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Vermont National Guard trains for deployment



Specialists Matthew Murphy displays the M16A4 with a PEG15 infra-red site. PHOTO BY DAVID RICCHIO

By David Rocchio
Special to the Mountain Gazette

The plan was to meet a sergeant so I could observe Squad Designated Marksman training—SDM. I was at the Ethan Allen Firing Range for a return visit to the 3rd Battalion of the 172nd Infantry (Mountain) of the Vermont Guard 3 – 172nd. Sgt. Black was delayed so I waited.

To avoid bugging Sgt. Kilburn, insisting on being my replacement host, I looked around for something to read. Among the stacks of *Soldier and National Guard Almanac* was an old copy of *Outside* magazine. Flipping through the issue I saw a photo of Greg Mortenson and this quote: “It is time to build a new era of peace. The first step is to take up these stones and start turning them into schools.” The article was about Mortenson’s relentless and quixotic quest to build schools for girls throughout Afghanistan and Pakistan. Mortenson’s book on the same topic, *Three Cups of Tea*, is all but required reading for US troops heading toward that knot of trouble and mountains loosely formed as Afghanistan. And Afghanistan is exactly where the men and women of the Vermont Guard are headed.

Kilburn couldn’t stand me being stranded; he grabbed the keys to a Humvee, tossed me a helmet and drove me out to where troops were training under the capable tutelage of Sgt. Will Paquette. Trained as a sniper, Paquette was working with troops to certify them as marksmen. I was to watch them train not to be snipers but squad marksmen.

The squad being trained was split in two. One half was working to learn to fire their M-16’s while the other half were 600 meters away in the “target pit,” a concrete reinforced berm behind and below the targets.

As we drove up, *Rage Against the Machine* blared over the sound of rounds being fired by the prone soldiers. I talked with Sergeant Paquette and Specialist Matthew Murphy. Both Paquette and Murphy are graduates of sniper school and they are imparting some of that learning to these candidates for SDM.

When the squad stopped firing the troops walked down range to the target pit. I talked with Specialist Slade, a tall young man with a major smile. Slade is from Manchester. “What do you do?” I asked. “Windows and doors,” he said, “at least until Halloween.”

Around Halloween the troops will be off as a group to train in simulated Afghan villages. They then will come back to Vermont, hopefully for Thanksgiving, and then will be off for more training, finally going to Afghanistan in December or early 2010. “No more doors and windows after Halloween,” said Slade.

A radio crackled and we were told to sit on a bench low behind the berm. Soon I heard sharp cracks followed by the deep report of the rifles. I watched puffs of dirt kick up beyond the targets.

The sharp cracks were sonic booms caused by the rounds whizzing overhead, followed by the sound of the weapon and finally the sight of the bullet hitting the dirt. If you hear it, it is already past you.

The firing stopped and PFC Kurt Miles ran the squad through the process of pulling the targets down via a massive structure of steel tied to a concrete counterweight, counting the rounds and marking them so the soldiers firing could see how they did. He then called out each marksman’s score into the radio: “Mark. Lane 1, Hits 2; Lane 2, Hits 5; Lane 3” and so on. After the marks were counted each hole on the target was covered with black tape. Finally the targets are released and reset and another series of shooting begins.

As the bullets snapped overhead, the troops munched on snacks and drank water, sitting in the shade of the concrete wall and out of the heat of the fine summer day. I was talking with Kilburn, trying to calculate meters into feet, when to my right a soldier said, “a meter is 3.2808399 feet.”

“How do you know that?” I asked. “Twenty years as a land surveyor,” said Sgt. Mike Rioux. “Back in the army for economic reasons. First served in 1979 and here I am back again after a 22 year break in service.” Some troops fresh and just out of high school, others seasoned and life weary.

We listened to rounds and watched troops mark the targets. During a break in the firing, Sgt. Brent Simoneau of Fairfax collected us and drove us back to where the troops were firing. I watched Specialist Nick Pileggi, from Burlington and Hinesburg, fire a few more rounds and then we headed back to the office, Pileggi riding along. Pileggi was a cop in Burlington but is now on orders. “It means I won’t go to the [police] academy this fall. The pay here is better.”

Back at the office I examined a large whiteboard covered with a map of Afghanistan and twelve clipboards holding articles about the war. The clipboards were labeled: “IED’s,” “Beheadings,” “Dressing as Women,” “Motorcycles,” “Suicide Bombers,” and so on. One was labeled “Packing Ideas,” another “Heart Warming Stories.” There was one labeled “Schools.”

Kilburn told me he hopes for “more” out of this deployment compared with his time in Iraq. “In Iraq, we didn’t achieve much. We kicked in doors and patrolled but we didn’t do anything meaningful. In Afghanistan I hope we can actually help people. And they will want our help.”

The largest number of Vermont Guardsmen to be deployed since the Second World War will be going off to Afghanistan soon. This hodgepodge of young and old Vermonters, from Manchester to Fairfax, will be going to try to make a mark not unlike Mr. Mortenson. They are working hard to train and they have hopes their deployment will have meaning. Today they learned one more skill to help them.

CESU schools reopen as teachers avoid strike

By Ted Tedford
Special to the Mountain Gazette

Nearly 3,000 children and their teachers in the Chittenden East Supervisory Union returned to school yesterday, Sept. 2, after the teachers shied from going on strike.

At a strike-vote meeting August 27 about 200 of the supervisory union’s 300 teachers did not vote to strike, but instead agreed on a voice vote to urge the CESU School Board to resume bargaining over a contract for the present school year, 2009-2010. By that vote, the teachers abandoned their union negotiators’ insistence the Board bargain over a contract for the past school year, 2008-2009.

Dan and Laura Litchfield of Bear Town Road in Underhill said they were relieved that school opened on schedule. Their children, a son, Isaiah entered Grade 3 at Underhill Central School, while his sister, Kira, entered kindergarten at the same school.

“I have friends who are on school boards and my mother is an aide at Camels Hump Middle School, so I can see all sides of the issue,” Dan Litchfield said. A carpenter, he said that while he supports the teachers’ union, this is no time for the teachers to go on strike. “This has been a hard year,” he said. “No one is getting raises and some are losing their jobs,” while the teachers are paid well and have good benefits. Friends he works with who live in Addison County look at the salaries in Chittenden East and wonder why the teachers there complain.

“I am glad they are moving forward,” said Laura Litchfield.

Instead, after more than 16 months of negotiations, the Board instead imposed a contract on the teachers for this school year.

The teachers’ union negotiators had refused to resume bargaining unless the School Board agreed to negotiate the 2008-2009 contract. In July Jon Harris, chief negotiator for the teachers’ union said: “They (the Board) are trying to force us into a corner...to make a decision [go on strike] that we legally do or do not want to make.”

When it imposed the contract last May the Board gave the teachers a 3.75 percent raise,



Dan and Laura Litchfield and their son, Isaiah and daughter Kira stand outside their home in Underhill. PHOTO BY TED TEDFORD

changed work hours for a handful of teachers and raised from 12 to 15 percent the health insurance contribution of those teachers who declined to enroll in a new plan offered by the Board.

During their meeting held at Mount Mansfield Union High School, the teachers “discussed terms of employment and then sent a clear message it was taking the high road” to avoid disruptions during the start of the school year and to work with the community on settlement of a new contract, according to Jon Harris, chief negotiator for the Green Mountain Chapter of the Vermont Education Association.

“We will return to bargaining as equals to get a contract that is good for the teachers and the community,” Harris said.

Harris said he hopes Robert Letovsky, chairman of the board’s negotiating committee, will “change his rhetoric.” In a Burlington Free Press article August 27, Letovsky said “union bosses” are trying to run the schools because they opposed changes in the teacher workday. “This is not productive,” Harris said. “We are here to educate kids.”

Contacted later, Letovsky declined to comment on Harris’ remarks, saying only, “We all agree this is the first inning of a new ball game.”

The schools in the supervisory union are located in Bolton, Huntington, Jericho, Richmond and Underhill.

Bolton Park and Ride grant application approved / denied

By Phyl Newbeck
Special to the Mountain Gazette

On July 6, Linda Baker, chair of the Bolton Planning Commission, and Amy Grover, who serves as clerk, met with the Bolton Selectboard to renew their request for the town to apply for grant funding for a park and ride facility which would accommodate 25 vehicles.

They left thinking their request had been approved. Although two board members (Gene Armstrong and Dan Champney) opposed the request, the remaining three (John Devine, Richard Streeter and R.J. Vallie) approved it. However, two weeks later at the Selectboard meeting on July 20, Streeter asked for a revote and joined Armstrong and Champney in voting against applying for the grant.

Three-way race for House Seat caucus on September 8

By Katherine Quimby Johnson
Special to the Mountain Gazette

Adam Howard and Heather Sheppard, both residents of the town of Cambridge, and Juanita Brown of Belvidere have declared their interest in filling the Vermont House seat left vacant when Rich Westman became Vermont State Tax Commissioner. Howard announced his candidacy in an email on August 14, and Sheppard circulated a similar announcement on August 26.

In making his announcement, Howard said, “We need someone young and enthusiastic representing the residents of Waterville, Belvidere and Cambridge—not just for the remainder of this term, but for the long term.” [Howard’s emphasis.] Now 35, Howard grew up in Cambridge and attended Western State College, Gunnison, Colorado, where he majored in Political Science and minored in Community Journalism. After college, he returned

Streeter explained that after the initial vote, he talked to the two Selectboard members who voted against the park and ride. Since both do work involving transportation issues, he said he valued their opinions. Additionally, he spoke to a number of residents who would have been neighbors to the facility. Streeter said there are eight to ten homes which would be affected since there is no room for vehicles to turn around without shining their lights into those houses. Although a barricade could be erected, Streeter noted that this might result in other problems. Another concern of Streeter’s was the additional work for the road crew and the possibility of cars being at the facility for long periods of time or even abandoned. He cited the unofficial

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to town and worked as a freelance journalist, while supporting himself with a construction business. At the age of 24 he helped found the Cambridge Historical Society and served as its president for many years. Currently Howard chairs the town’s Ancient Roads Committee and is vice chair of the Development Review Board.

An avid outdoorsman and the president of the Brewster River Mountain Bike Club, which raises funds for youth riding and at-risk youth, Howard and his business partners formed Height of Land Publications in 2002 and acquired *Backcountry* magazine. Height of Land’s Jeffersonville office now produces three magazines covering seasonal outdoor mountain activities and provides more than a dozen well-paying jobs. “I’d like to take the creativity and work ethic that made these

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RICHMOND/HUNTINGTON

CAMPUS HONORS

Richmond junior a St. Mike's researcher

Richard "Gus" Torde of Richmond, VT was one of four student researchers who worked this summer with Shane Lamos, assistant professor of chemistry at St. Michael's College in Colchester, VT, developing chemical tools to help other scientists visualize and quantify small-molecule biological processes for a better understanding of diseases, nutrition, and the environment. Torde is a junior majoring in chemistry.



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Yellow road signs aplenty in Huntington

By Brenda Boutin
 Mountain Gazette staff

Huntington was abuzz about the yellow road signs that are posted throughout the town. For years beautiful signs that Lucuis Saxton made in the mid '70s and early '80s graced the roadsides; now only one remains near the Huntington-Richmond town line near the Audubon sugarhouse. His were replaced by the state's green and white ones.

The debate is well stated on Front Porch Forum, with some strong and valid opinions both for keeping and getting rid of the yellow signs. Issues range from aesthetics to safety – speed and tourists are among the concerns.

There are questions to be answered as to the reasoning for so many bright yellow signs.

According to one writer on Front Porch Forum, she contacted town clerk Heidi Racht who suggested talking to the Selectboard. At the time of this printing Selectboard chairman Edmund Booth has not returned calls from the Gazette.

Betty Wheeler's family has lived on one of the most dangerous corners in Huntington for generations. Wheeler wrote on Front Porch Forum, "My husband and I are pleased with the new road signs placed on our road. For those of you who do not know I was born and raised in Huntington and still remember when the main road was a dirt road. The traffic was much slower then with most of the town either farmers or loggers. Our family has since seen the growth of the town from 900 members to the near 2000 (+/-) neighbors now. As some of you know, we live on an extremely dangerous corner on the main road between the upper and lower village. As neighbors, many of you have driven by the farm going to and from work. This is a scenic corner with deer/turkeys wandering in the farm fields. It is beautiful, that is why my brother and I purchased the land from our family 10 years ago. We want to continue keeping it open and enjoyable to the family and the town. While we do agree that the signs are not as picturesque as we might have hoped for, they are keeping our roads safer."

"Just in the past two years we have experienced two major accidents on our corner, without mentioning those in the past with one truck going thru my brother's garage and another into our front fence. Luckily, no one was badly hurt and wore seat belts. My husband and I have tried to be diligent in maintaining a safer view by clearing excess trees and keeping the grass mowed, especially when approaching the corner from the upper village. We even placed reflective markers on our fence last year. The added arrow and reflective markers that the town placed are great! We feel that because of them, safety has been increased. You are now warned of the bend the road as you approach the corner. Long standing neighbors generally know the danger of this corner and slow down while the new signs warn out-of-town drivers who are not familiar with it."

"My parents purchased the farm in the mid 1940's and raised 11 children here. When the Brace farm was active there were many things to watch out for. Cows which may have gotten out and found wandering in the road at night or children forever crossing to do the farm chores. My mom was wonderful and some of the older residents in Huntington may remember seeing her hovering on one of

the porches at any time of the day watching over us as we crossed the road. We need to thank our mom for doing such a caring job of watching over us. We do miss her dearly! To shorten this up, my husband and I went to the town to ask to have guardrails installed by our mailbox to make this a safer corner. They needed to wait until metal guardrails became available from the state; but in the meantime the state had access to additional funds for safety signs and markers. We were very pleased with the signs they placed.

"The current concern is the speed of the cars that still pass our corner. The speed limit is currently 35mph and we would like to see the speed reduced to 25 miles around this corner. If there are neighbors who would like to see this done and support us would you please call the town to voice your concern. As cars leave the upper village they increase speed to the posted 35 mph. As they continue up the hill they increase their speed to 45 ++! It's not unusual for us to see drivers fly past the farm at over 60-70 mph as we stand on our porch. I understand we have little control on how fast people drive but would like everyone to know that there are small children living here again and to please consider our their safety."

Betty and Dave Wheeler live on the old Millard and Marion Brace farm.

The sign that was posted at the turn on to the Huntington Hollow Road has been removed and properly posted on the Main Road before and after to properly mark the turn. According to Heidi Racht's comments, again on Front Porch Forum, they were posted wrong. Again the Gazette tried to reach Racht for comment and the call has not been returned.

COURT REPORT

August 18, 2009, **Jody M. Dunne**, 21, Richmond, VT, charged with taking a big game animal by illegal means on July 14, 2009; pleaded guilty; fined \$250.

August 18, 2009, **Bryan M. Harrington**, 25, Richmond, VT, charged with taking a big game animal by illegal means on July 14, 2009; pleaded guilty; fined \$250.

August 18, 2009, **Michael G. Rosenfield**, 23, Richmond, VT, charged with taking a big game animal by illegal means on July 14, 2009; amended to taking game by illegal methods – light; pleaded guilty; fined \$150.

August 18, 2009, **Joshua Russin**, 26, Richmond, VT, charged with taking a big game animal by illegal means on July 14, 2009; amended to taking game by illegal methods – light; pleaded guilty; fined \$150.

POLICE REPORT

Sunday, August 16, 2009 at approximately 9:30 AM, Officer Rick Greenough, Richmond Police Department, was running stationary radar on East Main Street. Officer Greenough attempted to conduct a traffic stop on a motorcycle driving in excess of the posted speed limit of 30 MPH. The operator refused to stop and a chase ensued. After a brief 2.5-mile pursuit, the motorcycle was stopped and the operator, **Joseph Courtemanche**, 43, South Burlington, VT, was taken into custody and charged with numerous traffic violations and attempting to elude a law enforcement officer.

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COMMUNITY COLUMNS

MANSFIELD MOMENTS

By Sara Riley

Special to the Mountain Gazette

Strange but true: in my travels to my out-of-town job, I have found that the shortest distance is not the shortest drive. But my shortest drive, time-wise, is about to become longer, temporarily. The signs (above) posted at either end of Skunk Hollow Road in Jericho give fair warning, and I shall have to allot a few extra minutes in the morning.

Funny how we notice small changes along the roads we travel each day: the hay is cut and baled, a driveway newly sealed or a house painted, a new horse in the pasture, perennials in bloom and then gone by, chicken yard fencing moved, and in a field, suddenly, one day – pumpkin flowers! – a portent of the season to come.

And funny how regular happenings can be mildly jarring each time they are encountered. For me, that's Thursdays' Mills Riverside Farmers' Market. My son works a farm stand there and you'd think I'd remember the event, since I stop by each week. I enjoy watching the kids frolic and the new puppies gambol. The past couple of markets have been busy, and have shared the parking area with soccer practice. I drive really slow until I'm back on Route 15.

The blight is finally reaching our tomatoes. The potatoes were



dug and the plants bagged and taken to the dump a few weeks ago, and that may have delayed the inevitable for the tomatoes. The plants don't look that bad, but also have not produced that much. The hot weather helped, a brief spate of summer, but only the weeds are really flourishing. 'Course, after all that wood ash in my now-too-sweet garden, I guess I should just be glad anything is growing at all. (How did I ever plant, weed, and harvest a garden, keep a household in relatively good order, schlep the kids to wherever, and train a dog,

while working full-time? I can't seem to do as well now...)

Does anyone besides me see new-mown hayfields and think: "weather report"? I love seeing hay cut and harrowed. It means a great forecast for the following couple of days.

The Saturday of our one fabulous-weather real-summer weekend in August, one of our local-girls-made-good got married at the Coach Barn at Shelburne Farm. Gorgeous hot evening, with sailboats cruising by behind the rustic white birch altar on the lawn at the big lake. Altar and audience were in the shade, with a mellow cello providing accompaniment. Beautiful bride, handsome groom, joyful families... a happy and poignant event. We first met the bride as a third-grader, in Al Paisel's class at the Central School. Watch for a wedding announcement in these pages.

Watch for a new grandson announcement, too!

Many of these weekends, I'm down in MA with my dad – Bill Stutz, the unnamed veteran of the Memorial Day parade. He'll be moving to senior housing in Essex, when a place opens up, and both of us are looking forward to it. My biggest concern is about his docs – he's had the same G.P. for 30 years, and it's a bit nerve-wracking to think of such a big change. Still, it will be good to be able to drop by, or have him up to Pleasant Valley for supper, any old day. Watch for him in next year's Memorial Day parade!

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And now, a few words about death panels

By Sara Riley

Special to the Mountain Gazette

Okay, not really about death panels. I admit it, I used the phrase exactly as it's used in press headlines and by politicians: as a sure-fire attention-grabber. It's political hyperbole, deliberate exaggeration for outrageous effect. It works, doesn't it! Cable TV commentators and online bloggers, regardless of left-right-or-center, use the technique to attract viewers and readers, and thus advertisers and sponsors – that is, they deliberately use the technique to make their living, a much more important goal than reasoned debate. And when people repeat their bloated prose, it's like free advertising.

Unlike any of them, who are unlikely ever to do so, I here offer an apology for this manipulation and promise never to do it again.

Seriously though, I do want to talk about the decisions people are faced with when they themselves or loved ones are very ill or incapacitated. It has come up in my family several times in the past few years and I cannot believe we are unique in this.

In 2003 my husband had a heart attack. He has recovered very well, thank God, but one of the things we realized is that we were not prepared for one of us to need the other to make medical decisions. We had not defined medical powers of attorney for ourselves, each naming the other (and an alternate) as proxy for decision-making in case we were unable to decide for ourselves.

Now, I'm not an expert on what the HIPPA law actually says or decrees, but the way it seems to be interpreted and implemented in hospital is that if the patient is not indisputably incompetent (whatever legal definition that term may have), then only the patient has the right to direct doctors, discuss medical condition and options, decide treatment.

This was true for us even though my husband stated very clearly right at the start, in the presence of at least a dozen medical professionals, that I was in charge and should have complete access to his medical decisions and treatment.

It took over 24 hours for the heart attack to subside. One whole day, a treatment side effect made my husband irrational and delusional. He was drugged, sleep-deprived, and in pain. He had a pompous and idiotic young resident in charge of his care. He cannot remember most of all that – but at the time he could seem to carry off a somewhat coherent conversation, so he was legally and medically held to be competent to decide his own treatment and care, and I was told to not look at his chart.

This is nuts, and when things settled down we went to a lawyer and made up medical powers of attorney.

Note: no external agency was involved. We could as easily have discussed it with clergy, family, friends, or a doctor. No one urged us. We could have found forms on the Internet, filled them out and had them notarized.

My dad, now 86, and my mom, who passed last November at 82, both had living wills established after the events described above. This devoted couple, married for 63 years, went to their lawyer and

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RICHMOND LETTER TO THE EDITOR

**Small town tax increase
 To the Editor,**

It is property tax time again, and again property taxes have increased over last year. When will it all end? Property values have plummeted considerably, people have lost their jobs, and in some cases lost their homes. However, there is a bright spot to all this tax increase; teachers have received a 12% raise over the next three years. This equates to a 4% increase in pay per year. By coincidence, my property taxes have increased by 4.5% for the coming tax year. I assume the same will hold true for the next 2 years if spending is not under control. School administrators need to come up with a plan to fund the teachers' raise without raising property taxes.

Education consumes a large portion of property taxes in Vermont, and as such, must be controlled to be affordable and efficient. Here are some interesting statistics from the "Vermont Property Owners Report" April/May 2009, pg. 6.

The number of teaching assistants has increased by 40.9%; the number of teachers has increased by 14.8%; student to teacher ratio is somewhere around 12 to 15 students per teacher?

Full time student enrollment has decreased by more than 8%. Something is wrong with this picture. How could student enrollment decrease while teaching positions increase?

Teaching positions should be reduced, class size increased, and teaching assistant positions eliminated, to reflect student enrollment.

The answer, in my opinion, to pull Vermont, and the nation, out of this recession is: Control spending at all levels of government and make Vermont an affordable place to live and do business. Lowering costs could result in lowering taxes. Putting a limit on how much taxes can be increased in a year would also have a positive effect on the Vermont economy by creating new business and jobs!

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ART/MUSIC/THEATER

ART

Marilyn James opens at the Emile A. Gruppe Gallery with a new show entitled "Like Trees" with an artist reception on Sunday September 13 from 3:00-5:00 PM.

With their major renovations complete, the West Branch Gallery opens two solo shows simultaneously in their spacious new surroundings.

Souvenirs and Arrivals & Departures are on view at the West Branch Gallery & Sculpture Park September 12 - November 1, 2009.

September 8 - 10: Plein Air Painting with Eric Tobin, 3 day workshop, 8 - 4 daily. Bryan Memorial Gallery, 180 Main Street, Jeffersonville, 802-644-5100.

September 18 - 20: Plein Air Painting with Christopher Magadini, 3 day workshop, 8 - 4 daily. Bryan Memorial Gallery, 180 Main Street, Jeffersonville, 802-644-5100.

Grant Opportunities for Artists: Gillian Franks from the Micro Business Development Program will present Grant Opportunities for Artists at the Essex Art League's first meeting of the year on Thursday, Sept. 3 at 9:00 AM at the First Congregational Church, 39 Main St., Essex Jct.

West Bolton's Jesse Dunn, Mount Mansfield class of 1999 brings Bluegrass/Newgrass home



Montana Slim String Band's "SLIM PICKINS" album cover without new bass player (Dave Lockhart)-From L to R: Sean Duerr, Jesse Dunn of West Bolton, Turi Hoiseth, and Brent McClain.

PHOTO BY KATHRYN FRIEDMAN/SAN FRANCISCO/2009 Bryan Memorial Gallery presents Fine Lines, now through October 25, 2009, drawings by eight Vermont artists: Harald Aksdal, Monica Baustert-Sweetser, Joshua Derner, Mark Heitzman, Bill Lewis, Peter Miller, Viiu Niiler, and Dianne Shullenberger, curated by Mickey Myers.

Artists' Mediums in Williston needs your art now. Flights of Fancy, now through November 2, is open to artists of all ages and any medium. What we are looking for is a variety of fantasy, surreal, abstract or otherwise unique art.

Bryan Memorial Gallery presents Land and Light, its annual juried landscape exhibition, now through September 20, 2009. The exhibit features 99 New England landscape paintings by 68 artists from New England and some other parts of the country.

is open daily from 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM. Land and Light Award winners can be viewed at www.bryangallery.blogspot.org or www.bryangallery.org. For more information, call 802-644-5100.

Judy Beyer from Atwater, Wisconsin will be exhibiting her watercolor paintings at the Emile A. Gruppe Gallery in Jericho, Vermont from August 6 through September 6.

Burlington City Arts presents HUMAN=LANDSCAPE: Aesthetics of a Carbon Constrained Future, an exhibition at the Firehouse Gallery, 135 Church Street, Burlington, now through October 24, 2009.

MUSIC Jesse Dunn returns to VT with Montana Slim String Band for Higher Ground Performance, September 10

Montana Slim is an uprising Newgrass string band from San Francisco. Combining diverse musical backgrounds and influences, they have succeeded in creating a sound all their own.

The five-piece band has found its knack with the current lineup of Sean Duerr on lead guitar and vocals, Jesse Dunn, son of Dick and Donna Dunn of West Bolton on rhythm guitar, vocals, and harmonica, Brent McClain on mandolin and vocals, Dave Lockhart on standup bass and Turi Hoiseth on violin.

Lucky for Vermont, Montana Slim will be headlining at the Higher Ground Showcase, South Burlington, VT on September 10th. Tickets available online at http://highergroundmusic.com/calendar/show/3300/ or at Higher Ground box office on Williston Road.

Burlington Contra Dance - Queen City Contras will hold its regular dance on Friday, September 11 at 8:00 PM at St. Anthony's

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park and ride at the bottom of the Bolton Valley Access Road as an example, stating that he has heard that two cars have been left there for over nine months.

"From what I gathered," said Streeter, "park and rides become more of a nuisance than a convenience to the community."

mond Park and Ride, but such an expense isn't possible for a small town. Streeter insists that he's not opposed to the park and ride concept. "I think it's a great idea," he said, "but there are a lot more bugs to be worked out."

Selectboard member Dan Champney has experience with park and rides, since he works for VTrans and is in charge of the one in Richmond. Champney cited cost as the primary reason for voting against the grant application.

Champney also had concerns about violence and drugs, and the facility becoming "a holding tank for young people." Although the State Police say this has not been an issue at other such facilities, he doesn't entirely believe the statistics, noting that not all criminal activity is reported.

Selectboard member R. J. Vallie continues to support the idea of a park and ride but admits he's not hopeful one will be created soon. "It's been an ongoing discussion for a few years now," he said.

having a facility would make it more likely that a bus line might be instituted to connect Richmond, Bolton and Waterbury.

Vallie noted that having an official Park and Ride might alleviate some of the current problems with illegal parking at the Potholes. There are concerns about the ability of emergency vehicles to get through and worries about pedestrian traffic and open car doors.

A retired State Trooper, Vallie is not overly concerned about the potential for crime at a park and ride, noting that any collection of vehicles is always a potential problem.

Planning Commission Chair Linda Baker was philosophical about the change in vote. She recognizes that the Bolton road crew is already "stretched thin" during snow events so the addition of a park and ride would only add to their work load.

since the Selectboard's primary concerns were financial.

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Hall, 305 Flynn Avenue, Burlington, VT. The caller will be Will Mentor and music will be provided by Atlantic Crossing. All are welcome, all dances taught, no partner or experience necessary. Beginners' session at 7:45 PM. Admission is \$8.00 adults. Under 12 free. Please bring clean, soft-soled shoes for dancing. Dance Info: 802-371-9492 or 802-343-7165. Website: www.contracopia.net/sites/qcc.

The Green Mountain Steppers invite you to come and try Western Style Square Dancing introduction at our two free fun nights. Classes begin on September 10 and 17 at the Fredrick Tuttle Middle School Cafeteria, 500 Dorset Street, South Burlington, Vermont. Sign up starts at 6:45 and New Dancer Dances is from 7 PM till 9 PM. Fun for the whole family. Keeps your mind active and is an outstanding night out without alcohol. Al Monty is the caller with over six decades of teaching. www.starlinerhythmbrothers.com.

THEATER

Strawberries in January, September 9-12 and September 17-19, 8:00 PM, Champlain College Alumni Auditorium, 163 So. Willard St., Burlington, Vt. **Champlain Theatre** presents Quebec playwright Evelyne de la Chenelière's *Strawberries in January* translated by Morwyn Brebner and directed by Canada's Gordon McCall. De la Chenelière's fresh new comedy tells the tale of four romantically challenged singletons who stumble through contemporary Montréal in search of love. The play won the Masque Award for best original script. General admission \$20, Champlain College students free with ID; reserve tickets by calling 651-5962. Tickets may also be purchased at the door. Wheelchair accessible and some shows are audio described.

The Fairfax Community Theatre Company is holding auditions for its fall production of *2 Dragons and a Taste of Saki - An Evening for Children of All Ages*, five family-oriented one-act plays to be performed over two weeks in October. All are original adaptations written by FCTC members Walter Mahany & Jerry Starks. The director is Margie Cain. Show dates are October 9-11 and October 16-18. For character and play information please call 849-6638 or visit our website, www.fctcvt.org.

Two major young men's roles (twenties to early thirties) are available for the Shelburne Players' fall production of "An Inspector Calls". If interested, please contact director Don Rowe at 862-7566 or e-mail him at donaldrowe@hotmail.com. Performances take place at Shelburne Town Center on November 13, 14, 15, 19, 20 and 21. A description of the play can be found at www.shelburneplayers.com

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achievements possible to Montpelier," Howard said, in his announcement.

Also 35, Sheppard wrote in her declaration, "My passion is to serve my community in a greater capacity and bring a solid voice from the Eastern Side of Lamoille County." Sheppard was elected to the Cambridge Elementary School Board in 2007, and currently serves as clerk. Membership on the local board means that she is also on the Lamoille North Supervisory Union Board. In addition, Sheppard participates in the Cambridge Crossroads Project and recently joined the Cambridge Area Rotary.

Educated in Oklahoma, Sheppard studied pre-law at Tulsa Community College and St. Louis Community College before going to work full time as an account executive for United Health Care of the Midwest. In 1999 she and her family—husband Jerry and their three daughters—moved to Vermont, settling in Milton before buying their house in Cambridge in 2004. A certified Vermont Ambassador for Tourism, Sheppard is now the Smuggs' FunFinder at Smugglers' Notch Resort. "My focus is to keep tourism dollars in Cambridge!" Sheppard wrote in her announcement. She went on to say, "I also represent Smugglers' Notch Resort at trade shows, building relationships within the ski and lodging industry."

Sheppard traces her interest in government back to high school. "My family always encouraged a love for our government," she said. "I was raised with an awareness of what it's supposed to be." As for her interest in the House seat, Sheppard says, "Our three towns need a legislature that can think creatively about providing important services in a financially sustainable way. This will re-

UJFD attends the 120th Annual Vermont State Firefighters Convention

By Kitty Clark

Thirteen members of the Underhill-Jericho Fire Department attended the VSFA Convention in Bennington. Also attending were the members' wives and/or girlfriends.

The Muster games were held on a Saturday afternoon and the UJFD Foggy Nozzles brought home three third place trophies in Midnight Alarm, Portable Pump and SCBA.

A banquet was held at the Elk's Club in Bennington which our members attended. Guests that evening were Governor Jim Douglas and Senator Bernie Sanders. Each gave a speech; following the dinner Governor Douglas went to each table to speak to the firefighters and thanked them for all that they do for the state of Vermont.

Congratulations to the Foggy Nozzle Muster Team—a good job done by all! They are: Captain of the team Asst. Chief Todd Fischer, Lieut. Parker Ripley, Chet Baker, Tom Depietro, Travis Hale, Johannes Jobst, Jacki LaVanway, Eric Merchant, "Stub" Neill, and Frank Popeleski.

COURT REPORT

August 4, 2009, **Justin G. Allen**, 25, Huntington, VT, charged with DUI, first offense, in Burlington, VT on June 29, 2009; pleaded guilty; fined \$300.

August 4, 2009, **Craig R. Lang**, 23, Underhill, VT, charged with DUI, second offense, in Williston, VT on February 1, 2009; verdict of court of guilty; sentenced to six to 18 months, suspended but 60 hours, probation.

August 10, 2009, **Margaret McCourt**, 38, Jericho, VT, charged with disorderly conduct – fight, etc. in Burlington, VT on June 10, 2009; pleaded guilty; fined \$50.

August 11, 2009, **Daniel C. Bigelow**, 37, Westford, VT, charged with buy, receive, sell, possess, conceal stolen property greater than \$900, felony, in Williston, VT on March 26, 2009; amended to buy, receive, sell, possess, conceal stolen property \$900 or less, misdemeanor; pleaded guilty; sentenced to four to 11 months, concurrent.

August 11, 2009, **Anthony Bedell**, 21, Cambridge, VT, charged with vehicle operation – careless or negligent in Richmond, VT on May 24, 2009; pleaded guilty; fined \$1000, sentenced to two to six months, concurrent, suspended but 10 days, probation; charged

quire enhanced teamwork and a 'win-win' attitude with state agencies, industry and not for profit service agencies, as well as Washington and local government."

Howard and Sheppard have said separately that, should they be appointed to the House, they will continue to serve in town government. Both have also declared that they will seek the Republican nomination for this House seat in the next election.

Juanita Brown was not available for interview in time for this paper's deadline.

Having three known candidates means that the town Republican Committee will be able to send three names to Governor Jim Douglas, who will make the final selection for someone to fill Westman's seat until the next election. Other interested parties may make their intentions known before the September 8 caucus, to be held in the Cambridge Elementary School cafeteria

at 7:00 PM.

Cambridge Republican Committee Chair C. J. Manchester said that the meeting is open to the public, as are all meetings. However, "Only members of the committee are allowed to vote," Manchester stated. This is according to the office of the Vermont Secretary of State. Manchester also said that the committee is updated every two years at an organizational meeting. "The next meeting will be coming up in mid-September," Manchester said. Details were not available at press time. Anyone interested in joining the Cambridge Republican Committee should contact Manchester at 644-2551.

NEWS BRIEFS

with marijuana possession less than two ounces in Richmond, VT on May 24, 2009; pleaded guilty; fined \$500, sentenced to two to six months, concurrent, suspended, probation.

POLICE REPORT

Sunday, August 16, 2009 at about 1:00 PM, a police cruiser driven by Lamoille County Sheriff's Deputy Andrew Plante of Hyde Park, VT sustained front-end damage in a collision on VT Rt. 15 near the intersection of Cricket Road in Hyde Park. The incident is being investigated by Vermont State Police Trooper John Kelly. The collision imparted moderate body damage and a flat tire to a 2007 Dodge Caravan driven by **Maurice Jones** of Jeffersonville, VT. Neither driver was injured in the crash.

Tuesday, August 18, 2009, Detective Sgt. Edward Meslin, Vermont State Police/St. Albans reports that **Adam Francis**, 18, Underhill, VT was cited to appear in Franklin District Court to answer to the charge of Aggravated Sexual Assault. Investigation revealed that Francis had a sexual encounter with a 12-year-old female during the weekend of July 18, 2009 in the town of Georgia. Francis is to appear in court on September 21, 2009. (Case #09A203450)

Monday, August 24, 2009, Troopers Michael Kamerling, Kevin Scott, and James Deeghan, VSP/Williston report that during the early morning hours before dawn, several unlocked vehicles on Main Road, Huntington Acres Drive, and Shaker Mountain Road, all in Huntington, VT, were entered. Items stolen included money and various pieces of electronic equipment. Anyone with information is urged to call The Vermont State Police, Williston Barracks, at 878-7111. (CASE #09A103474)

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wrote completely different and independent living wills, each expressing their own desires and beliefs.

Mom said (paraphrasing here), 'Don't keep me alive by extraordinary means. I don't want to exist as a vegetable; I have a horror of being a burden to my family or of losing my individuality and self to dementia. DNR (do not resuscitate). When it's time, it's time. Let me go.'

Dad says (paraphrasing here), 'Where there's life, there's hope. I remember the introduction of insulin, which made life not just possible but good for diabetics whose condition before that was hopeless. Medical science makes seemingly miraculous advances all the time. This is the only life we're certain of; I want to be around long as I can. Keep me alive, no matter what.'

Note: no external agency was involved. They could as easily have discussed it with clergy, family, friends, or a doctor. No one urged them.

No one decreed what their living wills should say, or even tried to change their minds.

To listen to the brouhaha going on these days among the various posers – elected officials, former elected officials, media-employed journalists or shock jocks, self-appointed moral compasses – who variously make their livings by polarizing the discussion, it just MUST be the case that some evil cabal wants my parents and yours, and us all, neglected to death. Or else it just MUST be the case that some evil cabal wants my parents and yours, and us all, scared to death.

Some people don't want to confront treatment and end-of-life issues at all, and that's their right. No one says they have to. For some it's a religious decision, and advice from clergy is all that's wanted. That's totally fine. No proposal currently under consideration decrees a living will's content or conclusion, or that any must be written at all.

But if some folks want to talk to their doc about this issue – and after all, the decision may very well go hand-in-hand with medical outlook and treatment options, so discussing it with a doctor seems eminently reasonable – what's wrong with that?

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Monica Willey and Shannon Hewett, both of the hospital's Patient Access department, now have the credential of CHAA after their names. Both registrars recently received certification as Certified Healthcare Access Associate through the National Association of Healthcare Access Management. Many hours were put into studying for this exam – an exam that tested areas of admissions and registration, patient rights and responsibilities, customer service, insurance and financial information and the laws and regulations which affect patient access. This is the only nationally recognized certification in the field of Access Services.

Outpatient nurses Karen Willett, RN, ONC and Dave Decuicies, RN recently completed training and are certified to insert peripherally inserted central catheter (PICC lines). A PICC line is a long thin tube that is inserted into a vein in the arm above the elbow and below the shoulder. The catheter is then moved through the body via veins until its tip reaches the superior vena cava, one of the central venous system veins that carry blood to the heart. The PICC can be left in for weeks or months and is used for prolonged intravenous therapy, such as chemotherapy, so a patient can avoid the pricks and pokes of starting a new IV for each session. They are also used for patients with veins that are difficult to access.

Karen Westervelt, PT, AT in Copley's Sports Therapy Clinic located at Stoweflake Resort and Spa, recently passed the American Board of Physical Therapy Specialties national certification exam and is now certified as a Clinical Specialist in Orthopaedic Physical Therapy (OCS). She will be honored at an awards ceremony in February, 2010 at the American Physical Therapy Association Combined Sections meeting.

April Tuck, Copley Hospital's Senior Director of Human Resources and Corporate Compliance Officer, will be honored with the 2009 Outstanding Chapter Officer Award from the American Society for Healthcare Human Resources Administration

(ASHHRA). This award recognizes an ASHRA's chapter leader's contribution within his or her chapter, the national organization and the Human Resource profession in general. April will be presented with the award in November.

Copley President Mel Patashnick notes that Copley is more than quality compassionate care, it's about the people providing the care. "We are fortunate to have such a dedicated and skillful staff – staff that our community feels comfortable with, staff that distinguishes Copley as a health care provider of choice."

To learn more about how patients evaluate their hospital experience visit Copley's website at www.copleyvt.org. Once online you can find the hospital's most recent Patient Satisfaction Report Card by selecting "learn more" in the first paragraph on the home page. This same publication, due out in local papers the week of September 7, is part of the hospital's quarterly Courier Newsletter – a newsletter that includes information on H1N1 Flu, a Community Update presented by Copley's president, and upcoming wellness classes.

American Red Cross teams up with Boston Red Sox to honor blood donors

Everyone who donated blood at the American Red Cross blood drive in Vermont, Maine, Connecticut, Massachusetts, and New Hampshire throughout the Red Sox season will be eligible to win the chance of a lifetime and become the Blood Donor of the Game™.

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To donate blood and platelets through the American Red Cross, individuals must be at least 17 years of age, weigh at least 110 pounds, and be in general good health. For additional information regarding donor eligibility and for official contest rules, please call 1-800-843-3500 or visit www.newenglandblood.org.

Red Cross donors

These donors received their gallon pins from American Red Cross Blood Services, New England Region: Eric Bishop, Jericho, 52 gallons; Rebekah Thomas, Jericho, 63 gallons; Susan Hooper, Underhill, 1 gallon; Louise Mathews, Underhill Center, 20 gallons; and William Sibel, Jeffersonville, 2 gallons.

COMING EVENTS

Friday, September 4 – Monday, September 7

Garage Sale – Quilts, collectibles and misc. Nothing over \$10. 7735 Main Road, Huntington. 434-4008

Sunday, September 6

Community Breakfast will be hosted by the Ladies' Auxiliary of VFW Post 6689 at 73 Pearl St., Essex Junction. Breakfast will be served from 9:00 to 11:00 AM. The cost is \$6.00 for Adults, \$3.00 for children. Breakfast includes eggs any style, pancakes, bacon or sausage, home fries, and toast. For further info call the Essex Jct. VFW at 878-0700.

Wednesday, September 9

The Green Mountain Chapter of the Embroiderers' Guild will meet on September 9 at 9:30 AM at the Pines Senior living community, 7 Aspen Dr, South Burlington, VT 05403. Contact number 879-0198.

Friday, September 11

Patriot's Day Flag Folding and Dedication, the VFW Post 6689 at 73 Pearl Street, Essex Junction will hold an Open House, beginning at 6:00 PM. A flag folding/dedication ceremony will take place at 6:00 PM. There will be a flag disposal service beginning at 7:00 PM, for flags that have been damaged and can no longer be used. Sandwiches will be served. For more information call the Essex Jct. VFW at 878-0700.

Saturday, September 12

Free Demonstration with Phillip Robertson: Monotype Techniques @ Artists' Mediums in Williston on Saturday September 12, 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM. Phillip Robertson will be demonstrating how to create monotype prints. The characteristic of these methods is that no two prints are alike, making it an interesting process. For more information or directions to the store call 1-800-255-1290. Or visit us on the web www.artistsmediums.com.

Genealogy Workshop: Beginning Genealogy, 10:30 - 11:30 AM.

Free & open to the public, Vermont French Canadian Genealogy Society Library, Dupont Hall-Fort Ethan Allen (across from VT State Police Building). Approximately an hour long workshop followed by a question & answer session. Our library will also be open for research from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. This schedule is subject to change without notice. Please call 846-7897 to confirm dates and class subjects. For more information, call 846-7897 or visit our website, <http://www.vt-fcgs.org> or email mail@vt-fcgs.org.

Bee Keeping Workshop - Charles Andros, former NH/VT Apiary Inspector, will hold a beekeeping workshop from 1:00-3:00 PM, 18 MacLean Road, Alstead, NH 03602. Look for the "BEE" sign on the south side of Walpole Valley Road. Topics of discussion will include treatment of nosema and mites, winter preparations, winter protein and carbohydrate supplements, and making beeswax handcreams. Bring a veil, if you have one, as we shall be opening some colonies. We'll be inside if it is a rainy day. Registration required. Email: lindena@sover.net or call 603-756-9056.

Gregorian Chant Workshop – Holy Family Parish, Morrisville will present an *Express* study of Gregorian Chant at the Holy Cross Church at 1:00 PM. Dr. William Tortolano, Professor Emeritus of Fine Arts/Music at Saint Michael's College and nationally known expert on the chant, will be the instructor. The registration fee of \$25.00 includes music and book: *A Gregorian Chant Handbook*. Call (802) 888-3318, email: holsaints@comcast.net.

Monday, September 14
Colchester Historical Society calls members and other interested persons to attend their program and meeting at 7:00 PM at the Parsonage House on the Green next to the Burnham Library on Main Street in Colchester Village. The program will consist of two persons with long-term interest in Colchester - David Coates and Greg Dirmaier, who will show and discuss vintage photos of Colchester's by-gone days. The Society's business meeting will

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follow this program. Events are free and everyone is invited to attend. For further information, contact Suzanne Furst, 658-3706.

Thursday, September 17

Chicken pie supper. Binghamville Methodist Church, Fletcher, 5:00 PM until all are served. Homemade chicken pie, mashed potatoes, squash coleslaw, cranberry jell, rolls, pickles, and pie. Adults \$8.00, children under 12 \$4.00, preschool free.

Friday, September 18

POW/MIA Recognition Day, the VFW Post 6689, 73 Pearl Street, Essex Junction will hold an open house from 1:00 - 5:00 PM for POW/MIA Recognition Day. For more information call the Essex Jct. VFW at 878-0700.

Saturday, September 26 & Sunday, September 27

34th Annual Saxon Hill School Barn and Bake Sale - Enormous 40+ family sale to benefit Saxon Hill School. Hundreds of quality items: children's clothing, toys, household goods, electronics, books, sports equipment, furniture and more. Look for our bake sale table and the huge barn! Saturday 8 AM-5 PM and Sunday 10 AM-4 PM. Rte. 15 in Underhill Flats at the Harvest Market. For information, call Stephanie at 878-7496.

Saturday, September 26

Calvary Episcopal Church will hold its annual Harvest Market Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction on Saturday, September 26, 2009 at the Browns River Middle School in Underhill from 4:30 PM to 7:00 PM. Dinner will feature Vermont made pasta sauce, salad, garlic bread and homemade desserts with a choice of beverages. Live music will entertain diners. Tickets may be purchased at the door: Adults \$7.00, Children 4-12 yrs. \$4.00, Seniors \$5.00. Further information: 899-2326

Chicken pie supper at BFA Fairfax Elementary School Gym, 5:00 PM, until all are served. Menu includes chicken pie, mashed potatoes, gravy, squash, coleslaw, rolls, pickles, cranberry sauce, homemade pies and beverage. Price adults \$9.00 and children 6-12 \$4.00. Sponsored by the Ladies of the United Church of Fairfax. For information call 849-6588.

ONGOING EVENTS

ADULT ACTIVITIES

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

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

The **Vermont French-Canadian Genealogical Society library** is now open every Tuesday from 3:00 to 9:30 PM (except for holidays). Our regular Saturday hours (every Saturday, except holidays, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM) will resume September 5th.

We offer Vermont and Canadian Catholic Parish records, Vermont Vital Records on Microfilm, Census records and other resources to assist with family history research. We also have Internet access for our members. Volunteers are available to assist individuals. Learn more about your ancestors French and English. Volunteers are available to assist you.

Our Saturday genealogy classes begin September 12 at 10:30 AM with "Beginning Genealogy." All classes are free and open to the public

The library is located at the Dupont Building, Hegeman Ave. across from the VT State Police building in Fort Ethan Allen, Colchester. For more information or appointment call 862-8082, 878-8081, or go online at www.vt-fcgs.org or send an email to mail@vt-fcgs.org.

The **Eagles Auxiliary #3210** holds bingo at the club house on Rt. 109 Friday nights. Doors open at 5:30 PM. Bingo starts at 7:00 PM. For more info contact Sally at 644-5377.

FARMERS' MARKETS

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

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

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

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

Cambridge Farmers' Market, 287 Old Cambridge Rd., Cambridge. 11:00 AM on Saturday until Saturday, September 26 10:00 AM.

The **Sunday Outdoor Market** takes place Every Sunday, June - October, 10:00 AM -3:00 PM, in the field at Three Mountain Lodge, Rte. 108 (the Smugglers' Notch Road), Jeffersonville. Vendors and musicians interested in joining the market please call 644-5736 and ask for Colleen.

HEALTH EVENTS & GROUPS

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

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

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

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

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

information, Fern Mercure, 524-0719.

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

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

KIDS

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

Jericho Playgroup Monday mornings 9:30 -11:00 AM at the Jericho Community Center. Starting September 14, following the school calendar. For children from birth to age 5, with a caregiver. Please contact Mariah with any questions at jerichoplaygroup@hotmail.com or 899-1750.

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

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

SENIORS

Jeri-Hill XYZ Seniors meet at the Town Hall in Underhill Center on the first and third Wednesday of each month. All seniors are welcome! Dinners are served at 11:30 AM. For information, please call Bette Workman, 899-4446, Loreen Teer, 899-1363 or Doug Keith 899-2582.

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

SPORTS ACTIVITIES

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

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

Pilates Classes: Beginner classes Sunday mornings at 9:00 AM and Thursday evenings at 6:30 PM, advanced classes on Monday and Wednesday evenings at 6:00 PM. Contact Lisa Timbers for more information or check out the Dakini Studio website at <http://dakinstudio.wordpress.com>.

SUPPORT GROUPS

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

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

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

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

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

TOWN GOVERNMENT AND ORGANIZATIONS

The **Board of Water Commissioners of the Village of Jericho, Inc.** will hold their monthly meeting on Tuesday, September 15 at 7:00 PM followed by the annual meeting at 7:30 PM. This meeting will be held at the Old Red Mill on 4B Red Mill Drive in Jericho.

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

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

Westford Fire Department, Mondays, 7:00 PM, at the fire station next to the Town Garage. Volunteer for firefighting, dispatching, radio communications, computer operations, grant writing, equipment maintenance, fire police, education, and much more.

For information, email John Quinn, jquinninv@aol.com.

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

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

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

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

LIBRARY



The Cambridge Area Rotary donation to Varnum Memorial Library was presented this week. Left to right: Kathy Johnson, Chair, Cambridge Area Rotary Literacy Committee; Genie Rybicki-Judkins, Librarian, Varnum Memorial Library; Flo Mapes, President, Crescendo Club; and Mark Boyden, President, Cambridge Area Rotary. PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

DEBORAH RAWSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY, UNDERHILL

Art for September is paintings by Ken Teft and Janice Solek-Teft.

The Board of Trustees meets Thursday, September 17 at 7:00 PM.

Book Donations for the library sale at the Harvest Market may be brought to the Big Red Barn (next to Mills Riverside Park) 10 AM-12 noon on Saturdays: September 5, 12, and 19. Please no: textbooks, magazines, encyclopedias, computer manuals, Reader's Digest condensed books or religious books. Limit 3 boxes per family.

Game night for adults Wednesday, September 23 from 6:30-8:30 PM. Do you love to play board games or card games? Please join us for an evening of game fun. There will be a variety of games to choose from. If you have a favorite game, bring it and a friend!

The Mystery Book Group will meet Wednesday, September 30

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at 7:00 PM. The book being discussed is *Open Season* by Archer Mayor. This is open to everyone so please join us!

The library Sunday hours start September 13. The hours are 1:00-4:00 PM.

The library will be closed Saturday, September 26 and Sunday, September 27 for Harvest Market. Please stop by our book sale at the Big Red Barn next to Mills Riverside Park. Sale times are Saturday, 9:00 AM-3:00 PM and Sunday, 10:00 AM-2:00 PM.

Story Times starting again at the Deborah Rawson Memorial Library: Stories, songs, fingerplays, snack and craft for preschoolers and their caregivers. Drop in, no registration needed: Wednesdays at 11:00 AM, September 23 and 30, and October 7 and 14; Thursdays at 10:00 AM, September 24 and October 1, 8, and 15.

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

JERICHO TOWN LIBRARY, JERICHO CENTER

Monday, September 7 from 6:30-8:00 PM, Do you like to write? Elise Doner is hosting a writers' club for adults. This is a free program open to the public (can register but not necessary). For more information call Elise Doner at 899-2644.

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

Story time including craft and snack is held every Wednesday upstairs at 10:00 AM. Come share the joy of books, fingerplays, flannel board, and music.

The Board of Trustees meets regularly the first Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM at the library. The public is welcome so join us at our upcoming meetings on September 3 and October 1. The hours for the Jericho Town Library on the Green are Monday and Friday 1:00-5:00 PM, Wednesday 10:00 AM-12:00 PM and 2:00-6:00 PM, Saturday 10:00 AM-1:00 PM. For more information call 899-4686 or email us at Jerichotownlibrary@gmail.com.

WESTFORD TOWN LIBRARY

Upcoming Events:

Thursday, September 3, 11:00 AM: Storytime. Stories and activities for preschoolers. Theme: The Library.
Wednesday, September 9, 6:00-7:00 PM: R.E.A.D. with JR. Hey 1st, 2nd and 3rd graders.....JR the Newfie, a Delta and therapy dog, wants YOU to read to him! Preregistration and signed parent permission slip required. Call for details. JR will also visit on 10/21, 11/18, and 12/16.

Wednesday, September 9, 6:00-7:00 PM: Book Discussion: *The Old Man and the Sea* by Ernest Hemingway.

Thursday, September 10, 11:00 AM: Storytime. Stories and activities for preschoolers. Theme: Feelings.

*****Confirmed Date*** Friday, September 11, 4:30 PM:** Family Sing Along with Beth Peloquin. Music and fun for all ages!

Thursday, September 17, 11:00 AM: Storytime. Stories and activities for preschoolers. Theme: School. Note: This storytime will be parent-led.

Friday, September 18, 3:30-6:00 PM, Cookbooks at the Westford Farmer's Market! To help you preserve & enjoy summer's bounty all year long! Browse the Market Manager's table & the special display at the library. Books may be checked out at the library.

Friday, September 18, 6:30 PM. Women's Game Night. Join this fun and welcoming group for food, laughter and board games!

Thursday, September 24, 11:00 AM: Storytime. Stories and activities for preschoolers. Theme: Story Grab Bag.

Friday, September 25, 6:00 PM: Strategy and Board Games for

Teens and Adults. Hosted by Matt Taylor.

Back by Popular Demand! Vermont Earth Institute's Menu for the Future Discussion Course Thursdays beginning October 8, 6:00-7:30 PM. A six-week course exploring the connection between food and sustainability. The group will meet 10/8, 10/15, 10/22, 10/29, 11/5 & 11/12. See www.vermontearthinstitute.org for more info. The course is free and the library owns a non-circulating copy of the book. You may order your own copy (\$20-25) through the library. Sign up in the library, at the Farmer's Market Manager's table, or by calling 878-5639. Note: we are seeking a coordinator to send email reminders to participants and lock the library after the meeting. Maximum course size: 16 participants.

Announcing Toddler Totes! Toddler totes - small book bags filled with two books, a CD/book kit, a "storymobile", and a parent brochure featuring tips for reading to your children and suggested titles - will be distributed to storytime participants in September. These bags were created to help spark excitement, interest and ownership in our youngest patrons and are based on the New York Public Library's "ABC Read to Me" program. Totes will also be available, while they last, to toddlers of new library patrons beginning September 15. This joint project with the Essex Free Library is made possible by a grant from the Vermont Public Library Foundation's Winnie Belle Learned Fund.

Online Catalog is Now Available on Library Website! The initial implementation of the Westford Public Library Online Catalog contains over 5000 items -adult fiction & nonfiction, picture books, easy readers and transitional fiction, and many juvenile fiction titles and DVDs. Other areas will be cataloged over the coming months. A HUGE thank you to the following volunteers who contributed approximately 150 hours over fifteen months: Allison Weinhausen, Braeden Hughes, Christian Frenette, Deb Frenette, Hailey Hathaway, Jenny Hughes, Kayla Roberge, Lani Plonski, Lois Reynolds, Matt Taylor, Sherri McCormick, Maureen Griffin and Mike Hathaway.

Reminder: Effective September 1, 2009, only bar-coded patron cards are valid because we are now checking out items using the automated system. If you don't have a bar code on your card, please stop by to re-register - even if you primarily use a neighboring homecard library. If you don't have a card yet, now is a great time to sign up for one. It's easy, free, and gives you access to a great selection of books, magazines, and movies as well as interlibrary loan, downloadable audio books and more.

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

VARNUM LIBRARY, JEFFERSONVILLE

The Varnum Memorial Library is open on Mondays and Tuesdays from 1:00-8:00 PM, Thursdays and Saturdays from 9:00 AM-12:00 noon. It can be reached at 644-2117 and is located at 194 Main Street in Jeffersonville.

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The Vermont Department of Health, the United Way of Lamoille County and area human services agencies have come together to develop an ongoing system to identify those people who require special assistance in an emergency. You can sign up with the United Way of Lamoille County by calling 802-888-3252 or by filling out the form you will find in area newspapers during the month of September. Town offices will also have the forms. Your local emergency responders will receive a record of who in their town needs help, and the records will be updated each year.

Don't take a chance. If you or someone you know has special needs or circumstances that mean you would need help to stay safe in an emergency, contact the United Way of Lamoille County at 888-3252, or fill out the form in this newspaper, add postage and drop it in any mailbox.



Master Gardeners and friends participate in "Every Thing You Want to Know About Perennials". The workshop was conducted on Saturday, August 29 at the Deborah Rawson Memorial Library in Jericho. Presenters Bernadette Howard, Trish Kargman and Pegs Gibson shared information in selecting, planting, care of, interesting combinations of size, color and texture. The session concluded with a tour of the library gardens. Handouts are available to the public identifying all the plants in the lovely perennial garden - size - color - time of bloom. Stop by the library for a self guided tour. PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Concern about the future of Vermont baseball?

To the Editor,

Although UVM baseball was the 17th least expensive sport, out of 20, at the university the Athletic Administration deemed it necessary to eliminate the sport due to "budgetary factors." Softball was also eliminated although it was the least expensive of all sports. There are still many unanswered questions regarding that decision. Some of those unanswered questions are:

We are witnessing the apparent impending exit of minor league baseball (VT Lake Monsters) from Centennial Field due to unacceptable field conditions of the facility (reference the Burlington Free Press's June 22 front page story on this). My question is, why is this happening? I am sure you are aware of the staggering loss this would be to the Vermont community in terms of lost revenue, jobs, and family entertainment. My concern regarding UVM is that the Lake Monsters annually "lease" from UVM the use of Centennial field, for field improvements, for a yearly amount of between \$30,000 and \$40,000. This was verified to me by an administrator of the Lake Monsters. A UVM Athletic Administrator has also verified to me that there is over \$325,000 in that account as of this year. This money has been accruing and unused over the years as the field has been deteriorating. Why was this money not used for the intended purpose of field improvements to Centennial Field for UVM baseball?

Why with elimination of baseball and softball and the devastating ripple effect of the dismissal of 48 student/athletes, 5 contracted coaches, 2 volunteer coaches, a senior Athletic Communications employee, a senior athletic maintenance employee and their families, were none of the 7 Athletic Directors positions eliminated or cut back? Does this seem right?

Bill Currier (UVM class of 1984) has been the Head Baseball Coach for 22 years before his position was eliminated after this year. Here was a loyal, talented and dedicated employee. The student/athletes he coached had a 95% graduation rate. Yet, in spite of his dedication to the university as a student and employee over those 26 years, Coach Currier was not offered an opportunity to finish out his working life with a job position at UVM. Does this seem right?

The UVM baseball program since its inception in 1888 has consistently had the highest percentage of VT high school graduates on the roster. Where does the Vermont ball player go now to play Division I baseball?

Is there something we can do about this situation? Well, maybe contact a UVM trustee, your state legislator; maybe Bernie Sanders (has been a staunch supporter of UVM athletics and minor league baseball in Burlington). Do you have any ideas? The silent majority can't afford to be silent on this one.

Jim Carter (MEd, UVM 1983), Jericho

Welcome back to CCSU schools

To the Editor,

Welcome back to another school year. Our vision continues to be *Chittenden Central Supervisory Union's* collective touchstone guiding our districts' decisions and practices. CCSU's vision statement follows:

Chittenden Central Supervisory Union, a student-centered learning community, will maximize available resources through unified, collaborative leadership to be consistently recognized as exemplary, as measured by continuous improvement in the areas of achievement, safe and respectful learning environments, and the promotion of equity for all.

We are excited to see the next phase of the CCSU website (www.ccsuvt.org) come to life in time for the new school year, as it will enhance access for all students, parents, citizens, and employees to crucial information related to our schools. While the overall look of the site has not dramatically changed, users will see a more streamlined and dynamic approach to accessing information. We encourage you to explore and familiarize yourself with each school's site.

One piece of important information available on our web site is the Parent/Student Handbook. As we get underway with the new school year, we ask that all families and students take the time to carefully review this handbook. Each school will also provide forms for parents to complete and return to the school. The information on these forms makes up the foundation of our student information system and helps us ensure parent interests and all student safety needs are met.

Additionally, this information will be used in the event of an emergency with the AlertNow system. This system will notify families via provided phone numbers and e-mail address of an emergency. We would also like to remind everyone that a Safe School Hotline is available at 872-5888 to report any safety concerns and that all school visitors are requested to sign in at the main office of each building.

Kudos to the efforts of many for extensive work over the summer to further improve our students' learning environments. Be sure to visit, learn about, and marvel at the dynamically changing landscape of your local schools!

On behalf all school employees, we look forward to the return of inquisitive minds and the excitement of a new beginning of the school year.

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New pastors at Jericho United Methodist Church

By Phyl Newbeck

Special to the Mountain Gazette

On the surface, it looks like a rousing game of musical churches, but Reverend Patrice Goodwin and her husband, Reverend John Goodwin, are used to this routine. The two ministers have recently been hired to serve the Jericho United Methodist Church, as well as Methodist churches in Ferrisburgh and Waterbury Center. They are living at the parsonage in Jericho.

John has been in the ministry since 1983 and Patrice since 1985. They met in seminary school. This is not the first time they have served "multiple point charges," as it is known in the church. Patrice notes that this practice is quite common in rural areas. Although they are moving from a "one point charge" in Pennsylvania, they have served as many as five churches as a duo. The couple began serving the Jericho United Methodist Church in July. Patrice is the lead minister for Jericho and Ferrisburgh, while John is in charge of Waterbury Center. Every fourth Sunday they switch off. Patrice has the tightest schedule, serving Jericho at 9:00 and then dashing down to Ferrisburgh where services start at 10:45. By arranging to have the Ferrisburgh service begin with their lay speaker, she is able to fit both churches into her schedule.

The Goodwins have always worked in what is known as the Wyoming Annual Conference which covers the southern tier of New York State and Northeastern Pennsylvania. The church is currently in the process of changing the way the conferences are divided and the Goodwins' bishop asked them whether they preferred Pennsylvania or New York for their next assignment. "Neither" was Patrice's reply. She is a New Englander by birth, having grown up in Maine, and she refers to her Ohio-born husband as a New Englander by temperament. The couple had already purchased their retirement home in Maine and asked to be assigned to New England.

"I always loved Vermont," said Patrice, remembering a trip to Shelburne Museum thirty years ago when she was working as a teacher. The next summer she returned there to take a course. A fondness for Lake Champlain led her to consider requesting a ministry in Vermont. "I thought it would be neat to live here," she said. The parsonage in Jericho is an older home, but Patrice enjoys the history of it, compared to the ranch house the couple lived in at their last parsonage. She appreciates the fact that two of the churches they serve date back to the mid 1800s, and describes the Jericho United Methodist Church as "a very simple New England style church." While Patrice revels in the history of the structure, she notes that the church also has to move forward. "We're not a museum," she said. "We're a living entity. We honor the past, but we're moving into the future."

Lois Adams has been a parishioner at the Jericho United Methodist Church for over thirty years and currently serves as choir director. She speaks enthusiastically about the addition of the Goodwins to the congregation. "We look forward," she said, "to Pastor Patrice and Pastor John's vast experience to shepherd our church family and to reach out in our local ecumenical ministry." Adams applauds the church's involvement in community endeavors including the Jericho Underhill Food Shelf, Vacation Bible School and various missions. "I appreciate being part of a community church family," she said "and look forward to Pastor Patrice and Pastor John's support of our many programs."

Patrice admitted to being surprised at how built up some sections of Vermont are, pointing to Route 7 as an example. This doesn't bother her, since it provides for a more varied experience. "If you go towards Underhill, it's typical rural Vermont," she said, "and in the other direction you have conveniences with movies and stores. I think you have the best of both worlds in Jericho."

Patrice is 60 and John will turn 64 in November, but they hope to stay in Vermont for several years before retiring to their new home on the coast of Maine. Patrice grew up near the coast and enjoys that area. "Lake Champlain," she noted, "is the next best thing." The couple has lived near the Catskills and the Poconos, and they are happy with their current abode wedged between the Adirondacks and the Green Mountains. "You can't ask for anything better than that," said Patrice. John, the quieter of the two, agrees with his wife's assessment of their new home. "I love it," he said. "I'm low-key and it really suits me. When we were coming in we were struck by the beauty of the mountains looming before us. It's been great. The people have been really nice and it's a wonderful area. What's not to like?"

John sees the challenges of their new assignments as learning about his parishioners and their traditions. He thinks it is important to continue old church traditions, but also to add new things. "You want to honor those things that are important to the congregation," he said. Patrice agreed, noting that their goal is to help people "move forward in their faith" during a changing time. "It's a real joy," she said.

FEMA visits Cambridge

By Katherine Quimby Johnson
Special to the Mountain Gazette

Two representatives of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) visited Cambridge on August 27 for what FEMA calls a Community Assistance Visit. Rebecca Pfeiffer, Floodplain Community Assistance Program Coordinator, Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation, and Paul Morey, Community Assistance Contacts Coordinator in FEMA's Boston office, met with Dana Sweet, Cambridge Selectboard chair and town flood hazard administrator, and board member Bill Sander, who is also a trustee for the Village of Jeffersonville. Also in attendance were Jane Porter, Town Clerk, and Mary Paulman, a member of the Cambridge Planning Commission.

The meeting was for informational purposes only. As Morey explained, the FEMA representatives were there to offer technical assistance and "to see how the community is doing in regard to flooding, etc." In addition to the Lamoille River, as the discussion progressed, it was clear that the Brewster and Seymour Rivers must also be taken into consideration. As Pfeiffer described it, FEMA not only maps what she termed "an inundation flood plain," but it is also possible to map erosion hazards.

Flooding and flood insurance are of concern. One resident, who attended briefly, was deeply concerned that her mortgage company only recently contacted her to say that she needed to get flood insurance. She said that she had never been flooded in the 35 years she had been in her home, and that she was sure she was well above the flood plain. Morey and Pfeiffer explained the process she could go through to contest the mortgage company's demand.

However, as long-time residents know, flooding is an almost regular occurrence in Cambridge. Morey reported that nine properties in the town and eight in the village hold flood insurance policies, and since 1983 there have been eight paid losses in Cambridge Village, and five paid in the town. "Some people with flood insurance aren't in the mapped flood plain," Morey said, adding that it is also the case that some people in the flood plain don't

have flood insurance.

Sweet expressed concern about the results of filling of the flood plain for development, and asked about ways to deal with areas where the water backs up, because, he said, he was worried about the effects on Cambridge Village. "It's time for us to make some amendments to our policies," Sweet said. Pfeiffer and Morey shared several options, which included giving their office information about back-water locations, setting stream setbacks for development, or establishing stream corridors where development would be restricted. Morey also noted that any construction in a flood plain requires a permit, and that includes bringing in fill or any other kind of work.

CESU meetings

Sept 9: Jericho School Board meeting, 7:00 PM at JES.

Sept 10: Mt. Mansfield Union School Board, 7:30 PM at CHMS.

Sept 12: Mt. Mansfield Union School Board retreat, 9:00 AM at MMUHS

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SCHOOLS

CESU school principals discuss their new year

By Ted Tedford

Special to the Mountain Gazette

With the threat of a teacher strike avoided, children in the Chittenden East Supervisory Union returned to school yesterday, September 2.

In Bolton, Smilie Memorial School children were greeted by their new principal, Mary Woodruff. Students at Browns River Middle School were met by their new assistant principal, Kevin Hamilton. That school expected 440 students, about 22 fewer than last year, while Mount Mansfield Union High expected more students than anticipated, 984, up about 20 from last year. Underhill Central School anticipated seeing 160 children in its kindergarten through grade 4, up about 15. All student estimates were given during interviews prior to the start of school.

In a series of interviews, principals of several of the elementary and middle schools and Mount Mansfield Union High School discussed what is happening in their schools, which opened yesterday, September 2.

MOUNT MANSFIELD UNION HIGH SCHOOL

Principal Jennifer Botzjorns said several teachers this summer attended a Differentiation Instruction Institute to learn how to better teach by alternating their way of teaching individual children.

The school's Select Chorus will perform at Carnegie Hall next spring, and students will travel to the Mediterranean coast of France to study the history of the area. There is a new course at the school: Media, covering newspaper, news casting and broadcasting.

The school's soccer team will play all its games at Volunteer Park in Richmond because of work on the high school's athletic field. The new track was rubberized last week. The cross-country team will practice on the field next to the track in October. Football will be played on the lower field.

The school's blue roof has been resealed to eliminate rust while the gym floor has been resurfaced.

BROWNS RIVER MIDDLE SCHOOL, JERICHO

Assistant Principal Kevin Hamilton joined BRMS this year after serving as assistant principal at Crossett Brook Middle School in Duxbury for four years. Prior to that he taught in the behavior program at Addison East Supervisory Union for five years. He also taught at Summit Street School in Essex Junction, where he lives with his wife and dogs.

Principal Nancy Guyette said she expected about 440 students, about 22 fewer than last year.

She said the school has switched to a standards-based report card this year. Students will no longer be graded A to D, but instead will be graded on a scale from 1 to 4. The highest score means a student is meeting or exceeding standards set by the state and the school.

Staff changes include Bryan DesLauries of St. Albans teaching eighth grade math and U.S. history, replacing Marty Richards, who is now at MMU. Holly Nicolle is teaching grade 6 Special Education, her first full year after serving as a long-term substitute teacher.

There will be a parent forum September 15 at 7:00 PM. Guyette said the forum will address parent concerns and give the staff an

opportunity to tell parents about the work at the school.

Writer T. A. Baron will visit the school November 16. He has written and published many books for children, including *The Last Years of Merlin*, *The Seven Songs of Merlin*, *The Heroes' Trail*, and *The Eternal Flame*, book three of *The Great Tree of Avalon*.

CAMELS HUMP MIDDLE SCHOOL, RICHMOND

Principal Mark Carbone said Camels Hump Middle School also has switched to a standards-based report card.

Carbone said he expected 380 students in the grade five through eight school, about 6 or 7 more than last year.

New staff members include Philip Peterson, replacing Len Hanson, technology education teacher who taught at BRMS for 10 years. Hanson has retired. Heather Schoppmann replaced Allison Berryman as choral music teacher. In other changes, Rebecca Thompson is the new health teacher, replacing Stacey Brown. Traci Barrows replaces Jamie Saylor as the new support services teacher.

The school will have an open house in January.

SMILIE MEMORIAL SCHOOL, BOLTON

Principal Mary Woodruff is a native of Barre. She received her Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Vermont in 1973 and her master's degree in history, also from UVM, in 1985. She taught second grade from 1973 to 1976 in Lake Zurich, Illinois, moving back to Vermont where she taught Title One math at Hardwick Elementary School until 1979. From 1979 to 1998, she taught at Williston Elementary School and that same year became principal of Franklin Central School in Franklin, serving there until 2001 when she became principal of Winooski Middle School, serving there eight years until this past June. She replaced Sheila Rivers who was principal at Smilie Elementary for a year. She is now curriculum coordinator in the Washington West Supervisory Union.

Woodruff said the teachers at Smilie Elementary are excited about teaching science and social studies in multi-age classes, and continuing the school readiness program for children ages three and four.

The same teachers are back for this school year.

UNDERHILL CENTRAL SCHOOL

Principal Mike Berry said the school anticipated 160 children in kindergarten through fourth grade, up about 15 from last year.

Vermont Commons hosts reception for new head of school

Vermont Commons School hosted a reception at ECHO Lake Aquarium and Science Center on Tuesday, August 18 to welcome Peter B. Gilmore as the new head of school. More than 100 parents, faculty, alumni and friends of the school were in attendance including VCS founders Bob and Marley Skiff, Rob Skiff, and Leah Mital Skiff. The Skiff family founded Vermont Commons School in 1997. "We are all so happy to have Peter at the helm," noted Mary Hamilton-Homer, Chair of the VCS Board of Trustees. "His beliefs and educational philosophy are in total alignment with Vermont Commons' mission and vision." The mission of Vermont Commons School is to provide a vision of education that crosses traditional boundaries and develops ecological citizenship, with the goal of empowering students with the knowledge, character, skills and moral vision necessary to become responsible, pro-active members of the world community.

Mr. Gilmore comes to VCS from the Friends School in Baltimore, Maryland, where he was the Upper School Principal for the past seven years. He has 25 years of experience in independent school education ranging from administration and development to teaching

and coaching. He earned his B.A. in History from Holy Cross and his M.Ed. in Administration, Planning and Social Policy from Harvard. His remarks during the reception focused on the importance of having an independent school option in Vermont and his enthusiasm for the VCS mission and the future of the school. "I'm looking forward to helping this great school become an exceptional school," said Gilmore.

Peter and his wife Cynthia made the move from Baltimore to Shelburne this summer. Their daughter, Eliza, starts at Middlebury College this fall. Their son, Nate, is a junior at Tufts University in Boston.

Heavenly Cents Thrift Shop hours

The Heavenly Cents Thrift Shop, located just east of the Five Corners in Essex Jct., is now ready for you to shop for fall and winter things. It is open Tuesday and Wednesday from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM, Thursday from 4:00 to 8:00 PM and the second and fourth Saturday of each month from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Come in and see us. You can't beat our prices!

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CAMPUS HONORS

Nicholas McLean Smith of Cambridge, VT, son of Thomas M. Smith and Donna E. Smith, recently graduated from Dartmouth College in Hanover, NH, majoring in earth sciences.

Peter Robert Van Deventer of Underhill, VT, son of William R. Van Deventer and Paula S. Van Deventer, recently graduated from Dartmouth College in Hanover, NH, majoring in environmental studies.

Nicholas Regan Weir of Underhill, VT, son of Mark D. Weir and Dawn Weir, recently graduated from Dartmouth College in Hanover, NH, majoring in biology.

JUST MARRIED

BARUP-BLACKLER

Angela Susan Barup, daughter of Herbert and Carol Barup of Cambridge, VT and Barbara and Thomas Helmer of St. Albans, VT, and Christopher Alan Blackler, son of John E. Blackler of Pennecook, NH, were united in marriage on Saturday, May 23, 2009.

Pastor Jan Rathbun officiated at the double-ring ceremony at Waterville Union Church in Waterville, VT.

Charlette Martinez was the maid of honor. The bridesmaids were Deon Weinberg, Marcia Warner, Heidi Becker, and Becky Whitaker. Heather LaFountain was the flower girl.

James Blackler was the best man. The ushers were Ken Adams, Christopher Blackler, Nicholas Foster, and Mark (Alex) Foster. Zachariah Foster was the ring bearer.

A reception was held at Waterville Town Hall, after which the couple left for Oahu, Hawaii.

Ms. Barup graduated from Lamoille Union High School and works at Bayada Nurses and Home Instead Senior Care. Her husband graduated from Merrimack Valley High School and works at Casella. The couple resides in Cambridge, VT.

HALEY-JACOBS

Michelle Marie Haley, daughter of Paul and Peggy Haley of Jericho, VT, and Owen Patrick Jacobs, son of Carla and Leslie Lingmeyer of Hoboken, NJ and Tim and Becky Jacobs of Raleigh, NC, were united in marriage Saturday, July 18, 2009.

Father Marcel Rainville officiated at the double-ring ceremony at Chapel of Saint Michael the Archangel in Colchester, VT.

Jen Haley was the maid of honor. The bridesmaids were Justine Cole, Allison McBride, and Norah Breen.

Travis Bartlet was the best man. The ushers were Ryan Jacobs, Joel Jacobs, and Sam Jacobs. Dane Jacobs was the ring bearer.

A reception was held at Catamount Golf Club, after which the couple left for Jamaica.

Mrs. Jacobs graduated from Mount Mansfield Union High School and St. Michael's College. Until her marriage she worked as a teacher for Starbase VT. Her husband graduated from MMUHS and North Carolina State University. He is a chemical engineer for Exxon Mobil. The couple resides in Naperville, IL.

OBITUARIES

Philip Michael Erb, Sr., 64, passed away at Fletcher Allen Health Care in Burlington on Wednesday, August 26, 2009, after suffering a hemorrhagic stroke on August 11. He was born in Kansas City, Missouri on October 1, 1944, son of the late Carl and Phyllis (Sifers) Erb.

At nine, Phil moved to Rocky River, OH with his family, and while there in high school he met his wife Evergreen (then Lynn Jaenke) when they were both in a high school play. They married on June 10, 1966 in Lakewood, OH and had a wonderful marriage of 43 lucky years.

Phil and Evergreen both attended Syracuse University, Phil graduating from there in 1966 and receiving his MBA in 1967. That fall they moved to Vermont, where they now have deep roots and many memories and friends. Phil worked for 33 years at General Electric (now General Dynamics).

During a wonderful blog that was kept during Phil's last two weeks, their youngest son Larson wrote these words, which truly express the way all his children felt about their Dad. "To anyone that knew Phil, or has been a friend to the family, I'm sure you can understand what a loss this is for us all. His ever-friendly and tirelessly giving personality won so many over, and his wit will be remembered down the ages. While shy, my father had an endearing charm that spoke of comfort, ease, mirth, and security. I'm sure each of you who knew my father can easily think of a well-timed pun you can blame him for. But more than anything, to his family,

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my Dad was our rock. I'm sure my brother and sister will agree with my saying that whenever we needed advice or help with anything, Dad was there for us with well thought out suggestions. Whenever anything went wrong, Dad was there. And whenever something truly great has happened in my life, invariably a large part of the thanks belongs to him."

Phil was a volunteer for Elfun Society, helping to renovate and beautify the grounds at the Respite House. He was proud of his work there. He loved putting around home, being with his family, and especially being part of the daily life of his grand-daughters. His dog Abby and her cuddles were paramount to him. Being with friends (especially Brenda and Bob) was a comfort and a joy.

Phil's generous spirit has allowed other people a new chance at life, as his final gift is a donation of his liver and kidneys as part of the organ donation program.

He is survived by: his wife of 43 years, Evergreen (Jaenke) Erb of Jericho, who loves him so very much; his three children Philip Michael Erb, Jr. and his wife Shanin of Jericho, VT; Andrew Larson Erb and Pauline Law of Jericho, VT; Meredith Isis Erb of Burlington, VT; his sister Julianne Meyers of Guilford, CT; his sister-in-law and brother-in-law Don and Marsha Jaenke of Mansfield, OH; two grandchildren, Caitlin McGuire Erb and Hannah Allison Erb, both of Jericho, VT; three nieces, Molly Armstrong and husband Richard and their daughter Lauren Grace Armstrong of Ingham, MA.; Julie Jaenke and her son Donnie of Mansfield, OH; and Janet Nelson and her husband Matt and three daughters Sarah, Rachel and Audrey of Mansfield OH; his nephew Lauren Emerson Meyers III of San Francisco, CA; several cousins including Sue Anderson, and a special cocker spaniel, "Abby." He is also survived by our dear friends Brenda and Bob Withey of South Burlington, VT.

There will be no public visiting hours. A memorial service will be held at 3:00 PM on October 3, 2009 at Mills Riverside Park in Jericho, VT. Roddy Cleary will be officiating. Burial will be private and at the convenience of the family in the family lot in Jericho Center Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions in Philip's name may be made to one of the following: The Vermont Respite House, 99 Allen Brook Lane, Williston, VT 05495, the Birds of Vermont Museum, 900 Sherman Hollow Rd. Huntington, VT 05462, the Jericho Underhill Land Trust, PO Box 80, Jericho, VT 05465, or the Deborah Rawson Memorial Library, 8 River Rd., Jericho, VT 05465. Arrangements are by John D. Workman, A. W. Rich Funeral Home - Essex Chapel, 57 Main St. Essex Jct., VT 05452. The family invites you to share your memories and online condolences by visiting www.awrichfuneralhomes.com.

Our dad and grandfather,

Donald "Don" Boudle

Fluery, 85, of Jeffersonville, passed away from cancer peacefully surrounded by his family on August 21, 2009 in the Vermont Respite House in Williston, Vt. He was born in Stratford, N.H. on October 14, 1923, son of the late Arthur Otis Barrows and Alice Evelena (Boudle) Fluery Barrows. He was a graduate of North Stratford, N.H. High School and attended Technical Vocational School in Texas. Donald was one of the Greatest Generation, proud of his Army service in World War II under Generals George Patton and Sir Bernard L. Montgomery. He participated in the landing at Normandy, France on D-Day, June 6, 1944 at Utah Beach. He took part in the liberation of several villages including St. Lo. He fought at the Battle of the Bulge. He visited Hitler's hide-out and found a brass doorknob under heaps of picked-over debris. He was a Long Tom gunner. A log of his travels in World War II is titled "Logmeter's Long Toms," c1940. One of his jobs while in Europe from 1942 to 1945 was Company Clerk and the personal driver for his captain when he was not manning the "big guns." The Jeeps in those days were painted green, but in one day, he made and mixed his own colors and painted the first camouflaged Jeep! He worked hard all his life as a self-employed contractor and builder. He worked for several area lumber companies and Smugglers' Notch. He worked hard with passion and integrity. He could invent and build anything in his well-equipped workshop with his superior skills and ingenuity. We will remember him doing crosswords side by side with Ruthie. He was a life member of the VFW and was a 32nd Degree Mason. He lived his life with the deepest of character, integrity, courage and determination. He leaves behind his beloved soul-mate Ruth Pauline of Hyde Park; three children, Lana and Brent Jarvis of Colchester, Vt., Starr A. Beauvais of Lynn, Mass. and Locke and Natasha Fluery of Jeffersonville, Vt.; and Locke's brother and sisters, Hobart, Jean and Deborah; his sister-in-law June Fluery of Stratford, N.H.; his grandchildren, Laura and Emily Jarvis, Heather Beauvais, Matthew Hughes, Nicholas, Michael, Sarah, and Adam Donald Fluery; his great-grandchildren, Meagan Jarvis, Tanner Currier, Zoe Alemar, Taylor, Kaitlyn, Deanna and Ashley Hughes; and many nieces, nephews and cousins. He was predeceased by his daughter Ginger Fluery in June 1975; his six sisters; two brothers; and Locke's sister Rebecca McCaslin. We loved him very much and



will miss him with all our hearts. We will be swapping 'Grampa' stories for generations to come. We would like to extend our deepest thanks to volunteers and staff at the Vermont Respite House for Dad's tender loving care. Visiting hours were held on Monday, August 24, 2009 from 5:00 to 8:00 PM at the A. W. Rich Funeral Home - Fairfax Chapel. A funeral service was held at the Cambridge United Church in Cambridge on Tuesday, August 25, 2009 at 11:00 AM, with Reverend Craig Bensen officiating. Burial followed in the family lot in Lakeview Cemetery in Burlington. Memorial contributions may be made either to the Vermont Respite House, 99 Allen Brook Lane, Williston, VT or the American Cancer Society, 55 Day Lane, Williston, VT 05495. Arrangements were by John D. Workman, A. W. Rich Funeral Home - Fairfax Chapel, 1176 Main St. Fairfax, VT 05454. We invite you to view Dad's full notice, photo tribute and share your memories by directly visiting www.awrichfuneralhomes.com. Taps: "Day is done, gone the sun, from the hills, from the lake, from the skies. All is well, safely rest, God is nigh. Go to sleep, peaceful sleep, may the soldier or sailor, God keep. On the land or the deep, Safe in sleep. Love, good night, Must thou go, When the day, And the night Need thee so? All is well. Speedeth all To their rest. Fades the light; And afar Goeth day, And the stars Shineth bright, Fare thee well; Day has gone, Night is on. Thanks and praise, For our days, 'Neath the sun, 'Neath the stars, 'Neath the sky, As we go, This we know, God is nigh." Union Gen. Daniel Butterfield and Pvt. O. W. Norton, 1862.

Andrea Jane (Thelin) Parker

71, of Jeffersonville, passed away on Wednesday, August 19, 2009 in Fletcher Allen Health Care in Burlington, VT, following a courageous battle with cancer. She was born in Waterbury, Conn., on November 3, 1937, daughter of the late Leon William and Janet Lounsbury (Wesson) Thelin. Andrea received both her B.A. and M.A. degrees in zoology from Connecticut College and worked at the Naval Submarine Medical Research Labs in Groton, Conn. An avid golfer, crafter, and Scabble player, Andrea had a zest for life. As an amateur radio operator, Andrea earned an Amateur Extra license, K1WLX, and held a Private Pilot license, ASEL. She was a longtime member of the Order of the Eastern Star, Mary C. Burdick Chapter No. 6, Jericho, VT, where she held the office of Star Point, Electa. She was also a former Treasurer of the Second Congregational Church, Jeffersonville, VT. Her other interests included automobile collecting, gardening, camping, traveling, music, and numerous adventuresome pursuits. She is survived by her loving and caring husband of 43 years, Jim Parker of Jeffersonville; her two daughters, Alysson Parker and partner Jill Breitbarth of Medford, Mass., and Kirsten Sicuranza and husband John of Old Lyme, Conn.; her brother Alan Thelin and wife Ginger of Willis, Va.; her sister Sue Rourke and husband Thomas of North Myrtle Beach, S.C.; her three grandchildren, who affectionately referred to her as "Grandy," Dayna Maraea Cyr-Parker of Medford, Mass., Abigail Jane Sicuranza of Old Lyme, Conn., and Andrew John Sicuranza of Old Lyme, Conn.; several nieces, nephews and cousins; two Himalayan feline companions, Blue and Cassie; as well as their special friend, a yellow canary, Pavarotti. She was also predeceased by her sister Claire (Thelin) Stone. There were no public visiting hours. A memorial service was held on Tuesday, September 1 at 11:00 AM in the Second Congregational Church of Jeffersonville, VT, with the Reverends Michael Ford and Lynda Hadley officiating. Inurnment will be private and at the convenience of the family. Memorial contributions in Andrea's memory may be made to the American Cancer Society, 55 Day Lane, Williston, VT 05495. Arrangements were by John D. Workman, A. W. Rich Funeral Home - Essex Chapel, 57 Main St., Essex Junction, VT 05452. The family invites you to share your memories and online condolences by directly visiting Andrea's tribute at www.awrichfuneralhomes.com



Emil Ziegler

98, of Jeffersonville passed away at his home on Sunday, August 9, 2009. There were no public visiting hours. A funeral service was held at the Second Congregational Church in Jeffersonville on Thursday, August 13, 2009, at 11:00 AM. Arrangements were by John D. Workman, A. W. Rich Funeral Home - Fairfax Chapel, 1176 Main St., Fairfax, VT 05454. The family invites you to view his full obituary and share your memories and online condolences by directly visiting www.awrichfuneralhomes.com.

George Carl Machia, 90, of Westford, VT died on Sunday evening, August 9, 2009 in the Burlington Health and Rehabilitation Center, following a long illness. George was born in Milton on September 23, 1918, the son of George Arthur and Ida Mae (Whitney) Machia. He proudly served in the U.S. Army during World War II. George worked for T.A. Haige Lumber for 20 years, and for the Essex Junction Educational Center for

over 13 years, retiring in 1982. George loved to deer hunt, shooting 14 bucks during his hunting days. He also was an avid bowler and horseshoe player. He was a great New York Yankee fan. Surviving are his wife Ruth Ann Machia, also of Westford; his children, Linda Lovely and her husband Gary of Milton, stepdaughter Wanita Raspe and husband Peter of Montpelier; his grandchildren, Leslie Butler, Amy Beaumier and her husband Jim, Josef Raspe and his wife Hollie, and Krista Grasso and her husband John, Jr.; six great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his first wife, Doris D. Machia, in 1997; his brothers, Chester and Charles Machia; and his sisters, Frances Desranleau, Charlene Comeau, and Mary Lucia. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Thursday, August 13, 2009 at 10:00 AM in St. Luke's Catholic Church in Fairfax. Burial was in Pleasant View Cemetery in Westford. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Luke's Building Fund, P.O. Box 7, Fairfax, VT 05454. Visiting hours were held on Wednesday, August 12 from 5:00 to 8:00 PM in the Minor Funeral Home in Milton. Online condolences may be made to www.minorfh.com.

Lillian Leona Clarke (New) Ward, 96, of St. Albans, formerly of Underhill, VT and Fulton, N.Y., passed away on August 5, 2009. She was born on January 21, 1913 in Mallory, N.Y., the fifth of Sidney and Catherine (Piguet) Clarke's seven children. She married Samuel New at the age of 18. They were married for 18 years and had three children, James, Robert, and Patricia. In 1963, she married Edward Ward. Their marriage lasted 43 years, until his death in 2007. Through the years, Lillian worked in a variety of places, including a gun factory, a canning factory, a paper mill, and a children's home in New York State, and at the Brandon Training School in Vermont. She also worked as a nurse's aide in Johnson City, N.Y. and at the Mary Fletcher Hospital (now Fletcher Allen Health Care) in Burlington. Lillian loved music and played the organ, keyboard, and Hawaiian guitar. In her early years, she and her sisters would sing at worship services held in schoolhouses and led by her father, a lay preacher. Lillian and Ed joined the United Church of Underhill in 1971, and Lillian and her son Bob sang in the choir for many years. Lillian and Ed were active members of the Jeri-Hill XYZ senior citizens' club and led the senior singing group, the Happy Wanderers, who entertained at local nursing homes and sang Christmas carols at the University Mall. Lillian also enjoyed reading and writing. Her column, *The Way It Was*, appeared in the Fulton Patriot hometown newspaper for over 20 years. She loved dogs, and would often write her column from a dog's perspective. Her readership reached far beyond the local area; she often received mail from people all across the country that identified with her column. Though originally from New York State, the Green Mountains of Vermont held a special place in Lillian's heart. She was especially proud of her Irish heritage, her father's mother's parents being from County Cork, Ireland, and she will always be remembered for her quick wit and Irish sense of humor. Lillian was predeceased by four sisters, Mora Rivezzio, Maude Wainman, Memphis "Peg" Passino, and Castella "Cassie" Clarke, one brother, Paul Clarke, and one son, James. She is survived by one sister, Kathaleen Clarke-Nelson of Aurora, Colo.; one son, Robert New of Fulton, N.Y.; and one daughter, Patricia Gleason and husband Roger of Cambridge, VT; 11 stepchildren, June Thomas of Hardwick, VT, Roger Ward and wife Melba of Jeffersonville, VT, Douglas Ward and wife Sarah of California, Howard Ward and wife Pat of St. Albans, VT, Bruce Ward and wife Judy of Wolcott, VT, Paul Ward and wife Audrey of St. Albans, VT, Wesley Ward and wife Mildred of South Carolina, Henry Ward and wife Linda of Milton, VT, Pauline Currie and husband Steve of California, Ruth Walters of South Carolina, and Sue Seymour and husband Ron of Underhill, VT; and many grandchildren, step-grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews. Funeral services were held in the United Church of Underhill on Monday, August 10 at 1:00 PM. Interment followed in the Underhill Cemetery. Visiting hours were on Monday from 10:00 AM to

noon at the church. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Humane Society of Chittenden County, 142 Kindness Court, South Burlington, VT 05403. Arrangements were in the care of Gifford Funeral Service, 22 Depot Street, Richmond, VT.

David Ford Wilson, 40, of Underhill, VT died of cancer on Monday, August 3, 2009. He was born on October 14, 1968 and grew up in Underhill, VT. David will be missed by his mother Eleanor Clark Wilson as well as his siblings and their spouses: Amy Louise Dandurand and her husband Luc, Thomas Allen Wilson, Daniel Donald Wilson, Margaret Marie O' Riordan and her husband Jerry, Carl Todd Wilson, Christopher Clark Wilson and his wife Jani, and Mary Jo Curry and her husband Jim. He was predeceased by his father Howard Raymond Wilson in 2001 and his sister Elizabeth Ann Wilson in 1986. Funeral services were held on Friday, August 7, 2009 at 10:00 AM at the United Church of Underhill. Arrangements were in the care of Stephen C. Gregory & Son Cremation Service in Shelburne.

WELCOME HOME

CAMBRIDGE

(Campbell) Colleen (Flynn) and Ian Campbell had a daughter, Emerson Margaret Lucille, on Thursday, July 23, 2009 at Fletcher Allen Health Care in Burlington, VT.



UNDERHILL CENTER

(Riley) Liam Emerson Riley was born at 4:52 PM Wednesday, August 26, 2009, the first child of Florette (Ferrare) and Kevin Riley, in Virtua Voorhees Hospital in Voorhees, NJ. He weighed nine pounds, three ounces and was 20 inches long. Liam is the first grandson of Underhill Center, VT residents Brian and Sara Riley; their four-year-old granddaughter Kayla Riley is Liam's first cousin. Liam has lots of people to love and welcome him. Besides his Underhill grandparents, he has grandmother Lynn Riley of Indian Mills, NJ; grandmother Kathleen and grandfather Dalton Gillis of Oxford, NC; grandfather Frank Ferrare III of Columbus, NJ; and great-grandmother Toni Ferrare of Columbus. Liam also has lots of aunts and uncles: Frank Ferrare IV of Cherry Hill, NJ; Kayla's mom Tara Riley and her twin sister Erin Riley, both of Indian Mills, NJ; Sean and Georgette Riley of Zephyr Cove, NV; Tracy Thigpen of Austin, TX; and Adam Thigpen of Underhill Center. Liam is much loved and very welcome home!



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New personnel at MMU

MMU has several personnel changes. **Foustine Nugwobahungu** has been hired as a custodian. Foustine previously worked at the Holiday Inn and the Vermont Teddy Bear Factory; he lives in Burlington with his wife and three children. Please congratulate **Harry Reynolds**, technical education teacher, **Debra Johnson**, English teacher and **Bill Callahan**, history teacher, on their retirements from teaching. We all offer them heartfelt appreciation for their years of service to our school. There are several other teaching changes: **Jennifer Heiny**, English teacher, will be taking a personal leave for the first quarter of the school year; **William Freed** will be her long term sub. Mr. Freed is a graduate of California State Northridge and has formerly taught at Bell High School in Los Angeles. Mr. Freed loves debate and forensics. **Molly Heath** accepted a full time teaching position at Burlington High School and **Christopher Johnstone** will be teaching two sections of biology. Mr. Johnstone comes to us by way of Middlebury and Otter Valley. He is a graduate of UNH with a master's from the College of William and Mary. In addition to loving plants, Mr. Johnstone is a former gymnast. When interviewing, his practice lesson with the AP Bio students included testing individual resistance to the chemicals that make peppers hot! **Bonnie Gordon** will be joining us as an instructional assistant. Ms. Gordon formerly worked at Camel's Hump and brings both enthusiasm and energy to MMU. **Ashley Besaw** will be MMU's new speech language pathology assistant. Ms. Besaw is a recent graduate of UVM with a degree in communication. She loves the Red Sox, cooking and gardening. **Penny Klein** will take a year leave of absence this coming year. **Toni Weaver** will fill the full-time, long-term counselor position. Ms. Weaver received her undergraduate and master's degrees from Montana State University in Bozeman. She previously served as a school counselor in Kalispell, Montana and has moved east to be with family and friends. Ms. Weaver loves outdoor activities and reading. **Marty Richards** will be joining our social studies faculty at MMU. Mr. Richards is a former BRMS teacher and is very active in the greater MMU community. He loves history and looks forward to shifting from the middle school to the high school. **Josh Knox** will be teaching Latin part time. Mr. Knox taught two years in Essex, is a graduate of Colgate and has a passion for the classics and Odyssey of the Mind. He used to be a reporter for the Salmon Press in Littleton, New Hampshire. Please welcome **Peter Morrell** who will be representing the Chittenden County Sheriff's office and acting as an SRO at MMU. **Greg Pajala** will join us as a full time CAD, woods, and architecture teacher. Mr. Pajala worked full time in Milton as both an art and tech ed. teacher. He is a photographer, artist and builder and brings vast knowledge in many disciplines.

Cub Scout Pack 620 to hold kickoff and registration

Cub Scout Pack 620 of Jericho/Underhill will hold its annual fall kickoff and registration at a picnic on Monday, September 7 from 2:00 to 5:00 PM at the Mills River Park pavilion. Please join us for an exciting afternoon of food, fun, and some water rocketry!

Cub Scout Pack 620, serving both Underhill I.D. and Underhill Central Schools, offers a family oriented program for boys in grades 1-5 that combines fun with educational activities and lifelong values. In Cub Scouting, boys learn ideals like honesty, respect, and service to others. These values help boys make constructive decisions throughout their lifetimes and give them the confidence they need to grow and develop.

In addition to traditional scouting advancement, there are also opportunities for Cub Scouts to earn recognition awards for studies in their respective faiths plus extra-curricular interests in sports and academics such as baseball, soccer, skiing, astronomy, computers, math, and music.

Cub Scout Pack 620 has a strong tradition of service to the Jericho and Underhill communities and other local causes. We will be continuing to serve our Jericho/Underhill Food Shelf and have already completed our annual bottle drive to help prevent child abuse in Vermont. We are also preparing to once again lead the way in Cub Scouts supporting Vermont Children's Hospital.

Come join us and be part of something special! In addition to some great events planned for this upcoming year, we will also celebrate the 100th anniversary of Scouting in 2010. What a great time to be a part of Scouting!

If you are unable to join us on September 7th but would like more information about Cub Scouting, please call 899-1891 or email us at Cubpack620@aol.com.



Jericho son & father win Special Olympics Gold Medal in golf

Browns River Middle School Student Zachary Uerz and his dad, Bob, won a gold medal at the 2009 Special Olympics Vermont State Golf Championship held at The Equinox Golf Club in Manchester on Wednesday, August 12. This was the fourth time that the pair competed in this statewide competition winning silver medals in 2007 and 2008 along with a fourth place finish in 2006.

Cheering on the team were Zach's mom, Lori, along with his grandparents, his aunt, and cousin Hannah from Loundonville, NY.

The statewide event is held annually by Special Olympics Vermont with donations given by members of our community and other generous donors from across the state.

Left Zachary Uerz and his dad Bob enjoy the moment as they win the 2009 Special Olympic Golf Championship

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Cougars reach apex of Vermont D-II high school football, will play Essex in season test Friday night

By Richard Mindell
Special to the Mountain Gazette

Guess which team is the top-ranked Division II high school football team in the entire state of Vermont. That's right; it's our own Mount Mansfield Cougars. Despite the graduation of all-state running back Brian Wilcox, with his 1,500 yards in total offense, and his gang of cohorts who have taken MMU to the state championship game three years in a row, the Cougars have plenty of returning talent to make a fourth consecutive run at the state title. This year, the experts say the Cougars have what it takes to win it all.

Despite the number one ranking in the pre-season polls, Cougar Head Coach, Marty Richards, isn't overconfident. "The polls mean nothing to us as far as we're concerned," he said. "I've told the boys, that's what other people think we're going to do. But it really means nothing, except that you have a bull's eye on your chest. It means other teams are coming for you. You have to prove what you can do on the field."

Clearly the talent is there to do that. The Cougars return 18 starters from last year's team that ran off seven consecutive wins to open the season and crushed eventual D-II champion Spaulding, 26-6, in a mid-season game. Leading the charge will be all-division running back, Ian Shaw, quarterback Ben Dolan, all-state defensive back Jamie Wright, all-division linemen Ethan Blum and Tucker White, along with linemen Mike Kenney, Jack Bromley and Jacob Hall, tight end Tom Lacey and linebacker Tanner Rich. "I expect all of these guys to have really good seasons," Cougar Head Coach Marty Richards said. Add to that group a couple of speedy running backs, junior Nate Tomlinson, who Coach Richards describes as, "scary fast," and senior Dan Christie, and it's easy to see why everyone is excited about the Cougars' chances this season.

"We have five running backs who run sub-five forties," Coach Richards said. The coach is excited about this group. "We'll run the ball 50 or 60 times a game. That's our offensive philosophy. And Jamie Wright gives us another dimension. Jamie is just as happy to run over somebody as he is to run around them."

In addition to the Cougars' talent and speed, Coach Richards is quick to note that the team is blessed with exceptional senior leadership. "Our senior captains and the rest of the seniors have embraced their leadership role," Richards said. "Some are vocal, some lead by example and some lead by keeping things loose. They want this to be a successful season for themselves and their teammates."

The coach also noted that most of the seniors as well as many underclassmen participated in rigorous conditioning programs this summer to increase their strength and improve their speed and agility. Based on what Coach Richards has seen so far this season, the work has paid off.

All of that experience and speed and especially the hard work will be put to the test this Friday evening when the Cougars take on Division I opponent Essex High School. The Hornets are ranked below the Cougars at number four in the state in the pre-season polls, but the Cougars haven't had great success against Division I opponents. Last year they lost to Division I BFA St. Albans 20-19. The Cougars also lost to St. Albans in 2007 by a score of 32-14. This year things could be different, even though the opponent is traditional Division I powerhouse Essex High School. The Hornets finished last year at 7-3 and made it to the Division I playoffs. They return two all-state receivers, Evan McCrea and Pat Nee and an all-division quarterback, Max Librizzi. But the prospect of facing Essex doesn't bother Coach Richards, who's Cougars have had trouble in the past against teams who put the ball in the air.

"Every team in Vermont gets hurt by the pass," Coach Richards said. "We're a run-oriented state." Still, Coach Richards is unfazed by the challenge of opening against a team like Essex. "Are we going to prepare for the passing game? Yes. "I think we match up well with Essex. Our team speed is excellent. We can play with Division I schools. I know we can and our players know they can."

Even though old nemesis, Spaulding, has moved up to Division I, there are still a few challenges standing between the Cougars and the Division II championship. Middlebury drops down from Division I and is always tough, as is Colchester and U32. "We have one of the toughest schedules in the division," Coach Richards said proudly. "That's what happens when you play well. So we'll take it one step at a time, one week at a time and one game at a time. If the kids play up to their potential I think this could be a very good season for us. If they stay focused, if they enjoy playing the game...I'm excited."

The season starts this Friday, September 4, when the Cougars will play at Essex High School under the lights. Kickoff is 7:00 pm. Be there!

Cub Scout Pack 621 registration

Cub Scout Pack 621 will be holding its annual Round-Up kickoff and registration at Mills Riverside Park on Friday, September 11 at 6:30 PM. This is your chance to come and meet current members of the pack and/or to get information about joining our pack. We will have a camp fire, stories, skits and a good time! Pack 621 serves boys in the Jericho Elementary School District.

Cub Scouting is for boys in first through fifth grades and it builds its activities around the family. Parents can help with projects and advancement programs at home as well as work on a pack level. Cub Scouts meet biweekly in small den groups and monthly as members of the pack for fun and games, skits, ceremonies and recognition. The Cub Scout program allows boys to grow through a wide variety of activities like camping, fishing, hiking, archery, skits, songs, crafts, and much, much more! These activities are used to achieve the aims of Scouting - citizenship training, character development, and personal fitness. Cub Scouting builds self-esteem, self-confidence and a sense of belonging.

For information or if you can not attend, contact Cub Scout Pack 621 at: info@pack621.us or 899-1048 or visit <http://pack621.us>.

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Thursday, September 3 – Bridge Street Café, Richmond, 10:30 AM check in, 11:00 AM lunch. Ham dinner.

Friday, September 4 – Hinesburg meal site, 11:30 AM.

Monday, September 7 – No Meal site

Tuesday, September 8 – Pizza Hut, Susie Wilson Road, Essex Jct., 10:30 AM check in, 11:00 AM lunch. All you can eat buffet.

Wednesday, September 9 – Elks, North Avenue, Burlington, 10:00 AM check in, 11:00 AM lunch. Orange soy chicken.

Thursday, September 10 – Holiday Inn, Willow Room, 11:00 AM check in, 11:30 AM lunch. Turkey buffet.

Friday, September 11 – St. Jude Church, Hinesburg, 12:00 noon. Roast pork au jus, applesauce, mashed potatoes, vegetable medley, whole wheat roll, chocolate pudding.

Monday, September 14 – Covenant Church, Essex Ctr., 12:00 noon. Sloppy Joes with a bun, cole slaw, three bean salad, peaches.

Tuesday, September 15 – Libby's, Colchester, 1:30 PM check in, 2:00 PM lunch. Chicken and biscuit.

Wednesday, September 16 – Pizza Putt, So. Burlington. 10:30 AM check in, 11:00 AM lunch. Lasagna, salad, dessert.

Thursday, September 17 – Ponderosa, Williston, 11:00 check in, 11:15 lunch. All you can eat buffet.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Over 700 racers to compete in the FJG race

Over 700 race enthusiastic hill climbers are flocking to Vermont this weekend for the FJG (Fleischer Jacobs Group) Race to the Top of Vermont. On Sunday, August 30, participants from 14 states and Canada will take the challenge to hike, run or mountain bike the 4.3 mile hill climb on the famous Mt Mansfield Toll Road. This unique race is shaping up to be one of Vermont's premier athletic participation events and a tremendous fundraiser for Vermont's Catamount Trail Association and the Mobius Mentoring Movement.

Some of the top mountain runners in the country are currently registered and ready to set new course records for this second annual event. Eric Morse, the 11 time USATF NE Champion from Berlin, VT, will be leading the men's field while Kasie Enman of Huntington should easily break last year's women's record. Both these athletes have won numerous hill climb events over the years and will raise the competition to a new level. Jesse Downs, last year's mountain bike winner from Jericho, VT, will test his conditioning level as he sets aim for a spot on the US Olympic Biathlon Team this winter. In the women's field, world champion triathlete Donna Smyers of Adamont, VT is looking to best her last year's time to secure the win.

New this year to the FJG Race to the Top of Vermont is the non-competitive division. This division is for athletes who desire not to be under the pressure of the stopwatch but want to take part in this fun and challenging event. Included in this category are many mentors and mentees who will be hiking to the top of VT to raise money for the Mobius Mentoring Movement, a non-profit organization dedicated to finding caring adults to mentor youth. They will start at 9:00 AM, one hour prior to the start of the competitive groups.

All participants will enjoy a chicken BBQ following the event and will be eligible to win over \$6,500 in raffle prizes. Handmade stoneware race mugs will be given to the top three males and females in each ten-year age group, while the top three overall will receive cash awards. There will also be a special award for the fastest three-person team. New this year is the "Not Getting Older but Getting Faster Award." This is for anyone who is 40+ years and equals or betters his or her time from the previous year in the same discipline. Race start on Sunday is at 9:00 AM for hikers, 10:00 AM for mountain bikers and 10:10 AM for runners. Late registration is open on Saturday from 5:00-7:00 PM and Sunday from 7:30-9:00 AM at the Midway Lodge at the Stowe Mountain Resort. Visit <http://www.catamounttrail.org> for more details and registration information.

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LEGAL NOTICES

**TOWN OF JERICHO – DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD
 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The Jericho Development Review Board will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, September 24, 2009 at 7:00 PM** in the Jericho Town Hall to consider the following:

- A request by Robert and Willadine Cochran for Final Plan Review of a 2-Lot subdivision. The property is located at 217 Lee River Road in the Rural Residential Zoning District.
- A request by Mary Alice Rivers for Final Plan Review for a 4 lot subdivision. Said property is located at 30 Bolger Hill Road in the Rural Residential and Forestry Zoning District.

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

**TOWN OF JERICHO – SELECTBOARD
 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The Jericho Selectboard will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, September 17, 2009 at 7:00 PM** in the Jericho Town Hall to consider the following:

- To review and receive public comment on conceptual plans for sidewalks to be constructed on the north and south sides of VT Route 15 from Palmer Lane to the Underhill Town Line in Riverside/Underhill Flats.

All interested persons are welcome appear and be heard. Written materials may be viewed in the Planning Office during regular business hours. For more information contact Seth Jensen, Jericho Town Planner.

**TOWN OF JERICHO – PLANNING COMMISSION
 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The Jericho Planning Commission hereby provides notice of a public hearing being held pursuant to Title 24 VSA Section 4442 for the purpose of hearing public comments concerning: Proposed Amendments to the **Jericho Land Use and Development Regulations**, adopted August 6, 2009.

The public hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, September 29, 2009 at 7:00p.m. in the Jericho Town Hall, located at 67 Vermont Route 15.

The purpose of the proposed amendment is to allow fuel sales as a conditional use in the Village Center Zoning District. The proposed regulations shall apply in all areas of the Town of Jericho, and specifically shall impact the Village Center Zoning District.

Summary of Proposed Regulations:

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

Copies of the full text of the proposed amendment are available at the Jericho Town Hall, located at 67 Vermont Route 15. A digital copy may be viewed on the Town of Jericho Website at www.jerichovt.gov.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Town of Underhill

Development Review Board (DRB) Hearing
 Monday, September 21, 2009 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 application of Brian and Janice Christie for a 2-lot subdivision of property they own at 50 Mullen Road (MU050) in Underhill, Vermont. This property is located in the Rural Residential zoning district. This hearing will begin immediately following the preceding sketch plan meeting scheduled for 6:30 PM.

A copy of this 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 these local proceedings is a prerequisite to the right to take any subsequent appeal. If you can not attend the hearing but would still like to exercise your right to be heard, comments may be made in writing prior to the hearing and mailed to: Zoning Administrator, P.O. Box 32 Underhill Center, VT 05490 or to underhillzoning@comcast.net.

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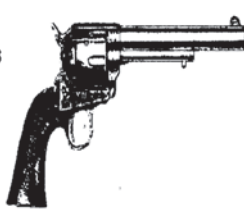
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Key: (E) - Easy; (M) - Moderate; and (S) - Strenuous

Saturday, September 5

Willsboro Wanderer - 35 (E/M) and 50 (M/S) options of hilly terrain on low-traffic roads in New York. There are two potential stops for ice cream. Bring money for the ferry and food stops. The shorter version of this ride skips the big hill out of Willsboro. Meeting Time: 8:30. Meeting Place: Charlotte ferry parking lot, Ferry Road. Leader: Donna Leban - 865-2839 / lightspd@comcast.net Co-Leader: Leslie Carew - 865-2805 / carew@champlain.edu

Sunday, September 6

NEW In Search of Memphre - Memphre is the legendary sea monster who resides in Lake Memphremagog. This 75 mile ride (S) can be shortened at any time by turning back. The terrain is hilly, but the traffic is light and there are some beautiful views of the lake from higher elevations. A perfect lunch spot is Magog, Quebec and if it's a warm day, riders can stop for a swim in Georgeville, Quebec. Bring your passport or the required customs documents. This ride will be a good warm-up for next week's century. Meeting Time: 9:45. Meeting Place: Gardner Park, Newport. Leader: Bob Ray - 644-6368 / rray.post@yahoo.com. Co-Leader: Matt Kuivinen - 881-9045 / mattkui@earthlink.net.

Sunday, September 13

Century Day - Three rides, all following the same route for the first 25 miles with a food stop in Bristol. The Metric Century is 62 miles (M) via Bristol and Vergennes. The full Century is 100

miles (S) traveling down to the Crown Point Bridge and returning through the Champlain Valley. Those looking for an extra challenge can do the Double Gap Century which is 113 miles and includes the Middlebury and Appalachian Gaps. Meeting Time: 7:30. Meeting Place: Dorset Park - South Burlington Century Leader: Lou Bresee - 658-0597 / lakelou@comcast.net. Metric Century Leader: John Bertelsen - 864-0101 / jo.bertel@gmail.com

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Sunday, September 27


Meandres et Beaux Villages - A tour of pretty villages - a 60 mile (M/S) ride across the Canadian border. Bring your passport or the required customs documents. We'll stop in Mystic for brunch and pass many farms along the way. There is some dirt - about 4 miles total - and a couple of hills. Meeting Time: 9:30. Meeting Place: Highgate Elementary School, I-89 north to exit 21 in Swanton, take 78 east to Highgate Center, then left on 207 North, Elementary School is on the left. Leader: John Bertelsen - 864-0101 / jo.bertel@gmail.com. Co-Leader: Karla Ferrelli - 864-0101 / karla.ferrelli@gmail.com.

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