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Grays Buy Blues

Rachel Gray, new co-owner of Owls' Head Blueberry Farm on Hillview Road, is continuing-pick your-own -blueberries as well as expanding music nights, picnic areas and wholesale marketing. Read more in the Business Beat. Photo: Bill Haddock

Snipe Ireland Bridge Work

Out with the old and in with the new. Above, piles dating from the 1800s. Below Snipe Ireland Brook diversion. Photos: Jared Katz

The bridge and culvert allowing traffic on Route 2 to cross Snipe Ireland Brook in Richmond, has been on the list to be replaced for several years. Starting July 21, the road was closed and the project began in earnest with HW Tatro Contractors first installing a temporary collection and transportation system for the brook's flow. After the bridge was removed the contractors began excavating the site in preparation to drive long I-beams over 100 inches into bedrock to provide the anchors for new footing to be installed.

During the process, Public Information officer Jill Barrett of Fitzgerald Halliday, Inc, writes, "... before 14 new steel piles could be driven into the ground, the contractor uncovered timber piles that supported an earlier bridge, likely built in the 1800s. Forty were uncovered and eight of them were removed to make room for the steel piles."

The new bridge decks have now been installed and the process of establishing the new approaches and resurfacing the roadway continues.

—Jared Katz

A New Take on Takeout

by Greg Elias

A business that offers a new take on take-out will open on Bridge Street next month.

Richmond Community Kitchen will relocate to the storefront formerly occupied by Sonoma Station, an upscale eatery that closed in May.

Amy Gifford and Susan Whitman are the co-owners. They sell prepared, frozen meals using fresh, locally sourced ingredients, giving harried customers an alternative to dining out or cooking for themselves.

The women had operated the business out of Gifford's home, but she said growing sales exceeded her kitchen's ability to meet the demand.

"For nearly two years, we have been operating at a very small scale," Gifford said, explaining that she typically listed three or four menu items each week on the business's website that sold out quickly. "It would not be efficient or cost-effective for us to increase our production in my certified home kitchen."

Richmond Community Kitchen co-owners Amy Gifford, left, and Susan Whitman will move into their new location off Bridge Street this September. Photo by Shem Roose

The new location will offer not just more food-prep space but also allow expansion of the business's mission of helping the community eat well.

Plans call for both professional and teaching kitchens and event space for cooking classes, workshops, movies screenings and even pop-up dinners.

The takeout label evokes a quick trip to a Chinese restaurant or a fast-food drive-up window. Gifford emphasized that Richmond Community Kitchen is not a restaurant at all. Instead, the business aims to equal takeout convenience while giving patrons a healthier option.

"What we have to offer with our prepared meal service is an opportunity, when time is short, to feed yourself or your family at home with food that you can feel good about with a minimal investment of time," she said. "Our ingredients are grown with integrity and our recipes are prepared with great care so the food tastes good, supports local agriculture, and you can have it in the oven (while you help your kids with homework) and on the table in no time."

The menu includes mainly comfort-food mainstays, such as soups, shepherd pie and meatloaf, which patrons can thaw then reheat on a stovetop or oven. Prices range from $6 for a calzone to $25 for a family-size casserole.

Gifford and Whitman co-founded Richmond Community Kitchen as a for-profit business, but it also has a social mission of promoting healthy food. Whitman is a physician assistant and an integrated health coach. Gifford is a chef who has worked with the Northeast Organic Farming Association.

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Letters

Oops! Apologies!

There is an incorrect photo credit among the MMU graduate extra photos... the Spamalot photo credits Sofie Carfaro when it was actually her younger sister Raina Carfaro who was the Lady of the Lake (shown below).

RFD Receives Teddy Bears

Richmond Fire Department received a limited supply of Vermont Teddy Bears to use when children in our town are in a house fire, or a serious traffic accident or any other catastrophic occurrence. Richmond Fire Chief Dennis Gile made a request from the Teddy Bear company and the request was granted.This non profit donation was made as part of the company's mission to make the world a better place, one Bear at a time.

Richmond Fire Department is most appreciative for the donation.

Thank you, Vermont Teddy Bear.

—*Dennis Gile*, Richmond Fire Chief

Richmond Senior Foot Clinics

Here are the next dates for the 2016-2017 Richmond Foot Clinics for Seniors. Mark your calendar. Clinics are held at the Richmond Rescue Building. Come to the back door of the building for 9 am.

September 5, October 17, November 28

Dates for 2018: January 9 February 20, April 3, May 15, June 26

Don't wait to make an appointment or get on the waiting list. Call for an appointment: Sally Singer (434-3480) or Catherine Coggio (434-3572).

Bring a towel and enter through the back door of the building. The clinic is sponsored by UVM Medical Center. More information can be obtained at singersallydan@yahoo com.

Top Five Phone Scams People Fall Victim To in Vermont

With 89% of people in Vermont receiving between 5 and 30 nuisance calls per week, telephone scams are still causing major problems for consumers. The issue has become so widespread that almost a fifth of Vermont adults admit they have been a victim of a telephone scam.

The YouGov survey commissioned by CPR Call Blocker, makers of the best selling call blocking device in the US, also revealed the top five scams people are falling victim to in Vermont:

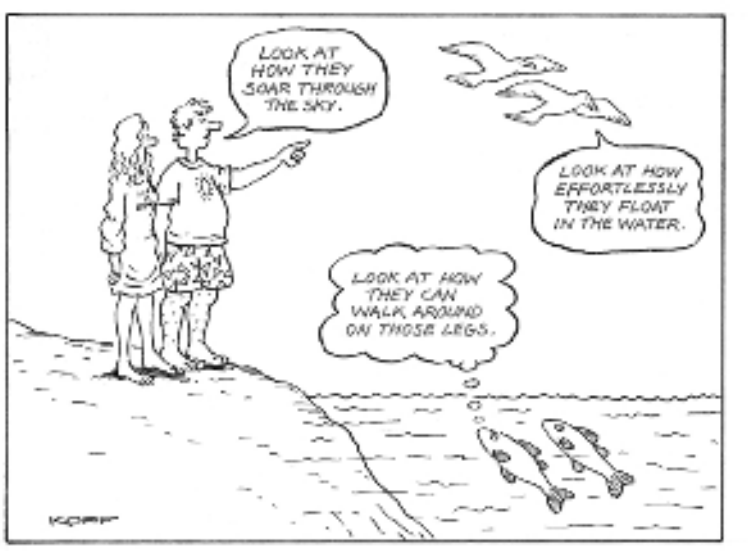
1. IRS scam
2. Credit/loan scam
3. Robocall/automated messages scam
4. Lottery/sweepstake scam
5. Missed call scam

Many of these scams rely on the victim handing over personal and security details or asking the victim to pay a processing fee or call back on a premium rate line.

While many of us are becoming increasingly savvy when it comes to spotting a scam, 17% of those questioned have lost money to scams in the last 12 months. Of those, 23% lost less than $100, 22% lost between $100 and $500, but 27% lost between $500 and $10,000, and 4% were scammed out of over $10,000.

Scam and nuisance phone calls continue to be a major problem for consumers in Vermont and it's often the most vulnerable people in society who are falling victim to telephone scams. Scammers have a real knack of finding people when they are at their weakest and most vulnerable and they really exploit that. I want to encourage people to stay in touch with their senior loved ones. A lot of scammers are using the tactic of getting to know that person, becoming a friend to them and then on the fourth or fifth call they start making the request.

If you're contacted out of the blue, be suspicious and never respond to an unsolicited call. Don't assume a caller is genuine because they have information about you such as your account details. Never give out personal information when answering an incoming call and if you're not convinced the call is genuine, hang up and call back using the official phone number of the organization calling from their website or any paperwork you have such as statements.



Richmond Old Cemetery Tour & Work Party

Richmond's oldest cemetery lies hidden in a peaceful grove between Cemetery Road and Hinesburg Road. It is a lovely secluded resting place, but it needs some help. The marble gravestones are weather-beaten and stained; many are broken, fallen or about to fall.

Join Richmond Historical Society Board members Deborah Hardy, Martha Turner and Karen Yaggy on Saturday, August 19, at 10 am (rain date: August 20 at 2 pm) for a tour of this historic cemetery as well as a brief presentation about what can be done to restore the gravestones. After the program, attendees are invited to begin the preservation effort by spritzing some of the gravestones with a specially formulated cleaning solution. Admission is free but donations to help cover the cost of the cleaning solution are welcome.

Meet at the Old Round Church to carpool to the cemetery, and please wear sturdy shoes as the cemetery path may have some muddy spots. For more information, contact Martha Turner at 434-6453 or rhs@oldroundchurch.com.

This event is co-sponsored by the Community Senior Center of Richmond, Huntington and Bolton.

Huntington Chicken BBQ

"What a great meal!" diners often exclaim as they leave the Huntington school on an early September afternoon.

Huntington's Annual Chicken BBQ and Salad Supper will be held on Sunday, September 10. The outstanding meal features a slow-roasted half chicken, baked beans, fresh dinner roll, pie of homemade pie, beverage and a choice of seven fresh salads, made with local vegetables and fresh herbs. A variety of choices are to be had to suit the needs of all diets and a vegetarian option is available.

The BBQ will be held on Sunday, September 10, 2017, at Brewster-Pierce School. Serving begins at 11 am and continues until 2 pm or all are served. $12 Half Chicken Dinner; $9 Salads Dinner; $6.50 Child's Chicken Dinner (under 12 years)

Tickets available at the door or reserve your meal by calling 434-4583 or 434-2690.

Takeouts are available. Half chickens for the freezer will be available for $7 and whole pies will be available for $15, beginning at 1 pm.

The proceeds benefit the Huntington Public Library. It is the Library's largest fundraiser and the money is used to support the purchase of books, presentation of programs and other operating expenses.

Hike Along Richmond Ridge

A two-hour hike along conserved land and the VAST trail to a beautiful view of the mountains will be held on Sunday, August 27, 1 pm to 3 pm. To sign up, contact Cara Gauthier at (802) 262-1222 or cgauthier@vlt.org (directions will be emailed to attendees). This event is part of the Vermont Land Trust's 40th Anniversary event series. Learn more at www.vlt.org/events

Next Local Blood Drive

Summertime offers us so many activity options. Please consider donating blood as both a rewarding experience and an opportunity to make a difference in a patient's life.

The American Red Cross will be holding a blood drive at the Richmond Congregational Church Fellowship Hall Wednesday August 16, from noon to 6 pm. 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. To further reduce your wait time, consider using RAPIDPASS (http://www.redcrossblood.org/rapidpass), a pre-donation & health history questionnaire. Complete on line on August 16 before you arrive to donate.

Please note the later hours which enables the 9-5 workers to stop in and donate on their way home.

Fall Harvest Dinner on October 5

If you are interested in enjoying the bounty and creativity of local farms and chefs, join MMCTV for a special 20th anniversary fundraising event on Thursday, October 5, at the West Monitor Barn. An evening of fine dining, while supporting MMCTV. More on this event will be coming soon.

Memoir Poetry Workshop

Brown Girl Dreaming has some beautiful poems about the skill of writing, and many poignant passages about author Jacqueline Woodson's life. Revisit these passages and learn some of the tricks of the trade of memoir writing. Teens (grade 6 and older) are invited to write their own poem inspired by Woodson's beautiful book.

The workshop will be held on August 14, 5:30 pm, at Burnham Memorial Library, Main Street, Colchester.

To register; https://www.eventbrite.com/e/workshop-memoir-poetry-registration-35358237440.

Round Church Social Band Concert

The historic Round Church in Richmond is one of the best places in the region to hear choral music and that's why Social Band alights there once a summer to make music. This summer, they will sing about the wind, moon and stars; urchins, ravens and even onions.The concert will pay homage to summer and this wonderful building on Saturday, August 26, at 7:30 pm at the Old Round Church in Richmond.

$15 suggested donation. Seating is limited. Tickets available at: https://socialband-roundchurch.eventbrite.com

TOWN OF HUNTINGTON

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SPEED LIMITS

The Town of Huntington Selectboard, at its meeting on July 17, 2017, confirmed its intent to vote to amend the Town of Huntington Sign and Traffic Ordinance at its August 21, 2017 Selectboard meeting (7 pm, Town Office, lower level). In accordance with the Camels Hump Road Traffic Engineering Speed Study, conducted by the Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission, the Huntington Selectboard will vote at its August 21, 2017 meeting to lower and maintain a posted speed limit of 25 mph for the entire Camels Hump Road corridor.

Amendments to the Town of Huntington Sign and Traffic Ordinance are effective within 60 days after adoption (October 20, 2017) unless a petition by at least 5% of the voters is filed with the Town Clerk by 44 days (October 4, 2017), asking for a vote to disapprove amendments to the ordinance.

Inquiries can be directed to, and copies of the full text of the new ordinance and the Camels Hump Road Speed Study are available from, Town Administrator Barbara Elliott (townhunt@gmavt.net; 434-4779; 4930 Main Road, Huntington).

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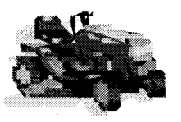

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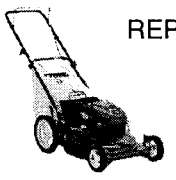

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Annual BBQ Coming! Save the Date - Huntington Public Library BBQ Sunday, September 10. This is our biggest event of the year! We hope you can join the fun! Look on page 3 of this issue for more details.

Fun Ways to Record Seasonal Changes on Your Property Thursday, August 24, 6:30 pm–8:30 pm. A journaling workshop co-sponsored by Vermont Coverts and the Huntington Public Library. Please note that this workshop will take place at the Birds of Vermont Museum on Sherman Hollow Road.

In the tradition of British garden journals, the journals of Henry David Thoreau, the Voyage of Discovery and other property record keepers, come enjoy a little time outdoors learning specific ways to record data on your own property that can help you in future land planning and management as well as simply enjoying your natural environs. Join naturalist/artist/educator Clare Walker Leslie to explore journaling. Pre-registration is appreciated, but not required: Lisa Sausville at 877-2777, or lisa@vtcoverts.org or Anne or Stacey at the Library. Donations are welcome. The Huntington Public Library has three of Clare Walker Leslie's books to help you prepare: Keeping a Nature Journal, The Curious Nature Guide, and Drawn to Nature. Participants should bring a pencil, notebook, binoculars, water bottle, bug spray, and a few field guides if you have them.

Summer Reading Program This summer's theme is Building a Better World. The Summer Reading Program is open to all children entering kindergarten through eighth grade. Write down your book titles as you read, visit the Library, show the librarian your Reading Record (or a piece of paper), and you can earn $10 in Gift Tokens for the Farmer's Market in Richmond after you have visited the Library five times.

Build a Better World Raffle Do you know someone who helps "Build a Better World" by doing good things? This person may be an adult or a child. Come into the Library, write that good deed on a raffle ticket (you do not have to say who did the good deed, unless you want to!) then write your name to enter the raffle. At the end of the summer we will put all the entries together to build a "building of good things!" Thanks to our special friends at Radiate Art Space who have generously donated a series of classes (up to $60 worth of class time) to one lucky winner. Drawing will be held on Friday, September 5.

Art Space Available The Library offers gallery space to Vermont artists who would like to exhibit their work. Space is free, and artwork may be sold with all monies going directly to the artist. All media is welcome, from photos to textiles, as long as work can be safely exhibited by hanging. Contact the Library for more details.

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

Adult Fiction Murder Games by James Patterson; Camino Island by John Grisham; The Shadow Sister by Lucinda Riley; Critical Mass by Sara Paretsky; The Thread, The Island, The Return and The Sunrise by Victoria Hislop; The Woman in Blue by Elly Griffiths; The Woman in Cabin 10 by Ruth Ware; A Distant View of Everything – An Isabel Dalhouse Novel by Alexander McCall Smith; The Ministry of Utmost Happiness by Arundhati Roy; The House Without Windows by Nadia Hashimi; Magpie Murders by Anthony Horowitz; Beartown by Fredrik Backman; The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane by Lisa See; The Punch by Noah Hawley.

Adult Non-Fiction Move Fast and Break Things – How Facebook, Google, and Amazon Cornered Culture and Undermined Democracy by Jonathan Taplin; The Humane Gardener by Nancy Lawson; Becoming Wise – An Inquiry into the Mystery and Art of Living by Krista Tippett; Dawn Light – Dancing with Cranes and Other Ways to Start the Day, The Human Age – The World Shaped by Us by Diane Ackerman; The Well-Trained Mind – A Guide to Classical Education at Home by Susan Wise Bauer; The Stranger in the Woods – The Extraordinary Story of the Last True Hermit by Michael Finkel; NO is Not Enough by Naomi Klein; Resilience, Community, Action, and Societal Transformation – People, Place, Practice, Power, - Politics and Possibility in Transition Edited by Thomas Henfrey et al; Seven Brief Lessons on Physics by Carlo Rovelli.

Picture Books Love is a Truck by Amy Novesky; Life by Cynthia Rylant ; The Barefoot Book of Children by Tessa Strickland; Guess What is Growing Inside This Egg by Mia Posada; What Will Hatch, What Will Hatch and Feathers and Hair, What Animals Wear by Jennifer Ward; Now You See Me, Now You Don't by Silvia Borando; Jacob's New Dress by Ian Hoffman; Plants Can't Sit Still by Rebecca Hirsch; Little Excavator by Anna Dwedney; The Legend of Rock, Paper, Scissors by Drew Daywalt.

Junior Fiction Just Jake, Just Jake – Dog Eat Dog and Just Jake - Camp Wild Survival by Jake Marcionette; Free Verse by Sarah Dooley; When Mischief Came to Town by Katrina Nannestad.

Junior Non-Fiction Little Dee and the Penguin by Christopher Baldwin; See and Sew – A Sewing Book for Children and Sow and Grow – A Gardening Book for Children and Look and Cook by Tina Davis; Super Trucks – The Biggest, Fastest, Coolest Trucks by Clive Gifford.

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

Story Time & Playgroup Fridays, 10 am – 12 noon. Babies, toddlers, and children need books all year! So Story Time will be happening throughout the August and we invite children and their caregivers to socialize, read books and have fun. The Library will have special guests who will share their favorite interests with kids.

No Story Time or Playgroup on Friday, August 25.

First Friday Movie Night returns on Friday, September 1, at 7 pm. Wear your pajamas, bring your best friends, and join us for a family friendly movie and popcorn! We will be watching SING! Please bring your suggestions for next months Movie Night!

Please note that the Library will be closed in observance of the Labor Day holiday on Monday, September 4.

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Youth News Guessing Jar winners will be posted through the first week of September. If you have been guessing throughout the summer, please stop by to check the winner posters for your name and claim your prize if you are a winner.

We have new youth Playaway titles. If you haven't yet discovered the ease and portability of these small, all-in-one audio devices ask us for a demonstration and take a look at our growing collection for youth age 4 - 12.

Thanks for coming out and joining in all family-friendly fun this summer. Wow! It sure was busy and we hope everyone had a blast! Our regularly scheduled youth programming will resume after Labor Day. Watch for details.

Book Discussions August 15, 6: pm: The Egg and I by Betty Macdonald. An immortal, hilarious and heartwarming classic. First published in 1945.

August 17, 7 pm: "C" is for Corpse by Sue Grafton: How do you go about solving an attempted murder when the victim has lost a good part of his memory? It's one of Kinsey Millhone's toughest cases yet, but she never backs down from a challenge.

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Is the font on the page starting to look smaller and smaller? Try some of our large print titles, we've added some recently, so browse our "new" shelves. They represent an array of fiction and non-fiction. After being on display for a while, large print items are shelved with regular print items. We also maintain a small rotating collection of large print titles, from the Vermont Department of Libraries. Titles are swapped out every three months. Please ask a staff member to help you if you're not sure where to look.

Are you wondering about what your first job might be? Thinking about a career transition? Trying to choose a major? Visit Vermont Online Library and click on Career and Job Resources. You'll find it under: richmondfreelibraryvt.org/online/ Here are few things you'll find (and all free with your library card):

Career Guidance Career Transitions is an online career guidance center brings together all the tools needed to explore and take the leap to a new career. Career Transitions helps people: 1) explore new career possibilities; 2) assess their interests and experience; 3) identify ways to improve their prospects, including networking and education; 4) prepare for a job search; and 5) search and apply for jobs.

Want to learn something new and gain different skills? Universal Class, Inc provides over 500 online continuing education. With streaming video, website avatars, insightful instructional content, helpful tutors, and a social networking experience, Universal Class offers an engaging and measurable learning experience that helps students master and document their educational goals. (You will need your library patron barcode to set up a class.)

Not even sure what kinds of jobs are our there? The Vocations and Careers Collection provides access to journals and magazines that aid users in researching a vocation, finding an appropriate institution of learning, job searching, and maintaining a career. The database offers current and applicable content from general career guides to highly specialized industry journals.

Don't forget about Passes

Echo Lake Aquarium and Science Center passes will admit up to two adults and three children for $4 per person. Borrowed for two days at a time. For more information on ECHO, visit echovermont.org.

Shelburne Farms: Valid May-October, this pass admits families to the walking trails and children's farmyard. For more information on the Farms, visit www.shelburnefarms.org.

Vermont State Parks Pass: Richmond Free Library cardholders can check out a pass to visit any Vermont State Park free for one day! The pass admits one vehicle with up to eight people, valid June-October. For more information on where to go, visit vtstateparks.com

Birds of Vermont Museum: In addition, patrons can borrow a family pass for free admission to the Birds of Vermont Museum in Huntington. Valid May–October, this pass includes admission to exhibits and walking trails. For more information, visit birdsofvermont.org.

Shelburne Museum: Passes are back! Pass offers half-price admission to card holders. https://shelburnemuseum.org/

Craftsbury Chamber Players: We have two season passes (single admissions are $25 per show). Performances are Wednesdays and Thursdays, July 12-August 17. The Wednesday performances are at Elley-Long Music Center and Thursdays at the Hardwick Town House. Check out the passes for one of the performances. Details at http://craftsburychamberplayers.org/site/this-season/programs/

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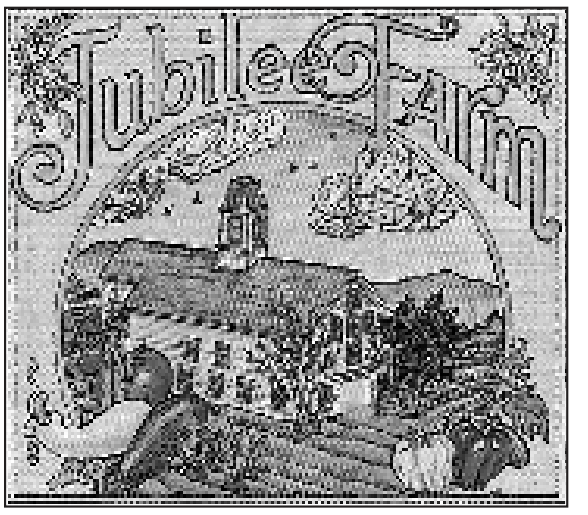

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A late fee of 1% interest will be applied to late payments on August 16.

Postmarks by the 15th will be accepted and there is a TOWN CENTER DROP BOX located by the side door across from the post office entrance.

Town of Huntington

First Quarter 2017-2018 tax installment is due
Tuesday, August 15, 2017.

The office will be open:
Monday, 8 am – 7 pm • Tuesday 8 am – 6 pm

USPS Postmarks on or before August 15th are accepted.

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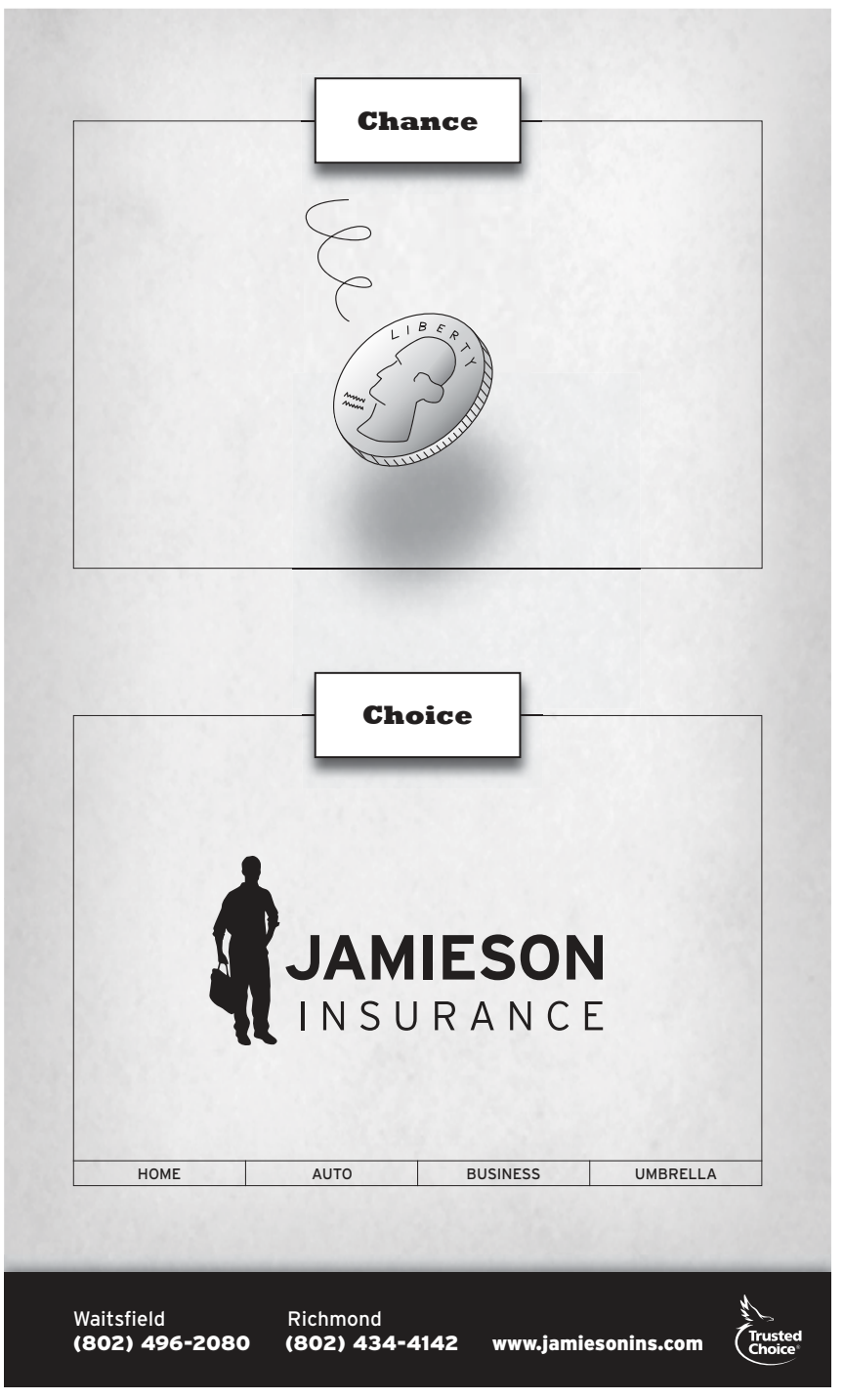

Huntington Selectboard

Reported by Ruth Blodgett

The Huntington Selectboard met on July 17. The Board and Road Foreman Yogi Alger considered the viability of installing a gate limiting night access to the Recreation Field and Town Garage to prevent vandalism. Instead of restricting public use of the facilities at the Rec field, the Board suggested using Recreation Fund money to install guardrails to prevent driving on the soccer field. Board members Nancy Stoddard and Andrew Hendrickson plan to assist Alger in getting the Town garage security cameras working.

The Bridge 8 project seems to be on schedule, said Alger. The Road Crew is doing culvert and ditching work on Economou and Salvas Roads.

Planned traffic calming efforts include installation of center line posts on Camels Hump Road and considering Chiittenden County Regional Planning Commission (CCRPC)'s recommendation to limit that road's speed to 25 mph. The Selectboard will vote on the reduced speed limit at its August 7 meeting.

Donation of Land Board members examined the possibility of the Town obtaining land on Cobb Book through a donation. The HCC (Huntington Conservation Commission) is exploring the possibility of working with Vermont River Conservancy (VRC) to develop an agreement between the property owner and VRC, then transfering the property ownership to the Town. VRC can assist in creating a management plan for this site, which contains a swimming hole. Board member Dan Rissacher asked about liability issues related to the Town owning this property. VRC Executive Director Steve Libby advised checking with the Town's insurance carrier, Vermont League of Cities and Town (VLCT).

HCC Co-Chairs Sheri Lynn and Rebecca Ryan reported receiving an application for Conservation Funds from the Friends of Gillette Pond (FGP) and Richmond Land Trust (RLT), for a "considerable amount" of money. The HCC hopes to vote on the application on September 14, then forward their recommendation to the Selectboard. The Selectboard will then hold a public meeting on September 18, making its final decision on the request at its October 2 meeting.

Unregistered Dogs Town Clerk Heidi Racht came to the Board with a list of dog owners with lapsed dog registrations. Racht and Assistant Town Clerk Mary Keller-Butler have made calls to dog owners reminding them to license their dogs. Ideas to improve compliance with dog registration include: conducting a town-wide dog census and imposing fines for unlicensed dogs, eliminating or lowering the registration fee, and providing an online mechanism for dog registration. Racht planned to question other Town Clerks how they incentivize dog registration and how they handle non-compliance.

Dumping A vehicle turn around spot on the Main Road in Hanksville has been blocked by the landowner due to trash dumping. Town Administrator Barbara Elliott will research how other towns handle litter problems.

Perpetual Bottle Drive The Huntington Cub Scouts have set up a wooden box next to the Repackaging Shed for returnable bottles, as a fundraiser.

Music and Crafts

Huntington Valley Arts and the Huntington Town Hall Committee are joining talents and space to bring a day of art, crafts, music and good food to Huntington on Saturday, October 14, 10-5, in the Town Hall in Huntington Center. Crafts and artists tables downstairs, music above, on stage. Concert, family sing-a-long with Buddy Dubay at noon, Traditional Music jam session 2 pm to 4 pm, led by Carl Thornton. Cook out 11-2, 50/50 raffle.

Free entry, crafts for sale, big silent auction of donated art, all to benefit both above organizations. Call Alison if you'd like to exhibit (434-4235) or help with set up, clean-up, advertising. Come enjoy the fun and support your friends and neighbors!

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Huntington Soccer Sign Up

Sign up for Huntington Youth Soccer for students in Grades 1–6 is now underway.

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

First day for all ages is September 6. Soccer concludes on Saturday, October 28, with a game between parents and players and food.

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

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Richmond Selectboard

Reported by Greg Elias

The long-running debate over a new public safety facility building now includes a verbal confrontation and calls for a scaled-back plan.

At the Selectboard's July 17 meeting, several firefighters spoke out against a proposed facility that would house Richmond's police and fire departments. They said the Public Safety Committee's plan for a $6.9 million structure near the Interstate 89 interchange was too ambitious. Instead, firefighters insisted, a few modest upgrades to the existing fire station was that was needed.

Mike Parent, a 38-year veteran of the Richmond Fire Department, said there is little support for a new station among any of his fellow firefighters. He said the proposed building is too big, too expensive and in the wrong location.

Parent said the cost, roughly double the town's annual budget, would require a 10-15 percent property tax hike. But he and other firefighters emphasized that police still desperately need a new station. Parent noted the space occupied by police at Richmond Town Center used to be a coatroom back when the building was a school.

Parent said he tried to express his thoughts to the Public Safety Building Committee but he was not taken seriously.

"Each time I try to ask questions and or make a suggestion, I feel like I'm treated as I'm not knowledgeable about the operations of the Fire Department, know little about vehicles, the calls or the future growth potential of the town or the department," he said.

Parent said the committee's treatment went from cold shoulder to verbal hostility.

"This has culminated in me being told to my face by a member of the committee that—and I'm rephrasing this to be polite in the current setting—that firefighters might want to get their heads in a different place than they currently have them."

Selectboard members seemed nonplussed by firefighters' opposition to the proposed plan. Chairman Lincoln Bressor asked what they wanted instead of a new facility.

"The current building has adequate space and serves out needs," said Michael Carter, a 24-year member of the Richmond Fire Department, noting that call volume has stayed steady in recent years and is expected to remain so for the foreseeable future.

The existing station just needs upgrades, Carter said. That won't be cheap, he said, but still far less expensive than the Fire Department's share of a new facility.

Carter listed bathrooms, windows and the ventilation system as needing attention. He said constructing a partial second floor could expand space and, along with the upgrades, extend the building's life by decades.

"While a new building would look nice and be comfortable, it won't make us better firefighters or improve the service to the townspeople that they would receive on a fire call," Carter said.

No Respect? Carter suggested a troubling motive for making a new fire station part of the proposal.

"After attending several committee meetings, I have felt the Fire Department is being included in the shared building in order to make the overall concept and cost of the new building more attractive to the greater Richmond community," he said. "The actual wishes and needs of the Fire Department are not being considered."

Selectboard member Stephen Ackerman said he was upset that the committee "was not responsive or potentially disrespectful to members of the Fire Department." He asked for details.

Town Manager Geoffrey Urbanik said that there was an argument in the parking lot following a recently meeting between a committee member and a firefighter.

Assistant Fire Chief Gerald Levesque, one of two firefighters on the committee, said he was present. A member had asked to meet informally with firefighters at the fire station. Levesque said the committee member's response included words "that were out of perspective, and it kind of irritated all the Fire Department, to be honest with you."

He, too, thought a new fire station was unnecessary, explaining that he was worried the Richmond would repeat what happened in Williston, where many residents complained that the new fire and police stations completed in 2007 were extravagant, with a combined price tag of about $8 million.

"My feeling is we are going for the Taj Mahal, just like Williston," Levesque said. "And we don't really need that."

Downsizing Details The firefighters' comments convinced the Selectboard that the proposed facility should be downsized to house only the Richmond Police Department. From there, the discussion turned to the particulars of the revised plan and taxpayers' tolerance for the high price of even a police-only facility.

Police Chief Alan Buck, also a member of the building committee, said it would be "fairly easy" to eliminate the portion of the proposed structure that would have housed firefighters. A more challenging question is whether the design should allow for an eventual expansion to include the firefighters when they outgrow their current station.

Bressor said planning for a future expansion would be desirable but costly. Ackerman said a smaller building opens up possibilities for alternative locations that could save money.

Town Treasurer Mark Aridgides said the rule of thumb is to spend no more than the annual budget on municipal building projects. With the current operating budget of about $3.5 million, he noted, paying more than $6 million on a new public safety facility is "beyond ridiculous" for a town of Richmond's size and means.

Aridgides suggested that the Selectboard set a spending ceiling. Then the committee could formulate a design and pick a site based on that budget.

But Buck said that approach could cause the facility to be inadequate and effectively obsolete from the day police move in. He said that's exactly what happened when Hinesburg and Barre tried to build public safety facilities based on cost instead of operational requirements.

Buck said he understood that taxpayer costs and departmental needs have to be balanced. But the town shouldn't make design decisions "based on an arbitrary number."

In any case, Buck said his department cannot wait forever for a new facility, pointing out that it has been three years since the committee was formed to plan a new public safety facility.

Selectboard member Steve May wondered how long to give the committee to propose a revised police-only plan. Buck said the committee could meet a 60-day timeline, but the architect might not be able to make that deadline.

Urbanik suggested 90 days would be a reasonable time frame. Board members agreed, and so a new proposal may be considered around mid-October.

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Special Services Director
P.O. Box 282, 211 Bridge Street
Richmond, Vermont
Phone: 802-434-2128

In accordance with MMMUSD / CESU's policies and with 34 CFR Part 99 (the Family Education Rights Privacy Act of 1974), this public notice informs all parents within their jurisdictions about how information is maintained when it is collected during identification, location and evaluation of all people with disabilities.

- Personally identifiable information will be protected by each school.
- Personally identifiable information about people eligible, referred or considered for special education services is maintained.
- Parents have the right to know what types of information have been designated as directory information (i.e. contained in a student's education record and is not generally considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if disclosed). This information includes the student's name (unless otherwise requested), address, phone number, date/place of birth, major field of study, participation in officially recognized activities/sports, weight/height, membership in athletic teams, dates of attendance, degrees/awards received, and the previous school attended.
- Parents have the right to know the types and locations of educational records kept by the school and the titles and addresses of officials responsible for the records.
- A list of the names and positions of employees within MMMUSD / CESU who have access to personally identifiable information shall be available for public inspection.
- If anyone other than an authorized MMMUSD / CESU employee looks at the educational record of a child, that person shall so indicate by signing his/her name, date and purpose for reviewing the record on a form to become part of the education record.
- Parental permission will be obtained prior to disclosing confidential information to anyone who is not an authorized employee of MMMUSD / CESU .
- Information relevant to a child's specific disability (such as: medical information, intelligence test results, social/developmental history, comprehensive evaluation report and the individualized education program) will be part of the education record.
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- Parents have the right to a response to reasonable requests for explanations and interpretations of the educational records.
- Parents may obtain a copy of the educational record without a fee for copying, if a fee will be a financial burden and/or will prevent them from obtaining the records.
- Parents have the right to request the education record be amended. The school district will decide whether to amend the record within a reasonable time of the request. If the district refuses to amend the record, it shall inform the parent and advise the parent of the right to a hearing. If, as a result of the hearing, it is found the educational record must be amended, the school district will amend the record and inform the parent in writing. If, as a result of the hearing, it is found the disputed information is not inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of the privacy right of the child, the school will inform the parent of his/her right to place in the educational record a written statement commenting on the information or stating any reasons for disagreeing with the results of the hearing. This written statement will become part of the educational record and will always be included whenever the contents of the education record is properly viewed or requested.
- Parents have the right to a hearing to challenge the educational records of their child.
- Parents will be notified prior to the school district's destruction of personally identifiable information about their child.
- The parent has the authority to inspect and review records relating to his/her child unless MMMUSD / CESU has been advised that the parent does not have the authority under applicable state law governing matters such as guardianship, separation and divorce.
- Parents have the right to file a complaint with the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the MMMUSD to comply with this policy.

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Browns River Middle School	Camels Hump Middle School
899-3711	434-2188

Mt Mansfield Union High School
899-4690

MMMUSD Board

Reported by Diane Wester

Policy Governance A monitoring report covering one of the shorter policies was read and accepted. The Executive Limitations 2.7 Compensation and Benefits report "includes a reasonable interpretation of the policy and evidence of compliance," said Chair Andrew Pond (B). The accepted report will be published on the CESU website (www.cesuvt.org).

Another part of Policy Governance demands the Board monitor and report on itself. There were 8 respondents to the on-line monitoring survey in June (out of 15 Board members). Two areas of concern were that they "haven't gotten into a routine of community engagement…" said Pond …."at one year into PG, that doesn't strike me as a problem …we should get into a schedule after the creation of the Ends policy." The other area of concern was that there wasn't a clear direction for the Board to receive additional education/training. A list of specific areas of training needed will be identified, as well as resources to supply this training. Some of this training will probably take place as a group (with the VSBA), some will be in small groups or individually, and then shared with the whole Board.

During the Community Comments at the beginning of the meeting Peter Duval asserted that emails and written questions to the Board had not been shared with every Board member, let alone answered. He said "at some point you're going to wish... the left hand is going to know what the right hand is doing." He shared his belief the Board was "not satisfying statutory responsibilities – each one of you is individually responsible for operation the School Board system… and claimed "it is a fundamental tenet of PG that everybody be involved in every decision and have all available information." In a related matter, Pond is planning to devote one of the two posts per month permitted by Front Porch Forum to explain Policy Governance to the general populace.

Summer and September Plans Diane Kirson Glitman asked the Board to think over the summer about how small group work might be efficient – especially in the area of community engagement. The Community Engagement Subcommittee will be working on categorizing 47 pages of comments from the community survey to present the findings to the whole Board in a coherent manner. A special meeting over the summer may be needed to ratify any teacher and/or support staff contracts being negotiated in June and July. The Richmond Selectboard was to review the candidate to replace Jon Milazzo (the CESU website now names Derek Miodownik). The September 6 Assessment Subcommittee Meeting at 8am, CESU Central Office will have one whole year's worth of data to work with. This committee is tasked with fairly assessing the cost portion of CESU transportation, etc. to the Huntington District.

The first regular Board meeting of the school year will take place at Brewster-Pierce Memorial School at 6:30 pm. A facilities tour is planned to show the Board the new outdoor classroom, and the new heating/cooling system.

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Any student, or former student, who has reached 18 years of age, may review and/or receive these records upon request. Also, any parent of a student who is 18 years of age or older, who has retained parental rights, may obtain these records.

In accordance with federal and state laws, ***special education records*** are maintained for five years after the student exits the special education program. A permanent record of the student's name, address, phone numbers, grades, attendance record and year completed is maintained without time limitation.

Please contact the Special Services Administrative Office at 802-434-2128 by **September 15, 2017**. If no student, parent or guardian responds to this public notice prior to or by September 15, 2017, the school district will assume consent to destroy the entire record specific to the student. Destruction of these records will begin on October 1, 2017.

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Area Residents Honored

Kelsey Francis-Fath of Huntington was honored by KidSafe Collaborative for her work with teenagers at Lund.

Kelsey Francis- Fath, a resident of Huntington, was honored by KidSafe Collaborative, the Burlington non-profit working to improve the community's response to child abuse and neglect. Over 270 guests joined KidSafe Collaborative on April 18 to applaud outstanding individuals and partnerships working on the "front lines" of child protection in Chittenden County at KidSafe's Annual Outstanding Service Awards Luncheon at the Sheraton Burlington Hotel and Conference Center. The yearly luncheon recognizes members of the community working to support families and protect children from maltreatment. Former DCF Commissioner Steve Dale was Master of Ceremonies. Also present were Governor Phil Scott, Burlington Chief of Police Brandon del Pozo, and representatives from Vermont Congressional offices.

Kelsey Francis-Fath was recognized as this year's Promising Professional. Kelsey is a Teen Pregnancy Prevention Outreach Specialist at Lund. She coordinates and facilitates a statewide unplanned pregnancy prevention program that educates over 600 teens and young adults annually about safe sex and the realities of young parenthood. She provides sexual health education, counseling, advocacy, and birth coaching to pregnant and parenting young women attending Lund's Residential and New Horizons Education programs as well as for several community agencies including the Boys and Girls Club of Burlington, Planned Parenthood of Northern New England, and Northern Lights. "You never really can tell teenagers what to do, but a conversation that investigates their options can be a powerful means of change," says Francis-Fath.

For more information about KidSafe and the event, visit www.kidsafevt.org

RES Librarian Beth Redford

Richmond Elementary School Librarian **Beth Redford** was recognized as a finalist by the American Association of School Librarians for her contributions in using social media to empower student voice. Redford was one of three finalists in the category Sensational Student Voice, which recognizes an individual who effectively uses one or more social media channels to empower student voice.

Beth Redford is the Teacher Librarian at Richmond Elementary School. She is a regular on Twitter, with both personal and school accounts, and her library blog and Twitter feed include sensational library class happenings and student created book trailers. She even gets her Director of Curriculum, Communication, and Innovation involved. She has connected her students via online videos with students in China. She has also helped second graders create blog posts about their animal research.

You can visit Beth's online at any of the below:

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Holly Scudder-Chase, a long-time resident of Richmond, received the 2017 Alpine Volunteer of the World Games Award at the Special Olympic World Winter Games in Schladming, Austria. The World Games were held March 14 through March 25. She had applied and was accepted to be a volunteer for the Alpine Event of the Games. Scudder-Chase is an avid skier and is a member of the National Ski Patrol at Bolton Valley. She also has been volunteering as the Alpine Venue Director for the Vermont Special Olympic (VSO) Winter Games for the past 10 years, Scudder-Chase first became involved with the VSO in 1990, volunteering as a Mountain Guide, assiting the athletes during the Winter Games. Since then she has been assigned various volunteer roles at the Winter Games until becoming the Venue Director. Scudder-Chase also started the Unified Sports Teams for Union Elementary School in Montpelier and coached them in snowshoeing, bowling and bocce for several years before she retired in 2011.

While Scudder-Chase was at the World Winter Games in Austria, she was assigned to the Intermediate Race course, assisting with timing at Finish line. She worked along side race officials and coaches. Attending the World Winter Games has been on her bucket list for many years and Scudder-Chase was thrilled that it finally came to fruition, and said, "The Volunteer of the Games Award came as a total surprise and one that I will treasue for years to come."

The next twelve-day Special Olympics World Winter Games will be held in 2021. The location has not been announced yet but Scudder-Chase hopes that she will be able to volunteer again.

The Vermont Community Foundation announced that **Kevin Wiberg** will join the organization's grants and community investments department, which is responsible for overseeing the programs that distribute grants and mission-related investments throughout the state. The organization is focusing a significant part of its resources on helping Vermonters overcome the so-called "opportunity gap"—the structural challenges that exist across communities and affect the aspirations, achievement, and opportunities facing low-income families and youth.

Wiberg also joins as philanthropic advisor for community engagement, ensuring that the Foundation's efforts are successful at the local level while supporting donors in their grant-making. He worked most recently for Housing Vermont as manager of HV Connections, an initiative to improve social and economic outcomes for residents, partnerships, and communities. In the role, he identified resident needs, developed community resources and best practice strategies, and built effective partnerships across agencies and sectors. Wiberg's background includes 14 years as the director of program development for Capstone Community Action in central Vermont and several years with the University of Vermont's Center for Rural Studies and UVM Extension in both research and outreach capacities.

Frank McSherry, son of Martha and Joe McSherry of Richmond, was honored in Montreal on June 21, 2017 by the European Association for Theoretical Computer Science with the 2017 Gödel award for a paper written on Differential Privacy. McSherry grew up in Richmond, beginning his formal schooling at Jackie Wintersteen's nursery school. He graduated from Concord Academy in Concord, Massachusetts and Cornell University in Ithaca, New York, earning his PhD in computer science at the University of Washington in Seattle. After working in Silicon Valley for 12 years, McSherry is presently an independent computer science researcher in the fields of privacy and big data.

Alita F. Rogers of Huntington has been selected for membership into the St. Lawrence University chapter of Alpha Kappa Delta, the international sociology honorary society. Rogers was a member of the Class of 2017 and majored in Sociology. She attended Mount Mansfield Union High School. To be eligible for membership, students must have an overall grade-point average (GPA) of at least 3.3 and a 3.5 GPA in four or more sociology courses. Additionally, Rogers was been selected for a summer 2017 St. Lawrence University Internship Fellowship. She is working as an intern for the Trailblazer Foundation in Siem Reap, Cambodia.

Helen R. Cox of Huntington has been inducted into the St. Lawrence University chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, the national honor society for liberal arts and sciences undergraduates. Cox is a member of the Class of 2017 and is majoring in Psychology and Business in the Liberal Arts. Cox attended Mount Mansfield Union High School. The St. Lawrence chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, sponsored by Harvard University, will celebrate its 120th anniversary in 2019. With three elections each year in August, March and May, the faculty and staff who comprise the permanent chapter membership elect the top 10 percent of the members of the senior class.

Grayden Shand of Jericho was recently initiated into the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective all-discipline collegiate honor society. Shand is pursuing a degree in Entrepreneurship at Clarkson University in Potsdam, New York. Shand is among approximately 30,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year. Membership is by invitation only and requires nomination and approval by a chapter. Only the top 10 percent of seniors and 7.5 percent of juniors are

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July 4th Went Off with a Bang!

The Richmond Fourth of July celebration was fun and exciting. The weather co-operated and many people joined in the festivities.

Everyone seemed to enjoy working with the parade theme, AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL. It was a great parade with many floats and horses. There were record breaking numbers participating. Fourteen floats rolled along, evidence of a lot of thoughtful ideas and planning. A record number of fourteen lovely horses marched in the parade. The St. Andrews Pipe Band marched again this year. The Richmond Community Band rode on a float and then played their annual July 4 concert in the band stand. DJ Tony Basata, from the MMCTV Cuban Bridge played his tunes all day.

There was food and fun all afternoon. Face painting, games and the bouncy house kept the children entertained. There were flea market vendors and food vendors galore. Adults enjoyed the car show (another record, 12 antique vehicles participated in the parade and many more on display in the park.) The auction raised $700 to be put toward payment of the fireworks display. Northern Comfort played from 5:30 – up until the fireworks began. The fireworks display was amazing!

The day was enjoyable, but it cannot continue without volunteers. The members of the Parade and Fireworks Committee have been working hard for years. All of the members have served 17 years or more (two ladies have been at it for over 30 years!) It is time for new blood. We need people to take over the celebration if we want it to continue. If you are interested in being on the Parade and Fireworks Committee, please contact Linda Parent at 434-2221.
—Richmond Parade and Fireworks Committee

Photos of Richmond's July 4 activities from Jake Levison and Heidi Racht

Clockwise, from top left:
Andre the piper (JL); Pat Quinn's daughter Patty Baumann on the Grand Marshal wagon (HR); Bill Parent (JL); Jim Kilpeck's spectacular team (JL); DJ Toni Basanti on the air (JL); French Fries queen Tess Storrs (HR); Cool tubaist (HR)

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eligible for membership. Graduate students in the top 10 percent of the number of candidates for graduate degrees may also qualify, as do faculty, professional staff and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction. Phi Kappa Phi was founded in 1897 "To recognize and promote

Kyle Haskins was named to the US Under 18 Select Hockey Team

academic excellence in all fields of higher education and to engage the community of scholars in service to others."

Kyle Haskins of Huntington recently attended the USA National Hockey camp outside of Buffalo, New York for 17-year-olds (birth year 2000) having previously qualified at the New England camp. He was named to the camp All-Star team, averaging nine points and finishing camp at the top of the leader board, very difficult to do when skating against the top 17-year-olds in the nation. As a result of this accomplishment Haskins has been named to the US Under 18 Select Hockey Team and represented the United States at the Ivan Hlinka Memorial Cup International Ice Hockey Tournament. He travelled to Europe at the end of July to games in Hungary, Slovakia and the Czech Republic.

Kyle Haskins is the first Vermonter to achieve this remarkable opportunity. He attends the Select Hockey Academy at South Kent School in South Kent, Connecticut where he is entering his Senior year. He transferred to South Kent School after completing his freshman year at Rice Memorial High School, where he was the prep hockey team's Rookie of the Year and Fox Sports Athlete of the week for lacrosse. He has been a two-time lacrosse MVP since being at South Kent, is captain of the hockey team and recipient of the Coach's Award. Haskins led his team to a Regional win last season, securing them a spot in the National hockey tournament. His most recent achievement is being named to Team USA.

The University of Vermont has announced **Michael Lawler**, a neuroscience major from Richmond, has been inducted into the UVM chapter of Phi Beta Kappa. Phi Beta Kappa is the oldest and most prestigious academic honor society in the United States. Membership in Phi Beta Kappa is a rare honor, and academics and employers recognize it as a mark of intellectual breadth and exceptional academic performance. UVM's chapter was chartered in 1848, making it the eleventh chapter of Phi Beta Kappa. It has a rich history in its own right, being the first chapter in the nation to elect women and African Americans to membership.

Each year, Waitsfield and Champlain Valley Telecom grants six scholarships, one to each of the public high schools that students from its service area attend. These scholarships are donated in memory of the late Eunice B. Farr, former owner and operator of the Waitsfield-Fayston Telephone Company and grandmother of Gregg Haskin. The criteria of the scholarship is as follows, "The award should be presented to a graduating senior that plans subsequent education, be it college or trade school. The faculty should select an individual that has shown a steady improvement in his or her academics, but is not necessarily at the top of the class. The award is designed to benefit a hard working graduate that his or her instructors have found to demonstrate a sincere effort to improve grades/results and plans continuing education." This year's recipients include **Nicholas Metruk** of Huntington.

Clarkson University in Potsdam, New York, has announced that **Thomas James Couture** of Huntington, majoring in mechanical engineering, received the Phalanx Induction. Phalanx is Clarkson's highest recognized honorary leadership society. It consists of a group of selected members of the Clarkson community who have demonstrated leadership skills and active participation in campus activities, along with above-average academic abilities, outstanding character and high morals. Phalanx inducts new members during University Recognition Day. New Phalanx members are selected from the group of Commendable Leadership Award recipients. The Commendable Leadership Award for Juniors is presented to juniors, seniors, graduate students, faculty, staff and administration members who have demonstrated outstanding leadership abilities and quality participation in organizations associated with Clarkson and the Potsdam community. The award recipients exhibit exceptional leadership qualities and the versatility to balance all aspects of college life.

Castleton University student **Devyn Potter** of Starksboro was selected to present at the annual Castleton Scholars Celebration: A SHOWCASE OF ORIGINAL STUDENT WORK. The annual celebration gives the university the opportunity to showcase the rich variety of students' scholarly and creative endeavors at Castleton across academic departments and programs. Each presentation arose from course assignments, capstone experiences, and independent study programs, all supported and guided by faculty mentors. This year's event features work from 56 students, representing 16 different programs. Students will be on hand to speak informally about their work. Presentation topics include racial bias, discovering antibiotic-producing bacteria in local soil samples, the lives of women artists in history, food insecurity in schools, superheroes in an age of terrorism and issues of rape culture.

Chantel Charlebois of Jericho was one of 25 Rochester Institute of Technology students who received an Excellence in Student Life award on May 8 for fostering and encouraging the goals of engagement in activities, excellence in scholarship and the practice of responsible leadership. She is studying biomedical engineering.

Adin Pendriss, son of Mike and Lynda of Huntington just completed his Junior year at the University of Vermont. Pendriss is majoring in Secondary Education in English and Special Education. He also mentors students at Mount Mansfield Union High School.

Area Graduates

Spring 2017

Rebecca Liberty, SUNY Plattsburgh, Masters of Science in Teaching and her Bachelor of Arts in History. She is the daughter of Troy and Lisa Liberty of Huntington.

Jonathan Griffin, Jericho, a Bachelor of Science degree in aerospace engineering with high distinction, Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI), Worcester, Massachusetts.

Kiera Johnston of Richmond, Master of Education, (Elementary Education - Literacy Concentration), High Point University, High Point, North Carolina. Her parents are John and Jeremy Johnston of Richmond.

Students who received their degrees from St. Lawrence University, Potsdam, New York:

Helen Ruth Cox, Bachelor of Science, magna cum laude, combination major in business and psychology, minor in Spanish. She is the daughter of Cindy Reid and Loren Cox, both of Huntington, and attended Mount Mansfield Union High School;

Jennifer M. Finan, Richmond, Bachelor of Science cum laude, major in biochemistry. Finan attended Mount Mansfield Union High School;

Emma L. Morgan, Starksboro, Bachelor of Science, major in neuroscience;

Alita F. Rogers, Huntington, Bachelor of Arts, magna cum laude, major in sociology. Rogers attended Mount Mansfield Union High School and is the daughter of Bill and Julie Rogers.

Students who received their degrees from Champlain College include:

Shannon Begins, Jericho, BS in Business Management;

April Berteau, Richmond, BS in Business Management;

Chris Provost, Bolton, BS in Accounting;

Amanda Rooney-Wheelock, Bolton, BS in Business Management;

Chelsea Ruble, Starksboro, BS in Communication;

William Sprano, Huntington, BS in Management Information Systems.

The following students graduated from Clarkson University, Potsdam, New York:

Brian Nicewicz, Jericho, Bachelor of Science, with distinction, in mechanical engineering, mathematics minor;

Jessica Martin, Starksboro, Bachelor of Science in chemical engineering, mathematics minor.

University of Vermont degrees:

Sara Ahlers, Jericho, Bachelor of Arts in English

Jacob Beauregard, Richmond, Bachelor of Science in Business Administration

Samantha Bursell, Richmond, cum laude with a Bachelor of Science in Exercise and Movement Sciences

Zebulon Carney, Starksboro, Bachelor of Arts degree in Film and Television Studies

Gina Cassara, Jericho, cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Environmental Studies

Avery Cooper, Richmond, Bachelor of Arts in Music

Cassidy Cote, Richmond, Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering

Kimberly Cyr, Richmond, Bachelor of Science in Animal Sciences

Skyler Davis, Jericho, Bachelor of Science in Public Communication

Alison Desautels, Richmond, Bachelor of Arts in Economics

Camilla Douglas, Jericho, Bachelor of Arts in History

Tyler Ducharme, Richmond, Bachelor of Science in Mathematics

Jordan Emmons, Starksboro, Bachelor of Science in Business Administration

Mia Faesy, Starksboro, Bachelor of Science in Public Communication

Jacob Fay, Jonesville, Bachelor of Science in Nutrition and Food Sciences

Sean Feenan, Richmond, Bachelor of Arts in History

Julia Ginorio, Huntington, Bachelor of Science in Environmental Engineering

Jennifer Hayes, Jericho, Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Studies

Elijah Hogan, Richmond, Bachelor of Science in Professional Nursing

Meaghan Hughes, Jericho, Bachelor of Arts in Biology

Michael Lawler, Richmond, magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Science in Neuroscience

Dillan Leach, Richmond, Bachelor of Science in Secondary Education - English

Benjamin Lozier, Jericho, Bachelor of Science Business Administration

Addison Marcus, Jericho, Bachelor of Science in Biological Science

Kevin Merck, Jericho, Bachelor of Science in Business Administration

Kyle Merck, Jericho, Bachelor of Arts in Economics

Cheyenne Mobbs, Richmond, Bachelor of Science in Business Administration

Sadik Mussah, Jericho, Bachelor of Arts in Computer Science

Alexis Ochoa, Jericho, Bachelor of Science in Alternate Track - Vermont RN

Luke O'Leary, Richmond, Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering

Taylor Paone, Jericho, Bachelor of Arts in Global Studies

Tom Petr, Jericho, Bachelor of Arts in Political Science

Benjamin Slotnick, Jericho, Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy

Christopher Walker, Jericho, Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering

Joshua Walker, Jericho, Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering

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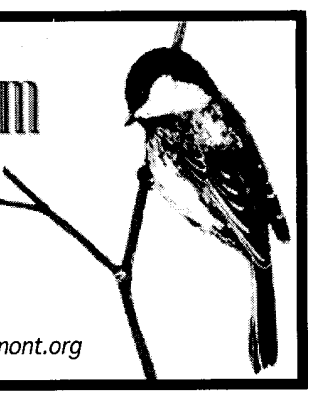

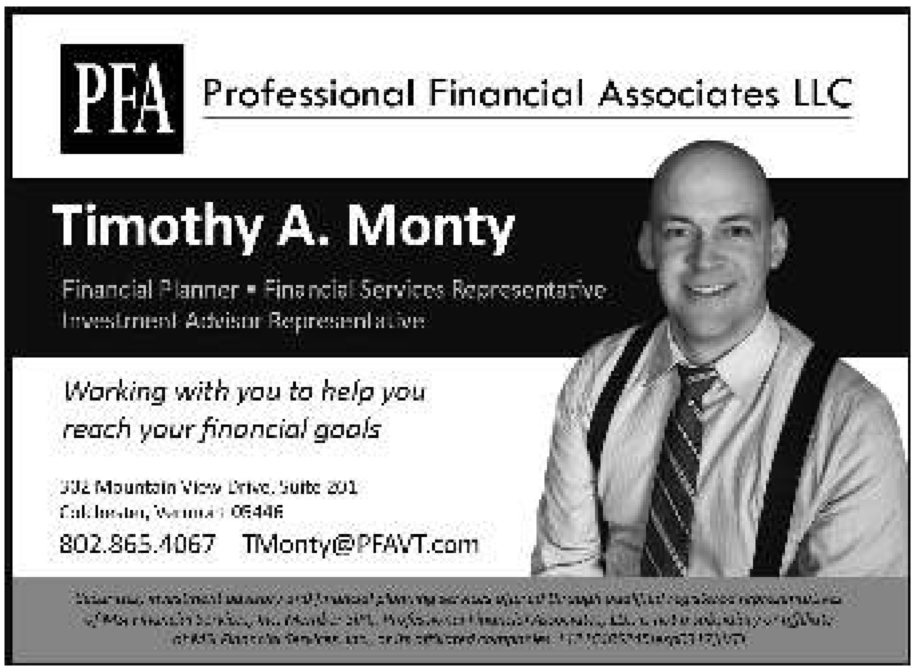

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Why Forestry?

For those of you who don't know me already, my name is Ethan Tapper, and I am the Chittenden County Forester for the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation. When asked what my job entails, I find that most people assume that I am some kind of a combination of Paul Bunyan and Smokey the Bear. The truth is, while I would aspire to be as eminent a figure as either of those two giants, my job comes down to facilitating the relationship between humans and forests in this little (about 400,000 acre) county. To understand why this is important, let's break the issue down into two questions: "why forestry?" and "why county foresters?"

Why Forestry? To understand forestry, you must first try to wrap your head around the concept of "forests." Forests support the growth of virtually all native forms of life in Vermont, and it would be an understatement to say that they are staggeringly complex systems. We all know that forests grow trees, but some fail to realize that they also grow an array of resources (lumber, firewood, and pulp for paper among many, many others) that virtually all humans use on a daily basis. The extraction and processing of these resources provide jobs for Vermonters and inject money into our state economy. The economic outputs from the harvest of timber also provides a means and an incentive for landowners to keep their forested land intact, growing trees and supporting healthy ecosystems.

The niche that most foresters fit into, in the context of this hugely important industry and these hugely complex ecosystems, is in the extraction of these resources. Foresters are trained in the intricacies of forested ecosystems; how they work, and how to keep them healthy and productive. It is their job to figure out how to encourage the growth of healthy forests, often using harvesting as a technique for harvesting forest products while ensuring that the ecosystem they leave behind is healthy, beautiful and productive for generations to come.

I am constantly communicating to landowners the fact that forests don't need our management to be healthy. I follow this statement by saying how important the working landscape is to Vermont, culturally and economically, and the ancillary benefits that managed forests provide. Foresters are the people who strike the balance between the needs of humans and the needs of our ecosystems, so we do not have to choose between these two things.

Why County Foresters? The office of County Forester in each county in Vermont was created in 1941. This office was established to support responsible forestry in our state after more than a century of clearcutting and extractive, degradative land management practices. At that time, Vermont was in the process of recovering and re-growing its native forest --- and establishing a new, more responsible land use ethic --- after being about 80% deforested in the mid-1800s. Today, County Foresters' roles have expanded apace with our forest, which now covers just under 80% of our state. Broadly, we support the maintenance of healthy forested ecosystems and the practice of responsible, sustainable forest management, both in theory and in practice. Nested within these lofty objectives is our role as administrators of the Use Value Appraisal Program (often called "UVA" "Current Use" or "Land Use") in our counties, the support of towns in their management of municipally-owned forest land, and education and outreach to the citizens of our counties, from non-landowners generally interested in sustainable land stewardship, to forest landowners who practice extensive forest management on large acreages. I visit with landowners on 1,000-acre forests and on half-acre lots, talking about, trees, forests, and how to "do the right thing" with regards to the forest.

Perhaps now you have a better idea of who I am, and the role that foresters and County Foresters may already play in your lives. I look forward to meeting you all, and collaborating with you to see how we can keep the forests of Chittenden County as vibrant and beautiful as possible.

Invasive Plants: An Endpoint?

Submitted by Ethan Tapper

As the Chittenden County Forester for the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation, my job can be broadly described as negotiating the relationship between humans and the forested ecosystems of Chittenden County. To this end, I serve as a resource for landowners, communities, and individuals interested in forests, forest management, and land stewardship. Through my work I have the opportunity to observe the "big picture," the trends and forces that influence our forested ecosystems over time. One of the most disturbing of these trends is the threat posed by invasive exotic plants, which present a disturbing vision of the future of our forests. In my view, the presence of these species represent a theoretical 'endpoint' in the growth and development of our forested ecosystems.

In the remarkably diverse forested ecosystems of the northeastern United States, we are blessed with a suite of native species that regenerate readily following disturbance events. Our forests utilize a simple scheme to do this: when some trees die, others capitalize on the opportunity to establish and grow. While this may seem obvious, in many parts of North America the regeneration of native trees is no easy thing, and it is the exceptional diversity and richness of our forested ecosystems that make this possible. We humans benefit from this capacity by having new trees constantly establishing and growing, ready for us to tend, harvest, and enjoy.

In the midst of this abundance, it is easy to ignore invasive plants as they establish and slowly spread through the understory of a forest. We put off their removal, saying that we will address the issue when these species become a problem. However, when trees in the overstory of a woodlot succumb to natural mortality, become mature or start to decline, we are forced to encounter these species head-on. I have seen many cases where the loss of an overstory, which is normally rewarded with a diverse crop of native seedlings, is met only by a sea of invasives. Unless they are removed, these invasive plants will occupy these areas, inhibiting the forest's natural regeneration process, indefinitely. This is the "endpoint" to which I refer, a moment at

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Trustees List Spring 2017

Amanda Nielsen, Huntington, was named to the Champlain College Trustee's List for the spring 2017 semester. Students on the Trustee's List have achieved a 4.0 grade point average for two or more consecutive semesters.

President's List Spring 2017

Kate Lashway, Richmond, SUNY Canton. Lashway is a SUNY Canton Physical Therapist Assistant major. To receive President's List honors, full-time students must earn a semester grade point average of 3.75 or higher on a 4.0 scale.

Champlain College in Burlington for achieving a grade point average of 4.0 or higher in the semester:

Danielle Lewis, Richmond;
Alex Carrier, Jericho.

Clarkson University in Potsdam, New York to Presidential Scholars List for achieving a minimum 3.80 grade-point average and carry at least 14 credit hours.

Thomas James Couture, Huntington, a senior majoring in mechanical engineering.

Brian Michael Nicewicz, Jericho, a senior majoring in mechanical engineering;

Grayden Patrick Shand, Jericho, a senior majoring in innovation and entrepreneurship.

The State University of New York at Potsdam recently named the following to the President's List:

Samantha Day, Jericho, major in Music Education;

Mikayla Kelemen, Jonesville, major in Music Education;

Anthony Perri, Jericho, major in Childhood/ Early Childhood Education;

Victoria Rosales, Jericho, major in Music Education

To achieve the honor, each student must have satisfactorily completed 12 numerically-graded semester hours, with a grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

Kelsey Haskins, Starksboro, Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) in Manchester, New Hampshire. Eligibility for the President's List requires that a student accumulate an academic grade point average (GPA) of 3.7-4.0.

Dean's List Fall 2016

Rochester Institute of Technology, Rochester, New York:

Chantel Charlebois, Jericho, Biomedical Engineering;

Nick Trumper, Richmond, Electrical Engineering.

Dean's List Spring 2017

Kathryn Devlin, Bolton, Colby-Sawyer College, New London, New Hampshire. Devlin, whose major is studio art, is a member of the class of 2019. To qualify for the Dean's List students must achieve a grade-point average of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale while carrying a minimum of 12 credit hours in graded courses.

Nicholas Edward Adams, Jericho, Clarkson University, Potsdam, New York. He is a sophomore majoring in mathematics / physics. Dean's List students must achieve a minimum 3.25 grade-point average and also carry at least 14 credit hours.

Bradley Adair, Jericho, University of Delaware, Newark, Delaware. To meet eligibility requirements, a student must be enrolled full-time and earn a GPA of 3.33 or above (on a 4.0 scale) for the semester.

Ryan Johnston, Richmond, Wake Forest College, Winston-Salem, North Carolina. He is majoring in Communications with a minor in Journalism and is the son of John and Jeremy Johnston.

Christopher Danilich, Richmond, SUNY Potsdam, whose major is Music Education. The student must have satisfactorily completed 12 numerically-graded semester hours, with a grade point average of between 3.25 and 3.49 in the given semester.

Ryan Peden-Spear, Roger Williams University in Bristol, Rhode Island. Full-time students who complete 12 or more credits per semester and earn a grade point average of 3.4 or higher are placed.

Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Worcester, Massachusetts:

Eli Frank, Huntington, Class of 2019, majoring in mechanical engineering;
Nathaniel Peura, Richmond, Class of 2019, majoring in electrical and computer engineering;
Julia Dunn, Jericho, Class of 2019, majoring in biomedical engineering.

Champlain College, Burlington, for achieving a semester grade point average of 3.5 or higher:

Chelsea Rublee, Starksboro;
Kayla Mazza, Bolton, majoring in Communication;
Darcy Patnode, majoring in Early Childhood/ Elementary Education;
Riley Morrissey, Jericho, majoring in Game Art and Animation;
Samuel Clark, Jericho, majoring in Computer Science and Innovation;
Emma Rivers, Jericho, majoring in Accounting;
Hanna Johnson, Huntington, majoring in Criminal Justice.

University of Vermont, Burlington, having a grade-point average of 3.0 or better and rank in the top 20 percent of their class in their respective college or school:

Alexandra Ackert-Smith, Starksboro
Alison Chivers, Jericho
Anna Chaffee, Jericho
Ariana Matthews-Salzman, Jericho
Avery Cooper, Richmond
Clara Douglas, Jericho
Dakota Jones, Jericho
Gabriel Cohn, Richmond
John Landis, Richmond
Julia Ginorio, Huntington
Maeve Poleman, Richmond
Maya Bower, Richmond
Meghan Owens, Richmond
Michael Lawler, Richmond
Ryan Morse, Jericho
Samantha Elgin, Jericho
Skylar Bouffard, Huntington
Virginia Churchill, Richmond

Castleton University, Castleton, for maintaining full-time status and a semester grade point average of 3.5:

Erik Andersen, Richmond
Casey Briggs, Starksboro
Derek Lautenschlager, Jericho
Jacob Peet, Richmond
Mikayla Racine, Jericho
Julia Smith, Jericho
Kurtis Swahn, Jericho

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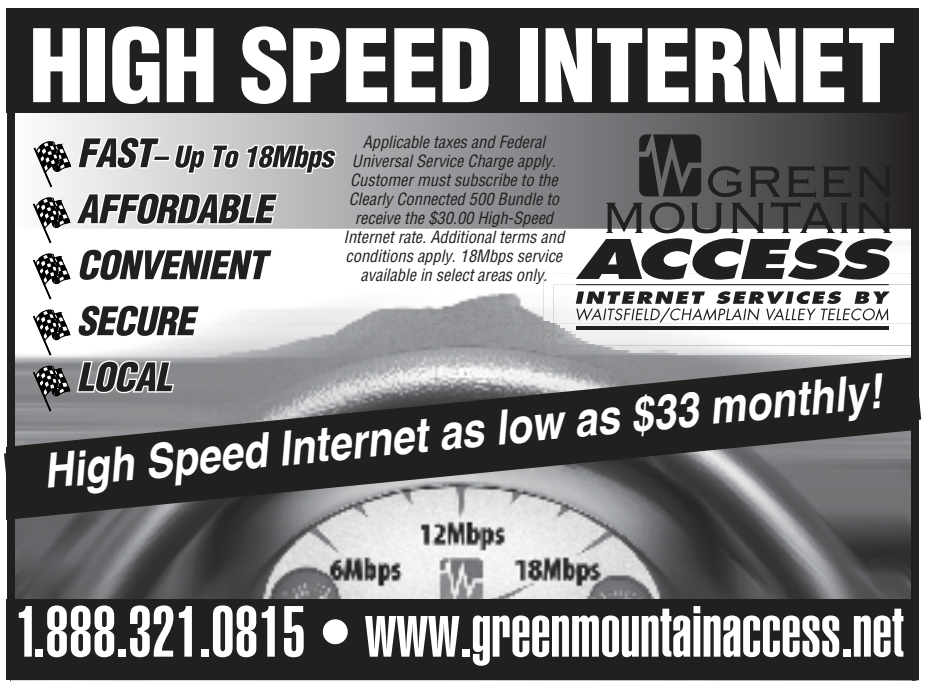

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Guitar Prodigy Joe Robinson to Open P.M. Sundays Season

The new season of P.M. SUNDAYS will open with Australian guitar master Joe Robinson on Sunday, September 17 at 4 pm. Eight concerts, presented by Valley Stage Productions will take place between September 2017 and April 2018 in the intimate and acoustically balanced sanctuary at the Richmond Congregational Church. The performances will include artists from Australia, Canada, Norway and many Berklee School of Music grads and alumni. Session Americana, Rhythm Future Quartet and former Waillin' Jenny Annabelle Chvostek will make up part of this year's lineup.

Valley Stage Productions will be hosting a new series of 16 shows at the ZenBarn in Waterbury Center.

For more information about this series and all Valley Stage events visit www.valleystage.net or contact Don Sheldon at 434-4563 or don@valleystage.net

Round Church Flute Concert

International world flute recording artist and Vermont native Gary Stroutsos returns to the Old Round Church for a meditative solo flute concert on Sunday, October 1, at 4 pm. Suggested donation: $15.

Gary Stroutsos's music was featured in the Ken Burns PBS film, LEWIS AND CLARK: THE JOURNEY OF THE CORPS OF DISCOVERY, which led to a command performance at the White House for President Bill Clinton. His music is currently featured on the PBS National Pledge Drive film, DESERT DREAMS: CELEBRATING FIVE SEASONS IN THE SONORAN DESERT.

Stroutsos explained, "I like to play inside great spaces where the space can be a musical partner or a collaborator with me. The Old Round Church is one such magical and unique acoustic space." He will showcase his one- of-a-kind flute collection with many songs from his diverse catalogue of world flute music, featuring traditional old love songs from the Native American tribes he has worked with, as well as introspective jazz and British Isles traditional music.

For more information about the performer: www.garystroutsos.com

For information about the concert, call Fran Thomas (434-3654) or Mary Ann Barnes (434-3220).

Lake Iroquois Association New Officers

At the Lake Iroquois Association Annual Meeting on Tuesday, July 18, new Board members and officers were elected. New officers for 2017-2018 are:

President:	Chris Conant
Vice President:	Roger Crouse
Secretary:	Jamie Carroll
Treasurer:	Dick Phillips

After three years as President, Pat Suozzi is transitioning to being a Director. In 2017, Shannon Kelly, Ernie Rossi, and David Horn were elected to the LIA Board of Directors for three-year terms. Bob Pasco, one of the founding members of the LIA is stepping down from the board. He began the greeter program and has supervised it from its inception. Most recently he, along with Roger Crouse and Bob Donnis, was instrumental in setting up the boat wash station at the Lake Iroquois Fishing Access.

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which I refer, a moment at which the cycle of life in a forested ecosystem is arrested into the indefinite future.

Taken broadly, I see this trend applying to many of our forests, given enough time and inactivity. So, what do we do? The days may be gone when any disturbance will automatically trigger an abundance of native regeneration, but this doesn't mean that our forests' days are numbered. These days, when I see a single invasive plant on a landowner's property, I tell them that they have an invasive plant problem. The truth is that all of us, even those who have never seen one of these plants, have an invasive plant problem. My dream is to see concentrated, community-wide efforts in the removal of these species, in recognition of the fact that these species don't stop at property lines, and neither do our forests. I hope that we can use these actions as a springboard to talk about how to make the forests in our region, and all those reliant on them, healthy into the indefinite future.

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Woodland Owner Cooperator Training

Did you know the beaver was once eradicated from Vermont and had to be reintroduced? Are you interested in learning more about Vermont's woodlands? Ever wonder what the big deal is about invasive plant species? Should you have your property logged? If so, what should you be aware of? All these questions and so much more are answered and discussed at a Vermont Coverts Cooperator Training Workshop.

Participants learn about enhancing wildlife habitat at the spring Vermont Coverts workshop, held in Starksboro.

Following are a few highlights from a training session in early June. Training took place at the Vermont Commons school grounds in Starksboro. Any landowner (or non- landowner) interested in enhancing wildlife habitat will benefit tremendously from this informational workshop. The two-and-a-half day training includes a variety of presenters. Each is an expert in their field, and fully engaged in their line of expertise.

"Rather than look at what trees you're cutting, look at the trees you're supporting. Ask yourself, what makes it important to support this particular tree." Forester Keith Thompson kicked off the session with an Introduction to Forest Ecology. "Forestry isn't rocket science. It's so much more than that." Thompson went on to explain the benefits of proper forest management, sharing examples such as how to release high mast and soft mast trees. High mast are nut-bearing trees such as oak and beech which produce nourishing food in the fall for turkeys, bear, grouse, and other birds and wildlife. Selective cutting around the high mast trees allow for additional sunlight. Encouragement of soft mast- growth; which includes blackberries, crab apples, and service berries are equally important nutrient sources during the spring and summer months. Thompson's presentation was followed by a walk in the woods. He continued to share information such as determining which trees to cut and why. He explained the value of shagbark hickory which yields nutrient packed nuts and also serves as a habitat for bats which roost under the slabs of shaggy bark.

"Birds, similar to humans, choose Vermont as one of the best places in our nation to raise a family," Audubon Conservation biologist Steve Hagenbuch stated. He explained that Vermont supports over 28 different warbler species which use this state to breed and raise their young. All told there are 202 confirmed breeding species of birds in Vermont. Again and again Hagenbuch stressed how interconnected habitat is and what small landowners can do to enhance forestland to benefit birds and wildlife. A highlight of this class was a walk at sunrise listening to and identifying birds and their song in a variety of habitats. Covert trainers learned that very young forests (such as an area where a large amount of pine trees have blown down) known as "early successional" create excellent habitat for a variety of warblers.

Kim Royer of Vermont Fish and Game shared a multitude of fascinating wildlife lore. Royer explained how beaver played an important role from the time of Native Americans thru early colonists. Over-enthusiastic trappers and fur-traders led to the eventual demise of beaver population in Vermont. As recently as 1900, there were no beavers in Vermont. The large swimming rodent was reintroduced by Vermont Fish and Wildlife in the late 1920s. Beaver are a considered a keystone species in Vermont, due their creation of diverse habitats and ecosystems.

Royer also shared data obtained from radio -collared bobcats. The cats travel within forest corridors and narrow hedgerows of farmland. These tracts of land are important to maintain as they allow bobcats and other wildlife stealthy access from one forested area to another. A bobcat will cache a deer, cover it with leaves, and then return to feed upon it throughout several days. In addition to beaver, Fisher, Marten, Canadian Geese, and other wildlife were reintroduced to Vermont throughout the early to mid-1900s.

Toby Alexander of the Natural Resource Conservation Service explained that funding is available for landowners interested in the enhancement of water quality. His presentation included a slide depicting Holsteins crossing a livestock friendly bridge into their pasture -land. The former water resource for the cattle-- a stream running through the pasture-- was now protected by a buffer of plants on either side of the creek. The bridge kept the livestock out of the water, while piping and water sources were provided alongside the barn. The entire water protection project and funding was a winning partnership between the farm -owners and water resource team.

Students walked woodlots of fellow Covert graduates (known as cooperators) who shared the changes they made within their forested landscape to benefit timber and wildlife. A young porcupine poked his head out from under a fallen log as proof that allowing a tree to remain on the ground will provide shelter and cover for wildlife. The word "coverts" actually comes from 14th century terminology which means thicket, or wildlife cover.

Vermont Coverts workshops are led with infectious enthusiasm by executive director Lisa Sausville along with support from active board members and former cooperators. The mission of Vermont Coverts is to enlist Vermont landowners in a long term commitment to maintain and enhance diverse wildlife habitat and healthy ecosystems. Vermont Coverts began in 1985, and has benefited over 250,000 acres of Vermont forests. The next workshop will be held September 8-10 in Castleton.

Visit www.vtcoverts.org for an application, or for more information contact Lisa Sausville at 802-877-2777 or e-mail lisa@vtcoverts.org

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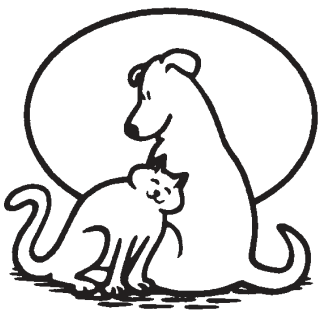

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News from Area Churches

Richmond Congregational Church

Rev. Katelyn Macrae, 434-2053

As the summer draws to a close, we invite our greater community to join us for these late August and September activities at Richmond Congregational Church

Red Cross Blood Drive – August 16, 12-6 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

School Supply Drive for Richmond Elementary School – We are collecting the following items through August 27, 2017: glue sticks, pencils, erasers, Dry Erase markers (low odor), 2 pocket folders (20 of one color), Sidewalk chalk, 100 page composition books Regular NOT College ruled (hardcover), graph paper notebooks, Pens (cheap Bic 12 pack), Headphones for 3rd & 4th grade (traditional headband style that covers whole ear, not earbuds) Available at Walmart, Staples etc., Markers, Regular lined notebook paper NOT College ruled, Regular lined 100 page notebooks NOT College ruled, and socks of any size and gender.

Lake Monsters Game & BBQ – Sat Aug 26, tickets are available at the Church Office.

Blessing of the Backpacks and Briefcases – Sunday, August 27, 10 am

Bring your backpacks, briefcases, laptops, tablets and smartphones to church for a special blessing to remember that God is with us in our learning and our work. We will also bless the school supplies collected for RES.

92nd Annual Pilgrimage at the Old Round Church on September 3 at 10 am - Join us for a worship service that remembers the heritage of the Round Church and celebrates its 204 year history!

Looking ahead, the 70th annual Chicken Pie Supper will be held on Wednesday, October 4. Reservations will open on September 1 and can be made online at www.rccucc.org

A Blessing of the Animals will be held on Sunday, September 17 at 10 am (weather permitting) on the lawn in front of the Richmond Congregational Church. Bring your pet – whether it has feathers, fur or scales - as we celebrate all of God's critters.

Worship continues at 9 am through August 20, and returns to 10 am on August 27. Sunday School begins on September 10. Please contact me at katelyn@rccucc.org or at the Church Office with any questions or concerns.

Richmond Kitchen

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The business, which has 350 website subscribers, isn't easily categorized, Gifford told the Selectboard during an April permit hearing for the new location.

"Our model is really unique and different and doesn't fit into a single zoning use," she said. "We are not a restaurant and not just a teaching kitchen. We will have a lot of different things there."

When it was home-based operation, Richmond Community Kitchen transported orders placed online to farms and businesses in and around Richmond, where customers would pick them up.

Pickup sites will be maintained for the immediate future, but Gifford said the new store will allow customers to skip the online ordering step. And there will be enough space to stock a dozen or so items at once, instead of just offering a few weekly options.

"What we've heard from a lot of people is that they are excited about the opportunity not to have to buy in advance," she said. "They can just come in the door and pick out what they want and take it home."

Bridge Street Changes Richmond Community Kitchen will be located adjacent to the redevelopment project that will replace the defunct creamery at the end of Jolina Court, a dead-end street off lower Bridge Street.

Plans call for a four-story building that will house commercial and/or office space on the lower levels and apartments on the upper floors. Construction is slated to begin in August and will be completed by spring of next year.

Josi Kytle of Buttermilk LLC, the project's developer, said Richmond Community Kitchen would dovetail nicely with the redevelopment effort.

"Love their concept and hope to partner together to improve the vitality of the area," she said.

Sonoma Station closed May 27 after 11 years at the site. Chef and owner Monica Lamay did not return telephone and email messages. But she told the Burlington Free Press before the restaurant closed that she had worked nights and weekends for 30 years and was looking forward to a change.

Now renovations are underway to convert the restaurant into a different kind of food business. Gifford and Whitman have already placed a sign in the window featuring their name and logo.

Richmond Community Kitchen has gone on hiatus for the summer so Gifford and Whitman can focus on renovating the new space.

"We are still on track for a September opening, hopefully right after Labor Day," Gifford said.

Is she excited or apprehensive about the new location?

"Definitely both. Of course we are apprehensive, but we need to give our dream wings because we'd never know how great it could be if we don't try."

Richmond Community Kitchen is conducting an online fundraising campaign to help defray the cost of opening the new store. Go to indiegogo.com to contribute.

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Calendar of Events

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

AUGUST 27: Zoe's Race, Oakledge Park, 2 Flynn Avenue, Burlington. A 1K/5K race to benefit home renovations programs for families with children with developmental differences. $20-40 with the option to fundraise for more projects. Information: http://hc.kintera.org/faf/help/helpEventInfo.asp?ievent=1160621&lis=1&kntae1160621=95C50DF0E87948CEBBFC158EB9E84748

AUGUST 29: Cellist Jonathan Tortolano to present solo cello concert at Saint Michael's College Chapel, 12:15 pm. A native of Underhill, he is a resident in Toronto and holds dual citizenship with the United States and Canada.

Tortolano is Professor of Cello at The Royal Conservatory of Music in Toronto, Associate Principal Cellist of Pittsburgh Opera and a member of the Gould String Quartet at Niagara on the Lake Festival. His career has included orchestral positions and solo engagements in Spain, Portugal, Brazil, South Korea, Japan, China, Italy, France as well as L'Orchestre Symphonique in Quebec and substitute in the Cleveland Orchestra.

The program includes two very different compositions for cello: The Fifth Suite, BWV 1011 by Bach and the first American performance of Psaume pour Violoncelle Seul, opus 5 by Canadian composer Antoine Ouellette.

A Ph.D. biologist, composer and musicologist, Ouellette has composed over 60 works. Although diagnosed with autism, Ouellette wrote a landmark book, Musique Autiste. It is acclaimed for its wisdom on how to live with autism, but still be widely acknowledged for its creativity. He combines Native Canadian bird calls with Gregorian Chant and contemporary techniques.

Tortolano is the son of William Tortolano, emeritus professor of music and organist emeritus for the College. William Tortolano, a member of the Saint Michael's community for more than five decades, also still directs a Gregorian Chant Schola hosted at the College.

Regular Meetings

SELECTBOARD:

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

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

SCHOOL BOARD:

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

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

PLANNING COMMISSION

Huntington: 2nd & 4th Mon., 7 pm, 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, CHMS music room pit.

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

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Richmond: 2nd Tues, 7 pm, Town Ctr

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

RECREATION COMMITTEE

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

Huntington: 1st Tues, even months, 7 pm, Town Clerk's Office.

RICHMOND TRAILS COMMITTEE

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

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

TOWN HALL COMMITTEE

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

LIBRARY

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

Huntington: Library Board, 4th Tues, 6:30 pm, Union Meeting House, 434-4583

HUNTINGTON ENERGY COMMITTEE 3rd Tues, 5:30 pm, Town Office (downstairs)

COMMUNITY GROUPS

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

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

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

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

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

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

Huntington Playgroup Fridays, 10 am, newborn through preschool (with older siblings welcome) Residents

Worship

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

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

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

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

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

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

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church: 273 VT Rte 15 (near Browns Trace Rd) Jericho, 899-3932, Rev. Arnold Thomas, pastor. Worship Service: 9 am (nursery care provided), Sunday School & Bible Study: 10:30 am. www.goodshepherdjericho.org

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

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

Calvary Episcopal Church 370 Vermont Route 15,Underhill Flats. Worship service 9:30 am. Sunday morning Eucharist with supply priests or Morning Prayer at Calvary, followed by a coffee hour. Handicapped accessible. information: www.calvarychurchvt.weebly.com or 899-2326.

GMBC Day Touring Rides

Saturday, August 12: Tour de Tunbridge, 9 am, meet at Spaulding High School, Barre. 64 miles (M/S) without a shorter option and with an elevation profile that is reminiscent of a stage in one of the classics. Much of the route has been recently repaved. Leaders: Steve & Jeanne Barner - 434-4497 / sjbarner@gmavt.net

Sunday, August 13: Covered Bridges of Franklin and Lamoille County, 8:45 am, meet at Jeffersonville Fish and Wildlife Access (3/10th mile north of Route 15 and Route 108 intersection, across the bridge). Hilly 41-mile loop (M) goes through Eden and Johnson, while the 55-mile ride (M/S) passes more covered bridges in Montgomery Center, returning through Bakersfield and past the Cold Hollow Sculpture Park off Boston Post Road. Leader: Phil Littler - 309-2464 / phil.littler@me.com. Co-Leader: Tom Kennedy - 735-5359 / etomkennedy@gmail.com

Saturday, August 19: Upper Valley Weekend, Horse Country Ride. 9:15 am. Three rides start in South Royalton. The short ride is 26 miles; the medium is 40 miles (M/S); and the long ride (51 S). Leader: Pat Stabler - 781-929-9085 / everstab@verizon.net. Co-Leader: Tom Evers - 617-605-0928 / everstab@verizon.net. After the ride, cyclists can camp out in South Royalton on Pat and Tom's land, stay at an area hotel, or return home. $10 fee for camping, part of which might be refunded. Talk to Pat and Tom to get more info about the camping.

Sunday, August 20: Upper Valley Weekend - Pomfret Perambulations - 50-mile ride (M/S)meet at North side of the South Royalton Green, , 9 am. Leader: Bryan Harrington - 899-2908 / alpinefogman@yahoo.com Co-Leaders: Pat Stabler and Tom Evers - 781-929-9085 / everstab@verizon.net

Sunday, August 20, 9:15 am: Bound for Bristol Bakery, 9:15 am, meet at Clifford Lumber, across the road from the Hinesburg Genera, Route 116. 40-mile (M) ride on low traffic roads from Hinesburg to Bristol. Leader: Jessica Barnum - 335-1889 / omsideofthings@gmail.com Co-Leader: Amy Ross - 324-2137 / vtamy@comcast.net

Sunday, August 27: Buck Hollow and Beyond - meet at Milton High School, 8:45 am, 40-mile (M) route. Leader: Joyce McCutcheon - 893-1690 / mellowmiti@aol.com Co-Leader: Dave Merchant - 825-3808 / dpierchand@comcast.net

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The player takes aim, swings the mallet, and whack, the ball flies across the grass. It lands lined up with the wicket, ready for next time, and the player smiles with satisfaction. "It's red's turn," someone calls out and the player with the red ball breaks off his conversation and steps up to his shiny ball. And so it goes on a summer evening at the old baseball field off Brown's Court in Richmond where a group of people gather each Tuesday evening at 6 pm to play croquet.

I remember playing croquet with my family when I was growing up. The whole family played — my grandparents, parents, aunts and uncles and cousins. We took the game seriously, and our games were always competitive. They were also always fun.

Maybe these Tuesday evening games over half a century later remind me of the joy of playing when I was young. Whatever the reason, I love playing and looked forward all winter to the start up of the season. Peggy Curtis started the croquet games last year and continues to organize them this year. Her take on the games is that "playing croquet reminds me that I like to have fun. Laughter makes up for all the missed shots."

We usually play two or three games each evening. As the balls are hit from wicket to wicket, there's casual conversations as people wait their turn, there's lots of encouragement when your ball doesn't go where you intended, and there's always laughter bubbling up.

New players are always welcome. It doesn't matter if you've never picked up a mallet before. Come join the fun!

—Jane Vossler

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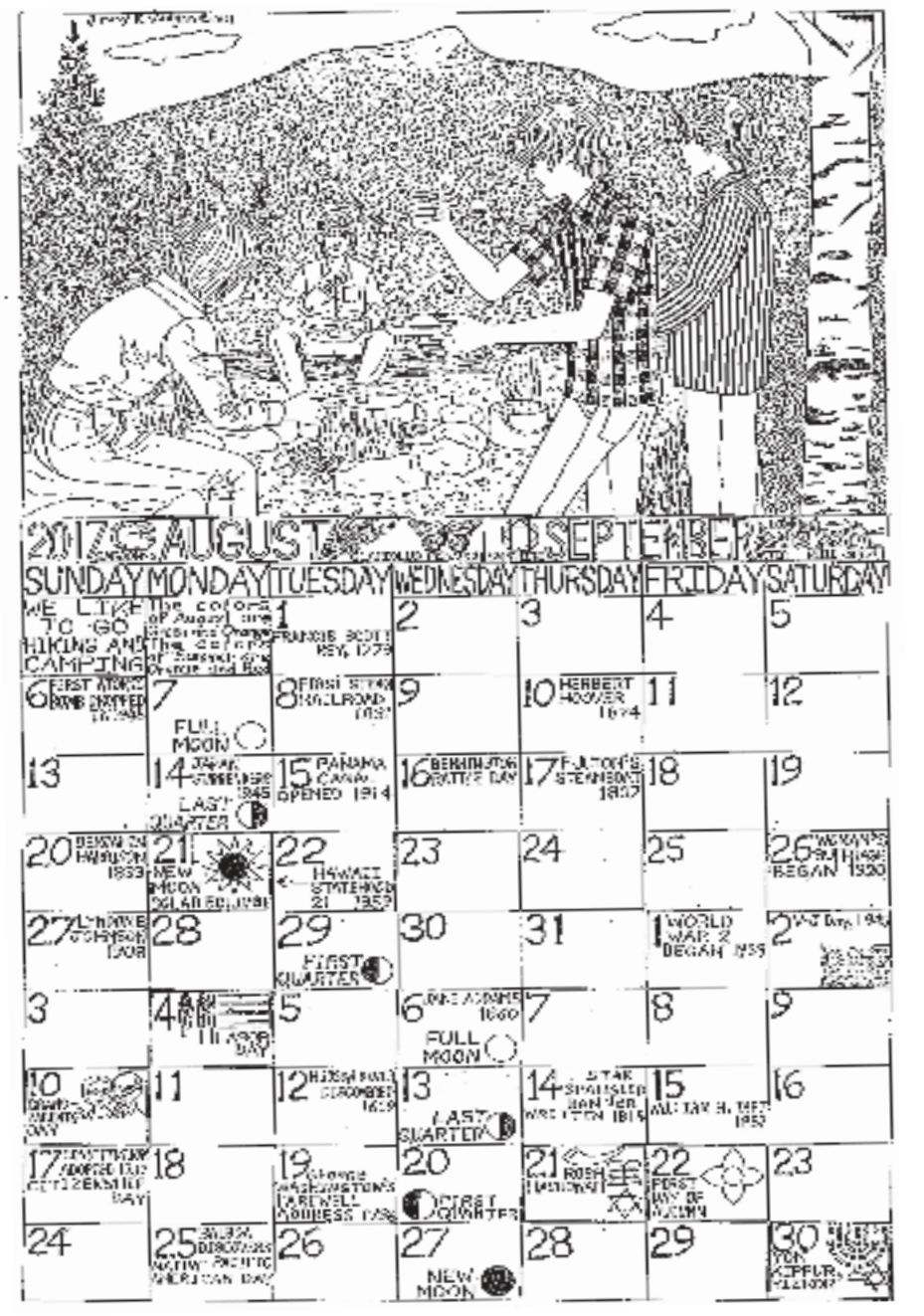

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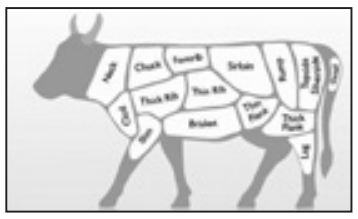

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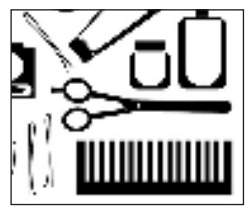

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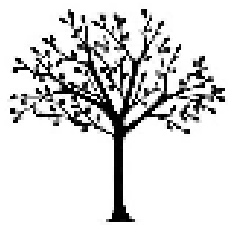

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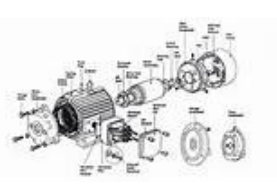

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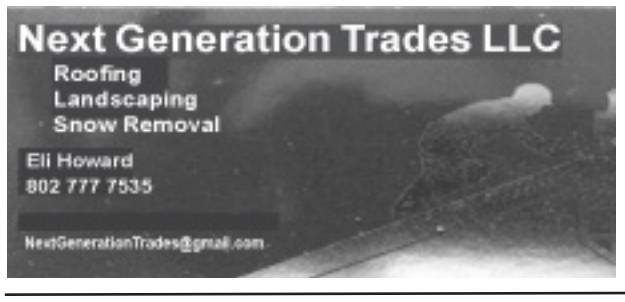

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Business Beat
by Gina Haddock

Owl's Head Berry Farm Welcomes New Owners

In the early 1980s, Larry Copp, Pat Weaver and Jon and Pat Downer began work on Owl's Head Blueberry Farm, clearing the land and planting blueberries. Those blueberry bushes would produce tons of blueberries over the years and create many memories for Richmond residents and beyond of picking blueberries on the farm. Almost 40 years later, the parcel of land known as Owl's Head Farm was conserved through the Richmond Land Trust preserving 30 acres of farmland for agricultural use in perpetuity. While no longer involved in the farm, the previous owners (Downers still live on the farm as well) still live on a piece of the property.

Happy customer, above. Below, picking berries is family-friendly outdoors activity

As the fates would have it, Rachael and Ryan Gray also had a vision. The couple had grown up in Vermont and had an extensive background of working in Vermont's agricultural industry. Both Grays worked local farms in Vermont in Bradford and Newbury and both wanted to be able to make their living in Vermont. They also wanted to find a way to stay in the agricultural field. Eventually they heard about the opportunity to purchase Owl's Head Farm through the UVM extension service which provides links to connect people looking to buy and sell farms in Vermont. One visit and they fell in love with Owl's Head Farm. Although they presently live in Colchester, the couple hopes to settle on the farm with their family. Rachel told the Beat, "Both of our families were connected to gardens, Vermont farms, raising livestock, and we wanted our family to be rooted in the community this way. There is no better way to feel like you are part of the community than to provide fresh food to our neighbors." Last season they managed the farm and this is their first official year running it as the owners.

Ryan Gray works full time at Green Mountain Power and has a background in mechanical engineering. Rachel Gray's background is in social work… but from April through September the couple immerses themselves in the day to day life of growing some of the best blueberries in Vermont. Ryan sums up the work and challenges associated with running a berry farm in simple yet very clear terms…"pruning , weeding, mowing and birds."

The Owl's Head at Owl's Head Berry Farm. Photos: Bill Haddock

The berry season starts in April with nonstop pruning of the 3,000 blueberry bushes. After pruning, tasks during May through June include weeding and mowing of the fields, and pest management. They also need to set out the bird squawkers and Mylar ribbon to detract the birds from the berries. The acidic soil and good drainage make for an excellent combination when it comes to cultivating berries and Owl's Head Farm is fortunate to have both.

The main focus of the farm is the pick your own operation when customers visit the farm enjoying the beautiful landscape and picking their own blueberries. The height of the berry season is mid-July through August. "This year we've expanded music nights at the Farm," Ryan told the Beat. "We now have music on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. On Thursdays, we offer Bluegrass and on Tuesday we offer a variety of music. We are also looking at adding more picnic tables so people can plan to come here with their families and possibly food trucks so people can enjoy some berry picking, music and a simple dinner. Our hope is to make the farm even more family friendly so the Farm is a fun destination for families." There is no admission for music nights but Owl's Head does ask that people pick two quarts of berries. The music nights have been growing in popularity with an average of 100 to 300 people in attendance.

While the main focus of the business is the "pick your own berries," the Grays have also done some wholesale ventures. They have provided blueberries to Citizen Cider for their Brose, a Citizen Cider Blueberry cider and Simple Roots Brewery located in the north end of Burlington has purchased blueberries for a special "blueberry beer."

During the height of the season, mid-July to August, the couple employs five part time employees.

The Grays share a commitment to making good fresh food available to the community. As the berry season winds down in late August, the Grays reach out to community groups who might want do some gleaning so they can enjoy the benefits of this year's berry crop. Rachel has been in touch with the Vermont Food Bank and Richmond Elementary School to set up times for groups to come share in the season's bounty. "We want everyone to be able to enjoy the fresh food we can offer in Vermont, "Rachel told the Beat.

Long term goals for the new owners may include raising sheep and cows, connecting with local restaurants, participating in the Farmer's Market. What better way to enjoy the short and sweet summer of Vermont than by stopping at Owl's Head Blueberry Farm for some berry picking. For more information visit: Owl's Head Blueberry Farm, 263 Blueberry Farm Road, Richmond, Vermont 05477, 434-3387, Website: www.owlsheadfarm.com. Email contactus@owlsheadfarm.com

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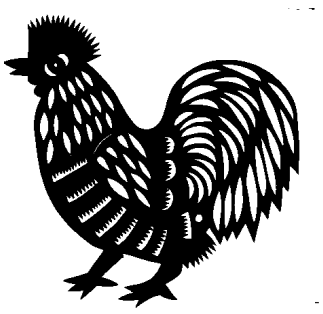
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All Things Human

by Demaris Tisdale, MSW

The Injustice of Justice

"At long last, this nation is coming to realize that the process of justice cannot end with the slamming shut of prison gates."

—President Richard M. Nixon
December 6, 1971

Not so fast, Mr. President. I venture to say that you would be appalled at this country's current attempts to control crime through punishment and imprisonment.

The United States now leads the world in locking up its people, both in numbers and by the percent of population. Though we hold just 5 percent of the world's population, we lock up 25 percent of the world's prisoners, with 2.2 million adults in state prisons, federal prisons or local jails. (U.S. Bureau of Justice Statistics)

Aside from the enormous financial cost of over $52 billion each year, the cost to society of incarcerating so many of its citizens is incalculable. Imprisonment is both a cause and effect of poverty. The American Academy of Social Work and Social Welfare reported that "More than half of all prisoners were living in poverty the year before being arrested," and former prisoners have a "homeless rate four to six times greater than the general population." The rate of mental illness among those jailed is more than double that of the overall U.S. population, and an existing mental illness can only get worse when someone is behind bars without access to treatment.

The system is broken. It is not designed to help people, as is evident from the two-thirds recidivism rate. It breaks up families and fractures neighborhoods and communities, but does little or nothing to rehabilitate.

In my autographed copy of The Crime of Punishment, by Karl Menninger, MD., published in 1966, Menninger asserts that locking up "criminals" is a crime in itself, and is self-defeating. In our violent nation, instead of quick and appropriate penalties, we have created a "vicious cycle of evil for evil and vengeance for vengeance that perpetuates the revolving-door principle of penal justice, a system that doesn't work."

It is ironic that the US prison system was a milestone in man's progress when it began to be used instead of the gallows, whipping post, mutilation, exile, and sending people to penal colonies. First published in 1722, Daniel Defoe's novel Moll Flanders is a vivid portrayal of 18th century England and how political offenses, circumstances, and fear of poverty can lead to a life of crime. And how once one is in that life, alternatives are severely limited. Defoe renders a stark description of Newgate, England's notorious--and horrible--prison. We have made *some* progress.

Plato said that no man is to be punished "because he did wrong, for that which is done can never be undone, but on order that, in the future times, he, and those who see him corrected may utterly hate injustice, or at any rate abate much of their evil-doing." He also said the law "should aim at the right measure of punishment."

Decades ago, Chief Justice Warren Burger said, "It is my deep conviction that when society places a person behind walls, we assume a collective moral responsibility to try to change and help that person." The American people have, he said, "a moral commitment" that can accomplish more than "what can be done by the compulsion of judicial decrees."

We have neither understood nor accepted this moral responsibility.

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Aging in Place

Submitted by Scott Funk

Last Flight

I'm just back from a cross country flight via JFK. It was a learning experience, made no easier by memories of the luxury and excitement of flying some years back. Remember when people got dressed up to fly? It was fancy. Stewardesses catered to you and made you feel special. The competition was in comfort. Today we are packed into planes like cattle.

While that can be irritating, what happened on this flight was more about aging than service. My wife and I travel heavy: two check-ins and two carry-ons, plus briefcases. Even on a short trip, that's our minimum, but getting down the plane aisle can be a challenge, the carry-ons wheeling along behind us, banging against every possible obstacle.

When I attempted to lift my bag into the overhead compartment, the lady sitting below it appeared to be fearing for her life. As I reached to lift my wife's bag, the lady desperately tried to lean out of the "crash zone." I noticed this and wondered, "How dangerous do I look?" I've been hefting luggage up into these bins longer than she's been alive. Perhaps that was just what made her so nervous.

During the flight, an elderly couple had to make their way down the aisle to the bathroom. Each was struggling to support the other. He was old, but she seemed ancient. Watching them try to negotiate the walk, while they were pitched and tossed by the almost imperceptible movement of the plane, was scary. Fortunately, they made it, but it left me thinking, "Wow, they are too old to fly. How did they even get their bags up into the bins?"

On the return flight, when I went to lift up our carry-ons, a young man popped up. "Please, sir, let me do that for you." Give me a break, I can do it myself, was what I wanted to say, but I didn't think fast enough. He'd already whipped up both bags and slipped back into his seat before I could gather a response. So, I smiled and thanked him, but got even when it was time to deplane buy jumping up and pulling down my bags before he could get up to help. Trapped in his seat as I struggled to wrangle our bags, he was the picture of fear itself. The first bag came down fine in a sort of tippy, jerky way. The second one almost got away from me.

Back on the ground, driving home from the airport, I thought about how that elderly couple looked and considered how I must have looked to that young man so anxious offer me assistance. Maybe it is time for me either to accept help graciously or to pack lighter. I'm not at the point I need help walking down the aisle to the bathroom, but aging has changed something, so I had better adjust.

Aging in Place, it doesn't happen by accident, but if you want to avoid accidents sometimes you have to change.

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