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## Area town meeting results

### Election results from Bolton

By Brenda Boutin

Mountain Gazette Staff Reporter

Voters in Bolton passed municipal and school budgets with added expenditures.

A long discussion centered on Richmond Rescue's added request for an extra \$9,700 in capital support. The proposed town budget of \$772,500 was up by 4 percent from the current year and the request from Richmond Rescue was an added amount.

The selectboard did not have an opinion on the request, but some town's folks objected to the late timing of the request. Other residents were in favor and the amendment adding \$9,700 to the town budget was passed in a show of hands, 51-24.

As per usual everything else passed on a voice vote, including the proposed school budget of \$1,362,001, up 2.95 percent from the current year. They also voted to add \$5,000 to pay for a study to look at ways to reduce educational costs.

### Cambridge town meeting roundup

By John Bauer

Almost 300 Cambridge voters came together Tuesday at Town Meeting for the annual consideration of budgets and to elect town officers. It started promptly at 10:00 AM despite a line of voters waiting to check in to vote on town business.

Moderator Jerome Cole stepped through the first eight articles to be considered until he got to the election for a three-year term for Selectboard. One-term incumbent Bill Sander was challenged by Larry Wyckoff. As Cole moved to begin the balloting, a woman suggested from the floor that he wait until all voters were in the room.

A ten minute break was called. When the meeting was called back to order, Wyckoff was the first to speak.

"I'm running because I don't want to run for dog catcher," he joked. "I've been in the middle of the pack, giving the Selectboard a hard time."

### Jericho town meeting results

By Brenda Boutin

Mountain Gazette Staff

The Jericho town and school district annual meetings were held at the Jericho Elementary School on March 6 with polling hours from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM.

Town meeting ended shortly before 12:30 PM with an approved fiscal 2013 budget of \$3,189,017, and a \$3.6 million dollar school budget. Voters chose to name an American elm near the Jericho/Essex line on Vermont 15. This was a symbolic gesture as the tree in on private, not public, property.

The Mount Mansfield Union school budget

### Friedman elected to Underhill selectboard; meeting approves town, school budgets

By Ted Tedford

Special to the Mountain Gazette

Voters here March 6 elected Seth Friedman to a three-year term on the Selectboard in a write-in contest and approved just under \$2 million for the General Fund and Highway budget and an elementary school budget just under \$2.5 million.

For the first time the General Fund and Highway budgets were voted on separately from the floor by voice vote at Browns River Middle School.

Friedman defeated former Selectman Marc Maheux, 435-96. In the only other contested race,

### Westford voters pass budgets

By Brenda Boutin,

Mountain Gazette Staff

Around 70 residents of Westford met at town meeting Monday night March 5 at the Westford Elementary School.

Voters debated whether to adopt a town charter that would allow the Westford Selectboard to appoint several officials who now are elected, including the town treasurer.

John Quinn, a member of the selectboard, said Treasurer Charlotte Vincent failed to turn reports over to auditors in a timely manner. The board has put forth a proposal to hire a bookkeeper to do some of the treasurer's work. Vincent said she had missed a deadline and would be willing to work with a bookkeeper.

Voters had a long discussion on the charter proposal.

Voters approved an amendment from the floor

Balloting results: 1/4 cent for Conservation Fund, 118 in favor, 129 opposed; 1/8 cent for Library Cards, 147 in favor, 102 opposed; Smilie Bond Vote, 178 in favor, 70 opposed; Presidential Race: Republicans Democratic - Gingrich 11; Obama 55; Huntsman 4; Paul 45; Romney 36; Santorum 28; School Officials (all candidates were incumbents and ran unopposed) - Al Cohen 221; Mary Ellen Seaver-Reid 226; All regular seats on the Bolton Board - Keith Fitzpatrick 219; Ken Remsen 220 (MMU Rep); Besse 221 (Moderator); Town Officials; Grand Juror Deborah La Riviere 238\*; S/B for 2 year seat Dan Champney 219\*; Town Agent Deborah La Riviere 237\*; Constable Eric Andrews 223\*\*; Moderator Joss Besse 233\*; Delinquent Tax Cll'r Joan Pecor 222\*; \*All incumbents \*\* Position left vacant when Gene Armstrong resigned; S/B 2 year seat Peter Gosselin 71; Wayne Ring 35; and Rod Wheelock 104 winner of seat left vacant by RJ Vallie.

The businessman and long-time firefighter went on to explain that he now has the time and the interest to serve on the board.

"I'm sensitive to the needs of the town. It will be an honor to serve."

Bill Sander said that he is a 40 year resident of the town, serving 15 years as a Lamoille South Supervisory Union Director.

"I've been vigilant and dedicated for the last three years and had a cordial relationship with the other board members, even we disagree," he said. "Things have to be examined even when if we've been doing it the same way for many years."

Each candidate was asked about their feelings about creating a "greenspace" on the Bell-Gates property on Route 15 where Jolley recently proposed building a gas station. The project was abandoned after many residents organized

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was passed by Jericho and the four other towns in the school district.

SuperPAC money in elections became a major topic for discussion. Residents with opinions for and against hashed over the pros and cons for over a half hour. Town's folks urged Vermont's congressional delegation to propose a constitutional amendment to undo the impact of the 2010 Citizens United ruling by the U.S. Supreme Court.

There was a lively discussion on how money in political campaigns could affect local election.

When a voice vote was called ayes were

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Kristin Humbarger defeated Nicole Lubitz for a two-year school board term, 241-184

The meeting also approved a resolution instructing the Selectboard to approve a performance review and supervising system for town employees. Several residents had questioned whether the Board had such a policy.

"We do some evaluation but it isn't a formal process," said retiring Selectboard Chairman Dan Steinbauer.

Voters approved two amendments to the General

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presented by Dave Gauthier. The amendment would require the Selectboard to audio-record its meetings. Voters chose to have the recordings saved forever.

The Westford School Board introduced its proposed budget of \$4,993,353. The spending plan includes the cutting of one classroom teacher, due to a decline in enrollment, according to the board.

Balloting results - Town budget (\$1,844,409) - passed - 367 yes, 126 no; Town Charter - defeated - 253 yes, 262 no; in the contested Selectboard race, Robert Bancroft was elected. All other candidates on the ballot were elected.

School Articles - School budget (\$4,993,353) - passed - 352 yes, 169 no; Scott Cooledge was elected as a write-in for the 2 year school director position. All other candidates on the ballot were elected.

## STATE CHAMPS!



The MMU Cougars celebrate with the Cougar faithful after beating Rice High School to win the Vermont D-I state championship at UVM's Patrick Gym, last Thursday.

PHOTO BY MMU SENIOR, COLIN SPENCER

### Cougars beat Rice 41-34 to win state title

By Richard Mindell

Special to the Mountain Gazette

Mission accomplished. Before the start of the 2011-12 Vermont boys high school basketball season MMU head coach, Jeff Davis, said the team's goal was to return to Patrick Gym in March to have another shot at the Vermont Division I state championship. The Cougars lost in the semi finals at Patrick Gym last year and many key players from that team returned this year with one purpose—to have another shot at the final four. Mission accomplished. Then Coach Davis admitted his team's real goal was to play in the finals - and win it all. Once again... mission accomplished.

MMU overcame a sluggish first half to put Rice away in convincing fashion with a performance for the ages that combined an air of toughness with unbending determination in what many who witnessed the game will remember as the Battle of East Ave. This was a war, a war between two teams that have been on a collision course since the end of last season, a course that saw both teams lay claim to the number one ranking in the state during the season with each team beating the other at home. In fact, the only loss the Cougars (23-1) suffered all year was the loss to Rice, and Rice's (22-2) only losses this year were to MMU. The two teams were 43-0 against the rest of the state. This was a game that had to be played and the fact that it was played in front of nearly 4,000 screaming fans, with huge contingents from both

schools, made it that much more compelling.

From the opening tip, this looked like it would be Rice's game. The MMU players came out flat and for most of the first half they had trouble coping with Rice's superior size and their defensive pressure. Remarkably, Eric Suder's baseline jumper with two minutes left in the first quarter was the Cougars' first basket of the game. Rice collapsed on Suder and Tom Lacy every time they got the ball down low and nobody was hitting anything from outside. Things looked grim for MMU. TJ Wesson was playing on a sprained ankle and Troy Springer had the flu and had no business being on the court and Rice's big men looked as if they were going to have a big game.

The Cougars were lucky to be down by only five points at the end of the first half, 19-12. Only three MMU players, Tom Lacy (5), TJ Wesson (4) and Eric Suder (3) had scored during the first two quarters, and the team had shot 5-24 (21%) from the floor, and 1-8 from the three point line.

Despite their poor first half MMU head coach, Jeff Davis, wasn't concerned. "We have our dry spells but we're very rarely out of the game because of how we defend. So I still felt O.K. even though we only had twelve points in the half," Davis said. "I liked how we were defending and I thought we could make a few adjustments, which we did."

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### Good things ahead at the Mills Riverside Park Farmers' Market

By Phyl Newbeck

Special to the Mountain Gazette

It's not too early to start thinking about vegetables; at least that's how Kelly King of Jericho sees things. King is starting her second year managing the farmers' market at Mills Riverside Park in Jericho. Last year, 22 vendors took part in the market's tenth anniversary season and in 2012, King hopes the number will increase to 25 or more with at least six vegetable vendors.

In 2011, the market was a diverse one with a lot more than fresh produce. The local farms that participated each had their own focus and they were joined by vendors selling hot prepared food, maple syrup, hand-turned bowls, eggs, wool and yarn, handmade soaps, and the Essex Artist Guild which changed exhibitors every two weeks. In addition, the market featured local musicians and an educational table for non-profits like the Jericho Community Center, the Jericho Underhill Park District, the Jericho Energy Task Force and the Underhill-Jericho Fire Department. King hopes to have an even wider assortment of musicians this year. Some artists who were interested in performing at the summer concert series at Mills Riverside Park and were unable to do so have requested permission to entertain market

goers. There may be some open mic days, as well. King sees the market as a social place where people might spend several hours listening to music, eating, and meeting with friends and neighbors. "Our market has a real community feel," she said.

King described the Mills Riverside Farmers' Market as an "incubator market," noting that several farms which took part during the early years have grown enough to have established their own CSAs (community supported agriculture). While she misses the presence of early vendors like Arcana, Claybrook Farm and the Jericho Settlers' Farm, she also recognizes that the smaller farms which have recently joined might not have been able to compete if those vendors were still present. In fact, the two farmers who make up the Nama Farm moved to Jericho after a year at the market because they felt they had bonded with the community. The couple is farming land which hasn't been used productively in at least forty years. "It's great that our community can support CSAs and small market farms," King said.

One change King is hoping to make this year is the addition of an Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) machine which would allow residents who are part of the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance

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### Huntington town meeting results

Information provided by Heidi Racht

2012 Huntington town meeting was held on March 6 at Brewster-Pierce Elementary School. Town meeting started at 9:00 AM with the School meeting started at 1:00 pm and Australian ballot voting could be done between 6:30 AM and 7:00 PM.

Sweet rolls and coffee were available in the morning with a bake sale all day to benefit Boy Scout Troop 645, there were lunch desserts. Lunch was the traditional covered dish lunch with fresh bread to benefit the Brewster-Pierce's Hot Lunch Program and Community Church of Huntington.

There are 1426 people are registered to vote in Huntington, 384 people voted.

Four 17-year-olds made history as they voted in the first election where young people who will be 18 on the General Election Day can vote in the primary - congratulations and keep up the good work!

2012 Ballot Results: Brent Lamoureux, Delinquent Tax Collector, 33; Heidi Racht, Town Clerk, 36; Dan Stoddard, Town Treasurer, 35; Lucinda Hill, Town Auditor, 33; Heidi Racht, Cemetery Trustee, 35; Lorrie Richland, Library Trustee, 318 \*two positions

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**POLICE REPORTS**

On February 24, 2012, at 10:33 PM, Vermont State Police stopped a vehicle at Madonna Mobil in Jeffersonville, VT, for an equipment violation. Subsequent investigation revealed the operator, **Jason West**, 27, Jeffersonville, VT, was in possession of marijuana and several pills which were seized. West was cited for possession of controlled substances and released. West was cited to appear in Lamoille District Court on April 4, 2010. CASE #: 12A100716

On March 1, 2012 at approximately 8:05 PM Richmond Police were observing traffic on US Route 2 in Richmond, Vermont from a parking lot. When an officer observed a vehicle traveling with a non-functioning taillight; a traffic stop was initiated and the operator was identified as **Jeffrey Voth**, 47, of Richmond, Vermont. Alcohol was detected and field sobriety tests were conducted along with an alcohol screening device which registered above the legal limit of .08 percent. Mr. Voth who has no prior DUI conviction in the state of Vermont was processed for suspicion of DUI and registered a breath test of .132 percent. Mr. Voth was cited to appear at Chittenden Superior Court on March 20, 2012 for Driving under the influence. CASE #: 12RM00193

On March 6, 2012 at approximately 2:58 PM, Vermont State Police arrested **Christina Hunt**, 24 of Jericho, VT for driving on a criminally suspended license subsequent to civil violations. Hunt was released on citation to appear in Chittenden County Superior Court on April 25, 2012. CASE #: 12a100860

On March 5, 2012 at approximately 4:25 PM, Vermont State Police arrested **Zachary Hill**, 23, of Richmond, VT on Route 15 at Jolley, Underhill, VT, for driving on a criminally suspended license subsequent to a DUI conviction. Hill was released on citation to appear in Chittenden County Superior Court on April 25, 2012. CASE #: 12A100854

**Vermont Air National Guard announces night flying schedule**

The VT Air National Guard's night flying will take place on the evenings of Tuesday March 13-Friday March 16 and Tuesday March 20-Friday March 23.

There will be 2 scheduled multi-aircraft takeoffs and all F-16s are expected to be on the ground and all operations completed no later than midnight.

For information, please contact Lt Col Lloyd Goodrow at (802) 338-3324.

**Everyone can play this All-Season Sport**

By **Bernie Paquette**

Sports are a national pastime. Look no further than NCAA March Madness to know we are serious about sports. Accumulating the most points or the best execution of a particular motion or task excites us.

So what are the potential drawbacks, what limits some of us from participation in sports?

There is a limited roster. If you are not, at least seven feet tall-probably you will not be playing in basketball's March Madness. Even in grade school, and most certainly by high school, those chosen are only the best athletes, to participate in the finite team roster. The rules are sometimes complicated and restrictive. There are physical requirements. Not all of us are physically fit enough to meet the endurance requirements that sports require. There are winners and losers. It is great to be the winner, not so much so being the loser.

What might be the perfect all around accessible sport? One that has no membership limitation, participation can occur at nearly anywhere and anytime, allows for counting and accumulating points, provides the health benefits encompassed in walking, lends itself to publicity and applause for participation regardless of score, and there are no losers only winners. Is there such a sport? Yes, there is one.

Do you want to try it out? Grab an empty grocery bag or garbage bag and a pair of gloves. Head outside alone or with a friend or a group of folks. Walk around your neighborhood, or a park, or downtown or wherever you like. There are no age limitations, no size, weight or strength limitations. As long as you can get from point A to point B and can pick up an item from the ground, you can participate in this sport.

Whether you pick up 1 piece every day or 100 pieces in a month's time-you are a winner, and through your efforts, everyone shares in your win. Participation provides the health benefits gained from walking, and a cleaner healthier environment for people and for all the creatures that frequent your arena. As you progress in frequency and quantity, look for improved awareness, a feeling of accomplishment and a sense of giving back, as well as an awakened spirit of adventure.

The skill of this sport is in observation and collection of littered trash. Note the exhilaration each game point provides. Slam-dunk each bag of collected littered trash as though you were seven feet tall and playing in the "Final Four" of basketball fame, or just hit the game winning home run in the World Series, or just skated or skied a majestic run. If a stranger beeps their car horn or waves to you while you are playing this sport-consider it applause from the stands!

Litter is an All-Season sport; Drop a piece of trash, you lose a point, pick up a piece of littered trash, you gain a point. Now get out there and clean up on the competition.

This week's haul was the last straw for my litterbag. This Green Up Day bag was reused in all four seasons since 2009; time to retire it and bring out a new one.

**UJFD REPORT**

By **Kitty Clark**

**EMERGENCY CALLS:**  
 February 23, 12:14 PM, EMS, Jericho  
 February 24, 2:44 PM, Responded to Skunk Hollow Rd, Jericho for a vehicle in ditch  
 February 24, 3:42 PM, EMS, Jericho  
 February 24, unknown Sq51 only responded to the area of RT 117 & Skunk Hollow, Jericho, one vehicle off the road  
 February 24, unknown EMS, Jericho  
 February 25, 1:35 PM, Report of an accident VT 15 & Allen Irish, Westford, nothing found, cancelled  
 February 25, 2:20 PM, Responded to a one vehicle accident near 175 Barber Farm Rd., Jericho  
 February 26, 3:56 PM, Responded to a two vehicle accident near 1061 VT 15, Westford  
 February 28, 8:38 AM, Responded to a one vehicle accident near 1061 VT 15, Westford  
 February 28, 1:44 PM, EMS, Jericho  
 February 28, 2:30 PM, Sq51 only responded to 94F Raceway, Jericho for smell of propane, nothing found  
 March 2, 2:15 AM, Responded to 135 Raceway, Jericho for furnace problem

March 2, 5:15 PM, EMS, Jericho  
 March 3, 1:03 PM, Responded to a fire alarm at Proctor Maple Research, Underhill, problem with water pump smoking

**TRAINING DRILLS:** February 28, SCBA Familiarization and RIT Pack Training; March 6, Training on structure fires at home of Travis Hale.

**AWARDS BANQUET:** The UJFD held their Annual Awards Banquet at the Catamount in Williston on Saturday evening March 3. Dinner was enjoyed at 7:00 PM, followed by the presentations of Awards. Both the Mens and Ladies Muster Teams were recognized and presented with a plaque for their participation in the VSFA Convention last July in Middlebury.

Perfect Attendance at meetings and drills in 2011 were presented to: Cal Caswell, Mat Champlin, Kitty Clark, Randy E. Clark, Randy H. Clark, Lee Dumas, Todd Fischer, Todd Hallock, Shawn Martell, Sean McCann, and Frank Popeleski.

Five Year Membership Awards were presented to: Eric Merchant and Frank Popeleski. Ten Years to: Andy Forsberg; Twenty-five Year and Life Membership Awards to: Mike Greenia and Kitty Clark.

Forty-five Year award was presented to David Sullivan with his family present, which was a surprise to David. Some stories about David were told by Randy H. Clark, David Tillotson and Randy E. Clark.

The following awards are voted on each month by the members: Fire Officer of the Year: Assist. Chief Mat Champlin; Fire Police of the Year: Frank Popeleski; and Firefighter of the Year: Cal Caswell.

A video of the year 2011 emergency calls, meetings, and events was shown during the evening and was presented by Randy H. Clark and dedicated to the Mike Greenia and Kitty Clark, Life Members.

**SAFETY MESSAGE:** On March 6, I read a very disturbing article in the Burlington Free Press, about a family in Hope Mills, NC. Last week a soldier stationed at Fort Bragg, NC who I might add had recently returned from his fifth deployment to Afghanistan, died trying to save his two little daughters ages 6 and 4 from their burning home, they were both trapped in their second floor bedrooms. This was at 2:00 AM, and both he and his wife escaped by jumping from the second floor, then he re-entered the burning house and was not able to reach the little girls and all three died in the fire.

This is so heart breaking and that is why I try to emphasize the importance of planning a Family Escape Plan and practicing it with all family members.

Fire spreads so quickly we do not have time to think about what to do, we must know ahead and take action.

I do not know if they had an escape plan or if it could have prevented this tragedy but PLEASE take a few minutes and make an escape plan with your family and do not forget to change the batteries in all of your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. "Practice Fire Safety Everyday."

**COURT REPORT**

**January 31, 2012**  
**Derek C. Kinsley**, 41, Jericho, VT, charged with domestic assault in Williston on December 11, 2011; pleaded guilty; sentence deferred for one year.



**Zeus is on the mend.**

*Zeus has recently been rescued by Save Our Strays. He is 3 years old, well behaved, neutered male who is good with other dogs. He has had surgery for entropion (an eye lid condition).*

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L to R: **Carley Jenkins, Connor Jenny, Jolene Fontaine, Beth Shelley, Chantel Charlebois, Kira Clokey, Kaelyn Jenny.**

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**VHSA horse show season results**

The Vermont Horse Show Association (VHSA) held its 2011 Year End Awards Banquet on Feb. 4, 2012 at the Capital Plaza Hotel in Montpelier. Local winners ride at Freedom Farm in Jericho and include:

**Jolene Fontaine/Western Cruiser:** Adult Stock Seat Equation Champion; Adult Trail Champion; Quarter Horse Western Champion; Western Model - 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Beth Shelley/UVM Oxford:** Morgan in Hand Geldings Champion; Morgan Hunter Pleasure Champion; Owner to Ride Champion; Western Pleasure Champion; Justin Morgan Standard-3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Chantel Charlebois/ Western Cruiser:** Sr. English Equitation Champion; Sr. Pleasure Reserve Champion; JR/SR 4-HProject Reserve Champion; Stock Seat Equitation Reserve Champion.

**Kira Clokey/Rennos Pretty Penny:** Jr./Sr. 4-H Project Champion; Jr. English Equitation Champion; Hunter Hack Champion; Jr. Pleasure Reserve Champion; English Road Hack Reserve Champion.

**Kaelyn Jenny/Just Awesome Enough/I'm Cruising Chicks:** Jr. / Sr. 4-H Fitting and Showmanship Champion; Jr. Trail Champion; Jr. Showmanship Champion; Jr. Stock Seat Equitation Champion; Quarter Horse Under Saddle Champion; Jr. English Equitation Reserve Champion; Jr./Sr. 4-H Project - 3<sup>rd</sup>; Jr. Pleasure -3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Connor Jenny/Jimmy's Smart Chick:** Jr. Pleasure Champion; Jr. Showmanship Reserve Champion; Jr. Stock Seat Equitation Champion; Quarter Horse Western Pleasure Reserve Champion.

**Carley Jenkins/Gypsy Gold:** Beginner Horsemanship Champion; Beginner Trail Reserve Champion Beginner Pleasure - 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

**Thank you for your kind support**

To the Editor,

Dear Community,

We would like to thank the communities of Jericho and Underhill for the amazing support our family experienced at the Wheels for Wechsler event.

Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy is a devastating disease that our son Adam has handled with grace and dignity. An accessible vehicle is so necessary and we are truly touched by the outpouring of support that happened on so many levels, from donating cookies, to bidding at the auction, to going to our give-forward online donation site. We cannot say enough thank-yous to the committee of compassionate women who made it all happen and who continue to give life to Wheels for Wechsler.

With gratitude, Joanne and David Wechsler

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Community Columns

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By Deirdre Goldenbogen *United Church of Underhill*

There are many exciting events coming up at the United Church of Underhill. Unless otherwise noted, all of the events below will take place at the United Church of Underhill, on the green on Route 15 (at the corner of Route 15 and Park Street). All are welcome at the events below, and also at our weekly worship service every Sunday at 10:30AM. Please join us!

**Upcoming Free Community Dinners:** The next Food for All community supper at the United Church will be held on Thursday March 8 from 5:00 – 7:00 PM. Everyone in our community is invited to come for good food and good conversation with good neighbors. There is no charge for these suppers, although offerings are accepted to benefit the local food shelf. These dinners are an outreach shared with the Calvary Episcopal Church, which hosts its soup-and-bread supper on the last Thursday of the month (the next one is March 29) at its church on Route 15 in Underhill Flats. Mark your calendars for April's dinners: April 12 at the United Church of Underhill and April 26 at Calvary Episcopal Church.

**Lenten Events:** Weekly "Soup and Scripture" series. The pastors in the Jericho/Underhill area are hosting a Soup and Scripture series on the five Wednesdays in Lent. The services will begin promptly at noon and will conclude at 12:45 PM. The locations are: March 21 – Jericho Congregational Church and March 28 – Jericho United Methodist Church.

**One Great Hour of Sharing Breakfast and Offering:** The Missions Ministry of the United Church of Christ will sponsor the One Great Hour of Sharing Breakfast and Offering on Sunday, March 18 from 8:00-9:45 AM. This is an opportunity to share fellowship and to support programs that address disaster relief, fight against hunger and poverty, and other missions throughout the world. Menu will include French toast, sausage, eggs, toast, and "heart healthy" options. Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased in advance or at the door (adults - \$6.00, seniors - \$5.00, children 3-14 years old - \$4.00, under 3 – free, family maximum - \$15.00). Be sure to join us for a great breakfast and pleasant company and fellowship before church! Contact Dianne Sisson (899-5051) to reserve a spot.

**Opportunity to learn about the Pine Ridge Reservation:** Next summer, a group of 15 adults from the United Church of Underhill will be traveling to Pine Ridge, SD to work with the Oglala Lakota Sioux. In order to learn about this reservation and the people who live on it, we invite everyone in the community to join us on Sunday, March 25 at 6:00 PM for dessert and a screening of the 2011 20/20 television special: "Children of the Plains." We'd love to have you join us. The cost is free!

**Please remember to help the food shelf!** The Underhill-Jericho-Essex Ecumenical Ministry is composed of many of the churches in the area, including the United Church of Underhill. One of its very important missions is the food shelf. At this time of year, when low-income people are facing increased heating expenses, the availability of food through the food shelf is vital. Your donation of even one item can make a difference -- things like canned tuna, canned fruits and vegetables, soup, cereal, spaghetti sauce, macaroni and cheese, baked beans, peanut butter, and pasta. Donations may be left at any church in the area or in the food shelf bin at Hannaford's in Essex Center.

If you have questions about the United Church of Underhill or any of these events, you can contact Pastor Kevin Goldenbogen at 899-1722 or find us online at [unitedchurchofunderhill.com](http://unitedchurchofunderhill.com).

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Adjustments, indeed. The first course of action was to get the ball inside to Suder and Lacy. You could see the difference in the Cougars' ball movement in the third quarter and the improved ball movement led to more open shots inside for the MMU big men. Mission accomplished. The second order of business was to relax and play with more confidence. On that note, the Cougars started hitting their outside shots, shooting a sizzling 62% (8-13) from the field in the second half. Mission accomplished. Third, the Cougars had to continue to play their dogged style of defense, their smothering defense that comes at opponents like the Barbarian hordes in the middle ages, their relentless, determined defense that is their hallmark. Mission accomplished. TJ Wesson, went head to head with Rice's talented, Casey Tipson, and held Tipson to 6 for 19 shooting while disrupting Rice's offensive flow in the process. Eric Suder made his own defensive presence known by blocking three shots and playing aggressive defense along with the rest of the Cougars who took Suder's and Wesson's lead and ramped up their defense to climb back into this game.

The Cougars went on an 11-2 run to open the third quarter and led 23-19 on a Lacy basket midway through the quarter. The tables had turned. Now, Rice couldn't buy a basket. MMU stretched their lead to 31-25 on two foul shots by Troy Springer. Two more foul shots, by Cody Sharrow, put MMU up 36-27, with less than three minutes left in the fourth, but this game was far from over. That's when Suder, playing his last game in a Cougar uniform, decided enough was enough. Suder hit a layup with 1:20 left, grabbed a key rebound off a Tipson miss on the next play that would have pulled Rice within five points with plenty of time left on the clock, then nailed two free throws to put MMU up, 41-31, with twenty four seconds left in the game. For Suder, it was the pinnacle of his MMU career, a career that has been filled with high expectations for personal accomplishments and lofty goals for his teams. Mission accomplished.

There were many heroes in this game. Besides Suder, there was Tom Lacy, who led the Cougars with 11 points and 10 rebounds and did all of the other things he does to help his team win that don't show up in the scorebook. Then there was TJ Wesson, who's miraculous buzzer-beating three-pointer against Brattleboro in the semi-finals had kept the Cougars' title hopes alive who spearheaded the teams' defensive effort with his inspired play, and Troy Springer, whose 9 points and superb second-half ball movement opened things up for MMU's offense and then, of course, there was the blue and white-painted MMU faithful, who out-shouted, out-cheered and out-screamed their Rice counterparts.

But the biggest hero of this game was the team itself, more specifically, the seniors, who are the heart and soul of this group. "They've played together for so long," Davis said. "They lost in the semi-finals together last year. They did not want to lose this game."

As you talk to Coach Davis you realize this team has a special place in his heart. "This team is gutsy... just absolutely gutsy. They have a will to win that is uncanny. They're amazing."

Amazing. This is the third state championship the Cougars have won in the last eight years. When asked why the program has had so much success, former MMU player, Matt Bristol ('09) said it had to do with intensity and heart. "The kids here just really love to play," he said.

It also has to do with setting your sights high, like refusing to settle for second best. That was this team's goal, the state D-I title. That was the seniors' goal, it was Eric Suder's goal, and Tom Lacy's goal and TJ Wesson's goal and Troy Springer's goal and the goal of every player who donned the MMU uniform this season. After falling one game short last year, this team's only purpose was to win the state championship. Nothing short of that would be acceptable. They were determined to win it all or they would have considered the season a failure. Just ask Tom Lacy who summed up this remarkable season for the MMU Cougars with two simple words. "Mission accomplished," Lacy said.

*Snow rollers, are somewhat rare phenomena that happens when the snow is quite sticky and there are high winds. Jim Frederick and his wife were returning home on Maple Leaf Farm Road in Underhill Center on the evening of the February 26 to find hundreds of these snow rollers in the road. Some of the rollers would tip over on their side once they reached about 10-12" in diameter.*



## Underhill Central School registration

Underhill Central School will hold its kindergarten registration for the 2012-13 school year on Friday March 30, 2012. Students must be 5 by September 1, 2012. For more information call 899-4674.

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Program (SNAP) to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables. In Vermont, the SNAP program is known as 3SquaresVT. In the past, the market has taken part in the Northeast Organic Farming Association's Farm to Family program which provides coupons for a limited number of low-income individuals, but the SNAP program would allow a larger number of people to use coupons to purchase any non-alcoholic food products for sale at the market, with the exception of the hot prepared foods. "It incentivizes good eating behavior," King said. The SNAP program covers 108 households in Jericho, consisting of 207 individuals, including 75 kids under the age of 18. In Underhill there are 60 households with 146 individuals, including 64 children.

King has applied for a grant to obtain the wireless EBT machine and concedes that the market will have to fundraise if the grant does not come through. The EBT machine will also accept debit cards. Both SNAP cards and debit cards will be exchanged for tokens which can be used at the market. Aside from the person at the machine, nobody will know which type of card is being used. Using debit cards will allow market goers to make additional purchases or shop spontaneously. The SNAP vouchers are redeemable for \$1 tokens while debit cards may be redeemed for tokens worth \$1 or \$5. "It's good for the consumers and the vendors," King said.

King is looking forward to her second year at the market's helm. "My goal," she said "is to develop enough of a market for local foods that some people can make at least part of their living farming." King noted that Tropical Storm Irene brought home the fact that disaster can strike at a moment's notice. "I would hope that in the event of a crisis we can feed ourselves here in Jericho and Underhill," she said. "Having vibrant farms is good on so many levels. It keeps the land open, it provides healthy food choices and it lowers the price on products because it eliminates the middle man."

The Mills Riverside Farmers' Market will run from June through October, every Thursday from 3:00 to 6:30 PM. For more information contact Kelly King at [jerichofarmersmarket@gmail.com](mailto:jerichofarmersmarket@gmail.com).

## CollegeQuest Vermont's First Health Career Enrichment Program for high school seniors

CollegeQuest to Health Careers is a FREE, six-week residential program that will give a competitive advantage to Vermont students interested in a career in health care. CollegeQuest will be held at the College of St. Joseph in Rutland, June 24 – August 3, 2012.

This program is for students between their junior and senior years of high school. Participants will be introduced to college life and engaged in an array of learning experiences that offer both academic enrichment and career exploration. Activities range from hands-on learning in a lab to touring colleges that offer health careers training. Students will learn skills used in the mental health, primary care and pharmacy professions. In addition, eligible CollegeQuest participants who complete the program will be paid a stipend.

Applications are available by mail or can be downloaded at [www.cvahec.org/Quest.htm](http://www.cvahec.org/Quest.htm). Acceptance to CollegeQuest is competitive. For information or to receive a copy of the application packet, please contact Jane Nesbitt at [jnesbitt@cvahec.org](mailto:jnesbitt@cvahec.org). The application deadline is March 29.

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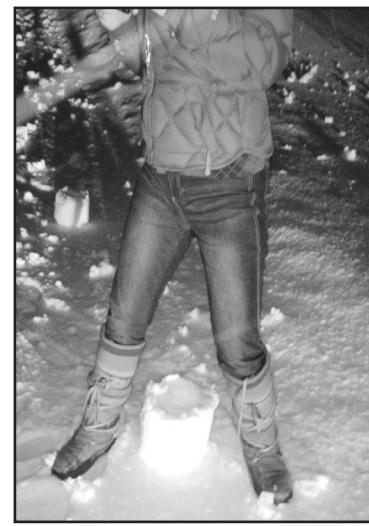


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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Copley Hospital welcomes Leap Year baby



On Wednesday February 29 Parker Ridlon was welcomed by parents Kristin Moodie and Eric Ridlon of Morrisville, VT. Newborn Parker was Copley Hospital's Leap Year baby, born at 8:25 PM in the Copley Hospital Birthing Center. Parker joins siblings Maliah and Abigail. Proud grandparents are Julie and Michael Boisvert of Johnson, VT, and Ronald and Candace Ridlon of Morrisville, VT. Parker was delivered by Nurse Midwife Marjorie Kelso of the Women's Center. Moodie thanks the entire staff at Copley Birthing Center, saying that everyone was so helpful. At the time of the photo Parker was comfortably sleeping in mom's arms looking relaxed.

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ENGAGEMENTS

GOODYEAR - PRATT

Matt Goodyear of Jay and Lori Goodyear of Jeffersonville, VT, announce the engagement of their daughter, Morgan Leigh Goodyear, to Jordan Lee Pratt, son of Donald Pratt and Gabrielle Marcoux of Jeffersonville, VT.

A June 1, 2013 wedding is planned.

BRIGGS-FAY

Robert T. Briggs Sr. of Colchester, VT, and Peggy A. Briggs of Colchester, VT, announce the engagement of their daughter, Melissa A. Briggs, to Bennett N. Fay, son of Patrick and Karen Fay of Jericho, VT.

A September 21, 2012 wedding is planned.

ESTEY-WILLIAMS

Carrie Lee Estey, daughter of the late Walter and Anne Estey of Shelburne, VT, and Keith Aaron Williams, son of Kevin and Karen Williams of Redding, Conn. and Ken and the late Patti-Lynn Roberts of Bolton, VT, announce their engagement.

An August 22, 2012 wedding is planned.

COLLEGE NEWS AND NOTES

**Kelley L. Foster**, a member of the Class of 2012 at Colby College in Waterville, Maine, was named to the dean's list for her outstanding academic achievement during the fall semester of the 2011-12 year. Foster, the daughter of Raymond and Kristina Foster of Waterbury, Vt., is majoring in history at Colby. She attended Harwood Union High School.

**Samantha Merrill**, a senior journalism major, is ad manager and contributing editor on *The Defender*, the Saint Michael's College weekly student newspaper. The 24-page print and on-line publication is regularly filled with investigative news stories about campus issues, as well as features about college excitement, and a range of opinion pieces. Photography adorns every print page, and photo galleries and videos frequently appear in the on-line version of the paper.

Merrill, daughter of Mark and Susan Merrill of Jericho, VT, graduated from Mount Mansfield Union High School before coming to Saint Michael's, located in Colchester, Vermont, one of the top 10 college towns in America. The City of Burlington also provides good subjects for *Defender* stories.

**John R. Gambino** of Westford, VT, a junior majoring in software engineering at Clarkson University, received the Charles F. and Julia A. Cala Endowed Scholarship during the 2011-2012 academic year.

**Meagan Oliver**, a resident of Jericho, VT, was named to the Fall Semester 2011 Deans' List at Merrimack College.

JUST MARRIED

DIMMICK - STEWART

Jenna J. Dimmick, daughter of James and Robin Dimmick of Underhill Center, VT, and Patrick James Stewart, son of John Stewart of South Burlington, VT, and Maureen McGaughan of Milton, were united in marriage October 8, 2011.

The Rev. Francis Prive, with The Rev. Rick Danielson and The Rev. Richard Tinney, officiated at the double-ring ceremony at St. Thomas Church.

Cassie Dimmick-Handy was the matron of honor. Brittany Dimmick was the maid of honor. The bridesmaids were Danielle Haller, Gillian Conant Rohlin, Shetal Patel and Laura Massari. Lily Dimmick-Russell was the flower girl.

Ryan Bugbee was the best man. The groomsmen were Tyler Stewart, Joseph Laramée, Samuel Handy, Weston Robinson and Christopher Toof. Aiden Jaremczuk was the ring bearer.

A reception was held at the Hilton Hotel in Burlington.

Mrs. Stewart graduated from Marist College. She is Author Events Manager for Chelsea Green Publishing. Mr. Stewart graduated from Southern Maine Community College. He is a Paramedic with Essex Rescue and co-owner of The Scuffer.

The couple resides in Burlington.

Diantha Korzun elected President of the American Institute of Architects, Vermont Chapter

President Diantha Korzun, AIA, LEED AP, of TruexCullins Architecture and Interior Design has been elected President of the American Institute of Architects, Vermont Chapter.

Korzun, an architect with TruexCullins since 2007, is the project manager on current projects including, the King Arthur Flour Expansion Project and the Anglo-American School of Sofia, in Bulgaria. She is also currently the LEED Team Administrator for the International Community School at Addis Ababa in Ethiopia. She has served on the AIAVT Board of Directors for five years.

AIA-VT, the Vermont Chapter of the American Institute of Architects since 1948, is dedicated to enhancing the quality of our built environment and thereby our quality of life through advocacy, outreach, education, fellowship, and design and scholar award competitions. The group has nearly 300 members, including architects, associates, and professional affiliates.

Diantha and her family live in Cambridge, VT.

Richmond Little League signup March 17

Spring is springing and with it comes baseball! This is just a reminder that the deadline for registration for Richmond Little League is March 17. There is also a placement day for all baseball players wanting to play at the AA, AAA or Majors level on March 17 at the MMU gym.

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OBITUARIES

**James Joseph McGonagle Jr.**, 57, of Jericho, VT, died at his home on Sunday March 4, 2012. He was born in Revere, Mass., on November 27, 1954, the son of James J. Sr. and Gertrude (Lancaster) McGonagle. He was a graduate of Northeast Metropolitan Regional Vocational School in Wakefield, Mass. He served his country in the U.S. Air Force during the Vietnam Conflict and on November 27, 1976, he was married in Lynnfield, Mass. to Donna McDermott. He was a member of St. Thomas Parish in Underhill Center and was active in the Boy Scouts of America. He was a member of the American Legion Post #91 in Colchester and of the Knights of Columbus in Essex Junction. He is survived by his wife, Donna M. McGonagle, of Jericho, VT; three sons, Dermott McGonagle and Jennie Plourde of Manchester, N.H., Rory D. McGonagle of West Lebanon, Maine, and Brian P. and Delia McGonagle of Portland, Conn.; four grandchildren, Raven and River McGann, and Emmitt and Avery McGonagle; two sisters, Jean Livick of Saugus, Mass., and Mary Ann and Tom Nester of Wakefield, Mass.; and also several nieces. He was predeceased by two nephews. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Saturday March 10, 2012, at 10:00 AM in St. Thomas Roman Catholic Church. Burial will be in Underhill Cemetery at a later date. Visiting hours were held on Friday March 9, 2012, from 4:00 to 9:00 PM in the Ready Funeral & Cremation Service Mountain View Chapel, 68 Pinecrest Drive., Essex Junction. To send online condolences, please visit [www.readyfuneral.com](http://www.readyfuneral.com). Those who wish may make contributions in his name to the charity of one's choice. "The Governor of Jericho will be missed by all who knew and loved him."

**Lester Donald Valyou**, 84, died peacefully in the Vermont Respite House in Williston on February 29, 2012. He was loved tremendously by his entire family. Lester was born December 19, 1927,



in South Burlington, the son of Edward and Clarice Valyou. He was a lifetime resident of Jericho, VT, and a charter member of St. Pius X Church of Essex. In 1944 he joined the Navy on a peacekeeping tour on the ship Houston. On April 20, 1949, he and Betty DUBY eloped to Washington, D.C. They celebrated 63 years of marriage. Lester was a hardworking carpenter all his adult life. He worked on many construction projects in Vermont, including the McClure building at Fletcher

Allen Health Care, UVM's Athletic Facility, and the Episcopal Church in Burlington. Additionally, he built many homes in Jericho and Essex, including his own which he treasured in his heart. He could fix anything. Lester enjoyed being outdoors. He would walk the woods on Old Pump Road where the Valyou farm used to be. Deer hunting season was the best excuse for a long walk, peace, and a short nap. You could usually find him tinkering in his garage or chopping and stacking firewood. He loved sitting on his deck on warm days overlooking the Browns River and the open field in Jericho. His grandchildren were a joy to play with and help raise. Lester was predeceased by two sons, William and Robert. He is survived by his wife, Betty; five children and their spouses, Daniel Valyou and Mary Alberelli of Burlington, VT; Rosemarie McClafferty and Pat of North Carolina; Susan Gray of Fairfax, VT; Kathleen Carew and Jim of Jericho, VT and Patricia Fagnant and Tim of Essex, VT. His children blessed him with 10 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his brother, Wesley and sister-in-law, Faith, of Esse, VT; and many nieces and nephews. He was a loving husband, father and grandfather. We sincerely thank the efforts of Lester's doctors, Dr. Katherine Gonzalez and Dr. Christian Thomas. We also thank Stephen C. Gregory & Son Cremation Service of Shelburne. A Catholic funeral was held at St. Pius X Church in Essex on Friday March 9, 2012, at 11:00 AM, with a reception to follow. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be given to the Vermont Respite House, 99 Allen Brook Lane, Williston. We ask that you also please support our veterans.

**Robert R. Kelley**, 77, passed away peacefully on March 1, 2012 surrounded by his loving family. Born September 27, 1934 in Franklin, he was the son of the late Roy and Della (Ploof) Kelley. Robert is survived by his wife of 55 years, Mary Ann (Hibbard). Children: Brenda Kelley St. Amour (John) MI, Rick Kelley (Brenda) Fletcher, VT; Rodney Kelley (Tammie) Jeffersonville, VT. Robert was a contractor for over 25 years. In 1982, Robert started his small engine



repair business, Kelley's Small Engines, located on Raceway Road and later on Route 15. Robert's life was celebrated at the United Christian Assembly located on Raceway Road in Jericho. Visiting hours at the church were held Wednesday March 7 from 5:00-8:00 PM. Funeral Service was Thursday March 8:00 at 11:00 AM with a luncheon following the service. Robert's burial will be at the Underhill Flats Cemetery with the date to be announced later. For those that cannot attend, go to <http://www.ucavt.org/media.html> for a live streaming video on Thursday. Full biography, photos and guestbook - [www.awrighfuneralhomes.com](http://www.awrighfuneralhomes.com).

**Hans Schmidt**, Jericho, VT, affectionately known as "Opa", born in Jan. of 1929, passed away in Feb. of 2012. Husband, father, grandfather, provider, mentor, friend, Korean war veteran, hard worker, jack-of-all-trades, craftsman, precisionist, role model; these are but a few words to describe a man who grew up amidst the devastation and turmoil in Berlin, Germany during World War II, immigrated to the U.S. at 22, and received his citizenship while honorably serving his new country in the Army Signal Corps. He met the love of his life on a blind date and married her on March 22, 1958. Hans' family was his world, and providing a better life for them was his priority, goal, and most valued accomplishment.

Throughout his life, Hans had a desire to learn and a honed-sense for attention to detail, consistently utilizing these and other qualities and acquired skills in both his personal and professional lives. In 1992, he retired from IBM in Essex Junction as a senior designer; in this position, he created intricate drafts



of machines and machine parts (early on as a designer, Hans made these drafts by hand, and later he utilized and mastered the CAD system), but held various positions during his career span, among them a soldier, tool and die maker, product quality assurance tester, and dental technician. As a husband and father, his family will always have the memories of Hans saving anywhere he could, especially by doing everything possible around our home, including all aspects of auto repair, home repair, carpentry, home remodeling and even being personal barber to his sons through their early teen years (the grade school photographs still provide amusement for all). Reading western, drama and spy novels, listening to German and big band music, and creating cards and playing solitaire on his computer were Hans' favorite pastimes. Hans is survived by his treasured "better-half" and beloved wife of nearly 54 years, Augusta ("Oma"); his two sons and their wives, Bernard and Cathleen Schmidt and Robert and Maria Schmidt; his two grandchildren and their spouses, Rebecca Fiorito and her

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**COMING EVENTS**

**Friday March 2**  
**First Friday Art Walk**, 5:00 to 8:00 PM, Citywide, Burlington. Pick up your copy of Art Map and your guide to art in Burlington or check out [www.artmapburlington.com](http://www.artmapburlington.com) to see a list of participating venues. Questions, call 802-264-4839 or send email to [info@artmapburlington.com](mailto:info@artmapburlington.com).  
**Friday and Saturday, March 2 and 3**  
**Book and bake sale**, Grace United Methodist Church, 130 Maple Street, Essex Jct., Friday March 2, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM and Saturday March 3, 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM.  
**Saturday March 3**  
**Essex Junction: Northwestern Vermont Model Railroad Association Vermont Rails Show**, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM at the Champlain Valley Exposition, Route 15, Essex Junction.  
**Sunday March 4**  
**Community Breakfast**, from 9:00 - 11:00 AM at the VFW Post 6689, 73 Pearl St., Essex Junction. Sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary. This is a monthly event, on the 1st Sunday of each month.

All are invited! Adults \$7 and Children \$3. Call 878-0700 for more information.  
**Sunday March 11**  
**Homemade pasta dinner**, Elks Club 925 North Ave. Burlington, 5:00 to 7:00 PM. Make your own dish with your choice of four sauces, salad bar, antipasto plate, homemade cannoli and cookies, raffle, music. Information and tickets via Paypal: Vermont Italian Club.org (Events). Reservations required. Phone inquiries: Audry 802-922-5005. Members \$20 adults & \$10 children; non-members \$22 & \$12. Under 5 free.  
**Tuesday March 14**  
**Green Mountain Chapter of the Embroidery Guild of America**, the Pines Senior Center 7 Arbor Drive South Burlington, 9:30 AM - 1:00 PM. For more information please contact 802-372-4255.  
**Wednesday March 15**  
**Author Howard Frank Mosher**, Memorial Hall, Essex Junction, 7:00 PM. \$5.00 cover charge. Howard Frank Mosher will give

a slideshow and talk, read from his new book *The Great Northern Express: A Writer's Journey Home*, and do a brief Q&A. Afterwards, there will be a book signing. Books will be available for purchase before and after the event, and the \$5 cover charge will be credited toward a book purchase.

**Friday March 17**  
**Mount Mansfield Unitarian Universalist (MMUUF) Annual Dinner, Dance and Auction**, 6:00 – 11:00 PM at the Essex Grange Hall (located in front of Frank's Motorcycle Shop, on the left, just before the traffic light at route 15 and 128). Tickets are \$20 and include a wonderful dinner, silent and live auction and dancing DJ music. The event is BYOB. Tickets can be purchase by emailing [skasser@uvm.edu](mailto:skasser@uvm.edu) or at the door.

**Saturday March 24**  
**Artisan's Auction**, at Catamount Country Club, 5:50 PM. Fun evening with delicious catering and live music. 100's of items to bid on! A benefit for Saxon Hill School. [www.saxonhillschool.org](http://www.saxonhillschool.org)

**ONGOING EVENTS**

**ADULT ACTIVITIES**

**Chittenden County Postage stamps** and post card club meets every first Wed. of the month 6:15 -8:30 PM, A IDX Circle GE Healthcare Building, South Burlington Information email: [Laineyrapp@yahoo.com](mailto:Laineyrapp@yahoo.com) or call me at 802 660-4817

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

**Chittenden County Stamp Club**, First Wednesday of the month 6:15-8:30 PM, GE Healthcare, 1 IDX Circle, South Burlington, VT. Everyone is welcome to come learn about stamp collecting, postage history, cachets, postcards and postage stamps or a variety of other knowledge. Lainey Rappaport (802) 660-4817.

**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.

**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.

**Micah's Men of the United Church of Underhill** meet on the 3rd Saturday of each month at the church at 7:30 AM. For more information call 899-1722.

**Mt. Mansfield Scale Modelers** gather on the third Thursday of the month from 6:30 to 8:30 PM. Modelers encompassing all categories of interest and skill levels are welcome. Brownell Library, Kolvoord Community Room, Lincoln Street, Essex Junction. Next meetings Thursday December 15, 2011; Thursday January 19, and Thursday February 23, 2012.

**The Women of the United Church of Underhill** meet on the second Saturday of each month at 8:00 AM at the Church located at the park on Rt. 15 in Underhill Flats. Women interested in sharing Christian prayer and discussions are welcome. Contact Julianne Nickerson at 899-3798 for more information.

**The VT-French-Canadian Genealogical Society** - Do you have more time in the summer to start finding your ancestors? Do you need help filling in those blank spaces in your family tree? We have resources such as the VT Vital records to help with that and we can help anyone get started. The VT French-Canadian Genealogical Society library is located on Hegeman Avenue, Fort Ethan Allen, Colchester. We're open Tuesdays 3:00 to 9:30 PM and the following Saturdays, July 9 and August 13. We

will be closed September 3. Parking and entrance across from the State Police. Please visit our website <http://www.vt-fcgs.org>, or call 802-238-5934 for more information.

**Smugglers Notch 55+ Club** meets every Wednesday at Smugglers Notch for a social time then break into groups to ski. We start with a brief organizational meeting, coffee and rolls, and then we head out to the trails in self-selected ability groups, gather informally throughout the summer for a wide variety of outdoor activities. Membership benefits include various discounts at Smuggs. For more information call Deborah at 644-5455 or just attend a meeting at the Morse base lodge starting at 9:00 AM every Wednesday.

**HEALTH EVENTS & GROUPS**

**Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting**, "Wing It" group meets Sundays - 11:00 AM at Maple Leaf Farm on Stevensville Road, Underhill - it's an Open Speaker meeting followed by a Brunch (there is a \$10 charge for the brunch)

**Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting**, "The Firing Line" group meets Wednesdays, 7:15 PM - 8:15 PM at Maple Leaf Farm on Stevensville Road, Underhill - it's an Open Step meeting

**Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting**, "The Firing Line" group meets Saturdays, 8:00 - 9:00 PM at Maple Leaf Farm on Stevensville Road, Underhill - it's an Open Speaker Discussion meeting

**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  
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**Congratulations Entrepreneur/Trade Scholarships Winners!**

*Cody Vernet and Marissa Giroux join RABA President Tom Hark in accepting the 2011 RABA Entrepreneur/Trade Scholarship awards. Each graduating MMU senior received a \$1,500 scholarship. Congratulations Cody & Marissa!*

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husband, Silvio, and Army Specialist Samuel Schmidt and his wife, Michele; his grandpuppies, especially his "schweetheart", Tiki; cousins, Joan Koch and Eleonore Schoeck; and very special decades-long friends, William Kay and Karl and Lydia Weiss. Hans' family wishes to extend our sincere gratitude and appreciation for the camaraderie and support of all of his friends and for the care provided by all of the nurses, doctors and other health and medical staff and professionals throughout his life. We also would like to thank and recognize an unknown American tank officer, who Hans was convinced saved his life as a teen in Germany. This officer, in the lead tank, came across Hans as he was being robbed, and the officer drew his pistol on the offenders, allowing Hans to escape. Hans' sons and their families wish to acknowledge our greatest appreciation and a special thank you to our father's greatest caregiver, our mother, "Oma", for the love, care, and devotion she and our father had for each other and for us, for all that they accomplished together, for all that they have done for us, and especially for all that she has tirelessly done for our father to make his life happy and as comfortable as possible, particularly these last few years. At Hans' request, there will be no memorial service. Please sign the guestbook at [www.bakerpostfh.com](http://www.bakerpostfh.com). In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Hans' memory to the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 273 Route 15, P.O. Box 495, Jericho, VT 05465 (for their "Kitchen Fund", [www.goodshepherdjericho.org](http://www.goodshepherdjericho.org)); or to the American Kidney Fund, 6110 Executive Blvd., Suite 1010, Rockville, MD 20852 ([www.kidneyfund.org](http://www.kidneyfund.org)).

**Howard Jed Irish**, Richmond, VT, died peacefully at home, Sunday February 26, 2012, with his family by his side. Born in Burlington, VT on November 23, 1945, the son of Aaron and Leona (Whitehead) Irish, he was raised on a farm in Hinesburg, VT. Howard married his high school sweetheart, Sharon M. (Griffith) Irish, of Richmond, VT. Together, they settled

in Richmond and built a home, where they raised their family. Howard's career included VT Heating and Ventilating, as well as owning and operating H&S Video, named after him and his wife. Howard then started a successful general contracting business, which he operated until he retired in 2008. Howard and Sharon loved to travel. Together they visited Italy, Austria, Switzerland, Germany, the Caribbean, Aruba, Hawaii, San Francisco, San Diego, Florida, and twice a year to his favorite destination, Las Vegas. Camping also became a big part of his life, and each summer was spent traveling with family and friends around Vermont and to Lake George. Howard is survived by his loving wife, Sharon, of 47 years; sons, Shawn and his wife, Teri, of Georgia, David of Richmond, VT, and Daniel of Dover, N.H., as well as their foster son, Sophal Mao, of Colchester, VT, who joined the family from Cambodia in 1983; grandchildren, Cathy, David, Kyle, Ryan and Cole; step-grandchildren, Nicholas and Wade; brothers, Harold and wife, Paulita Irish, of Richmond, VT, and Roy Irish of Colchester, VT. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews; as well as his special cousin, Dorothy Goldman, of Freemont, N.H. Howard also leaves behind his best friend and "associate", Oakley, (his loving Cockapoo) who was always by his side. Howard was predeceased by his parents; as well as his sister, Beverly Mashia of Hinesburg, VT. Visiting hours were on Wednesday February 29, 2012 from 5:00 to 8:00 PM, at Gifford Funeral Home, 22 Depot St., Richmond, VT. A funeral service was held at Holy Rosary Church, in Richmond, on Thursday March 1, 2012, at 11:00 AM. In lieu of flowers, please send donations in memory of Howard to one of the following organizations: Fletcher Allen Development Office, 111 Colchester Ave., Burlington, VT 05401, 802-847-2887; or Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, P.O. Box 849168, Boston, MA 02284-9168, 800-525-4669.

**Elise Valentine Pitmon named candidate for 2012 US Presidential Scholar Candidate**

Senior **Elise Valentine Pitmon** from Underhill, VT who attends MMU has been named a candidate for the 2012 US Presidential Scholars Program.

Elise is a varsity sport athlete at MMU in XC running, Indoor and Outdoor Track and Field. On February 4, 2012, Elise won the 600m race at the Vermont State Indoor Track and Field Championship at Norwich University. She is a three time State Champion in the 4/400 relay for MMU.

Elise has been accepted early decision to attend Williams College in the fall and compete for them on their track and field team.

Pitmon is the daughter of Steve and Tammy Pitmon from Underhill Center.

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**12 American hardwoods tips for 2012**

(HIT) - A new year is upon us, which makes it a great time to think about ways to spruce up the home in the coming year. With American Hardwoods as a versatile and sustainable material, it's a confident choice that can be incorporated into multiple aspects of a home, whether it's furniture, flooring, cabinetry or moulding.

The American Hardwood Information Center, the authoritative resource for consumers and professionals seeking information about American Hardwoods, offers 12 American Hardwoods tips for 2012 from experts in the industry that may inspire your readers.

**1. Get a distressed look** Hand-scraped American Hardwood flooring is popular now. It gives a distressed old-world look with timeless appeal, most popular in wide planks. When a homeowner is ready for a change, the hand-scraped look can be sanded away and refinished.

**2. Keep it light** Lighter shades of painted hardwood are hot right now – especially soft neutrals like pale grays, whites and nudes. This look is becoming increasingly popular on furniture such as dressers, nightstands and tables.

**3. Consider cherry** Although neutral, pale shades are trending, rich cherry hues, on the contrary, are prevalent as well. Appalachian Hardwood Manufacturers, Inc.'s (AHMI) 2011

Furniture Styles and Material Use Survey, conducted at the High Point Market home furnishings show, reports that American cherry is widely seen in bedrooms, dining rooms and home offices.

**4. Create contrast** When it comes to hardwood design, think contrast. Industry experts suggest choosing American Hardwood flooring that is slightly lighter than the lightest color of the grain in the kitchen cabinets – this combination can really make a room pop.

**5. Outdoor inspiration** Outdoor-inspired interior furniture, made with hardwoods, that looks like park benches or lawn chairs is a noteworthy design element highlighted at the recent High Point Market. Homeowners can get the look by selecting interior furniture with unique curves, or pieces that highlight the natural whorls, knots and texture of the wood.

**6. Give your fireplace a facelift** A fireplace often acts as a focal point of the room, so consider hardwood mouldings to liven it up! Use decorative American Hardwood medallions and other ornamental period-style mouldings to add visual interest to a plain mantel face, or if spacing permits, add side-shelving to the mantel for displaying valuables.

**7. Creative cabinetry** Thinking of a kitchen redesign? Think about varied cabinet height to accommodate both children and adults in the family. Also consider sliding drawers, rollout shelves and Lazy Susans that make items easier to reach. For assured durability, choose cabinets made of solid American Hardwoods such as maple, cherry, oak or alder.

**8. Go traditional or contemporary** AHMI's 2011 Furniture Styles and Material Use Survey found that traditional American Hardwood looks are currently trending over contemporary styles. Whichever your preference, American Hardwoods are a versatile material, allowing homeowners to achieve either look.

**9. Add warmth with wainscoting** Wainscoting is a type of wood paneling most often used to decorate the lower three feet of a wall. It wards off damage - scratches, dings and the like – while adding character and great architectural interest to any room.



**10. Charming chair rail** Chair rail is functional as well as decorative; it helps protect areas where chair backs might damage the wall. Styles include a single piece of wood, called a moulding profile, or two or more different mouldings can be combined to create a built-up profile. They are often used alone, but are also used to top wainscoting to give it a clean edge.

**11. Mix and match** Combining different wood textures and colors in a room can really make it pop! For example, in the kitchen try a light wood island and contrast it with deeper hued cabinets.

**12. Add flair with finishes** The type of finish applied to American Hardwood floors can vary the look, so there's no need to replace your hardwood flooring, just revitalize and refresh. Dyes, toners and stains can add rich color while glazes can help even out a light or dark area of the floor. These finishes can easily complement a home's style, but should only be applied by professionals.

For more design ideas and trends, and to learn more about different American hardwood species, please visit [www.HardwoodInfo.com](http://www.HardwoodInfo.com). Courtesy: Home Improvement News and Information Center



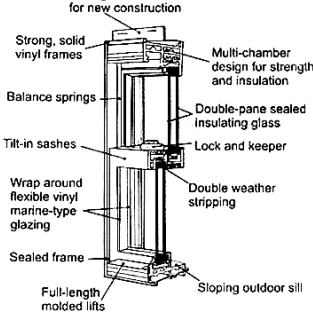
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**Care and Maintenance for your Vinyl Replacement Windows**

By Marcus Asa



Cleaning and care of your vinyl replacement windows is a simple procedure that can keep your windows with a permanent new look.

If you find any tape or labels on your window that did not come off completely use an alcohol based cleaner on small glass areas only. When you are done with the removal process make sure you thoroughly wet

the glass and rinse with plain water.

Ammonia-based glass cleaners or regular glass cleaners can be used to clean the glass.

Refrain from using any solvents, paint removers or sharp objects to clean your windows and patio doors. PVC (vinyl) products should be cleaned with mild soap and water.

In the event of heavier cleaning is needed use commercially advertised household cleaners that are non abrasive.

Should your window have condensation on the inside of your

window, try to control the overall humidity in your home. This is your responsibility and has nothing to do with the quality of the window. The only time the manufacturer should be responsible is when the condensation is visible between the glass panes. This is a good indicator that the seal has been broken and the glass pack has to be replaced.

Mildew can become a problem when the humidity is too high for a long period of time and should be removed with an appropriate cleaner or mildew controller that can be acquired at your local store.

Vinyl windows are solid in color throughout making painting and varnishing a thing of the past. Keep in mind by doing so you will most likely void your warranty.

Also remember that the tracks of sliding and double-hung windows are exposed to outside environment, which can leave abrasive elements such as dirt, leaves, sand, grease, soot, etc. in them. If not removed they can cause groves in the vinyl tracks when operated. It is recommended to clean them semi-annual. Use a small, stiff nylon brush for cleaning and a soft cloth to wipe them down. If needed use silicone spray lubricant on the tracks of the sliding window and on the balance shoe track of a double hung vinyl window. This will keep the operation of the vinyl window smooth without leaving oily residues that tends to collect more abrasive elements.

**Do's and Don'ts for your vinyl windows****Do's to know about vinyl windows:**

- Do open the bottom and Top window for improved air ventilation.
- Do use both hands to hold the window when it is tilting inward for cleaning
- Do always support the inward tilted windows when they are in the cleaning position
- Do make sure that the tilt latches are fully engaged after you are done cleaning and bringing the window in its original position.
- Do make sure you have your top window (double-hung) moved all the way up before you try to lock your window.

**Don'ts to know about vinyl windows:**

- Don't forget to leave your lock in the open position until your windows are closed and ready to be locked. Leaving the lock in the locked position while the window is open can damage the keeper when you attempt to close it.
- Don't try to remove the windows on a double hung vinyl window
- Don't use WD40 or other oil based lubricants, they only attract dirt. Silicon spray should be used for lubrication.
- Don't leave the center section of a Swing & Clean sliding vinyl window open without the proper support or you will risk damaging the functionality of your window.
- Don't try to move sliding window sash of a Swing & Clean when the pivot hardware is locked.
- Don't use cleaners that are abrasive to clean the vinyl or the glass of the windows
- Don't use any solvents to clean the windows
- Don't forget to unlock your casement windows before operating the crank to open them up
- Don't use a high pressure hose to clean the outside of a vinyl window
- Don't forget to add enough support to your vinyl window when installing a window air conditioning unit
- DON'T PAINT OR VARNISH vinyl windows! This will void your warranty.

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Find solace with backyard garden benches and swings

By Danny Brown

The most useful way to spend your leisure time is through gardening at home. A garden might contain both natural and man-made decorative materials. There are many benefits a home garden can deliver. It brings you close to nature and makes you know more about ecology in a practical way.

Gardening relieves you of the accumulated stress and brings relaxation to mind. It is an art and you can gather knowledge from various sources to attain mastery in this field. Gardening at home makes your family members and children to enjoy their leisure time joyfully at your own backyard.

Flower and vegetable gardens can also be rewarding, you can enjoy the beauty of the flowers and consume fresh fruits and vegetables with little effort.

**Decorating your backyard garden.** There are many types of gardens to choose from, some may enjoy a small orchard while others wish to find solace in rock gardens of Japanese style. First decide on the type of garden you wish to have, and prepare a layout of the area incorporating the type of plants and decorative accessories within it.

Prepare a good design for the garden and get the necessary materials accordingly. You may include fountains, pools, fences, birdhouses, and lot more to add beauty to your backyard garden.

**Backyard garden benches and swings:** Garden benches and swings must be incorporated within the backyard garden to add delight to the beautiful set up. They make the people to feel as if they were in heaven. The beautiful benches within the natural environment will make a right place to find solace for the elders, and the swings will amuse the children.

**Wooden Garden Benches:** There are many varieties of wooden garden benches available in the market. The differences can be in the type of wood used and the model/style in which the bench has been made. Lutyens, Adirondack, Oxford, and Banana are some of the preferred models. The wooden bench placed outdoor fits into the natural garden set up and makes you feel more comfortable. Due consideration must be given to the climatic conditions of your region, as bad weather can easily spoil the outdoor furniture. So proper arrangements must be made to protect the wooden benches during bad climatic conditions.

**Cast Aluminum Garden Benches:** Those people living in extreme weather conditions can opt for cast aluminum garden benches. They are beautifully molded and can provide enjoy enjoyment for several years. Its durability and light weight nature makes it a better choice. These benches also come with cushioned seating and the luxurious finishing makes it more attractive.

**Garden Swings:** Children find delight when they are on a



swing and adults are no exception to it. There are many varieties of readymade swings available in the market. There are wooden swings and metal swings. These swings, when placed in backyard gardens, attract us to it. It can be a simple swing or a swinging bench, certainly it gets our attention. The rustic-type swing fits into the natural set up of the backyard garden. Choose the swing which is suitable to your environmental conditions.

Proper attention to the backyard garden will make it a heaven in your courtyard. Get the gardening tools and spend your leisure time usefully with nature. If you are creative, try to make backyard garden bench with the available materials; for this you may need some amount of sand, gravel, cement and a piece of wood. Swings can also be made on trees adjoining the backyard garden. The amount of interest and dedication you show in maintaining backyard garden will certainly yield fruitful results.

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# How to remove an old kitchen countertop

By Emi Bos

If you're working on a kitchen remodel, you may be looking for ways to save money during the process. Depending on the time and experience you have, this might be a tough challenge. If new granite countertops are part of the renovation you may want to think about removing your old countertops yourself. This will save some money on labor and is one project that is perfectly do-it-yourself friendly. You'll need: putty/utility knife, pry bar, screw driver, drop cloths, goggles and gloves.



### Prepping for Countertop Removal

You'll need to do some prep work before you start hacking away at your old countertop. Clear everything off the top of the countertops and remove cabinet drawers. (You may also want to go ahead and clear out the bottom cabinets.) Set down a drop cloth to protect your floors and to help with cleanup later. Disconnect the sink plumbing and take out the sink either by unscrewing it or using a putty knife to unseal it if the sink is glued down. If your cook top is mounted to the countertop, remove that in a similar fashion. Disconnect the gas or electrical connections, unscrew the cook top, and take it out.

One thing you'll need to be careful of is the countertop backsplash. If you're replacing the backsplash too, you'll want to remove the old one before tackling the countertops. You don't want to damage the wall while removing the countertops and taking down the backsplash first will prevent that. Use a utility knife to cut through the caulk or a putty knife to loosen it. Then take a pry bar, placing the putty knife or a piece of wood between the wall and the pry bar, and carefully pry the backsplash from the wall. You don't

want to hack away and damage the wall in the process. If you're not replacing the backsplash, you'll have to be extra cautious when removing the countertops to prevent damage.

### Out With the Old Counter Top

Now, let's get down to the actual countertop removal. This step can be exciting, especially if you're awaiting a beautiful granite countertop installation. Taking the plunge and tossing your old countertop brings you one step closer to a fabulous new kitchen. You'll want goggles and gloves at the ready for the actual removal.

Make sure you've removed everything

from the surface, including any appliances (see above paragraphs). If you haven't already, now is the time to remove cabinet drawers and probably anything in the bottom cabinets. Check underneath the cabinets to see how the countertop is mounted. If it's screwed on, remove the screws and lift off the countertops. If it's glued, you'll need to loosen the countertops with a putty knife first. Then carefully pry the countertops loose with a pry bar and remove.

Removing an old countertop can be a bit messy. But as long as you protect appliances and other features of your kitchen that are staying, you shouldn't have any major damage. Just work cautiously and carefully so you don't damage the adjacent walls. Other than that, enjoy the demolition and your incoming granite countertops!

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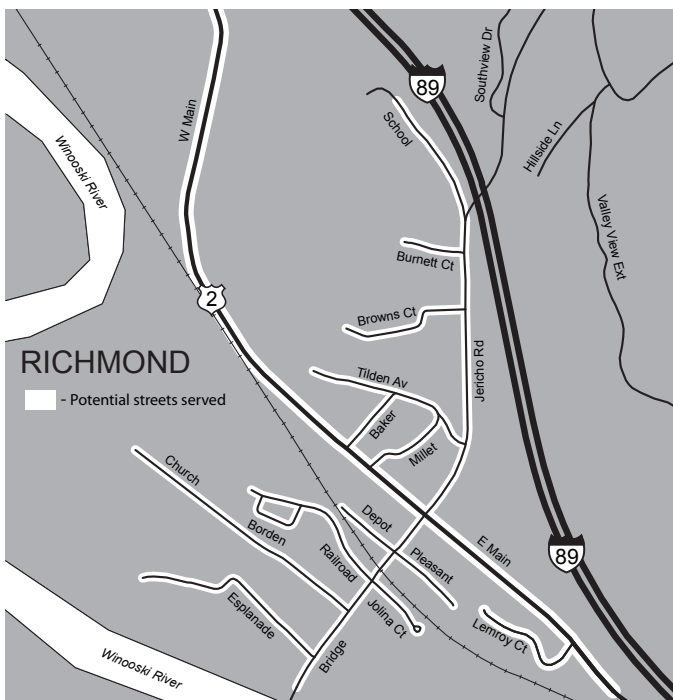
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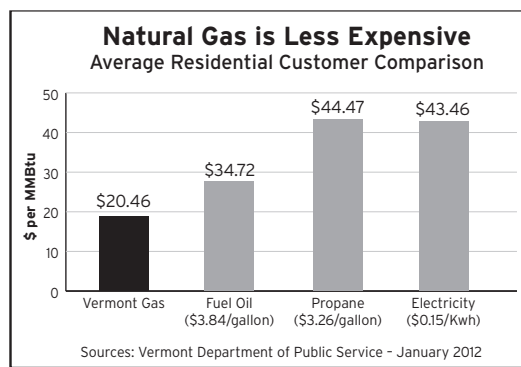
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**By Mark Carbone, Principal, Camels Hump Middle School**

Camels Hump Middle School is looking for parent and community volunteers to help in the education and success of our students. The Partners-in-Education (PIE) group has been an important component to our efforts. We know that learning for CHMS students doesn't end in the classroom. Learning also occurs within the community at large. Our students learn how to be positive members of a community from relationships with adult role models. You can help impact the future of our youth—help is needed in a number of areas!

Math and reading volunteers are needed to support math and literacy development skills. Math volunteers will help with basic calculation and computation skills. Literacy volunteers will assist with reading fluency and comprehension. Training is provided and schedules are flexible.

Or, be a part of parents and teachers working together to bring more local and farm fresh foods to the kids at CHMS and Richmond Elementary School while also providing education around those foods. CHMS classroom activities include: taste tests, cooking in the classroom, and nutrition lessons. In the 800 sq foot garden at CHMS, volunteers and students work together to plant, weed, and harvest garden produce which will be served in the schools' cafeterias.

Nearly every year, CHMS hosts a Variety Show—with student, family and teacher performances. This event is a great deal of fun and requires substantial effort to pull together. Volunteers are needed for all aspects of the event from auditions to rehearsals, backstage help to publicity. Your expertise and energy will have a tremendous impact!

The PIE group at CHMS has identified mentoring, after school programs and adult education as other possible projects where volunteer assistance would be helpful. If you are a business owner, we are searching for limited intern possibilities and "career" awareness activities for 8<sup>th</sup> grade students.

Please consider becoming a member of our Partners-In-Education group at Camels Hump Middle School. You can make an impact on the future of a child. For more information, please call me at 434-2188 or email [mark.carbone@cesu.k12.vt.us](mailto:mark.carbone@cesu.k12.vt.us).

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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**

**Playgroups** are free of charge and open to all children birth through age 5 and their caregivers. At playgroup you will find stories, songs, crafts, free play, local events & information, and more. Playgroups follow the school calendar. Come to any or all groups that fit your schedule. For more information on any of the playgroups, please contact Heather Lebeis at 899-4415 or [underhillplaygroup@yahoo.com](mailto:underhillplaygroup@yahoo.com).

Mondays: Jericho Community Center 9:30-11:00 AM

Wednesdays: Richmond Free Library 8:45-10:15 AM

Thursdays: Bolton's Smilie School 9:00-11:00 AM the 1st three Thursdays of the month

Fridays: Underhill Central School 9:00-10:30 AM

Huntington - Thursdays 10:00-12:00 at Huntington Public Library

Also: Welcome Baby Group: for families with children birth-walking age. Thursday 10:00-11:30 at Richmond Free Library.

**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.

**Early Literacy Storytime**, Thursdays, 11:00 AM at Westford Public Library. Stories and activities utilizing early literacy concepts for age's birth-preschool. Drop-in; no registration needed. We welcome new families! For more info, contact Victoria at 878-5639 or [westford\\_pl@vals.state.vt.us](mailto:westford_pl@vals.state.vt.us), or visit our website [www.westford.lib.vt.us](http://www.westford.lib.vt.us) and click on Events @ Your Library.

**SENIORS/COMMUNITY MEALS**

**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.

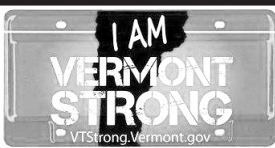
**Johnson Community Meal** - Every 2nd & 4th Wednesday, 11:30AM-12:30pm at the United Church in Johnson. Come for a hot meal and get to know your neighbors. The meal will be followed by a community gathering. For more information, please contact: Ellen Hill: 635-1439, [ellen.hill@jsc.edu](mailto:ellen.hill@jsc.edu).

**Westford Senior lunches** – Join Westford Seniors for lunch at the Red Brick Meeting House on the Common the second Monday of each month. The next senior luncheon is on Monday, September 13. There is no lunch in July or August. 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.

**Bolton Up and Downtown Club** meets the last Thursday of the month at the Bolton Fire station. Suggested \$3.00 donation. Meal at 5:00 PM. Open to adults 60 and over. Contact Doris Wheelock at 434-3769.

**Huntington senior meal site** – The Huntington Senior meals are served the third Tuesday of each month at 12:00 noon at the Community

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**LIBRARY NEWS**

**DEBORAH RAWSON LIBRARY, UNDERHILL**

Art for the month of March will feature the photography of Linda Carlsen. Linda lives in Underhill Center and at one time worked in the local post office there.

The silent auction item for March will feature decorative pillows handcrafted by Polly Connell. Bidding will start on Thursday March 1 and end on Saturday March 31 at 2:00 PM. The pillows are on display at the library so stop by to see them and leave a bid.

The Board of Trustees will meet Thursday March 15 at 7:00 PM.

Spring Blossoms for Winter Blah's! Jump start your spring with a gorgeous flower arrangement that you make yourself with a little help from your favorite Blind Horticulturist, Donna Covais, HTR and EMG. All materials are included; Flowers, greens, fillers, floral foam, container, etc. You just bring yourself (and your favorite snippers, if you like) and enjoy the power of the people/plant connection. Horticulture is proven to help reduce stress and just plainly make you feel better. You can create this elegant arrangement with easy instruction in one fun night. Cost is \$20.00 for this show-stopping creation that has your personal touches. The date is Monday March 19, at 6:00 PM at The Deborah Rawson Library in Jericho, VT. Space is limited and registration deadline is Thursday March 15. Limited to 12. Call the library to register 899-4962.

George Till and Bill Frank will be at the library on Thursday March 22 at 6:30 PM to give a legislative update and to answer questions.

The first annual Jennie Maria Burnett Hendricks lecture will be on Tuesday March 27 at 6:30 PM. Gary Irish will present his updated talk on Jericho and Underhill: then and now. He will have a slide show comparing old and new pictures in Jericho and Underhill, to show how the area has changed through the years, with a brief history of the locations shown.

Music for Families Thursday March 15 at 6:30 PM. Lynne Robbins will lead a sing-along of songs old and new. Come sit by the fire and take part in this fun evening. Recommended, but not limited to, families with children in preschool through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. Drop in. No registration needed.

Baby Tea Saturday March 24 from 3:30-5:00 PM. Families of babies born in Jericho and Underhill in 2011 are invited to attend a tea, at the

Deborah Rawson Memorial Library, in celebration of their child's birth. In addition to refreshments and prizes each family may select a library book to dedicate to their baby then enjoy harp music provided by Evergreen Erb. Please call to register at 899-4962, co-sponsored by: Deborah Rawson Memorial Library, Jericho Town Library and the Chittenden East Welcome Baby Project.

Baby Time Wednesday, March 28 at 10:15 AM. Join Abby Retzlloff for board books, lap rhymes and songs appropriate for babies 18 months and younger. This is a wonderful time for parents and childcare providers to connect with one another and to share ideas. Siblings welcome. Drop in, no registration needed.

Preschool Story Times - Stories, songs, fingerplays, snack and craft for preschoolers and their caregivers. Drop in, no registration needed: Wednesday at 10:30 AM, April 4, 11, 18 and May 2; Thursday at 10:00 AM, April 5, 12, 19 and May 3.

Evening Story Time for Families Thursday, April 5 at 6:30 PM. Parents with older preschoolers and children in kindergarten through second grade are invited to join us for stories, craft and light refreshments. To register call 899-4962.

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

**ESSEX FREE LIBRARY, ESSEX**

For information or directions, please call the library at 879-0313 or check our web site at [www.essex.org](http://www.essex.org).

**FAIRFAX COMMUNITY LIBRARY**

Thursday March 29 from 6:30 to 8:00 PM, Shawn Corrow from Cold Hollow photography will be teaching a Techniques & Best Practices workshop. Shawn will explain how amateur photographers can get consistently successful results in many shooting conditions and all that is involved such as lighting, posing, etc. There will also be time for questions. Those who sign up should already be familiar with their

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Baptist Church in Huntington Center.

**"Good Food for All" free dinners**, 2nd Thursday of each month at the United Church of Underhill, Rt. 15, Underhill Flats, from 5:00 – 7:00 PM, and on the 4th Thursday of each month at Calvary Episcopal Church, Rt. 15, Underhill Flats, 5:00 – 7:00 PM. Everyone in the communities is invited.

**St. Jude's Church**, Hinesburg, senior meals held on second and fourth Wednesday of each month with bingo games after the dinners. Everyone is welcome including caregivers. Dinners are \$3.00 per person. For information call Ted Barrette at 453-3087.

**Starksboro First Baptist Church**, Starksboro - senior meals, fourth Thursday of the month, 11:30 AM, call Brenda Boutin at 802-453-6354 for more information.

**"Good Food for All" free dinners**, 2nd Thursday of each month at the United Church of Underhill, Rt. 15, Underhill Flats, from 5 - 7 p.m., and on the 4th Thursday of each month at Calvary Episcopal Church, Rt. 15, Underhill Flats, 5 - 7 p.m. Everyone in the communities is invited.

**SPORTS ACTIVITIES**

**Ongoing Pilate classes** at Dakini Studio in Underhill. Mon and Thurs at 6:00 PM call 899-4191 to register. Find more information and other scheduled classes at [dakinstudio.wordpress.com](http://dakinstudio.wordpress.com).

**Zumba**, Fairfax - Tuesdays 7:00-8:00 PM and Saturdays 9:00-10:00 AM. Contact Pam Adams 370-4437 or [pamaj68@aol.com](mailto:pamaj68@aol.com).

**Zumba Fitness**, Monday evenings only, 5:30 - 6:30 PM, at the River Arts Center in Morrisville. Zumba Fitness with certified instructor, Karen Machia. No registration required, drop in. Call 888-1261, or visit our website: [www.riverartsvt.org](http://www.riverartsvt.org) for more details.

**ZUMBA(r) Fitness** with Lori Mondays 5:30-6:30 PM, Underhill Town Hall, Wednesdays 6:00-7:00 PM, Jericho Community Center. For more info contact Lori Preiss 899-0343, [lori@greenmountainzumba.com](mailto:lori@greenmountainzumba.com) or check out my website [www.greenmountainzumba.com](http://www.greenmountainzumba.com)

**SUPPORT GROUPS**

**CFS, Fibromyalgia, Lyme Disease, Chemical Sensitivity and Gulf War Syndrome**, 1:00 to 3:00 PM every third Thursday at: The Bagel Cafe, Ethan Allen Shopping Center Burlington, VT call or visit website [www.vtefids.org](http://www.vtefids.org) or Laineey at 802 660-4817 or 800-296-1445 ask for Rik

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

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

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

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**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 & ORGANIZATIONS**

**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.

**Westford Fire Department**, Mondays, 7:00 PM, at the fire station next to the Town Garage. For information, email John Quinn, [jquinnvt@aol.com](mailto:jquinnvt@aol.com)

**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.

**Jericho Energy Task Force** meets the second Tuesday of every month from 7:00 to 8:30 PM at Jericho Town Hall.

**Jericho Water District** next meeting is Tuesday March 20, 2012 at 7:00 PM, RT 15, Jericho at the Red Mill.

**THRIFT SHOPS & FOOD SHELVES**

The **Heavenly Cents Thrift Shop** located just east of the Five Corners in Essex Jct. on Rte 15, the hours are from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM on Tues. and Wed., 4:00 to 8:00 PM on Thurs. Please check us out.

**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.

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## SENIOR NEWS

## Recipes by Marian Tobin

## Fudge Cookies

2 tablespoons butter  
1 ½ packages chocolate chips  
1 can (15 oz.) condensed milk  
1 cup sifted flour  
1 cup chopped nuts  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
Melt butter and chips, add milk and flour.

Mix well. Add nuts and vanilla and drop by the spoonfuls on a greased baking sheet. Bake in moderate oven 350° about 8 to 10 minutes. Cool on racks.



## CVAA's Arthritis Foundation

## Tai Chi Spring Schedule 2012

Study after study has shown Tai Chi can: improve balance, flexibility, cardio fitness and muscle strength; reduce falls and lower blood pressure; reduce anxiety and depression; relieve chronic pain; increase energy; improve sleep; and provide an overall improved sense of well being.

New classes are being offered at the following locations:

**Jericho:** Jerry Hill Senior Housing, Mondays, 2:00 to 3:00 PM; March 12 to May 7.

**Richmond:** Richmond Free Library, Mondays & Wednesdays 1:00 to 2:00 PM; April 9 to June 6.

**Westford:** Westford Public Library, Wednesdays & Fridays 11:00 AM to 12:00 noon; March 14 to May 20.

There is no charge for the classes but donations are welcome. Open to all age 50 and over.

Call CVAA's Cindy Sarault at 865-0360 ext 1028 to register.

## COMING EVENTS

## ART/PHOTOGRAPHY

The **Helen Day Art Center** will be holding its 31<sup>st</sup> annual fundraising auction at the **Great Gatsby Gala** on Saturday, March 24, 2012 at the Stowe Mountain Lodge. The Silent and Live Auctions are an opportunity to bid on one-of-a-kind art, fabulous trips and a wide array of luxury items, with all proceeds benefiting the Art Center's many art programs and exhibits.

Tickets are \$125 per person and can be reserved by calling 802-253-8358. For more information, go to [www.helenday.com](http://www.helenday.com) or the Helen Day Art Center on Facebook.

For more information, contact Sharon Radtke at [sharon@sharontenteventsllc.com](mailto:sharon@sharontenteventsllc.com) or call 802-253-8358.

Master Vermont landscape painter Eric Tobin will present a three day plein air painting workshop this month: **Painting Winter with Eric Tobin**. The workshop will include two plein air painting sessions per day, and feature an evening session on the second day, discussing the artwork in progress, and enjoying a light supper together.

For more information, go to [www.bryangallery.org](http://www.bryangallery.org), and click on workshops. Bryan Memorial Gallery, where the workshops emanate from each day, is located at 180 Main Street, Jeffersonville, VT, 802-644-5100.

**Bryan Memorial Gallery** presents a Trains Collectors Roundtable at the **Helen Day Art Center** invites you to step into the Roaring Twenties and the high-society world of Jay Gatsby on Saturday March 24, at the Stowe Mountain Lodge. Mingle with flappers, flyboys and maybe some gangsters for a swell time and a good cause.

For more information, contact Sharon Radtke at [sharon@sharontenteventsllc.com](mailto:sharon@sharontenteventsllc.com) or call 802-253-8358.

The **Richmond Hookers** have an exhibit of hooked rugs in the Jericho Town Hall through the month of March. The public is invited to view them during regular business hours Monday through Thursday 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM and Friday 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM. 899-2974.

*The Art on Burton* presented by **Helen Day Art Center**, now through April 15, 2012. *The Art on Burton* examines the profound role of art and design on the culture of snowboarding by exhibiting work from artists who have contributed to the design and image of Vermont's own Burton Snowboards. Snowboarding's imagery and products have consistently reinforced its position as a counter-culture lifestyle.

## MUSIC/DANCE

**Young Tradition Vermont**, St. Michael's College and the Burlington Heritage Festival presents Mick Moloney and Robbie O'Connell on Wednesday March 7.

Born in Waterford, Ireland, vocalist Robbie O'Connell performed with the Clancy Brothers throughout the 1990s. Equally qualified as a musician and anthropologist, Irish-American immigrant Mick Moloney has recorded and produced dozens of Irish albums and has advised hundreds of American festivals and concerts. He teaches at New York University, has been featured on PBS, Irish Television, and American Public Television and has been recognized with the National Heritage Award.

Admission is \$20 suggested donation at the door the night of the event. Advance reservations available at [mrksustc@together.net](mailto:mrksustc@together.net). Partial proceeds benefit the Tom Susic Fund, which is administered by the Vermont Family Network and supports families with young children with life-threatening illnesses at Fletcher Allen generations. The performers featured at YTV events are young in age, but are 'old souls', the latest in a long line of tradition bearers at the intersection of the past and the future.

**George Marshall and Queen City Contras** present a special dance on Friday March 30 at 8:00 PM at Edmunds Middle School Gymnasium, 299 Main Street, Burlington VT. George Marshall will call and tunes will be played by Pete Sutherland and friends. Newcomers' session at 7:45 PM. Admission is \$10.00 adults, \$8 students and seniors, under 13 free. Please bring clean, soft-soled shoes for dancing. Dance Info: 802-371-9492 or 802-343-7165.

## THEATER/FILM

**Shelburne Players** has chosen a cast and begun rehearsals for their upcoming spring comedy "Lend Me a Tenor" by Ken Ludwig; members of the cast include Matthew Winston, John Hasen and Michael Farnsworth, all of Shelburne, Rachel Newman of Burlington, Clem Turmel and Jennifer Dion Stearns of Milton, Alise Certa of Westford, and Anne Liske of Winooski. "Lend Me a Tenor" is a madcap screwball comedy that takes place when Tito Merelli, the fiery-tempered and world famous Italian superstar, arrives in Cleveland, Ohio to make his debut with the local opera and promptly goes missing. As Saunders, the show's presenter, conspires to cover for Tito's absence, placate his hot-blooded wife, and distract his most passionate fans, chaos on a truly operatic level ensues. Directed by Dick Hibbert, "Lend Me A Tenor" will be performed at Shelburne Town Center, 5420 Shelburne Road, on April 20, 21, 22, 26, 27 and 28. Check [www.shelburneplayers.com](http://www.shelburneplayers.com) for more information.

## CVAA

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

Thursday March 15 - T-Bones, Hampton Inn, Colchester, 10:30 AM check in, 11:00 AM lunch. Baked or fried haddock.

Friday March 16 - United Church, Hinesburg, 12:00 noon. Lasagna, tossed salad, whole wheat roll, ice cream.

Monday March 19 - Covenant Church, Essex Ctr., 12:00 noon. Turkey a-la-King, egg noodles, French style green beans, biscuit, tropical fruit.

Monday March 19 - Papa Nick's, 3:00 PM. Boiled dinner.

Tuesday March 20 - T-Bones, Hampton Inn, Colchester, 10:30 AM check in, 11:00 AM lunch. Corned beef and cabbage.

Wednesday March 21 - Colonial Room, Essex Jct. Ed. Ctr., Essex Jct., 11:00 AM check in, 12:00 noon lunch. Turkey dinner.

Thursday March 22 - Holiday Inn, So. Burlington, 11:00 AM check in, 11:30 AM lunch. Turkey dinner.

Friday March 23 - United Church, Hinesburg, 12:00 noon. Chicken with mushroom and onion gravy, rice pilaf, vegetable medley, marble rye bread, carrot cake.

Monday March 26 - Covenant Church, Essex Ctr., 12:00 noon. Hot turkey sandwich with gravy, mashed potatoes, peas, cranberry sauce, fruit filled cookie.

Tuesday March 27 - Ponderosa, Williston, 11:00 AM check in, 11:15 AM lunch. All you can eat buffet.

Wednesday March 28 - Pizza Hut, Susie Wilson Road, Essex Jct., 10:30 AM check in, 11:00 AM lunch. All you can eat pizza buffet.

Thursday March 29 - Dutch Mill, Shelburne Road, Shelburne, 10:30 AM check in, 11:00 AM lunch. Baked stuffed chicken.

Friday March 30 - United Church, Hinesburg, 12:00 noon. Baked fish with tartar sauce, stewed tomatoes, scalloped potatoes, marble rye bread, chocolate pudding.

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Fund budget. Dan Manz, a veteran emergency medical technician, moved the town approve \$22,000 for Underhill's share with Jericho for a second medical emergency technician in the Underhill-Jericho Fire Department to improve emergency responses. Jericho approved \$33,000 at its town meeting as its share to pay the new technician's \$55,000 salary.

Several residents said they thought the issue should have been warned before town meeting so residents would better understand it.

"It should have been explained better," said Polly Wagner. Manz's motion was approved by a show of hands, 108-28.

Voters also reduced a proposed \$15,000 request to \$5,000 to keep the Gravel Pit Task Force working. Voters turned down a proposition to buy land adjacent to New Road for a gravel pit in the fall of 2008.

Although spending \$190,000 for a new dump truck was on the Australian ballot, several residents, including former Highway Department employee Larry Lamphere, questioned why a truck the size of the one the Highway Department sought was needed.

Road Foreman Rod Fuller explained that the department hauls sand and gravel from out of town and the new truck would replace a 10-year old, unreliable truck.

All the Australian ballot questions, including \$190,000 for a new town truck, were approved. They included:

\$35,000 for repairs and painting the Town Hall Roof.

Establishing a reserve fund not to exceed 2 percent of the General and Highway budgets to cover unanticipated revenue shortfalls.

Establishing a capital reserve fund to pay for items in the Capital Improvement Fund. No money was approved for this item.

Replacing the town's elected auditors and hiring a certified public accountant.

Adopted amendments to the Unified Land Use and Development Regulations.

In uncontested positions, Tony Julianelle was re-elected to a three-year term on the Underhill Town School Board. Jon Boyson was re-elected to a two-year term on the Mount Mansfield Union High School Board and Cliff Peterson was re-elected to a three-year term on the same board.

Jennifer Silpe was re-elected constable for one year, while Jay Lederman was re-elected lister for three years.

As attendance dwindled, voters approved a resolution calling for a constitutional amendment to overturn a Supreme Court ruling in the Citizens United decision giving corporations and unions the right to spend unlimited amounts of money in political campaigns. Wilson had declined Mike Oman's request the meeting vote on the matter because it was not on the town warning. He invited the audience to rule whether they favored or objected to his ruling. They overruled him and handily approved the resolution by raised hands 62-25 after Wilson ruled a voice vote was too close to call.

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to oppose the project. There is now a proposal to purchase the property from Jolley.

Sander spoke first in favor of the idea and called for responsible development. He said that the Jolley development plan had called for four feet of fill, which would have increased flooding in other parts of town.

"I don't want Route 15 to look like Williston," he said. "We need to keep it open and its use is a separate issue. The town is not looking to build a park, we're looking to mitigate flooding."

Wyckoff was less supportive of a plan to purchase the property from Jolley, saying he is not for or against greenspace, but he does want to mitigate flooding.

"I'm not against it, but it's not clear to me how the money is being raised," he said. "It bothers me that too many emotions are involved in making the decision. Take the emotions out of it and look at the dollars and cents for the benefit of the whole town."

White slips of paper were passed around for voting and collected by officials using antique baskets and boxes on poles. Cole announced that while there were 276 people who checked in for the meeting, 299 ballots were collected. Wyckoff received 174 votes to Sander's 122.

"Even if the 23 votes (not on the list) went to one candidate or the other, the difference would not change the result," Cole said before declaring Wyckoff the winner.

All but two other candidates for town office were unopposed. Incumbents Constable David Jones and Library Trustee Florence Mapes both faced challenges and were re-elected.

The fiscally-responsible town had \$271,497.51 left over from last year's budget and voters divvied it up to pay off loans for the new town garage and a fire truck. The remaining \$43,269.24 was put in a capital fund for future purchases of town equipment.

When it came to the \$1,826,061.01 town budget, there was an amendment from the floor to add \$20,000 to remove gravel and channel the Brewster River to mitigate flooding, or to at least pay for an engineering study of the project. This is a big issue in town after the flooding last spring and it is clear from the discussion that residents want to do something to prevent future flooding.

Sander, speaking for the Selectboard made it clear to voters that the money is already available in the budget, but they need state permits to do the work. Rep. Adam Howard said that he has tried to get the permits, but other parts of the state damaged by tropical storm Irene seem to be taking precedent. The amendment was defeated and the budget passed as recommended by the Selectboard.

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and nays were too close to call and resulted in a show of hands vote. The results of the hand count was 113 yes - 28 no, with eight abstentions.

State Rep. George Till announced that \$450,000 in state funding would be available in fiscal 2013 to build a new footbridge at the Red Mill. The work should begin in spring.

Balloting results from the Jericho Town meeting with undervotes, overvotes and spoiled ballots not included in the count: Moderator-one year, David Barrington, 757 votes; Town Clerk - one year, Jessica Alexander, 802 votes; School Board - three years, Tim Nulty, 687 votes; Auditor - two years of three year unexpired term, Donald W. Messier, 710; Auditor-three years, Paul A. McCarthy, 701 votes; Grand Juror-one year term, Donald W. Messier, 690 votes; Town Agent - 1 year term, Donald Messier, 690 votes; Library Trustee - Julianne Puckett, 717 votes; Jericho Underhill Library District Trustees - four year terms, Gail Schermer, 491 votes, and Joann Osborne, 428 votes; Jericho Underhill Park District - three year terms, Marie Lynch, 675 votes and Carol Kanter Smith, 639 votes.

Annual school district total school ballots counted were 672 with undervotes, overvotes and spoiled ballots not included in the count. The balloting went as follows: School moderator - one year term, David Barrington, 594 votes; Jericho Elementary School Director - two year term, Christopher Commichau, 551 votes; Jericho Elementary School Director - three year term, Steven Mundell; MMUHS School Director - two years of unexpired three year term, Diane L. Kirson-Glitman; and MMUHS School Director - three year term, Judith T. Jones.

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electe; Harvey Schugar, Library Trustee, 287 \*two positions electe; Joan Sargeant, Lister, 3 years, 34; Nancy Grover, Lister, 2 years, 34; Britt Cummings, Moderator, 35; Knox Cummin, Planning Commissioner, 3 years, write in, 84 (14 write in votes needed to get elected); no one received enough write-in votes for the two year Planning Commission position; Doug Graver, Selectboard, 3 years, 31; Everett Lewis, Jr. Selectboard, 2 years, 29; Mary Taft, Town Agent, 35; Edmund Booth, BPMS Board, 3 years, 3; Breck Knauft, BPMS Board, 2 years, 158\* electe; David Ricklefs, BPMS Board, 2 years, 88; Diana Lesko, BPMS Board 2 years, 307; Britt Cummings, Moderator, 345

Thanks to the Elections Crew! Our town, once again, had a great crew working at the polls on Town Meeting Day and counting ballots in the evening. They all did a great job.

Thank you: Patty Baumann, Pam Hart, Jody Racht, Bonnie Gordon, Nancy Grover, Les Hunton, Mary Taft, Carol Wildman, Shelly McSweeney, Lucinda Hill, Pam Alexander, Dori Barton, Roman Livak, Tom Bailey, Doug Graver, and Dan Stoddard.

Special thanks to Jim Christiansen and Ed Booth for taking the MMU ballot box to Jericho Elementary School for the budget count (the ballots from the five towns are commingled and run through two machines). The MMU budget was passed.

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Fairfax Community Library Story Hour; Tuesdays from 9:30 - 10:30 AM, join us for stories, crafts and activities. For ages 0-6: March 20 - Colors; March 27 - Librarian's favorites (music w/Christy).

Library News: <http://www.bfafairfax.com/pages/communitylibrarynews.html>. Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/home.php?#/pages/Fairfax-Community-Library>. School Year Library Hours: Monday, Wednesday 8:00 AM - 5:30 PM; Tuesday and Thursday 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM; Friday 8:00 AM - 3:15 PM; Saturday 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM.

**JERICHO CENTER, LIBRARY**

Used Book Sale - The Jericho Town Library's annual used book sale is planned for Saturday March 31. We are currently taking donations of books, CDs, and DVDs (but please, no encyclopedias or other data reference materials).

Poetry Workshop - There is still time to sign up for the Poetry workshop. The working sessions will begin on Monday March 27, Monday 6:30-8:00 PM, and continue each Monday until April 16. A final evening of sharing will be held at the Deborah Rawson Memorial Library on Monday, April 30 from 6:30-8:00 PM. Poets of all ages are encouraged to participate. Attendance in the past has been a mix of middle and high school students and adults. Registration is required: please call JTL at 899-4686 to sign up.

Writers' Group - Upcoming meetings for the writers group are March 26, 6:00 - 7:30 PM. New members are welcome. Contact the library at 899-4686 for more information

Help needed - We are looking for a volunteer who could come in on Mondays for 1-2 hours to help with basic library tasks.

We are also looking for someone who could help with coordinating the Wednesday story times, helping to set the schedule and plan and prep for activities

Contact Donna at the library (899-4686) if you can help and/or have any questions.

Library hours are Monday 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM, Wednesday 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM and 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM, Friday 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM, and Saturday 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM. For more information, call the library at 899-4686, email [Jerichotownlibrary@gmail.com](mailto:Jerichotownlibrary@gmail.com), or visit the library website at [www.jerichotownlibrary.org](http://www.jerichotownlibrary.org).

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**WESTFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Upcoming Events:  
Thursday March 15, 11:00 AM, Early Literacy Storytime. Stories and activities utilizing early literacy concepts for ages birth-preschool. Theme: The Sun.

Thursday March 15, 3:15-4:15 PM, After-School Books & Puzzles Club. For Ages 9-12. Relax with a read-aloud, then challenge yourself with logic puzzles and games. Hosted by Westford resident and former teacher Patricia Robinson. Bus ride from school & light snack provided. Bus permission slip & pre-registration required. Contact Victoria at 878-5639 for details

Friday March 16, 11:00 AM, Tai Chi for Arthritis for Ages 50+. Register at 878-5639.

Wednesday March 21, 11:00 AM, Tai Chi for Arthritis for Ages 50+. Register at 878-5639.

Wednesday March 21, 11:00 AM, Early Literacy Storytime. Stories and activities utilizing early literacy concepts for ages birth-preschool. Theme: Spring.

Wednesday March 21, 3:15-4:15 PM, After-School Books & Puzzles Club. For Ages 9-12. Relax with a read-aloud, then challenge yourself with logic puzzles and games. Hosted by Westford resident and former teacher Patricia Robinson. Bus ride from school & light snack provided. Bus permission slip & pre-registration required. Contact Victoria at 878-5639 for details. 3/22: 6:30 PM, Mah Jong. All skill levels welcome...We are happy to teach new players! Contact Beth Peloquin at [bethpeloquin@gmail.com](mailto:bethpeloquin@gmail.com).

Thursday March 23, 11:00 AM, Tai Chi for Arthritis for Ages 50+. Register at 878-5639.

Thursday March 23, 6:00 PM, Strategy and Board Games for Teens & Adults. Hosted by Matt Taylor.

Wednesday March 28, 11:00 AM, Tai Chi for Arthritis for Ages 50+. Register at 878-5639.

Thursday March 29, 11:00 AM, Early Literacy Storytime. Stories and activities utilizing early literacy concepts for ages birth-preschool. Theme: The Senses.

Thursday March 29, 3:15-4:15 PM, After-School Books & Puzzles Club. For Ages 9-12. Relax with a read-aloud, then challenge yourself with logic puzzles and games. Hosted by Westford resident and former

teacher Patricia Robinson. Bus ride from school & light snack provided. Bus permission slip & pre-registration required. Contact Victoria at 878-5639 for details.

Friday March 30, 11:00 AM, Tai Chi for Arthritis for Ages 50+. Register at 878-5639.

The library is open Wednesday 1:00-7:00 PM, Thursday 10:00-6:00 PM, Friday noon-6:00 PM, and Saturday 10:00 AM-2:00 PM. We can be reached at 878-5639, [westford\\_platvals.state.vt.us](mailto:westford_platvals.state.vt.us), and [www.westford.lib.vt.us](http://www.westford.lib.vt.us).

**DOROTHY ALLING MEMORIAL LIBRARY WILLISTON**

\*Toddler Yoga and Stories: 4-week series. Fridays, 10:15 AM. (March 9-30). Simple yoga and books for children ages 1-5. Presented by Karen Allen. Pre-register at 878-4918.

Story Hour: Tuesdays at 11:00 AM, March 6-27. Stories and simple crafts for children ages 3-5. No pre-registration.

Lego Club: Wednesdays, 3:00-3:45 PM. March 28. Make your own Lego creations using the library's Lego collection. Gr. 1-5. Pre-register at 878-4918. Space is limited. Children ages 8 and younger must be accompanied by an adult while at the library.

Babytime Playgroup: Wednesdays, 10:30 AM-12:00 PM (except for the 1st Wed of each month). March 14-28. For infants and toddlers. Sponsored by Building Bright Futures of Williston. Call Marjorie Von Ohlsen for more information at 658-3659.

\*Reading with Frosty and Friends Therapy Dogs: Tuesdays, 3:30-4:30 PM. (Through April 17). Share a story with a trained therapy dog. All dogs registered with Therapy Dogs of Vermont. All ages. Call 878-4918 to pre-register for 10 minute individual sessions. All ages.

\*Early Literacy Workshop for Parents: Mondays, 5:30 PM. March 19, April 16 and 30. Learn how to teach your child important early reading skills. 3-week series includes dinner, childcare, and free books. For parents of preschool age children. Space is limited. Sponsored by Vermont Center for the Book and Vermont Department of Libraries. Pre-register at 878-4918.

Music with Raphael: Mondays, 10:45 AM, Thursdays, 10:30 AM, and Saturday, March 17. Come sing, dance, and clap your hands with Raphael and his guitar. Traditional and original folk music for children up to age 5 with a caregiver. No pre-registration. Limit: one weekday session per week per family

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