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Towns Benefit from MMU Students on Community Service Day



The MMU Community Service Day on May 15 brought enthusiastic young people and their teachers armed with snacks, tools and muscle into the towns throughout the MMU school district. The student advisory groups worked on a variety of projects, in Huntington and Richmond, including weeding and preparing community school gardens for planting, applying mulch on municipal beds, and removing a bank of knotweed. A couple groups even found time to read and play kickball before heading back to the high school.



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Deadline: June 19.

Above, tackling knotweed on the bank behind the Huntington Town Office. Photos: Heidi Racht. Below, the denuded bank. Photo: Mary Keller-Butler



Top left photo, the Brewster-Pierce team after preparing the school's raised beds for planting. Above, the Richmond team behind the business block. Left, student volunteers enjoy working on the Camels Hump/RES Community Garden. Photos, courtesy of MMU.

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Letters

Discussing School Merger Option

The Huntington public is invited to come to Brewster-Pierce School on Tuesday, June 23, at 6:30 pm to participate in a discussion on the pros and cons of reconsidering a merger with the other Chittenden East schools. In the November 2014 merger vote, the other towns in the CESU voted to consolidate into one district, forming the MMMUSD (Mount Mansfield Modified Union School District). Huntington voted to continue governing its own elementary school district with its own Brewster Pierce school board, and is still a member of the supervisory union (CESU). Meanwhile, the Vermont legislature and the Vermont Agency of Education have been pushing for mandatory consolidation of small school districts in an effort to reduce school spending. While there has been mixed opinion coming out of the 2015 Vermont Legislature, the guidelines and timelines contained in the final version of this year's Education Bill will be reviewed at the June 23 meeting in Huntington.

—Megs Keir, Chair, Brewster-Pierce School Board

On May 22, CHMS students will race in a Big Wheel Grand Prix in celebration of the end of SBAC baseline testing. Homerooms will wheel around the outer parking lot loop with three pit stops where drivers change. Students will create a team flag and each "vehicle" will be based on a mystical or mythical creature. This team-building adventure will wrap up a week of intense testing of the new common core standards, "Smarter Balance Assessment Consortium," which replaces the previously used NECAP standardized tests. For more information about SBAC, visit www.smarterbalanced.org.

Wrapping up the school year, June 17 is Recognition Night for 8th grade students, marking the end of four years of middle school learning. On June 18, the last student day, Camels Hump kids will travel to the Sand Bar State Park for a well-deserved BBQ and fun on the beach.

The MMMUSD board meets at 6:30 pm on June 1 at Camels Hump Middle School. The public is invited and encouraged to attend.

—Mark Carbone, Principal

CHMS Students Out and About

You may have recently seen the entire Camels Hump Middle School community walking through town on a sunny spring day. In a little over an hour, the group completed a fire drill, part of an emergency preparedness drill, and participated in the Melanoma Month awareness walk. Thank you to Richmond Congregational Church for hosting the 360-person group during our practice relocation drill and bus evacuation. I am so proud of our students! They did a fantastic job doing what needed to be done while working respectfully and expeditiously.



New Baby!

Forest Lee Tagliamonte was born on April 2, 2015 at the University of Vermont Medical Center in Burlington. His parents are Ande Tagliamonte and Jake Brown of Richmond.

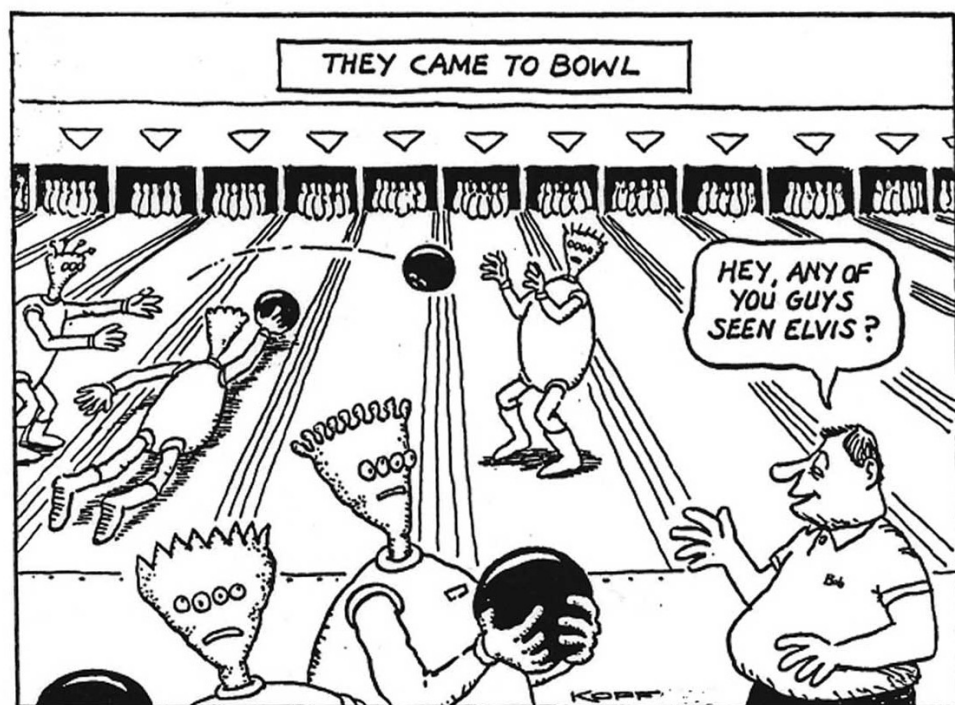
Benjamin Scott Detweiler was born on April 3, 2015 at the University of Vermont Medical Center in Burlington. His parents are Megan and Scott Detweiler of Huntington.

HPV Documentary Burlington Premiere

Local cervical cancer survivor and women's health activist, Allison Hicks, along with filmmakers Frederic Lumiere and Mark Hefti, announce the Burlington premiere of their film *SOMEONE YOU LOVE: THE HPV EPIDEMIC*. A special free showing will be presented on Wednesday, June 3, from 5:30- 8 pm in Davis Auditorium at UVM Medical Center. The film will begin at 6 pm.

The Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) may be the most widespread, misunderstood, and potentially dangerous epidemic about which most people know little. Narrated by tennis star Vanessa Williams, *SOMEONE YOU LOVE* reveals how dangerous this virus can be, potentially causing six different types of cancers in both men and women. "Early cancer detection and HPV vaccination are the most important factors to surviving the disease," said Allison Hicks. "As a late stage cervical cancer survivor, I know the importance of regular pap tests, HPV testing, and getting an annual breast exam," she explained. Following five brave women who are afflicted by HPV and cervical cancer, the film also interviews some of the world's top experts on the most common sexually transmitted infection in humans: HPV.

"In 2014, over 5,025 Vermont women continued to lack access to cervical cancer screenings, and 2,103 women lacked access to breast cancer screenings," Allison Hicks explained. "The Hicks Foundation is dedicated to helping more Vermont women access lifesaving cervical and breast cancer screenings," she continued. For more information about the film and to view a trailer, please go to <http://www.hpvepidemic.com/> or contact Allison Hicks at Ahicks@freepap.org.



Steel Magnolias at MMU May 29 & 30

The MMU Theatre Department presents this year's Senior Theatre Production of the comedy *STEEL MAGNOLIAS*. (You may remember the popular movie of the late 1980s.) *STEEL MAGNOLIAS* is a play produced and performed by members of the Senior Class and it promises to be the funniest play to ever make you cry.

Plan to come out and support the Senior's final MMU Theatre production. Performances are Friday and Saturday, May 29 and 30, at 7:30. Tickets are just \$4 for students and children and \$6 for General Admission. Tickets can be reserved by calling 899-4690 or purchased at the door.

Round Church Art Festival 2015

Sponsored by Western Slopes Business Association, the Round Church Art Festival 2015 will be held June 27, 9 am to 4 pm at the Richmond Round Church Green

This free event will feature over 30 local Vermont artists and craftspeople, live music, a food court, free parking and a chance to explore the Round Church. Other highlights include olive oil tasting, local wine and local craft beer.

Proceeds from the festival will benefit the Richmond Historical Societies Round Church building fund. For more information contact Alyson at sweetgrassgalleryvt@gmail.com.

Richmond Foot Clinics Scheduled

Richmond Foot Clinic: June 23

Clinics are held at the Richmond Rescue Building, beginning at 9 am. Participants may arrive between 8:45 am and 10 am. Bring a towel and enter through the back door of the building. The clinic is sponsored by Fletcher Allen Health Care. More information at singersallydan@yahoo.com or call 434-3480 (Singer) or 434-3572 (Coggio).

Richmond Red Cross Blood Drawing

The next local area American Red Cross Blood Drive blood drive will be held at Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Church, June 22, 11:30 to 5. Blood donors report feeling a sense of great satisfaction after making their donation. Why? Because helping others in need simply feels good. 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.

OCCC Bowling Night June 2

Join Our Community Cares Camp (OCCC) at Spare Time Bowling Lanes in Colchester on June 2, 6 pm to 9 pm, for a night of fun and fund raising. Teams will compete to see who can have the most fun while supporting summer food and fun for local kids. Grab your family or some friends or co workers, create a team, register and then collect sponsors (minimum \$25 per person). Registration forms available online at www.ourcommunitycarescamp.org or call 434-6006 to ask for a registration and sponsor form. Participants will get three hours of bowling and free shoe rental and each team can share a large pizza. Bowling is the greatest way to have fun with friends. You don't have to be good to have a good time.

OCCC is celebrating its seventh year of providing quality summer programming and great food for kids from Chittenden East towns.

World Music Ensemble Concert

The Village Harmony Alumni Ensemble, led by Larry Gordon and special guest conductor Bongani Magatyana from Capetown, South Africa, will perform in the Round Church on Sunday, June 14, at 3 pm.

This unique world music vocal ensemble includes 16 college-aged and young adult Village Harmony veterans, many of whom have sung and traveled with Village Harmony for many years. The program features a large set of traditional and newly composed songs and dances from South Africa, American shape-note songs and contemporary compositions, traditional songs from Caucasus Georgia and the Balkans, and a set of renaissance works. Suggested donation at the door is \$10, with proceeds to be split between the Richmond Historical Society and Village Harmony.

For more information about this event, please contact the Richmond Historical Society at rhs@oldroundchurch.com. To find out more about Village Harmony, visit their website: www.villageharmony.org.

Richmond Farmers Market Opens Season

The Richmond Farmers Market will open on May 29. The Market is held 3 pm to 6:30 pm, rain or shine, in front of the bandstand at Volunteers Green. This year, there will be a new, but familiar face at the Market. Kelly Brannagan King, Manager of the Jericho Farmers Market on Thursdays, will provide her organizational expertise to the Friday afternoon market in Richmond. She follows Lauren Esserman, who said recently, "It's been three great market seasons for me, but it's time to pass the torch! I have truly enjoyed serving in this role and appreciate your support of this market."

King is in her fifth season as the JFM Manager (she was a vendor for three years before this) and currently serves on the board of the Vermont Farmers Market Association. King is passionate about farmers markets. She said, "I see farmers markets as a way to keep the Vermont landscape an open, working landscape. And a way to ensure our food security. By supporting your neighbors who are keeping farming alive, we are making sure they will be there when we can't get food from away."

Additionally, King has ties to Richmond. She now resides in Jericho with her husband Barry. She explained, "We lived in Jonesville for seven years before moving back to our hometown of Jericho 22 years ago.... so we have lots of close connections in Richmond since our first two kids were born when we lived there... We've kept those connections and are often in Richmond."



Kelly King, new manager of the Richmond Farmers Market. Courtesy photo.

I loved coming over as a shopper after I'd started as manager in Jericho cause I could actually have time to visit with folks."

Regulars at the Market will continue to have a choice of a variety of vendors and can look forward to King's efforts at recruiting new agricultural initiatives. She explained, "I'm excited to continue the good work done by the previous managers. This first year will be a learning year, I don't plan on making any major changes. In general I am hoping to strengthen the agricultural offerings at the market, help the community start to consider the Farmers Market as their first choice for local food, and to make sure it feels and is accessible to all."

And the local entertainment will still be a highlight. Esserman will continue to coordinate the Market's popular music program.

The Market is still accepting vendor applications for full-season, half-season, and day vendors. There are openings for: baked sweets, maple candy, mushrooms, prepared salads, smoothies, pottery, veggies from a small-to-medium-sized local farm. For details on becoming a vendor, Kelly King at RFMManager@gmail.com, 802-343-9778 or visit RichmondFarmersMarketVT.org

Esserman said, "I want to thank the RFM board for giving me the opportunity to serve these past three years as manager, and for their time and effort toward ensuring that our community has a strong and vibrant farmers market." She added, "I am looking forward to being a customer at the market!"

Our Community Cares Camp Coupon Fundraiser

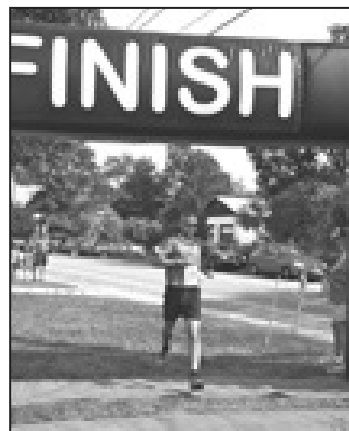
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Mister Chris Sings at the Library Save the date! Sunday, June 28, 11 am. Chris Dorman, of Shelburne is a song writer, singer, and musician who has been entertaining young audiences in the area with live performances, music classes for young people, and CDs.

New Adult Books A SPOOL OF BLUE THREAD by Anne Tyler; GOD HELP THE CHILD by Toni Morrison; THE WINGS OF THE SPINX – AN INSPECTOR MONTALBANO MYSTERY by Andrea Camilleri; THE FOREVER GIRL and BERTIE'S GUIDE TO LIFE AND MOTHERS – A 44 SCOTLAND STREET NOVEL by Alexander McCall Smith; HOLY COW by David Duchovny; SCALES OF JUSTICE, SPINSTERS IN JEOPARDY, DEATH OF A FOOL, AND SINGING IN THE SHROUDS – RODERICK ALLEYN SERIES by Ngaio Marsh; MEDICUS – A NOVEL OF THE ROMAN EMPIRE by Ruth Downie; BLACK IRISH by Stephan Talty; THE FAMILY WAY, CITY OF DARKNESS AND LIGHT, and DEATH OF RILEY by Rhys Bowen; THE WITCH OF PAINTED SORROWS by M.J. Rose; THE BURIED GIANT by Kazuo Ishiguro.

Adult Non Fiction GODDESSES NEVER AGE – THE SECRET PRESCRIPTION FOR RADIANCE, VITALITY AND WELL-BEING by Christiane Northrup, MD; 75 BIRD, BUTTERFLIES & LITTLE BEASTS TO KNIT AND CROCHET and 100 FLOWERS TO KNIT AND CROCHET by Leslie Stanfield; H IS FOR HAWK by Helen Macdonald; THIS CHANGES EVERYTHING by Naomi Klein; GREAT NATIVES FOR TOUGH PLACES by Brooklyn Botanical Garden; ANGELS ON OUR SHOULDERS by Edward F. Heiberger.

Audiobooks WALKING THE WALK by Pema Chodron; THIS CHANGES EVERYTHING by Naomi Klein; SUMMER WORLD – A SEASON OF BOUNTY by Bernd Heinrich.

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Dorothy Canfield Fisher Award Books 2015-2016 EL DEAFO by Cece Bell; THE PORT CHICAGO 50 – DISASTER MUTINY, AND THE FIGHT FOR CIVIL RIGHTS by Steve Sheinkin; GABRIEL FINLEY & THE RAVEN'S RIDDLE by George Hagen; THE CROSSOVER by Kwame Alexander; THERE WILL BE BEARS by Ryan Gebhart; HOPE IS A FERRIS WHEEL by Robin Herrera; THE SCANDALOUS SISTERHOOD OF PRICKWILLOW PLACE by Julie Berry.

Junior Books WARRIOR'S SUPER EDITION – SKYCLAN'S DESTINY DESTINY, THE ULTIMATE GUIDE, SUPER EDITION – BRAMBLESTAR'S STORM, and SUPER EDITION CROOKEDSTAR'S PROMISE by Erin Hunter; ADVENTURE ACCORDING TO HUMPHREY, FRIENDSHIP ACCORDING TO HUMPHREY, and SURPRISES ACCORDING TO HUMPHREY by Betty G. Birney; GOOSEBERRY PARK and THE MASTER PLAN by Cynthia Rylant; CASTLE HANGNAIL and DRAGONBREATH #10 KNIGHTNAPPED! by Ursula Vernon.

New Children's Books JACK by Tomie de Paola; GIDEON, GIDEON AND OTTO, AND PEEDIE, AND GUS EXPLORES HIS WORLD by Oliver Dunrea; AN AMBUSH OF TIGERS – A WILD GATHERING OF NOUNS by Betty R. Rosenthal; THE ADVENTURES OF BEEKLE by Dan Santat; CLICK, CLACK, PEEP! by Doreen Cronin; AQUALICIOUS by Victoria Kann; BIG MAX by Kin Platt; FANCY NANCY – SUPER SECRET SURPRISE PARTY by Jane O'Connor; BAD KITTY VS. UNCLE MURRAY – THE UPROAR AT THE FRONT DOOR by Nick Bruel.

Huntington Playgroup Fridays, 10 am – noon. The playgroup provides a warm, creative space for children to play, do crafts and socialize. Contact facilitator Jane Davis at huntington-playgroup@yahoo.com for more information.

Storytime Stories, singing, finger plays, and fun! Story time helps children to practice early pre-literacy skills with stories, fingerplays, singing, and fun! Fridays at 10:45 am.

Please note there will be No Storytime or Playgroup on Friday, May 29.

Summer Reading Program This summer our theme is EVERY HERO HAS A STORY. Our special theme at the Huntington Library is local heroes! We will have all sorts of hero theme activities to do, so keep your eyes open for more information!

Guest Readers Wanted Are you a good reader? Looking to keep your skills sharp? Why not try being a Guest Reader this summer? We are looking for readers of all ages who would like to show young children that reading is fun! Story Time is on Fridays at 10:45 am. Come in to sign up or email Stacey for more information.

First Friday of the Month Movie Night This month's movie will be NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM – SECRET OF THE TOMB on Friday, June 5, at 7 pm.

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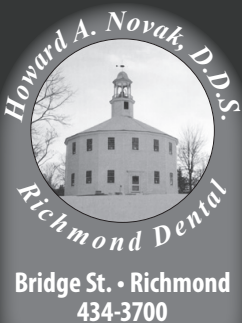


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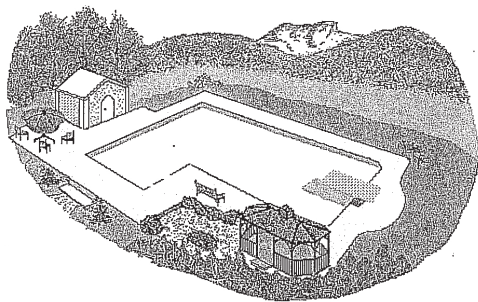
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The church is open to visitors on weekends from Memorial Day weekend through Columbus Day and daily from June 15 to Labor Day as well as during fall foliage season. Each guide serves a three-hour shift (10 am – 1 pm or 1 – 4 pm), typically once or twice a month. Volunteer guides open and close the building each day, oversee card and gift sales and answer questions or share information about the Round Church. A one-hour training/orientation session will be scheduled in early June. To find out more or volunteer to serve, contact Martha Turner at turnerbatt@aol.com or 434-6453.

The wedding season runs from May through October. Each wedding host works approximately one hour on the day of the rehearsal and up to three hours during the wedding. Duties include opening and closing the church and assuring the safety of the participants, guests and building itself. To become a wedding host, contact Maria Brown at mariabrown@gmail.com or (347) 239-0577.



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Some reminders of what you can enjoy, on-site or remotely via the Internet:

Collection We currently have over 25,000 books, CD audio-books and music, magazines, and DVD videos.

Exhibit Space Every month we feature a new art exhibit on our walls and a new collection in our display case. In June, we have the photographic works of our very own Sarah Dumas and in the display case, highlights of the summer reading theme EVERY HERO HAS A STORY.

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Passes ECHO Lake Aquarium and Science Center at the Leahy Center for Lake Champlain, Vermont State Day Use Parks (coming soon!), Shelburne Museum, and Shelburne Farms.

Book Discussion Each month two titles are selected for discussion, one mystery title and one literary or non-fiction title. Extra copies are available at the main circulation desk and everyone is welcome.

June 9, 6 pm: THE SIGNATURE OF ALL THINGS by Elizabeth Gilbert. "A glorious, sweeping novel of desire, ambition, and the thirst for knowledge."

Mystery Book, June 18, 7 pm: BLOODHOUNDS by Peter Lovesey: "Darling, if ever I've met a group of potential murderers anywhere, it's the Bloodhounds." Thus says the chic, amoral Jessica Shaw of the Bloodhounds of Bath, a society that meets in a crypt to discuss crime novels. But to Shirley-Ann Miller, their latest recruit, they are a gaggle of dotty misfits, until one of them reveals that he is in possession of an immensely valuable stamp, recently stolen from the Postal Museum.

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Community Space Our meeting room, with the lovely 7'1" Kawai grand piano, is the venue for many Library programs, classes, and concerts and can be rented for private events, recitals and non-library sponsored classes.

News Want to know what's happening at the Library in between publications? Or see the longer list of book acquisitions? We send out newsletters to our subscribers whenever we have "breaking news." Just email us and ask to be put on the mailing list.

Summer Even though the daffodils are barely blooming, we've started to schedule our programs for the summer. EVERY HERO HAS A STORY is the name of the Summer Reading Club which will run from the end of the school year until August 14. During that time, we'll have arts and crafts programs, superhero storytimes, a magician, a shadow puppet show, pizza parties, movies, and more. Stay tuned for further information.

New Movies Thanks to the Friends of the Richmond Free Library, we have some new DVDs in both the YA and children's sections: DIVERGENT, THE HUNGER GAMES, PERCY JACKSON, SHE'S THE MAN, MALEFICENT, THE SECRET OF ROAN INISH, HUGO, NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM, PETER AND THE WOLF, CHEAPER BY THE DOZEN, A CAT IN PARIS, THE CROODS, and THE BOXCAR CHILDREN.


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 majority of the April 27, 2015 Huntington Selectboard meeting was spent in Executive Session for a hiring discussion. The Board moved to offer Town employment within the Highway Department. Road Foreman Clinton "Yogi" Alger contacted the candidate, who accepted the position.

The May 4, 2015 Huntington Selectboard Meeting began with a Highway Department budget synopsis with Alger. Currently, the Highway budget shows \$10,421 in "unallocated" funds remaining in its current fiscal year's budget, which ends June 30. Alger and Town Administrator Barbara Elliott provided explanations of line item overages, many directly related to December 2014 storm damage. Repairs to the one-ton truck and increased costs for salt also caused excess expenditures. Alger expressed his opinion that any money that comes back from FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) should go towards Highway Department equipment. Selectboard Chair Dori Barton agreed the Finance Committee should investigate whether FEMA reimbursements can be channeled to the Highway Reserve Fund instead of the General Fund fund balance.

VTrans (Vermont Agency of Transportation) will allow using Structures Grant money for Sherman Hollow and Main Road culverts, which are higher priorities than the Texas Hill Circle work originally approved.

The Board looked at a draft MONTHLY BUDGET AND CAPITAL PLAN REVIEW prepared by Selectboard member Nancy Stoddard. This will be used for the Selectboard's budget review process. Board member Helen Keith suggested changing some wording. Also recommended was including the Town Treasurer in communications regarding budget overages. Town Department Heads can review the plan. The motion to adopt the Monthly Budget and Capital Plan Review, which will be open to edit, passed.

Strategic Planning The Board discussed its upcoming agenda for its strategic planning Session May 30. Barton stated, "The work plan is a living document from last year's strategic planning session, with projects which were accomplished checked off," encouraging Board members to review the plan so new priorities can be set.

Elliott prepared and shared a letter of support for Richmond Rescue's pursuit of obtaining the paramedic level of service designation, which Barton signed.

Also shared was Elliott's draft of PROCLAMATION REQUEST POLICY GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES. Selectboard member Roman Livak had proposed that only Huntington residents and/or landowners, excluding commercial landowners, endorse proclamations. Board members gave approval for Elliott to prepare the document.

Education Funding Keith provided updates on H.361, a bill currently in the Vermont State Senate relating to making amendments to education funding, education spending and education governance. Keith forwarded a transcript of Carol Brigham's testimony to the State Senate's Education Committee on this bill to Board members. Brigham, of Whiting, was the Plaintiff in an historic Vermont Supreme Court decision, which equalized opportunities for all Vermont public school students. Brigham's testimony on H.361 speaks against consolidation.

Solid Waste Representative Livak will be the new Chittenden Solid Waste District (CSWD) Board of Commissioners representative from Huntington. An alternate representative to CSWD is needed. Alternate representatives for the CCRPC (Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission) Board of Directors and the CCRPC Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) are also needed.

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Richmond Selectboard

Reported by Greg Elias

Richmond Rescue plans to improve patient care with a move toward staff with the highest level of training.

The Selectboard, at its May 4 meeting, voted to support an initiative to add paramedics who have far more training than the emergency medical technicians now working with the ambulance service.

Richmond Rescue training coordinator Luke Jackson explained the change, using PowerPoint slides to help show how having paramedics will boost the level of care for patients being rushed to the hospital.

He said the nonprofit organization, which serves Richmond, Huntington, Bolton and Jericho, would not ask for increased funding from the towns' budgets to pay for the paramedics. Fundraising will cover the cost of additional equipment, and Richmond Rescue will receive some additional money from the higher Medicaid and Medicare reimbursement rates.

"That doesn't mean that after five years we won't have to ask for money," Jackson warned. But for now, the service has funding to pay for the roughly \$10,000 in additional annual salary costs and \$6,000-\$7,000 in equipment for the paramedic program.

The plan is to add staff with the paramedic certifications by January 2016. A written proposal notes that Richmond Rescue now has two paramedics, but will convert one EMT-certified staffer to a paramedic. In addition, two volunteers training to become paramedics have said they would like to remain with Richmond Rescue.

There's a huge difference in training between EMTs and paramedics. Basic EMTs must have 120 hours of training; advanced EMTs, an additional 150 hours. Paramedic certification requires 1,800 to 2,000 hours of training.

Jackson likened paramedics to registered nurses and physician assistants. They do not replace doctors but can administer drugs and perform some medical procedures.

Paramedic training tends to lead to a career, Jackson said, whereas EMTs are typically part-time volunteers who have other jobs. An EMT usually volunteers for one to three years, so adding career-minded paramedics may reduce turnover.

Another benefit of moving toward paramedics is a better level of care for injured skiers at Bolton Valley Resort. Jackson displayed an X-ray image of a skier's broken femur while explaining how it would help to have a paramedic aboard the ambulance who can administer painkillers, lessening patients' agony as they are transported down the bumpy mountain road.

Richmond Rescue responded to 564 calls last year. About 30 percent of those responses require paramedic-level intervention, Jackson said, although he noted that with a highly trained paramedic aboard, all patients would receive a higher level of care.

"Paramedic level services are the cream of the crop of EMS services in Vermont," he said. "There's something to be said for the organization and the community as a whole that we can sustain and support this endeavor. It's going to greatly increase service we can provide to the community and help us out in the long run."

Selectboard members asked a couple of questions about the change and then voted to send a letter of support for the change, which still needs state approval.

Selectboard Chair David Sander ended the discussion with a personal anecdote concerning first responders. Exactly 27 years ago, Sander

said, he was sitting the backseat of a car when it wrecked.

"I don't remember what happened," he said. "But if not for the first aid help, I might not be here today."

Beach Debate With the summer swimming season approaching, the Selectboard revisited a request that the town help maintain the beach access road at Lake Iroquois.

The Town of Williston has been using its own equipment and personnel to grade and add gravel to the road during the season, which runs from Memorial Day to Labor Day. But now Williston wants the other municipalities that are part of the Lake Iroquois Recreation District – Richmond, Hinesburg and St. George – to pay their share.

The proposal, which already has been approved by the district's governing board, is to divide the responsibility, with each town maintaining the road once every four years.

Richmond Town Manager Geoffrey Urbanik said the cost would be minimal because the town can use existing staff and equipment to grade the road, which is named Beebe Lane. Williston Public Works Director Bruce Hoar has estimated that the town spends about five days a year doing upkeep on the road, or about 40 hours during each season.

"In my opinion, it's not a significant burden," Urbanik said.

Even with minimal money at stake, some Selectboard members were skeptical that the maintenance effort was worth the benefit for Richmond residents. When the proposal was first presented in March, Hoar acknowledged that far fewer Richmond residents bought beach passes at town offices than those from Williston and Hinesburg. In fact, Richmond ranks fourth in beach usage behind Williston, Hinesburg and people from towns not in the district. Only tiny St. George uses the beach less.

Selectboard members expressed differing thoughts on the request.

Ellen Kane said despite the low beach usage by Richmond residents, it made sense for the town to do its share of the maintenance.

But Taylor Yeates said the beach is within Williston and so it makes no sense for Richmond to do any of the upkeep. And he noted Williston has far more money than Richmond and other Lake Iroquois Recreation District towns.

"I'm not interested in subsidizing a town that has a \$10 million budget and the local option (sales) tax," Yeates said.

Bard Hill wondered exactly how many Richmond residents used the beach. He wanted to know if the percentage of total users from Richmond would justify the town taking on 25 percent of the road maintenance.

The town of Richmond sold 14 family passes and three senior passes last year, totaling \$414 revenue. But those numbers do not account for people who paid entrance fees at the beach. (User fees cover the cost of maintaining the beach itself.)

Urbanik noted that the though the LIRD board, which include a Richmond representative, approved the maintenance arrangement, it has no way to force towns to actually do the work.

Yeates said the Selectboard should simply not vote on the proposal and let the issue remain dormant until Richmond's year to do the work arrives in 2017. But Hill said he still wanted to learn how many residents use the beach before making a decision.

Hill's motion to table the proposal until receiving the usage data was seconded and approved 4-1, with only Yeates opposed.

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Putting on the Ritz

MMU's spring musical, *YOUNG FRANKENSTEIN*, featured a host of local talent. Below are some highlights. Photos were taken by Mira Coffey of Huntington.



Lily Feinson as debutante Elizabeth Benning, Dr. Frederick Frankenstein's fiancée

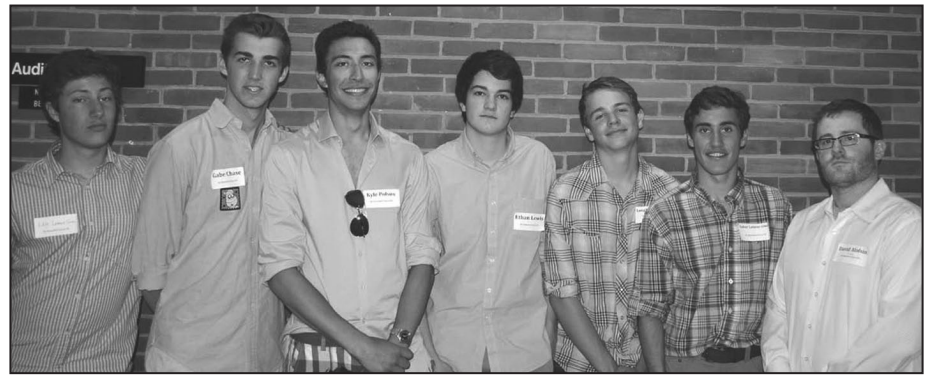


Akash Kushwaha (Dr. Frederick Frankenstein) and Hannah Sylvester (Igor)

Below, Christopher Griffin (*The Monster*) and Akash Kushwaha (Dr. Frederick Frankenstein) putting on the Ritz



MMU Wins Treasury Cup



Students competing for MMU in the 2015 Vermont Treasury Cup Challenge were (l to r) Leo Lehrer-Small, Gabe Chase, Kyle Polson, Ethan Lewis, Loughlin Neuert and Asher Lehrer-Small. Coach David Alofsin is on the right. Courtesy photo.

It took 17 rounds of competition and two championship matches for the winner of the 2015 Vermont Treasury Cup Challenge to be determined. With just one correct answer separating the two teams, the Mount Mansfield Union High School Cougars beat defending champs South Burlington to take the tournament victory. The day-long high school competition tests student knowledge in personal finance and economics and is directed by the Vermont State Treasurer's Office.

"The ten high schools that fielded teams this year definitely came prepared and ready to compete," said State Treasurer Beth Pearce. "Throughout the tournament we had several tied matches and many of the scores were extremely close. I appreciate the work of the teachers involved to engage their students in a financial curriculum that will yield benefits to them far beyond this tournament. It helps prepare them for their financial future."

This is the seventh year for the challenge, which was held May 8 in Montpelier. It is designed as a tool to help teachers promote student interest in economics and personal finance. Four-person student teams compete in a quiz-show style contest. Each member of the championship team received a \$500 college savings account and members of the second place team a \$250 account, donated by the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation. The tournament is underwritten by the TD Bank Charitable Foundation.

"This was my third year attending the challenge and our first win," said MMU business teacher David Alofsin. "The students loved the opportunity to compete, to demonstrate knowledge in these important areas and to learn from the process. We can't wait to come back next year."

Third place was won by Bellows Free Academy in Fairfax. Individual trophies were awarded to students on the first through third place teams.

Students competing for MMU were Loughlin Neuert, Kyle Polson, Asher Lehrer-Small, Gabe Chase, Ethan Lewis and Leo Lehrer-Small.

In addition to the schools that placed in the competition, teams participated from Burr and

Burton Academy, Champlain Valley Union High School, Essex High School, Green Mountain Union High School, Stowe High School, U32 High School and Windham Regional Career Center. Since the tournament began in 2009, 26 Vermont high schools have competed in the challenge.

"It was crazy to win," said MMU student Asher Lehrer-Small. "I had a lot to learn about personal finance and investment, so working with the team in preparing was helpful. Also, you can't help but learn something when you spend an entire day focused on economics."

Each match in the double elimination tournament featured three rounds of questions that were a mix of multiple choice and open-answer. In round one of each match, students were asked questions on personal finance. Questions covered such topics as how to responsibly use credit, ways to budget money, understanding taxes, and signing a lease. In the second round, students addressed questions on the economy. Students were asked about the rate of inflation, what is the gross domestic product, the importance of the unemployment rate, how stock markets work, and monetary policy. The final lightning round allowed students to compete to answer questions that covered both personal finance and economics.

Community National Bank donated the grand prize for competing students. The Vermont Jump\$tart Coalition supported the tournament with volunteers and provided the buzzer systems for the competition. Throughout the tournament, students could win \$10 cash prizes donated by VSECU.

How Does the Challenge Work? Vermont high schools may enter one team of four students and two alternates who are in grades 9-12. Each high school may enter only one team, but may bring additional students to cheer on their team. It is a bracketed, double-elimination tournament. Using a quiz-show style format, students are questioned individually and as a team.

In addition to winning trophies and college savings accounts, the championship team also wins the right to represent the State of Vermont in the semi-finals of the National Economics Challenge.

Abbott L. Lovett

The Town of Richmond lost an amazing father, neighbor, friend, horseman and longtime resident of Dugway Road on May 18, 2015.

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MMU News

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Grade 11: Monica Marin

Grade 12: Suraj Kushwaha, Nina Lam

HIGH HONORS GPA 3.50-3.99

Grade 9: Eli Ogilvie, Yvette Provencher, Charles Roberts, Zane Russom, Perry Willett

Grade 10: Mason Bouffard, Grace Brown, Taylor Christiana, Allyson Rigutto

Grade 11: Eloise Bisbee, Breanna Dooling, Kenzie Provencher, Georgia Yindra

Grade 12: Eli Frank, Sophie Homans, Colby Knight, Amanda Nielsen, Kayla Underwood

HONORS GPA 3.00-3.49

Grade 9: Gregory Burt, Peter Christiana, Elijah Symanowicz

Grade 10: Thomas Buzzell, Brice Dube, Abigail Knight, Anna Valentine

Grade 11: Alexander Brent, Mira Coffey, Hanna Johnson, Riley Towers

Grade 12: Jared Blodgett, Jay Chandler, Aidan Cummings, Madeline Gage, Trevor Haskins, Audrey Scott

Richmond

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Grade 11: Kieran Bhave, Jonathan Fisher, Marta Grillo, Victoria Harrington, Isabel Kay, Maeve Poleman, Joshua Shepard

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Grade 9: Anna Coffin, Abigail DeBay, Max Eriksson, Georgia Malone-Wolfsun, Alayna Northrop, Lindsey Parent, Jack Parker, Ashley Rosen, Bram Rostad, Maygan Thompson, Christine Trumper

Grade 10: Grace Biggio, Sofia Carfaro, Bella Firman, Emily Halporn, Katherine Johnson, Ellyn Lapointe, Cory Raymond, Margaret Thompson, Oliver Waite

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Area Residents Honored

Jeremy Van Horn of Richmond, son of Dana Van Horn and Patricia Van Horn, was named a 2014-2015 Outstanding Undergraduate Scholar at Rochester Institute of Technology in Rochester, New York. Van Horn is a fifth-year student in the Chemical Engineering - BS program in RIT's Kate Gleason College of Engineering. The scholars were recognized at a ceremony on April 16 at RIT. Outstanding Undergraduate Scholarship Awards are presented to students who have achieved the distinction of maintaining a minimum university grade-point average of 3.85 out of a possible 4.0 and completed at least 83 credit hours of study, more than two-thirds of the credit hours required for a baccalaureate degree. Selection is also based on other factors complementing academic achievement, such as creative work, service on student committees, civic activities, employment and independent research.

Isaiah Back of Richmond was recognized for academic achievement at Champlain College's Stiller School of Business Honoring Excellence on April 11 at the Stiller School of Business Honoring Excellence Reception. Back was inducted into the new Champlain College chapter of Sigma Beta Delta. Those who were offered membership to the society demonstrated academic achievements in business, management and administration. Sigma Beta Delta encourages and recognizes scholarship and accomplishment and encourages and promotes aspirations toward personal and professional improvement and a life distinguished by honorable service to humankind.

Lake Forest College student **Maria Naumann** of Richmond recently presented at Lake Forest College's 18th Annual Steven Galovich Memorial Student Symposium. This event celebrates students' academic achievements and creative talents by showcasing research and scholarship from every academic discipline in a variety of venues and forums. Presentations are drawn from the College's freshman honors programs, senior thesis research, independent study, internships, and other exceptional individual and team-based student research. Naumann, Class of 2016, is a graduate of Mount Mansfield Union High.

Frederick Leopold Torde of Richmond has been inducted into the University of Vermont History Department's Alpha Alpha Psi Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta.

Phi Alpha Theta is a national honor society with a mission to promote the study of history through the encouragement of research, good teaching, publication and the exchange of learning and ideas among historians. To be inducted into the UVM chapter, undergraduate students must have 15 or more earned credit hours in history, with a minimum 3.6 grade point average (GPA) in history and a 3.4 or better GPA overall. Graduate students must have 15 or more earned credit hours with a minimum 3.75 GPA.

The following local residents recently were initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective collegiate honor society for all academic disciplines.

Elizabeth Morris, Richmond, was initiated at Ithaca College

Daniel Hathaway, Richmond, was initiated at University of Michigan

These residents are among approximately 32,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year. Membership is by invitation and requires nomination and approval by a chapter. Only the top 10 percent of seniors and 7.5 percent of juniors, having at least 72 semester hours, are eligible for membership. Graduate students in the top 10 percent of the number of candidates for graduate degrees may also qualify, as do faculty, professional staff, and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction.

Quinn R. Self of Richmond has been inducted into Phi Beta Kappa, the national honor society for liberal arts and sciences undergraduates, at St. Lawrence University in Canton, New York.

Self is a member of the Class of 2015 and is majoring in neuroscience. He graduated from Mount Mansfield Union High School. The St. Lawrence chapter of the society, sponsored by Harvard University, celebrated its 100th anniversary in 1999. With three elections each year in August, March and May, the faculty and staff who comprise the permanent chapter membership elect the top 10 percent of the members of the senior class.

Junior **Samuel Spencer** of Jericho was one of six Castleton baseball players to receive North Atlantic Conference All-Conference First Team honors, as announced on Tuesday. Spencer has been the ace for a Spartan pitching staff that leads the conference with a 2.60 ERA. In 11 appearances, the junior has posted a 5-2 record with four complete games and a conference-leading 1.74 ERA. He has given up just 11 earned runs and 17 walks over 57 innings pitched, while striking out 6.32 batters per game with 40 total. Additionally, Spencer was honored as the North Atlantic Conference Pitcher of the Year. With this honor, the 6-foot-3 right-hander becomes the first player in program history to receive this award.

Dean's List - Fall 2014 St. Lawrence University

The following students, all MMU graduates, at St. Lawrence University in Canton, New York.

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

Helen R. Cox, Huntington, Class of 2017.

Quinn R. Self, Richmond, Class of 2015, majoring in neuroscience.

Bradley Adair, Jericho, University of Delaware, Newark, Delaware.

Clarkson University

The following students, all Jericho residents, at Clarkson University in Potsdam, New York.

Brent Adair, junior majoring in mechanical engineering; **Benjamin King**, junior majoring in civil engineering; **Kyle O'Grady**, freshman majoring in computer science and digital arts and sciences; **Emma Oliver**, senior majoring in psychology.

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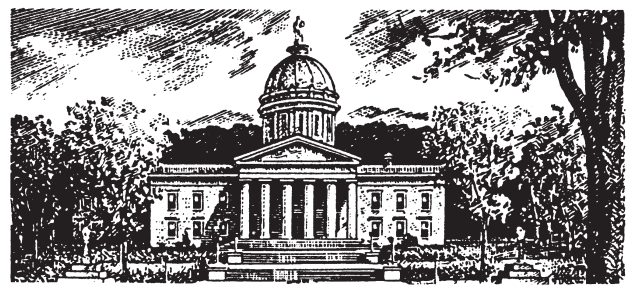
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State House News

Rep. Tom Stevens

As I write this, less than a day has passed since the gavel fell on the 2015 session, the first of the biennium. We will have our annual end of session report available in the next month or so, which will summarize the many bills that passed — or didn't — this year.

We began the year in a bit of disarray. There were 35 new members of the House, committee assignments changed, and we were faced with a large budget gap and differing opinions with the executive branch on how to close it. The Appropriations committee had many new members, and they needed to assess not only the size of this year's gap, but next year's as well.

The Ways and Means, or revenue, Committee was charged with raising a portion of this gap, and considered many alternatives — from a soda tax to changing our income tax system from taxable income to adjusted gross income to a tax on e-cigarettes and, well, you name it. They tried to focus on making the income tax system fairer, and in the end, they succeeded in accomplishing the first step.

The Education Committee was revamped and charged with looking at both school governance and finance. Many of us heard on the campaign trail last fall that education property taxes were unsustainable, and that spending was out of line. This, of course, depended on where you lived, and in our district, we ranged in spending from right on average, to just below, to well over, and yet each community felt maxed out. The governance reform bill was controversial and didn't pass until the last days of the session in a form that we still have to analyze to see how it will sugar off. In Huntington's case, given your vote on the merger last fall, we protected your right to remain independent for the foreseeable future, as long as spending remains moderate and quality remains high. Given Huntington's commitment to your school, both for educational and societal reasons, we're sure this will remain the case.

The General, Housing and Military Affairs committee protected a teacher's right to strike and a school board's right to impose a contract, and while the aftermath of the South Burlington strike might recommend changes to this basic tenet of collective bargaining, there was no fair solution to be found this year. Without it, it was prudent to retain the status quo. We also passed through the House a paid sick time bill that was a good compromise from last year's version, but it did not make crossover. It will winter over in the Senate and I expect it will be dealt with early next session. We also made some key improvements in landlord/tenant law in mobile home parks, and we passed a bill that will become law that will allow interested parties to create "green burial" cemeteries, where folks can be buried without chemicals, or in a shroud, in a nontraditional setting.

Important changes were made to our energy sector to make us a more competitive economy and return savings over \$250 million to ratepayers over 20 years. The Fish and Wildlife committee created an important Clean Water bill that will restart the process to clean our waterways, including Lake Champlain.

And on and on it goes. We'll have more details later, including changes and enhancements to our health care system and our child protection system, and some important economic development legislation that should help businesses small and large. There was some controversial legislation around guns and

immunizations and, for awhile, a threat to many of our human services because of the budget issues.

Thanks to everyone who has contacted me about issues important to them, and I look forward to hearing from you this summer and fall. Please feel free to contact me at anytime...it remains a privilege to serve on your behalf in Montpelier, and please know your input is important.

Happy Spring!

Rep. Rebecca Ellis

With one week left in the legislative session, many issues remain. Here are the numbers. Since January, there have been 509 bills introduced in the House and 157 bills introduced in the Senate. The House has passed 87 bills and the Senate has passed 72 bills, but only 37 bills (8 of them changes to municipal charters) have so far passed both the House and Senate and are due to become law.

The four "must pass" bills that determine the date of adjournment are the Appropriations bill (H.490), the Tax Bill (H.489), the Capital Bill (H.492), and the Transportation Bill (H.488). All four bills originate in the House. This year, all four bills passed the House by April 3rd. The Senate then holds its own hearings on the bills, votes on them, and sends them back to the House. The House can either concur in the Senate's proposed changes or request a conference committee. As soon as the House and Senate agree on all four bills, the legislature adjourns, regardless of other bills that are pending.

Revenue issues are the biggest sticking points in the must-pass bills. The House proposed a sales tax on soft drinks and candy, a vending machine tax, higher taxes on tobacco, and a new tax on e-cigarettes. The Senate proposed a sales tax on bottled water, a gross receipts tax on satellite television, and a tiered employer assessment tax. Both House and Senate proposed to limit itemized deductions, though in different ways. These issues will likely be resolved in a conference committee over the next few days.

In the meantime, several other bills are pushing toward final passage. It remains to be seen which ones will cross the finish line before adjournment. They include:

Education Reform The House version of H.361 would mandate consolidation of school boards and impose spending caps if statewide education spending exceeded 2.95% in 2017. The Senate version incentivizes consolidation but does not make it mandatory, and the Senate version does not have a spending cap. This bill went to conference committee a few days ago.

Health Care The House and Senate agree on most of the essential elements in the health care reform package (S.139), including: making health care insurance more affordable by increasing subsidies and out-of-pocket maximums for middle-income Vermonters (family of four earning up to \$72,750); increasing access to health care by raising state Medicaid reimbursement rates for primary care doctors; and slowing the rate of growth in health care costs by increasing funds to the Blueprint for Health. The Legislature is also setting deadlines for the Vermont Health Care Exchange to reach performance goals, and requiring the Governor to explore alternatives to the Exchange should these functional deadlines not be met.

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How to Manage Stormwater Around Your Property

Submitted by Darlene Palola

Untreated stormwater that reaches our rivers and streams can pollute our swimming holes, fishing pools, kayaking waters and water used for drinking

The best way to manage stormwater is to slow it down, spread it out and soak it in. There are actions that you can take on your property to do just that. You don't need to be an engineer to understand stormwater and to take steps to reduce flow. The main thing that you want to understand is where stormwater comes from on your property and where it flows. All you need to do that is some rain gear and your power of observation!

Take a walk around your property during a rain storm. Here are some of the things to take note of:

- If you have gutters and downspouts, where does the water discharge? Is it onto a vegetated area where it has the opportunity to spread out and soak in? Or is it directed onto a hard surface such as a sidewalk or driveway? If the water is directed onto lawn, will it be conducted downhill because of a steep slope?

- Where does the water from your roof fall if not collected and directed by gutters? Does the water soak in where it falls or does it runoff across a lawn or driveway? The roof valleys often shed large amounts of water.

- What about your driveway, sidewalks and paths? These features not only generate stormwater (even a dirt footpath, if hard packed, does not absorb water) but often concentrate water flows turning them into small rivers thereby increasing erosion and pollutants.

- Where does water enter your property? Is water coming onto your property from a road? From a neighbor's property? Is it a concentrated (identifiable channel) flow or does it sheet across a broader expanse, such as down a hill.

- Where does water leave your property? Do you have ditches or channels that conduct the water offsite? Does it run down your driveway? Where does it end up? Does it run onto a road or roadside ditch? Does it run onto a neighbor's property?

- If your property is along a stream or pond, how does water from your property reach that stream or pond?

After making these rain storm observations,

what can you do? The best way to manage storm water is to understand where it flows and then take steps to slow it down, spread it out and soak it in. Here are some solutions as well as links to documents that provide more details.

One of the best things you can do is simply plant trees and shrubs on your property. Deep rooted, woody vegetation increase the amount of water that infiltrates into the ground. The water that soaks in is used by vegetation or becomes groundwater that will make its way slowly to the stream. This infiltration process helps maintain stream flow during periods of drought and filter out pollutants. Native trees and shrubs are particularly important as buffers along the edges of streams and ponds. In addition, the vegetation will also help reduce erosion, slow overland flow to the waterbody and filter out pollutants

before the flow reaches the stream.

If you have gutters and downspouts that are discharging on to hard surfaces or running in a channel across your lawn, there are a number of simple solutions:

- Redirect the downspout onto an area where the water can spread out and soak in.

- Connect a rain barrel to the downspout and use it to water your trees, shrubs and flowers

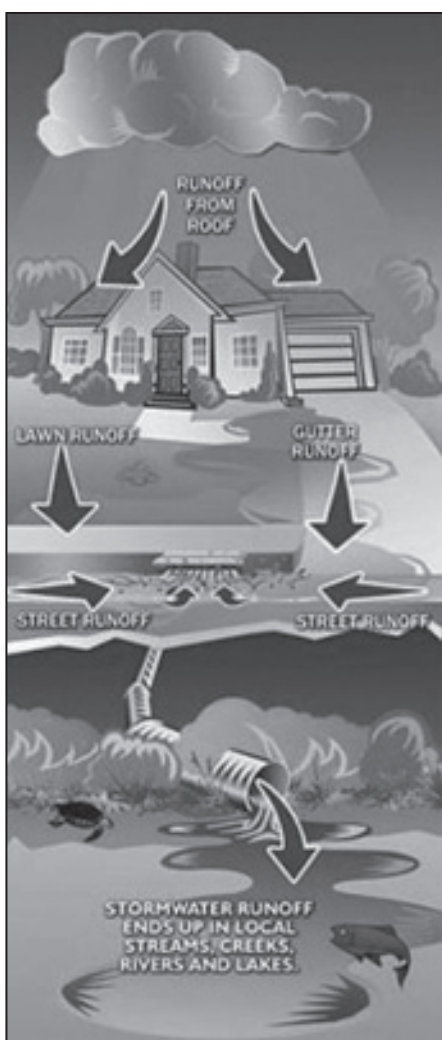
- If you have large amounts of water and no suitable area for discharge, consider building a dry well (a stone filled pit) or rain garden (a slightly depressed vegetated area) at the end of the downspout.

If you don't have gutters and downspouts but have concentrated flows that don't soak in, there are several options:

Create a dripline infiltration trench, which is a shallow stone-lined trench that runs the length of the roof line. In poorly drained soils, a perforated PVC pipe may be needed to conduct the water away from the foundation. You may consider installing gutter and downspouts at key spots and then use the solutions listed above.

There are a number of things you can do to reduce runoff from driveways, sidewalks and paths. Proper construction and maintenance will not only protect waterways but also save money in the long run.

(Darlene Palola is a member of the Huntington Conservation Commission. This is the second 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 control and treat stormwater runoff.)



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The Board will conduct a site visit at 6:30 pm on June 9.

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Heidi Racht, Clerk May 19, 2015

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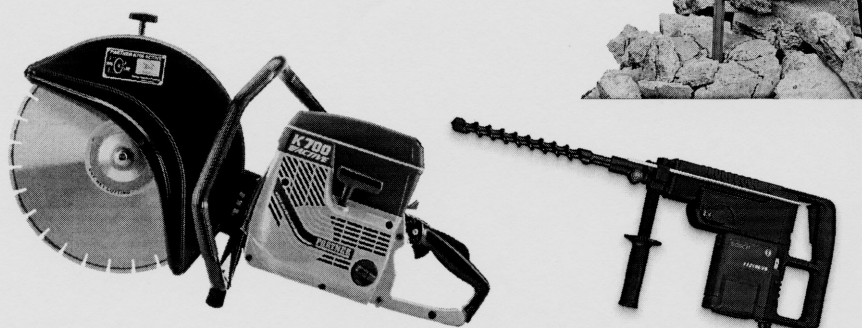
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News from Area Churches

Community Church of Huntington

Larry Detweiler, 434-6715

This month's column is guest-written by Holly McLoughlin, a regular attendee of the Community Church of Huntington (CCH). Part of life together as a church is sharing our stories.

"Recently, I had the unique experience of feeling totally safe in a terrifying situation. People who have more degrees than a thermometer are trying and (so far) failing to find the answer to a medical mystery. Pastor Larry and Sue have been walking through this trial with me. Their love and support have turned a potential nightmare into a merely unpleasant adventure.

This was my second experience with an unexpected safe space in Vermont. The first was the Community Church of Huntington. I moved to Vermont last year from Alabama. In my church experiences down south, I was unable to find that place where I felt welcome and safe. I found CCH through a class that Pastor Larry was teaching. The class was great—full of thoughtful people asking honest questions, unafraid to let others witness their real-life struggle with living a life of faith in twenty-first century New England. My dog, Bella, went to class with me. Neglected and traumatized before I rescued her, she doesn't do well without me. To my astonishment, by the second week people were bringing treats for her and doing all they could to show us both hospitality.

Still, I was scared of trying out a Sunday service. Churches, to me, were places where one goes to be judged and found wanting. The class and Pastor's assurances told me that CCH was different, but walking through the doors was still a frightening prospect. Pastor said I could bring Bella if her presence would make me feel safer. "Even into the sanctuary?" I asked. "Even into the sanctuary," he affirmed.

Bella loves church almost as much as I do. She sees where we are and immediately starts pulling me to the door. Inside, she happily curls up by my feet. The love and safety in a place where everyone knows her name and she gets plenty of ear scratches are wonderful for her.

"Safe space" is a concept that's become a cultural buzzword in the last few years. In the safe space of our church, both Bella and I have experienced healing in ways we didn't know were possible. Our church doesn't just talk about the love of God. It demonstrates His love to one and all, including refugees from a painful past—even four-legged ones."

Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Church

Father Lance Harlow, 434-2521

Every year at Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, I celebrate a special Mass in the cemetery on Memorial Day. We have a long tradition of honoring the dead in the Catholic Church dating back to the First Century when our ancestors held Masses in the cemeteries because it was illegal to practice Christianity under the Roman Empire. The cemeteries were considered safe places to go, despite the murders that occurred there.

For most Americans, Memorial Day is the established day to "remember" the dead—usually those who died in military service. The graves of soldiers are honorably marked with small flags.

One year when I was stationed at the Church of the Annunciation in Ludlow, I was visiting the local cemetery and came upon the grave of a twenty-year old man who had died during the Civil War. His grave had somehow been overlooked by the flag-placers. I noticed that the grave beside his belonged to his parents who had died many years later. I blessed his grave and said some prayers for his soul—and for his parents who, over a hundred years before, had stood by his grave and wept for his tragic death.

In a moment of doubt, I asked the Lord if our prayers really make any difference and if these souls truly benefit from our prayers. Then I said, "Lord, please send me a sign. Have somebody bring me some lilacs if this man benefitted from my prayers today."

The following day I was in the church and a woman came to me and said, "Father, for some reason I felt compelled to bring you this bunch of lilacs." She gave them to me as I restrained my great surprise. So, I shrugged it off as a coincidence, and put the Lord to the test one more time. "Lord," I prayed, "if these were really from you, let somebody else bring me some lilacs." The next day a man from the parish brought me a whole bunch of lilacs and said, "Father, I thought you might like these."

As Walt Whitman wrote so poignantly about the death of Lincoln: "When lilacs last in the dooryard bloom'd/And the great star early droop'd in the western sky in the night/I mourned and yet shall mourn with ever-returning spring." I never put the Lord to the test again and I have never stopped praying for the dead.

Richmond Congregational Church

Rev. Katelyn B. Macrae

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"He said to him, "What is written in the Law? How do you read it?" And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live." But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Luke 10:25-37

Who is my neighbor?

I have now lived in Vermont for almost one year, and one of the things that I have come to cherish about my new home state is the care that people show for each other and for the environment. And yet, there are still people in our community who are hungry, have trouble paying the electricity bills, or finding employment. What are we to do?

One of the challenges of religious communities today is being relevant, and trying to speak in a language that attends to the needs and concerns of folks. Though we may preach loving our neighbors and loving the earth, many people have been marginalized by religion, feeling that it is too doctrinal, and not responsive enough to the needs of our changing world.

In the United Church of Christ, the denomination of my church, we have a saying, God is Still Speaking. We believe that while history and tradition are important, God is always doing a new thing, and it is up to us to listen for God's voice and respond. This is why you see a rainbow flag by our church sign, as one way of acknowledging and recognizing that God's love is for all people, of all sexual orientations. This is also why churches in our denomination around the country are having tough conversations about racism and violence in response to Ferguson and Baltimore.

Here in Richmond, that we are trying to live out our faith is through serving our community. On May 31 our congregation will host our first ever Sunday of Service. Instead of worshipping in our Sanctuary, we will be doing a variety of service projects in the Richmond community including trail clean up, cooking meals for a local shelter, planting a garden and singing with residents at Sterling House. If you'd like to join us, we'll meet at the church at 9am and depart for projects from there, returning at 11am for coffee and conversation. It's one way that we can love our neighbors.

But, friends there are still so many more things to do. Where do you see a need for putting God's love into action? Where do we need more love in this corner of Chittenden County? Please let me know, I'd love to hear from you!

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, 9 to 10:30, 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

MAY 23 & 24: Jericho-Underhill Open Studio Tour Memorial Day Weekend, 10-5pm. Tour Headquarters, Emile A. Gruppe Gallery, 22 Barber Farm Rd, Jericho, 899-3211 www.emilegruppegallery.com. Tour map and show includes sample work from all artists on the Open Studio Tour. 20 Local Art-

ists will open their studios to visitors for sales and demonstrations.

MAY 30 & JUNE 27: Bird Monitoring Walks, 7:30 am to 8:30 am, Birds of Vermont Museum, 900 Sherman Hollow Road • Huntington, 434-2167, museum@birdsofvermont.org, www.birdsofvermont.org. Experienced birders, walks in the woods, and bird-friendly coffee. Every month. Please

Rain Barrel Workshop

The Chittenden County Stream Team and the South Burlington Natural Resources Committee are offering a hands-on workshop for residents to build and take home a rain barrel.

The workshop will be held on Sunday, June 7, at noon at the City of South Burlington Office at 575 Dorset Street. The cost is \$30, which covers all the supplies and instructions to build, maintain and install your own rain barrel. Rain barrels are placed at downspouts and provide an efficient, low-cost method for collecting rainwater. Rainwater stored in a rain barrel has many uses, including providing water for lawns, flower gardens, houseplants, or washing your dog or car.

When rain and snow run off parking lots, roofs, or compacted soils and roads, it carries with it fine sand, pollutants such as phosphorus, bacteria from animal waste, and oil from cars. Storm-

bring your own binoculars and dress for the weather.

JUNE 1, 3, 8, 10, 15, 17, 22, 24: Tech Help with Cliff, noon to 1 pm. Offering one on one technology help. Bring in your new gadget or gizmo and Cliff will sit with you to help you learn its ways! Registration required. Brownell Library, Essex Junction. Call 878-6955.

water laden with pollutants and sediment negatively affects fish habitat, drinking water quality and recreation.

By collecting and storing rainwater in a homemade rain barrel, owners can prevent stormwater runoff from entering local streams, ponds and the lake and also have the benefit of conserving resources and saving money on water bills. Having a free and plentiful supply of water to slowly release into the ground during the drier parts of the summer is a great bonus for any gardener or landscaper.

Pre-registration is required. Email anna@vinooskinred.org or by call 288-8155 Ext 104.

For more information about stormwater or if you want to learn about volunteer opportunities with the Chittenden County Stream Team (CCST) in your community, visit the CCST's website www.ccreamteam.org.

Writing in Place Workshop

For the second year in a row, Sterling College is offering the Writing in Place writers' workshop. Over this ten-day course, held July 13-24, 2015, attendees will be able to hone their writing skills, be mentored by notable authors, and make professional contacts.

The workshop is for writers of all genres, be it nature writing, food writing, memoir writing, or any writing where place is essential to the narrative.

The authors who will be teaching the course this year are John Elder, Jane Brox, and Lynne Anderson. Author Ben Hewitt will also be a special guest author.

Elder is the author of *READING THE MOUNTAINS OF HOME*. He has edited an encyclopedia, *AMERICAN NATURE WRITERS*, and (with Robert Finch) *THE NORTON ANTHOLOGY OF NATURE WRITING*.

Brox's most recent book *BRILLIANT: THE EVOLUTION OF ARTIFICIAL LIGHT*, was named one of the top ten nonfiction books of 2010 by *TIME* magazine. She is the author of three other books: *CLEARING LAND: LEGACIES OF THE AMERICAN FARM*; *FIVE THOUSAND DAYS LIKE THIS ONE*, which was a 1999 finalist for the National Book Critics Circle Award in nonfiction; and *HERE AND NOWHERE ELSE*, which won the L.L. Winship/PEN New England Award. She has received the New England Book Award for nonfiction, and her essays have appeared in many anthologies.

Anderson is the author of *BREAKING BREAD: RECIPES AND STORIES FROM IMMIGRANT KITCHENS*. Alice Waters said of this book: "Lynne



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.

Anderson's portraits of recent immigrant families capture a crucial truth about how real food connects us to our culture, our memories, and to one another."

Ben Hewitt is the author of *THE NOURISHING HOMESTEAD*, *HOME GROWN*, *MAKING SUPPER SAFE*, and *THE TOWN THAT FOOD SAVED*. Continuing education classes are open until filled, but spaces are limited. Students are encouraged to apply as early as possible. Academic credit is available for the course.

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Regular Meetings

SELECTBOARD:

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

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

SCHOOL BOARD:

Mt. Mansfield HS: 2nd Thursday, 7:30 pm, Meetings rotate among MMU, BRMS, CHMS.

Richmond: 3rd Wed, 6:30 pm, Richmond Elem. School

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

MMUSD: 1st & 3rd Monday of the Month, 6:30 pm, Camels Hump Middle School (location will change July 1).

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 (johnchristiana@gmail.com) or Mike Flock (miflock23@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

CSWD Richmond Drop-Off Center

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RICHMOND LAND TRUST:

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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.

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.hinesburgma.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: Worship at 8 am & 11am-Winter; 9 am-Summer; Nursery care 9:30 am; Fellowship, 10:30 am; Youth Group 6:15 pm; 899-4911; www.jcv.org; On the Green in Jericho Center. Pastor Glenn Carter.

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.GoodShepherd-Jericho.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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2015		JUNE		FIELD DAISY AND ROSE		
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
The colors of June are Yellow and Pink. The colors of Summer are Orange and Red.	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	WE LIKE TO GO HIKING AND CAMPING!		STOKE UP HEARTY EVERYBODY! THERE'S A CLIMB AHEAD!	

Volunteer Cleans Huntington Monument



In time for Memorial Day, a Huntington resident spent a morning cleaning the veterans memorial next to the Town Office. The granite monument, purchased by the Beaudry family to honor their son, Guy, and Huntington's World War II veterans, had been attacked by algae and mold. The volunteer, a U.S. Marine veteran, wishes to remain anonymous. After the weather warms up, the granite will receive a sealant. Photo: Heidi Racht

Vermont Youth Running

RunVermont and the Timberlane Dental Group have created Ready, Set, Run Youth Running program and the MVP Health Care Yam Scram. These events reach over 1500 children across Vermont and beyond.

Ready, Set, Run is an active program that introduces children to the sport of running, healthy nutritional habits and helping hands in the community. Program participants earn miles through a variety of activities and upon achieving their goals they receive a medal, very similar to those earned by the participants in the People's United Bank Vermont City Marathon.

The Timberlane Dental Group will be providing educational content, program support and

contact with potential participants. They will be at the MVP Yam Scram, as well as the Sport and Fitness Expo, to bring some new energy to RunVermont events.

For more information about Ready, Set, Run and the MVP Health Care Yam Scram go to runvermont.org

RunVermont is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization committed to the promotion of running as a life-long activity through complementary programs that celebrate the athletic spirit, are recognized nationally, and embrace the Vermont community. RunVermont is the home of the People's United Bank Vermont City Marathon.

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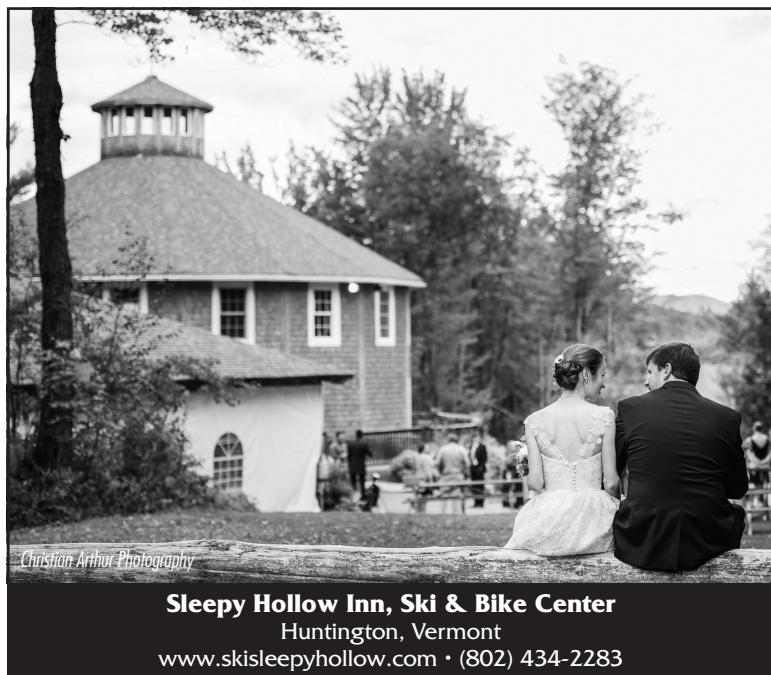


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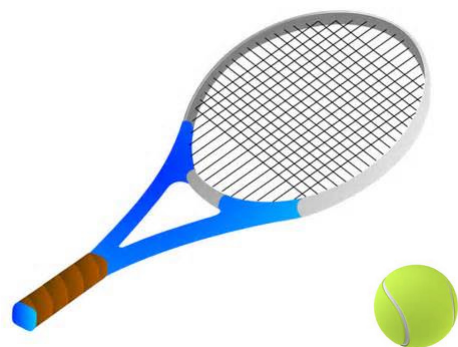
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Family Focus

by Demaris Tisdale, M.S.W.

Forgetting What We Know

“People prefer to believe what they prefer to be true.”

—Francis Bacon (1561-1626)

Recent controversy in Dorset, Vermont, revolved around zoning that would allow changes and development. These changes were promoted by people who declared, “If we don’t grow, we will die. The Town must grow or it won’t survive.”

Over time, this argument has been proposed, debated, refuted, and repeatedly debunked. Yet still we hear it put forward, and we believe it. Why is that?

It seems that we are remarkably able to forget what we learn when it doesn’t fit with what we want. Further, we can be persuaded of almost anything by a convincing speaker. NPR recently broadcast an interview with a professional presenter who explained how he could convince an audience that climate change does not exist, boasting that he could turn all of them into deniers.

Let’s look at an example of what can happen when humans interfere with nature.

Rachel Carson and others have told us of the growth of the mule deer population on Arizona’s Kaibab Plateau, north of the Grand Canyon. In 1946, the President created laws to protect the deer. The newly created game preserve banished the sheep and cattle which were eating the plants favored by the deer. Bounties on mountain lions, wolves, bobcats, and coyotes resulted in the killing thousands of the deer’s predators (effectively exterminating the wolves).

Following the ballooning population of mule deer, several years of political squabbling, and some dramatic attempts to get control, a severe winter caused 70% of the Kaibab Plateau mule deer to starve to death. Carson called the trag-

edy an object lesson in what happens without natural checks and when a species is allowed to overpopulate. Having eaten itself out of house and home, it crashes.

Contrary to the myth that if we don’t grow, we die, the opposite may well be the truth. Biologist David Brown of Arizona State University says humans can manage forests and animals, because we have “the massive superiority of one species managing another. This does not apply to managing ourselves. We’ve proven ourselves incapable of that.”

For hundreds of millions of years, Mother Nature maintained a balance on Earth. From HOMO SAPIENS’ first appearance, it took 200,000 years to reach one billion people, which occurred around 1815. By 1930, the number of people had doubled and is now seven times greater. Pursuing man’s goal of conquering nature, we humans have become a voracious monoculture.

How is it that, despite evidence, we take what we know and manipulate our thinking so that we don’t remember what we have learned? It appears that we abuse our power of attention, allowing ourselves to be distracted and to repeat our mistakes, in one form or another, over and over.

Origins of this process occur in childhood when diversion is used as a means of soothing a distressed child. Our well-intentioned parents are uncomfortable when we are unhappy so they provide a “shiny object” to get our mind off the pain. It works. Lesson learned.

When our attention is averted we can easily be carried away by our emotions. It’s difficult and often inconvenient to attend to reality, and when we feel distressed we divert our attention to avoid the discomfort, unconsciously repressing previously gained knowledge, making it simply disappear.

(Demaris Tisdale, M.S.W., is a licensed psychotherapist. She can be reached at 434-3941.)

Aging in Place

Submitted by Scott Funk

Courtesy is Contagious

After moving from Chittenden County to Central Vermont, it took awhile for the courtesy of the drivers to affect me. Yes, it was nice having someone stop and allow me to make a left hand turn. It was also a pleasant surprise when I was allowed to emerge from a parking place into traffic. But it took awhile to change how I drove.

At first, I just accepted the kindness of strangers and continued to plow along at my usual pace. Then, I noticed how I was driving. Just after enjoying the courtesy of someone who let me into traffic, I almost whizzed by a car waiting to merge. I saw the sad face of the driver waiting in the hopeless anticipation of finding a break in the traffic. So, I hit the brakes and let her in.

Next came the appreciation as the lady pulled in front of me. She gave a huge smile and waved thank you, like I had just made her day. It didn’t really cost me anything; I still got home at about the same time, but I got a lift from that random act of courtesy. Before long, I tried it again.

Every time I stop to let someone turn or merge, or for a pedestrian to cross the street, it is the same. There is always the happy smile and wave. There is always a lightness and joy within me. Being nice is nice. It makes me feel better. While the cost is negligible, the reward was substantial and enduring. I feel better all day.

In another month, we will have been living in Barre City for a year. During that time, I have learned not just how to be courteous in my driving, but to look for other opportunities to be courteous.

It has even spilled over into how I deal with people at the super market or walking along the sidewalk. Saying “hello” has become automatic. Taking a moment to assist a person or let someone get ahead of me at the checkout has become natural.

Being courteous takes a little bit more time, so I have to slow down. Otherwise, I miss the opportunity and the reward. Slower turns out to be less stressful. Wow! Another reward. The courtesy of other drivers has taught me how to extend courtesy to others. It can spread like the measles!

Because of my work, I still drive a lot in Chittenden County. However, I don’t drive like I used to; now I am polite. This can be very disruptive to the traffic flow amidst all the hustle and hurry that typifies driving there. When I stop to give someone the opportunity to make a left hand turn, they often react like I’m setting them up for an ambush. Few smile or wave thanks. They usually just gun their engines and react like I’m another old fart who can’t keep up with the pace.

Fine. I don’t mind because I’m now hooked on courtesy and can’t help myself.

When people ask what is it like to live in Barre City after living in Chittenden County I tell them it is great. It’s just like living in the Vermont I moved to 30 years ago.

Aging in Place, it doesn’t happen by accident, and courtesy makes it easier.

(Former Richmond resident Scott Funk is Vermont’s leading Aging in Place advocate, writing and speaking around the state on issues of concern to retirees and their families. He works as a Home Equity Conversion Mortgage and HECM for Purchase specialist. You can access previous Aging in Place columns and Scott’s blogs at scottfunk.org. His new e-book is available on Amazon.)