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Loads of Variety Talent on CHMS Stage



CHMS students Banjo Chabot and Willem Smith, front, served as Master of Ceremonies, at the 10th annual CHMS Variety Show, which played to a full house of parents and other community members. The talent included vocal and instrumental acts. A number of MMU guests performed and helped out with the show. Courtesy photo

Lake Iroquois Association: Free Boat Washing

or the first time, trained greeters at the public boating access on Lake Iroquois are offering free boat and trailer washing. The objective is to prevent additional invasive species from entering the lake.

Lake Iroquois already has a serious infestation of Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM), which the Lake Iroquois Association (LIA), with the help of the surrounding towns and the state Department of Environmental

Conservation (VT-DEC), continues to fight. The LIA is trying to prevent other invasive species from entering the lake. For example, Lake Champlain has 50+ invasive species. Other Vermont lakes have additional invasive species as well (both plant and animal). Some examples are: zebra mussels, spiny water fleas, variable leaved watermilfoil, alewife, European frogbit, water chestnut, Asian clams, and many more. The washing of boats and trailers at Lake Iroquois

will minimize the introduction of these and other invasive species into the lake.

The washer unit is a pressurized hot water spray operated by VTDEC-trained greeters. The washing of boats and trailers is highly recommended to keep the lake free of any other invasive species. VT-DEC also recommends washing on the way out to keep Eurasian Water Milfoil out of other lakes. The schedule for washing

will coincide with the greeter schedules, typically Friday afternoons, Saturday, and Sunday of each week until Labor Day.

This boat washer is another step that the LIA is taking to prevent further invasives from entering the lake. This summer, LIA will also be installing Benthic Barriers (lake bottom barriers) to kill milfoil and maintain a clear boat lane from the launch area which was cleared by Diver-Assisted Suction Harvesting last summer.

Both the Washer and the Benthic Barriers require a State permit which have been granted. The equipment was purchased through grants from VT-DEC, and the Lake Champlain Basin Program.

For further information, contact the Lake Iroquois Association, PO Box 569, Hinesburg, VT 05461, email: lakeiroquoisassociation@gmail.com

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Summer Meals for Local Kids

Our Community Cares Camp is participating in the Summer Food Service Program for Children. Funded by the United States Department of Agriculture, the program is designed to ensure that children who rely on free or reduced price meals during the school year continue to have adequate nutrition throughout the summer.

Participating children who are members of food stamp households or receive Reach Up benefits are automatically eligible to receive free meal benefits at eligible program sites. Children who are members of families with gross incomes at or below the levels in the chart (right) are also eligible for free meals at eligible program sites.

Free Summer Meals are available

for kids ages 5 years to 18 years this summer at the following locations, dates and times:

Camels Hump Middle School, July 10 to August 3, Monday – Thursday, Breakfast 7:45 – 8:45, Lunch 11:30 – 12:30 (Children attending OCCC or CESU summer camps are already enrolled).

Pizza Fridays at the Huntington Public Library, Fridays, June 30 and July 7, 14, 21, 28 and August 4

All meals are free, but you must register.

For enrollment information, contact Marie Thomas at 434-6006 or email occc@gmavt.net.

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5	52,614	4,385	2,193	2,024	1,012
6	60,273	5,023	2,512	2,319	1,160
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River Samplers Needed

It's time again to begin sampling the water quality of the Huntington River within Richmond and Huntington – and your help is needed.

You can sign up for as many dates and test sites as you wish and are available. Samples need to be taken on Tuesday mornings throughout the summer and delivered between 7 am and 7:45 am to Volunteers Green.

If you live closer to Huntington, you can drop off your samples at 549 Bridge Street by 8 am. (across from the tree farm), where you'll find a cooler for the samples in the breezeway.

To sign up: Visit www.huntingtonriver.org and click on the Volunteer Info link, and from there the Volunteer Sign-Up. Put your name in the open date/site slot(s) you can sample. Yellow slots are for "duplicate" samples, at these locations/dates simply take two samples so the lab can do quality assurance checks.

Note- there are descriptions of the sample sites and a map at the "Sample Sites" link, and on the Volunteer page there is a short video with information about how to take a sample.

We will provide information on sample bottle pickup and additional information shortly. In the meantime, if you have any questions please feel free to email the program's sampling coordinator, Corrina Parnapy, at corrina@winooskinrcd.org.

Please sign up for a vacant slot today so we can cover the whole river. And thanks for your help in keeping the beautiful Huntington River safe for swimming, fishing and other activities along its entire length!

-Brad Elliott, Richmond Land Trust

Share the Road with Farmers: Be Alert. Be Patient. Be Kind.

Be alert. Be patient. Be kind.

That's the message state officials are sending to Vermont drivers this season, as farmers return to the roads with tractors and heavy equipment.

The Agencies of Agriculture, Transportation, and Department of Public Safety have teamed up to create a new public safety message that reminds Vermonters to take extra care on the roads. They are sharing the PSA with Vermonters on social media, in an effort to build awareness for rural road safety. See the video on the Ag Agency's website.

"Living in Vermont means living among our beautiful farms. Farmers are our neighbors, friends, and co-workers," said Tom Anderson, Commissioner of Public Safety. "We're asking all motorists to put safety first. Slow down, be patient and courteous, and enjoy the scenery."

Ryan Carabeau is a farmer from Richmond who worked with the state to produce the PSA. He says he understands drivers can feel frustrated and confused when they encounter tractors on the road. He hopes the PSA will serve as a reminder to Vermont motorists to be careful.

"I've had a few close calls over the years with impatient and distracted drivers," he says. "It can be scary."

Here are some specific actions motorists should take when they approach a tractor on the road:

1) Slow down: The first thing you should do is slow down. Remember, the top speed for most tractors is 20

mph. Slow down and give yourself the time and space to assess the situation.

2) Pay close attention: You should always give the road 100% of your attention – especially when approaching farm equipment.

3) Don't get too close: Give the farmer some space. Do not tailgate – it causes stress and distraction.

4) Don't pass until it is safe: Wait for a safe opportunity to pass. When it's all clear, it's OK to pass a tractor, as long as you do so safely!

5) Be alert for turns: Looks for turn indicators, like hand signals and blinkers from the drivers. Farm machinery makes wide turns. Sometimes tractors will turn directly into fields - no driveway needed. Be especially alert for left hand turns. The left-turn collision is the most common type of farm machinery collision on public roads. It happens when the farm vehicle is about to make a left turn; meanwhile,

the motorist behind the farm vehicle decides to pass.

CHMS Principal News

Many thanks to CHMS parent Denise Noble for organizing and leading the 10th annual CHMS Variety Show. The full house was wowed by the extraordinary talent at the show-- including Disney and Broadway show tunes, a touching solo, awesome duets, great skits, and rockin' instrumentals (several original pieces) on guitar, sax, violin and piano. We were fortunate to have a number of MMU guests as performers and helping out with the show. The evening was expertly MC'ed by CHMS students Banjo Chabot and Willem Smith.

On June 9, a group of eighth grade students visited Champlain College in Burlington as well as the Community College of Vermont in Winooski. At Champlain College, students heard first hand from current college students what it's like being at a four year college, what they had to do in high school in order to be accepted into the program, and how they are currently balancing their school commitments. Students toured the facility and were able to ask questions about the programs offered, as well as all the great clubs and experiences available to them. At CCV, students were warmly welcomed by the staff and given a campus tour, an overview of the admission process, and information about the courses offered. They were also informed about CCV's dual enrollment and early college programs which offer students an opportunity to earn college credits during their senior year in high school. It was a great experience for our young people, and it gave them a chance to start thinking about their future as they move onto MMU next Fall.

Seventh grade students have been raising trout in their science lab as part of a program sponsored by Trout Unlimited. They received 110 eggs in January and have been monitoring their development over the past five months. Watching the trout develop and understanding the changes has been a wonderful learning experience. Students monitored water chemistry and learned about nitrogen cycles. The first week of June, the Grit and Spark teams released the surviving 82 trout into the Huntington River (far better than the 1% survival rate in the wild). Students commented on how well the fishes' coloring camouflaged them against the sand and rocks of the stream. Raising the trout tied in with so much of the 7th grade science curriculum. CHMS hopes to have trout in the classroom again next year. A special thanks to volunteer Bob Wible, who provided guidance throughout the project.

On June 7, the CHMS Jazz Band and Select Chorus performed on Church Street as part of Jazz On The Marketplace. They had beautiful weather and a good crowd. It was a great way to end a musical year!

Successful culinary and cultural field trips were had by by CHMS French and Spanish students. Spanish students had a great dance lesson with the Salsalina Dance studio in Burlington where they learned the basic steps to the Merengue, Salsa, and Bachata. Their day ended with a delicious lunch at El Gato in Essex Junction. French students travelled to Leunig's for lunch and in the afternoon had a Contra Dance Caller from the Mad Robin Callers Collective teach students a few traditional French-Canadian contra dances.

Volunteers are needed for this summer in the CHMS community garden. Please consider a one week commitment to weed, water, and nurture the gardens.

The next meeting of the Mount Mansfield Modified Union School Board is at 6:30 pm on September 18 at Camels Hump Middle School. The public is invited and encouraged to attend.

-Mark Carbone, Principal



Parade, Fireworks & More in Richmond

Fourth of July Festivities

☆☆☆ Schedule of Events ☆☆☆

10:30 Fun Run

Starting at Richmond Elementary School, Jericho Road, to Volunteers

Green

10:35 Parade starts

Starting at Harrington's on East Main Street to Thompson

Road

Awards for best float, best walker group, horses Parade awards Horse awards sponsored

Events at the Park, following the Parade:

Free face painting & balloon animals & children's games

Food • Fun • Flea Market • Car Show • Music

BINGO at the Chicken BBQ tent

In the Bandstand

1 pm Richmond Community Band (bandshell)

10:30 am to 1 pm & after the concert Music by DJ Toni Basanta

On the Field

Supersounds on the field

1 pm Auction (in the Auction Tent, located in the park)

5:30 **Northern Comfort** (Pet Gosselin's band - at the Green)

9:30 FIREWORKS!!

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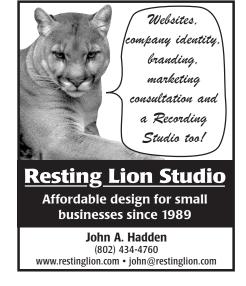
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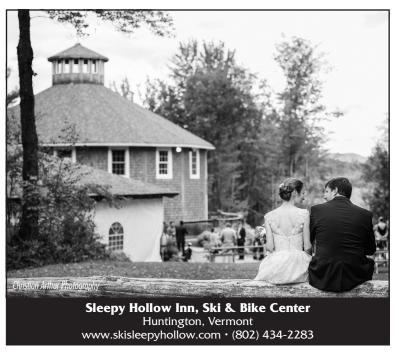
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Richmond Gearing Up

Preparations have been going on months, with Jim O'Brien and Chris May will be organizing only a short time left before the exciting day! The Fun Run will start at the elementary school at 10:30 am. Chris Haggerty will be organizing this event. Please arrive early to sign the authorization forms to participate.

The parade will start at Harrington's and travel to Thompson Road. The step off is at 10:35 am. Boy Scout Troop #23 will be serving as Color Guard, leading the parade with the Richmond Police and Richmond Rescue. The theme of this year's parade is "America the Beautiful". We hope to see a lot of red, white and blue, showing Richmond's patriotism.

After the parade there will a lot of things going on at Volunteer's Green.

There will be plenty of food, fun, music and games. This year the parade committee will be sponsoring free children's games, face painting and balloon animals.

the car show. Cars are welcome to join in the parade or simply gather at the green.

Blue Star Mothers will be selling hot dogs, hamburgers, veggie burgers and sausages. Parade Committee will be selling the fried dough and hand cut fries. Donna Lewis and friends are organizing the Chicken BBQ. There will be Strawberry Shortcake, lemonade, ice cream, maple products and more to fill our

Music will be filling the air with DJ Tony Basata in the band shell. Richmond Community Band will perform their annual July 4 concert in the band shell at 1 pm. Northern Comfort will play on the field at 5:30 until the fireworks at 9:30pm.

Come join in Richmond's largest party and enjoy yourself.

-From the Parade and Fireworks Committee

Cool Water and Strawberry Mini Book Sale Shortcake

The Richmond Free Library Trustees will be on hand in front of the Library before, during and just after the parade offering nice cool water for sale. A mini booksale will be operating as well. Proceeds will benefit the Library.

The Richmond Congregational Church's Strawberry Shortcake booth will be in its usual place in the park after the July 4 parade. Stop by for fresh strawberries over homemade shortcake and whipped cream.

Drink Lemonade / Try for a Kayak

A few hundred people parched by thirst plus yearning for a new kayak will be able to take care of their needs at the 2017 Richmond Land Trust Fourth of July Lemonade and Raffle booth.

Money raised from this fundraiser will help RLT raise money needed to pay taxes and upkeep on its preserves across town.





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Summer Reading Club Every summer we join the Vermont Department of Libraries and libraries throughout Vermont and across the country in offering reading program materials around a common theme. This year's theme is BUILD A BETTER WORLD! The summer reading program is for kids of all ages. Beginning Wednesday, June 21, kids can stop by the youth librarian desk on the second floor to register for the club and to pick up their summer reading

Dinoman With magic, merry mayhem, and magnificent, life-size, inflatable dinosaurs, Dinoman will take us on a trip to the Mesozoic era. No registration required. All ages. Monday, June 26, at 10:30 am.

Butterflies: Habits and Habitats with Jerry Schneider This beautiful slide presentation will introduce children to Eastern butterflies and the importance of creating and maintaining their habitat. After the show, children will create their own butterfly T-shirt using a combination of fabric dye spray, plants and butterfly cutouts. (Ages 5-12.) Register in advance. Thursday, July 6, at 1:30 pm.

Down, Dog. Down! (Yoga for Kids): Stretch your body like a dog, roar like a lion, hop like a frog! We'll have fun doing animal yoga poses and discovering how we can move our bodies. We'll have time for relaxing and listening to a story, too. (Ages 3 - 7.) No registration required. Friday, July 7, at 10:30 am.

Outdoor Movie (Fantastic Beasts) and Ice Cream Sundaes Join us for this imaginative PG-13 film set in a magical world before the era of Harry Potter. No registration required. Friday, July 7, at dusk.

Music for the Young at Heart Joanna May, a local teacher with the popular music program Music Together, will lead singing and music. (Ages Infant - 8.) No registration required. Monday, July 10, at 10:30 am.

Lego City Join other Lego enthusiasts and build your own corner of one big city. Our Lego city will be on display for the rest of the month. (Ages 5 - 12.) No registration required for this program on Tuesday, July 11, at 1 pm.

Read to a Dog Tippy is a Certified Therapy Dog. Why read to Tippy? Readers will gain confidence while they enjoy some private story time with Tippy. Sign up for a slot in advance or just drop by. (Ages 4 - 12.) Join us on Thursday, July 13, 20 and 27, from 1 - 3 pm.

Whose Garden is It? Without the many creatures that go to work every day out in the world, our gardens just wouldn't thrive. Each child will plant and go home with their own little garden. (Ages 5 - 10.) Please register in advance for this program on Friday, July 14, at 10:30 am.

Mother Goose Rhymes and Songs Revisit all your old favorites and learn some new rhymes and bounces to recite with your little one. (Ages Infant - 4.) No registration required. Monday, July 17 and 24, at 10:30 am.

Very Merry Theater presents You're a Good Man Charlie Brown (at the Volunteers Green): Vermont's only touring company for actors ages 6 - 15 will present this original musical. Fun for the whole family. No registration required. Tuesday, July 18 at noon.

Egg-static with Birds of Vermont Museum Explore the different conditions eggs must overcome and what adaptations promote egg survival. Participants will color their own egg to take home. (Ages 5 - 10.) Register in advance for this program on Tuesday, July 25, at 1 pm.

Build a Birdhouse Make a birdhouse from recycled materials. Each child will decorate their own birdhouse to take home. (Ages 5-10.) Register in advance for this program on Friday, July 28, at 10:30 am.

Perler Bead Crafts Have you tried Perler beads? By placing small colored beads onto plastic molds, all kinds of shapes, patterns, and designs are possible. Everyone will go home with their creation. (Ages 5-12.) Register in advance. Friday, August 4, at 10:30 am.

End of Summer Reading Program Pizza and Popsicle Celebration Party Join fellow readers for games and a treasure hunt throughout the Library in search of prizes, then celebrate a job well done with pizza and popsicles. This party is for kids who read books over the summer. Register in advance. Friday, August 11, 11 am - 12:30 pm.

Summer Books to Art The Richmond Free Library is teaming up with Radiate Art Space located in the Town Center across the parking lot, to offer a creative, hands-on, book-meetsart summer program on Wednesdays at 10:30 am. (Ages 5 - 10). Register in advance for the sessions of your choice by calling or emailing the Library.

Maybe Something Beautiful by F. Isabel Campoy. Printing with natural materials, you will make four pieces of art complete with a short inspirational message such as "smile" or "joy." You will then be invited to give these beautiful creations to random people in our community throughout the rest of the day. Session # 1—June 28

Only One You by Linda Krantz. Use paint markers to create your one-of-a-kind fish inspired by the story. Session # 2—July 5

Sky Color by Peter Reynolds. See the world differently by using watercolors to paint a sky in various shades (without blue). Session

Follow the Moon Home by Philippe Cousteau. Create your own turtle to 'rescue' by weaving a multi-colored shell on a simple frame. Cute and colorful. Session #4-July 19

Something From Nothing by Phoebe Gilman. Re-cycle and re-purpose trash (the cardboard tube from a toilet paper roll, buttons, plastic caps, etc.) into a fun creature. Session # 5-

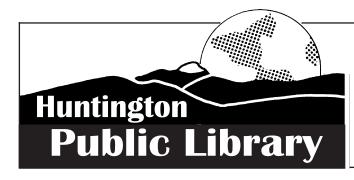
We're All Wonders by R.J. Palacio. Supplied with lots of google eyes, you'll have the chance to search out unique faces in your environment and "google-eye bomb" Richmond. Session #6—August 2

New Guessing Jar each week throughout the summer. Guess correctly (or close enough) and win a book!

Art Cart Look for it on the second floor. Create something unique or choose a puzzle or maze to work on. Available all summer.

Fourth of July Look for the Richmond Free Library Trustees in front of the library before and during the parade. They'll be selling water and items from the perpetual book sale.

Music Music with Mark Lemaire on Wednesday, August 9 and 7 pm. Original music offers great guitar melodies, wonderful vocal harmonies and delightful songs. Donations welcome.



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Thank you to Joanne and Gail Conley for generously donating the landscaping services of the Texas Hill Landscaping crew to care for our grounds!

We are grateful to Debbie Worthley for attending to the beautiful gardens at the entrance to the Library and to Heidi Racht and Pleasant Mount Farm for the gorgeous window boxes that adorn the building.

Yoga at the Library Hatha Yoga with Tania Dornic O'Neal Wednesdays, 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm. Invigorate your week with a slow yet empowering yoga class suitable for all levels of experience. We will focus on alignment in the postures, while being mindful of body, breath, and mind. The practice of yoga is the perfect way to reset yourself in the season of renewal!

Classes will be taught by Huntington resident Tania Dornic O'Neal. She is a certified and registered yoga teacher, who received her 200 HR RYT training in April 2015. She has taught classes locally at Balance Yoga Studio in Richmond, as well as at the Lund Family Center in Burlington through Sangha Studio's yoga service program.

Classes are \$10 each, with \$1 of that fee for the Huntington Public Library.

While classes are drop-in, it would be helpful to know ahead of time how many of you plan to attend. You can contact Tania with any questions, or let her know you are coming to any of the classes, at 802-355-4013 (call or text) starting.

Volunteers and Substitutes Needed We are staffed by volunteers on Sundays. Without the support of our community members, the Huntington Public Library cannot remain open for Sunday hours. Substitutes are needed for Sunday afternoons, and occasionally needed for our open hours. Shifts are 2 1/2 hours to 5 hours per month. Training and support provided. Please call or email for details.

Summer Reading Program officially began Monday, June 26 The Summer Reading Program is open to all incoming kindergarteners through 8th graders to earn \$10 worth of tokens for the Richmond Farmer's Market just by being a reader! Stop by the Library for more information.

Pizza Fridays Fridays, June 30 – July 28 Come have lunch with your friends! A nutritious and free pizza lunch sponsored by Our Community Care Camp (OCCC).

New Adult Fiction Murder in All Honor and MURDER IN CONTAINMENT by Anne Cleeland; THE Woman in the Castle by Jessica Shattuck; The VOID, JILO, AND SHIVAREE by J.D. Horn; BROKEN Wing by David Budbill.

Adult Non-Fiction The Most Perfect Thing -INSIDE (AND OUTSIDE) A BIRD'S EGG by Tim Birkhead; Human Scale Rivisited - A New Look at THE CLASSIC CASE FOR A DECENTRALIST FUTURE by Kirkpatrick Sale; Nature's Temples - The COMPLEX WORLD OF THE OLD-GROWTH FORESTS by Joan Maloof; Senator Leahy - A Life in Scenes by Philip Baruth; Retribution - The BATTLE FOR JAPAN, 1944-45 by Max Hastings;

DAWN LIGHT - DANCING WITH CRANES AND OTHER

WAYS TO START THE DAY by Diane Ackerman; ACQUIRING GENOMES – A THEORY OF THE ORIGINS OF Species by Lynn Margulis and Dorion Sagan: WHEREAS - POEMS by Layli Long Soldier; NATU-RAL TREATMENT FOR LYME COINFECTIONS - ANA-PLASMA, BABESIA, AND EHRLICHIA AND HEALING Lyme – Natural Healing of Lyme Borreliosis AND THE COINFECTIONS CHLAMYDIA AND SPOT-TED FEVER RICKETTSIOSES by Stephen Harrod Buhner; The Forest Garden Greenhouse by Jerome Osentowski.

Adult DVD THE INCREDIBLE JOURNEY OF THE BUTTERFLIES; I'M NOT THERE.

Picture Books THANK YOU, BUGS! by Dawn Pape; Can You See What I See - Out of THIS WORLD AND TOYLAND EXPRESS, AND I SPY SPECTACTULAR by Walter Wick; FOUND AND BE A FRIEND by Salina Yoon; TAP THE MAGIC TREE by Christie Matheson; WE'RE ALL WONDERS by R.J. Palacio; Global Baby Bedtimes; Ramadan Moon by Na'ima B. Robert; Moon Watchers by Reza Jalali.

Junior Non-Fiction Lost in the Pacific, 1942 by Tod Olson; FLIGHT, edited by Kazu Kibuishi.

Junior Fiction Falling Over Sideways by Jordan Sonnenblick; ORPHAN TRAIN GIRL by Christina Baker Kline; SPY SKI SCHOOL by Stuart Gibbs.

Huntington Playgroup and Special Guest Readers Fridays, 10 am- noon While the official playgroup sponsored by Building Brighter Futures runs only during the school year calendar we will continue to have an informal playgroup and Story Time during the summer, as all babies, toddlers, and children need books all year long! We invite children and their caregivers to socialize, read books and have fun. Fridays mornings at the Library are fun for all ages! There will be Special Guests and activities, to compliment our Summer Reading Program theme, which is BUILD A BETTER WORLD.

A hearty thanks to Jen O'Hora, facilitator of the Building Brighter Futures playgroup this schoolyear! We hope Jen will return in the 2017-2018 school year to facilitate the group.

Guest Readers Keep your reading skills in tip top shape by sharing your favorite easy reading books to children ages 1-5. You can choose to read to an entire group or one child. Many children love to have older kids read to them.

Passport to Vermont Libraries How many Libraries can you visit and explore between June 1- September 1, 2017? Come into Huntington Public Library to pick up your passport. Sponsored by the Vermont Library Association.

Shelburne Museum Pass The Shelburne Museum Pass comes up for renewal this month and we are looking for a donor. The annual fee is \$100. Please talk to Anne or Stacey if you are interesed in supporting our Library and enabling Huntington Public Library patrons a discounted admission to a local treasure.

Museum and Park Passes We have passes for free or reduced admission to the following places: Vermont State Parks (day use only). Vermont Historic Sites, Echo Center, Shelburne Museum, Shelburne Farms and Birds of Vermont Museum. Passes are available for three-day periods on a first come basis.

No Summer Movie Nights Please note that due to the long days of sunshine, the First Friday of the Month Movie Night takes a summer vacation! See you in September!



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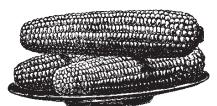






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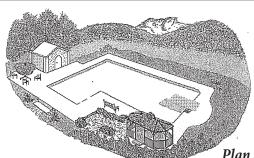
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Richmond Selectboard

Reported by Greg Elias

Tho should give first? The Richmond Selectboard pondered that question as it debated donating \$150,000 to replace Gillett Pond Dam.

At its June 5 meeting, the Selectboard discussed reconstruction of the dam with the Richmond Land Trust. The project, including land acquisition, engineering and construction, will cost an estimated \$875,000.

The money requested from Richmond will come from the town's Conservation Fund, money set aside for projects and land purchases that protect the environment or provide recreational opportunities. It is funded by 1-cent addition to the existing property tax rate.

Lou Borie, a Richmond Land Trust Board member, outlined the restoration project and explained how it would be funded. He noted the current dam, built about 100 years ago, helped create Gillett Pond. But a massive rainstorm in 2013 caused the pond to spill over the structure and wash out a culvert.

That led state regulators to conclude the dam was deficient and require reconstruction or demolition. Knocking down the dam would mean that much of the mile-long Gillett Pond would disappear. So those who treasure the pond, which is used for boating and ice-skating, embarked on a fundraising effort.

The Richmond Land Trust is working with the nonprofit Friends of Gillett Pond to gather grants and donations. In addition to the money from Richmond, the group also plans to ask Huntington, the other town bordering the pond, for a \$100,000 contribution.

Borie said Richmond's money would help spur other donations and was essential in being able to pay for the project.

"If the Selectboard were to approve the funding, we wouldn't need a check right away," he said. "It's really the commitment from the town that is most critical in terms of generating momentum and demonstrating there's broad community support for this project as we go out to other granting foundations and other sources and eventually to individuals."

But Selectboard members voiced reservations going first. It was suggested that the town's contribution be contingent on Huntington also chipping in

"I am supporting this," said Bard Hill. "I would hope and expect Huntington to support it as well."

Selectboard member Steve May suggested that the town's contribution come with other strings attached, perhaps requiring a portion of the \$150,000 to be matched by other contributions and disbursing the money in multiple partial payments.

"Someone has to go first," responded Wright Preston, Richmond Land Trust's treasurer. "This is a very hard project to raise funds for, so the fewer constraints the better."

Another concern was that the contribution would exhaust the town's Conservation Fund.

Judy Rosovsky of the Richmond Conservation Commission said the fund's current balance is \$263,000. There is a pending request for \$125,000 to conserve land at the Andrews Farm. That will leave just \$138,000 in the fund, but the balance will soon be boosted by \$44,000 when it receives the annual infusion from one-cent property tax.

So some money will remain even after the dam contribution. Rosovsky said there are no other pending funding requests and the dam fulfills the Conservation Fund's purpose.

"It's a very beautiful natural area," she said. "The dam has been in place for a century or two, so I would consider it to be a natural pond at this point, incorporated into the local ecosystem. It's a wildly popular recreational area that allows people to get outside and appreciate natural beauty."

But May said he has been told that restoring the dam bucks a trend. "Folks are struck that at time when dams are coming down across the state, we are gong out of our way to put one back up," he said.

May also alluded to climate change, asking what happens when a 100-year storm starts occurring every 15-20 years. Fritz Martin, chair of the Richmond Land Trust Board, said the state regulators were "very conservative" in requiring a concrete replacement dam that is probably larger that necessary.

Though a severe storm might cause water to top the dam, Martin said, that does not mean it will collapse. Fellow RLT Board member Robert Zimmerman said even if the new dam fails, there are no residences downstream, so it is considered to be a low hazard area.

May also questioned whether Richmond, as the biggest single donor, is carrying its fair share of the burden. Preston noted that almost the entire pond is within Richmond town limits.

In the end, the Selectboard approved the funding by a 4-0 vote. Chair Lincoln Bressor recused himself to avoid a potential conflict of interest because his father is on the Richmond Land Trust Board.

Parking Revisited Parking on cramped residential streets around central Richmond was again discussed as the Selectboard considered an altered ordinance to deal with the problem.

The change would increase the distance from intersections where parking is forbidden from 15 to 25 feet. The idea is to ensure emergency vehicles can access narrow streets.

Selectboard members only briefly discussed the matter at the June 5 meeting, which marked the first reading of the new rule. The required second reading and public hearing on the ordinance change is scheduled for July 3.

The issue was first raised at the Selectboard's May 1 meeting, when homeowners on Tilden Avenue, a residential street near downtown Richmond that runs parallel to Route 2, complained that police had threatened to ticket improperly parked cars. Resident Christy Witters asked the Selectboard to direct police to leave her and her neighbors alone.

Parking is in fact allowed on the street, but Selectboard member Bard Hill thought police might be enforcing the rule forbidding parking too close to an intersection.

At the following meeting on May 15, Police Chief Alan Buck told the Selectboard that snowplows and emergency vehicles have a hard time navigating the Tilden Avenue/Baker Street intersection, especially when cars are parked on both sides of the street or close to the corner, according to minutes from the session.

Witters said friends and guests need room to park. But the Selectboard agreed that something needed to be done and so the ordinance change was proposed.

At the latest meeting, May said the revised ordinance would not address other parking problems around town.

"I worry that doing this piecemeal would create a whac-a-mole phenomenon," he said.

Board members indicated they would have a broader discussion of parking issues during the July 3 public hearing.

Huntington Selectboard

Reported by Ruth Blodgett

hittenden Solid Waste District (CSWD) Executive Director Sarah Reeves visited the Huntington Selectboard at its June 6, 2017 meeting. Reeves reported, "The waste district is in solid fiscal shape... looking at what to take on over the next 20 years, making sure Act 148 (Vermont's universal recycling and composting law) is being followed. Increased healthcare expenses have increased CSWD's budget," Reeves told the Board, even though employees are paying more of their share. The Board moved to approve the CSWD budget for FY (Fiscal Year) 2018.

During Public Comment Jim Chistiansen raised concerns about the accuracy of approved Selectboard meeting minutes from April 17, asserting they did not reflect Chair Dori Barton's participation in a discussion of the Smith project on Bert White Road.

Christiansen also questioned if the Board followed its Recusal Procedure at the May 1, 2017 meeting, asking, "Did recusal actually occur since the procedure was not followed?" Vice Chair Nancy Stoddard told Christiansen, "We will address these comments." Later in the meeting, the Board concurred the minutes of April 17 and May 1 are accurate and recusal had been made clear at the May 1 meeting. Town Administrator Barbara Elliott agreed to assure the Conflict of Interest policy is thoroughly reviewed at each annual Selectboard organizational meeting.

Access through Town Property An agricultural easement to a field next to the Town Garage was approved, since there has been no public opposition. The Board authorized the Town Agent to sign the Easement Deed between the Town of Huntington and Martin and Jacqueline Fuller.

Tax Sale Delinquent Tax Collector Brent Lamoureux presented the Board with delinquent tax sale recommendations for five properties owing more than \$1,500 each in back taxes. Lamoureux, said numerous letters have been sent to these property owners, offering to set up payment plans. The Board moved to authorize the Town Clerk or Town Treasurer to bid on any properties that receive no other bids at the tax sale.

Roads and Bridges Highway work plans were discussed. Culvert replacements on Salvas, Economou, Camels Hump, Trapp, and Texas Hill Roads are planned. Grant work, including a Sherman Hollow project done in conjunction with Vermont Fish and Wildlife, 1.2 miles of paving in Hanksville, and storm water mitigation at the Town garage, are slated for August.

Selectboard member Andrew Hendrickson asked about wild parsnip cutting. Selectboard member Roman Livak suggested the first mowing should be done at 4 inches to 6 inches high so the second mowing will deter the spread of seed. If the first cutting is too short, Livak explained, the plant branches out and produces flower heads on short plants.

Livak mentioned crooked signs which need straightening, missing speed signs needing replacement and guard rails that seem too low. These issues were further addressed at the June 19 Selectboard meeting. Alger said he would investigate these sign issues, and told the Board he has ordered new larger, more reflective 25 mph signs, adding, "Hopefully it will be in the budget to get new 35s."

Animal Control Cemetery trustees Heidi Racht and Paula Kelley came to consult with the Board about a resident who walks his unregistered dog unleashed in Maplewood Cemetery. This large dog jumps at people, reported Racht, and the Animal Control Officer has been called. After the most recent incident involving this dog, the State Police recommended going to Selectboard. A letter has been drafted and a No Trespass order is requested. The Board moved to respond to the request from the Cemetery Trustees by taking appropriate action.

The Board had its annual review of Animal Control boarding charges. It moved to keep the boarding charge for any portion of a day at \$10. Livak suggested an amendment to the motion, changing the charge for dog impoundment to \$15 per day. All members voted in favor of the amended motion.

Roads, Again The Huntington Selectboard meeting on June 19, 2017 began with Highway Department updates. Road Foreman Yogi Alger said Bridge 8 work has begun, with one lane open until June 29, when it will be closed to all traffic. The Road Crew has been putting up signs and reflectors on the Moody and Carse Roads detour route, along with ditch work. Elliott has made calls to trucking companies regarding the detour.

Alger shared plans to repaint the cross walk, paint white warning lines and chevrons on the speed hump and 25 mph on the pavement in two locations: going into the Lower Village before Beaudry's and coming down from Raven Ridge. Elliott said the new radar sign would go up by Raven Ridge heading North. Barton asked, "Any comments on the speed hump?" Alger replied, "I haven't had any." Livak commented, "It is certainly not an egregious hump at all."

The crew has pressure washed the sand shed, applied sealant inside and hopes to seal the outside next year.

The Town has received \$254,298 in highway grants for FY 2017-2018. Elliott and Alger are working on a grant application to help finance erosion control work using best management practices.

During Public Comment Annielies McVoy of Raven Ridge said, "Thank you so much that the speed radar sign will go near Raven Ridge. I love the speed hump, any plans for one at our end of town?" She asked about installing the temporary speed bump used last summer. Alger adamantly opposed that idea, citing negative public feedback about that speed bump. Barton clarified, "[The new speed hump] is actually a test because we are planning out a pavement project and will take some data to see if it works. We can't invest in a lot if we are going to tear up the road." Livak, questioned the practicality of placing a speed hump going up or down a hill. McVoy pleaded, "Please, please get people to slow down before the hill." Barton responded, "Please know this is a continuing conversation." She thanked the Board for being receptive.

Library Report Stacey Symanowicz, Interim Library Director and liaison, told the Board, "We at the Library want to collaborate with everyone. We are a Library for the community, we also have open meetings. I would love to have more contact with the seniors. We have a children's food program in the summer, and I'd like to create a food center for staples, have a permanent structure like the 'little libraries' with staples like canned goods." Symanowicz reported that the Library has stayed within its budget this year. Stoddard asked, "How can the Selectboard help?" Symanowicz said she was just there to observe what the Selectboard does.

Tax Rate Set The Selectboard unanimously approved setting the FY 2018-2019 Town tax rate at .6863 per \$100 of assessed value.

Personnel The Board entered Executive session for 15 minutes. Upon exiting Executive Session, the Board approved the 2017-2018 salary sheet as reviewed by the HR (Human Resources) Committee.

The Board also moved to approve a vacation payout to some Road Crew members, who did not have an opportunity to take their earned time because of extra storm related work, as advised by the HR Committee. Livak commented, "Vacation is there for employees to use. It makes them healthy and happy and we need to figure out how to let them use their vacation time."

Resignations and Appointments The Board accepted the resignation of John Altermatt from the Development Review Board (DRB). Altermatt served on the Zoning Board of Adjustment prior to its reorganization as the DRB, for a total 15 years of service.

The Board made many CCRPC (Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission) appointments: Elliott, Board of Directors representative; Hendrickson as Board of Directors alternate; Darlene Palola, representative on the QWAC (quality water advisory committee) and Elliott, TAC (transportation advisory committee) representative. And other appointments:

- Mark Smith, DRB for a three-year term to complete Altermatt's term. Smith has been serving as alternate.
- Carmen Tedesco to the Huntington Planning Commission.

Contracts and Documents The Board approved and signed the Certificate of Adoption of the 2017 Chittenden County Multi-Jurisdictional All Hazards Mitigation Plan and Annex #8, the 2017 Town of Huntington All-Hazards Mitigation Plan.

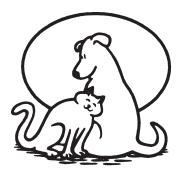
- Signed the bond certificate for Bridge 8, in accordance with the bond article approved at Town Meeting.
- Renewed the Town's contract from with Vermont Appraisal Company, with no changes, as recommended by the Listers
- Accepted the State Police Traffic Enforcement Contract for 325 hours from July 1, 2017-June 30, 2018 for a maximum amount of \$21, 846.50.

Next Selectboard Meeting No meeting on July 3 because it is my birthday. Additionally, many Board members will be unable to attend on July 3, so the next Selectboard meeting will be at 7 pm, Monday, July 19.



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Sign up for Huntington Youth Soccer for students in Grades 1–6 is now underway. Early registration discount goes until August 1. After July 31, the registration is at the regular price.

Registration forms went home in backpacks from Brewster-Pierce School and are also available at the Huntington Public Library, Beaudry's Store and the Huntington Town Clerk's Office. The form is also available on the town website: huntingtonvt.org; and soccer website: http://hys.soccer

First day for grades 3-6 is Saturday, August 26; September 6 is the first day for grades 1-2. (There is no soccer on Saturday, September 2, Labor Day weekend, for grades 3-6)

Soccer concludes on Saturday, October 28, with a game between parents and players and food!

The cost is \$48 per child. The final sign-up date will be September 2. Shin guards and a water bottle are required. Cleats are recommended. A box of donated soccer shoes will be available for pick-up and drop-off in the Town Clerk's Office after July 1. Feel free to stop by or call.



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MMMUSD Board

about availability

Reported by Diane Wester

The Happy Stuff The Golden Apple Awards were presented to volunteers in the school district for the contributions to the school community. Anne Clegg and her family have been running the Terracycling program at Smilie for 3 years. A point program from this collection provides clean water to other areas of the world. Elliot Lothrop and Brian Hayes accepted the award on behalf of their whole building team. They provided a post and beam outdoor classroom at Brewster-Pierce. Heather Lebeis offered widespread support at Underhill, beyond her job with toddlers and infants in the Bright Futures program. Richmond's Sherri Gouse was honored for her long term support of the PTO. Amy Davis's music club booster culminated this year with the first BRMS marching band. Elizabeth Bernstein provided one on one tutoring at CHMS in English, as did ChiChi Barrett in math. Donna Wyatt and Amy Grover were honored for their work with the MMUHS Academic Boosters.

A framed drawing of Brewster-Pierce was given to Dave Clark in appreciation for his 20+ years of service on various school boards. Superintendent John Alberghini called Clark "honest, forthright, hardworking, committed and dedicated." He added that Clark had the ability to change his mind when presented with new information – a quality Alberghini said he admired and incorporated into his own life.

State Senator Ginny Lyons, State Representatives Theresa Wood, Tom Stevens, and Trevor Squirrel attended the ceremony. They made themselves available to their constituents for questions and comments while light refreshments were being served. Lyons said "It's been a crazy year – but it's not crazy here." (See The Crazy Stuff below)

More Happy Stuff The school district and the Little League of Jericho have come to an agreement concerning the proposed pressbox donation. All the Ts have been crossed – no objection from the 20 neighbors contacted, no additional insurance cost, an agreed escrow amount in case the box needs maintenance or removal in the future – and the school district can fit supervision of the three-day (all volunteer) installation window into its summer construction schedule.

The BRMS parking lot safety reconfiguration/repaving project begins on June 21.

Native Spanish speaker Constanza Mosquera has been hired to teach kindergarten in the pilot Language Immersion program. She has an Masters degree from California State and extensive experience teaching elementary school children in Vermont, California and several other countries around the world.

The Ordinary Stuff The Finance Committee met on May 25 for ordinary business. SB Collins was awarded the diesel fuel contract, Catamount Forest Products was awarded the wood chip bid. A Board subcommittee offered a Proposed Budget Assessment for FY 2018. Huntington would pay an assessment of 4.5% of all Central Office, Special Education and Transportation costs based on equalized pupils numbers and enrollment.

Two more Policy Governance monitoring reports – 3.2 Superintendent Performance and 2.1 Treatment of Students and Parents were reviewed. It has been approximately one year since Policy Governance was implemented and Val Gardner of VSBA was invited to make suggestions on their work to date. There was an extensive evaluation/retraining session. Many useful suggestions were made as to how to

speed up the review process. Community participation to create clear ends [results] is critical.

A new, improved student information/data system will be implemented this summer at no cost to the district. Tyler Technologies is removing the Schoolmaster system and replacing it with a newer product that has several more features. It will be more parent-friendly.

The Crazy Stuff Alberghini offered an extensive explanation as to how the board may choose to respond if a Bullying, Hazing and Harassment decision is appealed. The way the Vermont Agency of Education policy is written, an appeal can be addressed directly to the Board, bypassing the superintendent. The steps and rules are very specific – and a fine line must be drawn between sharing truthful information and protecting the privacy of the students involved. It is not the board's responsibility to judge the validity of the bullying claim - it is the board's responsibility to decide if the administration's decision about the claim is valid, fair, and not an abuse of power.

The Ups and Downs of Taxes

Good news: Alberghini has confirmed with the Vermont AOE that Huntington can receive the tax incentives of the unified district applicable to grades 5-12.

Bad news: Governor Scott's State budget veto is impacting the current tax rate for the CESU budget presented to and approved by the voters at Town Meeting last March. It is also impacting the ability of the Finance Committee to accurately project costs to complete its Five Year Plan. Also impacting this plan are the as yet unquantified anticipated reductions in Federal contributions to education spending – especially special education funding. The Finance Committee meetings are open to the public, and their minutes and future agendas are available at www.cesuvt.org.



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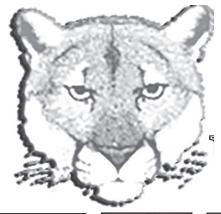
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Bergeron, William









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Bliss, Daniel



Borch, Brianna



Bossi, Gillian



Bouffard, Mason



Bouffard, William



Boyer, Brandon





Brown, Grace









Burbo, Autumn





Bushey, Nathan



Buzzell, Thomas









Miranda Grover, left, magna cum laude, and the family dog, Phoebe. Right, more graduation photos.









Steven Garcia giving Mount Mansfield High School 4x400 meter relay team the lead to go on and win the 2017 VT State Champion title.





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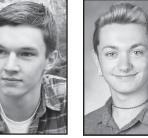
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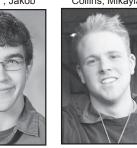
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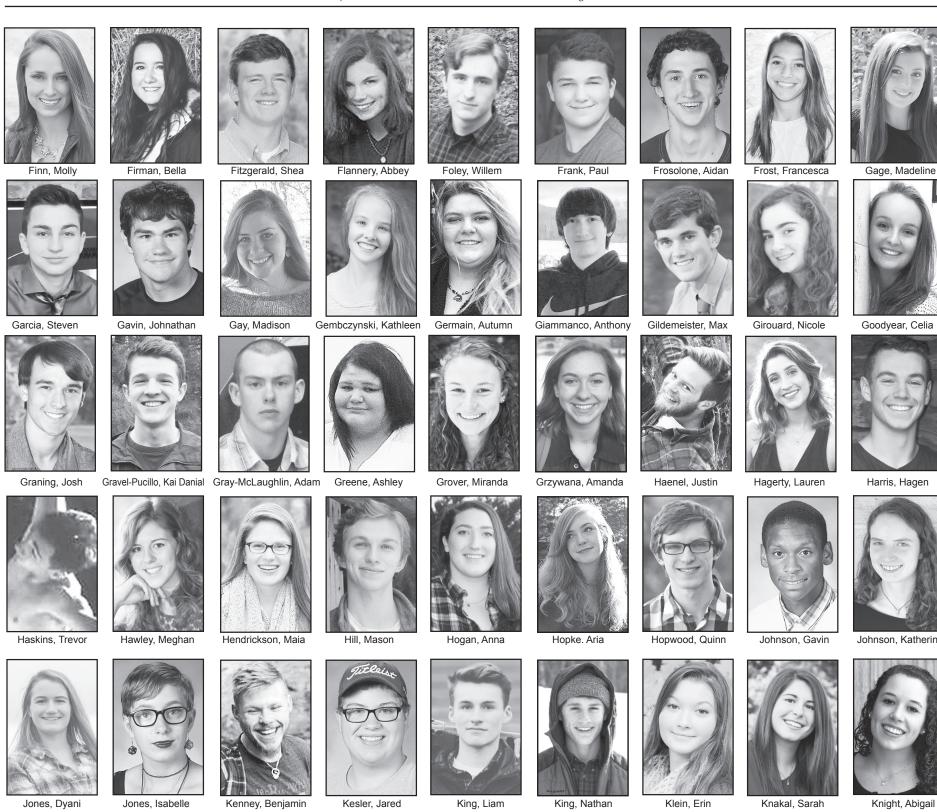




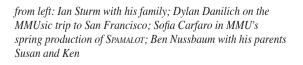
Clockwise, from left: Nick Metruk, recipient of the Sam Cohn music award, with John Cohn and Diane Mariano; Anna Valentine with her Junior Varsity Championship trophy at the BFA Hard'ack X-C Race last fall. Photo: Phil Erb; Aiden Cummings; Senior members of the MMU 2017 State Champions Jazz Team

















Mosca, Letizia

Munns, Casey



Metruk, Nicholas

Miller, Abigail

Merchant, Olivia



Ally Rigutto and Maia Hendrickson at graduation

Colby Antonacci Tennis Captain MMU

Morrissey, Allison



Italy to MMU Exchange

Murray, Tucker

Murray, David

Senior Italian exchange student Giulia Perissinotto made a big hit at MMU this year. She lived with the Billis/Bryan family in Huntington Center and immediately carved out a place in Chris Billis's heart with her love and appreciation of food and home cooking. She became the pizza maker both at home and school events.

She started the year playing volleyball, MMU's newest sport, and, having played 10 years at home, was a real asset to the team. Giulia endeared herself to her coach and teammates with her positive attitude. She made friends easily with kids and teachers—the close relationship between students and teachers in the US was a welcome surprise, and she truly enjoyed going to school. She earned straight As and was recognized with an academic award in June.

In the winter Giulia discovered in herself a true hockey fan! She loved seeing both the girls' and boys' teams play (OK, she preferred the boys)...In addition to hockey, she attended so many games she earned the most points for sports events attendance, taking home an impressive bundle of MMU schwag.



Eliza Bryan and Giulia Perissinotto

In the spring Giulia joined the tennis team and made Palmers' maple creemees a regular habit after practice. Her friendship circle has grown and she has promises from many that they'll visit her in Italy. She also hopes to come back to her lovely home away from home for Graduation next year. It's been a grand experience-forGiulia and all the people (and dogs) she calls friends. She'll be missed.

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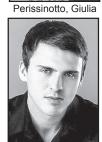












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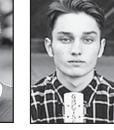


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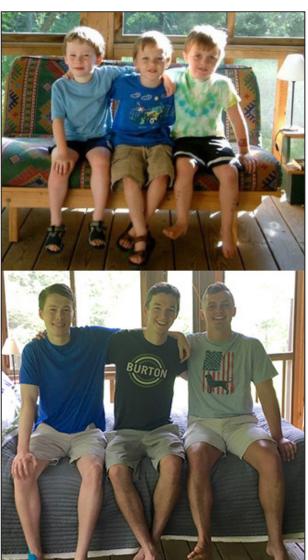
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Wagg, Simon



Waite, Oliver



Friends since birth: Dan Reid, Aiden Cummings, Mason Bouchard



Jay Chandler on the slopes



Akash Kushwaha tests for black belt at Tang Soo Do, a martial arts class, held in Huntington













Williams, Nathan



Wilson, Raymond







Youngman, Bridgett



Huntington Resident Taylor Dawn Christiana graduated from U-32 High School on June 9, 2017. She will start at UVM College of Engineering in the Fall

MMU Senior photos from the MMU website. Facebook and contributed by students and their families.

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Scholarship Winners

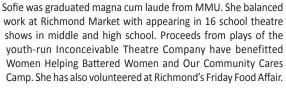
Entrepreneurial MMU Graduates Earn WSBA Scholarships

The Western Slopes Business Association (WSBA) is proud to announce that **Sofie Carfaro** and Nate King are the recipients of this year's WSBA Entrepreneur Scholarships. Each of these graduates of the MMU Class of 2017 was awarded a check of \$1,800 towards their future studies, at DePaul (Chicago) and Montana State universities, respectively.

It was a tough decision for the WSBA Scholarship Committee, due to the strength this year's applicant pool, but Sofie and Nate stood out for meeting our main criteria of combining a long record of community service with a proven entrepreneurial track record. Richmond's Sofie founded the Inconceivable Theatre Company, and Underhill's Nate launched a Boys on Bikes afterschool



Both received glowing recommendations from MMU and people in the local community, but here is a glimpse at their great promise, in their own words. Sofie writes in the first line of her application: "I aspire to be a theatre director and run my own professional theatre company that focuses on activism once I graduate college." And Nate shared the following with the WSBA committee in his application: "Starting my own business is something I've always thought about, and my hope is that over the next four years I will acquire the knowledge and skills to make my dream a reality."





Nate, for his part, is already an accomplished outdoorsman, taking a lead as the captain of the cross country running and Nordic skiing teams both his junior and senior years. In the past, he has worked at the Jericho Country store and run his own mowing/yard work business. His volunteer work also includes volunteering at Special Olympics and freshman orientation.

WSBA (formerly RABA) is committed to helping exceptional MMU grads face the ever-increasing costs of further studies; this year, the scholarship amount increased to \$1800 from \$1500 last year. The funds are raised entirely from the WSBA Richmond Holiday Market's Silent Auction in December. Thanks to both the dozens of local businesses and individuals, as well as the hundreds of auction bidders who made the two scholarships possible.

To find out more about the Western Slopes Business Association, or to volunteer your time, products and/or services to the Silent Auction visit www.westernslopesvt.org.

WSBA Corner

We would like to thank all who attended the Round church art festival June 24. Saturday, September 9: Inaugural kickball tournament. December 2, 2017: Holiday Market

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MMU Honor Roll

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Grade 9: Quinn Bisbee, Ethan Hall Grade 10: Caitlin Dooling, Becket Hill, Brynne

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HIGH HONORS GPA 3 50-3 99

Grade 9: Elizabeth Altermatt, Kimberly Buzzell, Mareike Ganzenmuller, Benjamin West

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Grade 11: Willoughby Carlo, Peter Christiana, Natalie Mohn, Yvette Provencher, Charles Roberts,

Grade 12: Mason Bouffard, Eliza Bryan, Daniel Reid, Allyson Rigutto, Anna Valentine

HONORS GPA 3 00-3 49

Grade 9: David Hennessey, Cassidy Keefe, James Lubkowitz, Dimitri Reed, Sayler Ruggles, Asher Symanowicz, Shania Weisler

Grade 10: Grace Ashak

Grade 11: Rowan Hamilton, Eli Ogilvie, Elijah Symanowicz

Grade 12: Aidan Cummings, Olivia Merchant, Nicholas Metruk

Richmond

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Grade 9: Molly Austin, Ellen Bissell, Ezra Bush, Noah Gagliardi, Viva Goetze, Joshua Keough, Jonathan Knakal, Sophie O'Neil, Isabel Wysockey-Johnson

Grade 10: Eleanor Churchill, Finley Clark, Colby Giroux, Isabelle Hammond, Maxwell Hartsfield, Martina Monroe, Hunter Wasser

Grade 11: Benjamin Austin, Abigail Carte, Abigail DeBay, Alexandra Devaux, Ella Goetze, Kira Mincar, Jack Parker

Grade 12: Allie Bianchi, Ellyn Lapointe, Benjamin Nussbaum, Jessica Peura, Cory Raymond, Benjamin Slattery

HIGH HONORS GPA 3 50-3 99

Grade 9: Nicholas Bender, Luke Bursell, Dana Cabrera, Sadie Firman, Edward Kane, Joshua Kupiec, Kira Margolis, Zoey O'Donnell, Connor Philbrick, Ada Renner, Marion Sandblom, Rory Ulmer, Edward Waite, Annabelle Werner

Grade 10: Abigail Chastaine, Hannah Ducharme, Aislynn Farr, Cecilia Harris, Eamonn Heney, Teagan Low, Ella Myregaard, Alexander Naumann, Eli Rankin, Amelia Sanborn, Lucaiah Smith-Miodownik, Nora Sylvester, Ely Webster

Grade 11: Samuel Bender, Anna Coffin, Skye Douglas-Hughes, Ross Johnson, Elise Killian, Tyler Muttilainen, Kira Nolan, Caroline Noonan, Maygan Thompson, Sawyer Thompson, Christine Trumper,

Grade 12: Grace Biggio, Sierra Fabiani, Bella Firman, Hagen Harris, Katherine Johnson, Sarah Knakal, Kayla Laird, Kyle Leggett, Cole Preavy-Carrier, Margaret Thompson, Simon Wagg, Oliver Waite, Kyle Youngberg

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Grade 9: August Biggio, Ian Clark, Kai Frieze, Jacob Grimm, Samantha Nolan, Matthew Pierce, Alexander Priganc

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Grade 11: Max Eriksson, Timothy Kane, Trent LaBounty, Alaynna Northrop, Zachary Reinhardt, Bram Rostad, Kaitlin Scherber, Elizabeth Werner

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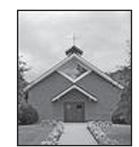
Thursday & Friday, 8:30 am

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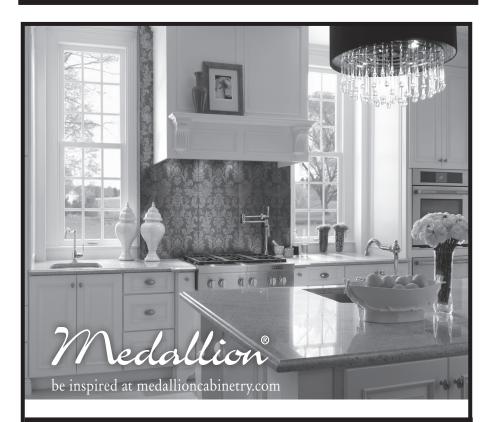
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News from Area Churches

Richmond Congregational Church

Rev. Katelyn Macrae, 434-2053

s you read this issue of the TIMES INK, six of our youth will have just returned from a weekend at the Heifer Farm in Rutland, Massachusetts. Each December, our Sunday School kids hold a Living Gift Market to raise funds to support Heifer International. We are excited for them to have this hands-on experience to learn more about Heifer's global work to end hunger by providing animals and education to people in need. In addition to the farm, our youth also attended Common Cathedral, an outdoor worship service on Boston Common aimed at ministering to people experiencing homelessness.

Our Christian Education and Missions Committees are working on ways to help our children put their faith into action. To this end, our children will be helping locally this summer by supporting Our Community Cares Camp with their weekly offering and collecting school supplies for children in need in August.

This summer we invite the wider community to be a part of Flat Jesus' Summer Adventures. You can pick up your very own Flat Jesus at the church office, decorate him, and then bring Flat Jesus with you on all your summer travels as a reminder that God is with you wherever you go. Send pictures of Flat Jesus' travels to church@rccucc.org. You can also follow his adventures on the RCC Facebook Page - https://www.facebook.com/rccucc/

In July and August, Worship and Sunday School move to 9 am on Sunday morning. Meet Me at the River, our summer children's program, brings kids to the Volunteer's Green for a short Bible Lesson and Games. Throughout the summer we have Special Music, an opportunity for members to share their musical talents during worship. On July 2, we will have a Hymn Sing during worship. On Sunday, August 13, we are particularly excited to welcome guest musicians John Dunlop, principal cellist, and Laura Markowitz, violinist, of the Vermont Symphony Orchestra. This summer we also welcome several guest preachers to the pulpit including Doug Wysockey-Johnson (July 26), and Debbie Ingram (August 6).

In addition to our worship, we invite you to consider joining us for these Community Events this summer. On July 4, make sure to stop by the Strawberry Shortcake booth at the Richmond Fourth of July Celebration.



State House News

Rep. Marcia Lawrence Gardner

In the May issue of The Times Ink, I promised a final report of the 2017 General Assembly for this issue. However, since then, the Governor has vetoed the State's budget bill (H.518) which passed the House by a nearly unanimous vote; therefore, the Legislature will be called back to the State House June 21 and 22 for a "veto session." Regardless of the impasse on the budget, much good work was accomplished this session. Here are some of the bills that were passed and signed into law.

Act 26 (H.5) allows towns more investment options for cemetery funds. Trustees struggle to maintain cemeteries with the small returns made on their fund investments. So, this statute allows town selectboards, treasurers or trustees to invest in potentially higher yield investment funds and to delegate the management of town cemetery funds (work with a financial advisor), in accordance with Vermont's Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act.

Act 42 (H.411) establishes minimum efficiency standards for home appliances. The U.S. Department of Energy currently enforces the same standards as set forth in this bill. However, should the DOE repeal or void these standards for any reason, Vermont would have them in place. California has a similar law and numerous other states are working on similar legislation.

Act 43 (H.508) creates an interim working group to study the effects of multiple adverse childhood experiences or ACEs. One in eight Vermont children has experienced three or more ACEs, the most common being divorced or separated parents, food and housing insecurity, and having lived with someone with a substance use disorder or mental health condition. Children with three or more ACEs have higher odds of failing to engage and flourish in school. The working group is tasked with analyzing existing resources related to building resilience in early childhood and propose appropriate structures for the most evidence-based or evidence-informed and cost-effective approaches to serve children experiencing trauma.

Act 46 (H.111) is the vital records reform act (not to

be confused with Act 46 from the previous legislative session that relates to education). It creates a Statewide Registration System for birth and death certificates registered on or after January 1, 1909. With this system, a birth or death certificate issued in Vermont can be requested at any participating town clerk's office (not just the town where the birth or death occurred) or from the State Registrar. Also, it requires that requests for copies of birth/death certificates be issued only to certain persons and must be accompanied by a reliable form of identification, filling in a dangerous loophole with the potential for identity theft. Previously, anyone could request a copy of a birth or death certificate for anyone born or who died in the State without any form of ID.

Act 49 (H.513) makes changes to the merger timelines and allowable governance structures under Act 46 (passed in the previous legislative session with the goal of finding efficiencies in the State's public education system and to move toward sustainable models of education governance). It does so without weakening or eliminating that Act's fundamental phased merger and incentive structures and requirements. But, it gives school districts more time and flexibility in creating alternative educational governance structures.

Act 57 (H.171) amends the Uniform Collateral Consequences of Conviction Act to require notice of the availability of expungement at the time an offender enters a guilty plea. It also reduces the waiting periods that are required before seeking an expungement, if the person has not been convicted of another crime during this time.

Act 63 (S.33) clarifies that licensed child care providers may participate in the Farm-to-School Program. And it authorizes the Farm-to-School Program to fund technical assistance or strategies to increase participation in federal child nutrition programs, such as equipment, resources, training, and materials.

Normally, the State House News feature would end before the summer months. However, considering the unusual circumstances regarding the State's budget and the "veto session," the July issue of The TIMES INK will include a report on the session and details of the budget.

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Calendar of Events

seat inspections, Richmond Rescue, 216 Railroad St., 9 am to noon. Call Mike Chiarella for an appointment:

FRIDAYS: Volleyball during school year, CHMS, 7 pm to 9 pm. looking for new players, \$10 per year. Just show up. Richmond McCauley, 434-3798.

FRIDAYS THROUGH OCTOBER: Richmond Farmers Market. Rain or shine: 3 pm-7 pm, June 2 through September 15; 3 pm--6 pm, September 22 through October 13. Volunteers Green, Richmond. Visit with your neighbors, support local farmers and artisans, enjoy a good dinner and live music. For more information: www.RichmondFarmersMarketVT. org or RFMManager@gmail.com.

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

FIRST FRIDAY: Free yoga class. 7 pm to 8pm www.balanceyogavt.com

SUNDAYS: Karma Yoga Class, 9 am to 10 am, Balance Yoga, \$5 plus a non-perishable, non-expired item or two for Richmond Food Shelf (or \$10 without food item). www.balanc-

SATURDAYS: Story Time at Phoenix Books, Burlington, 11 am, 191 Bank Street, downtown Burlington. Free.

Regular Meetings SELECTBOARD:

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

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 amoung the MMMUSD schools Check the website for specifics: www. cesu.k12.vt.us

PLANNING COMMISSION

Huntington: 2nd & 4th Mon., 7 pm,

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

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD Huntington: 2nd Tues., 7 pm, Town

Richmond: 2nd & 4th Wed 7 nm 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, CHMS music room pit.

Huntington: Boy Scout Troop 645, Sun, 7 pm, Community Church of Huntington, John Christiana (johnpchristiana@gmail.com) or Tamara Kushwaha (tamara.kushwaha@gmail.com)

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Richmond: 2nd Tues, 7 pm, Town Ctr Huntington: 2nd Thursday, 7 pm, Town Office (downstairs).

RECREATION COMMITTEE Richmond: 1st Tues, 7-9 pm, Town

Center Mtg Room Huntington: 1st Tues, even months,

7 pm, Town Clerk's Office.

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

Information: www.phoenixbooks.biz or 448-3350

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

SUNDAYS: Early Birder Morning Walks, May - June • 7 am to 8:30 am, Birds of Vermont Museum, Huntington. Ramble the Museum's forests and meadows, led by experienced Vermont birders. Finish the walk with bird-friendly coffee at the viewing window inside the Museum. Free. Tick repellent, binoculars, good walking shoes recommended. Best for adults and teens. 434-2167.

SECOND SUNDAYS: Who Walks These Woods, May - October, 1 pm to 3 pm, Birds of Vermont Museum, Huntington. Expert tracker Mike Kessler guides the journey into the ancient of tracking, where participants learn as much about themselves as the animals and landscape around them. Included with Museum admission. Please pre-register: 434-2167.

JULY 1: 25th Annual All-Star Hockey Classic to benefit Make-A-Wish®, UVM's Gutterson Field House, with the women's game (20th annual event) beginning at 4 pm. and the men's following at 6:30 pm. Tickets: \$10 adults, \$5 students (ages 7-17), free children age 6 and under, and will be available at the door. The Classic showcases top high school (graduated) seniors from Vermont, versus rival New Hampshire players. information: Cathy Foutz (802-363-8176) or the Vermont Make-A-Wish office (864-9393), www.allstarhockeyclassicvtnh.org.

CSWD Richmond Drop-Off Center

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RICHMOND LAND TRUST First Thursday . Monitor Barn Annex. All

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Huntington: 4th Thursday, 7 pm, Huntington Town Hall.

LIBRARY

Richmond: Trustees, 1st Thursday in January, March, April, June, September & November, 6 pm, 434-3036.

Huntington: Library Board, 4th Tues, 6:30 pm, Union Meeting House,

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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

HHC1 (Huntington Historic and Community Trust): 1st Thurs, Huntington Public Library, 6:30 pm. All are welcome to attend.

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

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 JULY 15: 18th Annual Lynch-Menard-Podgurski Make-A-Wish® Golf Classic and Auction. Donations for the auction will be accepted until Friday, July 14. Signups for golf foursomes will be accepted on a first come first serve basis: American Legion Post 37 on Rockingham St in Bellows Falls, VT or by contacting Mike Shaughnessy at 802-380-0443 or mshaqs@sover.net. All proceeds will go to the Make-A-Wish® Foundation of Vermont.

JULY 29: Last Saturdays Bird Monitoring Walks, 7:30 am - 9 am, Birds of Vermont Museum, Huntington. All birders welcome on the monthly monitoring walk outdoors on the Museum's trails in forest and meadow. Coffee afterwards, indoors at the viewing window. Most fun for adults, older children. Please bring your own binoculars. Free. Preregister:museum@birdsofvermont. org or call 434-2167

AUGUST 27: Zoe's Race, Oakledge Park, 2 Flynn Avenue, Burlington. A 1K/5K race to benefit home renovations programs for families with children with developmental differences. \$20-40 with the option to fundraise for more projects. Information: http:// hc.kintera.org/faf/help/helpEventInfo. asp?ievent=1160621&lis=1&kntae11 60621=95C50DF0E87948CEBBFC1 58FB9F84748

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: Monday at 7 pm and Wednesday at 10 am at host homes in Huntington (Larry Detweiler).

Richmond Congregational Church, United Church of Christ: 20 Church Street., 434-2053. Sunday Worship with Sunday School, 9 am (July & Aug).

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.hines

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. Pastor David Coons. Youth Pastor Glenn Carter. Sunday services: 8 am & 11am. Nursery care provided; Sunday school for all ages, 9:30 am. Fellowship, 10:30 am. Sunday Youth Group: 6:15 pm. 899-4911; www.jccvt.org

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church: 273 VT Rte 15 (near Browns Trace Rd) Jericho, 899-3932, Rev. Arnold Thomas, 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 370 Vermont Route 15, Underhill Flats. Worship service 9:30 am. Sunday morning Eucharist with supply priests or Morning Prayer at Calvary, followed by a coffee hour. Handicapped accessible, information: www.calvarychurchvt.weebly.com or 899-2326.

Death Notice **Wayne Ring**

Word was recently received of the passing of Wayne Ring of Bolton. He worked for the town of Richmond for many years, MMUHS and other schools in the area.

Wayne Ring was a resident of Fairfax at the time of passing on February 24, 2017. He proudly served his country in the US Army during the Vietnam War. During his service to his country he received the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Combat Infantryman's Badge, and Air Medal. His funeral service was held on June 16 in the Vermont Veterans Cemetery in Randolph.

Memorial contributions may be made to The American Heart Association, Vermont Chapter, Williston, VT 05495 or the Wounded Warriors Project, P.O. Box 758517, Topeka, KS 66675-

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t was a sunny June day, and the Community Senior Center luncheon was scheduled to begin at 11:30. A group of ten or eleven volunteers had been working for over an hour, setting the tables which had been put up by the Knights of Columbus, making flower arrangements, getting the coffee, hot water for tea, iced tea, and lemonade ready, organizing the buffet table. and all the other little jobs that needed doing before people arrived. Mary O'Neil, CSC Board member, and Peggy Curtis, CSC Planning Committee member, had been working for over a month planning the luncheon,

At about 11:25, cars started rolling into the Holy Rosary parking lot. A steady stream of people filed into the large hall and found places to sit. Friends met up, strangers introduced themselves, the sound of chatting and laughter filled the air.

the first to be held by the organization.

Soon a group of Camel's Hump Middle School 7th and 8th graders under the direction of music teacher Jenna Schultz arrived. They were the elite group of the school's 80-member chorus and were there to entertain. And entertain they did! They'd chosen songs they thought people would like, a mixture of old and new songs with a good beat that showed off their vocal talents. The audience was impressed and gave them a standing ovation.

Then it was time to eat: turkey, beef and vegetarian wraps, chips, and an assortment of salads. Dessert included cookies and brownies and two flavors of ice cream donated by Ben and Jerry's. The final part of the event was a short informative presentation by Age Well explaining the services they offer.

People left saying the chorus was delightful and the speaker very informative. Someone was overheard saying that "it was great fun to connect with some people I hadn't seen for awhile."

"When is the next one?" asked someone else. The next luncheon is planned for September and will be held at the Congregational Church.

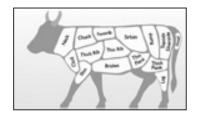
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hristina Landensack's flower shop, the Crimson Poppy has been a local institution for 16 years in Richmond providing beautiful flowers for those special occasions in our lives as well as those times when we just want to enjoy the beauty of nature. The flower shop's name is in honor of crimson poppies, Landensack's favorite flower and color.

LoLo and SuPlace.

Strolling through Poppy's Rustique is a fascinating experience. During our trip, we found a vintage ironing board repurposed into a unique table, an iron baking pan that was repurposed as a tray to hold beads, a stunning amber glass chandelier, and mirror trimmed in penny nails that was rescued from a church-each item a one of a kind. Landensack's goal is to offer special items at a reasonable price.



Several months ago a new business opportunity presented itself when space opened up next door. "I had been collecting and selling items in my Poppy Shop on a small scale," Ladensack told the Beat. "I have a sense of what sells and what doesn't and my flower shop gave me an opportunity to try out various products. When the space next door opened, I felt like it was time to expand my business and offer items related to home décor. Poppy's Rustique was born, a play on my original name that connected to the type of collecting I do which is shabby chic."

Six months before the new space opened Landensack began stockpiling. "I love the search but I'm not a hoarder. For me the fun is in the treasure hunting. I love to find things that are eclectic but can be repurposed in some way. I would not call myself an antique shop. What I do is find something really cool with a history to it and then find a way to reuse it. I'll go to estate sales and flea markets and bring back items. All items at the shop are treasures that I have found and in some cases restored.'

In addition to her collectables, Landensack also carries a unique line up of new Boutique clothing, mostly made in the USA, jewelry and hats and some original woodwork pieces made by her father such as heart shaped cutting boards.

The space itself reflects Landensack's flair and decorating style. Once she took over the new space, Landensack managed to chisel away 3,500 pounds of concrete off the walls while continuing to manage her flower shop. The result was gorgeous exposed beams in a newly painted space. Landensack's Dad and brother pitched in by doing all the woodwork.

In addition to the flower shop and the new home décor addition, Landensack also offers mountainside garden teas at Crimson Poppy Gardens where she has cultivated over 3 acres of display gardens. From Saturday through Tuesday beginning in June until the fall, Landensack offers tours of her gardens and teas featuring homemade cakes, pastries, savory plates and light lunches. Prices range from \$20-\$30 per person and reservations are suggested by calling 244-5143. She also offers a series of workshops called Poppy Pod Workshops, an opportunity for a hands-on floral experience. This year she'll be offering classes on trendsetting succulents, working with flowers from fresh to dry, paint and sip, a fun way to enjoy wine with friends while painting, fairy garden workshop and working with flowers in the dead of winter. Her gardens are located at 649 Camel's Hump Road in Duxbury.

What began as a leap of faith into becoming a small business owner has blossomed into a thriving floral/home décor business. Clearly Christina Ladensack is blessed with a green

> or some wonderful new find for your own home, check out the new Poppy Rustique at 54 Bridge Street, Richmond, Tuesday-Saturday. And if you are looking for a relaxing way to enjoy our Vermont summer, you might want to make reservations for one of the lovely tea experiences at Crimson Poppy Gardens. More information can be found at www.crimsonpoppyvt.net.







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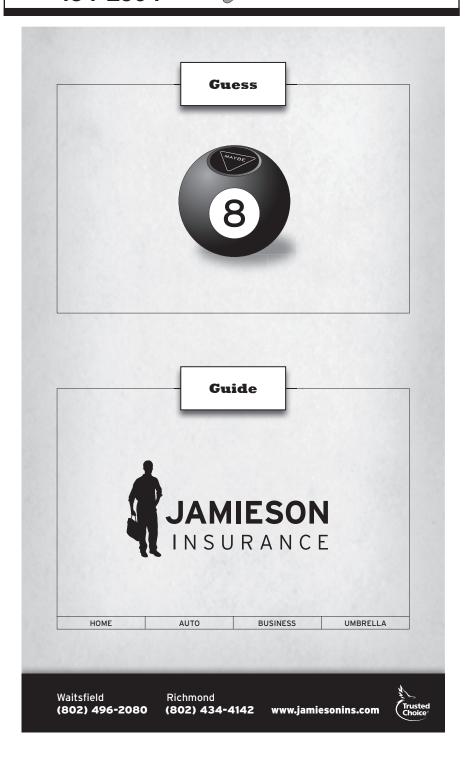
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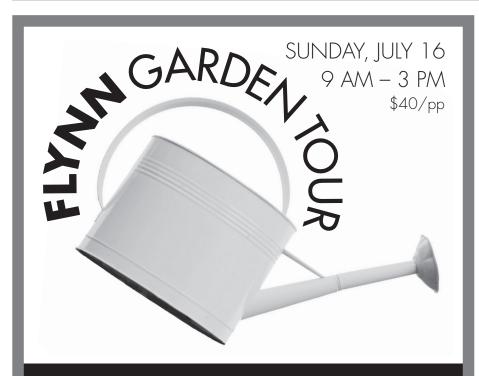
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All Things Human

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Mythology of Technology

"Technology.. the knack of so arranging the world that we don't have to experience it."

-Max Frisch (1911-1991)

Te can all agree that technology has made our lives easier and better. We advanced as a species because we learned how to use tools. Modern medicine and its technology heal us when we are sick and prolong our lives.

Empowered by tools and technology, we were able to evolve from an oral culture to one in which we learned to read and write, and Gutenberg's printing press made the spread of information and learning available to everyone.

The latest developments in technology free us from tedious tasks and provide wonderful benefits. But there is a growing cultural recognition that the relationship with these devices has in some cases become pathological, and psychologists are concerned about "Internet use disorder." What is the price we are paying for accepting such power and control over our

Shouldn't we be alarmed that advances in neuroscience enable the big tech companies, e.g. Apple and Google, to produce devices that are literally addictive? These companies have learned how to create products that trigger in their users release of dopamine, a compound in the brain that acts as a neurotransmitter. According to a CBS 60 MINUTES report, these companies are intentionally creating their products with the sole aim of addicting users. They appear to be succeeding beyond their wildest dreams.

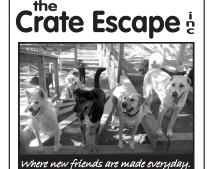
Even worse, there is research showing that constant use of digital devices is actually rewiring the brain's physical structure. Each ping of your phone, tablet, or computer with a new text, tweet, or email triggers a sense of expectation, and the reward centers in your brain receive a pleasurable squirt of dopamine. Scientists tell us that the brain becomes habituated over time to these quick fixes. At the same time, the structures used for concentration, empathy, and impulse control shrink, while the brain grows new neurons receptive to speedy processing and instant gratification.

Twenty-five years ago, Neil Postman wrote TECHNOPOLY, THE SURRENDER OF CULTURE TO TECHNOLOGY. His thesis was that the United States was in danger of being "a technopoly, a system in which technology of every kind is granted sovereignty over social institutions and national life, and becomes self-justifying, self-perpetuating, and omnipresent.'

Science fiction writers and philosophers have been warning us of the possibility of a technological doomsday. They see a future with smarter and more powerful machines, but without the ability to develop human values. Philosopher Nick Bostrum from Sweden sees the astonishing changes in human prosperity, but is worried because "our modern existence is an anomaly -- one created largely by technology." Max Tegmark, a physics professor at MIT, thinks that we are in "a race between the growing power of the technology and the growing wisdom we need to manage it. Right now, almost all the resources tend to go into growing the power of the tech."

A recent study reported in The WEEK "found that the more hours Facebook users log on the social network, the more their sense of happiness, well-being, and actual physical health decline."

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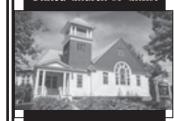
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