safest states in the country and has had a declining crime rate over the last decade. Despite that, our prison population has more than quadrupled in 20 years and our costs have doubled again in just 10 years. Vermont now spends more on corrections than on higher education.

The problem is clear: our prisons are engulfing more and more dollars and the rate at which those who have completed their sentences re-offend is high. Last year Rep. Lorber of Burlington learned of efforts in other states to address similar challenges. The legislature joined with the Douglas administration and the judiciary to hire the national experts who have worked with those states. We asked whether there are alternatives to incarceration that can (a) make society safer while (b) saving Vermonters scarce budget dollars. They answered, "yes."

The best answer to crime is not always prison. In fact, the experts say that if you incarcerate certain people, it can make matters worse. But if you create less expensive alternatives to incarceration that address the underlying problems, we can be more successful. The Council on State Government's Justice Center has recommended Vermont provide more drug/alcohol treatment alternatives, provide probationers with incentives for good behavior, and beef up reintegration planning for those leaving prison. Rather than investing in prison beds, we can invest in programming that's cheaper, more effective, more humane, and in the long term leads to safer communities.

Conservative estimates show that these reforms could save Vermonters a net of \$50 million or much more over 10 years. It involves a reduced incarceration population and more programs to address drug and alcohol addiction, at the root of many crimes. Some benefits are expected immediately, while others will build over time. Plus, if we don't act now, our prison population will grow more than three times the rate of our state's population growth, even though crime is not expected to rise.

So, even though the budget is constrained and Vermonters are feeling the pressure of the costs of health care, fuel, property taxes, and housing, we must address the underlying causes of those cost pressures, not just figure out how to get by one year at a time.

I am looking forward to the coming session and, as always, welcome your thoughts at gsym@together.net or speaker@leg.state.vt.us or 324 Browns Trace, Jericho.

Notes from Montpelier

By Rep. Bill Frank

The Legislature started the 2008 session on January 8 and all committees picked up work waiting for them carried over from last spring. During the early part of the session we concentrate on committee work and do not meet on the floor of the House every day. If you are planning to visit the State House in January or February, check first to see if the House or Senate has scheduled floor action.

I am very pleased to continue serving on the Human Services Committee. I have updated the committee on my work on the two committees I served on last summer and fall. I am a member of the committee to implement the Vermont Prescription Monitoring System. The rules of the system have been approved and the registry will be online in the next few months. I was also appointed to the Health Access Oversight Committee that handles health issues when the legislature is not in session. We met monthly from June through December and a main focus was the rollout of Green Mountain Care, the family of state programs for the uninsured. It includes Dr. Dynasaur, Vermont Health Access Plan (VHAP), Medicaid, Prescription Assistance, as well as the new Catamount Health program. The response to Catamount Health has been overwhelming since sign ups started October 1, 2007. To find if you are eligible for Catamount Health or any of the other Green Mountain Care programs, call 1-800-250-8427 or visit www.greenmountaincare.org.

Catamount Health is designed for Vermonters age 18 and older and for families who are not eligible for existing state-sponsored coverage programs, who have been uninsured for 12 months or more or who have recently lost their insurance because of a life change such as a divorce or loss of a job. Many Vermonters are still without health insurance, are under-insured, or find the high cost threatens their very livelihood, particularly self-employed Vermonters and small businesses. A priority of this session is to not only provide health insurance to more Vermonters but to focus on lowering health care costs.

House bill H.304, the Vermont Hospital Security Plan, will provide hospital services to all Vermonters and lower overall hospital costs. This bill has my attention because it is for all Vermonters. It will guarantee all Vermonters access to and payment for inpatient and outpatient hospital services. If Vermonters have their hospital services paid for, health insurance policies do not need to provide for

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and water pollution, heavy metals such as lead and mercury, clean-

ing solvents, herbicides, pesticides, food additives, alcohol, drugs,

and microbes such as bacteria and mold. Toxins are also made inter-

nally through free radical production and even during detoxification

constipation, diverticulitis, and irritable bowel syndrome can be

symptoms of toxicity. Asthma, chronic fatigue syndrome, and even

bowel, and the kidneys. The lungs and skin are secondary organs of

Prevention is ideal. Avoidance of processed foods, herbicides, pes-

ticides, alcohol, drugs, sugar, saturated fats, and tobacco reduces the

toxic load. Toxins can be excreted though sweating so exercise is

beneficial. Drinking adequate amounts of fresh water help flush the

helpful. Dietary fiber from oat bran and flaxseed help bind toxins so

they are easily eliminated. Protein is a source of amino acids, which

are involved in the detoxification process. Vitamins A, C, and E are

antioxidants which help quell fee radicals. B vitamins support detoxi-

fication. Fruits and vegetables provide fiber and minerals necessary

for detoxification. Artichokes, asparagus, root vegetables, green leafy

vegetables, and cruciferous vegetables such as broccoli are very ben-

eficial in detoxification. Digestive enzymes taken between meals

can help support the liver in detoxification. A high-quality multivitamin and mineral product can help insure the body has adequate

Toxins are always present; therefore, dietary interventions are

body, allowing excretion of toxins through the kidneys and skin.

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Lifestyle plays an important role in the detoxification process.

Detoxification

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Mary Kintner, D.C., R.N., is a chiropractor and nutritional counselor practicing in Jericho.

Thank you, blood donors

These blood donors our area have received their gallon pins from American Red Cross Blood Services, New England Region recently. Thank you for helping us to acknowledge these caring individuals.

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HEYWOOD-DESAUTELS

Gary and Sharron Heywood of Jericho, VT and Charles and Lois Desautels of Syracuse, NY announce the engagement of their children, Gretchen Lynne Heywood and William Charles Desautels. An August 2008 wedding is planned.

PAYA-MATTHEWS

Christopher and Lori Paya of Jericho, VT announce the engagement of their daughter, Carrie Paya of Colchester, VT, to Ethan Matthews of Colchester, son of Kip and Susan (Sam) Matthews of East Montpelier, VT. A wedding is planned for August 2008.

SIKORA-PEASE

Dean Marchacos and Gail Kirkey of Huntington, VT announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Sikora of Underhill, VT, to Brendan Pease of Underhill, son of Barbara Page and Peter Pease. The couple plan to marry in September 2008.

THERIAULT-JEWELL

Melissa Theriault of Salem, NH, daughter of Reynold and Carol Theriault of Portland, ME, and Evan Jewell of Salem, son of Lorna Jewell of Colchester, VT and Randy and Kelley Jewell of Jericho, VT, announce their engagement.

A June 2008 wedding is planned.

ANNIVERSARIES



O'BRIEN 50™ ANNIVERSARY

Burke and Sarah O'Brien of Jericho, VT celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at their home on November 30, 2007. Burke O'Brien and Sarah Fitzsimmonds were married in Richmond, VT on November 30, 1957.

Mr. O'Brien is semi-retired from BJ's Hunting and Shooting Supply. Mrs. O'Brien is retired from nursing.

Mr. and Mrs. O'Brien have a daughter, Kelly, and a son, Jay, and three grandchildren: Paige, Bridget, and Shannon.

GOSSELIN 25TH ANNIVERSARY

The Gosselins of Underhill Center, VT celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on December 3, 2007. Thomas Gosselin and Sandra Paquette were married in St. Mark Catholic Church in Burlington, VT on December 3, 1982.

Thomas Gosselin is a telephone technician. Sandra owns The Cozy Connection.

Mr. and Mrs. Gosselin have six children: Melanie Jo (Granger) Lord, Christopher Carl, Paul Thomas, Timothy Joseph, Michelle Marie, and Gregory Daniel. They also have one grandchild, Adison Mark Lord.

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HEBET-PORTER

Lindsey Danielle Porter, daughter of Stuart and Donna Porter of Jericho. VT, and Sean Cutler Hebert, son of Karen Hebert of Randolph, NJ, were united in marriage Saturday, July 28,

Jean Andrews officiated at the double-ring ceremony held in the garden at the Inn at Essex, Essex, VT.

Brittany Porter was maid of honor.

Jessica Peer was bridesmaid. Corey Owen and Germaine Everett were best men. Ushers were Corey Hebert and Seth Porter.
Alicia Peer was Flower girl and Aiden Frosolone was ring bearer.

A reception was held following the ceremony at the Inn at Essex. Mrs. Hebert graduated from Mount Mansfield Union High School in Jericho, VT in 1999 and attended Community College of Vermont. She is employed by Fletcher Allen Health Care. Mr. Hebert graduated from MMUHS in 1999 and graduated from MMI in Orlando, FL in 2005. Mr. Hebert is employed at Land Air in Essex,

The couple reside in Cambridge, VT.



O'NEIL-HICKS

Sarah G. Hicks, daughter of Jennifer Hicks of Woods Hole, MA and Paul Hicks of Framingham, MA, and Gregory E. O'Neil, son of John and Genie O'Neil of Jeffersonville, VT, were united in marriage on Saturday, September 15, 2007.

The Rev. Kristen Harper officiated at the double-ring ceremony in the Unitarian Church of Barnstable, Cape

Cod, MA.

Jill Torrice was matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Stephanie O'Neil, sister of the groom, and Iris Tomlak.

Christopher Langille was best man. Ushers were Benjamin Hicks, brother of the bride, and Cory Kidwell.

A reception was held at the home of the bride's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gale, in Yarmouth Port, MA, after which the couple left for the Dominican Republic.

Mrs. O'Neill graduated from Newton South High School and Keene State College. She is a financial analyst at Edy's Ice Cream. Her husband graduated from Essex High School and Keene State College. He is a foreman at Compass. They reside in Milford, NH.

PHELPS-BANDUR



Juliann Ruth Bandur, daughter of Anthony Bandur Jr. and Pamela Bandur, both of Harborcreek, PA, and Isreal John Phelps, son of Denis and Linda Phelps of Huntington, VT, were united in marriage Friday, September 14, 2007.

The Rev. Charles Davignon officiated at the double-ring ceremony in St. Stephen Catholic Church, Winooski,

Lynn Sauve was matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Nicolette Slagle, Sarah Sokol, and Amanda Dunn. Paige Richter was flower

Daniel Phelps, brother of the groom, was best man. Groomsmen were Adam Bandur, Joseph Charboneau, and Jeremy Bacon. Dalton Sottile was ring bearer.

Readers were Sharon Pinsonneault, Mary Ann Alphin, and Joseph Bandur. Solost was Joanne Machia.

A reception was held at the Garden Ballroom and Atrium, Doubletree Hotel, So. Burlington, VT. The couple will embark on their honeymoon, backpacking and hiking New Zealand's South Island, in February 2008.

Mrs. Phelps graduated from Pennsylvania State University and is pursuing a master's at Champlain College. She is an internet marketing manager for Yale University Press. Her husband graduated from Mount Mansfield Union High School and is pursuing a degree from Embry Riddle Aeronautics University. He is a Cessna Grand

Caravan captain for Tradewind Aviation. They reside in East

Hampton, CT. TORRES-STEVENS

Katie Lynn Stevens, daughter of Marie Cunningham of Williston, VT and Alan Stevens of Jeffersonville, VT, and Luis Ernesto Torres, son of Luis and Drusy Torres of Westfield, NJ, were united in marriage Saturday, October 6, 2007.

The Rev. Michael Cunningham, -grandfather of the bride, officiated

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at the double-ring ceremony at Essex Alliance Church, Essex, VT. Rosie Simpson was maid of honor.

Bridesmaids were Sarah Stevens, Mary Stevens, Danielle Lannon, and Whitney Lacy. Forest Guenther was best man.

Groomsmen were David Torres, Mike Lannon, and Phillip Lacy. Finnegan Simpson was ring bearer. A reception was held at Williston

Woods Recreation Center, after which the couple left for Aruba. Mrs. Torres graduated from Lamoille Union High School and

Green Mountain Technology and Career Center. She is employed by The Cheesecake Factory. Her husband graduated from Westfield High School, Roberts Wesleyan College, and the University of Rochester. He is employed by Schering-Plough Research Institute. They reside in Medford, MA.

OBITUARIES



Evelyn Mary Shakespeare, 88, longtime resident of Underhill Center, VT, died Wednesday, December 18, 2007 at the Crescent Manor Nursing Home in Bennington, VT. Eve was born Evelyn Mary Glass on June 12, 1919 in New York Hospital in New York City, the first and only daughter of Gordon Goldwin Glass and Mary Lavinia (Eaton) Glass, of Greenwich, CT. She graduated from Rosemary Hall School in Greenwich, and attended Barnard College, where her own mother graduated in 1901, but Eve transferred to Bennington College in Vermont where she majored in sculpture and painting, and was roommate with Martha Graham. After graduating from Bennington in 1943, she joined the American Red Cross, and with her fluency in French, she was shipped to France in 1945. After the war, she came back to the US with a

German Shepard Dog, and started a ski lodge in Franconia, NH, the A-Kink Back Inn. She met George Shakespeare there and they were married on April 23, 1949 (the Bard's Birthday) and they built a house with their own hands in Franconia, and started a family. They had three children, Jenny, Will, and Katherine. They moved to Williston, VT in 1956 where Eve started a gift store, Kado Gifts, in partnership with Puddy Davis. She went on to buy out her partner and started a Kado on Nantucket Island where she inherited a home from her mother. In 1972, Eve and George moved to Underhill Center, VT where they had many friends. With help from many, they built the Madonna Vasa ski trail around Mount Mansfield, and they organized many walking, XC skiing, and biking trips around northern Vermont, Canada, Switzerland, and France. Eve and George spent the rest of their mobile years living in Underhill, entertaining friends and newcomers with their large dinner parties and square dances in the Great Hall. Eve was always involved with bringing people together. She was an early and active supporter of the Fresh Air fund, started by her mother's friend and employer Helen Reid of the *New York Tribune*. She had many young kids from New York City spend summers at their Williston farmhouse, riding horses and swimming in cold brooks. She also had sailing exchange students from Norway, and Experiment in International Living students from around the world spend weeks or semesters with the family. She also boarded students who wanted to go to Overlake Day School in Burlington, but who lived to far away. When Eve's third child was diagnosed with Downs Syndrome, she wrote an article in the *Chicago Tribute* advocating for the rights of disabled kids to be raised by their natural families and not sent off to state institutions at a very early age. Eve was also an active fundraiser for local and international concerns. One of her larger projects

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LIBRARIES

DEBORAH RAWSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY, JERICHO

Art for the month of January: Quilts by Annie Buck and Baskets by Ramona Mann.

Our Annual Meeting to approve the 2008/09 budget will be Thursday, January 17 at 7:00 PM.

On Tuesday, January 22 at 6:30 PM, Donna Fay will present a program on the new Catamount Health Care Plan for Vermonters. She will explain how it works, who is eligible and how to sign up. She will also answer any questions you might have.

On Thursday, January 24 the Deborah Rawson Memorial Library will be 10 years old. How time flies! At 6:30 PM please join current and previous board members for an evening of reminiscing. Bring your memories to share! Refreshments will be served.

Library Fundraiser! We currently have sun catchers by Jack Chase available for purchase at the library. They are \$25.00 each and come in a variety of colors.

Music Sunday is February 3 at 2:00 PM. Please join Lynne Robbins and friends for a community sing-along! Bring your instruments, favorite songs and/or voices to a community sing-along. Listeners also welcome! Lynn has a beautiful voice and many years experience singing folk musicand in the highly respected Bella Voce choir.

On Thursday, February 7 at 6:30 PM, Linda Irish will present a program on Heirloom and Hybrid Tomatoes. The library will be selling these tomato plants as a fundraiser, so come learn about them and order some for you garden!

Thank you to Ashgate Publishing Company. They recently gave us a grant to purchase headphones for all our public computers. The headphones are located next to each computer.

Welcome Baby – Parents and infants, one year and younger, are invited to join our welcome baby group. Participants will receive a welcome baby bag with gifts and information abut community resources, and have the opportunity to chat with other new parents. Friday, January 18, 10:30 AM. Co-sponsored by the Early Childhood Connection of Chittenden County.

Wednesday Story Time, 11:00 AM, January 23, 30, February 6, 13. Stories, songs, refreshments, snack, and craft.

Thursday Story Time, 10:00 AM, January 24, 31, February 7, 14. Stories, songs, refreshments, snack, and craft.

Family Story Times, 6:30 PM, January 24, 31, February 7, 14. Children wear their pajamas and join us for stories and light refreshments. Recommended for families with children preschool-grade 2.

Especially For Dads – This workshop is for fathers, uncles or other interested males who have babies, toddlers or preschool children in their lives. Participants will learn about fun activities relating to books that they may use with young children. Attendees will receive an activity guide filled with tips and 12 wonderful picture books for your home library. Sunday, January 27, February 10 and 24, 2.00 - 4.00 PM To register, call 899-4962

Family Movie Night – Come for popcorn and enjoy a movie in which a runaway rat who loves to cook shares some of his culinary skills in a Paris restaurant. Friday, January 25 at 6:30 PM.

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 library programs, call 899-4962.

JERICHO TOWN LIBRARY, JERICHO CENTER

Saturday, January 19, 7:00 – 9:00 PM, we will be holding our second annual Contra Dance at the Jericho Community Center. You can bring a partner, your entire family, or come alone. Everyone is welcome, including absolute beginners. No prior experience is needed. Mark Sustic will do the calling and instruction of all dances. The music will be provided by the Fiddleheads. Other musicians with acoustic instruments are welcome to join in with the band. A donation of \$5 per person and \$10 for families is suggested at the door. So, plan

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to join the fun!

Monday, January 28, from 6:30 – 8:00 PM, *String Fling* continues! Get together to work, chat, encourage others, and laugh! Stay for all or part of the night. All skill levels welcome. Bring everything string: knit, crochet, embroider, quilt, sew, mend, hemp, beaded jewelry, rug hooking etc.

Our annual book and media sale fundraiser will be held Saturday, March 22 at the Community Center in Jericho. We are accepting books, books on tape, DVDs, CDs and software donations. Please do not donate textbooks, Readers' Digest condensed books, encyclopedias, or magazines.

Upcoming workshop to celebrate poetry month in April: The fifth annual poetry workshop with retired UVM Professor Mary Jane Dickerson. Attendance in the past has been a mix of middle and high school students and adults. Please call the library, 899-4686, for further details.

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

High School students needing to fulfill community service please consider volunteering when your schedule permits at the library. Call or stop by!

Interested in volunteering or offering a program to the community? Planning summer reading programs. Please call the library.

Story time including craft and snack is every Wednesday upstairs at 10:00 AM.

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 meeting on February 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; and Saturday 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM. For more information, call 899-4686 or email *JerichoTownLibrary@gmail.com*.

WESTFORD TOWN LIBRARY, WESTFORD

Events at the library:

January 17, 11:00 AM: Storytime. Stories and activities for preschoolers. Theme: Peace.

January 19, 2:00 – 4:00 PM: Craft Day. Knitters, scrapbookers, quilters, beaders, and others are invited to meet at the library. Enjoy conversation with neighbors and friends while you work on your current project. For more information contact Julie Nelson at 343-0165 or *julie@coolmoonyoga.com*.

January 19, 6:30 PM. Women's Game Night. Join this fun and friendly group for food, laughter and board games. For more information contact Kara Bolton at 879-2513.

January 23, 6:00 – 7:00 PM: Book Discussion. *Bel Canto* (Ann Patchett). Please bring suggestions for future readings. Contact Victoria if you need a copy of the book.

January 24, 11:00 AM: Storytime. Stories and activities for

Recipes By Marian Tobin Banana Muffins

1 3/4 cups flour

1/4 tsp. baking soda

1/4 tsp. salt 2 tsp. baking powder

2 tsp. baking powder 1 egg, beaten

1/3 cup sugar 3 Tbsp. oil

1 cup mashed bananas

Sift dry ingredients.

Combine other ingredients and stir into dry.

Bake in greased or muffin-cup lined 12-muffin pans.

Bake 15-28 minutes.

Cool on racks.
Yield: one dozen.

Preheat oven to 350°F.

preschoolers. Theme: Tomie DePaola.

January 31, 11:00 AM: Storytime. Stories and activities for preschoolers. Theme: Pigs.

February 7, 11:00 AM: Storytime. Stories and activities for preschoolers.

NEW MATERIALS:

Adult Fiction: *Double Cross* (Patterson), *Then We Came to the End* (Ferris), *Tree of Smoke* (Johnson), various paperbacks by Baldacci, Parker, Higgins, and others.

Adult Nonfiction: *Ordeal of Elizabeth Marsh* (Colley). Westford poet Paul Paparella has donated a copy of this new book *On Waking Up All Over the World*.

Audio Book on CD: S is for Silence (Grafton), Musicophilia (Sacks). Juv Fiction: Opening Day (Bartlett), Henry & the Buccaneer Bunnies (Crimi), Llama Llama Mad at Mama (Dewdney). Various Pokemon, Magic Tree House, and Boxcar Children books (Thanks, donors!).

Juv NonFiction: Boy, Were We Wrong About Dinosaurs (Kudlinski), 1st the Egg (Seeger), Daring Book for Girls (Buchanan), What's Happening to My Body Book for Boys (Madaras), What's Happening to My Body Book for Girls (Madaras), Dougal Dixon's Dinosaurs (Dixon), Planets Stars and Galaxies (Aguilar).

DVD: Thanks to a generous donation: The Deadliest Catch: Season 1.

Thanks to those who volunteered September-December '07! Eric Allen, Stephanie Boutin, Maureen Griffin, Pat Kufahl, John Quinn, Kathie Sawyer, Susan Schmidt, Matt, Sascha & Zoe Taylor, Justine Tibbits, Allison Weinhagen, and Tracy Zeppi.

There are opportunities big and small including shelf-reading, processing new materials, and prepping for automation. Check out the

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was raising funds for Dr. Albert Schweitzer for his work in Africa. Eve leaves behind her son, William MacIntyre Shakespeare and his wife Christine of Marlboro, VT; her daughter, Katherine Shakespeare of Underhill; and her two grandchildren Justine Nelson Shakespeare and Nickolas MacIntyre Shakespeare, both of New York City. She is also survived by her brother, David Glass of Burlington, VT. Eve was predeceased by her husband, George Shakespeare, and her first daughter, Jennifer Kerr Shakespeare of Provincetown, MA; and by her younger brother, Dickson Glass. There was a Life Celebration service on January 12, 2007 at the Underhill Center Town Hall. Eve will be buried alongside her husband George in a private service in Underhill Center, VT. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the Eve and George Shakespeare Fund of Putney School, 418 Houghton Brook Rd., Putney, VT 05346.

Shawn E. Sturgeon, beloved son and father, died unexpectedly at his home in Jericho, VT on Saturday, December 22, 2007. He was 32 years old. Shawn was born on September 29, 1975 in Burlington, VT, the son of Larry and Patricia Sturgeon Stone. Shawn was a master plumber by trade and the owner of Sturgeon Plumbing and Heating. The joy of his life was being with his children. He loved sports and was proficient at camping, hiking, fishing and snowboarding. He will be deeply missed by his friends and family. Shawn is survived by his parents. Larry and Patricia Stone of



survived by his parents, Larry and Patricia Stone of St. Albans, VT; his wife Mary Sturgeon of Fairfax, VT; his children Logan Michael and Ashlyn Elizabeth; his sister April Stone and friend Mark Madden and nephew Jonathan Madden; his uncles and aunts Robert and Linda Sturgeon, Roger "Butch" and Autumn Bursey; Sam; his father-in-law and mother-in-law Michael and Martha Leech; his brother-in-law Jack Leech; and several cousins. Shawn was predeceased by his grandparents Robert and Elizabeth Sturgeon; and his aunt Sharon Maskell. There will be no visiting hours or funeral service at this time. A memorial Mass will be said at a later date. For those who wish, contributions may be made to the family in care of Mary Sturgeon, 493 Nichols

Rd., Fairfax, VT 05454.

Carol Kidd, 48, of Congression of Jericho. Vi



Carol Kidd, 48, of Columbia, ME and formerly of Jericho, VT, died December 23, 2007 after a long, brave battle with cancer. She passed away at home surrounded by her family. Carol was born in Burlington, VT in 1959. She was the daughter of James and Doris French, and grew up in Jericho. While for the last several years Carol and her family lived in downeast Maine, she spent most of

her life in Vermont among the hills she loved. Carol had a lifelong enjoyment of active pursuits. She was a fitness instructor and personal trainer. Carol especially loved the outdoors and spent many days hiking, camping, and exploring in Vermont and around New England. Carol is survived by her husband Rick Bonnett; son James Kidd; stepson Edward Backus; sisters Jeanne Lavigne and Kate Remillard; nieces Rebecca Boivin, Michelle Lavigne and Jessica Remillard, nephews Eric Remillard, Joel Boivin, and Jacob Curry; and brother-in-law Robert Lavigne. The family had a memorial service on January 5, 2008 in Faith United Methodist Church on Dorset Street. In the spring, Carol's ashes will be scattered in the woods she loved. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the American Cancer Society.

Greg Ziegler, 62, of West Street, Bolton, VT and a former longtime resident of Richmond, VT, passed away in Fletcher Allen Health Care in Burlington, VT on Sunday, December 16, 2007. Born in Los Angeles, CA on October 2, 1945, he was the son of the late Philip and Elizabeth "Lou" (Speyer) Ziegler. On November 28, 2003, Greg married the former Donna M.

Osborne in Bolton. A 1963 graduate of Haslett (MI) High School, Greg enlisted in the U.S. Army National Guard, where he served for five years. In 1969, he and his father moved to Burlington where they founded

Hearing Aid Service of Vermont and 21st Century Products, businesses that Greg successfully ran for 20 years. A lifelong coin collector and dealer, Greg was also involved in youth sports, particularly Little League and bowling. Greg is survived by his wife, Donna, of Bolton; his children Tracey L. Wiener and her husband Joel of Dubois, WY, and Dustin P. Ziegler and his wife Melissa of Groton, MA; a grandson, Aiden Ziegler; two sisters: Roxy Wolcott of Underhill, VT and Diane Hudson of Charlotte, MI; as well as nieces, nephews, and extended family. Memorial services will be held privately. Memorial gifts would be appreciated to Richmond Rescue Inc., P.O. Box 404, Richmond, VT 05477. To send on-line condolences, please visit www.perkinsparker.com.

Richard Rollin Irish, 87, of St. Albans, VT died Sunday, December 23, 2007 in the Franklin County Rehabilitation Center. Dick was born on May 27, 1920 in Westford, VT, the son of Rollin and Mabel (Melaven) Irish. He is survived by his nieces and nephews and spouses: Mary and Dan Tuure, Beth and Arthur Menut, Colleen and Doug Carruthers, Bill and Donna Irish, and Patricia Irish, all of Westford; and Steve and Meg Irish of Waterbury Center, VT. Dick is also survived by his sisters-in-law Pauline Irish of Westford and Betty Irish of Indiana; his cousins: Emerson Melaven of Washington, D.C.; Alice Melaven of Massachusets; and Mary Collins of Florida. He will be dearly missed by his nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was predeceased by his brothers Parker, Robert, and James Irish. Richard's family would like to give special thanks to Bonnie LaFrance for her companionship given to Dick throughout the years. Memorial contributions may be made to the Franklin County Rehabilitation Center, 110 Fairfax Rd., St. Albans, VT 05478 or to a charity of one's choice. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Thursday, December 27 in St. Ann Catholic Church in Milton, VT; burial followed in St. Ann Cemetery.

Richard Dix Spielman, 75, of Burlington, VT passed away peacefully with family by his side, on Thursday, December 20, 2007 in Birchwood Terrace in Burlington. He was born on April 19, 1932, in Berkeley Springs, WV, son of the late Dustin and Donna (Barnes) Spielman. He was proud to have been a master sergeant with the U. S. Air Force, serving his country during the Korean Conflict and Vietnam War. He received the Air Force Commendation Medal at Clark Air Base in the Philippines. During his military career he was stationed in Florida, Mississippi, Delaware, France, England, French Morocco, and the Philippines. In Chateauroux, France he met and married the former Georgette Barthoumieux, whom predeceased him in May 2002. Richard (Speedy) enjoyed camping, boating on the Chesapeake, and leisurely Sunday drive He was an avid hunter and fisherman. He was fond of animals, especially dogs. He had an interest in history and visited many historic sights across the United States as well as in Europe. Richard enjoyed spending time with his friends and family and leaves them with many fond memories of adventures shared together. Because he loved the water so much, when he retired from the military, he moved his family back to Delaware. There he worked for the Federal Government in civil service at Dover Air Force Base until his second retirement. He was a Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus, a member of American Legion Post 0060 in Berkeley Springs, and a member of the VFW. He is survived by his two daughters: Pat Spielman-Morris and her husband Jim of Jericho, VT; and Kay DelliBovi and her husband Rob of Savannah, GA; his special companion Jeannette Roy of Burlington; four brothers: Bernard Spielman and his wife Dottie of Hancock, MD; Denver Spielman and his wife Betty of Killeen, TX; Gary Spielman and his wife Nancy of Berkeley Springs, WV; and Steve Spielman and his wife Jeanne of Berkeley Springs; three grandchildren: Eric Whitehill and his wife Billi Jo of Fairfax, VT; Christopher DelliBovi of Charleston, SC; and Robert DelliBovi of New Bedford, MA; one great-grandson, Boden James Whitehill of Fairfax; several nieces, nephews, and cousins; and his special granddogs, Addison and Blizzard. He was also predeceased by his brother Woody and sister Ailene. Richard's family would like to extend a special thank you to Dr. Frank Landry and Rosemary Dale for their support and understanding during Richard's illness. The family would also like to thank the staff of Birchwood Terrace for their compassion, patience and the loving care and attention they afforded Richard during his stay. There will be no public visiting hours or funeral services held. A committal service, with full military honors, will be held in Berkeley Springs in the early summer. Contributions in Richard's memory may be made to the American Diabetes Assoc. Vermont Affiliate Inc. 77 Hegeman Ave., Colchester, VT 05446 or to the Humane Society of Chittenden County, 142 Kindness Court, So. Burlington, VT 05403, or by visiting their website at www. chittendenhumane.org

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hospitalization, which is 40+% of health insurance premiums. This is a savings to people buying their own insurance and to businesses that provide insurance to their employees.

Vermonters are currently paying \$776 million a year for inpatient and outpatient hospital care through taxes, payroll deductions, private insurance premiums, co-pays, and cash from their pockets. H.304 calls for us to stop paying for hospital care individually and to start paying for it as a group by establishing the Vermont Hospital Security Trust Fund. The cost of H.304 is high, but it is projected to cost \$66 million a year less than what we pay now – that's nine percent less. H.304 does not spell out how to raise the money but a 5.5% payroll tax and an annual fee of \$225 per person could raise \$710 million. Every Vermonter would have their hospital care paid for. A link to more information on H.304 is on my web site www.RepBillFrank.com.

Contact me to share your thoughts on H.304 or any bill. I really enjoy hearing from you. Write, call, or stop in at The Village Cup in Jericho on Monday morning February 4. Gaye and I will be there for an informal discussion between 7:00 - 9:00 AM. We will also be at The Village Cup April 7 (same time), and at the Deborah Rawson Memorial Library on the evening of April 8, 6:30-8:00 PM. Contact me at *Rep.BillFrank@verizon.net*, 899-3136, or 19 Pokerhill Rd, Underhill

From the Statehouse

By Rep. Martha Heath **Should Vermont Lease Its Lottery?**

The legislature got underway on Tuesday, January 8 and we "hit the ground running." It's wonderful to reconnect with colleagues and to begin the work that is before us.

One of the questions before us is: Should Vermont enter into a 40year lease of its lottery? It's a question I've given a lot of thought and one that raises a myriad of issues. The following are some of the questions I've been asking myself about the proposal

How will a firm that leases the lottery make money? I was one of a group of legislators that heard a pitch for this proposal from two representatives of Lehman Brothers. Their conclusion is that if Vermont is the first state to do this, we can get a good deal. They suggest Vermont could receive a one-time, upfront payment of about \$50M and could amortize the rest of the proceeds to retain the \$23M a year that goes to the Education Fund from the present lottery proceeds. In addition, the firm leasing the lottery would expect to make an annual profit of 13-14%. One of the first questions that come to mind is: how will an outside firm increase the lottery revenues by millions of dollars annually? The response was that they would market more heavily and more professionally in different ways to different buyers. One suggestion was that advertising could be put on the tickets. That begs the question, couldn't we do that anyway? Another was marketing the lottery to the middle class by selling tickets at places like Dunkin Donuts and Home Depot. I have asked for research showing that this kind of marketing actually improves sales to a different demographic of people than buy lottery tickets now. To date I haven't received a response. The Texas lottery introduced a \$50 ticket, thinking it would appeal to new buyers. Research has shown that the same group of people who were already buying purchased these tickets. If we are comfortable having this group of people provide millions more in state revenues, can we just increase marketing on our own without giving an outside company so much of the revenue?

If the governor has concluded that we need \$50M in new one-time revenue, is this the best way for the state to raise the revenue? Doesn't this represent a tax increase for those who purchase lottery tickets?

The lottery may not technically be a tax but it acts as one for everyone who purchases tickets with the exception of the VERY few who actually win. Is this the group of people we think should pay more to support state government?

Finally, are the governor's proposals for spending this one-time money sound? IF we agree that leasing the lottery is a wise way to raise revenue, the next question is: how should be spent? The governor has proposed using \$25M to pay down a portion of our \$55M school construction debt and the other \$25M to lower the statewide property tax rates. The first idea is a good use of one-time money. It would lower school budgets in those towns that are paying interest while they wait for the state payment and thus help with education taxes. Lowering the statewide rates on a one-time basis may not be the best use of one-time funds. Wouldn't it make more sense to make investments that might lead to longer term savings in education costs? Speaker Symington has suggested setting up a fund to provide incentives for ideas that would lead to long term savings, such as energy efficiency investments or taking away barriers to school or school district consolidation by providing "bridge" money for towns that would see an increase in their tax rate as a result of consolidation. Lowering the statewide rates would have NO impact on a large number of Vermont households. Those who pay education taxes based on income would receive no benefit from this proposal.

Clearly the governor's proposal to lease the state's lottery raises many questions. If you have questions or comments about the proposal or other ideas before the legislature, please contact me by calling 893-1291 or by emailing me at mpheath@aol.com. I would be pleased to hear from you

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Volunteer "Job Jar" in the Library, or contact Victoria if you'd like

Expired library cards: Please stop by the library to renew your card. A valid card will enable you to borrow here and at other Homecard Libraries including Essex Free, Brownell, Milton, Colchester, and Deborah Rawson Memorial in Jericho.

Visit our recently updated website for upcoming events and new books, CDs, and DVDs: www.westford.lib.vt.us. Our hours are Wednesday 1:00 – 7:00 PM, Thursday 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM, Friday 12:00 - 6:00 PM, and Saturday 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM. We can be reached at 878-5639 or check us out at westford pl@vals.state.vt.us.

VARNUM LIBRARY, JEFFERSONVILLE

The Crescendo Club, along with the VT Humanities Council and the Cambridge Arts Council is sponsoring again this year a book discussion group meeting at the library once a month through March. The theme this season is Pulitzer Prize winners. Meetings are on Saturdays, 3:00 - 5:00 PM. Books can be reserved at the library and refreshments and lively discussion will be served. February 9, A Confederacy of Dunces; March 8, Angle of Repose. For more information, please contact the library, 644-2117, or April Tuck, 644-6632

New additions to the large print book shelves: Michael Connelly's Echo Park, Someone to Love by Jude Deveraux, and Jeffery Archer's False Impression. For those who enjoy books on tape, check out David Halberstan's The Coldest Winter.

The Varnum Library is open Monday and Tuesdays 1:00 - 8:00 PM, Thursdays and Saturdays 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM. The library is at 194 Main Street, Jeffersonville.

SCHOOL NEWSS

Browns River Middle School news

We are happy to report that everyone came back from the holiday break refreshed and ready to go!

We are starting off the school year with two concerts. The first one, which will have happened before publication of this paper, was the 5th and 6th grade band, chorus and strings concert. The second one will be the 7th and 8th grade Band, Chorus, and Jazz band concert on January 23 at 7:00 PM. These concerts are a wonderful opportunity for our young musicians to show off what they ave accomplished.

Our Penguin Plunge is off to a great start. So far, over 42 students and staff have submitted their registration forms and fees, raising more than \$1000 for the school's Unified Sports program. All future donations submitted by these plungers will go to support the Special Olympics of Vermont. Any member of the BRMS community, including parents, high school age siblings and relatives, can join the school's Plunge team! Registration forms can be found in the front office of the school or by visiting the school's homepage. Look for the "Penguin Plunge" link. The deadline for submission of forms and fees is January 18 and should be submitted to Mr.Pless, awesome BRMS coordinator or by registering online. All donations to this effort are tax deductible and the school receives back the registration fees in the form of funding for a future Unified Sports Pro-

Our basketball teams are in the middle of a very busy season. Here is the rest of their schedule for home games: January 17 – Girls vs. Shelburne; January 22 – Girls vs. Tuttle MS; January 24 – Boys vs. ADL; January 29 – Boys vs. Edmunds; January 30 – Boys vs. EMS; February 5 – Boys vs. Tuttle MS; February 7 – Boys vs. Colchester; February 12 – Boys vs. Hinesburg; February 13 – Girls vs. ADL; February 19 - Girls vs. Hunt MS. Games start at 4:00. Come out and support our young athletes!

Congratulations to Lily Devereux who has read all 30 DCF books and to Alex Carrier who was our top "Rock and Read" rocker for

Looking ahead: The Fourth Annual BRMS International Festival is back! The Festival is scheduled for Saturday, March 15 and we are always looking for people to donate international dishes and share cultural experiences from abroad. Please contact Anne Wright Shank at 899 1767 or rightbeech@yahoo.com if you are able to

Smilie School principal search

In January 2008 the Smilie School Board will be initiating the search process for the Principal of Smilie Memorial Elementary School. The process will include input sessions with the Smilie staff and an open forum for community members.

The Open Forum is scheduled for January 17 at 6:30 PM in the Smilie School library. The purpose of this forum is to hear the public's thoughts regarding essential qualities and experiences that the search committee should look for in reviewing and selecting

candidates for the position. The hope is to complete the process and name a principal for Smilie Elementary by the end of March 2008. The Principal will start July 1, 2008. If you have any questions or you would like to be a member of the Search Committee, please contact Associate CESU Superintendant John 434-2128 Alberghini, john.alberghini@cesu.k12.vt.us.

Summer career exploration program for students with hearing loss

The Explore Your Future (EYF) program at Rochester Institute of Technology's National Technical Institute for the Deaf offers college-bound high school sophomores and juniors with hearing loss an opportunity to experience life on a college campus, explore their interests, and sample various careers.

This six-day program provides hands-on activities related to careers in engineering, art, business, computers, science, and more. Hundreds of students from around the country participate in EYF each

EYF sessions for summer 2008 are July 19-24 and July 26-31. On the final day of each session, parents attend a workshop that helps them prepare their student for life after high school.

Students can apply online at www.rit.edu/NTID/ EYFNR. For more information, call (585) 475-6700 (voice/TTY) or email EYFinfo@rit.edu. The application deadline is May 31, 2008.

Jon Gailmor to be *artist* in residence at BRMS

Underhill Central School will be hosting Jon Gailmor for an Artist in Residency Program for six days in February. He will be spreading his joy of music and creating by spending time with every class, guiding students in the writing, composing, and performing of their very own songs. Students will use songwriting and performing to learn and practice problem solving, social skills, writing, reading, fluency, movement, and visual arts.

The staff, too, will get their own chance to learn from Jon and become songwriters.

All of this will culminate with a "gala" evening performance for families, community, friends, and relatives on Thursday, February 21, 6:30 PM, at Browns River Middle School.

Jon is a self-described singer songwriter educator, performer, artist, and optimist. He has produced six solo recordings and is a beloved performer throughout Vermont where he engages audiences with humor, feeling, and a bit of the absurd. Underhill Central is abuzz in anticipation of having this talented artist enrich our community. The Residency is supported by generous contributions from the Underhill Central School PTO and a grant from the Vermont Arts Council.

Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow! (just not too much all at once...)



December 18, MMUHS held a school-wide community service activity/event: the Food Chain Rally, where everyone, including the marching drum band, lined the halls to pass donated food items hand to hand to help restock depleted reserves at local food shelves. At least three quarters of a ton of canned and boxed nonperishable food items were collected by students, faculty and staff. The Jericho-Underhill Lions Club transported the supplies to lo-PHOTO CONTRIBUTED cal Jericho/Richmond food shelves.

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party and abstain from participating in the Presidential primary. This will not prohibit you from voting in any of the local portions,

Bolton's February newsletter will have sample ballots and the warning. Town Reports will be in the mail prior to Town Meeting. We do open Monday night's meeting with a potluck dinner. Beginning at 5:45 PM, arrive with your appetite in hand! Bring your favorite dish to share; the town supplies the beverages, eating utensils, and bread and butter. Local elected officials are on hand as well as our two state representatives to chat and answer questions. No need to RSVP, just join us for dinner and a break from winter to dine with friends.

Local and primary ballots will be available after February 13, if you would like the option of early voting or if you will be away from Bolton on Town Meeting day - call the Town Office, 434-5075, to get ballots sent to you. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call. Remember, whether locally, statewide or federal, your voice is your vote... Be heard!

Taxes – the third installment of taxes is due on Friday, February 15. There is now a drop box outside the Town Clerk's office, so payments left there before 8:00 AM on Tuesday the 19th (Monday the 18th is Presidents' Day) will be considered on time.

Sara Holbrook property - Many years ago the Sara Holbrook Center in Burlington was gifted a piece of land in Bolton by a benefactor. The Center held on to the piece for several years, but in

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Need somebody here with cars boats, a serious hobby, and/or a home business! This Lindal cedar chalet has soaring (and aromatic!) cathedral ceilings and a western kiln-dried cedar finish throughout Lemme see: two bedrooms, one and a half baths, a loft area, a twocar garage and a back door leading to a patio/deck above that ga-

rage. New carpet and vinyl, new roof, an acre with a ROW to the stream out back and, of course, that hobbyist's aforementioned outbuilding! It measures 42'x28', it's heated, and has a high, overhead door that you might get your home-built rocket ship (or oversized backhoe) into and then out again. \$235,000 in Underhill. Of interests

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1997 offered the parcel to the town at no cost. Since 1997 the piece, which consists of about 16 acres and is located on the south side of Route 2 across the railroad tracks near the bottom of the Notch Road tunnel, has remained dormant. The Cycle Conservation Club of Vermont approached the Board with an interest in the parcel. The Club would like to create a town park, with trails that would be open to off-road vehicles. Members of the club include people interested in recreation as well as environmental geologists, wetlands experts, and law enforcement personnel. Club representatives have met with the Board and a Notice of Sale of Municipal Real Estate has been executed by the town attorney and posted. If no petition is received prior to January 21, 2008 against this proposal, the sale to the Cycle Club will take place. A map, a copy of the Notice of Sale, and other information regarding the Cycle Club is available at the

Dog registrations for 2008 need to be renewed before April 1. To get a new tag, bring a current rabies certificate along with the fee. You can stop in the office, bring it Tuesday to voting (please, not Monday night), or through the mail. The fees are now \$7 for spayed/ neutered animals and \$11 for all others. Rabies vaccines are now good for three years.

Westford has open town positions

The Westford Selectboard is currently accepting applications for the following town positions:

Deputy Health Officer – Duties include being available to assist the Health Officer when needed or in his/her absence. Issues may include, but are not limited to, dog bites, rabies, any health concern,

Emergency Operations Plan Development Committee - This committee (ideally 5-7 members) will be responsible for developing an Emergency Operations Plan Development for the Town of Westford. The Regional Planning Commission (RPC) has created a draft template to be customized to fit Westford's needs.

Recreation Committee Member – Duties include contributing to program offerings, community spirit, and committee meeting par-

Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Representative -The board meets monthly to help establish and direct CCMPO policies and plans for regional transportation issues in Chittenden County. For more information please visit www.ccmpo.org.

Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission (CCRPC) Alternate Representative – Responsible for attending meetings when the representative is unavailable. The alternate may attend all meetings but will not have voting power when the representative is present.

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Basketball free-throw contest

St. Thomas Knights of Columbus Council 7810 is pleased to announce the 7th annual Council Basketball Free Throw Championship, open to all boys and girls 10-14 years old. The free throw shoot will be held at MMU on Saturday, January 19. On-site registration begins at 2:15 PM for the contest at 2:30 PM. There are separate winners for boys and girls in each age category – 10 winners in all. Engraved plaques and basketballs autographed by the UVM basketball team will be awarded to each winner. Entry forms are available via email, at the BRMS school office, or on the day of the event at MMU. Please contact Kristopher Boushie, <code>BoushieK@gmail.com</code> or 899-6576, for information.

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Tuesday, January 22 – T-Bone's, Hampton Inn, Colchester, 11:00 AM check-in, 11:30 AM lunch. Roast turkey dinner.

Wednesday, January 23 – Dutch Mill, Shelburne Rd., Shelburne, 9:00 AM. Breakfast.

Thursday, January 24 – Ponderosa, Williston, 11:00 AM checkin, 11:15 lunch. All you can eat buffet.

Friday, January 25 – United Church, Hinesburg, 12:00 noon. Meatloaf and gravy, mashed potatoes, fall vegetables, whole wheat roll, fresh fruit.

Monday, January 28 – Covenant Church, Essex Ctr., 12:00 noon. Macaroni and cheese, cole slaw, fruit bread, peaches.

Monday, January 28 – Papa Nick's, Hinesburg, 3:00 PM. Tuesday, January 29 – Colonial Room, Essex Educ. Center, 12:00 noon. Turkey dinner.

Wednesday, January 30 – Dutch Mill, Shelburne Rd., Shelburne, 11:00 AM. Roast pork dinner.

Thursday, January 31 – Ponderosa, Williston, 11:00 AM checkin, 11:15 lunch. All you can eat buffet.

Friday, February 1 –Hinesburg mealsite, 11:30 AM.

Monday, February 4 – Covenant Church, Essex Ctr., 12:00 noon. Tuesday, February 5 – Mardi Gras Celebration at the Elk's, North Ave., Burlington, 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM. Sourbon chicken dinner; entertainment by *Dixie Six*. Tickets only – call Pat Pike, 865-0360.

entertainment by *Dixie Six*. Tickets only – call Pat Pike, 865-0360. Wednesday, February 6 – Dutch Mill, Shelburne Rd., Shelburne, 11:00 AM. Broiled haddock.

Thursday, February 7 – Bridge Street Café, Richmond, 11:00 AM. Roast pork dinner.

Friday, February 8 – United Church, Hinesburg, 12:00 noon.

JERICHO UNDERHILL PARK DISTRICT BOARD VACANCY

If you love visiting Mills Riverside Park and would like to be involved in the management of this land, we invite you to consider becoming a board member. Currently there is an opportunity to complete a term if you are a resident of Underhill. We anticipate a need for a Jericho resident shortly. Please call us at 899-2693 for more information.

LEGAL NOTICES

TOWN OF JERICHO DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Jericho Development Review Board will hold a public hearing on **Thursday**, **February 14**, **2008 at 7:00 PM** in the Jericho Municipal Building to consider the following:

A request by the Jericho Center Cemetery Association and the Town of Jericho for a Change of Use of a piece of property from Residential to Cemetery. The property is located at 14 Barber Farm Road and is in the Rural Residential Zoning District.

All interested persons may appear and be heard. Written materials may be viewed in the Zoning Office during regular business hours. Jenn Rowe, Zoning Administrator, Town of Jericho.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Town of Underhill
Development Review Board (DRB) Hearing
Monday, January 21, 2008 at 6:30 PM

Hearing to be Held at the Underhill Town Hall, Underhill Center VT

The DRB will hold a final hearing on the 2-lot subdivision application for property owned by Marcy Gibson located at 50 New Road in Underhill, Vermont. This property is located in the Rural Residential zoning district.

A copy of this DRB application and additional information may be obtained at the Underhill Town Hall. This hearing is open to the public. Pursuant to 24 V.S.A. §§ 4464(a) (1) (C) and 4471(a), participation in this local proceeding 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.



ents In Education) group sponsored a planetarium sky show for the school's 4th graders. Dr. Pomerance, who teaches astronomy at Castleton State College, came with his dome

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and a great deal of knowledge. He projected a realistic picture of the stars and planets as they appear at night. The children learned a great deal and enjoyed the show!

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TOWN OF BOLTON John Devine, Chair Town of Bolton Selectboard

CESU meetings

Monday, January 21: Chittenden East Supervisory Union Executive Committee meeting, 7:00 PM, Central Office, Richmond Town Center, Richmond.

Monday, January 21: Mount Mansfield Union Curriculum Commit-

tee meeting, 6:30 PM, Central Office, Richmond Town Center.
Tuesday, January 22: Underhill I.D. School Board meeting, 7:00
PM, Underhill I.D. Elementary School, Jericho.

Thursday, January 24: MMU School Board meeting, 7:30 PM, MMIJHS, Jericho

Monday, January 28: CESU Policy Committee meeting, 6:30 PM,

Central Office, Richmond Town Center, Richmond.
Monday, February 4: CESU Transportation Committee meeting,
6:30 PM, Central Office, Richmond Town Center, Richmond.

Tuesday, February 5: Únderhill Center School Board meeting, 6:30 PM, Underhill Central School, Underhill Center.

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TOWN OF UNDERHILL Conservation Commission and WUJNet Governing Board Vacancies

The Town of Underhill, VT is accepting applications from community members who are interested in serving on the either the Conservation Commission or the newly-formed WUJNet Governing Board.

Conservation Commission: Are you interested in land use and conservation issues? Would you like to become more involved in your local town government? If so, this is a great opportunity. The Selectboard is currently accepting applications from community members interested in serving on the Conservation Commission to fill vacancies on the Commission. Applications will be accepted until February 28, 2008. Interviews with the Selectboard and Commission will be scheduled after that date, with appointment to the Board by the end of March, 2008. Commissioners serve for a four-year terM.

WUJNet Governing Board: The Westford, Underhill, Jericho fiber optic network committee is currently being established. This Board, comprised of three members from each community (one of which is initially a Selectboard member), is tasked with oversight for planning, contracting, and operation of the network. The ideal candidate for the working group should be a team player, be able to work well within a committee, and be knowledgeable about technology. The candidate does not necessarily need to know about fiber optic networks, but should be willing and able to learn quickly. Board members will serve a three-year term. Applications will be accepted until February 28, 2008. Interviews with the Selectboard will be scheduled after that date, with appointment to the Board by the end of March, 2008.

For more information or to apply, please send resume and cover letter to Chris Murphy, Town Administrator, P.O. Box 32, Underhill Center, VT 05490 or to *underhillvt@comcast.net* by February 28, 2008.

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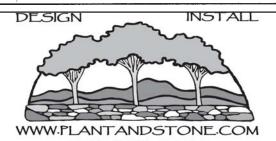
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