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Friday Food Affair Celebrates Five

An idea to bring support to the community by members of the Richmond Congregational Church has maintained a steady course every Friday since 2010.

The Friday Food Affair @ 5, a weekly community meal served at the Rich-

mond Congregational Church every Friday from 5 -7 will celebrate five years of service on May 8. This weekly free community meal has become an institution for area locals.



Perfect Pi! Friday Food Affair at Five cooks Jerry Carpenter, Erin Wagg and Marie Thomas celebrate Pi Day with pizza [pie] and fruit pies on March 14, 2015 (3.1415).

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And it has become so much more. Birthdays are often celebrated with cake and singing. When Maple

a vegetarian option, and now, more often than not, there will be vegan and gluten free options, too. Something for everyone. The FFA@5 has become a gathering place for friends before heading out for local plays or musical performances. A place where families can meet and relax after a

long week. But how did this all start?

In the spring of 2010, with the nation on the economic slalom that began decades ago, some local participants in this downhill slide of Middle America had lost their jobs. Folks in the Richmond Congregational Church mission committee wanted to do something to show the church's support for their neighbors. They wanted to help their community and announce, "We are here."

Karen Clark, Bill Haddock, Leslie Johnson, Mary Golek, and Jerry Carpenter met and proposed food as a symbol of community support. The Congregational Church is known for its food, especially the yearly Chicken Pie Suppers in October. They decided to start a weekly free meal for those who needed support. Carpenter explained, "One meal a week was too few to make a big difference in a family diet, but if we could do it every week reliably, perhaps it would give support and hope to those who needed both. A once-a-month meal would not carry that message. A greater effort would be required."

From the beginning, it was not to be a soup kitchen. It was to be a gathering of friends, with food offered without cost. Guests would be waited on and shown respect. They would be served

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Happy group! After the big fire that destroyed their Richmond barn, Maple Wind Farm owners Bruce Hennessey and Beth Whiting, standing center, received support when the Friday Food Affair started them on their community fundraising. Courtesy photos.

Green-Up is May 2

It's the 45th anniversary of Green Up, a day for people to get out and clean up litter and enjoy the outdoors and each other. Green Up Day is May 2. In Huntington, call the Town Clerk's Office (434-2032) to sign up for a road or show up at the Town Garage in the morning on May 2 and the Boy Scouts will give you snacks, an assignment and a couple of bags to collect garbage. In Richmond this year, contact Judy Rosovsky (judy.rosovsky@jsc.edu or 434-4252) or Andy Solomon (andysolo@gmail.com) or use the sign up sheet in the Town Offices. Pick up bags early at the Town Clerk's Office or in front of the Town Center on Saturday.



Chris Billis models some of the trash she collected in Huntington Center in 2014.

Remember... Please put safety first: wear bright clothes and/or reflective gear and keep an eye out for traffic. Don't handle any potentially hazardous material - let the coordinators

know where and what it is; they will find the appropriate party to deal with it.

Tires and large objects can be left on the side of the road. In Huntington, bring as much as possible to the Town Garage by 2 pm. In Richmond, volunteers can leave it all next to the road by noon.

Creamery Attracts Potential Buyer

by Greg Elias

The buildings that once housed the Richmond Creamery are slowly collapsing under the weight of age and neglect.

A rusted corrugated metal roof sags. Inside, a wall bows, the ceiling tilting toward the ground. Peeling paint, broken windows and graffiti decorate the exteriors. Then there's the hidden industrial legacy: lead paint and asbestos in the buildings, heavy metals in the ground.

Chirping birds and the nearby rushing Winooski River can be heard, but the former cheese-making operation has been stilled for more than a decade, leaving a decaying eyesore in the heart of Richmond.

Town officials have for years tried to force the owner to demolish the structures and clean up the site while promoting redevelopment. Given the property's condition, it's hardly surprising that no one has stepped forward.

But now a potential buyer has emerged who sees beyond the decaying buildings to envision development that would marry residential and commercial uses.

"I love projects with hair all over them that are challenging and that other people shy away from," said Brendan O'Reilly, a Stowe-based builder. "I like fixing broken things."

O'Reilly confirmed that an agreement has been struck with owner Craig Caswell to purchase the property. The potential sale, however, is subject to due diligence that include determining the environmental cleanup's cost.

He declined to state the asking price or how much he offered. The town of Richmond pegs the total tax value of the two parcels that comprise the six-acre property at \$432,700.

O'Reilly plans a mixed-use development that could include rental housing and commercial space. The property will be developed under

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Letters

Honoring Kevin Riell

The outpouring of support extended to Kevin Riell's family after his unexpected death in December has resulted in a CVU scholarship named for the school's longtime director of co-curricular activities. We wanted to honor Kevin and felt that a scholarship would be the most meaningful way. The Riell family has been humbled by the donations that have come from near and far, from Kevin's and Linda's family, friends, students, colleagues, professional organizations and community.

Established in January, the Kevin Riell Scholarship will be awarded to two graduating CVU students, one boy and one girl, beginning with the graduating class of 2015. To be considered for the \$1000 annual scholarship, students must have been involved in CVU co-curricular



CVU Activities Director Kevin Riell, front right, with his advisory

activities, exemplify honesty, integrity, and good sportsmanship, exhibit a strong worth ethic, and be positive role models.

Fundraisers are being organized to make it possible to continue the scholarship in perpetuity. An open Jazzercise class, brainchild of Tami-Jo Dickinson's Future Business Leaders of America advisory, netted over \$700 and a Masters Putting Tournament for CVU Faculty and Staff, care of Sue Wood, Seth Emerson and Co, netted over \$1000.

Other events in the works include a golf tournament, memorial basketball tournament, community yard sale and a casino night. The family will be marketing T-shirts with the CVU Redhawk and "Keeping It Riell" logos.

The family of Kevin Riell would like to thank friends, students, colleagues and community for it's support at the time of Kevin's passing and beyond. It has been truly amazing. Without you, the Kevin Riell Scholarship would not have become a reality.

Donations to the scholarship can be made to the Kevin Riell Scholarship Fund, 369 CVU Road, Hinesburg VT 05461

Camels Hump Middle School Spring Accomplishments

With the melting ice on the lake and Sugar Maple sap running, the spring is here at last, and with it comes warmer weather, muddy roads, and longer days. At this time of year, students at Camels Hump Middle School have more time for exploration and discovery on campus, in the community and on field trips.

Hearty congratulations to CHMS student, Ben Weinstein, who recently took third place in the Vermont Scripps National Spelling Competition at St. Michaels College. Ben competed against 37 students from across the state, all of whom won their school's competition.

The Camels Hump Middle School Junior Iron Chef team members used their culinary skills to prepare a dinner for the weekly Richmond Friday Food Affair. For their first public cooking experience, the team members cooked, plated and served 68 guests to a menu of Caesar salad, roasted roots, chili rellenos, and apple crisp—made with local ingredients. This year's Junior Iron Chef team members are Layla Drinkwater, Jesse Freegard, Ayden Dube, and Tony Fuller; their instructor is CESU food service director David Horner.

Bumper to Bumper on Route 2



Richmond needs a bike path. Lee Diamond makes her point with a photo taken on the way to the Park and Ride on Route 2 in Richmond.

Field trips at this time of year give students the opportunity to learn outside the classroom. CHMS sixth graders will soon make the annual trek to Ottawa, Canada. In May, Team Sequoia will explore the Nulhegan Basin, part of the Silvio O. Conte National Fish and Wildlife Refuge. Our 8th graders travel to Lowell, Massachusetts to explore the woolen mills as part of their studies of the industrial revolution. Again this spring, CHMS educator Sandy Fary and her students will be working on amphibian crossing species inventory and rescue on Sherman Hollow Road and Wes White Hill Road in Huntington for the Huntington Conservation Commission and Vermont Reptile and Amphibian Atlas Program.

The MMMUSD board meets at 6:30 pm on May 4 at Camels Hump Middle School. The public is invited and encouraged to attend.

—Mark Carbone, Principal, Camels Hump Middle School

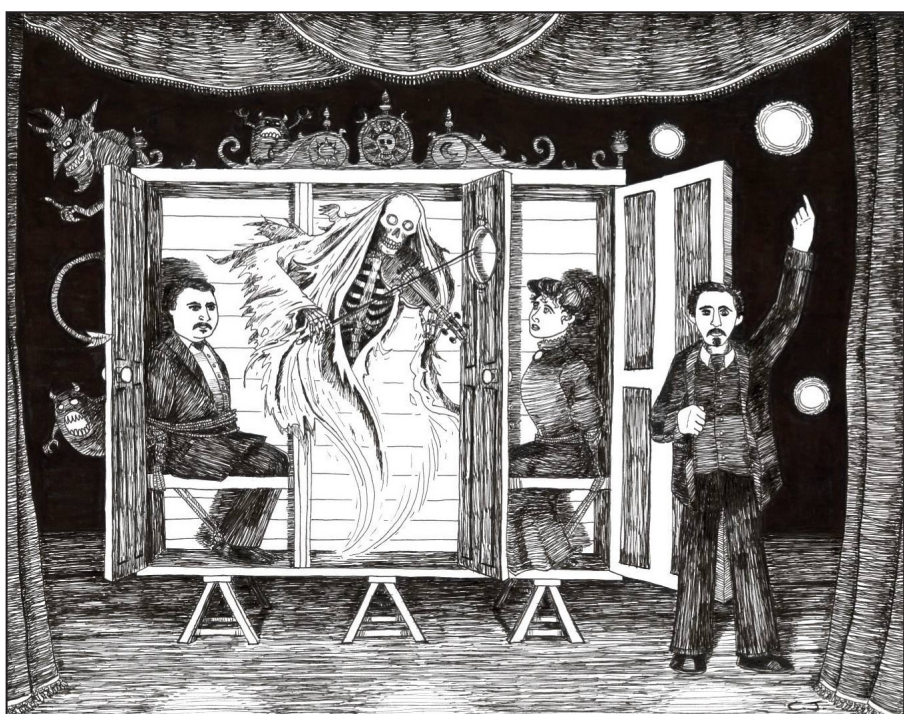


The CHMS Junior Iron Chef team consisted of Layla Drinkwater, Jesse Freegard, Ayden Dube, Tony Fuller and their instructor David Horner.

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The Eddy Family of Spirit Mediums



The Richmond Historical Society will host THE EDDY FAMILY OF SPIRIT MEDIUMS in the Round Church on Saturday, May 23, at 4 pm. This slide show presentation by Jason Smiley focuses on the Eddy family of Chittenden, Vermont, who became world-renowned spirit mediums in the mid- to late 1800s. They allegedly had the power to generate full-bodied "materializations" of the dead, and people came from all over the world to witness these phenomena - some hoping to see and speak to their own departed loved ones, others wishing to debunk the performance as "humbug."

Help kick off the Round Church's summer visitor season with this free program. For more information, contact Martha Turner at rhs@oldroundchurch.com or 434-6453.

Spring Church Rummage Sale

Richmond Congregational Church's Annual Spring Rummage Sale will be held on Friday, May 1, 9:30 am to 7 pm, and Saturday, May 2, 9:30 am to noon. A bargain bag sale will be held on Saturday.

To donate, call 434-2053 or email lwatkins@gmavt.net. Or, come by during the week before the sale to donate items for the benefit of the church and its mission in the community. Richmond Congregational Church is located at 30 Church Street in Richmond village.

Captured by Pirates



In 2009, Captain Richard Phillips of Underhill was navigating the freighter, the Maersk Alabama, in the Indian Ocean en route to Kenya when the ship was attacked by pirates.

Four teenagers with AK-47s boarded the unarmed ship. The crew had retreated to a locked engine room, so the pirates forced Phillips to go with them on a 28-foot fiberglass lifeboat. He spent the next five days in close quarters with the pirates, believing death was imminent before being rescued by a Navy SEAL team.

On May 15, at 7 pm, at Camels Hump Middle School, Captain Phillips will tell his story of being hijacked on the high seas. You may have seen the movie, but there's nothing like hearing this dramatic story of survival from the man himself.

This event, which is open to all ages, is a fundraiser for the Community Senior Center. A donation of \$10 is suggested.

Living with Alzheimer's: Late Stage Caregivers

In the late stage of Alzheimer's disease, caregiving typically involves new ways of interacting with the person with the disease. On Saturday, May 9, 9 am to noon, hear from caregivers and professionals about resources, monitoring care and providing meaningful connection for the person with late stage Alzheimer's and their families. This program is free and will be held at the local Vermont Interactive Technology Site. Please find a local site location at <http://www.vitlink.org/location>. Registration is required: 1-800 272 3900 24/7 Helpline

Spaghetti Supper on Green-Up Day

The Community Church of Huntington will hold its annual Spaghetti Supper on May 2, Greenup Day, from 5 pm to 7 pm, in the church annex in Huntington Center. The original supper was put on by the men of the church with the sauce lovingly made by the late Wendell "Red" Therrien from a family recipe. Since then, the event has become a coed effort and ultimately Therrien taught Deb Hunton how to make the "secret" sauce, using no measuring devices. Red's sauce recipe is still being served.

Dinner will include spaghetti with Red's vegetarian sauce made by Hunton, homemade meatballs made by Felicia Foster and Joe Meccia, sausages, bread made by Three Hungry Boys bakery, salad bar and dessert. A gluten-free option will be available for the pasta. The price for the spaghetti supper has been the same for nine years. \$8 adults, \$4 children ages 6-12; five years and under eat free!

So save this date and don't worry about having to cook supper after a long day of picking up roadside flotsam! Questions about the spaghetti supper can be directed to Deb Hunton at 578-7049 or d56hunvt@gmail.com. The church is located at 4910 Main Road in Huntington Center next to the Huntington Town Office.

Richmond Foot Clinics Scheduled

Richmond Foot Clinics: May 12, 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.

Richmond Area Perennial Plant Swap

Share your plants - get some new ones from neighbors.

Split your perennials and bring them to Richmond Home Supply on Friday, May 1, between 4 pm and 7 pm, or Saturday, May 2, from 7:30 am to 9 am. Then shop on Saturday from 9 am to 2 pm and pick out perennials to enhance your yard.

Extension Master Gardeners will be on hand to answer your gardening questions.

Shop at Richmond Home Supply on May 2 and 3 for all your gardening needs. Use a coupon to donate 5% of your purchase to OCCC to support summer food and fun for local kids.

Email occc@gmavt.net or call 434-6006 with questions.

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May Wall Exhibit Our May art show will feature the varied works of local artist and calligrapher Christopher Carfaro. His interests as an artist span many genres and mediums. On display will be examples of his graphic design, calligraphy, cartooning and traditional art.

May Display Case Fiber arts are a tradition that has passed through the generations in Meg Howard's family. Come see examples of Meg's work as well as that of other family members, on display in our foyer display case for the month of May.

COMMUNITY FARMING OF GRASSLAND BIRDS: A LOCAL CONSERVATION STRATEGY with Noah Perlut Thursday, May 21, 6:30 pm.. Between 1966-2013, Bobolinks declined by 70%. In Vermont, Bobolinks primarily breed on privately-owned land and landowners hold the key to ending population decline. Perlut has studied where birds were born, where they went while they migrated, where they returned, their breeding success, and under what field management conditions. He aims to personalize grassland birds so that Vermonter takes pride in farming for both high-quality agricultural products and grassland birds. (Noah Perlut is an Associate Professor with the Department of Environmental Studies at the University of New England.)

Piano Concert May 27, 7:30 pm. (Senior Center Benefit) Come enjoy a piano concert featuring pianists from Greenfield Piano Associates. This was an extremely popular event last year and promises to be the same again this year. Suggested donation is \$10 and will benefit the Richmond Community Senior Center.

Book Group will be discussing *NINE PARTS OF DESIRE* by Geraldine Brooks on Tuesday, May 12 at 6 pm.

Mystery Book Group will be discussing the book *LEARNING TO SWIM* by Sara Henry on Thursday, May 21, 7 pm.

Healthier Living Workshop A free series of six classes. Learning practical tools to manage your health, reduce symptoms and improve your quality of life while living with an ongoing health conditions such as arthritis, heart or lung diseases, pain or any other type of persistent health condition. Take charge of your health and feel better! Tuesdays, May 5-June 9, in the mezzanine of the Library. To register, call 847-2278 or email selfmanagement@uvmhealth.org.

Early Bird Math An interactive math literacy storytime for young children and their caregivers, through books, songs and games. Children are exposed to many early math skills and will enjoy a chance to play with their peers. Join Wendy in the community room Fridays at 11 am.

Digital Downloads The Library gives patrons access to thousands of audiobooks and eBooks. Check out the webpage for *LISTENUPVERMONT* and *ONECLICK* links. Got questions, ask staff.

WiFi and Other Electronic Stuff Remember the Library has WiFi connections, computer workstations with scanners, Fax (\$1/page to send, .20 to receive), Copy or print, .20/page. To make your work experience even more produc-

ive, we also have a Keurig machine and K-cups of regular coffee, decaf coffee, cocoa, tea, chai latte and "caramel" cider at \$1.

Other Events at the Library Saturday, May 16, 7:30 pm: *POSSUM HAW*: A special combination: the drive of bluegrass and the original lyricism of folk, delivered by Colby Crehan, one of the finest female vocalists in the region. Tickets/info: <http://www.possumhaw.net/calendar.htm>

Friday, May 8, 7 pm: Northern Bronze is a professional community handbell ensemble founded in 2002 with members from all over northwestern Vermont that play at concerts and events throughout New England. Admission: \$12 <http://northernbronze.org/about.html>

Recent Acquisitions Many, many new DVDs were purchased, sponsored by the Friends of the Richmond Free Library. New and old. From television to the silver screen. Some examples: *HOUSE OF GAMES*, *ARGO*, *STILL LIFE: A THREE PINES MYSTERY*, *UNBROKEN*, *WALLACE AND GROMIT, 12 YEARS A SLAVE*, *THE CITY OF LOST CHILDREN*, *GRAN TORINO*, *RED DOG*, *SINGIN' IN THE RAIN*, *GIRL WITH THE DRAGON TATTOO*, *ABOUT TIME*, *IMITATION GAME*, *WHO KILLED ROGER RABBIT*, *DIVERGENT*, *MRS. DOUBTFIRE* and more!!

New Children's Books We now have all thirty of the nominees for the 2015-2016 Dorothy Canfield Fisher Award. For a complete list of the books, storylines, recommended reading ages, and other information go to http://libraries.vermont.gov/services/children_and_teens/book_awards/DCF

In addition to all those DCF books, we have several new items including: *THE BOOK WITH NO PICTURES* by B.J. Novak, *GOODNIGHT, ALREADY!* by Jory John, *IT'S AN ORANGE AARDVARK!* by Michael Hall, *NAPTIME WITH THEO AND BEAU* by Jessica Shyba, *THE NOISY PAINTBOX: THE COLORS AND SOUNDS OF KANDINSKY'S ABSTRACT ART* by Barb Rosenstock, *SUPERTRUCK* by Stephen Savage, *DUCK & GOOSE 1,2,3* by Tad Hills, *THE BEAR ATE YOUR SANDWICH* by Julia Sarcone-Roach, *ALL THE ANSWERS* by Kate Messner, *TALES OF BUNJITSU BUNNY* by John Himmelman, *ELIZABETH, QUEEN OF THE SEAS* by Lynne Cox, *MY GRANDFATHER'S COAT* by Jim Aylesworth, *SSH! WE HAVE A PLAN* by Chris Haughton, *MISS BROOK'S STORY NOOK* by Barbara Bottner, *FIREFLY JULY: A YEAR OF VERY SHORT POEMS* by Paul B. Janeczko, *I'M MY OWN DOG* by David Ezra Stein, *LINDBERGH: THE TALE OF A FLYING MOUSE* by Torben Kuhlmann, *THIS ONE SUMMER* (a graphic novel) by Mariko Tamaki, *DRAGON-BREATH #10: KNIGHT-NAPPED!* by Vernon Ursula, *GLORY O'BRIEN'S HISTORY OF THE FUTURE* by A.S. King, *THE BEGINNING OF EVERYTHING* by Robyn Schneider, *BELZHAR* by Meg Wolitzer, *SMEK FOR PRESIDENT!* by Adam Rex, *SHEEP AND GOAT* by Marleen Westera, *THE RITHMATIST* by Brandon Sanderson, and *THE HIDDEN AGENDA OF SIGRID SUGDEN* by Jill MacLean.

We also have lots of new audiobooks on cd in the J and YA sections, including one of the new DCF books *GABRIEL FINLEY & THE RAVEN'S RIDDLE* by George Hagen. It's been hailed by Norton Juster (author of *THE PHANTOM TOLLBOOTH*) as "A vivid, compelling fantasy that sends you off to a world you will not soon forget."

Storytimes Toddler time (for ages 18 months to 3 years) is on Wednesdays at 10:30. Storytime (ages 3-5) is on Mondays at 10:30. Pajametime (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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Sleeping Bee Concert An evening of acoustic music by Sleeping Bee on Saturday, May 2, at 7:30 pm. Sleeping Bee is a four-member band of multi-instrumentalists and friends featuring Lindsey Horner, Andy Goessling, Randy Crafton, and Timothy Hill. Their style can best be described as Transcendent Acoustic Alt Folk Jazz Celt Grass. Tickets are \$10 in advance; \$15 the day of the show. For more information and purchasing tickets in advance, contact Don Sheldon (434-4563) or don@valleystage.net.

Photo Exhibit by Mark Hill The Nature of Curiosity exhibit is Mark's generous gift to the Huntington Public Library and our community. Mark has donated his exquisite photographs with unique frames designed and built by step-daughter and curator Amy Cook. Each design is available to purchase with all proceeds being donated to the Huntington Public Library.

Memorial Book Dedication Sunday, May 31, noon to 2 pm. To honor those who have been a part of our community and hearts, the Library hosting is special commemorative book dedication. Those who have lost a family member or significant other are invited to choose from a list a book to be dedicated to their loved one. After the event, the Library's website will have a special ongoing section to view the books which have been dedicated.

Seed Library Volunteer Needed The Huntington Library has sponsored a Seed Library for the past several years. A wonderful collection of vegetable, herb, and flower seeds for trade, donation, or even free have been provided through this service. The Library is looking for a dedicated someone or two to help reinvigorate the collection and set up an attractive, self-service display. Please drop by the Library, email or call Anne Dannenberg.

New Adult Books THE NIGHTINGALE by Kristin Hannah; CROSSING THE HORIZON by Deanna Emberly Bailey; OBSESSION IN DEATH by J.D. Robb; DEATH IN SICILY, THE TERRA-COTTA DOG, THE VOICE OF THE MOON – INSPECTOR MONTALBANO MYSTERIES, and THE PAPER MOON by Andrea Camilleri; EMMA by Alexander McCall Smith; A QUOTE FOR A KILLER by J.D. Mallinson.

New Adult Non Fiction ORANGE IS THE NEW BLACK by Piper Kerman; FARMING IN THE WOODS by Ken Mudge and Steve Gabriel; THE BEST AMERICAN SCIENCE AND NATURE WRITING 2014 edited by Deborah Blum; IN THE COMPANY OF BEARS by Benjamin by Benjamin Kilham; BOOKS AND ISLANDS IN OJIBWE COUNTY – TRAVELING THROUGH THE LAND OF MY ANCESTORS by Louise Erdrich.

Long Winter, But July 4 is Coming

2015 will be remembered as the year of the long winter, but with any luck it will be warm by the Fourth of July. Comments have been heard around the area that Richmond is the place to be on July 4 because the impressive parade that starts the day of celebration. Parade watchers will be enjoying the great floats (21 is the record), horses and antique vehicles. The latest in first response vehicles is on display, along with the Grand Marshall riding on the Kilpeck Family parade wagon. Music includes the Richmond Community Band and the St. Andrews Pipe Band. The only thing that has not been included in recent years are decorated bicycles. Only one person need to be interested, organize prizes and voila, another category! At the end of the parade is the Tall Man, always a surprise to see how he is dressed.

Adult DVD CALL THE MIDWIFE SEASON 3; SHARK QUEST; MIRACLE IN THE PACIFIC; HISTORY OF LINCOLN HILL – LOCAL TALK; SOILS AND AGRONOMY by Arden Anderson.

Adult Audiobooks THE SIXTH EXTINCTION by Elizabeth Kolbert; THE SMELL OF NIGHT by Andrea Camilleri.

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

The Huntington Town Office will be open extended hours to accept payment:

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- Friday, May 15, 8 am – 6 pm

You can also drop your payment through the door slot at the Town Office before midnight on May 15.

Richmond Selectboard

by Greg Elias

Though burglars recently hit a handful of homes, Richmond is hardly in the middle of a major crime wave.

That was the message Police Chief Alan Buck had for the Selectboard during its April 6 meeting. He said the break-ins have been “a hot topic” on Front Porch Forum, an Internet bulletin board.

He said some FPF posts implied that dozens of burglaries recently have occurred in Richmond. Actually, there were eight residential break-ins in 2014 and four so far this year. Three of the burglaries occurred in the days preceding the meeting.

Those statistics are comparable to neighboring communities, Buck said. For example, Jericho reported 13 break-ins last year; Williston had 25 burglaries.

But he acknowledged that Richmond is a “pass-through” community that can be “easy pickings” for crooks. He later noted that Richmond has only four full-time officers.

Buck described at length arrests made in some of the cases and efforts to solve others. In some cases, police have suspects but not enough evidence to make an arrest. In other instances, homeowners can’t precisely identify what was stolen.

He offered some tips to avoid becoming a victim: Photograph and record serial numbers of valuables. Immediately report any suspicious activity. Provide license numbers of unfamiliar vehicles to police.

“We can’t do the job alone,” Buck said. “We need the public’s support.”

The crooks will case houses looking for an easy target, then knock on doors to see if someone is home, Buck said. If the resident answers, they ask to resurface the driveway or offer another pretense.

To aid prevention, he said homeowners could request police check their residences when on vacation. And no matter what, he said, don’t leave outside lights on when you are gone because it advertises that the home is vacant.

Buck said illegal drugs are behind virtually all the burglaries, usually heroin addicts looking for their next fix. In a case last year, one addict worked with his father to steal from several homes. The son is now serving 2-10 years in prison. Buck used the occasion to restate a request to fund a part-time detective position, a proposal that the Selectboard nixed last year. Court hearings and investigative activities — such as trying to solve the burglaries — often take officers away from patrol duties, he said. Having a dedicated investigator would ensure uninterrupted patrol activity.

Ultimately, Buck said, the key to cutting criminal activity such as burglaries lies in illegal drug use. “Until we can get a handle on the drug problem, it’s going to get worse,” he said.

A Biting Debate The Selectboard considered a new ordinance that would extend the town’s enforcement powers over problem pets.

The current ordinance dates back to 2000. Wright Preston, Richmond health officer, requested that the town consider updating the regulations with an ordinance modeled on one developed by the Vermont League of Cities and Towns.

Town Manager Geoffrey Urbanik explained that, unlike the town’s existing ordinance, VCLT rules permit the town to enforce violations that take place on private property.

Under the current ordinance, the town can impound a pet that presents a public nuisance, such as barking continually or threatening or biting someone. If the owner fails to claim the

animal within 10 days, the town may give it to the Humane Society or destroy it. In any case, the owner is liable for boarding fees and fines.

The VCLT ordinance includes similar but more detailed provisions that permit the town to impound an animal that threatens or bites someone, even if that occurs on the owner’s property.

That provision concerned some Selectboard members, who worried about having to act as judge and jury in such cases.

Bard Hill said a provision in the proposed ordinance that allows the town to destroy, muzzle, chain or confine dogs found to have bitten someone without provocation “seems a little extreme to me.” He said trying to determine if the dog acted without provocation would be tough since “a dog can’t testify on his behalf.”

Taylor Yeates wondered if there was really a problem with vicious pets in Richmond and if the new ordinance was necessary.

Urbanik said there have been a couple of cases over the past year. And there was an instance two years ago involving a problem dog on private property that the town tried to banish from the community. The pet’s owner ended up moving away, making the issue moot, but Urbanik said the owner could have ignored the order because the town had no legally enforceable authority for the action.

Still, Selectboard members were dubious. Yeates said dogs are biologically programmed to react to threats on their turf. “Dogs are pack animals designed to protect their own property,” he said.

Lincoln Bressor suggested a middle ground, keeping the existing ordinance but citing state animal control law if necessary to control problem dogs. But Urbanik said the amended ordinance offers a “better written” and more thorough set of regulations.

The discussion concluded with the Selectboard tabling the ordinance change until its next meeting.

Sharing the Burden? The question of whether all town taxpayers, not just water and sewer users, should share permitting and engineering costs related to an expansion of the system provoked strong views among Selectboard members.

Last month, voters approved by a nine-vote margin an extension of municipal water and sewer system westward along Route 2. But the \$2.5 million project is hardly a sure thing, as the town continues to negotiate connection and use fees with Riverview Commons Mobile Park. Without the connection to the 148-lot park, town officials say the extension may not be financial viable.

Hill, who also serves on the Water and Sewer Commission, said some commissioners worried about the thousands of dollars already spent studying the project. If negotiations fail, he said, the panel is concerned that existing users will be on the hook for that money. And that expense is considerable: just under \$150,000 for preliminary and final engineering alone.

Yeates bluntly said it was the water and sewer system’s gamble and users should not expect the town to bail them out should they lose the bet.

“I will not support this and I will speak fervently against it from now on,” he said.

Hill noted that commissioners weren’t making a formal request for town funding but rather wanted to open a dialogue about the possibility. “We might characterize this as run it up the flagpole and see who salutes it,” he said. Board members agreed to take a wait and see position on the request, delaying a definitive yes or no answer until negotiations with the mobile home park conclude.

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Huntington Selectboard

Reported by Ruth Blodgett

The Huntington Selectboard meeting on April 6, 2015 began with the authorization of Fire Chief Tate Jeffrey to contact the Town's attorney to review a contract with VELCO (Vermont Electric Power Company) and an updated lease agreement with Nils Smith. The contract would allow VELCO to construct a 49-foot pole on Smith's land, install a stand-by generator and assume utility payments in exchange for the pole's use. This pole would have a VELCO repeater, a Fire Department (FD) repeater and an FD-Dispatch repeater. Since 2002, the FD has had a lease agreement with Smith for the installation of 2 repeaters.

The Human Resources (HR) Subcommittee reported it has created an updated road crew job description and applicant review form. Selectboard and HR Subcommittee member Nancy Stoddard presented a proposed Town of Huntington Hiring Process and pay range flow diagram. The Board moved to adopt the Hiring Process Flow, with amendments.

The Board unanimously agreed that the overall CDL Road Crew pay range be established at \$15 to \$20 per hour, with a pay range of \$15 to \$18 for entry level positions and \$17 to \$20 per hour for a Road Crew person trained as back-up for the Road Foreman.

Road Foreman Clinton "Yogi" Alger updated the Board on the purchase of the 2016 F550 one-ton truck. The dealer will not accept orders for this truck until April 16, with an estimated three-month delivery time, upon which the truck will be sent out for the dump body, Alger reported.

Town Administrator Barbara Elliott and Alger have submitted 5 Town Highway Grant proposals. Structures grant proposals are for culverts on Sherman Hollow Road, Main Road and Texas Hill Circle. Class 2 Roadway grant proposals are for Hinesburg Hollow and Main Roads.

The Board accepted New Leaf Design's proposal for a Town Office basement drainage and window replacement project for an amount of \$12,000 or less with rot repair work not to exceed \$2,500.

During Public Comment, Terry Boyle came to ask if December 2014 storm debris from the Town's right of way will be removed, and if FEMA funds will cover expenses. Alger confirmed the road crew would clear the debris, which will be hauled away and burned, since it contains too much sand to be safely chipped. The Town expects to be eligible for some FEMA reimbursement for storm clean-up costs.

The Board passed the motion to authorize signature of the document to transfer an historic preservation easement to the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board and the Preservation Trust of Vermont. This easement will allow the Town Hall Committee to accept a grant from the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board (VHCB). Board member Roman Livak was opposed, stating he did not support granting a perpetual easement and had concerns about long-term maintenance of the Town Hall.

Several appointments were made, including: John "JB" Bryan to a four-year term on the Conservation Commission, Helen Keith as the Americans with Disabilities Coordinator for a one-year term, and Everett Marshall to the All-Hazards Mitigation Plan Update Committee of the Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission, for an indefinite term.

Selectboard member Barbara Keith reported meeting with Rahul Kushwaha concerning the formation of a community group meeting with the Planning Commission and School Board to explore school possibilities. School Board member Tara Fowler has been appointed as a liaison to the Selectboard.

The Selectboard, at its meeting on April 20, discussed a planned culvert project on Sherman Hollow Road, near the Birds of Vermont Museum. VTrans (Vermont Agency of Transportation) project manager Dick Hosking said that a highway grant was approved. The structures grant, in the amount of \$44,000, is designated for a Texas Hill Circle project, which the Town considers a lower priority than the Sherman Hollow Road project. Livak asked to know more about the Sherman Hollow Road project, which would repair damage caused by a July 3, 2013 rainstorm. Dean Grover of Grover Engineering PC, described the project. Erin Talmage, of Birds of Vermont Museum, shared a photo of rain damage and described how access to the Museum has been affected. Talmage also mentioned \$10,000 in grant money the Museum has received towards repairs that may have to be returned if not used soon. Grover referred to the area as an "open wound on the landscape that is not doing water quality any favors."

In other Highway Department news, Alger mentioned three other culverts on Main Road needing replacement in the near future. The Town did not receive a paving grant, Alger added. A Better Back Roads grant will fund ditching, riprap, and culvert replacement work on Taft Road. Alger sought Board approval to pay retiring Highway Department employee Steve Barron for five weeks of unused vacation, in accordance with the personnel policy. The motion to pay this passed.

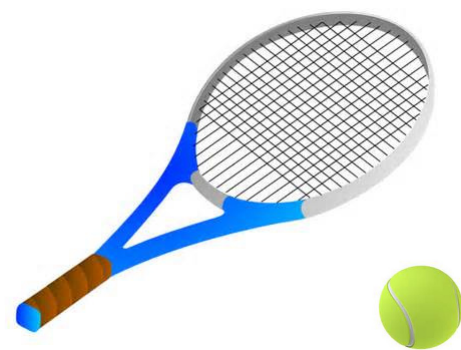
Luke Jackson of Richmond Rescue requested support of Richmond Rescue's application to become a paramedic ambulance service. Jackson gave a presentation about paramedicine, telling the Board that Richmond Rescue is currently licensed at the advanced EMT level. Paramedicine is a higher level of training. Paramedics can administer some medication, interpret cardiac rhythms, and perform some emergency surgical procedures. Jackson stated, "It is not uncommon in our area for there to be hour long transport times to the hospital, and medication can help with patient comfort." Jackson concluded that Richmond Rescue is not asking for increases from the Town at this time. "I am happy to see Richmond has their house in order and I would like to move that we send a letter of support of Richmond Rescue expanding to the paramedic level," voiced Livak. The motion passed.

Conservation Commission member Margaret Fowle has resigned and Rebecca Ryan and Sherri Lynn now acting as co chairs. There is an opening on the Conservation Commission.

Rebecca Ryan, with the American Lung Association, requested a Town Proclamation declaring the second week in May as Women's Lung Heath Week as a way to raise awareness. This declaration met the informal criteria of being educational, not for profit, and non-discriminatory. The motion to approve the request passed.

Rahul Kushwaha returned to the Board, speaking on the subject of State education funding's local implications. Elliott suggested, one way to move forward on this would be to draft communication that the Selectboard would want to participate on a committee that would be led by the school board. Selectboard member Andrew Hendrickson stated, "I'd like to see a conversation with some concrete goal building."

Duncan Keir came with concerns about VEC (Vermont Electric Cooperative) plans to move power lines on Gillett Pond Road. VEC wants to move power lines to the east shoulder of the road from the current hillside location, which makes line maintenance difficult. Keir owns land in the area of the proposed relocation. [Poles would] be in the Town right of way and would need town approval," claimed Livak. It has been suggested VEC bury the lines, Keir said, possibly affecting road conditions and water quality. Stoddard finished, "It looks like we have some information to follow up on."



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MMU / MMM Boards

Reported by Diane Wester

Combined Reports for Late March, Early April, 2015

The next meetings of the new CESU Governing and MMMUSD Boards have been moved to Monday, April 26, 6:30 m CHMS Library. The school calendar sub-committee is scheduled to report at this meeting. The CESU Governing Board includes the full, three person (2 votes) representation of the Huntington elementary school (Brewster-Pierce). The MMMUSD Board meeting concerns the business of the Underhill, Underhill ID, Jericho, Bolton, and Richmond Elementary Schools, the two middle schools, and the high school. Huntington has two representatives on that Board.

Meetings of these boards in late March (since passage of the newly combined budget) and early April have been more than three hours each night. Quickly approaching State-imposed constrictive deadlines conflict directly with the good will of the newly-elected board to execute due diligence thoroughly and represent their local constituencies. Meanwhile, it is “business as usual” both for the existing CESU Administrative staff (which still has nine schools to run) and for the volunteer boards – comprised of member who have “day jobs.”

Volumes of newly adopted materials need to be created, disseminated, and reviewed by the Board. Examples of some of these materials include: alignment of existing policies (and purging of obsolete or redundant policies) to new policies; and choosing governance/strategic planning/organizational model for the new board. However, these two examples have not drawn as much attention, comment or conflict as the school calendar and the “waiver” of by-laws.

School Calendar The district(s) now must embed a number of teacher professional development hours into the calendar in order to keep to the 186-day school year model. Principally, two newly-mandated programs are driving this: the PLP (Personal Learning Plan) for each middle and high school student, and the implementation of Proficiency Based Graduation. Other contributing factors are meetings of the K-12 data teams and implementation of the Common Core curriculum. After studying the problem and speaking with superintendents of other districts, Superintendent John Alberghini proposed a two-hour late opening of school on one Wednesday per month. When asked, he answered the school principals were unanimously in support of this change. The teachers “have been asking for some time” [for more professional development in their regular work days], said Alberghini. Jericho representative Diane Kirson Glitman noted it would not affect after school academic programs, or sports programs. Several Board members noted it was the first

time they had seen the calendar, and public comment had not been sought. Huntington representative Dave Clark noted he did not want the Board to “become a rubber stamp.” Alberghini needed to submit a Regional School Calendar to the State by April 1. CESU Board Chair Jon Milazzo noted that the experts had done their “due diligence” and that a certain measure of trust to the professionals was necessary in order to comply with state regulations on time. The calendar was approved by the Board in the March meeting with two nay votes.

The public reaction to this change was very strong. The April meeting began with Milazzo reading a prepared statement outlining the why/when/how the calendar was created. The monthly two-hour delay was “deemed most advisable with least impact” to the greatest number of families. Several members of the community – including some teachers – spoke about the calendar and the conduct of the Board. Alberghini also addressed the community and outlined the reasoning behind his decision making process, stating, “I really felt this was the best option for parents” and it was “never my intention to cause more stress in the family.” The Board created a sub-committee to study the problem, collect public opinion, and report back at the next meeting. The Board also approved a measure to hire a communications expert for three months (using a portion of the State-provided merger transition money) in order to more effectively communicate with the public during these transitional times.

Petition to Waiver The Board needed to submit its new by-laws to the State for approval before the annual meeting on May 13. The State needs to approve a “waiver” to the new MMMUSD, as it is a unique district – first of its kind – and not currently covered within the existing statute. Working with two attorneys, the Agency of Education, the state-approved Articles of Agreement, and existing documents Alberghini created a new (three-color) draft – merging the old, the new, and legal recommendations. Jericho representative Les Kanat said the last version he received was March 31 – yet the draft appearing before them that evening had to be approved and sent to the state at that meeting (April 6) or the annual meeting would have to be warned and moved to June. To remedy this, the Board inspected this draft, article by article in the meeting. One issue to be researched and resolved is the voting power of Huntington. Huntington has three representatives each with 2/3 vote on the CESU board. If only two representatives are present at one meeting – does Huntington still have two votes, or only 1-1/3 vote? A legal opinion will be sought. Richmond representative Michael Marks noted an approved waiver could be amended. The draft was approved by the Board.

Meanwhile – nearly every issue the Board has

been working on is in jeopardy of change from Montpelier. There is a proposed state education funding of 2% cap for three years. Many Board members complained this is an unimaginative “blunt instrument” that does not take into account education standards. How this freeze would impact the 6% “incentive” reduction in MMMUSD taxes promised next year is not known. Board members are working at the capital to preserve the newly-created MMMUSD in the face of proposed changes that would create 16 “super districts” in the state. Newly modified/updated health policies face constant revision – most recently due to the vaccination issue. All this work is being done while the Board is also in the process of creating its own operating/governance/reporting structure.

CESU Finance director Bob Fahey presented a draft of a fiduciary checklist – a two page single spaced document which needs to be filed with the state. Its intent is to prevent fraud. Some changes/recommendations were made by the Board to the checklist.

Food Service Alberghini reiterated no school kitchens will be mothballed. The school prin-

cipals are working with the kitchen staff to put together a framework to present to students and parents.

Governance The new Board need not adopt the old governance model of committees, subcommittees, etc. One system of governance being considered is the “Policy” governance model. Several Board members attended a VSBA workshop on this model. It will be studied and considered.

MMUSD Board Meeting

April 9, 2015

Report condensed from draft minutes. The roof project for CHMS, BRMS, MMU and the HVAC for MMU are complete – the Board signed a certificate of completion to submit to the Municipal Bond bank.

MMU Principal Mike Weston presented a program about the Tech Ed Programs in Essex and Burlington. The Board discussed improving the perception of Tech Ed. Assistant Superintendent Jen Botzojorns provided information to the board about the new science standards.

Huntington School Board

Reported by Helen Keith

On April 14, the BPMS – Huntington School Board meeting opened at 6:30 and adjourned at 8 pm to go into Executive Session. All Board members and several community members participated in the discussions prompted by the Board’s agenda (both the agenda and the draft minutes of the previous meeting are posted at <http://www.cesu.k12.vt.us/>). This report relies, to some degree, on an interpretation of the meeting discussions and some ongoing knowledge by the reporter of some of the issues discussed. It is not intended to be a literal review of all that occurred at the meeting. Again for official records, please see the web site.

Multicultural fun and food was featured last week at the school. Alison Forrest who with others held an international lunch with recipes featured from around the world and locally – stated that it was an event that all children, families, and staff enjoyed.

Most of the meeting time was spent in discussing issues of how the Board should address community comments from town meeting day – during the annual school district meeting and several board meetings since March 3rd - regarding exploring options for continued local governance in the midst of legislative initiatives on consolidation. Some requests suggested the Board support a sub-committee to look into becoming an independent school (this reporter is interpreting this as follow up to several comments at the annual meeting to look into the route of becoming private or independent depending on what happens in the legislature this year). Board member weighed in with their thoughts throughout the discussion and the issues became mixed into related ones concerning how to maintain the current independent status (for example, maintain local governance – reporter interpretation of discussion) during the legislative initiatives going on now. Several Board members wanted to look at the whole gamut of options related to ongoing efforts at consolidation and others strongly preferred the Board not be involved in any effort to become an “independent” school. Superintendent John Alberghini mentioned that to go the “independent school” route would require significant legal expertise. The discussion ended with a

request by the chair, Megs Keir, to have Board members send her their suggested wording for decisions at the next meeting. There were ideas to hold community forums on options as well as other methods of getting residents the information they may need or want in maintaining local governance or not.

John Alberghini offered information on the current status of the legislature’s efforts on education reform through consolidation and referred people to the analysis done by the Vermont School Boards Association’s legislative alerts. The key is to stay tuned to what is going on and its impact on Huntington as an independent, not merged school district. The House bill on consolidation is now in the Senate, with many changes occurring as it moves along. The articles of agreement approved through the recent CESU merger into the MMMUSD and through the State Board of Education last August called for the potential for a revote in one year, should Huntington want to merge; the current legislation extends that time. However, no one was sure which would take priority or what would be honored should new legislation pass. This will be on the agenda for the May 12th School Board meeting.

A financial assessment tool, which focuses on assuring accountability was shared by the Superintendent. Both the MMMUSD and CESU and the school district/town treasurer will be using it. Warrants, or invoices, were authorized for payment for Brewster – Pierce Memorial School for the prior month of 120,737.41.

A recorder is needed for the meetings, and anyone interested in applying should contact the Superintendent or the Principal, it is a paid position once a month. The board has several months of draft minutes to review, with comments going to the Chair this week so that official minutes can be posted on the CESU web site.

The Front Porch Forum is being used to announce school board meetings, Tara Fowler has been appointed as a liaison to the Huntington Select Board and minutes of the Boards are being exchanged. The next School Board meeting is May 12th.

Again, for a full report of the meeting, please see the web site cited above.

CHMS Variety Show is Coming

The 8th Annual Camels Hump Variety Show is scheduled for Tuesday, May 19, from 7 pm to 8:30 pm. The evening will feature a variety of acts including musical numbers, magic tricks, skits, juggling, hula hooping, comedy, miming, etc.

Students in grades 5 -8 are invited to submit acts for the show: 5th and 6th graders on May 5 and 7th and 8th graders on May 6. Callbacks will be on Thursday, May 7. These sessions will occur after school between 2:40-3:30. The sign-up sheet for submitting acts will be posted on the front office counter. The deadline for signing up is Tuesday, April 28. Permission slips are required.

Creativity is encouraged. Acts are limited to three minutes. Singers must have accompaniment (CD or personal accompanist) for the audition. Lip-syncing is not allowed. Acts should be stage-ready at the time of submission, with only minor adjustments necessary.

Rehearsals for the show are scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday, May 13 and May 14, 2:40-4:30, with a full dress rehearsal on Monday, May 18. The dress rehearsal will run until 5:30 pm. Rehearsals are mandatory. Parents are responsible for picking up their child after rehearsals.

Contact Traci Barrows or Dave Cavanagh if you have further questions: 434-2188.

MMU News

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Local Paid Internship at MMCTV

MMCTV is calling out to area high school students to apply once again for the Memory Map road series internship program this summer. This is a paid opportunity for history-minded young people who would like to investigate the history of a local road on camera.

To learn more about the program, write to mmc-tv@comcast.net or just drop by 35 West Main Street, Richmond, 434-2550. www.mmctv15.org

MMU High School News Reporter Needed

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

A stipend is available or the student may chose to use this opportunity to gain community service credit. This opportunity may also be used toward an independent study. This is a great opportunity to do something that benefits the entire community. Residents like to know what is going on at the high school, especially those who do not have students in the school. Additionally, writers get to know more facets of the MMU program, as well as interact with staff and students.

Applicants must be able to:

1. Make a deadline.
2. Write in complete sentences.
3. Provide a well-rounded column that covers a variety of school activities highlighting the activities and accomplishments of our students.

Information: news@timesinkvt.org or 434-2690.



Several scholars from RES have been recognized by the Vermont State Treasurer's office for their completion of the 2014-2015 Reading is an Investment program. Reading is an Investment is a financial literacy program for Vermont students in kindergarten through sixth grade. These scholars have each read three books about savings, money or some other aspect of financial literacy. They have also each completed a personal reading requirement. The scholars are: Jack Brooks, Isobel Marciel, Sebastian Marciel, Gardner Paine, Nico Powers, Roy Powers and John F. Santamore Jr. The program also includes a drawing for savings accounts for college, and Roy Powers was one of 20 students statewide to win a \$250 account. More information about this program can be found at <http://www.vermonttreasurer.gov/financial-literacy/reading-is-an-investment>

Liking Winter But Wanting Spring Essays from Brewster-Pierce School Students

Why I'm Liking Winter

Sledding: I'm liking winter because you can sled really fast but you still have to be cautious.

Making Snowmen: Rolling the heavy balls of snow with friends. Welcoming people to our town. Showing them that we are a good community.

Snowball Fights: Boom snow in your face. Get that chilly breeze. Go inside and there is hot cocoa waiting for you inside.

Sugar on Snow: So tasty with that sweet but delightful treat. Cold like ice cream but sweeter than honey.

Why I Want Spring

Nature: Hearing the streams trickle. Hearing owls hoot. Smelling pine trees scent.

Warmth: Feel how warm it is compared to winter. The sun beating down on your skin.

Creemees: Getting creemees from Nan's and Georgia. How soft the ice cream is. So yummy. Mmmmm.

Flowers: The flowers blooming. The beautiful looks of tiger lilies and the amazing scent.

—Cerridwen Dube

I like the snow. As you know I like to ski. This is the perfect kind of snow to ski in. I hope that it keeps snowing. I would be happy if it got just a teensy bit warmer. But still it is awesome. I love this season.

—Trevor Goldman

White, white, white that's all we see. I don't like the everlasting snow. I want spring to come soon. You may think that this is all silly, but I am not joking around. The snow covers everything high and low, left and right. You still might think that all of the snow is fun to play in and ski in, and I do like those things but all in a bit less snow.

All this snow is hard work, too. Most days you find yourself outside, shoveling the front walk. Putting on all the layers to go outside takes time and effort to get on. Making a fire every evening to keep the house warm throughout the night takes up time. I am getting very sick of only seeing white outside. We need our spring back!

—Becca Hall

I am so ready for the spring. Snowshoeing and sledding are good and all but it can get boring. The winter can get boring because it is annoying with power outages and you can't get your mail because the snow plow pushes the snow on the mailbox. Sometimes it can be more than below zero and that's too cold to play outside.

In the spring you can run around and not have snow in your way like I was saying about the mailboxes and the cold weather. You can ride your bike and play basketball and a lot more sports outside. You do not need a winter coat, only when it gets chilly outside in the spring. I can't wait for the spring to come.

—Jakson Meffert

Aimee Motta's third and fourth grade students write about the seasons.

Spring

I am very ready for spring! Winter is fun, but when it gets to -17°F, it's not fun anymore. I love to play in the snow, but only if it's higher than 0°F. In springtime there will be much more outdoor recess. And I love outdoor recess if it's nice and warm out.

When it is springtime, we won't always have to get a fire started in the morning. We will finally be able to play running games outside (it's hard to run in snow pants). In spring my family will be able to get the trampoline back out, and we will be able to play in our tree house more often. Winter is awesome, but I'm ready for spring!

—Cherise Shamp

Sledding on the Big Hill

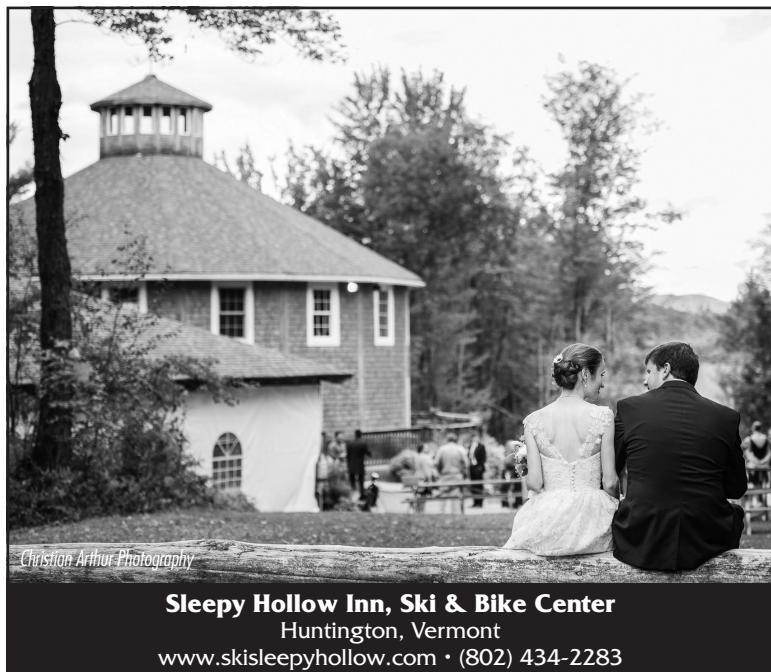
At winterfest I went sledding on the big hill. I crashed a lot on a jump my friend Kyle made. Every time Trevor went down and off the jump, I tagged along with him (I went very close behind him). It took a long time to build it after it was destroyed. Cullen tried the second grader's snowboard (his name was Josh) and he made it over the jump but fell when he hit the ground. Kyle mostly built the jump when it was broken.

Today I went on the big hill to go sledding for P.E. It was really fun. Trevor and I went and a lot of other kids could go off the jump, stick the landing, like the people who had the green sleds (the best sleds there). My friend Elliot had a tube and the bottom was very hard plastic so he went very fast. The jump never got broken because not a lot of people went on the jump. There were two people who made the furthest record, the first person to make a record was Charlie but the furthest person to make the longest trail was Cherise.

—Spencer Meachem

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MilkDrive and Twisted Pine at Valley Stage



The tenth annual Valley Stage Music Festival (www.valleystage.net) has announced its lineup for this year's all-day concert. It will take place on Blackbird Swale in Huntington on August 8, 2015 from noon until 8 pm. This year's lineup will feature the Austin, Texas-based progressive acoustic quartet MilkDrive and young, up and coming bluegrass Boston based quintet Twisted Pine. You'll also get to listen to the Mike Barnett Trio and Vermont's own Phil Henry Acoustic Trio and Possum Haw who will open the day's entertainment at 1 pm.

This year's food vendors including Sweet Simone's, Pie Empire, Ewetopia Honey Ice Cream, Karyl Kent Catering and the NOFA Pizza Oven, along with beverages will be on hand. Attendees are welcome to bring a picnic. Face painting for kids of all ages will also be available.

A big silent auction (over 45 contributors) with event tickets, coupons for local restaurants, crafts and a wide variety of other great buys from area businesses will be held.

Early Bird tickets for the show are currently on sale for \$25/adult, a single adult and child/children for \$35 and \$60/family (2 adults and all children under 16) until June 30. Advance tickets (July 1- Aug.7) are \$30/adult and \$70/family. Day of the event prices are \$35/adult and \$80/family. All children 6 and under are free. Check the website (www.valleystage.net) for details or feel free to contact us at 434-4563 for ticket information and directions. Leave pets and glass at home.

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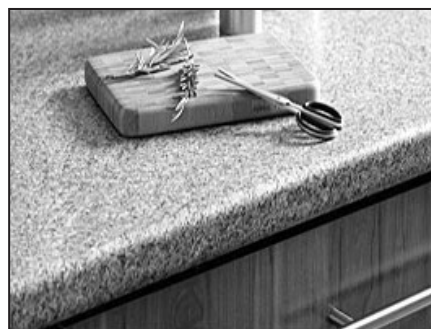
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Huntington Race 4 Sundaes

The Community Church of Huntington announces its Fourth Annual Huntington Race 4 Sundaes. This family-friendly event will take place on Sunday, June 28, and includes a 5K and 10K race as well as a one-mile fun walk/run. All proceeds collected benefit Neighbor Helping Neighbor, a local fund to help people in the greater Huntington area who may be struggling financially. Online registration is open at huntingtonrace4sundaes.weebly.com and printed forms will be available at Beaudry's Store in Huntington and at the Huntington Public Library.

This annual event starts at the Community Church of Huntington in beautiful Huntington Center. The one mile race will start at 8:30 am and the 5K and 10K races will start at 9 am. Race participants will run or walk along Main Road and Camels Hump Road and finish back at the Community Church of Huntington where each runner will receive an ice cream sundae.

Last year, the event registered over 320 runners and raised \$14,000 to benefit Neighbor Helping Neighbor (NHN). Forty local businesses donated prizes and sponsorship money to offset race costs and allow race registration fees to completely benefit Neighbor Helping Neighbor. In addition, over 25 volunteers were on hand to make the day a success—including help from the boy scouts, fire department, and state police.

Neighbor Helping Neighbor (NHN) is a fund established to help people struggling financially in the greater Huntington area, including Richmond and Bolton. Pastor Larry Detweiler administers the fund and neighbors

may contact him at revdets@gmail.com or at the parsonage at 434-6715. NHN has helped hundreds of individuals and has administered more than \$50,000 in support over the last five years. The Race4 Sundaes is the fund's biggest yearly fundraiser.

To register for the event, make a donation to NHN or inquire about becoming a sponsor go to: <http://huntingtonrace4sundaes.weebly.com/> or contact race director Megan Detweiler at

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.

Her Parents Saved Jews and Allied Airmen from Hitler

by Jane M. Vossler

As the sun poured into the kitchen of her Richmond home one recent afternoon, Jacqueline Wintersteen told me about growing up in Brussels, Belgium during WWII. It was a time of black-out curtains, shrill sirens, ration coupons, and V1 rockets exploding overhead. She was four years old when the Germans invaded and occupied Belgium, and many of her memories are about her parents who were members of the Resistance. She took me back more than seventy years to a time when the darkness of Nazi occupation hung over Europe and brave people like her parents risked their lives to help others.

Last year, Wintersteen decided to write a book about her memories of the war years. She said she wanted her grandchildren and great grandchildren to "understand their family history and my personal story of growing up in World War II." She published her book, *A CHILD'S MEMORIES OF WORLD WAR II*, last December and gave copies to all her relatives as Christmas gifts.

Wintersteen remembers that when she was six years old she gave up her bedroom to Felix, a Jewish boy about her age, who had moved in with them. His parents had been arrested, and her mother, Anna Boutet and her father, Paul, agreed to take care of him. She had a new baby sister at the time, and she and Felix often played with the baby. They didn't understand much about the war, but knew that it was dangerous to play outside and that when there was a knock on the door, Felix was to immediately hide under the kitchen table.

Sometimes Wintersteen and Felix would babysit for her infant sister. Her parents would tell them they were going to a movie, but actually they were going to a meeting of the Resistance, also known as the Underground.

In addition to hiding Felix, they took in other Jewish people, obtained false identify cards for them and sent them on with other Resistance workers toward England via Spain and Gibraltar, an English territory. It was a dangerous

time for everyone and particularly for anyone involved with the Underground. If found out, they would be immediately executed or sent to a concentration camp.

Her parents also helped American and English airmen who were shot down over Belgium. They parachuted



father went in the opposite direction to Brussels. In her book she wrote, "That morning, early in the New Year, was the last time our family was together. I never saw my father again."

Once in Brussels, he was caught by the Nazis and was put in jail where he endured "heavy interrogations by the Gestapo." From there he went on to several concentration camps. In April, 1945, only a few weeks before the camps were liberated by the Allies, he was being taken by train, stuffed with others into a cattle car, to yet another camp. He had a bad feeling about this trip. He knew that a woman from his Underground group in Brussels was in the last car, and there were rumors that the Resistance was going to liberate this car from the rest of the train. He sent his



Wintersteen believes her parents helped at least twenty-four aviators.

In early 1943 she was sent to another town to live with her cousins. Her parents were worried that without meaning to, she could say things that would reveal their work in the Underground. Later in that year, a traitor in the underground revealed the names of many in the group, including her parents. They were warned and immediately left Brussels for a small town to the south.

In December, her mother came to the cousins' to get her and took her to where the family was staying so they could celebrate Christmas together. Wintersteen remembers the handmade gifts she received. Her mother, who was an accomplished seamstress, had made her a pair of felt slippers embroidered with hearts and flowers. Her father built her a small oak sewing chest and her mother had stocked it with bobbins of thread, scissors and pins. She spent

black leather wallet which he'd carried with him throughout the war, down through the cars. It passed from hand to hand with a message asking the woman to see that his wife received it if she escaped. The woman survived, and after the war she sent his wallet to Wintersteen's mother. Her father died on the train at age 37.

As we sat at her kitchen table, Wintersteen reached into a box and pulled out her father's wallet. His initials, PB, were on the front of it. She opened it up and inside was a curly lock of golden blonde hair wrapped in cellophane. It was her own hair.

She also showed me the medals her father had received posthumously—the American Medal of Freedom and similar medals from Britain and Belgium. "He believed in justice in the world," she said. "This was the kind of man he was."

A CHILD'S MEMORIES OF WORLD WAR II by Jacqueline Wintersteen is available at the Richmond Free Library. It's a moving memoir, rich with details, illustrated with photos from the time. It's the story of the war as seen through a child's eyes and a testament to the courage of her parents.

ed out of their doomed planes, often hurt and certainly vulnerable to capture by the Germans.

She was four years old when the Germans invaded and occupied Belgium, and many of her memories are about her parents who were members of the Resistance.

Wintersteen's father was director of a Salvation Army restaurant, a sort of soup kitchen for the needy, which gave him access to food to help the aviators. One or two would stay with the family for a few days and then move on. Wintersteen remembers her mother telling her after the war that several times she and her father gave blood transfusions to the aviators. From her research,

two weeks with her family and wrote, "We all felt so good, so content to be together."

At the end of the two weeks, they all went to the train station. Her parents were struggling financially and her father had decided to return to Brussels to see if he could get some money from the Underground. Her mother, her sister and she took a train in one direction, and her

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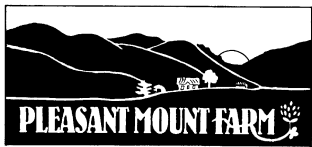
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Piano Concert **Richmond Trails Map Available**

Greenfield Piano Associates, a group of outstanding local pianists, will hold its annual concert in the Richmond Free Library Community Room on May 27, at 7:30 pm. Each pianist will play a favorite selection, and the pieces will include Chopin, Schubert, Brahms and others. The pianists are students of Elaine Greenfield of South Burlington. The concert is a fundraiser for the Community Senior Center.

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Relay for Life Nordic Style Gives Thanks to Many

From humble beginnings with the hope of finding a cure for all cancers, Relay for Life NordicStyle just completed its twelfth winter relay.

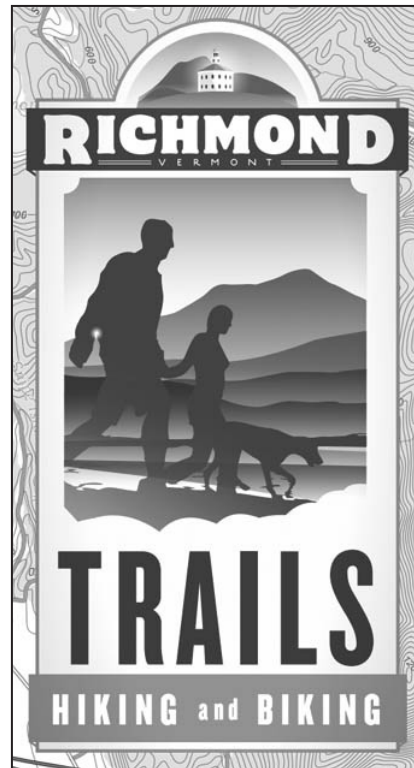
With money still coming in, to date, nearly \$63,000 has been raised going toward research to find a cure for all cancers, support and education.

Being a NordicStyle Relay, challenges of this all-night event can be difficult. This year had a mix of freezing rain, snow and gusting winds blowing most of the night. We thank wholeheartedly the 27 teams and 150 participants gathered in the meadow at the Trapp Family Ski Touring Center on behalf of the 42 Caregivers, 45 survivors and for future generations that will someday live in a cancer-free society.

Thank you to the Trapp family for allowing us to use its nordic facility; corporate sponsors; Survivor Reception Sponsors; food and drinks providers for great food; entertainers for their individual wonderful acoustic sounds that spread out across the evening to enjoyment of everyone at the event...

And thank you to 28 teams, who all gave their time and energies, put the fun into fundraising and came together for one day...one night...one moment in time to find a cure for cancer.

—Susan Russo, Publicity Chair, Relay for Life



The Richmond Trails Committee, a group of ten people appointed by the Selectboard, has just released a brochure, RICHMOND TRAILS: HIKING AND BIKING. It shows ten trails in Richmond that are open to the public and are on both public and private land. The Committee printed 1,000 copies, and they're available at Richmond Free Library and the Town Center. You can also access the brochure on the town website at <http://www.richmondvt.gov/boards-minutes/trails-committee/>

The maps show where to access the trailhead and where to park. They describe the surface of the trail, the elevation, the views, and the kinds of trees and plants to be seen.

The length of the trails range from the longest trail, and also one of the newest, the 3-1/2 miles long Preston Forest Legacy Loops to the shortest at Volunteer's Green Trail at 0.4 miles. Thus, the brochure provides options for families with young children and those wanting a more vigorous workout.

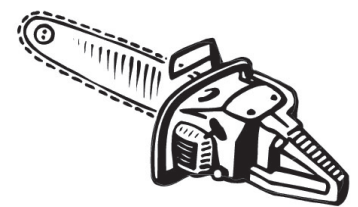
Jean Bressor, a member of the committee, said, "We hope people will get out and use the trails." She added that the committee would appreciate people joining work crews to help maintain the trails. The dates when work crews are going out will be published.

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A workshop on native plants for Monarchs, pollinators, butterflies and birds will be presented by Richard Dube on Saturday, May 16, from 10 am to noon, at the Richmond Free Library. Cash donation to benefit Our Community Cares Camp (OCCC), a non-profit day camp providing enriching activities and nutritious meals for Bolton, Huntington and Richmond children.

Check in begins at 9:30 am. To register: Richard Dube (434-4834 or richdubegeo@cs.com).



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After the Storm

Why We Should Know How to Control and Treat Stormwater Runoff

Submitted by Darlene Palola

What is Stormwater runoff? Stormwater runoff occurs when precipitation from rain or snowmelt flows over the ground. Impervious surfaces like driveways, sidewalks, and streets prevent stormwater runoff from naturally soaking into the ground

Why is it a problem? Stormwater can pick up debris, chemicals, dirt, and other pollutants and flow directly to a lake, stream, river or wetland. Anything that is discharged untreated into the waterbodies we use for swimming, fishing, boating and drinking water is stormwater pollution

The Effects of Pollution Polluted stormwater runoff can have many adverse effects on plants,

fish, animals and people.

Sediment can cloud the water and make it difficult or impossible for aquatic plants to grow. Sediment also can destroy aquatic habitats.

Excess nutrients can cause algae blooms. When algae die, they sink to the bottom and decompose in a process that removes oxygen from the water. Fish and other aquatic organisms cannot exist in water with low dissolved oxygen levels.

Bacteria and other pathogens can wash into swimming areas and create health hazards. Polluted stormwater often affects drinking water sources. This, in turn, can affect human health.



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Debris – plastic bags, six-pack rings, bottles, and cigarette butts – washed into waterbodies can choke, suffocate, or disable aquatic life like ducks, fish, turtles and birds.

Household hazardous wastes like insecticides, pesticides, paint, solvents, used motor oil, and other auto fluids can poison aquatic life. Land animals and people can become sick from eating diseased fish or ingesting polluted water.

Stormwater Pollution Solutions (more on this in the next article) 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!

Attend the Stormwater Workshop for Do It Yourself Solutions, a residential stormwater workshop, on May 18, 6 pm – 8:30 pm, Smilie School, in Bolton.

This workshop will introduce a variety of low cost practices that can be used to mitigate stormwater runoff on residential properties.

Light refreshments will be provided. RSVPs appreciated to info@winooskiriver.org or call 882-8276.

(Darlene Palola is a member of the Huntington Conservation Commission. The information in this article is from the US EPA CITIZENS GUIDE TO UNDERSTANDING STORMWATER and the Friends of Winooski River.)

Food Shelf Receives Donation of Peanut Butter via Bolton Valley



Through an event held earlier this month at Bolton Valley Ski Resort, skiers who bought a jar of Vermont Peanut Butter received a reduced lift ticket. The peanut butter was then donated to the Richmond Food Shelf - 58 jars of delicious, nutritious Vermont Peanut Butter! To learn more about these two local companies: www.boltonvalley.com and www.vtpeanutbutter.com Pictured above left to right: Chris Kaiser, Founder of Vermont Peanut Butter Company; Marcia Levison, Manager of Richmond Food Shelf; and Josh Arneson, Bolton Valley Press Representative.

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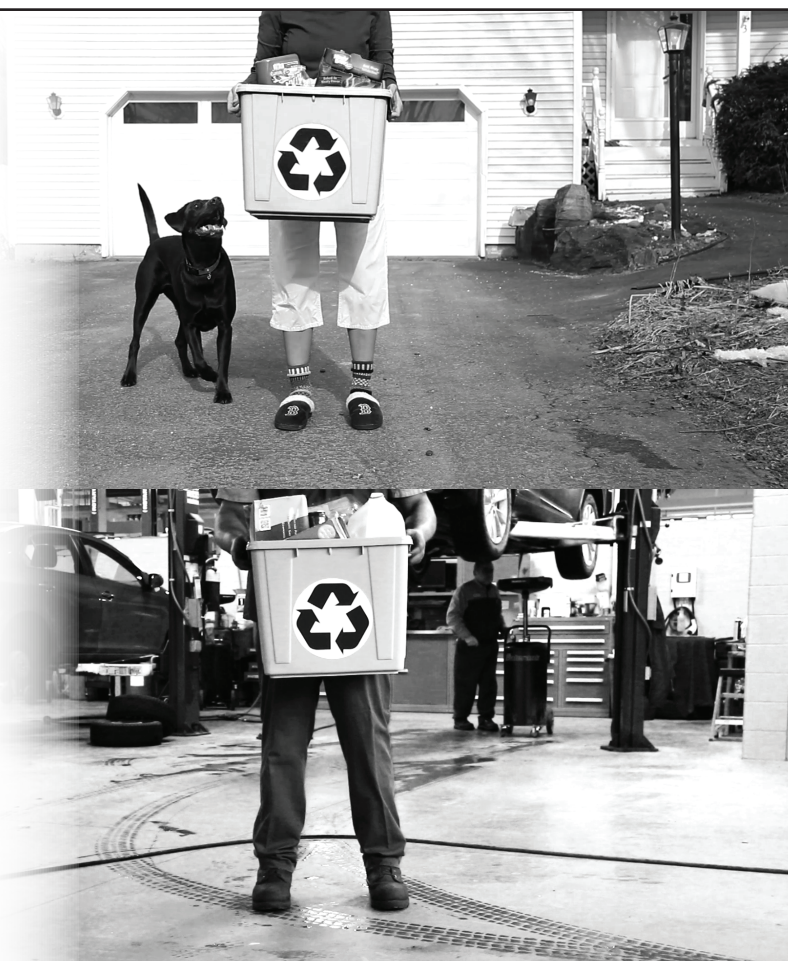
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Rep. Rebecca Ellis

The House Natural Resources and Energy Committee began taking testimony earlier this month on a proposal for a carbon pollution tax developed by Energy Independent Vermont (EIV). We are at the very early stages of analyzing this concept and have not taken up any specific bills. The Committee is interested in learning how a pollution tax might reduce carbon emissions and, at the same time, promote economic growth in Vermont.

The EIV proposal would tax retail sales of gasoline, diesel and home heating fuels based on their carbon emissions at one of three potential prices: LOW (a tax peaking at \$50 per metric ton of carbon dioxide), MEDIUM (\$100) and HIGH (\$150). For a gallon of gasoline, this translates to a tax of \$.45/gallon, \$.90/gallon or \$1.35/gallon.

The proposal is 90% revenue neutral, meaning that 90% of the revenues would be returned directly to taxpayers, including a proposed reduction in the sales tax, a tax credit for filers, a tax rebate for low-income people, and a per-employee rebate to companies. The remaining 10% of revenues would be used for carbon-reducing programs such as weatherization.

Under the proposed tax, taxpayers would end up with roughly the same amount of money in their pocket before and after the tax but the relative prices of goods would change, with carbon-based products becoming more expensive. Economists predict that consumers would modify their behavior to consume less carbon-based goods (e.g. carpool one day a week) and use that money to buy other goods (e.g. renovate the kitchen). A group called Regional Economic Models, Inc. (REMI) provided a detailed analysis of the tax proposal, which can be viewed at www.energyindependentvt.org.

REMI predicts that a carbon pollution tax would

Food Affair

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on linen tablecloths. It would be open to everyone. Those who needed food and those who just needed a night off from the kitchen would sit side by side. Those familiar in the church, and people who had never set foot inside before, would sit across a table and eat together.

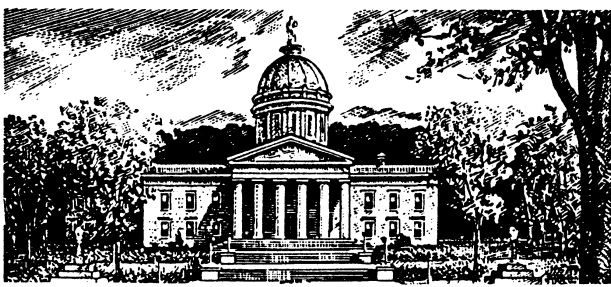
What to call the enterprise? After the alliterative FRIDAY FOOD AFFAIR AT FIVE presented itself. That sort of defined when it would happen. The weekly meals would be supported from free will donations from cooks or diners, but no donations are solicited. Some diners donate \$1 per week; others \$5 or \$10. Others just enjoy the meal. "Donations are accepted, but not expected" is the sign that greets the guests.

No one knew how long it would last. The committee agreed to try it for a few weeks to see what happened. Then they agreed they would keep doing it so long as people came. People came. An average of 44 people came each week ever since. The largest turn out was when Maple Wind Farm cooked to thank the community for its support. More than 225 people showed up to enjoy turkey pie and fresh veggies. On a "regular" night, between 35 to 50 can be expected. Some groups, like the VYCC (Vermont Youth Conservation Corps), cook four or more times per year. George Lam, from Huntington, cooks to celebrate Chinese New Year and among others. Boys Scouts, school groups, groups of friends all take a turn. A few groups, like Odyssey of the Mind and the National Honor



New Baby!

Eli Marcus Bick-Mashtear was born on February 3, 2015. His parents are Lienne Bick and Brett Mashtear of Richmond.



State House News

result in more jobs and economic growth in Vermont. While this may seem too good to be true, British Columbia imposed a revenue-neutral carbon pollution tax in 2008 and has seen both economic growth AND a substantial reduction in carbon emissions. The rest of Canada saw carbon emissions grow slightly. If nothing else, the British Columbia experience justifies a close look at a carbon pollution tax here in Vermont.

The Vermont Fuel Dealers Association opposes the carbon pollution tax, citing both the increase in fuel prices and the impact on local dealers. I have received a number of emails from constituents who heard from their local dealers about the carbon pollution tax proposal. Please be assured that the Legislature is only just beginning its investigation, we have no specific bills under consideration, and we will go forward only if it's clear that the proposal will benefit all Vermonters, including those who would be hard hit by the price increases.

Please feel free to contact us on this or any other issue that interests or concerns you. We want to know what you think!

Society have cooked and asked for donations as a fund raiser.

When no one is signed up, the task is shouldered by a core of dedicated community members. Jerry Carpenter, who has been a part of the group from the start, has developed a flair for cooking. His Hungarian Goulash was a great hit, as was his Ratatouille a la Disney. Erin Wagg has been developing some wonderful gluten-free rolls and vegetarian dishes such as black bean burgers. Marie Thomas is more of a chili, soup and salad cook. Lauren Esserman makes some great curry dishes and often cooks around Passover. Young people like Raina Carfaro collects her friends and impresses all with her culinary skills. Sofie Carfaro once sponsored a Harry Potter themed dinner, replete with decorations. Other community members like Madelaine Honigman, can be counted on to come and help serve. Richard Miller designed the new website and posts menus to the Front Porch Forum. Even Harriet Riggs, 95 years young, will pitch in and help serve, demonstrating her waitressing skills acquired many years ago.

Despite the sometimes dearth of volunteers, the tradition now seems firmly established. There are times when the core group has faced doubt and members must remind themselves that they do this not just because of the cogent argument of reason but from a compulsion of the heart. "There is the reward," explained Marie Thomas. "Helpers and diners leave smiling. Everyone has a wonderful time."

However, some misconception among community members remains about the mission of the Friday Food Affair. It is an event for everyone. Those who can afford to donate help subsidize those who can't. So anyone can be part of this weekly event.

Whether the event can maintain its momentum without a larger core of volunteers is uncertain. For now, a celebration of five years of great meals and good friends is in order.

All those who have ever cooked or helped are invited to a potluck celebration on May 8, regular 5 pm time. Oh, and everybody else who comes to eat, you're invited too.

Enthusied Thomas, "This is going to be awesome."

Rep. Tom Stevens

Two interlocked bills on education came to the floor for debate, H.361 and H.76. H.361 was the "big" education bill, and it proposed to make necessary the process Huntington and Bolton (as well as the rest of the Chittenden East Supervisory Union) experienced last fall. With a new chair of the Education committee, Rep. Dave Sharpe from Bristol, and a perception that "something must be done" with our education system or our finance system (or both), the committee spent their time discussing, researching and compromising on a bill that promised to please very few people. This is usually a sign of a good bill, believe it or not, and the bill that passed the committee certainly achieved that goal.

The key points were a sliding budgetary cap, only to be imposed state wide for two years if next year's state wide budget increase exceeds this year's, which was 2.95%. New school districts were defined, small school grants were temporarily retained, and consolidation was to be done by 2019. There were waivers for schools such as Huntington's, and that was the main reason I voted for the bill. Brewster-Pierce is a shining example of a successful school — good population, stable staff, reasonable per pupil costs — and we made sure schools on this spectrum could remain autonomous as long as certain quality standards were met.

The bill was amended in several ways to make it more palatable to some, and I think these further compromises hurt the quality issues that are really at the heart of any potential reform. As a state, we want our students to have the equal access to education element of the Brigham decision extended to make sure they have equal access to a quality education. It will be difficult to solve this regional problem globally, and H.361, as it passed the House, really takes small but important steps in this direction. It is now in the Senate and, since passage in the House, the Department of Education has shifted its priorities with respect to consolidation. I suspect we will see a different bill when it comes back from the Senate, and the discussion will begin anew.

H.76 proposed to fundamentally change public sector union law, which would deeply change the relationship between school boards and the teacher's unions. It has been proposed for several bienniums, and it hasn't gained traction. This year's bill, as proposed, would have eliminated the right to strike for teachers and the right to impose contracts for the school boards, and it would have replaced them with a version of "last best offer" arbitration that exists for other public sector unions in the state.

Our committee, under whose purview comes labor issues, took enough testimony to realize that neither the school board association or the teacher's union

was willing to compromise on their basic differences: the union was willing to discussing relinquishing the right to strike, as long as it was replaced by binding arbitration, and the school boards were not willing to discuss binding arbitration, but wanted other forms of mediation. Both sides acknowledged that the current system, which provides for a certain abyss that neither side prefers to look into, actually works. There has been, however, an emotional reaction to the South Burlington strike this past fall, and this provoked this legislation. Our committee was unanimous that we should not blithely change public sector union law without creating techniques for finality in negotiations. We were of the opinion that the flaw was not necessarily in the law, but in its execution at the local level.

After our decision to not amend the bill, it moved to the Education committee, where it was rewritten over a weekend with input from only one of the interested parties — the school board association. The committee took testimony for one day and passed the bill. It returned to our committee for further review in its new form. Unfortunately, it then became a partisan issue. The bill was so one-sided that it satisfied the desires of only the school board association. The teachers union opposed it on content and for the fact that they were not consulted in the crafting of the bill.

Rather than maintaining a balance between the boards and the teachers, the amended version of the bill took away the right to strike and the right to impose without replacing it with an equivalent abyss. It imposed penalties on teachers for not settling prior to the expiration of the contract without equivalent penalties on the school boards, and it proposed to allow contract negotiations to be endless. These changes were unacceptable to the majority of our committee, and we voted 5-3 on partisan lines to recommend that the bill ought not to pass.

Speaking for myself, I am always willing to consider in committee ways of changing what are fundamental tenets of labor law, but the resolution has to be fair and balanced. H.76 did not achieve this simple standard and, in the end, it was defeated on the floor of the House.

Finally, in the face of some intimidation tactics, the House voted to support S.141, the so-called "gun control" bill. The bill aligns Vermont law with federal law in that it prevents convicted felons from possessing guns (and still provides a way for them to regain that right) and it requires individuals who have been adjudicated to be a danger to themselves or to others to have their name listed on a national registration system that will, one hopes, restrict them from purchasing guns. I received mail insinuating that this was a slippery slope toward some form of gun control that will take guns away from law-abiding citizens. It won't. I don't have a problem preventing ownership of guns to those who have abused that right, or to those who may, in an impulsive moment, hurt themselves or others with a gun. I've been told I will lose the support of some for this vote, and if that ends up being the case, so be it. I'm satisfied I have supported a bill that is best for Vermonters. And, as always, I'm always open to discuss this, or other controversial bills, with you directly.

Spring looks like it has finally sprung, and my garlic is peeking out from its winter slumber! I'm looking forward to the end of session, and we will provide you with a fuller wrap up of our work later this spring.

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Creamery

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of Peak Properties LLC, a partnership between O'Reilly and John Lupien, who owns a landscape supply business.

O'Reilly in the past has constructed so-called "net zero" projects that produce as much energy as they consume through use of solar panels and geothermal power. He envisions such green development at the Richmond site.

"We can take a brownfield and make it green," he said.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency defines a brownfield as property where redevelopment "may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant."

Multiple studies conducted over the past several years have identified a range of actual and potential containments at the Creamery site — mercury, arsenic and lead in the soil, asbestos and mold in the buildings — but did not determine the cleanup cost.

The final decision on buying the creamery will hinge on that price tag. "The cleanup costs have to be viable to make the rest of the project work financially," Lupien said.

State Rep. Anne O'Brien of Richmond said the potential redevelopment of after so many years is good news for the entire town.

"Turning this area into a vibrant center is a terrific opportunity for Richmond economic development," she wrote in an email. "The model Brendan is proposing with a net-zero development is very exciting."

O'Brien noted that there has been a long-running effort to locate a senior center at the site, something she hopes can still happen. The location, she said, "is

ideal because it is in the heart of the village with excellent access to the town center and the library."

Town Planner Clare Rock said interim zoning for the site that the Selectboard passed about a year ago offers flexibility in terms of the types of uses that would be permitted for a project that includes both commercial and residential components.

The most important thing, she said, is that the scale fits the surroundings. She added that a project that includes apartments would help diversify Richmond's housing stock, which consists mainly of single-family homes.

O'Reilly said it is too early in the process to offer specifics such as the number and types of residential and commercial tenants. But he said he is eager to work with the town to develop a plan that benefits the community.

History of Industry The Richmond Creamery, located just off Bridge Street on a dead-end gravel road called Jolina Court, processed dairy products for about a century, according a 2013 study of the site done for the Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission.

The Richmond Dairy Cooperative and later the Richmond Cheese Co. operated the creamery from the early 1900s through 1990s. Richmond Cheese later merged with Saputo Cheese, which shuttered the operation for good in 1999. Caswell then bought the property.

Caswell has had a strained relationship with the town in recent years, as officials made escalating demands to clean up the site.

Things came to a head in July 2013 when Town Health Officer Wright Preston issued an order

to remove ammonia in a rusting refrigeration tank that could have leaked and forced evacuation of nearby residents. The ammonia was piped into a tanker truck and taken away the following month.

The town, alarmed at reports of children playing around the site, which is guarded only by a low chain-link fence, has explored other ways to force Caswell to demolish the dilapidated buildings. Most recently, the Selectboard discussed what was called the "nuclear option," taking control of the property by eminent domain.

Efforts to reach Caswell, a former University of Vermont student who now operates an office furniture business in Florida, were unsuccessful.

But Caswell said in 2013 that he did not know

efforts to build on the site.

Strange Attraction The town repeatedly has tried to attract a new developer. Last year, it loosened zoning restrictions on the property. In March, voters passed a ballot measure that allows the Selectboard to reduce or eliminate property taxes on new development at the site.

O'Reilly said he first learned about the property through a businesses associate. Lupien noted that during frequent trips through Richmond, he and his partner "travelled past that site for years, looking at what was happening and not happening. It just kind of drew our interest."

O'Reilly's childhood experiences may explain his attraction to the defunct Richmond Creamery. On the website for his business, Gristmill Builders Ltd., he recalls growing up in Pennsylvania, playing amid the "ruins of the gristmills that were once the hub of the area's economy."

Lupien, who also does excavation as part of his landscaping business, said experience with comparable projects led them to consider buying a property that would make others developers just shake their heads.

"We feel based on experience and knowledge it's something we can tackle," he said. "It's not as scary to us as it would be to others. It's pretty scary, nonetheless. What matters is that it's being done by people who can see beyond the obvious."



Not a single window is intact on the backside of one of the buildings at the dormant Richmond Creamery. Town officials have long worried about the safety hazards posed by the decaying structures. Photo: Greg Elias

O'Reilly expected due diligence to continue through mid-to-late summer, at which point the partners will decide whether or not to finalize purchase of the property.

the extent of the contamination when he purchased the land. He said it made little sense to demolish the old structures until a redevelopment plan was approved. And he complained that Richmond's land-use rules stymied his

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News from Area Churches

Richmond Congregational Church

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"The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof." —Psalm 24:1

As I write this article, we have case of April showers outside. Later this week marks the 45th anniversary of Earth Day. Both remind me that we have a deep responsibility to care for each other and God's creation. In the Green Mountain State, we have a great sense of consciousness about how we are called to be good stewards of all of the resources God has entrusted us with. But the question remains, what is the best way to be a good steward?

St. Augustine wrote, "Pray as if everything depends on God. Work as if everything depends on you." There is truth in Augustine's words. Change cannot come unless we put effort into it! We must be God's hands and feet in the world.

One of the markers of a vibrant church is community involvement. Our church has been thinking of all of God's gifts (including our building and how we use it), as stewardship. Our church's committees and groups have discussed how they could be better stewards of their resources and become more active in the community. Many prayers watered these discussions and I hope it will bring flowers, as we blossom and grow during the month of May with these exciting community events:

- Spring Rummage Sale (May 1, 9:30 am-4 pm, May 2, 9:30 am-noon) will donate 100% of the proceeds to RCC's mission and community outreach.
- Fifth Anniversary of the Friday Food Affair on May 8! Come join us for a great anniversary dinner celebration from 5-7pm in the Fellowship Hall.
- On May 31, we will serve the Richmond community for our first ever Sunday of Service from 9:30 am to 11 am with community service projects including trail clean-up, gardening, and singing with senior citizens.

Please contact the church if you have any questions about these events. I would also love to hear your thoughts about stewardship and service. What needs do you see in the Richmond community that are not currently addressed or could be improved?

May God bless you in the month of May!

Community Church of Huntington

Larry Detweiler, 434-6715

I made my way over to the church last Saturday evening to do my usual prep of the sanctuary for our Sunday morning worship service. Once opening the annex doors, it did not take long for the sweet aroma of spaghetti sauce to remind me of our upcoming Spaghetti dinner on May 2nd.

Deb Hunton had been busy all day mixing and simmering Red and Priscilla's family recipe straight from Verona, Italy. For Deb, it's a sweet day of remembrance. Back in 2007, she spent a Saturday with Red at his home in Hanksville to learn his ways. As Deb recounts, "Red did not use measuring spoons, so I had to stop him as he was getting ready to throw spices into the sauce and actually measure his spices. We made sauce together until he died. The last few years, I would pick him up at Pillsbury Manor and we cooked in the church's kitchen. His recipe has not changed." Two entire Saturdays are spent making 12 gallons of sauce.

Of course, there is more. Joe and Felicia now prepare our meatballs served on the side drawing from their own Italian heritage and carefully guarded family recipe. She uses only organic ingredients for her meatballs and cooks on her

grandmother's cast iron skillet, which is probably 80 years old. Surely, she has stories to tell of life gathered around the stove in the kitchen.

Deb is proud of the improvements made over the years. "We've perfected the salad. It is no longer tossed but a salad bar, which is so much better, fresher and individualized." Heidi Racht (and Three Hungry Boys Bakery) donates our fresh bread. Just hearing the name of the bakery makes me smile.

This year's dinner is Saturday May 2, a wonderful way to gather and rejuvenate after our state's Green Up Day. Prices are unchanged: \$8 per adult, \$6 for kids, and children under 6 are free.

Preparing and serving a meal is far more than just dinner. It is a way of remembering and honoring loved ones that have preceded us in life, but remain present for us through entrusted family recipes. Gathering around the table with one another presents the opportunity to practice hospitality, welcoming one another's company and the sharing of stories. This is life within our community church, in and for our community. So, we invite you to gather around the table with us in the church annex on May 2 at dinnertime.

Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Church

Father Lance Harlow, 434-2521

With the arrival of the end of May, it's time for just a short sigh of relief from a very busy liturgical season at Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Church. Before Christmas we observed the four weeks of Advent and then the Christmas Masses. Lent soon followed with its five weeks of intense devotional life. Then Holy Week arrived culminating in the great Easter Triduum including Easter Sunday. Then there was Divine Mercy Sunday with its Masses and devotions. And then there was first Penance and first Holy Communion. Then there was Confirmation at the Cathedral in Burlington. You see the intensity of our religious life! Until, finally, by mid-May, as spring coaxes us into summer, there may be two weeks of calmness—before the seminarian arrives for his summer internship.

For the past three years that I've been in Richmond and Williston, I've had the pleasure of training a seminarian; that is, a man studying for the priesthood. Each summer the seminarians are assigned to pastors for an eight-week summer internship to learn the practical aspects of parish ministry. Seminarians spend eight years training for the priesthood in college and graduate school learning philosophy, theology, Scripture, Church history, Greek, Latin, Canon law, sacramental theology, and other academic subjects. But the most important part of their training, and evaluation of their suitability for the priesthood, occurs during the summer. It is during this internship that they get to experience what parish life is really like and they get to "practice" on real parishioners. Like a doctor, the priest has to have "people skills" as well as a mastery of theology. During the summer we work on developing those people skills by integrating theological knowledge into practical situations.

For example, I recruit various parishioners to come in and role play pretending to have various pastoral problems ranging from spiritual questions, terminal medical conditions to haunted houses (to name but a few!) I help the seminarian to evaluate and treat each of these conditions, just as a doctor guides a medical student in learning the art and science of good medicine. Like medicine, the priesthood is also a combination of art and science. The best models of the priesthood are the canonized saints. Although my seminarian may not have a saint for a pastor this summer, I hope he will learn the many joys of priestly ministry.

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

SATURDAYS: Flow Yoga, 9 to 10:30, See: www.balanceyogavt.com.

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 1: Bird of Vermont Museum Opening Day for 2015 season, 10 am - 4 pm. Discover new exhibits and reacquaint yourself with old favorites. Go birding from the Treehouse. Regular admission (Free for members!) Sherman Hollow Road, Huntington. 434-2167, museum@birdsofvermont.org, http://www.birdsofvermont.org

MAY 1: BIRDS OF A FIBER: 2015 Community Art Show, Birds of Vermont Museum, Sherman Hollow Road, Huntington. From fabric to feathers, in craft and art, discover new ways of looking at an understanding birds. Included with admission.

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.

MMMUSD: 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 (johnpchristiana@gmail.com) or Mike Flock (mflock23@gmavt.net).

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Richmond: 2nd Tues, 7 pm, Town Ctr

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

RECREATION COMMITTEE

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

RICHMOND TRAILS COMMITTEE

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

Green Mountain Bicycle Club Rides

All riders with the GMBC must wear helmets and obey the rules of the road. E indicates an easy ride, M is for moderate, and S is for strenuous.

May 3: Covered Bridges of Chittenden County - 23 (E), 30 (E/M) and 36 (M) mile options of rolling hills through Shelburne and Charlotte with the longer ride going through Ferrisburgh. Visit up to four of the five covered bridges in Chittenden County. Meeting: 9:45, Wheeler lot, Veterans Memorial Park, South Burlington. Dorothy Pumo - 829-8729 / dpumo5@gmail.com

May 10: St. Albans Explorer - Light, rolling hills with beautiful views by the lake. The 35-mile (E/M) route goes to St. Albans Bay Park and return-mile (M) route continues on to Swanton and back. Meeting: 9:45 am, Georgia Park and Ride. Amy Otten - 878-4070 / amyotten@netscape.com

May 17: Vergennes Voyager - 26-mile rolling (E) or 39-mile flat to rolling (E/M) rural ride running along Otter

Creek to Middlebury. Longer ride rolls out by Kingsland Bay State Park before heading south to Middlebury. No big hills on this ride. Meeting: 9:45, Vergennes High School, east parking lot. John Bertelsen - 864-0101 / jo.bertel@gmail.com

May 23: Jericho Jubilee (short version) - This hilly 45-mile (M) ride starts out on scenic Pleasant Valley Road. Returns via Route 104 and 128 which have been freshly paved. Meeting: 9:45, Jericho Elementary School. Brian Howard - 598-3857 / bjhowd@gmail.com

May 31: Grand Isle Flats - One of the flattest rides of the season. 28-mile ride (E/M) circles Grand Isle and includes some dirt. Pace will be more casual than the long ride. Riders on the 58-mile (M) ride can visit St. Anne's Shrine (bathrooms and picnic tables but no food) and also a fossil bed. Meeting: 9:15, Folsom School, South Street in South Hero. Amy Otten - 878-4070 / amyotten@netscape.com.

Workshops for Veterans

The South Burlington Vet Center is offering workshops/groups for Veterans:

Parent, significant others, and family members educational group. This group will start on May 14 and will meet every second Thursday of the month from 5 pm to 6:30 pm.

This group will assist parents, significant others, and family members of services members and Veterans to deepen their understanding surrounding the emotional roller-coaster of change.

Veterans Book Group This group will meet every other

Smilie Plant and Yard Sale

A plant and yard sale will be held on May 16, 9 am to 2 pm, Smilie School, Route 2, Bolton.

Plant Sale: annual vegetable and flower plants as well as some donated perennials (contact below if you would like to donate!)

Yard Sale: 10'x10' spaces available for \$15 each - bring your own table, chairs, or just bring a blanket/tarp to lay out your wares! Bring a pop-up awning and set up outside rain or shine!

More Fun: food will be available for sale and games will be set up for kids, so there is fun for the whole family!

All proceeds support the Smilie Community Association which supports extracurricular activities, field trips, the Smilie garden, and teacher expenses!

Contact Leslie to reserve yard sale space, to donate perennials, or to ask questions! 882-3002 or leslipelech@gmail.com



As spring returns to Vermont, thoughts turn to the wonders of the garden. On May 18 at 1:00 at Richmond Free Library, Marijke Niles, owner of Marijke's Perennial Gardens Plus in Starksboro presents CONTAINER GARDENING AT ITS BEST!

Perhaps you have a collection of containers and don't know what to do with them. Come and learn how to create and maintain containers with a variety of plants such as vegetables, herbs and succulents.

There will be two fundraisers at Richmond Free Library for the Community Senior Center in May.

On May 15, at 7 pm, Captain Richard Phillips of Underhill will speak about being hijacked by pirates in the Indian Ocean.

On May 27, at 7 pm, there will be a piano concert by Elaine Greenfield Associates featuring local pianists

CSWD Richmond Drop-Off Center

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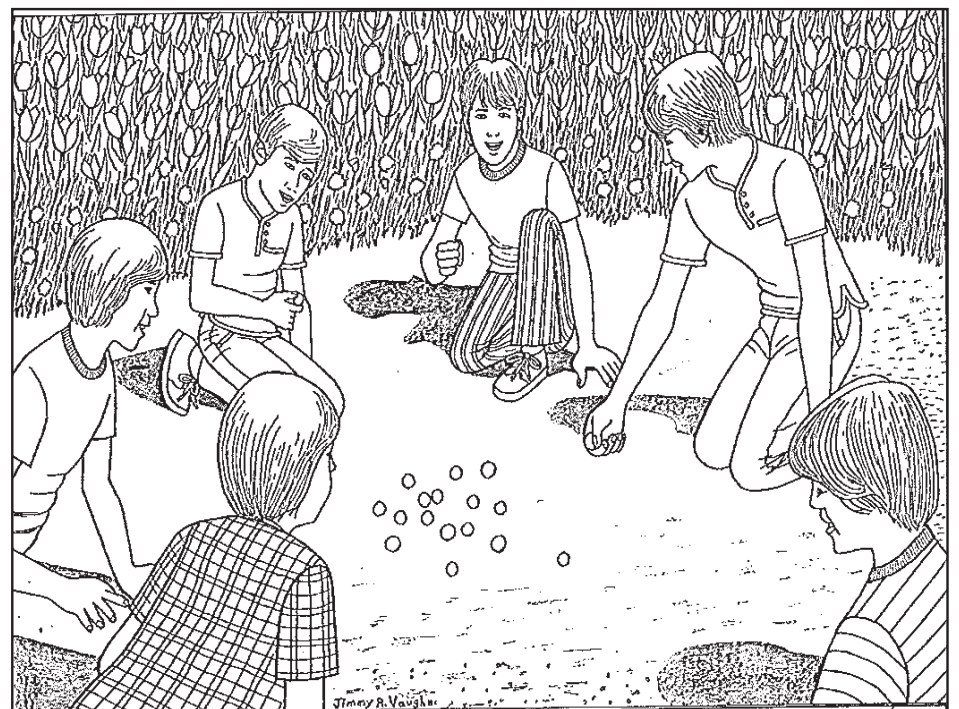
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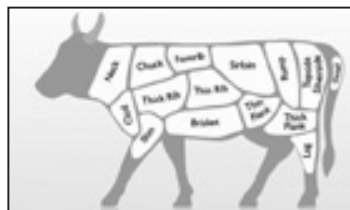


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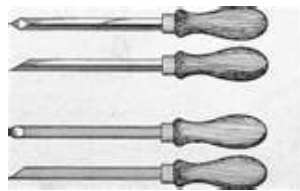
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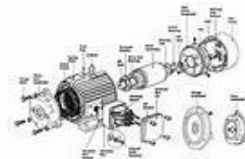
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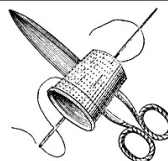
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Local food samples and drink ideas will be available. Music will be provided by Art Herttua and Stephen Morabito Jazz Duo.

Each wedding posse will receive a raffle for prizes from the vendors. The grand prize is a two-night stay and ski at Bolton Valley. Admission at the door is \$15 per wedding posse or visit Eventbrite for \$11.54 in advance. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/love-local-wedding-marketplace-tickets-7245378121>

A few vendor slots are left. Call June Banks (434-2900) at Snaffle Sweets Cake Studio for more information. Vendor Applications are available at Western Slopes Website <http://www.westernslopesvt.org/weddings/>.

Viewing and Learning at MMCTV

Submitted by Angelike Contis

"How do I find your videos online?" is one of the most common questions that come from callers these days at Mt. Mansfield Community Television. The answer: Go to www.vimeo.com/mmctv. Then, if you click under VIDEOS, you'll find a list of the most recent videos. Material is also organized into ALBUMS so that if you're only interested in say, Richmond Selectboard meetings, you can find them in one video album.



With nearly 14,000 plays (not just loads) of content in 2014, MMCTV will be delivering on-demand content beyond the Comcast Channel 15 that viewers have relied on for their ultra-local content since 1997.

Apart from catching up on content online, the public is encouraged to share their requests about what they'd like to have shown more of on the station – or to make their own videos about topics that interest them. The station will provide equipment and training for all levels. It's all free and easier than you'd think.

Some control room renovations are the next project, plus the station has a brand new art exhibit of paintings and photos by MMU students.

On the production front, current power producers include Toni Basanta (THE CUBAN BRIDGE) and Gregg Stevens of NOFA-VT. Local performers Sophia and Jeff appeared in a live edition of THE CUBAN BRIDGE on April 14. Meanwhile, the staff assisted Stevens in streaming Rural Vermont's 30th Anniversary live from

Montpelier. Live streaming is a new area for for MMCTV that will be applied to meetings, concerts, talks, school events and more.

Watch for more poetry on MMCTV, too, as the station has taken on the media sponsorship for the POETS AND THEIR CRAFT lecture series at ten independent bookstores throughout the state. The Sundog Poetry Center nonprofit organization has organized the event. The staff at MMCTV is editing the first in the series, which features

Poet Laureate Sydney Lea in Norwich. These events will be held through October.

MMCTV is reaching out to schools, not only by covering as many CESU and MMMU meetings as possible, but also with an

upcoming afterschool video class at Richmond Elementary School in May/June. Several small cameras are being purchased to allow the youngsters hands-on experience in making commercials, music videos and live shows too. This summer, MMCTV will hold a video camp for the first time for middle school students; check www.mmctv15.org for the details. It will be a great educational experience that will create a new generation of very local filmmakers in the community. MMCTV is calling out to area high school students to apply once again for the Memory Map road series internship program this summer. This is a paid opportunity for history-minded young people who would like to investigate the history of a local road on camera.

To learn more about what's happening at the station, sign up for the monthly e-newsletter (write to mmc-tv@comcast.net) or just drop by.

Angelike Contis is the Executive Director of MMCTV, located at 35 West Main Street, Richmond, 434-2550. www.mmctv15.org



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Family Focus

by Demaris Tisdale, M.S.W.

Rational Thinking

"Irrationally held truths may be more harmful than reasoned errors."

—T. H. Huxley (1825-95)

Last month this column examined inertia, noting how a person's environment in infancy and early childhood can result in weak ego strength as evidenced in poor capacity to tolerate stress, and lack of determination and self-discipline. I suggested that a "group's lack of the ego functions of attention, perception, thinking, and learning can result in an inability to face difficulties and a tendency to remain in a fixed condition. Unable to pursue rational thinking, they seem inclined to adhere to flawed ideas, deceiving themselves into accepting information that defies the facts or conventional wisdom. They don't believe scientists, facts are an inconvenience, and opinions continue unchanged. Beliefs remain fixed and passivity reigns as the seas rise, measles spread, development seizes land, and weather patterns create havoc around the world."

A shrewd reader reacted with the following comments. "Meaning that the parents of climate change deniers did not instill strong enough egos in their children, rather than that they modeled shoddy, ideologically narrow thinking? ... Aren't the egos of people unable to see objective truth sometimes too strong? I think the root of the problem is the mind, not the ego."

This made me think of such comments as, "When you bring your cars to the racetrack, leave your egos at home," and "The team worked well because the members left their egos at the door." This usage of the word ego appears to have

developed as an abbreviation for egotism and egocentric, meaning self-centered and conceited. Related terms are ego trip and egomania.

The original use of the word ego, from Latin for "I," means "the self; the individual as aware of himself." (Webster's) Scientifically, academic psychology talks about executive functions as basically the brain's cognitive system of organizing and managing the many tasks of daily living. Psychoanalytic psychology more specifically explains the ego as an organization of mental systems enabling the person to perceive, think, and act according to reality. A strong ego is one capable of organizing experience and behavior in ways that are rational, precise, practical, and appropriate to the human environment. Strong opinions do not necessarily indicate a strong ego. Being opinionated is not the same as thinking clearly and rationally.

In order to survive, man must be egotistical, but maturity involves more than egotism and being absorbed in oneself. The concept of the emotionally balanced person seems to involve a broadening of the individual's perspective and a development beyond a preoccupation with himself and his own problems. The strong, mature ego is concerned with problems of others, including the larger society and world. It considers the future.

One of the tasks of the ego is flexibility -- making the mind more open. Someone with a strong ego is open to thinking and learning. In order to protect the feelings of the self, however, people employ defenses, those unconscious mechanisms which control so much of our thinking and behavior. Defenses enable us to deceive ourselves and stay stuck in irrational thinking.

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

Aging in Place

Submitted by Scott Funk

Hip, Again

There have been so many kind inquires about my hip replacement operation, I thought I'd update everyone. It was an incredible success, beyond anything I could have imagined. I'm very happy with my titanium hip.

The first question is always, "where did you have it done?" Dartmouth Hitchcock. Why? Because after shopping around on the web, I was attracted to the fact they had a hip clinic with excellent pre-operative education and support, but most of all they offered hip specialists. After all, I specialize in my business for good reasons and I wanted a specialist for this.

The procedure I opted for (again after web research) was anterior. That means they cut from the front of the hip, rather than the back or side. It is the least intrusive approach and no muscles are cut, but you have to have a surgeon who specializes in this surgery as it is harder to do because the incision is smaller.

The operation was on February 3 and I was home 30 hours later. Before being released, I had to walk a hundred feet, go up and down a flight of stairs, and be off intravenous pain relievers. All this was easy, as I had no pain. Yes, I was chock full of pain killers, but that was for the surgery. At my hip, I was pain-free. After months of hip pain, it felt kind of weird having none.

Having support at home was crucial. A physical therapist came twice a week to check on how I was doing and give me exercises and stretches to do. My wife took care of the rest.

The first week was mostly bedrest with lots of watching movies on my computer. Because of the pain meds, I couldn't read much and didn't feel like reading anyway. After a couple weeks, I was off the pain meds. The third week, I felt so good I

took a mile-long walk. This was too much too fast and back to bed with pain meds I went. A week later, I was up again, off the meds and feeling great, but didn't have much stamina. I'd get into the office by 11 (I work out of my home) and be back in bed for a two-hour nap by 1. Then back up and puttering about until I collapsed, exhausted, into bed around 8.

Doing the stretching and exercises helped a lot. Frequent massage kept me more comfortable and moving better. Progress was quick and steady. Soon, I was switched to physical therapy at the out-patient center and was discharged from that a week later. After six weeks, I was cleared to drive and was back at work full time. I am also able to exercise on the elliptical (something I had never done before) and do my daily one-mile walks. I no longer need naps and I'm walking without a limp.

Does this mean I am fully recovered? No. There is considerable swelling in my right thigh. It feels sort of numb on good days and like a ham on bad days. I spent a week in New York City, walking four to five miles most days. It felt great. However, by the time I got home, I was with sore and limping -- no elliptical for a week. Full recovery will take a year to 18 months.

What are my take-aways from this? First of all, do your homework; don't just let the doctors tell you what to do and where to go. Second, if you have a health problem take care of it early, the sooner the better. Things only get worse and we only get older.

Aging in Place, it doesn't happen by accident and sometimes it requires spare parts.

(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.)

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