

Town Meeting results

Video Snapshot: Town Meeting Day 2022

By Angelike A. Contis, Mt. Mansfield Community TV
Here’s a look at what the second year of Town Meeting Day voting without a physical town meeting looked like in our towns: <https://archive.org/details/townmeeting2022>.
Thanks to all who took a few minutes to talk to us.
Unable to attend a local meeting you’re interested in virtually (or in-person)? Here’s a handy link to watch most local board meetings live (Monday-Thursday) on MMCTV’s Youtube and cable channels: <http://mtmansfieldctv.org/live-streams>.

WESTFORD

Below are the unofficial results of Town Meeting. Although they are unofficial, they are not expected to change.
Total ballots cast: 532
There were no contested races and the number of write-ins did not exceed the number of votes candidates received, therefore all the candidates on the ballot were elected.
Property Tax Due Dates: Yes, 506 votes; No, 3 votes; 13 undervotes; 1 overvote.
Town Budget: Yes, 438 votes; No, 72 votes; 13 undervotes; 0 overvotes.
Outgoing Town Clerk Nanette Rogers thanks all for their support the past 21 years. It has been an honor serving as Westford Town Clerk! Congratulations to Westford’s new Town Clerk, Callie Hamdy!

UNDERHILL

All items voted by Australian ballot.
Article 1: Elect a Moderator for the ensuing year; Dan Manz, 735 votes.
Article 2: To elect all Town Officers and School Directors as required by law:
Selectboard, 3 year: Robert “Bob” N. Stone, 714 votes; Peter K. Duval, 44 votes.
Selectboard, 1 year of a remaining 3 year; Patricia Richards, 682 votes.
Treasurer: Sherri Morin, 757 votes.
Library Trustee Carolyn Greene, 692 votes.
Park District Trustee Dave Williamson, 720 votes.
MMU School Director: Write-in Lisa Pawlik, 107 votes.
Write-in Krystal Granzow, 11 votes.
Article 3: Shall the voters approve total general fund expenditures of \$1,256,766 of which \$939,278 shall be raised by taxes, \$317,488 by non-tax revenues, pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 2664? Yes, 619 votes; No, 158 votes.
Article 4 Shall the voters approve total highway fund expenditures of \$1,740,384 of which \$1,320,884 shall be raised by taxes, \$419,500 by non-tax revenue pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 2664? Yes, 647 votes; No, 132 votes.
Article 5 Shall the voters authorize the purchase of a dump truck and borrow an amount not to exceed \$192,000 for a term not to exceed five years, pursuant to 24 V.S.A. §1786 a(b)? Yes, 623 votes; No, 158 votes.
Article 6 Shall the voters approve a full-time administrative position to support staff at the town hall? Yes, 538 votes; No, 239 votes.
Mount Mansfield School District Results:
David Clark, Moderator 2589 votes.
Pat Straughan, Clerk 2583 votes.

David Clark, Treasurer 2546 votes.
Article 2 authorization to borrow: Yes, 2380 votes; No, 514 votes.
Article 3 allocate/assign funds: Yes, 2608 votes; No, 400 votes.
Article 4 Budget: Yes, 2196 votes; No, 826 votes.

JERICO

To view full results of Jericho’s Town Meeting, go online to <https://jerichovt.org/town-meeting-2022>.
Of 4313 total registered voters, 652 cast ballots of which

330 were absentee ballots, as certified by Town Clerk Jessica Alexander and Justice of the Peace and BCA chair Michael Weinberg.
Moderator (select one candidate): David Barrington, 578 votes; there were a total of five write-in votes.
Town Clerk (select one candidate): Jessica Alexander, 616 votes; there were a total of four write-in votes.
Select Board (select one candidate): Wayne Howe, 544 votes; there were a total of six write-in votes.
Cemetery Commissioner (select one candidate): Robert Grandchamp, 183 votes; Bert Lindholm, 343 votes; there were no write-in votes.

Sugar House Jewelry

By Phyl Newbeck
Special to the Mountain Gazette

Erin Cohen grew up in Underhill and Jericho but went south to attend college at the Savannah College of Art and Design. Initially she wanted to be an illustrator but after taking a jewelry-making course as an elective, she changed direction and graduated in 2003 with a BFA in metals and jewelry. “I really like the technical aspect of jewelry making as much as the creative aspect,” she said.
At first, Cohen just made jewelry for herself, her family, and friends. When she bought a house on VT Rt. 15 in Jericho with her husband Ben and daughter Savannah, she decided to increase her audience by opening Sugar House Jewelry in 2019. “This is what I’ve wanted to do all my life,” she said. Cohen operates out of a converted garage in her new home. Initially she was open on Fridays and Saturdays but at this point she is open by appointment only with expanded hours around the holidays. Her dog Max is her one-canine welcoming committee.
When Cohen moved back to Vermont after college, she worked at Village Goldsmith in Shelburne for a year but when her father needed help managing his medical practice she began working with him at Vermont Orofacial Pain Associates. She still works there three days a week but since her father is nearing retirement age, she feels comfortable taking the next step with her business. “I had been making jewelry on the side including custom stuff for family and friends,” Cohen said. “I had the equipment and I had done enough to keep me somewhat practiced over the years.”
Cohen’s favorite metal to work with is gold. “It’s easier to work with and more reliable,” she said. Many of her pieces also include stones and her favorite in that category is opals. “I have a variety of stones I’ve collected over the years,” she said. “I like to find different wholesalers.” Cohen has a particular fondness for the boulder opals she gets from a man who owns a mine in Australia.
Cohen really enjoys making rings but they are harder to sell because fingers come in different sizes. Some of her designs are popular enough that she makes them in larger quantities to fit a variety of fingers. Much of her work is inspired by the natural world around her and she is more than willing to do custom work if requested.
Although Cohen invites people into her studio, the majority of her sales are from her website, *Etsy*, or *Instagram*. Customers have come from as far as California, Oregon, and Texas. Cohen hopes her store will help her reach more local shoppers. “I still don’t know if Vermonters are people who really want to adorn

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themselves,” she said. “I’m practical, too, so I understand that jewelry isn’t for everyone. I know I have to reach beyond the borders of Jericho and Underhill so I’m learning how to put myself out there and network and do social media. I’m learning how to reach people in a market that is so saturated.”
Owning her own business is still a bit frightening but Cohen is making sure she takes it one day at a time. Having Sugar House Jewelry operate out of her garage is helpful in terms of overhead and she is considering adding other items. Before college, she worked at Chappelle’s Florist so selling flowers is a possibility and she loves to bake so that might be an additional line of sales. For now, however, Cohen really enjoys what she does. “I make jewelry because I love the art of creating it and being artistic,” she said. “I have to give myself time and hope I’ll have a big enough following.”



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MISCELLANEOUS NEWS

Spring Bulb Fundraiser benefits Meals On Wheels

Believe it or not, spring is around the corner!
Order your spring bulbs today & get ready for beautiful blooms, butterflies, and fragrant waves of fresh air coming in the windows. Half (50%) of each purchase will support your local Meals On Wheels programs.

To place your order, go online to <http://www.mowlc.org> and click on FUNDRAISING to find the link.

100% quality guarantee!
All Spring website orders due by May 15; shipping begins April 1.

Current scam samples (and more from the MG editor)

By Bill April, AARP/Fraudwatch fraud fighter

This is a list of current SCAMS I have received recently. Do NOT open or click on any link in them or call a phone number listed or respond. They want to steal your money AND/OR your personal information.

\$\$ New 15YR Rate Adjustment - you can potentially shave thousands off your mortgage interest

\$\$ ATTENTION: COVID-19 Relief Fund - Dear Beneficiary!! ...Google LLC has decided to give out cash as COVID-19 Relief Fund

\$\$?????? - Good day please can you hold a transitions?
\$\$ System critically infected! Contact Support Immediately! - This message was sent from a trusted sender.

\$\$ To Whom It May Concern. Compliment of the season. In the spirit of brotherhood as a fellow U.S citizen ...

\$\$ VIRUSES FOUND IN DEVICE - Viruses Found (5) || Click here to Scan and Remove Virus

\$\$ Your Device Is Heavily Damaged By Four Virus! | Renew Your Subscription Immediately! Your Computer at Risk

\$\$ INVESTMENT PROPOSAL - I am Mr. William Chalmers from Lloyds Banking Group UK. I want to invest legitimate funds with you in your country.

\$\$ Attn: "Your Name" [Reviewed & Approved] This is a follow-up to your request for a mortgage rate quote that you submitted

\$\$ Hello - Hi I'm Rose by name 32years old single lady, born and raised in london Can we be friends?

\$\$ Please I need your help - Please I need your help, Please forgive me for stressing you with my predicaments ...

\$\$ New Update - Today Feb 26, 2022, we're granting a major wish! Your 2.76% refi package is enclosed below

\$\$ Sister Anna Kone - Bless You My Dear, I am Mrs. Anna Kone, I am married to Dr. Kone Akoma From Ivory Coast ...

\$\$ Missouri Lotto Winner - We'd like to inform you that your email address has won Five million nine hundred

thousand

\$\$ PLEASE, READ THE ATTACHED FILE AND GET BACK VERY URGENT - PLEASE,VIEW ATTACHED FILE FOR MORE DETAILS

\$\$ Hello good day. - I am Barrister Amadou Benjamin by name, with due respect, I am contacting you to help get the deposit 10.5 million Dollars

No one wins a lottery if you do not buy a ticket. No one gives you the chance to hold money for them when they are a stranger. Random emails with attachments are always dangerous. (*) No one solicits for mortgage refinancing by email. No anti-virus program sends you an email saying you are infected. No one looks to be friends with a stranger unless it is a scam. Forewarned is forearmed!

From the Mountain Gazette editor:

(*) even if the email appears to be from someone in your contact list. Your friend's contact list has almost certainly been illegally accessed, stolen, and sold.

Also — I have repeatedly received emails from "System Administrator" telling me that I'm almost out of room on my email account and I need to "click here" to purchase more. Call your Internet service provider to check, if you like, but this is a scam.

Also — Social Security and Medicare NEVER call you. Ever.

Getting rid of old computers?

Unwanted computers and monitors and other electronics can be disposed of for free at any of the CSWD Drop-Off Centers. More information can be found online at <https://cswd.net/recycling/electronics/>.

Brenda's weatherization story

From VT Dept. For Children And Families

When Brenda called the State of Vermont to see if she qualified for the Weatherization Assistance Program, she couldn't believe her good fortune.

"I live on a fixed income and though I'm getting older, I want to stay in my home as long as possible. But just like me, my home is aging. It needed work — work I couldn't really afford. Then, my neighbor told me about Vermont's Weatherization Program. She qualified and said I should look into it. So I did. I qualified too!"

Brenda, like many Vermonters, didn't realize she was eligible for Vermont's Weatherization Assistance Program. And that qualifying for assistance meant she could get weatherization services at absolutely no cost to her.

"I don't think I've ever, ever come across such detailed, generous, efficient guys in all my life. I can't say enough good things about them. They didn't miss a thing. They did everything and stayed right with it. They worked on the furnace. They made sure the airflow was in order. They fixed my vents and sealed



Springtime and Jazz! The perfect combination brings Lewis Franco and The Missing Cats to the Westford Music Series on April 3, 4:00 PM, to the Westford Common Hall. Vocalist, songwriter, guitarist Lewis Franco will be joined by The Missing Cats — Will Patton (mandolin) and Dono Schabner on guitar — to complete the acoustic-jazz combo band. Known for their harmony instrumentals of the finest and most gifted Vermont musicians, they also will delight with the strong vocals. Expect originals as well as gypsy and jive swing tunes from the 1930s and 1940s, featuring close three-part harmonies and rhythms. Franco has been a fixture on the Vermont acoustic music scene for years, entertaining audiences of all ages with clever and occasionally profound lyrics, delight tuneful melodies, and fun-loving presence. Plan on a fun time. Free will donation. Mask required. For more information call Mike Kirick, 802-363-0930.
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them. They put insulation in. Checked my plumbing. Took care of the heat tape. They were wonderful. On a scale of 1 to 10, the weatherization crew is an 11!"

For Brenda, hearing about the program from her neighbor and then seeing an ad about it prompted her to call.

"I wanted to know if I was eligible for the program. I live by myself. I'm 72. I can only do so much. Prior to these guys, I had some work done that wasn't done well. I wanted to feel comfortable. These guys did that. I can't believe they did it at no charge. And they cleaned up after themselves, never left any messes. I can't say enough good things about them. They are over the top!"

The Weatherization Assistance Program improves the energy efficiency of hundreds of Vermont homes every year. Applying is easy. Local weatherization agencies can answer your questions and help you apply.

"My furnace is quieter now. It kicks on much less frequently than before, and the cost to maintain my home is less. I'm anxious to see how much fuel I save over the winter. I have a feeling I'm going to be very happy. The Weatherization program is worth its weight in gold, and I am so grateful for their help. I've told everybody I know they've got to apply!"

Learn more at <https://dcf.vermont.gov/benefits/weatherization>.

Where do I buy an EV?

By Ruth Machell Julianelle

Energy Committee Member, Underhill

The Underhill Energy Committee is continuing to answer answers people have about electric vehicles. These FAQs are not intended to be a binding, finally definitive document, but should give enough information and resource websites that a reader can get a general appreciation of facts. If a reader wants updated or detailed information, they should talk directly to dealerships and reference web sites with updated information.

This week: Where do I buy an EV? Major dealerships in Vermont are good places to buy or lease EVs. There are over 60 dealerships in Vermont that sell EVs listed on the site <https://www.driveelectricvt.com/find-your-ev/find-a-dealership>, spread across Vermont from St. Albans to St. Johnsbury to Bennington to Brattleboro.

Tesla does not have traditional dealerships, but has showrooms. Typically, a customer would book a test drive at a showroom and then order online. There are no Tesla showrooms in Vermont. There are showrooms in the Boston area, southern Connecticut, and New York.

The cars are delivered via a third-party trucking service to your house, or to a delivery center. If you are unable to test drive a vehicle ahead of time, you may return your car within a few days. A delivery fee of \$750-1000 is likely to be applied.

When looking for a used car in Vermont, check with Mileage Smart (<https://www.mileagesmartvt.org/cars>). They can help with finding vehicles and financing.

MOUNTAIN GAZETTE RATE SHEET 2022

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Happy St. Patrick Day

ART / MUSIC / THEATER

MMU Theatre presents *The Drowsy Chaperone*:

The Theatre Department at Mount Mansfield Union High School presents the hilarious, wild, raucous, and racy musical *The Drowsy Chaperone*. Join the fun on Friday and Saturday, April 1 and 2 at 7:30 PM, and Sunday, April 3 at 2:00 PM — LIVE ON STAGE at Mount Mansfield Union High School, 211 Browns Trace, Jericho. Tickets are \$7 for students and children; \$9 for general admission; available at mmudrowsy.bpt.me. MMU’s production of *The Drowsy Chaperone* is a multi-media performance incorporating video projections as part of the show. Check out a trailer for the production at tinyurl.com/mmudrowsy. *The Drowsy Chaperone* is a musical journey back to the Roaring Twenties, while keeping one foot firmly planted in the 21st century. As the show begins, the audience is invited into the apartment of a character known only as “the man in the chair,” who turns on his record player to share his favorite old musical, *The Drowsy Chaperone*. (In the 1920s, “drowsy” meant tipsy.) The story unfolds inside the man’s apartment, which transforms into a ditsy old dowager’s estate for the destination wedding of a Broadway starlet to a young oil tycoon. The man in the chair, a theatre aficionado, shares his insights into the story as well as gossip and trivia tidbits about the famous actors who portray the characters. Once you step into the exciting world that exists inside the man’s apartment and see the play through his eyes, you may never want to leave.

Westford Coffee House — first Fridays (by Michael Kirick): It looks like the recent wave of covid has significantly passed and I am cautiously looking to have a coffee house session on the first Friday of the month (to avoid the many holiday conflicts that I’ve found with last Fridays), making the next Coffee House on Friday, April 1, 7:00 PM at the Red Brick Meeting House. Dust off those rusty strings just one more time...

The Missing Cats come to Westford Music Series on Sunday, April 3: The Westford Music Series returns on Sunday, April 3: Springtime and Jazz! The perfect combination brings Lewis Franco and *The Missing Cats* to the Westford Music Series on Sunday, April 3, 4:00 PM to the Westford Common Hall. Vocalist, songwriter, and guitarist Lewis Franco will be joined by *The Missing Cats* — Will Patton (mandolin) and Dono Schabner (guitar) — to complete the acoustic-jazz combo band. Known for their harmony instrumentals, they also will delight with strong vocals. Expect originals as well as gypsy and jive swing tunes from the 1930s and 1940s, featuring close three-part harmonies and rhythms. Franco has been a fixture on the Vermont acoustic music scene for years, entertaining audiences of all ages with clever and occasionally profound lyrics, tuneful melodies, and fun-loving presence. His fellow band members add to the strength of the band with their gifted musical sensibilities to wrap around a dynamic performance. Plan on a fun time. Free will donation; mask required. For more information call Michael Kirick, 802-363-0930.

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Jericho Town Hall Art: Tracks. The latest exhibit of art within the Jericho Town Hall, *Tracks*, is now hung. It is open to all to view during regular Town Hall hours. The Town Hall does require masks to be worn inside the building. The show will run through April. Stop by to see how various artists viewed the theme. To pique your interest, Angelike Contis of MMCTV has created a short video of the work at <https://archive.org/details/jericho-art-tracks-jan-2022>. The video will also be posted on the Join in Jericho site.

VT arts and cultural organizations get digital support: The digital programming space — super-charged by the pandemic — is here to stay as audiences have grown used to being entertained, informed, and enlightened via the screen. But arts and cultural organizations have varying levels of readiness to deliver this content. The Vermont Arts Council has launched a new grant program to address the digital divide, thanks to \$1.15 million in funding approved by the Vermont legislature last year to help build the virtual capacity of Vermont cultural organizations.

The Council is now accepting applications for its new Digital Capacity Grant Program, which aims to support Vermont’s arts and culture organizations as they navigate the transition to digital by providing skills, equipment, and expertise to serve their audiences and community. The grant program is open to Vermont-based 501 (c)(3) cultural organizations whose missions center arts and culture, including museums, historical societies, arts centers, and nonprofit theaters and galleries. The application deadline is April 20, 2022. Two types of grants are available: organization grants and collaborative grants.

Organization grant awards from \$5000-30,000 are available to support the creation, distribution, and marketing of digital content for public audiences. A broad range of activities is supported, such as enhancing an organization’s website, establishing a social media marketing strategy, purchasing equipment for digital content, paying for streaming platforms, training staff, and more.

A limited number of larger collaborative grants will be funded. These multi-year grants for \$60,000-150,000 will support collaborative efforts designed to increase the digital capacity of a cultural community in a particular region or focused on a particular area or type of cultural organizations, for example, a group of museums partnering on a virtual exhibition initiative.

In addition to the grant program, the Council is offering a variety of free workshops on topics including inclusive and accessible digital programming, production and editing, website analytics and e-commerce, and social media marketing in partnership with Inclusive Arts Vermont, the Media Factory and the Vermont Small Business Center. The Council has also invested funds in nonprofits that provide services and support to artists across the state to deliver digital training addressing the specific needs of artists in their networks.

Information about the Arts Council’s digital capacity programming can be found at <https://www.vermontartscouncil.org/programs/digital-capacity>.



Come celebrate the best of summer at the Mills Riverside Park Summer Concert Series! All performances are on Wednesdays and start at 6:00 PM and end at 8:00 PM. Bring a picnic and relax to excellent music in a beautiful, natural setting! July 6: Shellhouse; July 13: Vermont’s Freedom & Unity Chorus; July 20: The Stragglers; July 27: The Buck Hollers Band; and August 3: The Robin Gottfried Band. PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Mills Riverside Park Summer Concert Series 2022

Summer is around the corner, and Mills Riverside Park has already scheduled the 2022 Summer Concert Series! Place these dates on your July and August calendar, and plan for fabulous music for our community!

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July 6: Shellhouse does melodic rock originals and classic rock covers. The group consists of Bob Teer, songwriter, guitar, vocals; Andrea Teer, vocals and manditar; Marshall Breakstone, bass guitar and vocals; Steve Wanderlich, drums; and our latest addition, Dan Lurie on guitar.

July 13: Vermont’s Freedom & Unity Chorus formed in 2019 to create a safe place that welcomes all voices regardless of age, race, color, religion, gender, gender expression, national origin, disability, and sexual orientation. We sing a variety of music: pop, folk, rock, soul, gospel... even Broadway! We are united in the fight for freedom and equality for all, and are steadfast in the hope that there are better days ahead. We guarantee that audiences will recognize a song or two and leave uplifted and inspired to make the world a better, more welcoming place to be. Learn more at vermontsfreedomandunitychorus.org.

July 20: The Stragglers will be bringing their “Old- and New-Time String Band Sound” to Mills Riverside Park this summer. Their repertoire ranges from Appalachian fiddle tunes through vintage country, bluegrass, and their own varied original compositions. Their sound has been described by Seven Days as both “unrelentingly mature” and “tastefully evocative.” Come see for yourself! The Stragglers are: Eric Bushey, banjo, electric guitar, vocals; Rusty Charpentier, fiddle, guitar, vocals; Preston Randall, mandolin, electric/acoustic guitar, vocals; and Justin Bedell, fretless bass, vocals.

July 27: The Buck Hollers Band is a high-energy group that loves connecting with audiences. They offer an eclectic mix of popular and little-known rock-n-roll, R&B, folk, country, bluegrass, newgrass, Americana, and Irish music. Decades of musical experience are blended with guitar, banjo, bass, harmonica, percussion, keyboard, and four-part harmony into a professionally engineered sound mix and a good dose of humor that appeals to all ages. They’ve delivered tight rhythms, sweet harmonies, head-turning a capellas, witty lyrics, and great comedy throughout northern Vermont and New York since 2015.

August 3: The Robin Gottfried Band offers memorable song craftsmanship and recognizable vocals, all brought together by soulful and interpretive playing that makes the music from the Robin Gottfried band worth hearing again and again. The paradox of chops cultivated in New York City but nurtured within the beauty of Vermont offers listeners a full and enlivened experience of sound and emotion. There is a strong individual identity derived from 11 released albums, yet hints of early Steely Dan, Little Feat, Joni Mitchell, Sting, Bruce Hornsby, or The Beatles, to name a few, can’t be denied. Veteran musicians Brad Sourdiffe, bass, and Ian Koeller, drums invoke a vitality that resonates as sincere and infectious. It’s clear Robin Gottfried and his band enjoy the music they make and the fellowship of the creative process!

March Art “Marathon” — art and a great cause! Westford EcoArtist Anne Cummings is teaming up with the Central Vermont Refugee Action Network (CVRAN), along with many other VT artists, to create work each day in March and share their process and creations with their donors. You can be one of them!

This CVRAN fundraiser will support the resettlement of Afghan evacuees as new VT residents, share what’s special about the place we live with new Vermonters, inspire new work by many well-known Vermont artists, and connect artists to their community!

To participate, go online to <https://cvran.org/my-place-is-your-place-portraits-of-the-mountains-of-vermont/> and make a donation of any amount.

You may donate through my page or choose any one or more of the participating artists (including Westford resident Orah Moore) at <https://cvran.org/march-arts-marathon-2022-participants/>. Starting in March, donors will receive exciting updates showing what artists are creating!

For more information or questions contact EcoArt, annecummingscoart@gmail.com or visit the CVRAN website, <https://cvran.org/>.

Middlebury New Filmmakers Festival is pleased to announce the return of MNFF Selects, its monthly in-person screening series at the Town Hall Theater in Middlebury, through May 2022. For this festival, MNFF Selects presents *Humans and Animals: Shared Experiences, Intersecting Worlds*. The series illuminates the deep connections between human beings and animals whose lives are intimately intertwined. Passes: individual tickets \$16 (under 12, \$7) available at www.midfilmfest.org, www.townhalltheater.org, by calling 802-382-9222, or in person at the THT box office, Monday-Friday, 12:00 – 5:00 PM. COVID-19 protocol: All attendees 12 and over must be vaccinated; and all attendees, including children under 12, must wear masks while inside the theater.

Upcoming films in the Series:
Buck [PG] Thursday, March 24, 7:00 PM. Directed by Cindy Meehl; winner of the 2011 Audience Award for Best Documentary at the Sundance Film Festival, *Buck* is a revealing examination of the life of acclaimed “horse whisperer” Buck Brannaman, who recovered from years of child abuse to become a well-known expert in the interactions between horses and people.

Grizzly Man [R] Thursday, April 21, 7:00 PM. Director Werner Herzog delivers a heartrending docudrama that centers on amateur grizzly bear expert Timothy Treadwell, who periodically journeyed to Alaska to study and live with the bears. He was killed, along with his girlfriend Amie Huguenard, by a bear in October 2003. Winner of the 2006 Directors Guild of America Award for Outstanding Directorial Achievement in Documentary, *Grizzly Man* is an epic tale of the profound and fraught relationship between a man and the animals he dared to befriend.

The Rider [R] Thursday, May 12, 7:00 PM. The highly acclaimed second feature from Oscar-winning director Chloe Zhao tells the poignant story of a young rodeo cowboy who, after suffering a near fatal head injury, begins a search for new identity, seeking to know what it means to be a man in the heartland of America. Focusing on life in the indigenous community of the Pine Ridge reservation, Zhao offers a penetrating vision of masculinity and humility set in a world where humans and animals intimately co-exist.

For more information about MNFF Selects and the Festival: <http://www.midfilmfest.org>.

Burlington City Arts will offer a summer camp, and registration is now open for their half- or full-day camps and aftercare; full and partial scholarships are available. For more information, see BCA’s digital summer camp catalog at <https://www.burlingtoncityarts.org/adult-youth-and-family-classes>.

BCA’s spring exhibitions are open Wednesdays-Fridays 12:00 – 5:00 PM, and Saturdays 12:00 – 8:00 PM. First floor: *Headwater*, a new series (<https://www.burlingtoncityarts.org/exhibition/eric-aho-headwater>) of monumental paintings by Eric Aho. Second floor: *What Still Remains* (<https://www.burlingtoncityarts.org/exhibition/sarah-trad-what-still-remains>) is comprised of single- and multi-channel videos by Lebanese-American artist Sarah Trad.

BCA is gearing up for another year of amazing summer programming in City Hall Park, and will present a large number of concerts and events in the park, June-September. With a focus on finding new VT talent and presenting a diverse lineup, we want to hear from you if you’re a performer, have a great band, or are a DJ that hasn’t worked with us before. Drop a line and a link to Zach Williamson, zwilliamson@burlingtoncityarts.org.



Cartoons and Comic Art by members of the Vermont Comic Creators Group will open Sunday, March 20 at the Emile A Gruppe Gallery in Jericho. The Gallery is open 10:00 – 3:00 PM. The show will be held through Sunday, April 24. Featured will be items from the antique cartoon collection of Robert Brunelle. PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

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Call Brenda Boutin at 802-453-6354 for more information or email mtngazette@mvavt.net

SCHOOL NEWS

MMU Project Grad online auction has begun

Mount Mansfield Union High School's (MMU's) Project Graduation Online Auction has begun! Go online to <https://mmuprojectgrad22.betterworld.org/auctions/mount-mansfield-union-project-gr> to see all the amazing items to bid on. Check out the many local restaurants and businesses that have donated gift cards for services and products. You will also find tickets to plays, comedy shows, baseball games and the movies, beauty products, food baskets, maple syrup, art, and much more. If you are interested in donating to this great cause without bidding in the auction, there is a link for that on the auction site as well. Thank you for helping MMU's class of 2022 have a fun overnight event that will keep them safe, as it is drug and alcohol free!



Mount Mansfield Union High School's Project Graduation Online Auction will run from Tuesday, March 1 through Sunday, March 12. Go online to <https://mmuprojectgrad22.betterworld.org/> to view all the fantastic items to bid on. Items include gift cards to many local restaurants and stores, ski tickets, art, photography, maple syrup, chocolate, entertainment, massages, car services, skin and hair care, a Vermont Teddy Bear, gourmet cookware, and much more! There is also a link to donate to the event on the website if you are not interested in bidding in the auction, but would like to support MMU's seniors. Project Graduation began in Maine in 1979 after the tragic alcohol related deaths of seven recent graduates during the commencement season. It has spread throughout the country as an alcohol- and drug-free overnight event, typically on graduation night. MMU has participated in this tradition for the past 28 years. The graduates will have a fun night filled with activities, food and entertainment to create a memorable end to their high school careers.

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Cambridge Elementary Early Childhood Program registration

Will your child be turning 3 or 4 by September 1, 2022? Cambridge Elementary Early Childhood Program is now enrolling children for our pre-kindergarten program for the school year 2022/2023. Our 5 STARS program offers a session for 3-year-olds Tuesday and Thursday, 7:30 AM – 12:30 PM; and a session for 4-year-olds Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 7:30 AM – 12:30 PM.

Pre-register your child at <https://www.lnsd.org/community/universal-prek>. To inquire about our program, please call 802-521-5613.

Underhill seeks Road Crew Member

The Town of Underhill seeks a qualified candidate for the position of Road Crew Member. This full-time position requires driving trucks with manual transmissions, snow plowing, operating a loader, excavator and other equipment, and physical labor. Applicants must possess a Class B CDL (Class A preferred) and a clean driving record, and must be able to respond to emergencies and snow removal outside of regular work hours within one hour. Underhill provides an excellent pay and benefit package (including health, dental, vision, life and disability insurance, a clothing allowance, winter on-call pay, and a retirement plan. Drug test required.

Applications due by 3/31/2022.

See a complete job description and application form at www.underhillvt.gov. To apply submit a resume or completed application to H.R. Administrator by email at jsilpe-katz@underhillvt.gov, in person at Underhill Town Hall (12 Pleasant Valley Road, Underhill), or by mail to P.O. BOX 120, Underhill, VT 05489. The Town of Underhill is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Weekend leadership program for high school sophomores

The Cambridge Area Rotary will be sponsoring two students to attend the Rotary Youth Leadership Academy (RYLA). Students currently enrolled in their high school sophomore year are eligible.

The RYLA is a nationally recognized honor that focuses on developing leadership skills, communication abilities, and team-building tools. This unique opportunity brings young people from Vermont, New Hampshire, and Québec together to share, evolve and learn to be more effective and self-confident

leaders in their schools, teams, communities, and other facets of everyday life.

The program will be held on the Lyndon campus of Northern Vermont University, Friday, June 24-Sunday, June 26. Over these two and a half days, participants can expect to learn by experience and actions, learn about personality traits and how to bring out everyone's talents, learn about their own traits and talents, and they have FUN while doing this! The weekend will include a service project where participants will personally make a difference for someone that they do not know.

Please share this information with any high school sophomores that you know. The application can be found on the Cambridge Area Rotary Facebook page: <http://facebook.com/CambridgeAreaRotaryVT>. Alternately, those interested may contact rachaelvw@gmail.com for a link to the application.

For more information on RYLA from a student perspective: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oGEF5ludjX0>.

CCV Open House for high school students and their parents

The Community College of Vermont (CCV) is offering several virtual open house sessions for high school students and their parents!

Go online to <https://admissions.ccv.edu/portal/CCVopenhouse> to follow links for the session(s) you are interested in and to complete the registration form and sign up. Once the form has been submitted, you will receive an email with an access link and more instructions.

Interested in more than one session? You can select multiple events on the registration form. The sessions are:

- Paying for College — Tuesday, March 22, 6:00 PM. CCV offers a high-quality education at the lowest cost of any college in Vermont and we are here to help you apply for and receive financial aid. This session explores CCV's comprehensive financial aid program to help you pay for your education through grants, loans, and scholarships.

- Free Opportunities for High School Students — Tuesday, March 29, 6:00 PM. This session presents the many opportunities for Vermont high school students to attend college for free while also earning credit towards graduation from high school.

- Great Opportunities for High School Graduates — Tuesday, April 5, 6:00 PM. This session explores attending CCV after high school, the application process, the student/adviser relationship, academic support, and career services.

NVU in-person open houses March 26

When: Mar 26, 2022, 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM

Northern Vermont University invites prospective students to Admissions in-person open house events on both the Johnson and Lyndon campuses, Saturday, March 26, from 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM.

Meet with faculty, staff, and current students to learn about programs, the admissions process, student life, athletics, and financial aid.

Register for the Open House you'd like to attend online at <https://NorthernVermont.edu/OpenHouse>.

The NVU-Lyndon Open House will also feature the NVU Learning and Working Community Symposium. All are welcome to learn about the fantastic experiences NVU students are having through hands-on, experiential projects, jobs, and internships. NVU's Learning and Working Community connects students with local businesses and organizations to build connections, energize student learning, and strengthen our communities. Representatives from area businesses and organizations are invited to attend to learn more and how to get involved. Please register to attend at <https://NorthernVermont.edu/LWSymposium>. Questions? Reach out to Admissions@NorthernVermont.edu.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to Executive Orders 11988 (Floodplain Management) and 11990 (Wetlands) and Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) implementing regulations at Title 44 of the Code of Federal Regulations Part 9, FEMA hereby provides final notice of its decision to provide Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funding for an action located in a floodplain and near a wetland. Funding would be provided through Vermont Emergency Management to the Town of Underhill to demolish a vulnerable structure to mitigate flood damage, improve floodplain capacity, and reduce risk to homeowners.

The action is located near Roaring Brook on Dumas Road in Underhill, VT. The project is to acquire and demolish a private residence and its outbuildings that have been subject to several flood events. Impervious structures (i.e., driveway, foundation) would be removed, municipal water and sewer lines would be capped, and filling, seeding, and grading would occur.

The project is within a mapped special flood hazard area (100-year floodplain) and approximately 10 feet from a riverine wetland area. Temporary disturbance would be mitigated by implementing sedimentation and erosion control management measures during construction. A map of the area of available upon request.

Demolishing the home was the preferred option because it was a permanent, cost-effective solution to the continued flood risk in the area. Elevating the residence above the Base Flood Elevation was not practicable. Grant conditions will require compliance with all federal, state, and local laws, including coordination with the local floodplain administrator.

Map requests and comments about this project and potential floodplain/wetland impacts should be submitted within 15 days of the date of this publication to:

Karen Vale, Environmental Protection Specialist
Federal Emergency Management Agency, Boston, MA
karen.valevasilev@fema.dhs.gov; (202) 699-0650

and

Eric Kuns, Senior Environmental Protection Specialist
Federal Emergency Management Agency, Boston, MA
eric.kuns@fema.dhs.gov; (202) 805-9089

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SPORTS NEWS

Contest encourages kids to move more

Do you like to jump rope? Swim, sprint, or do yoga? If you are age 18 or younger, enter the Move Together Contest!

Military Kids Vermont and University of Vermont Extension 4-H are sponsoring the contest in conjunction with the Month of the Military Child.

No military affiliation is required to take part, although all activities must be completed between April 1-29.

Go to www.uvm.edu/extension/youth/announcements for contest details, including the check-off list of activities.

You will earn one ticket for every activity completed. Most of the 20 activities are based on the military physical fitness tests.

Although not required for prize eligibility, participants are encouraged to take a photo of an activity in action and tag @MKVermont on Facebook and use #purpleupvt2022.

If questions or to request a printed copy of the activities list, contact Allison Smith at allison.smith.2@uvm.edu.

Mt. Mansfield Lacrosse Tiny Sticks, boys registration online

The Popular Tiny Sticks program is back for 2022, with sign-ups online, open to girls in grades K-3 and boys in grades K-2.

Boys Lacrosse is open to boys in grades 3-8, with the season running from the beginning of April (weather dependent) to the second week of June.

For more information about these youth lacrosse programs, contact Craig Benson, mmboyslacrosse@gmail.com.

Mount Mansfield Girls' Lacrosse Club registration is open

Welcome to the 2022 season of middle school girls' lacrosse — Mount Mansfield Girls' Lacrosse Club.

This program is for girls in grades 4-8. The season starts at the end of March (depending on snow) and runs through the first week of June.

Practice is held Mondays and Wednesdays, 6:00 – 7:30 PM, at Mills Riverside Park in Jericho. Games are Sundays in May and the first Sunday in June.

Please email melissamutolo@live.com for registration.

Cambridge Youth Soccer spring soccer registration

Cambridge Youth Soccer is excited to announce that registration is now open for our Spring season. Teams for girls and boys are offered from pre-K through U16, depending on enrollment.

Also, we are eagerly seeking individuals with time and energy to serve who may be interested in joining our board, as well as volunteers interested in working with us in other capacities, such as fields and equipment and program boosterism. Thanks!

Words with Meanings

By Kimberly Madura

(Merriam Webster)

Anxiety: Solicitous Desire

Solicitous: full of desire; eager; anxiously willing; anxious desire

Desire: craving for; lust for; coveting; the impulsion of physical and mental appetite or need; governed by cravings

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Thank You For Caring

March is National Social Work Month. Social Workers have a commitment toward the safety and wellbeing of children. You can too! Become a foster, kin, or respite care provider to a child or youth in need. Find out how at:

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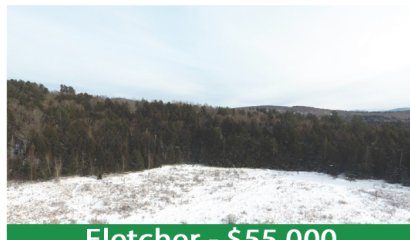
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What: 'In the foothills of Moosehead Mountain: the Underhill Abenakis and the Land'

When: March 28, 2022 7 PM

Presenter: Dr. Frederick M. Wiseman

Where: on-line, refer to Underhill Town Website

Underhill has been and always will be an important place for the Vermont Abenakis to hunt, fish, gather the bounty of the land, and trade with their neighbors.



The Cambridge VT Basket, ca. 1800-1850 of the 19th century Wiseman Collection, Vermont Historical Society

traveling Route 15 in the early 20th century, and the native ancestry and identity of modern town residents, these traces confirm an enduring Underhill presence of the first Vermonters.

and lifeways, including native crops and farming, hunting, and fishing. There will be time for questions and answers following the presentation. Sponsored by the Underhill Conservation Commission. Call Betsy for questions at 802-899-4576.