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Bridge Over Calm Waters

Richmond photographer Pennie Rand caught this peaceful scene on Route 2 over the Winooski River.

Up Up and Away

With a matching grant from the State of Vermont Historic Preservation Barn Grant program, Dave and Deb Conant worked with Building Heritage of Huntington to restore the cupolas on their historic riverside barn in Richmond.

The original barn burned to the ground on April 22, 1915. By August of the same year, Leverette Conant had engineered construction of a new barn. The family set up an on-site sawmill on their hillside woodlot just west of Route 2 where they cut and milled timbers for the new barn. Slate for the roof came by ox cart from Fair Haven. The milking parlor was added in 1981.

With strong winds and heavy snow the weathered cupolas, each weighing 3,000 pounds, threatened to fall through the roof and destroy the barn. After much family discussion, the Conants decided to invest in restoring the cupolas and applied for and were awarded a matching grant from the State of Vermont. Each cupola was skillfully lifted off the barn with cranes, restored on the ground, and then put back in place. New finials were made for the cupolas based on memory from Dave Conant and some other locals because photographs could not be found.

Next time you drive by, take a look at this iconic barn and its newly restored cupolas. Thanks to the Conants decision to invest in the barns preservation, the working landscape has also been preserved for all of us to enjoy. But don't go thinking it's just something to look at! While we all know about Conants delicious sweet corn, the dairy farm milks 400 head of Holsteins twice a day!

(Facts taken from Harriet Riggs's History of Richmond book)

Richmond photographer Pennie Rand captured the activity on the restoration of the cupolas on the barns at the Conant farm on Route 2. More, page 11.

Fire Truck Wins Easy Approval

by Greg Elias

Richmond residents resoundingly supported funding for a new fire engine during balloting on September 26.

The vote was 212-36 to approve spending up to $395,000 to replace one of three existing pumper trucks owned by the Richmond Fire Department.

Assistant Fire Chief Gerald Levesque said he was gratified by the result but wished more residents—a tiny fraction of registered voters cast ballots—had participated.

"We've always had great success," he said. "It's always been a large margin of yes for the Fire Department. But I'm disappointed to be honest with you with the number of voters that turned out."

Rust and engine problems have plagued Fire Engine No. 3, which was purchased in 2001. The Fire Department tries to get 20 years of service from each fire engine. But an inspection earlier this year found severe frame rust. In addition, the vehicle's 1,500-gallon water tank developed a leak and the engine's cylinder head

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Funds for Gillett Pond

At a Public Hearing on October 16, the Huntington Selectboard heard from about 40 people in attendance and another nine in writing about a grant request by the Friends of Gillett Pond for $100,000 of the Huntington Conservation Fund. The money would go toward the replacement of the dam at the Jonesville end of the pond. The majority of people (Huntington and Richmond residents) who spoke at the meeting supported the request.

The Selectboard will take written comments until October 25 and will make a decision in November. Address comments to the Huntington Selectboard, 4930 Main Road, Huntington, or townhunt@gmavt.net on or before October 25.

What's New at Richmond Food Shelf!

The Food Shelf on Bridge Street served almost 90 area families this summer. The organization is dependent on donations and clothing sales to keep the shelves stocked. Read more about the organization and its volunteer staff on page 15.

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Letters

Gillett Pond Community Service

The Friends of Gillett Pond want to thank local Girl Scout Troop 13940. Three members have chosen to earn their Bronze Awards through community service projects focused on Gillett Pond!

Above, the wood duck house built by Bria Sloane (Bolton resident and CHMS student) will be installed in the winter time at Gillett Pond. Both the Birds of Vermont Museum and Jim Shallow at Audubon contributed critical pieces to the project. Below, the scrapbook is proudly read by Eden Delaney of Burlington while Nora Perry, also of Burlington, looks on.

One Scout has already built a nesting box for wood ducks, which she'll put it in place on the pond this winter for ducks to use next spring. Two other Scouts created a scrapbook illustrating Gillett Pond's extensive wildlife population and long human history. The Friends of Gillett Pond will find this very useful for educational events.

We're deeply impressed by the initiative and effort the troop members and their leaders displayed through their project, and appreciate their work to keep the pond functioning as both an ecological and community-wide resource.

—*Jane Dorney*, Richmond

CHMS Principal News

Thank you to everyone who helped make our annual fundraiser such a success. The community graciously donated a number of items to raise funds for student scholarships, field studies and cultural activities. This year's school wide fundraiser was a raffle of Vermont products and services. We are pleased to present the following prize winners:

A family selection of Darn Tough Socks - Natalie Marchant
4 ski passes to Sleepy Hollow Inn Ski and Bike Center - Natalie Villeneue
Two-day tickets to Bolton Valley Ski Resort - Andrea Miller
Gift Certificate for 5 Visits to Picard Fitness Consulting, LLC - Mark Carbone
Ben & Jerry's swag basket - Sonya Klinger
25 Ben & Jerry's free ice cream cone coupons - Art Thomas
A liter of Vermont Slopeside Maple Syrup - Jim Christian
Novelty Toaster #1 - Matthew Plummer
Novelty Toaster #2 - H. Poehlman
Gift certificate for one or small group yoga session from jeansyoga-forall.com - Sherri Gouse
Hand crocheted lap blanket - Elle Lewis
A selection of Pure Haven items - Molly Peters
Photo art - M. Deckers
Ski the East goodie bag - Jess Courtemanche

September was a busy month for student field trips. Team Grit had a tremendous day at beautiful Hosmer Point Camp in Southern Vermont. They had great team-building activities, a compass team challenge, as well as a fun time on the water and volleyball court. Students from Team Spark participated as Education for Sustainability advocates while attending the Cultivating Pathways to Sustainability Youth Summit at Shelburne Farms. One of the initiatives is classroom composting; we are looking forward to the roll out to the rest of the school. The Sequoia team has kicked off the year with science field studies such as taking soil samples at the Rivershore Preserve in Richmond, dissecting smelt at the Rubenstein Lab in Burlington, and analyzing the health of the Melosira in Lake Champlain.

Also last month, the CHMS Continental Congress, comprised of students from each of the school's eight teams came together to write the 2017-18 school-wide norms:

Be Respectful: be kind, be helpful, include others, be understanding, listen
Be Responsible: be prepared, be accountable, share the work, be aware
Positive/Growth Mindset: challenge yourself, think flexibly, be persistent, stay positive, be confident
Have Fun!

In early October, Camels Hump Middle School conducted a research survey of our youth. It is our hope that the results will help us work together to help young people succeed and thrive in life. The survey is titled the Youth and Program Strengths Survey. Focusing on the strengths and supports that youth have and need in their lives, this survey will help the Mount Mansfield Modified Union School District work with students, families, and our communities to ensure that the young people we work with have the opportunities they need to be successful in life.

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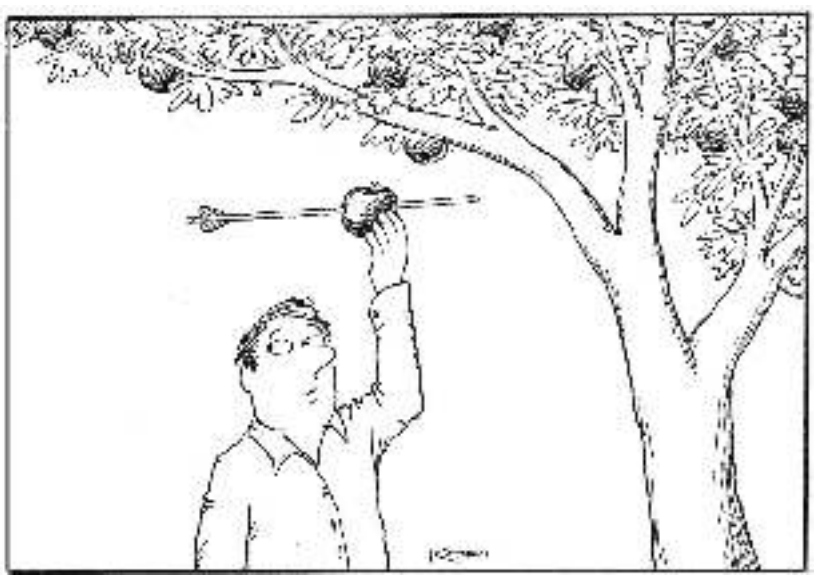
Senior Foot Clinics

The next dates for Richmond Foot Clinics for Seniors is November 28. Mark your calendar. Clinics are held at the Richmond Rescue Building. Come to the back door of the building beginning at 9 am.

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.



Local Talent in Lyric's A Christmas Story

Rebecca Sprano and Isaiah Gilbert are local talent in Lyric Theatre's production of A Christmas Story The Musical, onstage at the Flynn Theatre November 9-12.

Just in time for the holiday season, Lyric Theatre Company's A Christmas Story The Musical will debut on the MainStage of Burlington's Flynn Center for the Performing Arts for six performances, November 9 through 12.

The film, based on the autobiographical short stories by Jean Shepherd, premiered in 1983. Since then, A Christmas Story has joined It's a Wonderful Life and Miracle on 34th Street, as one of the staples of the holiday season—as beloved and durable as candy canes and eggnog. Set in 1940s Indiana, a bespectacled boy named Ralphie has one wish for Christmas—a Red Ryder BB gun. A kooky leg lamp, pink bunny PJs, a cranky department store Santa, and a triple-dog-dare to lick a freezing flagpole are just a few of the obstacles that stand between Ralphie and his dream.

Thirty-two cast members have been in rehearsal since early September and several hundred volunteers are simultaneously working on behind-the-scenes elements of the show. Representing the communities of Richmond and Huntington are cast members Rebecca Sprano, Women's Ensemble, and Isaiah Gilbert, Men's Ensemble; House Co-Chair, Heidi Racht; Costume Construction crew members Laurie Dana and Heidi Racht; and Set Construction crew members Liz Dana and Rich Dana. Sprano graduated from Mt. Mansfield Union High School. She works as a server and hostess at One Radish Eatery and Grazers and is the Stage Manager for Vermont Youth Dancers. Gilbert, another MMU graduate, works at the Garden of Eatin' Café. He also performs with the local a cappella group Root7.

Matinees will be presented at 2 pm on November 11 and 12. Evening curtain times are 7:30 pm on November 9, 10, and 11, and 6:30 pm on November 12. The Sunday matinee will be audio-described for patrons who are blind or visually-impaired.

Lyric Theatre Company is a non-profit, all-volunteer organization. A Christmas Story The Musical will be Lyric's 91st production on the Flynn MainStage. Tickets are $24-$42 with student/senior discounts offered at some performances; group rates are available. Purchase tickets in person at the Flynn Center Box Office, call 802 86-FLYNN or order online at www.flynntix.org.

Huntington HVAC System Open House

'It is an annual phenomenon… school starts and the cooler fall temperatures spike into hot, humid heat. When the temperatures in Vermont soared to record numbers in late September, schools had their annual fall heat wave and discomfort in the hot building. In Brewster-Pierce School, the air was cool and dry. The new heating and ventilating system, installed at the school over the summer, worked like a charm. The geothermal system regulates the temperatures in the building through a system of "well" drilled into the ground that transports air into the building - it works with heat in the winter and cooler air in the summer and modulates the humidity in the air.

Huntington voters overwhelmingly supported the Huntington School Board's initiative to go with geothermal system, rather than systems using fossil fuels or wood pellets. The Board worked closely with the Huntington Energy Committee before determining which system it would recommend to the voters. Public hearings were held early in the process to get a sense of the community's direction, which was to move away from fossil fuels. The Board then visited buildings with alternative systems and determined that the geothermal system was the best option. It worked to educate the voters and presented the project for a bond vote in November 17.

The Huntington School Board is having a presentation on October 24, 6:30 pm to 8 pm, to show the new HVAC (heating and cooling) system to the community. The Board will have an informative slide show highlighting the project and the architects will be on hand to answer any questions. Changes to the interior classrooms will be available for viewing as well.

2017 Hunter's Breakfast

Preparations are underway for Huntington's Annual Hunter's Breakfast. Breakfast will be served Saturday, November 11, from 5 am -11 am; and Saturdays, November 18 and 25, from 6 am -11 am.

Come and enjoy homemade bread from Three Hungry Boys Bakery, Vermont Smoke and Cure bacon and sausage, cornmeal or regular pancakes or French toast with Henry Moultroup's syrup, eggs almost any style and tasty home fries, in the Daily Bread fashion. Breakfast is prepared to order.

Hunters, friends and families are welcome to enjoy a relaxing local breakfast at the Community Church of Huntington.

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Town of Richmond

Second Quarter 2017-2018 taxes payment due Wednesday, November 15, 2017.

The office is open until 4 pm on Tuesday, November 15, to accept payments.

A late fee of 1% interest will be applied to late payments on November 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

Second Quarter 2017-2018 tax installment is due November 15, 2017.

Office will be open:
Monday, November 13, 8 am – 7 pm
Tuesday, November 14, 8 am – 3 pm
Wednesday, November 15, 8 am – 6 pm

Postmarks by the 15th will be accepted.
(Note: Internet-generated checks do not have a postmark and therefore must reach our office by the 15th.)

Payments placed through the wall slot at the Town Office are accepted until **midnight** on November 15.

Late payments are subject to a 1% per month interest charge on November 16.

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Plant Huntington Planet Huntington returns this fall to take you on journeys near and far. We kick off this season with the Greenberg/Hall family who spent three weeks in Israel in July of this year. Join us on Sunday, October 29, at 7 pm to see pictures of their journey including Jerusalen, Haifa, Tel Aviv, the Negev Desert, and several natural areas in the north around Safed. The family looks forward to sharing what they learned about the history, geology, and environment of Israel.

Hatha Yoga with Tania Dornic Thursdays, 5:45 pm – 6:45 pm. Invigorate your week with a slow yet empowering yoga class suitable for all levels of experience. We will focus on alignment in the postures, while being mindful of body, breath, and mind. Classes are $10 each, with $1 of that fee for the Huntington Public Library.

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

Book Group Sunday, October 29, 10 am – noon. Join us in a discussion of Infidel by Ayaan Hirsi Ali, whose story is one of incredible journey from her sheltered Muslim upbringing to becoming an intellectual and activist. The group is informal and open to all who are interested. Coffee, tea, and treats.

Huntington Death Cafe Monday, October 30, 6 pm – 8 pm. Break free of societal norms and join us in conversation about death and dying. Discussion is thoughtful, insightful, and free-flowing. Free event, and all are welcome. For more information contact Elisa Vautier at elisavautier1@gmail.com or www.deathcafe.com, www.facebook.com/huntingtondeathcafe.

New Adult Fiction Everyone Brave is Forgiven by Chris Cleave; Trace by Archer Mayor; Fresh Complaint – Stories by Jeffrey Eugenides; The Chalk Pit and The Blood Card by Elly Griffith; Y is for Yesterday by Sue Grafton; The Ninth Hour by Alice McDermott.

Adult Non-Fiction Rosemary Gladstar's Herbal Healing for Men by Rosemary Gladstar; Fairy Houses by Sally J. Smith; Resilience, Community Action and Social Transformation – People, Place, Practice, Power Politics and Possibility in Transition; Dying – A Memoir by Cory Taylor; Granite, Fire and Fog – The Natural and Cultural History of Acadia by Tom Wessels; How Emotions are Made by Lisa Feldman Barrett.

DVD Treasures of the Earth; The Gruffalo; Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Long Haul Martha Speaks – Puppies! Puppies! Puppies!

Adult Audio The Source and The Void by J.D. Horn.

Picture Books Noisy Night by Mac Barnett; The Three Billy Goats Gruff by Jerry Pinkney; The Book of Mistakes by Corina Luyken; Jabari Jumps by Gaia Cornwall; Tall, Tall Tree by Anthony D. Fredericks; Go Away, Big Green Monster! by Ed Emberly; What's Your Favorite Color by Eric Carle and Friends; The Way Home in the Night by Akiko Miyakoshi; When the Rains Come by Alma Fullerton.

Junior and Young Adult Fiction Wishtree by Katherine Applegate; The Hate You Give by Angie Thomas.

Junior Non-Fiction This is How We Do It – One Day in The Lives of Seven Kids From Around the World by Matt LaMothe; Her Right Foot by Dave Eggers; Fairy Houses of the Maine Coast by Maureen Heffernan; A Wrinkle in Time Adapted and Illustrated by Hope Larson; The Right Word – Roget and His Thesarus by Jen Bryant and Melissa Sweet; The Beavers' Busy Year, Animal Mouths, and Animal Legs by Mary Holland.

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.

Huntington Library Story Time and Playgroup Fridays, 10 am to noon. Storytime starts at 10:45 am. Babies and toddlers learn early literacy skills by listening to stories, fingerplays, rhyming, singing songs, doing and crafts. The playgroup aims to provide a warm,welcoming, and fun place for children and their caregivers to socialize and make new friends.

Thank You A huge thank you to our fantastic former Building Brighter Futures facilitator, Jen O'Hora. Unfortunately, Building Brighter Futures no longer offers grants to small playgroups, funding has been re-allocated to Community Centers. The Huntington Public Library is grateful to have benefited from this important and enriching program supported by grants for many years!

First Friday Movie Night The next Movie Night will be held on Friday, November 3, at 7 pm. We will be watching Hotel Transylvania 2.

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October Art We will be showing the work of Richmond resident Anita Cotrone for the months of October and November. Come view these wonderful paintings on our gallery walls in the adult area of the Library. Anita has been painting since the mid-seventies and finds inspiration through natural landscapes, still life, buildings and water scenes. She credits her mother for bestowing the painting gene.

October Display Pan-Am Airline souvenirs of Barbara Beckwith.

Book Discussions Multiple copies for each title are available next to the 1st floor circulation desk.

Birds of a Feather, a Maisie Dobbs novel, by Jacqueline Winspear. As Maisie investigates, she discovers that the answers to all her questions lie in the unforgettable agony of The Great War. Thursday, November 16, 7 pm.

Rebel Queen by Michelle Moran. Although her soldiers may not appear at first to be formidable against superior British weaponry and training, Lakshmi refuses to back down from the empire determined to take away the land she loves. Tuesday, November 14, 6 pm.

Rosie's Mom: Forgotten Women of the First World War. One hundred years ago, a full generation before Rosie the Riveter, women rolled up their sleeves and entered war industries where they had never been welcome before. Historian Carrie Brown reveals their courage and their hard work, and explores how these women helped shape the work that their more famous daughters would do in the next World War. A Vermont Humanities Council program. Wednesday, November 15, 7 pm.

Film Discussion Alfred Hitchcock and the Art of Suspense. Hitchcock famously said "Some films are slices of life; mine are slices of cake." His career spanned forty years and many film eras. Film expert Rick Winston will discuss the evolution of Hitchcock's craft. A Vermont Humanities Council program. Wednesday, December 13, 7 pm.

Pen Art for Kids Mold some oven-bake Sculpey clay onto a pen, bake it and you have a colorful, whimsical, functional work of art suitable for personal use or holiday gift giving. Kids ages 8 - 13 can register for this fun, free event at the library on Wednesday, November 29 from 4 - 5:30 pm. Please register by November 17 to ensure enough materials for everyone to make a few pens.

Weekly Children's Programs We offer three weekly programs for young children. Choose the one that's right for your child and schedule. While the programs are planned with the ages listed in mind, older and younger children are always welcome. No registration is required.

Baby Laptime This short storytime is for babies ages 0 - 24 months and their grownups. We will share the magic of stories, songs, rhymes, bounces and fingerplays designed to introduce these youngest children to color, sounds, fine motor skills, and body movement. Join the fun on Mondays at 10:30 am.

Playgroup and Storytime For children age Infant - 5. Introduce your child to many new friends and to the wonderful world of books on Wednesdays. Playgroup begins at 8:45 am. Storytime begins at 10 am.

Early Bird Math Storytime This storytime is for children ages 2 - 5. We will explore numbers, shapes, patterns and sets through books, songs, rhymes and games. Join us on the first three (and fifth) Fridays of the month at 11 am.

Yoga Storytime Children ages 2-5 can join us for yoga storytime. We'll enjoy thoughtful books and engage our bodies with active movement. Join us on the Fourth Friday of the month at 11:00 am.

Read to Tippy the Dog Children ages 4 - 12 can sign up for a private session with Tippy, a Certified Therapy Dog. Why read to Tippy? Because Tippy is friendly and cute and she will love anyone who reads her a story. Readers will gain confidence while they enjoy some private story time with Tippy. Sign up for a slot in advance or just drop by on the second Tuesday of every month from 3 - 4 pm in the Community Room.

New Adult Non-Fiction Hue 1968 by Mark Bowden, Sensemaking: the power of the humanities in the age of the algorithm, by Christian Madsbjerg, Born a Crime by Noah Trevor, Yashim Cooks Istanbul by Jason Goodwin, Colleges That Change Lives by Loren Pope.

Adult Fiction The Devouring by James R. Benn, Dead Woman Walking by S.J. Bolton, Cold Earth by Ann Cleeves, Don't Let Go by Harlan Coben, The Storm Murders by John Farrow, The Vengeance of Mothers by Jim Fergus, A Column of Fire by Ken Follett, Camino Island by John Grisham, Proof of Life by Judith A. Jance, The Western Star by Craig Johnson, The Unexpected Inheritance of Inspector Chopra by Vaseem Khan, Sleeping Beauties by Stephen and Owen King, Forest Dark by Nicole Krauss, The Girl Who Takes an Eye for an Eye by David Lagercrantz, Little Fires Everywhere by Celeste Ng, Miss Kopp's Midnight Confessions by Amy Stewart, A Casualty of War by Charles Todd, Night of the Lightbringer by Peter Tremayne, Sing, Unburied, Sing by Jesmyn Ward.

Juvenile/YA Non-Fiction Please browse our collection on the second floor. We were able to weed many titles that were obsolete or in poor condition and have greatly refreshed the collection with the help of the Friends of the Richmond Free Library. A few new titles: Malcolm X, a biography by David Downing, Strong is the New Pretty by Kate T. Parker, One world, many religions by Mary Pope Osborne, Encyclopedia of Science, Everything You Need to Know About Frogs and Other Slippery Creatures, 100 Inventions That Made History, Exploring Space by Martin Jenkins and others.

Juvenile Fiction Ellen Tebbits by Beverly Cleary, Lost in a Book by Jennifer Donnelly, Heroes in Training by Joan Holub, Magic Pickle and the Planet of the Grapes, The Sorcerer's Shadow by Jordan Quinn, Take Your Time by Eva Furrow, In the Middle of Fall by Kevin Henkes, Please Ignore Vera Dietz by A.S. King.

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MMCTV 20th Anniversary

Above, MMCTV supporters of all ages enjoyed a meal of local foods from area farms and businesses. Left, MMCTV founder Keith Longmore, who was in town for the event. Courtesy photos.

Over 80 people had a great time at MMCTV's successful 20th Anniversary Harvest Dinner benefit at the W. Monitor Barn on October 5.

MMCTV founder Keith Longmore was in town for the event celebrating 20 years of public access in Jericho, Richmond and Underhill.

Much of the ultra-local food was from the fields just outside by the Vermont Youth Conservation Corps, as well as donations from Jericho Settlers, Chamberlin's, Maple Wind farms and other local businesses.

Attendees also enjoyed listening and dancing to music by Red Hot Juba.

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New Fire Truck

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was warped. The engine problem alone cost more than $5,000 to fix.

After much debate, the Selectboard concluded that it made little sense to keep plowing money into a fire truck that was would be replaced anyway in a couple of years.

The Richmond Fire Department's other fire engines are of more recent vintage. One was purchased in 2015 and the other dates back to 2011. The department also has a brush truck and a utility truck.

The new fire engine will be financed for seven years, with annual principal payments of $57,142, plus 3 percent annual interest. The property tax rate will increase by slightly more than a penny to cover the payments.

The lopsided vote to approve a new fire engine continued a tradition of financial support for the Richmond Fire Department. Fire Chief Dennis Gile has said that voters have approved every funding request in his 40-plus years with the department. Most recently, voters in 2014 passed by a 534-320 margin bond funding for the department's newest fire engine.

The Selectboard scheduled the special vote because of concern that the old fire engine could break down again at any time and because it takes more than a year to obtain a replacement. But like other recent single-issue votes, the fire engine bond referendum produced a tiny turnout. Just 8 percent of Richmond's 3,162 registered voters cast ballots.

The bond approval is only the first step in the acquisition process. The town must wait 30 days after the vote before taking further action in case the tally is contested. Then formal bids will be solicited from the three companies that had provided estimates ahead of the bond vote.

The companies selected to bid, each of which are established custom-builders of emergency vehicles, are: Illinois-based Alexis Fire Equipment Co.; E-ONE, located in Florida; and Toyne Inc. of Iowa.

A committee will then select a company to build the fire engine. That is expected to take about a year, Levesque said, with delivery anticipated by late 2018.

In the meantime, the old fire engine's frame has been repaired and it passed the annual state inspection, so it can be safely used for now, though Levesque noted that it is being used only in Richmond and will not travel to other towns for mutual aid calls.

The vehicle's next inspection is due in January or February, Levesque said. The results will determine whether the old fire engine can stay on the road until the new vehicle arrives.

"So if they say the truck is down, we can't use it and we're done," he said. "But if they say it's good for now, we'll come back in a couple of months and check it."

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Huntington Selectboard

Reported by Ruth Blodgett

At the Huntington Selectboard meeting September 25, 2017, Town Administrator Barbara Elliott informed the Board comments on the draft Municipal Roads General permit (MRGP) are due by October 27. Board members looked at a Huntington Road Erosion Inventory map, prepared by CCRPC (Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission), showing which roads are hydrologically connected (draining into brooks and rivers) and which roads meet permit standards. The MRGP has different standards for Class 1, 2 and 3 roads.

Road Foreman Yogi Alger spoke favorably about Bridge 8. Alger told the Board he wished to reexamine the placement of the guardrail before signing the bridge acceptance form. At the October 2 meeting, Town Administrator Elliott referred to these concerns about the approach onto the bridge, relaying that "Yogi is fine with it upon a closer look." The motion to sign off on the Bridge 8 project passed. Selectboard member Andrew Hendrickson commented, "Good project, it went really smoothly."

Bruce Hennessey came to the Board with a request to exceed the Moody Bridge weight limit, to facilitate logging at Maplewind Farm. Hennessey shared his plan to shore up the bridge, to bring in equipment six different times. The trucks carrying logs will cross the Carse Road Bridge, which has a higher weight limit. The logging company, Vermont Green Wood Resources, LLC, is insured for $2 million, reported Hennessey. Alger said he "felt OK with the shoring up." Selectboard Chair Dori Barton stressed being very clear on the condition that the logs go over Carse Bridge. Barton also said Alger will sign off afterwards that the bridge is in good shape. The motion to approve no more than six occurrences of crossing the Moody Road Bridge with equipment up to 40,000 pounds (20 tons), with proof of insurance, was approved.

The Board decided to go forward with the reclassification process for Town Highway 9, which was never officially made a Class 4 road.

Friends of Gillett Pond Request for Funds Members of the Huntington Conservation Commission (HCC) presented the commission's recommendation regarding a Huntington Conservation Fund (HCF) Application from Friends of Gillett Pond (FoGP). Wright Preston, Treasurer of Richmond Land Trust, along with members of FoGP also gave input. The FoGP submitted a very detailed application to the HCC for $100,000 in July, said HCC co-chair Rebecca Ryan. The HCC voted 6 to 2 approving $50,000 from the HCF, continued Ryan, given that the application met many of the criteria for these funds, but considering that the property is in Richmond; historically the HCF is for projects within Huntington. "The amount of money is large, but we all recognize the beauty, history, recreation, and diverse habitat, [yet] dams are being removed across Vermont to conserve habitat," Ryan added.

HCC member Jenna Koloski clarified that since there is no option to leave the Gillett Pond dam as it is, the HCC supported its replacement. Barton asked where the $50,000 figure came from. The HCC had to consider how much money is in the HCF, and wanted to make sure enough money is left for other possible projects, said Ryan. Aaron Worthley, of FoGP said, "We still would like the whole amount of money that we asked for. We hope the Selectboard would consider that and make that case at the public meeting." The FoGP will make a presentation at a September 16 public hearing, at 6:30 pm, and the Board will receive public comment on its application.

With Barton recusing herself, the Board moved to support a letter of Collaboration between the Vermont Urban and Community Forestry Program and the HCC for a Technical Assistance Grant.

Town Plan and Regulations Move Forward to Public Hearings Huntington Planning Commission (HPC) Chair Everett Marshall, along with other HPC members, discussed next steps for Town Plan and Land Use Regulations approval.

HPC member Terry Ryan commented, "The changes are substantial but there has been lots of public input." Marshall added, "In the past, I sensed organized opposition to planning, I have not felt this during this process. This has been a long process, we have reexamined things." HPC member Joe Segale continued, "There was a long list of public feedback we have addressed."The Board voted to warn a Public Hearing November 6, at 6:30 pm, to receive public comment on the proposed Huntington Town Plan Village Maps updates. The Board voted to warn a Public Hearing for December 18, 2017 at 6:30 pm to receive public comment on the proposed modifications to the Huntington Land Use regulations.

Highway Report The storm water management project behind the Town garage was underway. Six more culvert replacements are planned by the Highway Department before winter maintenance begins.

The Board planned a Town Volunteer and Employee Appreciation dessert for Thursday November 2, at the Town Hall.

Elliott presented the year-end budget report for FY (Fiscal Year) 2016-2017, stating there was more revenue than expected, but also more expenses.

The new Fire truck cost more than budgeted because the old truck was not traded in, said Elliott. The Fire Department plans to sell the older engine.

A Personnel policy and procedures manual review, led by the HR Subcommittee, was postponed since two Selectboard members were absent.

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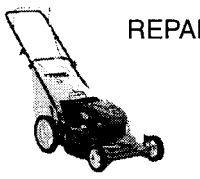

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MMMUSD Board

Reported by Diane Wester

New Faces The Board welcomed Derek Miodownik as the new Richmond representative, Paul Susen, Huntington School Board Chair, and new student representatives Amelia Moriarty (junior) and Fiona Tynion (senior). (A video presentation of the new teachers hired this year throughout CESU is available at www.cesuvt.org. in the Superintendent's Report).

Continuing its newly created tradition, the Board rotates its meetings at various schools throughout the district. In September the board visited Huntington and saw the new geo-thermal HVAC system. There will be an HVAC Open House on October 24 where project staff will answer questions from the public. In October, the Board visited Browns River Middle School and saw the new traffic pattern/parking lot improvements. (There is a video of the parking lot also on line.) Principal Kevin Hamilton reports it has been a great success.

Finance Committee Emergency Meeting A serious water main break at Underhill ID in July caused the town to shut off water to the school until it was repaired. The total costs were approximately $55,000 – not included in the budget – but instead, approved to be taken from the capital reserve fund. This fund was established for this type of emergency situation. The balance in this fund before this emergency was about $800,000. The Board thanked the water district of Jericho/Underhill for helping to share the cost of the water main valve, and the Town of Jericho for sharing the cost of the road patch. The problem was fixed by August 22.

Policy Governance The "Ends" will be developed this year ("Hopefully by December," said Edye Graning). In the meantime, the Board will continue to conduct policy compliance monitoring for those policies which have already been developed – with each Board member participating in the writing of at least three reports throughout the year. Community Engagement data (to help develop the Ends) has been gathered and is being evaluated. Community engagement meeting dates will be published soon.

Policy Governance Compliance Report 2.0 – Global Executive Constraints. This policy Monitoring Report has been read and provides a reasonable interpretation of the policy with evidence of compliance that is a reasonable interpretation.

Teacher Contracts and Insurance The State of Vermont projects individual school districts will be able to save premium costs in accordance with the Affordable Care Act and has decided the amount MMMUSD can save in 2017/2018 will be $234,626 – therefore this money will not be allocated to the District from the state. In a letter to the MMMUSD Board dated September 7, Superintendent John Alberghini closed with this sentence: "The revenue reductions in 2017-2018 have not been budgeted, thus, savings will need to be achieved in other areas to make up for the decreases in revenue."

The Teacher's Contracts were ratified. Three percent raise per year for the next two years for most teachers, except teachers at the top of the pay scale who will receive approximately 3.1%. Co-curricular staff 4% for each of the next 2 years, which is more in line with neighboring districts. Contribution by teachers to their health insurance policy will increase to 20% from 15% over the next 2 years. There will also be an increase in out of pocket health expenses. These increases will help offset some of the decrease in revenue from the state.

So What Are You Getting For Your Money? (Standardized Testing Results) Alberghini, Michael Berry, and MMU Principal Mike Weston shared the results of the SBAC standardized tests (Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium). This is the test that replaced the NECAP. It is used by 20 states. Scores in all 20 states were down. On average, MMMUSD scores were flat – but MMUHS scoring is second highest in the state. Alberghini and Berry showed how they "drilled down" into the scores to identify problems and develop plans for the future. Alberghini said he'd "stick his neck out" and say the scores would be better next year. The third graders taking the tests for the first time will have had two years of reader's and writer's workshops. The middle schoolers will get practice time on the computer. The entire test is taken on a computer. The skills needed to switch back and forth between screens showing the reading sample and the blank page for the composition of answers need to be mastered. In high school, the test is only administered to 11th graders. All the administrators emphasized this test is just a one day snapshot. There are other, grade appropriate tests administered throughout the year to assess progress and adjust instruction.

Huntington Issue #1 – Assessment When the voters of Huntington decided the elementary school remain independent of the merged MMMUSD the normal and traditional assessments (back charges) from the larger district for transportation, administration, etc. remained in place. MMMUSD created an ad hoc committee to evaluate these costs. "The Central Office number is too high," said Paul Susen. The Assessment Committee has set the amount at $20,000. Andrea Ogilvie (HSB member speaking as a community member) stated assessments had been made solely on the basis of equalized pupil. She outlined a dispute in that when the salaried staff of the Central Office works solely on issues related only to Huntington, they are unavailable to work on MMMUSD issues – conversely – when the staff works on the extra reports necessary for the eight schools in the new policy governance model, they are unavailable to HSB. She suggested Huntington might be subsidizing MMMUSD.

Speaking as a community member, former Assessment Committee member Dave Clark (Huntington) said the board had gone to great lengths not to overburden Huntington. It was proposed the ad hoc Assessment Study Committee be dissolved and all future assessment work to be part of the Finance Committee. The motion was carried with Susen casting the only no vote.

Breck Knauft asked if he could restate Susen's position for clarification: "The proposed assessment is unfair, but there is no material difference between the two committees where this issue is debated."

Issue #2 Independence Board Chair Andrew Pond stated the Huntington School District will pursue the Alternative Structure application with the State. The deadline to file paperwork is December 26. Susen said "It is very clear Act 46 Section 9 does pertain to Huntington." Huntington voted on average (over the three votes in total) 66% no to the merger. If the application is deemed unacceptable, or at some time in the future (possibly 2020) the state will merge the school with the MMMUSD.

Michael Marks (Richmond) strongly believes it is in the best interests of the students to be one supervisory district. Marks believes legal counsel should be sought, as he does not believe Act 46 applies to Huntington. "I believe this Board has the obligation under the law - because we are not a "preferred" (approved) structure… (To provide the best approved structure possible.) I don't believe we fulfill our responsibility by simply letting another school district decide what they want to do and treat that as a fait accompli." Further discussion of this will be an agenda item before December.

Concerns from Community Members Chuck Lacey, Jericho resident, spoke to the Board about football. He outlined his family's background, all athletes, including himself and his wife, cousins, brothers, etc. Most men in his family have played football, some in college, but he states "The word is out." He has seen the research concerning the "repetitive pounding" football players take, and the damage it appears to do in the future. He asks two things of the Board (1) they get down on the sidelines of a MMU football game and observe the action and ask themselves "If you had been seeing this game for the first time, would you approve the sport?" and (2) ask physicians in the district to review the current literature and offer their opinion to the Board. Following that – he would like the Board to reconsider the football program.

Peter Duval, Underhill resident, is concerned about the reporting systems being used by the Board. He noted that many reports are embedded with numerous hyperlinks (not printed or labeled for recording purposes) and these hyperlinks could be modified easily, preventing the possibility of permanent records.

CHMS

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The CHMS community is collecting food donations for those in need. Our collection supports two important efforts: Break Boxes and weekly Food Backpacks. At this time, six to seven backpacks are given out weekly. For school breaks we hope to provide 15 break boxes with each containing: bananas, apples, cheese, milk, bread, cereal, granola bars, canned vegetables, peanut butter and jelly, fruit snacks, canned soup, applesauce/fruit cups, boxed mac and cheese, raisins, oatmeal, pancake mix and syrup, and canned tuna. Thank you for your continued support of this important effort!

The next MMMUSD school board meeting will be held on November 6, 6:30 pm, at Camels Hump Middle School. The public is welcome, and encouraged, to attend.

—*Mark Carbone,* CHMS Principal

CHMS Team Grit at beautiful Hosmer Point Camp in Southern Vermont. The team had great team-building activities, a compass team challenge and other fun activities. Below, summit field trip. Courtesy photos.

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CHMS 4th Annual Pumpkin Chunkin

The fourth annual Pumpkin Chunkin, on October 28 in Richmond, promises plenty of flying pumpkins, games and other family fun.

The free fair, which runs from 11 am to 2 pm, at the Camels Hump Middle School, is organized by the PROSPER Community Team, a partnership of University of Vermont (UVM) Extension and Camels Hump Middle School. It will be held in conjunction with Richmond Elementary School's Big Truck Day.

The highlight of the day is an exhibition featuring the launching of several pumpkins into the air with the trebuchets made by teams of the middle school students. Other activities include face painting, crafts and games for kids, pumpkin painting, and raffles. Food and T-shirts will be available for sale with proceeds to benefit the PROSPER program.

PROSPER, short for Promoting School-community-university Partnerships to Enhance Resilience, encourages positive youth development and strong families. This collaboration between UVM Extension and Camels Hump Middle School is geared towards helping young people entering their teen years to make healthy choices and avoid risky behaviors such as drug and alcohol use. It also helps them learn life skills, cope with stress and peer pressure and communicate more effectively with their parents or guardians.

For more information about Pumpkin Chunkin, send an email to chmsprosper@cesuvt.org. To learn more about PROSPER, contact Briset Flores at briset.flores@uvm.edu.

The 'Merino Mania'

Submitted by Ethan Tapper

If you spend time in the woods, chances are that you will stumble upon an old cellar hole, stone wall, or agricultural implement rusting among the trees. These cultural artifacts are striking and speak to the strange and fascinating history of European settlement in Vermont, which is intertwined with the history of our forests. In most areas of Vermont, I would classify human disturbance as the largest influence over the condition of our forests as they currently exist. The history of how this came to be is a story of settlement, war and mania.

Photo: Vermont Histocial Society

The Napoleonic wars (1793-1813) mark the beginning of our tale. When Napoleon invaded Spain in 1808, the ensuing chaos allowed some of Spain's prized merino sheep to be exported. William Jarvis, the United States Consul to Portugal, was able to acquire some of these sheep, and introduced a large flock of them onto his Weathersfield (Vermont) farm in 1811.

Wool from merino sheep was much higher in quality, and produced more abundantly, than wool from other breeds. In addition, export markets from the U.S. began to boom, and tariffs prevented the importation of wool into the county. This confluence of events initiated 'merino mania' throughout New England in the decade following Jarvis's introduction, when merino wool sold for up to $2/lb. ($0.37/lb. was the going rate for wool from other breeds). While some areas of Vermont had already been cleared for agriculture and settlement, clearing for sheep pasture during this time caused the amount of open land in Vermont to reach about 80% of the state by the middle of the 1800s. By 1837, there were over 1-1.7 million sheep in Vermont, and around 4 million in New England.

The wool industry declined in the 1840s, when wool prices dropped due to a glut of supply, wool production picked up in the west and overseas, and importation tariffs were lifted. Many farms switched to the production of dairy and other commodities, and abandoned some of their pastureland. These pastures began to revert to forest, gradually increasing the amount of forested land in Vermont over the following century. The final blow to numerous farmers in Vermont came with the Great Depression, when many who had held on through the boom and bust of the 1800s finally gave up. In the 1930s through the 1960s, huge areas of farmland were abandoned. Many of Vermont's forests originated from pastures 'let go' during this time.

Fields are not ideal seedbeds for most of our native tree species, and so these pastures tended to be colonized by white pine, a species that does well in these conditions. The resulting "field pine" stands are often poor in quality, with a pair of invasive pathogens, white pine weevil and blister rust, contributing to their woes. Even once the pine has died or been removed, the effect of the clearing lingers; in many cases it takes at least two generations of trees before these areas begin to regain the appearance of native forest, though thoughtful, active forest management can expedite this process somewhat.

These field-origin forests face other challenges as well. They are generally relatively poor wildlife habitat, lacking structural diversity (trees of different ages and heights) and species diversity (many different tree species). They also often lack downed trees and woody material on the forest floor, which is important for wildlife habitat, erosion prevention, carbon storage and soil building. They are also prime habitat for invasive exotic plant species. These shortcomings can be addressed with high-quality forest management, but they still amount to significant problems across the landscape, due to the ubiquitous nature of these field-origin stands.

The next time you take a walk in the woods, see if you can imagine what it was like in the 1830s, when millions of merino sheep grazed these rocky hills. The complicated relationship between humans and forests continues to evolve, but we are blessed with the gift of hindsight, which allows us to examine our past management practices critically. Hopefully we can use this knowledge to not only enrich our time in the woods, but to make better management decisions in the future.

For those who are interested in learning more, check out Reading the Forest Landscape, by Tom Wessels (a Vermont naturalist and author).

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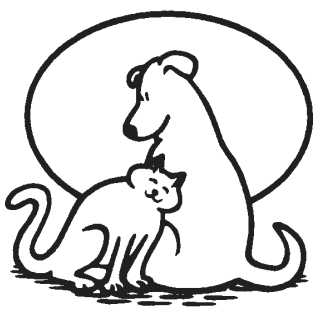

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News from Area Churches

Richmond Congregational Church

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I learned the term "Gastro-evangelism" – that is sharing the "good news" through food – from my college chaplain. In college, our campus ministry did a lot of eating together – we had bible studies once a week at lunch time and often went to brunch in the dining hall together after worship services. But it wasn't just the Protestants that practiced gastro-evangelism; it seemed that breaking bread together was a critical part of every campus ministry. The Catholic students had pizza and chicken wings after mass on Sunday nights. The Jewish Student Center hosted a wonderful Shabbat dinner every Friday, and the Muslim students also ate and fasted together during the month of Ramadan. We also had interfaith events, and food was always a vital part of our gatherings.

Though my college days are long gone, I still find joy in coming together around a table with people for a meal. It was a joy to greet, and later eat with, the hundreds of diners at this month's 70th annual Chicken Pie Supper. While the food was scrumptious, it was made all the better by the company at the table. I met some new neighbors, and learned about a new hiking trail in town. As I looked out at the dining room I also observed the servers buzzing around, and the cooks and dishwashers busily at work in the kitchen. It made my heart glad. The Chicken Pie Supper is gastro-evangelism at its finest – a community meal, prepared by the community, for the community for over seventy years. Thank you for all who were involved!

On Halloween, RCC will once again be giving away hot cider and candy on our front porch. Last year more than 500 people stopped by! We look forward to welcoming you again.

Looking ahead to November, I hope that area senior citizens will join us for another community eating opportunity, a Fall Harvest Lunch on Thursday, November 9, 2017 at 11:30 am. We are offering this free meal in conjunction with the Richmond Community Senior Center. The lunch menu includes a variety of soups, salad, bread and dessert. Students from the Mansfield Cooperative School will also offer musical entertainment. For questions, please contact us the church office.

As the harvest season continues, I hope that you experience a bounty of joy and abundant blessings. May you find many ways to gather around the table, with new, and old friends, and break bread together.

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Town of Huntington

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Community Church of Huntington

The Huntington Selectboard will hold a public hearing at the Community Church of Huntington, on Monday, November 6, 2017, at 6:30 pm to receive public comment on a proposed update to the Huntington Town Plan (adopted September 8, 2014). The geographic areas affected include the Village and Neighborhood Districts of Huntington Lower Village and Huntington Center. The two Village Districts are proposed to be expanded, in turn, causing the Neighborhood District(s) to be somewhat smaller. This is a change to Map A (details on Map B and Map C).

Copies of the maps and summary of the change are available for review at the Huntington Town Office at 4930 Main Road, and on the Town of Huntington website (www.huntingtonvt.com).

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.

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

OCTOBER 21: University of Vermont (UVM) Extension Master Gardener program's Gardening in the Off Season, North Branch Nature Center (NBNC), Montpelier, 10 am to 4 pm. Hosted by the Central Vermont Master Gardener Chapter. Registration fee includes lunch, refreshments and materials: $85.Register: http://go.uvm.edu/uvmemg-offseason-gardening. Questions: contact Kitty Werner at kdwerner@uvm.edu. To learn more about the UVM Extension Master Gardener program and future Master Gardener courses: www.uvm.edu/mastergardener.

OCTOBER 24: Rural Vermont's Annual Meeting & Celebration, 6 pm to 9 pm, Tunbridge Town Hall, 227 VT Rte 110. Potluck supper, board elections, raffles featuring goodies from Johnny's Seeds and area farmers and brewers, plus Digging In: What's Next for Rural Vermont. Family-friendly, free and open to all, and BYOB. More info and Board candidate bios: www.ruralvermont.org or (802) 223-7222.

OCTOBER 27: The Samara Fund at the Vermont Community Foundation, 25th Anniversary, benefit, 5 pm to 7 pm, Burlington City Arts. The Samara Fund is the leading source of permanent support dedicated to nurturing the vitality, success, and well-being of Vermont's lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people and organizations through dynamic and sustained philanthropy. Tickets: $50 per person includes hors d'oeuvres, drinks, and a performance. Syndicated cartoonist Alison Bechdel is one of the evening's guests. She is the author of the graphic memoir Fun Home, Time Magazine's Best Book of 2006 (adapted into a musical and winner of five Tony Awards in 2015, including Best Musical).

OCTOBER 28, NOVEMBER 25 & DECEMBER 30: Bird Monitoring Walks, 8-9, Birds of Vermont Museum, Sherman Hollow Road, Huntington. All birders welcome on the monthly monitoring walk outdoors on the Museum's trails in forest and meadow. Coffee afterwards, indoors viewing window. Most fun for adults, older children. Bring your own binoculars. Free. Pre-register, 434-2167.

NOVEMBER 5: Veterans' Town Hall: a special town hall event for veterans and members of the community, 1 pm, Contois Auditorium, Burlington. Info: btvvetstownhall.eventbrite.com About the National Vets' Town Hall initiative: www.vetstownhall.org, www.sebastianjunger.com/vets-town-hall/

NOVEMBER 16: Community Education Series - HABITS: Understanding habits to change ourselves and change the world, 6 pm to 7:30 pm @ Dealer.com (1 Howard St., Burlington). Free and open to the public. HABITS is presented by Sandra Steingard, M.D., followed by a Q & A session.

NOVEMBER 25 & 26: 28th Annual Women's Festival of Crafts, Burlington City Hall , 149 Church Street. Over 50 craftswomen's booths: handmade jewelry, artwork, pottery, greeting cards, clothing, recycled art, housewares, aromatherapy, herbal products, and more. Saturday, 10 to 5, and Sunday, 10 to 4. Information: www.womensfestivalofcrafts.com. Free and open to the public.

Regular Meetings

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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.

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

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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.

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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.

Community Senior Center

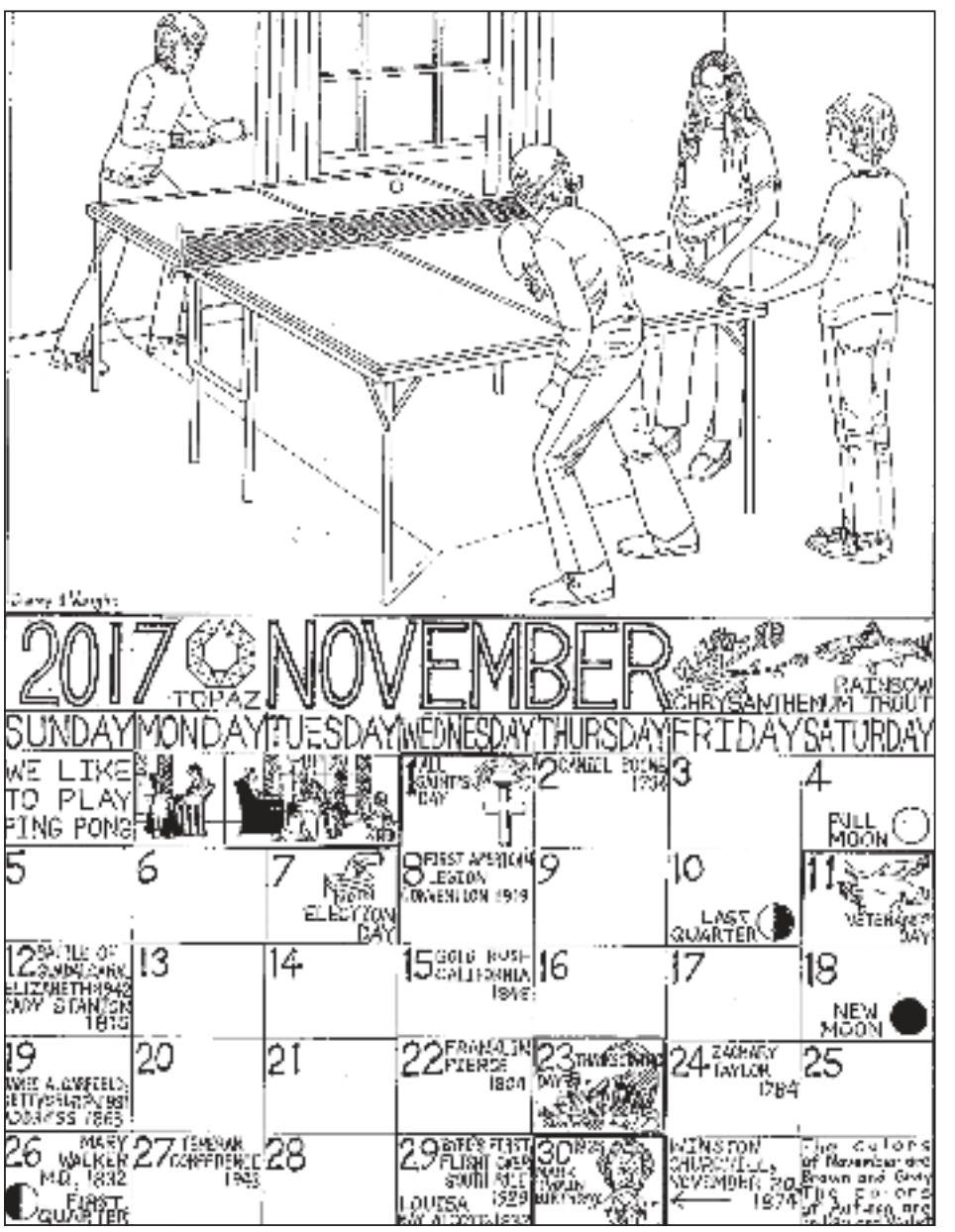
As the ball flies toward her, the player grips her paddle and smacks it across the net. There is considerable cheering, her opponent returns it, and the game surges on. The game is pickle ball, and of all the activities organized by the Community Senior Center, it's one that draws the most people. It is the only activity that is offered in each of our three towns, and ten to fourteen people play at each location. Some people play in two different places because they love the game so much.

During the summer, the Huntington pickle ballers played twice a week on two outdoor courts set up on the Huntington rec field. Now that the weather has cooled down, they've moved back indoors to the old Town Hall in Huntington Center. The other sites are the Richmond Elementary School gym and Bolton Valley Nordic Center.

The popularity of pickle ball in our communities reflects the national love of the game. According to the Sports & Fitness Industry Association's (SFIA) 2016 Participant Report, there are more than 2.5 million pickle ball participants in the United States. The game, which combines elements of tennis, badminton, and ping pong, has exploded across the country with over 15,000 indoor and outdoor courts in the United States and with at least one location in all 50 states. (USAPA.org.)

The weekly games are a place to have fun and meet new people as well as to stay fit. Debbie Worthley, who's a regular Huntington player, reports that "it's a very relaxed environment with lots of laughter and encouragement." She urges people to join and promises that all you have to do is show up, and someone will teach you how to play.

—Jane Vossler



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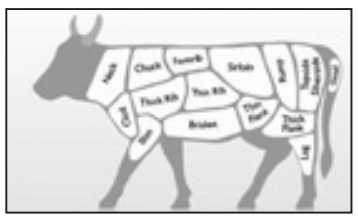

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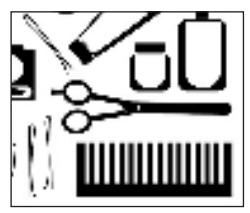

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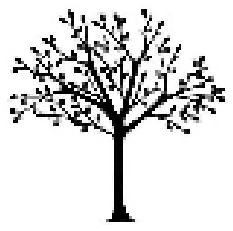

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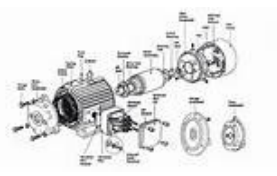

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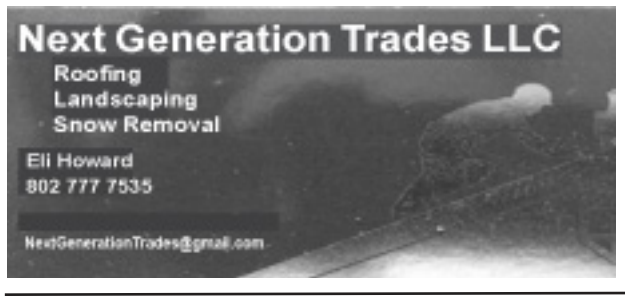

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Business Beat
by Gina Haddock

Richmond Food Shelf and Thrift Store: Providing Critical Resources for Our Community

The Richmond Food Shelf and Thrift Store, located in the heart of Richmond, is a familiar sight to many of us. It originally began as a missionary arm of the Richmond Congregational Church back in 1973 and was located in one of the upstairs rooms of the Church. Known as the No Name Shop and later The Miscellany Mart, it eventually moved to the Masonic Block of Richmond where it resides today with a number of other retail spaces. But, its overall goal is still the same… to help those in need.

Volunteer Melissa Andersen at the Thrift Shop. Photos: Bill Haddock

The Food Shelf is a critical resource to many people, providing accessible and nutritious food for folks residing in Bolton, Huntington, Jonesville or Richmond. Currently, The Food Shelf serves between 70-90 families per month which translates into approximately 220 individuals. In 2016, 49% of the people who used the services were families with children, 37% were elderly and 14% were adults. The Food Shelf is committed to providing food to any resident that comes in and has a need. There is no financial information requested, only evidence that the individual resides in our community. The Food Shelf staff will also help patrons to connect with the right people if they need help signing up for 3SquaresVT, a federally funded nutrition program. Participants are able to use the Food Shelf services twice a month. The Richmond Food Shelf also has an agreement with the town of Williston so that our community members can use the Williston Food Shelf once a month and Williston residents, in turn, can use the Richmond services.

The Food Shelf has created a unique business model to help achieve its mission. The Food Shelf and Thrift Store basically work in partnership. Donations of good quality, gently used clothing, accessories, shoes, purses and scarves are sold in the Thrift Store. Then, the proceeds from sales go towards buying food for the Bolton, Huntington, Jonesville, and Richmond communities.

The Food Shelf uses funds to make a large purchase monthly from the Vermont Food Bank in Barre, with whom they are a Network Resource Partner. They also purchase weekly from our own local Richmond Market. Always striving to provide primarily healthy, nutritious food, additional funds have been used to purchase a CSA, which allows them to offer fresh produce. In all, approximately $2,500 is spent monthly on food.

The Food Shelf and Thrift Store run with the support of the 20 plus volunteer workers who keep the non-profit open 5 days a week. Volunteers work in the Thrift Store, assist clients getting food, and perform many other essential tasks. "We try to make this a place that feels good when you walk in," Board member Maddie Ruth said. Volunteers have heard customers confirm that they are doing just that. When asked "How are you doing today?" more than once, a shopper has replied "Better! Now that I'm here!"

In addition, two part time employees pick up and deliver food weekly, make the runs to pick up and deliver clothing donations weekly, and do the myriad of daily administrative tasks associated with running a multi-faceted non-profit business.

"The Thrift Shop is a great place to find some terrific bargains. We seek out high end clothing donations and make sure that every piece is clean and in good condition before it goes on the racks for sale," Board member Melissa Andersen told the Beat.

The partnership works well. Once you walk through the doors, you'll find racks of clothing with price tags not to be beat. Recently dressing rooms were added making the shopping experience even easier. Tucked along the right side of the building is the Food Shelf and the back section of the building functions as storage supply space for the Food Shelf. It's an efficient use of space to meet both the goal of selling clothing and providing food.

This business partnership has served the Food Shelf well providing approximately $37,000 of critical income for the purchase of food supplies. Last summer, however, the Thrift Store received some worrisome news. "We lost our main source of high-end used clothing, " Marcia Levison told the Beat. "Although we do get clothing from other shops, our partnership with our main provider, a national chain, was a substantial portion of our supply. This has a serious impact on our community."

"Obviously this translates into loss of revenue for our food purchases." Andersen reported. "We are asking our community to help fill this unexpected and long term financial void." Meanwhile, the loyal group of board members comprised of Carol LaRue, Beth Sumner, Maddie Ruth, Melissa Andersen, and Marcia Levison will continue to pursue other clothing partnerships as well as other revenue sources. Unfortunately, it takes time to make these changes and the need for food is immediate.

The Richmond Food Shelf and Thrift Store is a business that contributes a tremendous amount to our community providing some of life's most basic needs through a mix of creative enterprise, volunteer passion and community good will. "We have a lot of very caring people in our community and I know no one wants to think that their neighbor is going to bed hungry," said Andersen.

Financial donations are most gratefully accepted. Please visit their website at www.richmondfoodshelfvt.org where PayPal is available. You can get details on donating food and clothing on the website as well. Checks can be mailed to The Richmond Food Shelf, PO Box 174, Richmond, VT 05477. Your donations help provide a basic human right: Food.

The Richmond Food Shelf and Thrift Store are closed on Sunday and Monday. Business hours are Tuesday 10-4 pm, Wednesday 1-4 pm, Thursday 10-6 pm, Friday 10-4 pm and Saturday 10-1 pm.

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All Things Human

by Demaris Tisdale, MSW

Changing a Life

What was your childhood like? Who were your parents? How did they treat you?

Samantha was an unhappy and angry child. Her mother was distant and lacking self-awareness and her father was depressed and jealous. They were both well-educated and hard-working and thus able to provide financial stability, though with few frills or extras. The marriage, although stable, did not bring out the best in the parents, each of whom seemed resentful and lonely.

Most of us begin our lives in a family with a Mom and a Dad. Was that family stable and functional with kind and loving parents? Or was the family situation unstable and dysfunctional, with parents who were harsh and punitive? Did you feel secure and cared for or anxious and fearful?

It's all about the parents. The manner and conditions in which you were raised have everything to do with who you are. Your parents' attitude and behavior influenced how you perceived the world. If you experienced chronic stress and persistent emotional anxiety and turmoil, the damaging health effects have lasted throughout your life, even though the memory of the stress may have long since vanished. It is common for us as adults to want to believe that we have successfully forgotten the pain, but the mind and body remember even if we aren't conscious of it.

More important than economic status or level of education in determining future well- being are the emotional stability and sensitivity of one's parents. Did your parents understand your emotional needs and fears when you were an infant, and did they respond calmly and lovingly? Did they intuitively know when you were frightened and respond with compassion and love, picking you up and softly soothing you? Or was their attitude one of neglect, conveying the message that you should just "get over it." Did they say things like, "Stop that crying or I'll give you something to cry about"?

It's not uncommon for parents to favor one child over another. The damage is less the partiality than it is the denial of the feelings and the pretence that it doesn't exist. This creates a mental confusion in the child who sees one thing but is repeatedly told it isn't so.

It would appear obvious that parents who are isolated and stressed have less emotional reserve. But financial and environmental factors appear to be of lesser importance than the emotional capacity of Mom and Dad.

Anna Freud found that children who grew up in horrible war conditions were resilient and emotionally secure if they felt the love and devotion of the mother. In the first few months of life, it is typically the mother who is the primary parent, ideally nursing her infant and creating an experience of what Winnicott called "reverie.' Lucky are those babies who experience the love and adoration the parent conveys without words, a parent who accepts the infant's fear and anxiety and offers comfort and cuddling.

When Samantha was 12, she had a chance meeting with a child psychologist which prompted her to look up the word "psychology" in the dictionary.

She discovered the idea that there were people who could help unhappy children. I doubt that psychologist ever knew the enormous influence she had on Samantha's life and how that brief encounter changed everything for her.

Never underestimate the power each of us may have and the difference we may make in the life of another.

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

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