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Conant Landmark Farm Barn Centennial

Submitted by Alison Kosakowski Conant

On August 1, the big red dairy barn at Conant's Riverside Farms on Route 2 in Richmond celebrated its 100th anniversary. The well-known landmark, which was completed in 1915, has a little-known story.

On April 22, 1915, farmer and proprietor, Leverette Cutler Conant, was building a fence in the pasture along

Kenyon Road when the unthinkable happened. Smoke began to rise from his dairy barn across the road. As the story goes, children of some of the farmworkers were experimenting with matches in the barn when some hay caught fire. Flames quickly engulfed the structure, and the barn burned completely to the ground. No one was hurt, but the loss was substantial.

Leverette and his wife, Myrtle Martin Conant, were determined to rebuild.

A local builder named C.E. Miller was hired, along with a team of more than 30 local men. The lumber was hauled out of the woods by oxen, and milled on-site, thanks to a portable saw mill. The team worked tirelessly throughout the hot summer days. Together, Myrtle and her niece, Minnie Cutler, managed the daunting task of feeding the hungry work crew each day.

In just three months, the team had erected a brand new, bigger barn, and on August 1, 1915, Leverette began filling it with hay. The speed and precision of the team surprised many. The barn still stands tall today. This

time of year, the farm is bustling with sweet corn customers.

Riverside Farms was founded in 1854 by Samuel Conant and Harriet Pierce Conant, and has been owned and operated by the Conant family for six generations. This year, Conant's Riverside Farms will be 161 years old.

Today, the fifth and sixth Conant generations work hand-in-hand. The fifth generation is represented by David Conant, and his wife Deb. Dave is the eldest son of the late Ransom and Gloria Conant. Deb and Dave's son, Ransom, and his wife, Alison, represent the sixth generation. Deb and Dave's daughters and sons-in-law, Hannah and Matt, Emily and Drew, and Gillian and Travis, plus their six children, all live nearby in Richmond and Huntington, so the farm is always bustling with family.

Riverside Farms has a rich history. Many locals will recall the sudden death of Ransom Conant in 1969, and his wife Gloria's determination to maintain the farm as a young widow and mother of six. Reaching farther back in time, there are many little-known stories that add texture to the farm's history. For instance, in the 1850s, Ransom Merritt Conant (the first of three Ransoms at Riverside Farms) built a racetrack at the farm, to satisfy his love of horse racing. The racetrack is long gone, but the stories

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In front of the centennial barn, David Conant, and his wife, Deb, and their son, Ransom, and his wife, Alison, are the fifth and sixth generations working this family farm. Photo, courtesy of Cabot Creamery



Conant Farm complex, built around centennial barn and old brick house. Photo, courtesy of Cabot Creamery

News In Brief

Community Mourns Brendan Cousino

With the tragic death of Richmond resident Brendon Cousino, who was killed on July 30, 2014 in a three-vehicle crash on Interstate 89, the community lost a dedicated emergency medical technician and seven-year veteran of Richmond Rescue. Cousino's car was struck by a car driven by Karri Benoir, 23, of Barre, whose vehicle crossed the grass median into the northbound lanes. A native of Bristol, Cousino served on Starksboro First Response and was an EMT with Bristol Rescue in addition to Richmond Rescue, whose members were some of the first on the accident scene. Cousino leaves his wife, three daughters and many friends and family members.

A Go Fund Me account with a Goal of \$30,000, set up by friends after his death, has received donations in excess of \$51,000.

Two Residents Appointed Judges

Huntingtonians Kirstin Schoonover and Brian Valentine have been recently appointed to the Vermont judiciary by Governor Peter Schumlin.

Schoonover is an attorney with Vermont Legal Aid and will serve at Vermont Superior Court. Valentine has been appointed to the Family Division of Superior Court.

Additionally, Valentine is a familiar face in the community as he is a member of the Huntington Fire Department and Richmond Rescue.

The Vermont Judicial Board reviewed the applications of the two attorneys, along with other interested candidates, and forwarded the names of qualified candidates to Shumlin.

Schoonover and Valentine are the first known husband-wife combination to serve on the bench in Vermont.

Representative Rebecca Ellis Resigns

Rebecca Ellis, D-Waterbury, who was appointed by Governor Peter Shumlin in 2011 to replace Representative Sue Minter, who joined his administration, has stepped down. Ellis has taken a position with Agency of Natural Resources as senior counsel for government affairs this month.

Shumlin will select a replacement for the one year left in her term. The position is one of two representing Waterbury, Bolton, Huntington and Buels Gore. Local political groups will meet soon to make recommendations to the Governor.

Gorge Claims Life of Young Mother

Although the sky was clear on July 5, rain the night before made the water levels in the Huntington Gorge high that day. Elanie Santor, 22, and Brian Maccione of Milton were walking along a ledge at the water's edge, when they slipped and plunged into the raging water.

Maccione escaped, but Santor was trapped underwater. Maccione attempted to save Santor, but he was unable to free her from the current. Her death was ruled accidental. She leaves her parents and her young son, Levi.

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Letters

Huntington Community Calendar

We are now looking for pictures taken in or around Huntington for our 2016 Huntington Community Birthday Calendar, sponsored by the Community Church of Huntington. The pictures can be emailed to me: dcozzens@yahoo.com. This birthday calendar now has over 950 listings of anniversaries and birthdays. The calendar has ads placed on it by over 30 area businesses. If you would like to be included on this calendar or you would like to place an ad or would just like to be able to purchase a 2016 calendar please contact Becky Cozzens at 434-2235. All listings and pictures for the calendar must be in by September 15. Our favorite picture will be featured on the 2016 calendar. The price of the calendar is \$4 and the listings cost is \$.50 per listing. This is our 31st year.

—Becky Cozzens, Huntington

Vermont's Energy Policy Addresses Climate Change

On June 18, Pope Francis issued an urgent plea for countries across the world to address climate change. While Republican presidential hopefuls in the U.S. immediately brushed aside Pope Francis' call for action, Vermont legislators took bold steps this session to move our heating, transportation and electric sectors away from carbon pollution. "Climate change is a global problem with grave implications: environmental, social, economic, political and for the distribution of goods," wrote Pope Francis in his papal encyclical. "It represents one of the principal challenges facing humanity in our day."

Vermonters understand the catastrophic damage that severe storms can wreak on housing, businesses, and social stability. Tropical Storm Irene was an uncomfortable and expensive wake up call for anyone who downplays what climate change will look like in the future. In Waterbury, where I live, we saw first-hand how severe storms can ravage both buildings and lives. Scientists predict that storms like Irene, with heavy rainfall, will become more frequent and destructive. The question is not whether climate change will happen, but whether we can mitigate against the most damaging effects. Now is not the time for apathy.

Ten years ago, the Vermont legislature pledged to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to 25% of 1990 levels by 2050. This year, the legislature continued on that path with the passage of Act 56, a law that will increase the ratio of renewable energy in Vermont retail electric sales from 55% in 2017 to 75% in 2032, and keep us on the cutting edge of innovation. And just as importantly, it will help us to better control our energy future and keep our electric rates affordable.

With Act 56, Vermont is also the first state to address carbon emissions from the transportation and heating sectors through its renewable portfolio standard. Transportation and heating generate more than two-thirds of Vermont's carbon emissions. To meet the state's greenhouse gas goals, Vermonters need to reduce their reliance on fossil fuel in the transportation and heating sectors by moving to more energy efficient technologies and to less carbon intense energy sources.

—Rep. Rebecca Ellis

Getting Ready for the Start of School...

We are excited to welcome Hope Engels as the new Assistant Principal at Camels Hump. Ms. Engels earned her BS from Dartmouth College and her Master's in Education from Harvard Graduate School of Education. She has twelve years' experience including a number as teacher and education director in

Richmond Foot Clinics Scheduled

The Richmond Foot Clinics for Seniors are back. Mark your calendar for:

September 1	October 1
November 24	January 5, 2016
February 16	March 29
May 10	June 21

Clinics are held at the Richmond Rescue Building. Appointments can be made for 9 am, 9:30 am, or 10 am. Call for an appointment: Sally Singer (434-3480) or Catherine Coggio 434-3572

Bring a towel and enter through the back door of the building. The clinic is sponsored by Fletcher Allen Health Care. More information can be obtained at singersallydan@yahoo.com.

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Ms. Engels brings a wealth of knowledge and energy to our middle school and we look forward to her expertise and leadership. Please stop by Camel's Hump and welcome her to our community!

Other additions to the CHMS team include: Ms. Sabbatis Twichell will teach foreign language, Ms. Amira Bakr joins the 7th grade team Summit and Ms. Hannah Lindsey will teach on the 8th grade team Grit.

CHMS teachers have been working on professional development in Readers and Writers Workshops as well as math instruction again this summer. For the first time, 5th grade students will join in the 1:1 laptop initiative. I am pleased to announce that 100% of the CHMS student body will now have daily access to laptop technology.

The physical plant at Camels Hump is undergoing the annual rigorous fall preparation including: duct cleaning, painting, heating and ventilation system upgrades, electrical work, library window replacement, replacement of the upright refrigerator as part of the kitchen's upgrades from LP to natural gas, replacement of a 750-gallon hot water tank with two 119-gallon high-efficiency tanks that will run 100% off either the woodchip or natural gas-fired boilers, and draining the glycol out of the wood boiler and natural gas boiler systems as part of the school's insurance requirements.

Mark your calendars for the Second Annual Pumpkin Chuckin' on Saturday, October 24, 10 am-3 pm. Come and witness pumpkins in flight in expert to novice divisions. This fun family event helps support the continuation of the PROSPER Program; a seven-week program for sixth grade students and their families to assist both through the challenges of adolescence. If you would like more information about this program, please contact Rebecca Thompson at 434-2188 or rebecca.thompson@cesuvt.org.

Camels Hump Middle School continues to look for parent and community volunteers to help in the education and success of our students. 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.

Please consider volunteering. For more information, please call 434-2188 or email: mark.carbone@cesuvt.org.

—Mark Carbone, CHMS Principal

Terrific Honor

This summer, the notable COUNTRY GARDENS magazine will feature Christina Kateri Ladensack's home gardens. The magazine awards this honor yearly to the submitted garden judged the finest.

I think this is a terrific honor for Christina Ladensack and, by extension, the Town of Richmond through her.

Thank you for your work in your home gardens and in the Richmond shop, The Crimson Poppy.

—Maureen Kangley, Richmond

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Family of Fishermen



Despite the rainy day, the Streeter Family of Jonesville had a great day at the Fathers Day Fishing Derby, held at the Chittenden County Fish and Game Club. From left: James, age 7; Isaiah, five years, who placed first in age group 5-6 yr. olds; dad Bob Streeter; Grand Prize winner Owen, nine years old. Near the end of the event the rain ended and the sun finally came out to match the smiles of the participants. Photo: Susan Winter

MMU's 29th Annual Lasagna Dinner

MMU's Annual Lasagna Dinner will be held on Wednesday, September 9, 2015 from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm. The dinner is part of the school's annual open house.

The delicious dinner includes a choice of a variety of lasagna, green salad, rolls or bread, beverage and delicious pie. Take-out meals are available.

Ticket are \$8 adults, \$6 MMU students and younger, \$3 preschooler, \$25 family (2 adults; 2 students)

Tickets available starting September 1 at Beaudry's Store, Huntington; MMU Main Office; Jericho Center Country Store; Richmond Home Supply, Underhill Country Store and at the door.

At the end of the meal, MMU students will be selling the extra lasagnas, pies, salad ingredients and beverages.

All proceeds benefit the MMU Academic Boosters whose mission is working to provide activities and events that encourage the scholastic efforts of all MMU students through activities like:

- the Freshmen Breakfast, which recognizes freshmen who have achieved honor roll status and their parents. This provides immediate recognition of their success at the high school, as well as an opportunity for socializing.

- Ice Cream in Celebration of Effort in October, February, April. Every quarter, MMU faculty and staff members are given two coupons to give out to students who have made extra efforts in any area, not just academics. Students receiving a coupon can redeem it for a dish of ice cream during lunch on the specified day in the cafeteria.

- Honor Roll Rewards all year. Students who are on the honor roll are eligible to participate in this rewards program. Local businesses offer special discounts and free things to MMU students who are on the honor roll. Examples of rewards include free cookies, sandwiches, copies, and discounts on clothing. Click here for details.

- Recognition Night in early June for students who received an average of 3.5 or better for two out of the first three quarters of the year. A motivational speaker gives a 10-15 minute speech to the students, parents, and faculty in attendance. Students receive an Academic Excellence patch or pin and a certificate celebrating their achievements. A dessert reception follows.

- Staff Appreciation Lunch two times a year. Academic Boosters organizes a special lunch during exam week in January and June to show appreciation for all the MMU staff. Food is donated by parents of MMU students.

- Teacher Incentive Grants in March/April for the MMU faculty to assist in the expansion of curriculum, the creation of a special project, or the development of a significantly different or unique program. The grant is directed at enriching the academic lives of all MMU students. Previously, grants have been awarded in math, history, English, science, music, arts, and library acquisition.

The MMU Lasagna Dinner is the Academic Boosters' only fundraiser.

Red Cross Blood Drawing

The next local area American Red Cross blood drive will be held at the Richmond Congregational Church Fellowship Hall on August 19, 2015 from 11:30 am to 5 pm. Blood supplies traditionally drop during the summer months. So, if you have never given before, this would be a terrific opportunity to do so. Eligible donors can call 1-800-RED CROSS(1-800-733-2767) or go online to redcrossblood.org for more information and to make a blood donation appointment. Those with appointments are able to help minimize the time it takes to donate.

The need is always constant; the gratification is instant; please consider giving blood.



Huntington Soccer Sign Up

Sign up for Huntington Youth Soccer for students in Grades 1-6 is now underway. Registration forms are available at the Huntington Public Library, Beaudry's Store and the Huntington Town Clerk's Office. Download the form from huntingtonvt.org

Important changes to the program this year: all ages will practice on the same day as follows: Grades 1-2: Brewster-Pierce School; Grades 3 & 4 / 5 & 6: Huntington Recreation Field

First Week Schedule: Sunday, August 23, 4 pm - 6 pm; Monday, August 24, 5:30 pm - 7 pm; Saturday, August 29, 10 am - noon

Season Schedule: Wednesdays 5:30 pm - 7 pm; Saturdays 10 am - noon (No soccer on Saturday, September 5, Labor Day weekend.)

The cost is \$48 per child. The final sign-up date is September 2. Two boxes of donated soccer shoes are available for pick-up and drop-off in the Town Clerk's Office. Stop by or call about availability.

For more information: heidiracht@gmavt.net.

68th Chicken Pie Supper

The Richmond Congregational Church Chicken Pie Supper will be held on October 7. Reservations are required and can be made on line by going to the church website www.recucc.org beginning August 15 and selecting the CPS link or call 802-318-5359 between the hours of 6 pm and 10 pm. Large groups wishing to be seated together will want to reserve early. Seatings are at 4:30, 5:30, 6:30 and 7:30 pm with take-outs available at 5, 6 and 7 pm. Adults, \$12; children under 12, \$6; preschoolers free.

Lyme Disease: You Need to Know

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A late fee of 1% interest will be applied to late payments on August 18.

Postmarks by the 17th will be accepted and there is a TOWN CENTER DROP BOX located by the side door across from the post office entrance.

Town of Huntington

First Quarter 2015-2016 tax installment is due
Monday, August 17, 2015.


Town Clerk/Treasurer's Office will be open:
Monday, 8 am – 7 pm

USPS Postmarks on or before August 17th are accepted.

(Note: Internet-generated checks do not generally have postmarks.)

You can also drop your payment through the wall slot at the Town Office until **midnight** on November 17.

Late payments are subject to a 1% per month interest charge.



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Thank you to all our amazing Local Heroes! We are having a great summer learning about our community! Each Friday a special guest has visited the library to share how they are a hero. Special guests have included Brian Valentine, a volunteer firefighter, Brett Lindemuth, a Richmond police officer, Sue Irish, librarian at Brewster Pierce, Dr. Kerry Lindemuth, large and small animal veterinarian, Lisa and Roys Haynes with Sadie the Great Dane and Sally Hayes, Brewster Pierce Principal. We are also grateful to have Carol Bell, a Richmond resident who visits weekly with her friend and therapy dog, Cody for Story Time.

A special thanks goes to Bill and Julie Rogers and Dorothy Little, Cat Dumont, Deb and Dave Worthley, Paula Kelley and Heidi Racht for keeping the outside of the Library so beautiful.

Summer Reading Program Remember to keep reading! This summer incoming Kindergarteners through 8th graders are eligible to earn a \$10 Gift Certificate to the 2015 Richmond Farmer's Market through our Summer Reading Program! Several parents of middle schoolers have generously donated funds to support expanding our Summer Reading Program. Gifts Certificates will be available to eligible readers after August 12.

Come visit the Library for more details! And it's not too late to sign up!

New Adult Fiction GO SET A WATCHMAN by Harper Lee; THE RUMOUR by Elin Hilderbrand; RADIANT ANGEL by Nelson Demille; RUBY by Cynthis Bond; THE GUEST COTTAGE by Nancy Thayer; NYPD #3 by James Patterson; Miracle at Augusta; MEMORY MAN by David Balducci; IN THE UNLIKELY EVENT by Judy Blume; THE ASTRONAUT'S WIVES CLUB by Lily Koppel; WAITING FOR WEDNESDAY by Nicci French; THE KOMMANDANT'S GIRL by Pam Jenoff; THE BONE ORCHARD by Paul Doiron; THE MELODY LINGERS ON by Mary Higgins Clark; TRUTH OR DIE by James Patterson; THE WORLD OF ICE AND FIRE – THE UNTOLD HISTORY OF WESTEROS AND THE GAME OF THRONES by J.R.R. Martin; INSIDE THE O'BRIENS by Lisa Genova; THE EXILE – AN OUTLANDER GRAPHIC NOVEL by Diana Galbalon.

Adult Non-Fiction THE NAZI OFFICER'S WIFE by Edith Hahn Beer; THE WRIGHT BROTHERS

by David McCullough; A DANGEROUS PLACE by Jacqueline Winspear; BEE HUNTING by John Lockard; THE SIXTH EXTINCTION – AN UNNATURAL HISTORY by Elizabeth Kolbert; BEING MORTAL by Atul Gawande; THE TRIUMPH OF SEEDS by Thor Hanson; COMPANION PLANTING FOR THE KITCHEN GARDENER – TIPS, ADVICE, AND GARDEN PLANS FOR A HEALTHY ORGANIC GARDEN by Allison Greer; HOWL – A GRAPHIC NOVEL by Allen Ginsberg; MOTHERING FROM YOUR CENTER by Tami Lynn Kent.

Audiobooks TRAINING THE MIND – AND CULTIVATING LOVING KINDNESS by Chogyam Trungpa (mp3 CD); MAGIC TREE HOUSE – SOCCER ON SUNDAY & SHADOW OF THE SHARK by Mary Pope Osborne.

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Children's Books BIKE ON BEAR! by Cynthia Liu; NANA IN THE CITY by Lauren Castillo; RUBY AND GRUB by Abi Burlingham; ICE CREAM SUMMER by Peter Sis; BEE DANCE by Rick Chrustowski; ...AND NICK by Emily Gore; SOMETHING EXTRAORDINARY by Ben Clanton; MISS HAZELTON'S HOME FOR SHY AND FEARFUL CATS by Alicia Potter; LADYBUG GIRL FEELS HAPPY by David Soman; NOT THIS BEAR by Alyssa Satin Capuccilli; THIS WAY THAT WAY by Doreen Cronin; I'M HERE AND GOING PLACES by Peter Reynolds; NONI THE PONY GOES TO THE BEACH by Alison Lester; THE MOST MAGNIFICENT THING by Ashley Spires; BOATS FOR PAPA by Jessica Bagley; GERONIMO STILTON – THE LOST LETTERS by Thea Stilton; THE TREASURE OF EASTER – A ISLAND MAGIC TREE HOUSE book by Mary Pope Osborne.

Juvenile and Young Adult Books BIG NATE IN THE ZONE by Lincoln Pierce; NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC KIDS – HOOT! HOOT! HOORAY! AND MORE STORIES OF AMAZING ANIMAL RESCUES by Ashlee Brown Blewett; MINECRAFT – CONSTRUCTION HANDBOOK, COMBAT HANDBOOK, REDSTONE HANDBOOK, and ISLE OF ADVENTURE by Stephanie Milton; THE MAZE RUNNER, THE DEATH CURE AND THE SCORCH TRIALS by James Dashner; SAINT ANYTHING by Sarah Dessen.

Movie Night The next Movie Night will be on Friday, September 11, at 7 pm. Any suggestions for a family movie? Please drop in to let us know.

Story Time Story Time Babies and toddlers need books! Join us for stories, crafts, and more. Fridays 10:45 am.

No Story Time or Playgroup on Friday, August 21.

Fall Playgroup The Huntington Playgroup is sponsored by Building Brighter Futures and strives to create a welcoming, nurturing, and supportive place for children and their caregivers to come together.

For the upcoming year the Huntington Playgroup facilitator position will be shared between Jane Davis, returning facilitator, and Jen O'Hora. Jen presently works for the YMCA in the afterschool program live Y'ers at Brewster -Pierce.

The Playgroup meets Fridays, beginning August 28, 10:00 am – 11:30 am.

Please Note The Annual September Chicken BBQ is taking a hiatus this year. It takes so many volunteers and so much hard work to put together, we thank all those who have helped in the past. Please be sure to be watch for next year's BBQ!

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If you weren't able to come to our Summer Reading Clubs celebration party and get your reading record and reward, please remember to ask for it the next time you're in the library. We'll hold on to them until school starts. Also, don't forget to check the lists of the Guessing Jar winners. We have plenty of good books left in our prize boxes.

Thanks to the Richmond Market and Sweet Simone's for their generous support of summer reading.

Get in some summer reading before school starts. Here are just a few of the many new books we have: *MY BIKE* by Byron Barton, *THE BOY WHO CRIED WOLF* by B.G. Hennessy, *THE RIGHT WORD: ROGET AND HIS THESAURUS* by Jen Bryant, *SPACE CASE* by Stuart Gibbs, *PIP BARTLETT'S GUIDE TO MAGICAL CREATURES* by Maggie Stiefvater, *BIG NATE LIVES IT UP* by Lincoln Peirce, *LISTEN, SLOWLY* by Thanhha Lai, *AVA AND PIP* by Carol Weston, *CHALLENGER DEEP* by Neal Shusterman, *THIS SONG WILL SAVE YOUR LIFE* by Leila Sales, *WAITING* by Kevin Henkes, *GOODBYE STRANGER* by Rebecca Stead, *FUZZY MUD* by Louis Sachar, *BLACK AND WHITE* by Dahlov Zorach Ipcar, *FIREFLY HOLLOW* by Alison McGee, *LITTLE TREE* by Loren Long, and *CRENSHAW* by Katherine Applegate.

Early Literacy Storytime Outreach Program
Early literacy is what children know about reading and writing before they can read and write. Children get ready in the years before they start school. Helping them learn important skills early on lays the solid foundation they need to become good readers. The Library's Storytime Outreach Program offered to Richmond child-care centers and homecare providers, addresses the six specific early literacy skills that are recommended by the National Research Council and endorsed by the Vermont Department of Libraries. Storytime visits occur monthly and last forty-five minutes. In that time we will share a variety of fiction and nonfiction picture books; we will sing songs and make some music with a guitar and colorful egg shakers; and we will play with letters, words, and rhymes. Providers will receive a book bin with fifteen library books to keep for the month. We are currently scheduling visits for the 2015-16 school year. If you care for young children in your home and are not already taking advantage of this free program contact Wendy de Forest at the Library for more information and to arrange for visits.

Early Bird Math is an interactive math literacy storytime for young children and their caregivers. Through books, songs and games children are exposed to numbers, counting, shapes, measurements and many other early math concepts, and will enjoy a chance to play with their peers. Join Wendy in the Community Room on Fridays at 11 am beginning on September 18.

Lyme Disease and Other Tick Borne Illnesses
Do you love the outdoors? Many people are suffering from Lyme Disease and co-infections and are misdiagnosed, or worse, never treated. This presentation may save your life. Vermont currently has the second highest incidence of Lyme Disease in the country. We have exceeded numbers for epidemic status and yet, many Vermonters don't know what to do if they are bitten. Many people never even see the tick. Are you safe? Don't miss Lyme Basics. This presentation is sponsored by members of the Lyme Support Network. Join us on Wednesday August 19, at 7 pm.

Breakfast on the Farm Get your tickets to the first ever Vermont Breakfast on the Farm. Au-

gust 22, at the Tea-Nocht Farm in Ferrisburgh. Get outside, tour a dairy farm, and enjoy a Vermont style breakfast. Tickets are free with four meal times (9, 10, 11, noon). While you're at it, bring a herd of your friends and family, too! Tickets are required for entry and some are available at the Library. More information at <http://vermontbreakfastonthefarm.com>

Jazz Concert Late afternoon Jazz Concert w/ Alicia Phelps, vocalist, and Carl Recchia on piano and Arthur Dequasia on bass. You'll hear a mix of jazz standards sent straight from the swing era and originals with a new-age flair. Influences include Gretchen Parlato, Cecile McLorin Salvant, Bill Evans, Chet Baker, and Dexter Gordon. Friday, August 21, at 5 pm.

Book Discussions Thursday, August 20, 7 pm: *INNOCENT BLOOD* by P.D. James. (mystery)

Tuesday, September 8, 6 pm. *RECONSTRUCTING AMELIA* by Kimberly McCreight: A stunning debut novel in which a single mother reconstructs her teenaged daughter's life, sifting through her emails, texts, and social media to piece together the shocking truth about the last days of her life.

Thursday, September 17, 7 pm *SPIDER WOMAN'S DAUGHTER* by Anne Hillerman (mystery). Navajo Nation Police Officer Bernadette Manualito witnesses the cold-blooded shooting of someone very close to her. With the victim fighting for his life, the entire squad and the local FBI office are hell-bent on catching the gunman. Bernie, too, wants in on the investigation, despite regulations forbidding eyewitness involvement. But that doesn't mean she's going to sit idly by, especially when her husband, Sergeant Jim Chee, is in charge of finding the shooter.

Passes Craftsbury Chamber Players (two passes available), ECHO Lake Aquarium and Science Center at the Leahy Center for Lake Champlain, Vermont State Day Use Parks, Birds of Vermont Museum, Shelburne Museum, and Shelburne Farms. Passes are available for 2 days. (Late fines are applied.)

Seeking Collectors If you collect something interesting and would be willing to share it with the community we would love to hear from you. Every month we showcase something new in our foyer display case. Visitors to the Library enjoy the rotating displays which are secure behind locked glass panels. Let us know if you have something to show.

August Gallery Tim Goodrich photographs. Tim is an outdoor enthusiast and his images capture beautiful vistas and intimate settings of Vermont. September Display: Edible (and preserved) flowers created by June Banks.

Vermont's Flood of 1927 A New Look The Flood of '27 is remembered as the greatest natural disaster in Vermont history. Stories of loss, tragedy, and heroism abound, and yet the flood is far more than an episode restricted to the history of a single state. This examination of the flood and reconstruction by retired Middlebury College historian Nicholas Clifford sheds light on important facets of our national history, and helps us understand better America's passage through the often anxious and difficult years of the 1920s. Wednesday, September 30, 7 pm

Storytimes Toddlertime (for ages 18 months to 3 years) is on Wednesdays at 10:30. Storytime (ages 3-5) is on Mondays at 10:30. Pajamatime (ages 2-6) with Douglas is on Mondays at 6:30. We're very flexible about ages, siblings, and so on, so don't feel restricted by the age suggestions. No registration is necessary.

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Huntington Selectboard

Reported by Ruth Blodgett

The Huntington Selectboard began its July 6, 2015 meeting by visiting the Town Hall for a tour led by Town Hall Committee (THC) members Aaron Worthley and Linda Fickbohm to view recent renovations including a new ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) compliant ramp, bathroom and lift to the second floor. A new outdoor emergency exit from the rear of the second floor has also been added. Roof, insulation and window improvements are scheduled to begin before fall, THC members reported.

Upon returning to the Town Office, the Board unanimously voted to appoint Selectboard member Roman Livak as Huntington's representative to the Chittenden Solid Waste District (CSWD) Board of Commissioners until May 2016.

Animal Boarding Charges Town Administrator Barbara Elliott shared the Hinesburg Animal Control Officer job description she received as part of her investigation of neighboring towns' animal control boarding charges. The Board moved to set the fiscal year 2015-2016 animal boarding charges at \$10 for each day (or fraction thereof) of impoundment.

Stormwater Runoff Livak reported on a storm water runoff site visit around the Town garage with Anne Smith from Friends of Winoski River (FWR), Conservation Commission member Darlene Palola, Road Foreman Clinton "Yogi" Alger, and Elliott. Smith said FWR has funds for an engineering study providing recommendations for redesign and grading to improve storm water drainage by the sand shed, Livak noted.

Notification of Road Projects In discussion about a call from Dave Clark, President of the Huntington Fire District #1, which serves Roberts Park and Huntington Woods, questioning the status of planned work in that neighborhood, Board Chair Dori Barton suggested, "A little outreach to the Huntington Woods community would go a long way." Board member Nancy Stoddard, of the Highway Subcommittee, stated she would like the subcommittee to create a two-month plan for Road projects and share this information on the Town website.

Mysterious Lines in Lower Village Selectboard member Helen Keith asked, "Who painted the white lines near the Bridge Street bridge?" After concluding this work was not performed by the Highway Department, Barton requested Elliott research how these lines on Bridge Street approaching from Hemlock Hill got there, and if they conform with standards.

Elliott informed the Board how the open meeting law pertains to subcommittees. Since most of these subcommittees only have one or two Selectboard members, are merely doing research and not making decisions, they are not subject to open meeting laws which require posting agendas and formal minutes. The HR (Human Resources) committee has three-Board members, so it has to follow the open meeting law. The Board agreed to post agendas for all meetings, and have the option to take formal minutes or not.

September Bicycle Race A motion to grant consent to use public roads for the Green Mountain Stage Race September 6, which furnished a certificate of liability and traffic control, passed.

Keith presented plans for upcoming Lower Village Traffic Calming Ad-Hoc Committee meetings. "Implementation [of controls] will have to be temporary, since paving is a few years out," remarked Livak. "The Selectboard committed to do something before winter," said Elliott, "There was no commitment to a permanent solution, but at least some low cost things." Barton commented, "In my mind, we could scrape together \$5,000." Livak concurred, "There are quite a few things that could be done for a

small amount of money." Stoddard continued, "The whole purpose, we are going to do a test, phase one should be a test, we don't want to over promise." The Board agreed Alger should be involved in planning any tests of controls such as movable speed bumps, warnings, vertical barricades or delineator posts.

The Huntington Selectboard meeting July 20 began with Public Comment from Dave Clark, on behalf of Huntington Fire District #1. Clark told the Board residents were counting on planned Town ditching and culvert work in Huntington Woods be completed prior to a bank stabilization project to protect the district's water source begins in September. Alger responded the Town planned to begin the ditching and culvert work on August 3, weather permitting.

Camels Hump Road Traffic Bill Menning, a 20-year resident of Camels Hump Road, volunteered to conduct a traffic study from the junction of Camels Hump and Fielder Roads to the Burrows Parking lot. Menning, who took traffic counts on the road 10 years ago, believes the volume of traffic has greatly increased year-round, adding that this growth is driven mostly by rising usage of the hiking trails. Stoddard suggested the State be involved with traffic calming, since most vehicles carry State Park visitors. Elliott or Alger will investigate possible State assistance.

Subcommittee Accountability Chairs of Subcommittees shared work plans outlining each group's purpose, process, products, and milestones. Andrew Hendrickson chairs the Buildings and Grounds Subcommittee, which keeps track of operational and maintenance expenditures for Town owned properties. Keith chairs the Finance Committee, which considers recommendations from Town departments in the continuous development of the Capital Plan and creation of the annual General Fund Budget. Livak chairs the Highway Subcommittee, which is working on documenting a rolling work plan, updating the Highway Department's capital plan, and outlining best management practices. Stoddard chairs the HR Subcommittee, which works to clarify job descriptions and assure efficient compensation systems for municipal employees. Keith and Dean Grover co-chair the Lower Village Traffic Calming Ad-Hoc Committee, which has a combination of short and long term goals for increased public safety on Huntington's roads, starting with a focus on the Lower Village. Elliott and Barton are charged with managing the annual Selectboard calendar, ensuring all responsibilities are met. The Board discussed action items for each subcommittee.

The Board voted to authorize the expenditure of \$5,000 or less, for traffic calming devices and interventions associated with traffic calming tests conducted in the Lower Village this summer and fall.

Conservation Commission Clerk The motion to appoint Terry Ryan as the Huntington Conservation Commission Clerk passed after a discussion about compensation.

Dog Bite Regarding a dog bite incident on July 16, Livak asked what process was used as follow-up to the episode. Livak agreed to research State processes for addressing dog-bite incidents. Livak and Elliott will then meet with Animal Control Officer Pam Alexander and Health Officer Stefan Jacobs to document the Town process.

Town Clerk Recognition A motion to recognize Town Clerk Heidi Racht for successfully completing the three-year Town Clerk program at the Municipal Clerks Institute and Academy passed unanimously.

Volunteer Celebration The Board began planning a Dessert Celebration to be held at the Town Hall on September 28, at 7 pm, in appreciation of the efforts and contributions made by the Town's various boards, committees, commissions, departments and offices.

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Huntington Town Hall

The Town of Huntington received \$74,211 from the State of Vermont for a grant under the Vermont Community Development Program. A public hearing will be held at the Huntington Town Hall on September 28, 2015 at 7:00 pm to obtain the views of citizens on community development, to furnish information concerning the range of community development activities that have been undertaken under this program, and to give affected citizens the opportunity to examine a statement of the use of these funds.

The VCDP Funds received, along with other resources from the Vermont Arts Council, Huntington Historic and Community Trust (HHCT) and Town of Huntington Conservation Reserve Fund, have been used to bring the Huntington Town Hall into compliance with the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Funds were used for the following: parking and front entrance accessibility improvement including replacement of a non-compliant wheelchair ramp, installation of a vertical lift to provide access to the second floor and reconstruction of the rear exit from the second floor, the construction of an ADA accessible rest room, and replacement of non-compliant handrails on the stairwell between the first and second floor. The project was completed by New Leaf Design of Hinesburg, VT.

Information on this project may be obtained from and viewed during the hours of 8 am – 4 pm at the Huntington Town Office, lower level on 9/9/15. Should you require any special accommodations please contact Barbara Elliott at 434-4779 to ensure appropriate accommodations are made. For the hearing impaired please call (TTY) #1-800-253-0191.

Legislative Body for the Town of Huntington
Copy submitted by Barbara Elliott at 434-4779

Richmond Selectboard

Reported by Greg Elias

For thrill-seekers planning to launch make-shift watercraft along the Winooski River in Richmond, Float-a-palooza seems like crazy summer fun.

For considerably less relaxed town officials, the August 8 event, which could draw more than 1,000 people, looks like a potential public safety disaster.

During their July 6 meeting, Richmond Selectboard members continued to collectively wring their hands about the waterborne party organized through Facebook. They first discussed the event at their previous meeting.

“We should do more to get this event out of town because it’s a public safety nightmare,” said Selectboard member Taylor Yeates.

Yeates explained that Richmond Rescue, largely staffed with volunteers like him, is not equipped to handle water rescues. “If someone goes under, we’re just going to have to stand on the side and wait for someone in a boat,” he said, adding that a tragic accident would be “a scar on this town.”

Town Manager Geoffrey Urbanik outlined his concerns in a memo, which he elaborated on during the meeting.

It is the second year for Float-a-palooza, which Urbanik said only involved a few dozen people last summer. But a check of the event’s Facebook page on July 8, showed that 1,700 people planned to attend. It is being organized by former University of Vermont student Mike Trimboli.

“I believe that this event may have gone beyond Mr. Trimboli’s ability to control,” Urbanik’s memo said, explaining that a handful of floaters would be a “minor load” on public services. But without months of advance planning, he said, more than a 1,000 people could overwhelm town roads, parking and public safety personnel.

The flotilla plans to launch from the Richmond Land Trust’s canoe access along Cochran Road and continue to Bridge Street.

The conundrum faced by Richmond is that it has little legal authority to regulate the event, Urbanik said, and if the town becomes too involved it incurs liability should something go awry.

The state has sole authority over waterways. Regattas, boat races and marine parades are regulated by a statute that requires such events to obtain a permit from the Vermont State Police. Town staff thought Float-a-palooza would be subject to this requirement.

But the event has no official sponsor and Trimboli, the organizer, lives in Boston, according to his Facebook page. It’s unclear if such an ad-hoc gathering that attracts participants through Facebook can be effectively regulated, permit or no permit.

If participants alight on Volunteers Green, the town can insist they follow park rules, which forbid alcohol consumption. Otherwise, Urbanik said, they have the right to use that and other public facilities.

Comments on Float-a-palooza’s Facebook page point to plans for a good time. The page says participants should tie coolers to floatation devices. Photos show dozens of inner tubes and inflatable rafts lashed together and manned by partiers.

“Bring this shizzzzz on!!! wrote one poster. “Can’t wait to see a lot of peeps I know.”

Selectboard members had a considerably more somber take on hundreds of people – many possibly intoxicated – floating down the Winooski River. The discussion came just days after a

young woman drowned at the Huntington Gorge in Richmond.

Yeates was the most outspoken critic. He noted that Colchester Rescue is the only area squad that specializing in water rescues, and it could not solely focus on this event because of responsibilities throughout Chittenden County.

“It’s something that makes me really, really nervous,” Yeates said.

Selectboard member Bard Hill suggested the town simply block access or forbid parking along the access road that leads the boat launching area.

“People are so stupid,” said resident Maureen Kangley, referring to the July 5 drowning at Huntington Gorge, which authorities have repeatedly urged swimmers to avoid because of dangerous currents. Twenty-six people have drowned there over the past several decades. There was discussion of the currents and snags that could cause a similar tragedy in the Winooski River.

It is unclear if people who clicked yes on the Facebook page will actually attend. Urbanik said he spoke with Trimboli, who said he wanted the event to be safe but doubted anywhere near 1,000 people would in fact show up.

The town will continue to communicate concerns to Trimboli and perhaps attach to the permit application a letter from the Selectboard and Richmond Police Chief Alan Buck outlining the town’s concerns.

“One way or the other, this is probably going to happen,” Urbanik said. “I have no idea how many people are going to show up.”

Tax Time Richmond residents will receive welcome relief when their property tax bills arrive in August. Preliminary estimates show that the total tax rate will drop for the fiscal year that started July 1.

Urbanik outlined the rates and the Selectboard approved the municipal portion of the formula.

The municipal property tax rate will rise by 0.77 cents, or less than a penny for every \$100 in assessed value. For a \$300,000 home, that equate to a jump of \$23 a year. The municipal rate for the new fiscal year will be set at 65 cents.

But the education tax rate, a much larger slice of the total bill, is projected to drop by 4.6 cents. Based on preliminary data, the homestead rate, which applies to everyone but out-of-state residents who own a second home in Vermont, will drop from \$1.53 to \$1.48 per hundred dollars in valuation.

So the total homestead tax rate, shown on the bottom line of bills, is projected to be \$2.13. That is 3.8 cents less than last year’s rate, which will shave tax bills for a \$300,000 home by about \$115 a year.

Urbanik pointed out that the town tax rate is actually lower than what was publicized at Town Meeting Day in March, when voters approved a \$3.3 million municipal budget. The rate increase then was projected to be 1.3 cents.

He explained that the new grand list – the total value of all town property – exceeded the Town Meeting estimate. So the town tax rate could be reduced and still produce enough revenue to fund municipal spending.

As for education taxes, there was the usual caveat that the town has no control over the rate, which is determined in part by budgets approved by local school districts, but ultimately set by the state. Vermont had yet to establish the final rate as of the Selectboard’s July 6 meeting but released preliminary estimates that Urbanik used to produce his calculations.



Floatapalooza: Brief Update

For the second year in a row, ex-UVM basketball star Mike Trimboli, now living in Boston, announced an ad hoc float down the Winooski from the Jonesville Bridge to Richmond’s Volunteer’s Green. This year, all the publicity was on Facebook, and some 2100 people said they’d come. Bottom line: it all came off with hardly a hitch (and maybe none). Richmond Land Trust was concerned because put-in was adjacent to the Bombardier Preserve and the hayfield there is used by Maple Wind Farm. Signs kept the grass and clover from getting trampled. Meanwhile, the LaBountys provided parking and shuttles to the put-in, with Cara Labounty persuading Trimboli to donate proceeds to the Chill Foundation, a Burton-backed non-profit where she works. In the end, about 300 people showed up and had a great time on the river.

—Brad Elliott

Water Bond OK’d Amid Tiny Voter Turnout

by Greg Elias

Funding for a \$1.2 million water line project on Route 2 in Richmond easily won approval. But few showed up for the mid-summer vote.

The July 14 bond referendum was approved, 210-43. Only 9 percent of Richmond’s 2,806 registered voters cast ballots.

The project involves replacing aging and leak-prone water lines along East Main Street, the portion of Route 2 east of Bridge Street.

Selectboard member Bard Hill said the small number of votes cast was worrisome.

“I think that we should all be concerned when voter turnout is low,” Hill said in an email. “I was not sure how many people would show up to vote on a single ballot item, which tends to reduce turnout; and during the summer vacation season, which also tends to reduce turnout.”

Hill explained that he would have preferred to have held the vote on Town Meeting Day in March, when turnout is higher. “The timing of the vote was driven by financing opportunities, so this July timing was unavoidable,” he said.

Hill, who also serves on the town’s Water and Sewer Commission, was referring to the chance to get a negative-interest loan from the state of Vermont to fund the work. The financing allows the town to repay less than it borrowed.

The town had worked its way to the top of the list and learned it was eligible for the loan in late April, Town Manager Geoffrey Urbanik recently told the Selectboard. The financing carries a -0.7 percent interest rate, meaning the town to pay back \$112,510 less than it borrowed.

Another timing issue involves planned repaving of Route 2 by the state in 2017. Urbanik explained that road reconstruction can cause weak underground pipes to spring leaks, so the town should install new lines before that project commences.

The line replacement is but the latest improvement to the water and sewer system. The municipal system had long deferred expensive upgrades after its largest user, the old Richmond Creamery, shut down in the late ‘90s.

Last year, voters approved a \$1.5 million bond for a new water tank and purification system improvements. On Town Meeting Day this year, a \$2.5 million extension of the existing water and sewer lines down West Main Street barely won approval by a nine-vote margin.

Though the bonds were voted on by the entire town, only the small percentage of Richmond residents served by the system pay for the improvements. That has led to large rate increases for some users.

Urbanik said in an email that over the past few years rates were first restructured and then divided among three categories: residential, commercial and schools. He said that stabilized residential and commercial rates while making pricing more equitable.

Given rising rates and the close margin of the previous vote, it could be considered surprising that the latest bond referendum easily passed.

Hill said votes are unpredictable and he had no expectations about the results. He thought perhaps supporters, such as those who live along East Main Street who rely on dependable service, might have turned out in greater numbers. Or perhaps, he said, voters simply thought the town made a convincing case for the expenditure.

The East Main Street line replacement was designed and permitted under an earlier contract, so the town only needs to review the project and then seek bids for the installation, Urbanik said. He expected a contractor to be picked within the next few months, with work scheduled to begin in spring 2017.

Meanwhile, the future of the West Main Street project remains unclear. The Water and Sewer Commission has resolved not to undertake the extension unless the project can pay for itself by attracting enough new users.

Much will hinge on an upcoming income survey at Riverview Commons Mobile Home Park, Hill said. The survey will determine if the extension along Route 2 westward to Route 117 is eligible for financing that will help make the project financially feasible.

Two other smaller water and sewer projects are on the horizon, Hill said. On Pleasant Street, work is needed on a line that has components dating back to the 1940s. And on Bridge Street, some customers are connected to that Pleasant Street line and should be switched to a larger parallel line.

Hill said a new shutoff valve would be installed on Pleasant Street in the near future, while other components should be replaced within the next five years. The later project “would be best coordinated with the improvements planned for sidewalks on Bridge Street,” he said.

MMU News

MMU High School News Reporter Needed

The Times Ink is looking for a Richmond or Huntington student to write an informative and engaging column for this newspaper. The columnist must commit for the school year.

A stipend is available or the student may choose to use this opportunity to gain community service credit. This opportunity may also be used toward an independent study. This is a great opportunity to do something that benefits the entire community. Residents like to know what is going on at the high school, especially

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Grade 11: Eloise Bisbee
Grade 12: Colby Knight, Suraj Kushwaha, Nina Lam, Kayla Underwood

HIGH HONORS GPA 3.50-3.99

Grade 9: Natalie Mohn, Yvette Provencher, Charles Roberts, Zane Russom

Grade 10: Grace Brown, Taylor Christiana, Celia Goodyear, Trevor Haskins, Allyson Rigutto, Ian Sturm, Katherine Van Der Vliet

Grade 11: Breanna Dooling, Monica Marin, Kenzie Provencher, Georgia Yindra

Grade 12: Eli Frank, Elisabeth Hammond, Sophie Homans, Amanda Nielsen, Alana Scott

HONORS GPA 3.00-3.49

Grade 9: Gregory Burt, Peter Christiana, Rowan Hamilton, Eli Ogilvie, Perry Willett

Grade 10: Jay Chandler, Abigail Knight, Audrey Scott, Anna Valentine

Grade 11: Mira Coffey, Riley Towers

Grade 12: Jared Blodgett, Danielle Cummings

Richmond

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Grade 10: Amanda Grzywna, Loughlin Neuert, Jessica Peura, Benjamin Slattery

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Grade 12: Emilie Coffin, Michael Elkins, Isaiah Gilbert, Aaron Howland, Patric Kelley, Erik Killian, Alex Knakal, Alison Parker, Jesse Streeter

MMM Board

Reported by Diane Wester

The Mt. Mansfield Modified Union School Board did not meet in July and August. Watch for future reports.

Social Band at Round Church

Social Band, Burlington's lively band of singers, sings to summer with a program of music and poetry at Richmond's Round Church on Saturday, August 29, at 7:30 pm. Come share an evening and pay homage to warmer weather with songs old and new, including works by Vermont composers in a delightful setting.

Suggested donation: \$15 at the door.

Information: (802) 355-4216 or amity@social-band.org

Area Residents Honored

The sixteen appointed members of the state agency, the Vermont Commission on Women, have re-elected **Marcia Merrill** of Jericho to serve a fourth term as Chair. Merrill has served in this leadership role since 2006.

Established in 1964, the Vermont Commission on Women (VCW) is a non-partisan state government commission advancing rights and opportunities for women and girls. Sixteen volunteer commissioners and representatives from 25 organizations concerned with women's issues guide the VCW's public education, coalition building, and advocacy efforts.

Merrill is a Certified Public Accountant, and is responsible for the audit and accounting practices of Montgomery & Merrill, P.C., her woman-owned public accounting firm in Burlington. In that role, she works primarily with not-for-profit organizations, small businesses, and start-up businesses, assisting the ownership and boards of directors in the use and interpretation of financial statements, as well as providing audit and other financial statement services. Merrill has served in board positions for a variety of community and not-for-profit organizations that focus on women's and family issues.

St. Lawrence University students have been awarded Internship Fellowships for the Summer of 2015 session. **Alita F. Rogers**, Huntington, a member of the Class of 2017 majoring in sociology. She received the Daniel L. Brindisi '89 and Cynthia Brindisi 'P19 Internship Fellowship sponsored by Senator Gillibrand's Office. **Rudolf J. Bentlage**, Jericho, a member of the Class of 2016 majoring in geology. He received the Vivien Gardner Hannon Internship Fellowship sponsored by Museum of the Earth. Both attended Mount Mansfield Union High School.

Dean's List - Spring 2015

Gabrielle Rigutto, Huntington, a rising senior, Clark University in Worcester Massachusetts. She is majoring in BioChemistry. She has also been accepted into the Masters of Environmental Sciences and Policy at Clark University and will attend post graduation.

Kiera Johnston, Richmond, a Sophomore, Elementary Education major, High Point University in High Point, North Carolina. Her parents are Jeremy and John Johnston.

Richmond resident **Erik Andersen**, Husson University in Bangor, Maine.

Anthony Perri, Jericho, SUNY Potsdam. His major is Childhood/Early Childhood Education **Bradley Adair**, Jericho, University of Delaware, Newark, Delaware.

St. Lawrence University

Emily R. Adams, Jericho.

Trevor A. Bibb, Jericho, Class of 2015, majoring in history

Helen R. Cox, Huntington, Class of 2017, majoring in psychology.

Danielle E. Scanlon, Richmond.

Roger Williams University

Andrew Lange, Jericho, majoring in Visual Art Studies

Olivia Spence, Richmond, majoring in Architecture

Roger Williams University, is located in Bristol, Rhode Island.

University of Vermont

Addison R Campbell, Starksboro, ,Sophomore Undeclared major.

Gina E Cassara, Jericho, Junior Environmental Studies major.

Alison E Chivers, Jericho, Sophomore Medical Laboratory Sciences major.

Gabriel M Cohn, Richmond, First-year Biochemistry major.

Avery K Cooper, Richmond, Junior Music major.

Skyler P Davis, Jericho, Sophomore Public Communication major.

Mia M Faesy, Starksboro, Sophomore Public Communication major.

Jacob Fay, Jonesville, Junior Nutrition and Food Sciences major.

Gina M Gordon, Jericho, Senior Early Childhood Special Education major.

Samuel R Hartman, Jericho, Junior Business Administration major.

Jennifer J Hayes, Jericho, Junior Environmental Studies major.

Benjamin D Hegman, Huntington, First-year Economics major.

Alaina I Hendrickson, Huntington, Sophomore Public Communication major.

Dakota Jones, Jericho, First-year Biology major.

Michael J Lawler, Richmond, Junior Neuroscience major.

Ariana M Matthews-Salzman, Jericho, First-year Environmental Studies major.

Hayley S Maynes, Huntington, Senior Professional Nursing major.

Austin C Merrill, Jericho, Senior Biological Science major.

Jeffrey R Meyer-Lorentson, Jericho, Senior Mechanical Engineering major.

Anna R Ogilvie, Huntington, Senior Dietetics Nutrition & Food Sciences major.

Sarah A Patton, Jericho, Sophomore Psychology major.

Charlotte Paul, Starksboro, Senior Professional Nursing major.

Wynne S Poleman, Richmond, First-year Middle Level Education major.

David A Polson, Jericho Center, Junior Biology major.

Frederick L Torde, Richmond, Junior History major.

Rachael L Zeno, Starksboro, Senior Exercise and Movement Sciences major.

Champlain College

Melanie Rodjenski, Richmond, majoring in Accounting.

Christopher Miller, Jericho, majoring in Management of Creative Media.

Emilie Moreau, Jericho, majoring in Psychology.

Joseph Freitas, Jericho, majoring in Accounting.

Chelsea Rublee, Starksboro, majoring in Communication.

Dakotah Patnode, Jericho, majoring in Early Childhood/Elementary Education.

Niles Fromm, Starksboro, majoring in Graphic Design & Digital Media.

Miranda Haskell, Jericho, majoring in Psychology.

Kayla Mazza, Bolton, majoring in Professional Writing.

Erica Parent, Jericho, majoring in Radiography.

Elizabeth Lane, Richmond, majoring in Early Childhood/Elementary Education.

Chris Provost, Jericho, majoring in Accounting.

Rochester Institute of Technology

Chantel Charlebois, Jericho

Connor Maynes, Huntington

Jeremy Van Horn, Richmond

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, New York

Patrick Aselin, Jericho, Materials Engineering

Chelsea Lister, Bolton Valley, Communication

Sara Till, Jericho, Psychology

University of Rhode Island

Jillian E Reynolds, **Erik J Hurley**, **Celia M Dunn**, all of Jericho

URI is in Kingston, Rhode Island

Ithaca College

Jaclyn Meshako, Jericho

Elizabeth Morris, Richmond

Ithaca College is in Ithaca, New York.

University of New Hampshire

Marina Bowie, Jericho, High Honors

Emily Desautels, Richmond, Honors

Annavitte Rand, Richmond, Highest Honors

Caroline Quintal, Richmond, Honors

Kristina Cyr, Richmond, Honors

Abigail Hahr, Starksboro, High Honors

Meghan Hahr, Starksboro, High Honors

Honors List - Spring 2015

Erik Andersen, Richmond, Husson University, Bangor, Maine

Local Graduates

Jeremy Van Horn of Richmond graduated from Rochester Institute of Technology with a Bachelor of Science degree in chemical engineering from RIT's Kate Gleason College of Engineering in the spring 2014-2015 semester.

Benjamin George of Richmond, and **Keith MacDonald** and **Jaclyn Meshako**, both of Jericho, graduated from Ithaca College in Ithaca, New York.

Jillian E. Reynolds, Jericho, received a Doctor of Pharmacy, Summa Cum Laude, from the University of Rhode Island, Kingston, Rhode Island

Chelsea Lister, Bolton Valley, graduated from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, in Troy, New York, with a BS in Communication.

Tucker White, Jericho, Bates College, Lewiston, Maine, Economic major. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. David E. White and a 2011 graduate of Northfield Mount Hermon School.

Christina Ladensack Wins Gardening Award

by Jane M. Vossler

On August 11, *COUNTRY GARDENS* magazine hit the newsstands across the US and Canada. Eager gardeners opened it to discover a six-page spread with 24 color photos of Christina Ladensack's gardens. The magazine chose her gardens for its BEST CLASSIC COUNTRY GARDEN award. *COUNTRY GARDENS* is popular in the US and Canada, and its award is a real honor. *TIMES INK* readers may know Christina Ladensack as the owner of Crimson Poppy, a florist shop on Bridge Street which she's operated for the last eleven years. Her floral designs are widely admired, but not everyone knows about the extensive gardens she's created at her home in Duxbury.

Nineteen years ago when Christina and her husband Eric bought fifty acres, it was all woods, part of an old logging operation. They opened up the forest enough to build a house and then gradually kept cutting down more and more trees. Where once trees had grown, Ladensack planted flowers and shrubs, creating more and more gardens as the years passed. Today, five acres of gardens are cut into the steep hillsides that surround the house. From certain vantage points, there are magnificent views of Camels Hump in one direction and distant rolling hills in the other direction. Rocks are artistically placed and paths wind up and down and across the hills. Ladensack says she's lucky that her husband is an excavator and has an artistic eye with rocks. Their property is surrounded by state land adding to the feeling of a secluded paradise.

In high school, Ladensack thought she'd be an art teacher, but instead she married, had children, and along the way developed a passion for gardening. "I didn't know anything when I started," Ladensack admitted. "I bought a pack of pansies and stuck them in the ground." Then her mother gave her some plants from Ladensack's grandmother, who had planted roses and lilies of the valley and peonies in her Burlington garden. Her mother, who Ladensack describes as "a great gardener," gave her more plants from her own garden. Ladensack started to get interested. She read magazines about gardening, studied the plants she saw at garden centers, and did some landscaping with a friend.

Slowly she learned, and as her knowledge and her love of gardening grew, she added more and more gardens.

The land is mostly clay and when Ladensack designs a garden space she digs out the clay, usually by hand, carries it away in buckets, and then replaces it with a rich mixture of soil that she makes herself with soil from the woods, peat

moss and compost. She said that when she designs a garden, she thinks about textures rather than color. That's what really interests her.

Last year, Ladensack was reading the latest issue of *COUNTRY GARDENS*. She noticed a contest for gardeners. She decided it would be fun to enter and submitted the required essay and photos by the September deadline. By February, she'd forgotten all about the contest until one day *COUNTRY GARDENS* called to say she had won. "I was shocked," she said. "I couldn't wait to call my mom."

Winning was followed by a long process. A writer and photographer set up a time at the end of June to come and visit her gardens. She said, "I went like mad getting ready."



Ladensack gave them a tour. They didn't say anything at first and it made her nervous. Did they like the gardens? Did they hate them? She couldn't tell. Finally, they said they don't usually see home gardens on this scale, and they were speechless with amazement. They took "thousands of photos" and came back the next day. For six hours, the photographer took more photos, and the writer asked her a lot of questions. Now, the magazine is in the hands of other gardeners who look at Ladensack's gardens and are inspired to design and dig and plant their own lovely spaces.

She enjoys doing a variety of tasks as a gardener. She starts annuals from seeds and adds them to the garden among the perennials. She collects varieties of favorite plants such as Hydrangeas. She has ten different kinds. She has an arbor covered with wisteria which she grew from bare root. She places objects strategically in the gardens such as old baskets, unusual containers and statues. She does a lot of planting in huge pots. She likes to experiment by "pushing the zone." Her gardens are in Zone 3, and she sometimes puts in plants meant for a much warmer climate in Zone 5 or 6 to see if they'll survive the cold Vermont winter.

As you might expect from such a hard working, creative person, Christina Ladensack has big plans for the future. For several years, she has been saving her money and dreaming of having a shop in the gardens. Her father is building it for her this summer, and it will open next year. She plans to sell statuary, perennials and shrubs, and greeting

cards she designs herself. When the shop opens, she plans to also open her gardens by appointment for garden tours and English style teas. She also dreams of putting in a grand stairway and a swimming pond. "I always have ideas," she explained.

What you see in her gardens today might not be exactly what you'll see next year or even next month. "The garden itself is always changing," said Ladensack. "I love to rip stuff out and start anew... What I love the most is making the vision in my head come to reality."

You can check out the article, ONE BOULDER AT A TIME, in the August issue of *COUNTRY GARDENS* which is available at the Richmond Fee Library or at the Better Homes and Gardens website: <http://www.bhg.com/gardening/landscaping-projects/landscape-basics/country-gardens-award-winner-camels-hump/>.

And you might want to make a note to yourself to sign up for a tour and tea next summer. To be in the presence of so much beauty will leave you inspired by what Christina Ladensack, with her incredible energy and artistic talent has created and continues to create.

Photos by Jane Vossler



She edged the gardens, put new stone in her long steep driveway, and, of course, like any gardener, weeded and weeded and weeded some more.

When the writer and photographer arrived,



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Retirement Celebration



In recognition of his 10 years of hard work and dedication, Steve Barron receives a certificate of appreciation from Huntington Selectboard member Nancy Stoddard. Huntington Highway Department member Steve Barron retired at the end of May. The Road Crew organized a potluck lunch to help him celebrate, and the Town Garage was turned into a festive banquet hall. Road crew members from neighboring towns stopped by and enjoyed lunch with town officials, as well as a number of local residents who have helped repair the town's roads in recent years. Photo: Mary Keller-Butler

Personal Essay

A Home Heating Revolution

Submitted by Betsy Hardy

A revolution in home heating is going on across the country, but many people haven't heard about it yet. This technological revolution is cold climate heat pumps, and they are showing up all over Vermont.

The heat pumps seem a bit magical. They take heat from the outside air (even on very cold winter nights!) and pump it inside to heat the house. The basic technology is not new – it's similar to what refrigerators use to keep food cold. But it has taken decades of continually improving on heat pump technology to get to this point where they can now effectively heat homes through cold Vermont winters.

Heat pumps operate on electricity, and are very efficient - much more so than regular space heaters - so it costs less to use them. I can vouch for them because my home was heated with two heat pumps through this past cold winter.

Let me back up a bit and tell about my home. It's an older house in Richmond Village, built in 1907. It's on Jericho Road near the schools. Though it's not at all fancy, it's comfortable. I've been in a four-stage process to make the house energy efficient.

The work began in the spring of 2012 with weatherization. The attic was air sealed and well insulated with two feet of cellulose, and foam insulation was used on the basement walls.

In 2013, the house needed a new roof, and a metal one was put on. After the roof was finished, a solar array was installed on it. And the old hot water heater was removed, and a new heat pump hot water heater was installed in the basement. Some doors and windows have also been replaced

Stage three, in October 2014, was the installation of the two cold climate heat pumps. During this past winter, the heat pumps were really put to the test, and they did a great job of heating my home!

I didn't have to buy any fuel oil all winter since the heat pumps run on electricity. The boiler was the back-up heat for the heat pumps. It

came on occasionally on the very cold nights. I still had almost a half tank of oil left over from the previous heating season, but used less than 60 gallons of it during the 2014 - 2015 winter.

The last stage of this long process is almost complete. The fuel tank and boiler have recently been removed from the basement. A woodstove was installed on the first floor to be the back-up heat for the heat pumps. Soon the basement ceiling will be insulated with foam.

The solar array produced enough electricity through the spring, summer, and early fall in 2014 to build up a substantial credit with Green Mountain Power. Then with the heat pumps running steadily all winter, this credit was drawn down, but it wasn't completely used up so I didn't have electric bills to pay.

I am a member of the Richmond Climate Action Committee (RCAC), Richmond's town energy committee. If you have questions, please be in touch. Other RCAC members can also answer questions.

As a person of faith, I feel called to reduce my carbon emissions as an important way to care for creation. My hope is more people will see that these steps to use energy wisely are actions they too can take. To encourage this and make it easier to visualize, I'll have an open house on Saturday, August 29, 1 pm - 4 pm, for those who would like to see the heat pumps and other energy work done here. If you plan to come to the open house, it would be helpful if you'd give me a call at 434-3397 or email betsyh@gmavt.

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The July 4 activities went off without a hitch. The parade was great with several floats entered by new groups. The Grand Marshal of this year's parade was Richmond Town Clerk Linda Parent.

There were many beautiful horses and many marching groups, such as the Richmond Community Band and the St. Andrews Pipe Band.

This year there was a new addition to the parade categories — mud bog trucks and jeeps. Who knew what they looked like when they were all cleaned up?

If you have not picked up your award, please check with Linda at the Town Clerk's Office.

Fun was had by all after the parade at Volunteer's Green. A lot of fun was had at the children's games. BINGO proved to be a favorite. The dunking stool was a major hit, especially when it got hot in the afternoon. Many people attended and bought items at the auction. Cameron Thomas served as the auctioneer for the first time this year and did a great job! The Community Band played its concert in the afternoon, along with Toni Basanta of MMCTV playing his tunes in the band shell. The car show was a hit, along with many people at the flea market area.

There was enough food for everyone, as usual...Chicken BBQ was sold out!!!!.

It rained some during the band shows at night, but the fireworks went on as scheduled. The show was spectacular. The groups and people who supported the event are too numerous to mention, so the Parade and Fireworks Committee extends a thank you to all who participated. Please consider joining the fun of being on the committee. New members are needed to keep this Richmond Tradition going. If you are interested in joining the committee, contact Linda Parent at the Town Clerk's Office.

—Richmond Parade and Fireworks Committee



July 4, 2015 Parade & Horse Awards

Parade Awards

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~ Lucy -Lotta Rosen
~ Country - Sue Tice
~ Peter - Jen

Honorary Mention Ribbon
~ Chief - Mike Ovitt
~ Tomahawk - Johannas
~ Lily - Katelyn

Mud Truck Award ~ Trophy -Run Stick B's
~ Ribbon - Jeep Girl

From Woodlot to Winter Warmth

Submitted by Diane Reynolds

Do wonder if you are taking good care of your forested property? Are you frustrated with your wood stove? Get some answers. On September 17, the Huntington Energy Committee (HEC) is presenting a forum on wood. All about wood. Titled FROM WOODLOTS TO WINTER WARMTH, the HEC will offer speakers on topics ranging from managing a woodlot to storing and burning wood.

HEC member Knox Cummin had been pushing to hold a presentation on wood.

"We've had forums about the more tech-y stuff like solar arrays and heat pumps. It's good to know about but there's plenty of people in town for whom that's out of reach or it's not where their priorities are. Here's something that will reach a lot of people. We have a lot of wood in Huntington and a lot of people who burn wood."

Cummin says Huntington has a larger percentage of forested land than many other towns. There's a lot of slope and that tends not to be built upon. He also likes that wood is a very decentralized fuel.

"With a little expertise or a little help you can get yourself fuel so you have a little more control over your heating needs and costs."

One or more knowledgeable speakers will present on woodlot management and low impact harvesting. HEC chair and owner of a woodlot, Ross Ogilvie, says that he himself would like to know more.

"I have about 11 acres and I'm not really managing my woodlot so to speak. I'm just basically trying to keep up with the wood that falls down. I cut my own wood. If I can get down to six cords instead of eight, boy, that's great because it's a lot of work to put together a cord."

An electrical engineer, Ogilvie loves delving into energy. He will present BTU data on the fuel and the different kinds of trees.

"Energy and its consumption in all forms has fascinated me for years. I've always been creating spreadsheets for different types of energy. I love a technical challenge."

The forum will also cover stacking and storage, another topic motivating Cummin. He says you don't want to burn watery wood using a lot of your heat to gasify the moisture.

"As I drove around town I saw wood piles that were just trapping moisture. I'd see a tarp that went over the top of the pile and then down to the ground. And it's important to get your wood pile up off the ground. People aren't thinking about getting rid of moisture...they're just thinking about keeping it from getting rained on."

Finally, there will be a segment on stoves and stove safety.

Cummin relates a cautionary tale from far in his past.

"A good part of burning wood for winter warmth is to make sure you don't warm yourself right out of your house. We were burning wood that wasn't fully dried. It was just any old stuff. We forgot to open the damper to burn it hot. Later, there was this funny roaring sound..."

Cummin points out that stoves have come a long way. Reliable secondary combustion has made catalytic converters unnecessary.

"You can get a clean burn without a converter. It's important for people to know that. And many people don't really know how to run their stoves. There are a lot of helpful hints that can be picked up from the woodstove community."

HEC hopes that the forum will be brimming with helpful hints. Ogilvie, for example, has been a keen observer of his own wood boiler. He says pine actually has some characteristics that makes it much more durable in a fire than, say, oak is. But it still must be mixed with oak.

"When oak disintegrates, it falls down, which is good because you need a bed of coals for a good fire. If you have just pine in there it will actually suspend itself and not break up and fall down. So, to burn pine efficiently then you need to mix it with oak."

Ogilvie has chaired the energy committee a little over a year. During that time they've presented on solar arrays and heat pumps. About 40 people attended the latter and several bought heat pumps.

"As a result of SunCommon's presentations I've become a member of one of their solar CSAs. It's easy to join a CSA (Community Supported Array). The one I've joined is in Fairfield."

The HEC had come out of a somewhat dormant period.

"We've just commissioned a new logo designed by a student. We will put it on a banner for all our events. We want to make our presence known."

Has the Huntington Selectboard supported the energy committee?

"Absolutely," he says. "They've given us \$1,000. We want to spend that money to further our cause. Our cause is to get people more efficiently using energy and greener energy and everything else that's good for the planet."

Save the date. FROM WOODLOTS TO WINTER WARMTH will be presented on Thursday 9-17-15 at 7 pm at the Huntington Library on the Main Road.

Other HEC members include Ella Bisbee, Dave Clark, Bret Hamilton, Dan Stoddard, and Diane Reynolds. If you have any questions or know of any topics (no matter how obscure) that should be covered in the presentation, contact Ogilvie at crogilvie54@gmail.com or 434-2507 or Reynolds at dianer@gmavt.net or 434-6441.

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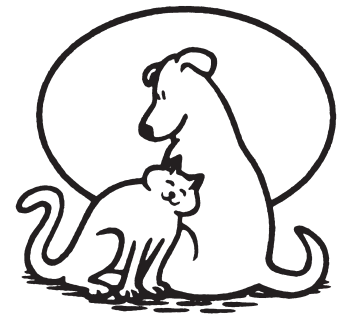
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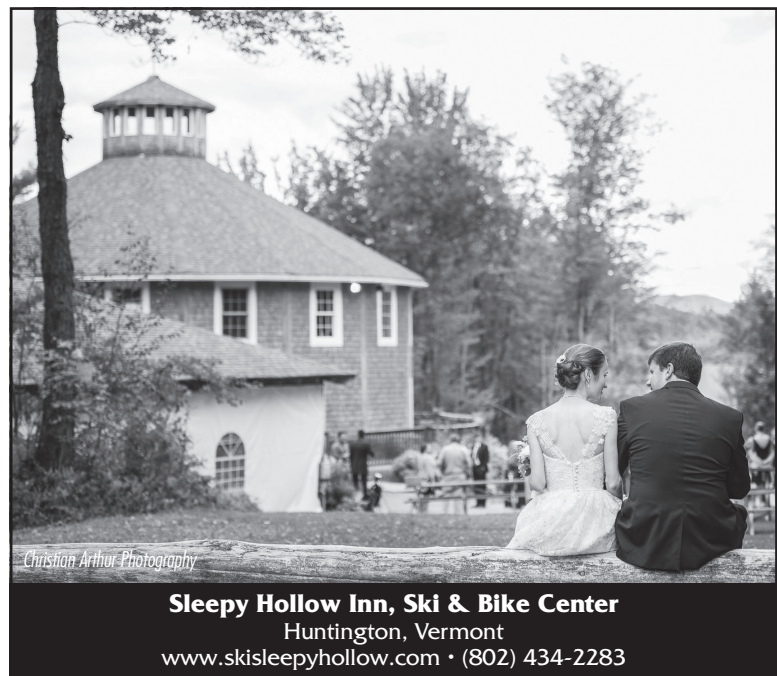
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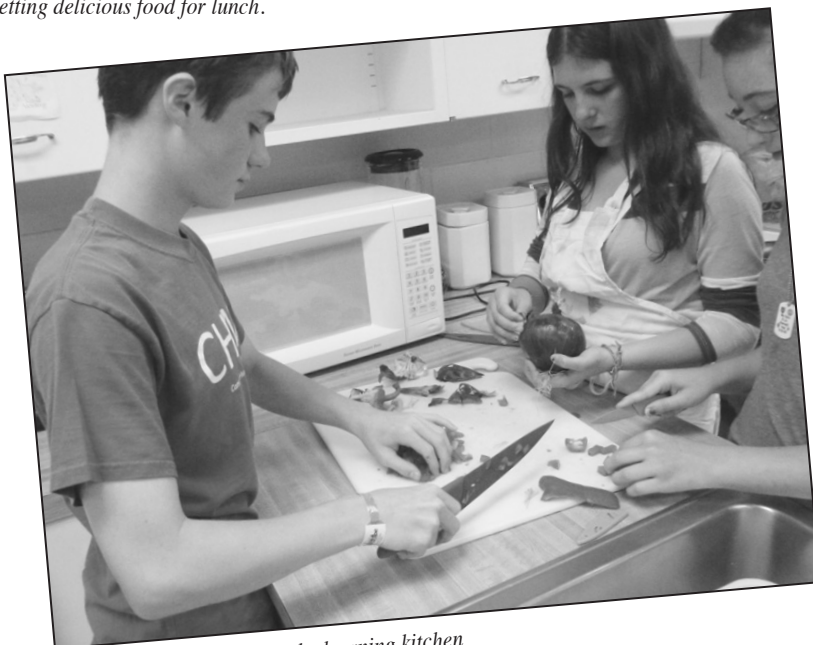
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We could never have expanded without tremendous support from the local community. OCCC is also lucky to have a talented crew of counselors and kitchen staff, many of whom are volunteers. We had over 1350 volunteer hours donated this year by 22 interns. It's always hard to say goodbye, but we're already looking forward to next year.

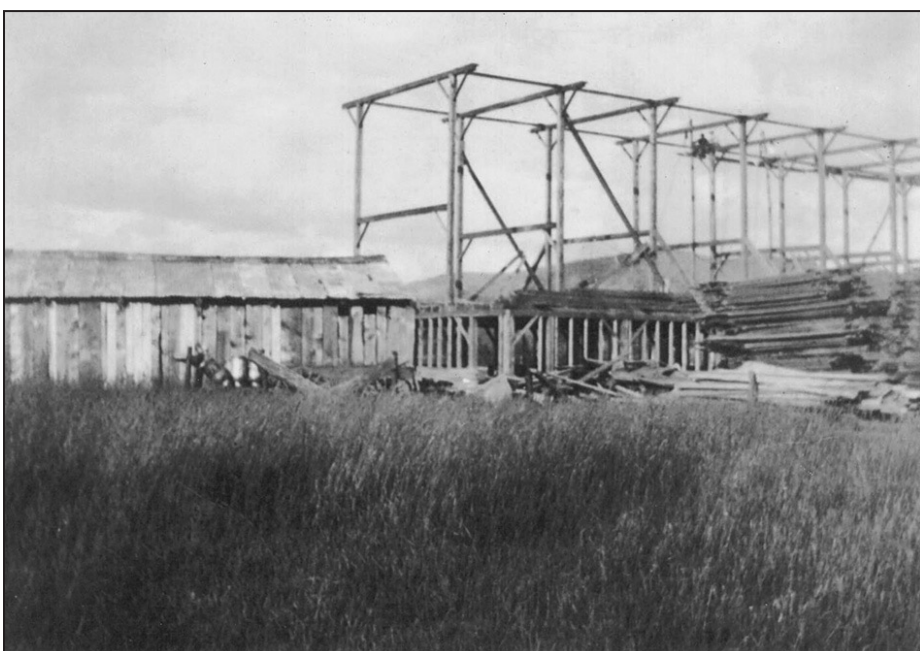
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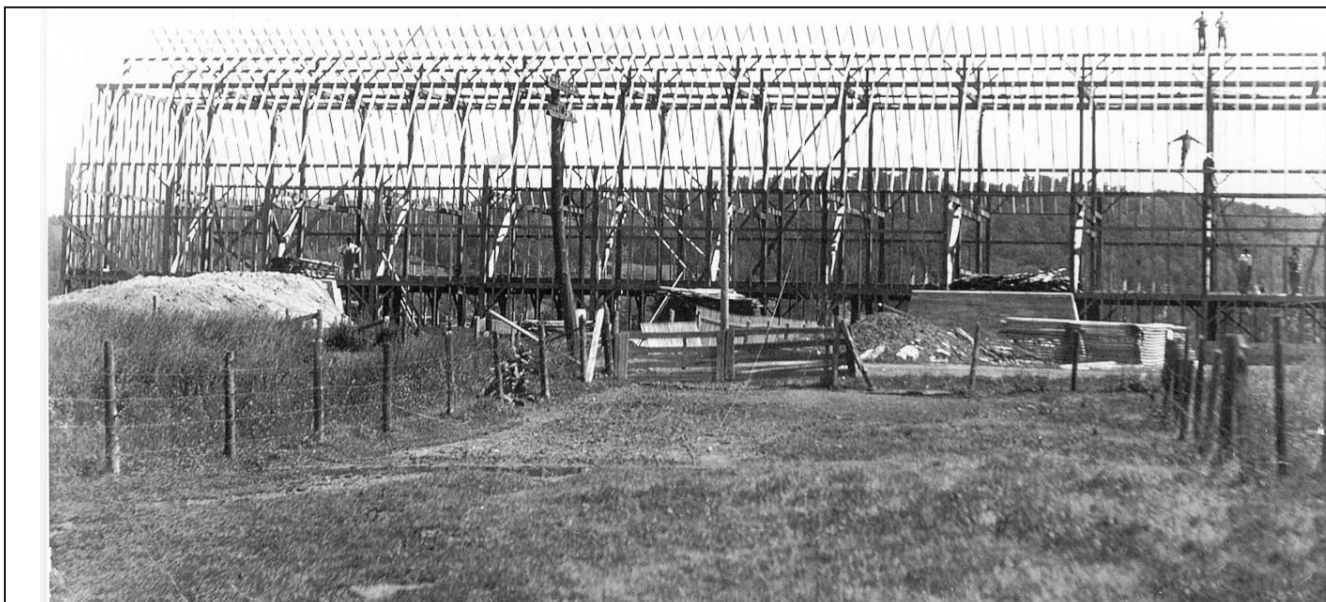
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Conant Centennial Barn



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remain. Throughout summers in the 1930s, during the Depression, Myrtle Conant opened the farm to tourists and travelers seeking an escape from city life (long before the notion of Agritourism became chic). A few postcards from those days still remain in the family album.

This history of the barn, and many other historic farm stories, were recorded by the late Willard "Bill" Conant.

To read more about the history of Riverside Farms, view more historical photos, or learn about how the farm operates today, visit www.ConantsRiversideFarms.com

Be Stormwater Conscious: Part 3

Submitted by Darlene Palola

The Huntington Conservation Commission urges you to be stormwater conscious. Here are some tips to help you manage your impact on stormwater every day. See: www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater

Lawn Care

- Don't overwater your lawn. Consider using a soaker hose instead of a sprinkler.
- Use pesticides and fertilizers sparingly. When use is necessary, use these chemicals in the recommended amounts. Use organic mulch or safer pest control methods whenever possible.
- Compost or mulch yard waste. Don't leave it in the street or sweep it into storm drains or streams.
- Cover piles of dirt or mulch being used in landscaping projects.

Septic Systems

- Inspect your system every 3 years and pump your tank as necessary (every 3 to 5 years).
- Don't dispose of household hazardous waste in sinks or toilets.

Auto Care

- Wash your car on your yard so the water infiltrates into the ground.
- Repair leaks and dispose of used auto fluids and batteries at designated drop-off or recycling locations.

Pet Waste

- When walking your pet, remember to pick up the waste and dispose of it properly. Flushing pet waste is the best disposal method. Leaving



From storm drain, left, to Huntington River. Photos: Darlene Palola

pet waste on the ground increases public health risks by allowing harmful bacteria and nutrients to wash into local waterbodies.

Commercial

- Sweep up litter and debris from sidewalks, driveways and parking lots, especially around storm drains.
- Cover grease storage and dumpsters and keep them clean to avoid leaks.
- Report any chemical spill to the local hazardous waste cleanup team. They'll know the best way to keep spills from harming the environment.

Construction

- Divert stormwater away from disturbed or exposed areas of the construction site.

- Install silt fences, vehicle mud removal areas, vegetative cover, and other sediment and erosion controls and properly maintain them, especially after rainstorms.

- Prevent soil erosion by minimizing disturbed areas during construction projects, and seed and mulch bare areas as soon as possible.

Agriculture

- Keep livestock away from streambanks and provide them a water source away from waterbodies.
- Store and apply manure away from waterbodies and in accordance with a nutrient management plan.
- Vegetate riparian areas along waterways.

- Rotate animal grazing to prevent soil erosion in fields.

- Apply fertilizers and pesticides according to label instructions to save money and minimize pollution.

Forestry

Improperly managed logging operations can result in erosion and sedimentation.

- Conduct preharvest planning to prevent erosion and lower costs.

- Use logging methods and equipment that minimize soil disturbance.

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News from Area Churches

**Richmond
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**Sunday Worship 10 am
Sunday School**

September 6 • 10 am

90th Annual Pilgrimage at the Old Round Church. Join us for a worship service that remembers the heritage of the Round Church and celebrates its 202 year history.

October 7

68th Annual Chicken Pie Supper will be held for the sixty-eighth time. Reservations are required and can be made on line: www.rccucc.org beginning August 15.

Friday Food Affair at Five

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Pastor Katelyn B. Macrae

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Richmond Congregational Church

Rev. Katelyn B. Macrae
434-2053 / katelyn@rccucc.org

As I write this reflection, on what is possibly the hottest day of the summer, I perceive fall just around the corner. I know it is not too far off because I am already planning for our church's favorite fall traditions and new additions.

RCC will hold our second annual Blessing of the Backpacks and Briefcases on Sunday, August 30, at 9 am. You're invited to bring your tools for learning and work for a special blessing to remind us that God is with us in all that we do. That Sunday we will also collect school supplies that will be distributed to Richmond and Smilie Elementary Schools.

In September, worship returns to 10 am. We will hold our Annual Pilgrimage Service at the Round Church on Sunday, September 6. The Round Church, built in 1813, was our congregation's first building. The Congregationalists, our forebears, shared the building with the Unitarians, Universalists, Methodists, and Christians. Of those five groups, we are the only group which still has an active congregation in Richmond. Though the Round Church is no longer used as a place of worship (except for weddings), gathering at the Round Church for a special service in the late summer or early fall is a community tradition which dates back to the 1930s. This year's theme will be **LOOKING FORWARD WITH FAITH**. Richmond Congregational Church's choir will sing, and Sally Singer of the Richmond Historical Society will read scripture. Please consider joining us.

Bark, Woof, Meow, Cluck! All of God's critters are important! Stay tuned for more information about our Blessing of the Animals Service to be held later this fall.

RCC's famous Chicken Pie Supper will be held on Wednesday, October 7, for the sixty-eighth time. The chicken pie, sides, and dessert pies are delicious. I hope to see you there!

In addition to celebrating old and new traditions, our church is also undergoing transitions. We are seeking a new organist/pianist to lead our congregation in song and accompany our choir. For more information about this position please check out the church's website. Finally, after more than 25 years of providing quality childcare, Beary Country Day School is moving to a new location. We are sad to see them go, but excited about what new partnerships might emerge. The space that they currently occupy will be available for rent starting September 1. Perhaps this might be an ideal place for your business or organization. More information is on the RCC website www.rccucc.org

Blessings on the remainder of your summer! I look forward to seeing you at some of our traditions and additions this fall!

Community Church of Huntington

Larry Detweiler, 434-6715

My family and I moved into our home on Main Road, just a stone's throw from the church, a little over four years ago now. Soon after, for my birthday, the family gave me a front porch swing and had Dave Cozzens install it just right (I'm not that handy). It still works and it is getting more use now that I have grandsons. I like to watch the cars go back and forth and occasionally people wave. Of course, there are also the cyclists and the runners, the occasional walker and the state trooper once a month. I'm often a part of that back and forth, but I keep resolving to spend more time on that front porch swing. Summers are good for that sort of thing.

I'm responsible for devotions each week at the interdisciplinary meeting for hospice, and the doctor and nurses like poems. Today, I found this one to share written by Wendell Berry:

There is a day
when the road neither
comes nor goes, and the way
is not a way but a place.

Wendell Berry keeps me grounded in the sacredness of place and home. We are so blessed to be in community with each other, present for one another. This summer, in your coming and going, may you find time to enjoy this "place" we call home.

Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Church

Father Lance Harlow, 434-2521

One of the joys of being a priest in a small town is the connectedness I have with many people who may not be my parishioners. I get to know nonparishioners directly through personal contacts and indirectly through my parishioners so that local events ultimately have an effect on all of us at Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Church. At every Mass we pray for the needs of the Church, the world, and for local needs. When a tragic death occurs in the community we pray for the deceased and his or her family. When there is a tragedy in the U.S or in another country, we pray for those people, also. Within our parish congregation we are united by our faith, and outside our parish we are united by the universal bond that unites all human beings--suffering.

It is the experience of suffering that prompts those who love to reach out to others in an attempt to soothe their pain--whether that reaching out is tangible or spiritual. These past months have seen local tragedies on the Interstate and at the Huntington Gorge. For many people it was no doubt just a quick report on the Channel 3 News, but at Holy Rosary Church we prayed at all the Masses for the individuals involved even if we didn't know them personally. Why? Because we all know the pain of suffering and the consolation of love. Several months ago I was making a housecall to one of my parishioners who was dying of cancer. He told me how overwhelmed he was by all the cards, visits and prayers of so many people from both church and town--some people whom he had known only casually. He said that he had no idea that so many people cared about him.

I am very proud of my parishioners at Holy Rosary Church. They pray well because many of them have also suffered well and in suffering they share that universal bond with friend and stranger alike. But to focus uniquely on suffering is to reduce life to a series of tragic events without purpose. There are already too people many who believe in that! It is the duty of every priest to lead his parishioners to that love which overcomes all things; that is, the love of God and the love of neighbor--whether we know the neighbor or not.

Stormwater

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- Plan and design skid trails, yard areas, and truck access roads to minimize stream crossings and avoid disturbing the forest floor.

- Construct stream crossings so that they minimize erosion and physical changes to streams.

- Expedite revegetation of cleared areas.

Auto and Truck Facilities

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- Install and maintain oil/water separators.

(Darlene Palola is a member of the Huntington Conservation Commission. This is the third in a series of articles from the Huntington Conservation Commission with Friends of the Winooski River to alert the community about stormwater and how to prevent and treat stormwater runoff.)



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Calendar of Events

FIRST & THIRD TUESDAY: Free car seat inspections, Richmond Rescue, 216 Railroad St., 9 am to noon. Call Mike Chiarella for an appointment: 434-2394.

3RD THURSDAY: Shelburne Vineyard UNFILTERED Wine and Poetry Series, begins at 6 pm. Opportunity for poets and poetry lovers to gather to read and listen. All poets, genres and topics welcome. Wine available in the Tasting Room. Free, no reservations necessary. Information: shelburnevineyard.com or Shelburne Vineyard on Facebook, 985-8222.

1ST THURSDAY: Essex Art League meeting, 9 to 11, Essex Junction Congregational Church, Rt. 15. Business and social time, and features a guest artist presentation. Calendar: www.essexartleague.com

TUESDAYS: DeStress Yoga class, 5:45-7 pm www.balanceyogavt.com

FRIDAYS, May 29-October 16: Richmond Farmers Market, rain or shine, 3 pm to 6:30 pm, Volunteers Green.

SATURDAYS: Flow Yoga, 8:30 am to 9:45 am for the summer months, See: www.balanceyogavt.com.

SATURDAYS: Story Time at Phoenix Books, Burlington, 11 am, 191 Bank Street, downtown Burlington. Free. Information: www.phoenixbooks.biz or 448-3350

2ND TUESDAY: Champlain Valley Prostate Cancer Support Group, 6 to 8 pm, Hope Lodge, 237 East Ave, Burlington. Mary L. Guyette RN, MS, ACNS-BC, 802-274-4990

AUGUST 15: Family Campfire Night: Into the Dark, 7 pm to 9 pm, Green Mountain Audubon Center, Huntington. What happens at twilight as the sun goes down and the dark creeps

in? Amazing things! Join a family campfire and explore senses at night. Register: 434-3068 or vermont@audubon.org

AUGUST 19, SEPTEMBER 2 & 16: Women Veterans Book Group, 5-6:30, Women's Comprehensive Care Center at the VA Medical Center in White River Junction. Part of the National Endowment for the Humanities' STANDING TOGETHER initiative, and follows similar book groups convened by VHC in South Burlington and at Norwich University. Open to all women who have served in the military. Participants receive free copies of all readings, and a light dinner will be provided at each session. Free, but pre-registration is required: Carey Russ at carey.russ@va.gov or 802.295.9363 x5743

AUGUST 21: Bluegrass and BBQ with Hardscrabble, 6 pm until dusk, Shelburne Vineyard, 6308 Shelburne Road (Route 7), Shelburne. Bring your family and friends and a blanket or lawn chairs, come by early to find a seat on the grass or patio and move to the strains of mandolin, banjo, bass, guitar and fiddle and voice in harmony. Admission is free. Bluebird BBQ Food Truck will be on site as well as Queen City Pops, Wine available by the glass;

SEPTEMBER 17: Mapping Invasives for Healthy Forests, Part I, 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm, Birds of Vermont Museum, Huntington. Elizabeth Spinney, Invasive Plant Coordinator for Vermont Parks & Rec, will discuss which plants are encroaching on forests and what can be done about it. Workshop Part 1: Learn and practice invasive plant ID; Receive materials about man-

agement and outreach. Workshop Part II (next spring): Learn to map invasives as part of a widely used, robust citizen science project; Each of our observation contributions help build a scientifically smart state plan and more. Free. All welcome. Indoors and out. Pre-registration: 434-2167 or email museum@birdsofvermont.org

SEPTEMBER 26: Volunteer Work Day, Birds of Vermont Museum, Huntington, 9 am to 2 pm. Help get things into shape for the late fall - from trails to signs, autumn gardening and low-key maintenance. Come for an hour or all day, bring yourself, a friend, a family. All welcome! Pre-register (so so there are enough sandwiches): 434-2167 or museum@birdsofvermont.org.

Museum Day

On Saturday, September 26, in the spirit of Smithsonian Museums, which offer free admission every day, Museum Day Live! is an annual event hosted by SMITHSONIAN magazine in which participating museums across the country open their doors to anyone presenting a Museum Day Live! ticket... for free.

Get your ticket to the Birds of Vermont Museum in Huntington here: <http://www.smithsonianmag.com/museumday/>

Learn How to Compost Course

Turning food scraps and yard trimmings into nutrient-rich organic matter provides a healthy, less expensive alternative to purchasing compost and fertilizer for your lawn or garden. It also keeps food waste out of the landfill, which beginning in 2020 will be the law.

The University of Vermont (UVM) Extension Master Gardener program will offer a Vermont Master Composter Course this fall to teach the fundamentals of backyard composting as well as provide information on worm composting, "recipe" design, compost for disease control, site and container selection and management of the compost process, among other topics. The cost is \$50, which includes online access to all class materials and the Vermont Master Composter Resource Manual.

Classes will run for four consecutive Thursdays, beginning September 17, from 6:15 to 9 pm at Vermont Interactive Technology sites. Locations include Bennington, Brattleboro, Johnson, Lyndonville, Middlebury, Montpelier, Newport, Randolph Center, Rutland, St. Albans, Springfield, White River Junction and Williston.

Registrations will be accepted until September 11 or until sites are filled. To register, call the UVM Extension Master Gardener Program Office at 656-9562 or sign up online at www.uvm.edu/mastergardener. To request a disability-related accommodation, please call by August 20.



The Community Senior Center will not hold any events during the summer. We'll be back with our regular monthly events plus a monthly health and well being event in September. Stay tuned for some exciting programs.

Early registration is recommended as space is limited. Confirmation of class site and directions will be sent upon receipt of registration and payment.

Upon completion of the course, participants will be qualified to share information on composting through talks and displays at fairs, farmers' markets and other venues. They also may assist with UVM Extension Master Gardener projects that have a composting component.

Graduates interested in becoming a certified Vermont Master Composter must complete 20 volunteer hours within a two-year period on community or school composting projects. Once certified, individuals are expected to provide a minimum of five hours of community outreach each year.

Funding and technical support for the course are provided by the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources.

Regular Meetings

SELECTBOARD:

Huntington: 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7 pm, Town Office.

Richmond: 1st & 3rd Mondays, 6:30 pm, Town Center

SCHOOL BOARD:

Huntington: 2nd Tues, 6:30 pm, Brewster-Pierce School.

MMMUSD: 1st & 3rd Monday of the Month, 6:30 pm, Meetings will rotate among the MMMUSD schools. Check the website for specifics: www.cesu.k12.vt.us.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Huntington: 1st & 3rd Tues., 7 pm, Town Office.

Richmond: 1st & 3rd Wed, 7 pm, Town Center

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD

Huntington: 2nd Tues., 7 pm, Town Office

Richmond: 2nd & 4th Wed., 7 pm, Town Center.

WATER & SEWER COMMISSION

Richmond: 1st Mon., Town Center

SCOUTS

Richmond: Cub Scout Pack 646 meets 7-8 pm, last Wednesday of the month, Camel's Hump Middle School music room pit.

Huntington: Boy Scout Troop 645, Sun, 10 am or Wed, 6:30 pm, Community Church of Huntington, John Christiana (johnpchristiana@gmail.com) or Mike Flock (mflock23@gmavt.net).

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Richmond: 2nd Tues, 7 pm, Town Ctr

Huntington: 2nd Thursday, 6-8 pm, Town Office (downstairs).

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Richmond: 1st Tues, 7-9 pm, Town Center Mtg Room

RICHMOND TRAILS COMMITTEE

Richmond: 3rd Tues, 7 pm, Town Center Meeting Room

RICHMOND LAND TRUST:

First Thursday. Monitor Barn Annex. All are welcome. Dan Martin, (4231).

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TOWN HALL COMMITTEE

Huntington: 3rd Wednesday, 7 pm, Town Office

LIBRARY

Richmond: Library Board, 1st Thursday, 6 pm, Richmond Free Library, 434-3036.

Huntington: Library Board, 4th Tues, 7 pm, Union Meeting House, 434-4583

RICHMOND RESCUE

Friends of Richmond Rescue: meet as needed, Rescue Bldg., Richmond. 434-2394. New members welcome!

COMMUNITY GROUPS

Beacon Light Grange: For information, call Master Darceline Lewis-Wedge at 482-2532.

Hale and Hearty Seniors Club: 2nd Wed. Holy Rosary Parish Hall, 6 pm., Sept.-May.

HHCT (Huntington Historic and Community Trust): 3rd Tues, Huntington Public Library, 7 pm. All are welcome to attend.

Howl Women's Land Monthly Business Meeting, 2nd Sunday of each month, 10 am. All women welcome 434-3953.

Prostate Cancer Support Group: Meeting Location: Hope Lodge, 237 East Ave, Burlington, second Tues each month, 6 pm to 8 pm. General discussion and sharing among survivors and those beginning or rejoining the battle. Mary L. Guyette RN, MS, ACNS-BC. 802-274-4990.

Richmond Community Band (RCB) Richmond Community Band rehearsals 7 pm to 9 pm. Mondays at Camels Hump Middle School. All band instruments are sought. Info: 434 2972.

Huntington Playgroup Fridays, 10 am, newborn through preschool (with older siblings welcome) Residents from any town are welcome. Huntington Public Library. Information, contact facilitator Jane Davis at huntingtonplaygroup@yahoo.com.

Worship

Community Church of Huntington: (See article, above, for specific activities.) Sunday morning Worship 9 am. Communion: 1st Sunday. Senior Luncheon 3rd Tuesday (434-3155). Small Groups: Tuesday at 10 am and Wednesday at 7 pm at host homes in Huntington (Larry Detweiler 434-6715).

Richmond Congregational Church, United Church of Christ: 20 Church Street., 434-2053. Sunday Worship with Sunday School, 10 am.

Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Roman Catholic Church: Religious Education Classes: Sat. 9-10:15 am, CHMS, Richmond. Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sat. 3:15 pm. Masses: Sat.4 pm, Sun.8:30 am.

Community Alliance Church: 190 Pond Road (overlooking CVU), Hinesburg. Sunday, 9 am, Sunday school for all ages, with adults and teen electives; Scott Mansfield, 482-2132, www.jcvt.org

Jericho United Methodist Church: Rte. 15 in Jericho Corners. Sunday Worship and Church School 9 am winter and summer; Bible/Prayer Study Tues 7:30 pm. Rev. Kirk Thompson, 899-4288.

Jericho Congregational Church: on the green in Jericho Center. Interim Pastor, Doug Walker. Youth Pastor, Glenn Carter. Sunday services in the summer: 8 am & 10 am. Nursery care provided; Fellowship, 9:30 am. Sunday Youth Group: 6:15 pm. 899-4911; www.jcvt.org

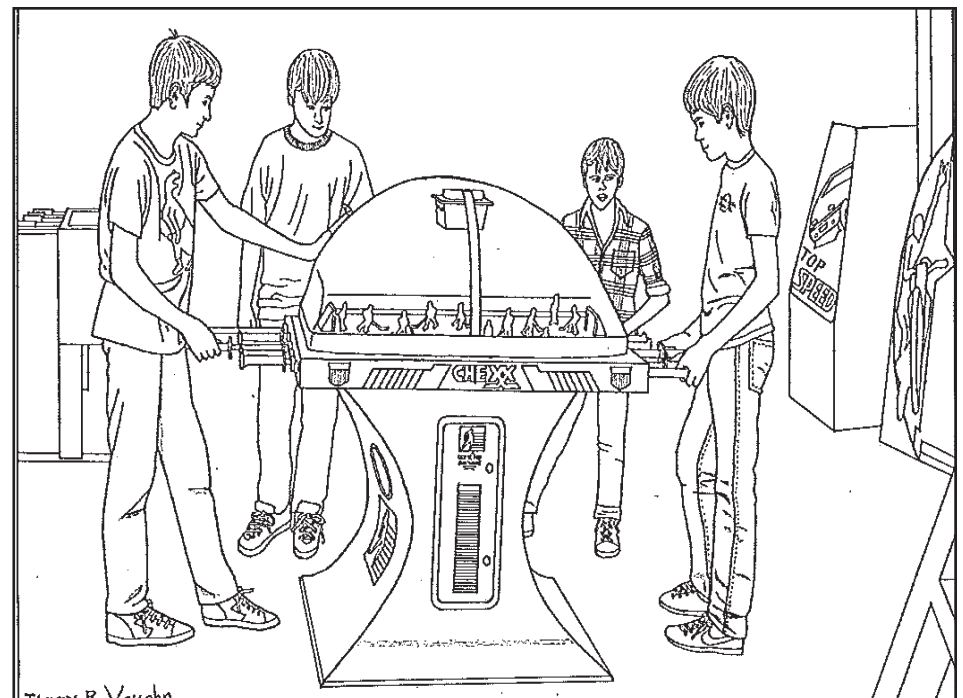
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church: 273 Vt Rte 15 (near Brown Trace Rd) Jericho, 899-3932, Rev. Philip Raushey, Pastor, Worship Service: 9 am (Nursery Care provided) Sunday School & Bible Study: 10:30 am. www.GoodShepherdJericho.org

Mount Mansfield Unitarian-Universalist Fellowship: 195 Vermont Route 15, Jericho, (the red barn across from Packard Road) 9:30 am services second and fourth Sunday (September to June). All are welcome.

Episcopal Gathering in the Jerusalem Schoolhouse (behind the Jerusalem Country Store, South Starksboro, Rte 17). Holy Communion Service 9:30 am first and thirds Sundays. Rev. Molly Bidwell, 453-5537.

Calvary Episcopal Church Route 15, Underhill, (899-2326) Sunday Eucharist/ Sunday school 9:30 am. Nursery available, handicapped accessible, coffee hour following service. Rev. Regina Christianson. www.calvarychurchvt.org

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Jimmy R. Vaughn

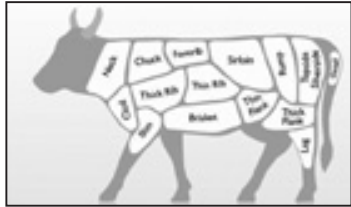
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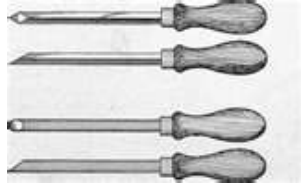
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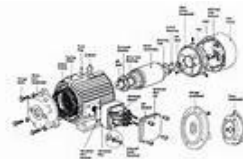
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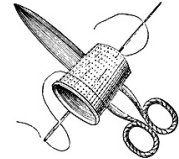
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The Forest Pest First Detector Program trains volunteers to screen potential pest sightings, educate the public and prepare their communities to respond in the event of an infestation. Training is free with the next session scheduled for September 12 in Manchester Center.

The training will be held from 9:30 am to 4:15 pm at the Manchester Elementary Middle School

(80 Memorial Ave.). It is offered by University of Vermont Extension and the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation in collaboration with the Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets and the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

Advance registration is required. Although no prior monitoring experience is needed, participants are expected to be able to identify common tree species.

To register, contact Gwen Kozlowski, Vermont Urban and Community Forestry Program volunteer coordinator, at 656-6646 or gwen.kozlowski@uvm.edu by September 9.

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Roaring lions, Harlequin dancers, athletic leopards and popcorn out of the box were just a few of the highlights of the Big Top. Richmond dance studio director Martina Price made dancing fun for both the performers and the audience in Arabesque Dance Studio's spring dance recital, UNDER THE BIG TOP. Local dancers of all ages displayed artistry in a variety of dance styles. The dancers, ages 2-18 years, rehearsed all spring, but only in class. That way, explained Price, "the kids have time for every other event ... that pops up in the spring." The result of their focus in the classes is seen in the photos on this page. Courtesy photos.



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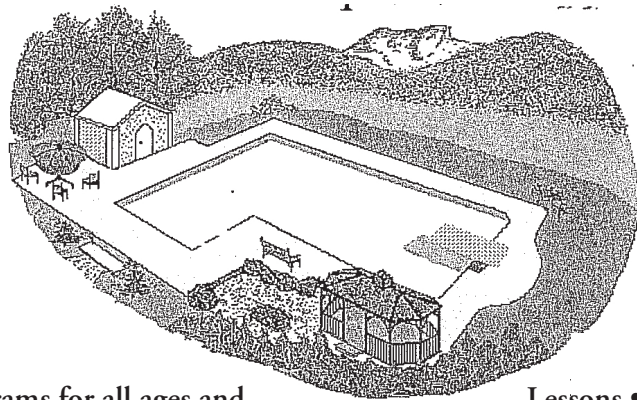
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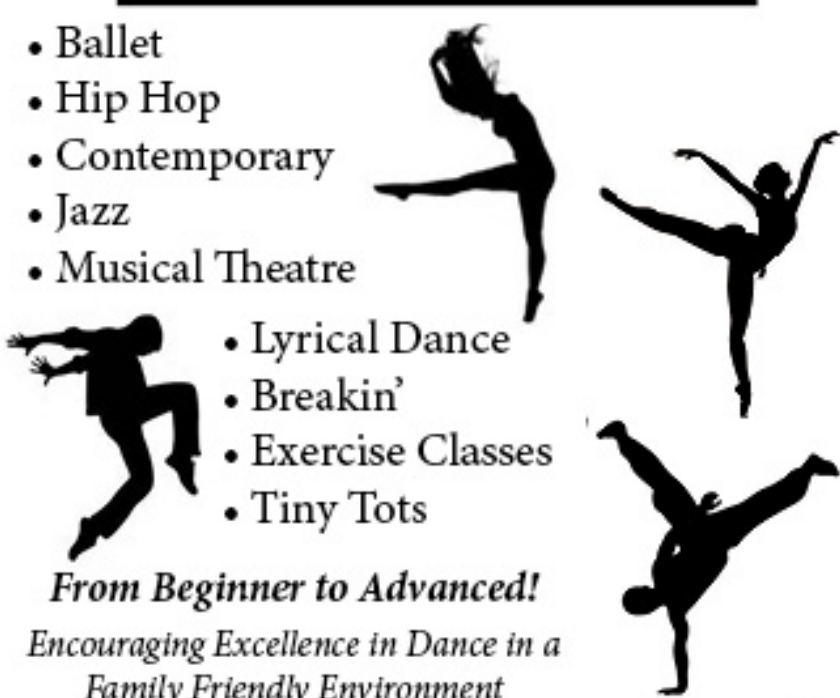
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Family Focus

by Demaris Tisdale, M.S.W.

Live Longer

“Young men think old men are fools; but old men know young men are fools.”

—George Chapman, ALL FOOLS, 1605

Okay. I admit it. Aging is harder than I thought it was going to be. But it also has many plusses.

I have had the privilege professionally to meet and work with many elders, and they have taught me a lot.

Gerald, 84, taught me simplicity. A hospice patient, Gerald told me of his hardscrabble childhood and youth growing up in the backwoods of Vermont in the early 1900s. He had little education and few opportunities, but he always found work. His life was devoid of many of the things we may consider necessary -- the appliances and conveniences that make life easier and more comfortable. But Gerald had integrity. And I will never forget the twinkle in his eye when he was amused. A charming fellow.

Many of the people I met demonstrated remarkable self-reliance. With age, they had learned to regulate their emotions through perseverance, persistence, and patience, qualities little seen in the young. Oldsters have learned through experiences of failure, challenges, and tough times.

And they model what early philosophers learned. The early Greeks extolled the pursuit of knowledge and believed wisdom can only come with time. The Roman ideal, *Mens sana in corpore sano*, Sound mind in sound body, still applies. When the brain and the body work as one unit, good health and balance govern our lives. For many hundreds of years, a longer life was “associated not with dying but with

vitality and character. The old were not mainly thought of as limping toward death’s door, but were regarded as stable depositories of customs and legends, guardians of local values, experts in skills and crafts, and valued voices in communal council. What mattered was force of character proven by length of years.” (James Hillman in THE FORCE OF CHARACTER)

At the time of the Roman Empire, average life expectancy is thought to have been 28. Today in the United States, the average citizen lives 50 years longer. In the intervening centuries, societies have changed drastically. In our capitalist West, for example, policies promote the goal of retirement and collecting Social Security.

If things have gone reasonably well, those of us who grew up over the last 60, 70 or 80 years were provided with a pretty good education, had opportunities to work at meaningful jobs, and were able to establish some financial stability. Few Vermonters alive now struggled as much as Gerald. (When I began my career, the elderly were the poorest segment of the population. Now they are the richest and the youngest are the poorest.)

By now we’ve had time to figure out what’s important and what gives our lives purpose. If we’re really lucky, we don’t have to stop working. A geriatrician, Katherine Schlaerth pointed out in the Los Angeles Times that her patients who stop working “age rapidly and their health and cognitive abilities go into steep decline. Most people just plain do better, both intellectually and physically, when they continue to work.”

Besides, when you work, you have something to focus on instead of the ever-increasing challenges of the advancing years.

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Aging in Place

Submitted by Scott Funk

Women, Who Knows?

In a recent column, I rambled on about how things used to be. I also shared a view that could have been understood to say “women weren’t part of the workforce like they are now (which is part of our problem).” That isn’t what I meant, but that is how it read to the women who quickly shared their correct view that what had been written was offensive.

I could have spared myself a lot of trouble if I had just listened to my editor and lovely wife, Kelly. Observant readers will recognize here that Kelly is a woman and was warning me about something that would be offensive to women.

This sage advice I ignored because I had four sisters, raised my daughter alone, and have basically spent a great deal of my life around women. Even the dog is female. I automatically put the seat back down in the bathroom. I am trained. I am sensitive. I get it. But I am still a man.

It appears I really don’t get it, after all. A lifetime of having women in my life didn’t qualify me for anything except being wrong (yet again) about women. Like all men, I am a slow learner and deeply convinced of my cleverness. Of course I knew how women think. I naturally appreciate how women feel.

Well, I was wrong. It doesn’t matter how much time you spend with chickens, you still can’t lay an egg, no matter how much clucking you do.

That I may have lived in the henhouse doesn’t make me one of the chickens.

What I should have done when my wonderful bride suggested the column needed some sensitivity work was to thank her for sparing me the embarrassment I was heading for and embrace the changes. After all, I was getting advice from a highly qualified person to speak on what might offend women. Kind of sounds like a no brainer as you read this, heh? (Instead, I did listen to the editors who called with comments in time for an improved column to be submitted.)

The ridiculous part is that if a person of color had suggested I was being a bit offensive, I would have listened. Make it about women and for reasons that have no basis in reality, I thought I knew what I was doing.

What has all this got to do with aging? Nothing, I guess. It just goes to prove one can get older without getting wiser. I’ve got grey hair. I’ve got knees that crackle and pop when I get up out of a chair. I’ve dealt with a lot of women over a very long time and all I know for certain is that I’ve got knees that crackle and pop when I get up out of a chair.

Aging in Place, it doesn’t happen by accident, but accidents happen.

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