

# The performing arts in Jericho

**By Susan A. Bresee**

The performing arts contribute to the well-being and resilience of a community, according to The Wilson Center, a national policy research group. Fortunately, performing arts are thriving in Jericho. Kids, teens and adults can get involved with dance, music, and theater. Audiences enjoy plenty of performances around town all year, many of which are free.

The local schools encourage kids to explore the arts, whether performing on stage, working backstage, or being part of an audience. “Kids benefit when they get involved building a culture and community of belonging,” says Dave Marlow, Director of Student Activities at Mount Mansfield Union High School. Educators recognize the arts help kids experiment with self-expression and form relationships based on common interests, leading to personal growth. “Arts’ support throughout the school district is strong. This community understands and values the arts,” Marlow says.

Beyond the schools, there are local venues where residents can learn, perform, or watch performances with neighbors and friends. The Jericho Café and Tavern hosts musicians almost every weekend. Frequent bands like Red Hot Juba and Gneiss feature Jericho residents. Musicians add to the fun at the weekly Farmers’ Market, where kids dance in the grass while parents pick tomatoes and eat pizza. The Mills Riverside Park concert series offers evening musical performances each summer.

Several local studios offer dance lessons for kids and adults. The longest running dance studio in Jericho is The Bird’s Nest Dance Loft, started in 1987 in a renovated chicken barn. Bird’s Nest owner Jean-Marie Mellichamp estimates she’s served about 2,000 dancers from Jericho and nearby towns. Mellichamp says she believes the performing arts “weave the fabric of the community. Dance brings people joy, movement keeps us healthy, and working hard on skills strengthens character. It doesn’t matter how old you are or how skilled you are. What matters is that we nurture our creativity, as individuals and as a community.”

One of Jericho’s most successful performance groups is Vermont Youth Dancers (VYD). VYD is a community dance company that offers a top-notch performance experience for local youth, ages 8 to 18. VYD combines dance and popular music, with their unique blend of electrifying hip-hop and graceful lyrical choreography, with song choices that help “tell” the story. The lines between dance and drama are blurred, as dancers bring characters to life through dance, acting, and imaginative staging. In addition to performing on the MMU high school stage, VYD performed at Burlington First Night and Dibden Center for the Arts at Johnson State College. On Saturday-Sunday, November 4-5, VYD will perform A Better Place, A Twist on Oliver at Spruce Peak Arts in Stowe. ([sprucepeakarts.org](http://sprucepeakarts.org))

Hope Sullivan, Executive Director of Spruce Peak Arts says, “We are delighted to host these young dancers from Vermont. Our mission includes bringing the best local talent to our first-class stage to perform for Stowe residents and visitors, and for our neighboring communities. VYD is an excellent example of Vermont’s thriving arts culture.”



MMUHS students can choose classes in band and chorus as part of their academic schedule. Marlow explains extra-curricular teams and clubs in the performing arts include band, orchestra, chorus, women’s madrigals, men’s chorus, several a-capella groups, theater groups, student-run cabarets, dance team, the only high school marching band in Vermont, and, this year for the first time, a drum line. The theater department puts on several shows during the year, capped off with a full-scale musical each spring. Some groups require auditions while others are open to all students. The middle and elementary schools also offer classes and clubs for music, singing, and theater. Marlow adds, “For kids who don’t want to be on stage, they can work on stagecraft, lighting, or sound. They can be part of something creative and rewarding.”

Dance is a competitive high school sport in Vermont, like basketball and wrestling. MMUHS claimed State Championship titles last season for both jazz and hip-hop categories. Dance team competitions are exciting, with several teams performing for judges who score choreography, skills, synchronization, and attitude. Audiences are thrilled with high energy routines, loud music, and unbridled enthusiasm for dance.

While residents can enjoy many performances in town, they can also venture together with neighbors to Burlington. The Jericho Recreation Committee organized tickets and transportation to see A Christmas Story at the Flynn Theater on Saturday, November 11.

The performing arts in Jericho bring together performers and audiences, kids and adults, schools and neighborhoods to share moments of creativity, learning, and joy and to help foster a strong and resilient community.

# Bill Frank, Harvest Market Citizen of the Year

The 2017 Harvest Market Citizen of the Year is Bill Frank. According to the Harvest Market Steering Committee, Bill was chosen to honor his 12 years as Representative to the Vermont House of Representatives for the towns of Jericho and Underhill. Until the last biennium of service he also represented Bolton.

During his time in the State House, Bill served 10 years on the Human Services Committee and then moved to the Judiciary Committee. He championed the needs of young children by being the House Representative to Building Bright Futures, as well as serving on the Tobacco Review Board.

During each election cycle he made an all-out effort to knock on every door in his district to touch base with his constituents to hear their thoughts whether they agreed with him or not. He always found it helpful to consider their thoughts when voting on legislation.

“It was a great honor to have been chosen as the Honored Citizen for Harvest Market. I enjoyed riding in Gary Irish’s Model A in the parade and seeing so many of you, the wonderful citizens of Underhill and Jericho. As I look back on my 12 years in the legislature, it went by very fast and I enjoyed the entire time,” he said.

Bill enjoyed having the freedom to downhill ski as much and as often as he wanted to this past winter, totaling 52 times. He is currently serving as Justice of the Peace for Underhill and as Treasurer for the United Church of Underhill. He just finished Harvest Market weekend in his role as “the French Fry Guy.”

# Harvest Market steering committee celebrates Janet Grant as Parade Marshal

The United Church of Underhill’s Harvest Market Steering Committee introduced Janet Grant as the 2017 Parade Marshal.

Dave Clift, chair of the Harvest Market Steering Committee, said Janet was selected because of her contributions to various ministries at the United Church of Underhill over the years, particularly in Christian Education and Missions. Janet is particularly being recognized for creating and spearheading an initiative to provide “camperships” for students in Jericho and Underhill. This program has awarded 280 camperships over the past 17 years, allowing kids from lower income families from Jericho and Underhill to attend three weeks of summer camp at local day camps.

Janet recounts that, “while working at the Vermont Campaign to End Childhood Hunger (now known as Hunger Free Vermont), 18 years ago, I learned of their program to help communities start and sustain summer meal and camp programs for lower income children. I wondered what was available in our communities and in speaking with school and community leaders, learned that while there were two full-day summer camp programs in Jericho and Underhill, the fees were out of reach for some lower income families.”

She continues, “A number of school and community leaders met with me, and we began to plan for a scholarship program to attend the camps. It was agreed from the start that school personnel would recommend the children for the scholarships and reach out to the families with support to get signed up. Through the Mission Ministry of the United Church of Underhill, we reached out to other churches and service organizations for the money needed for the scholarships. We started small, with four children receiving scholarships the first summer. Both the Jericho Recreation Camp Director and the Director of the YsGuys Program were very supportive of the effort from the first summer.”

Each spring, Janet works with school guidance counselors, nurses, and other personnel to identify students who would benefit from camperships. At the same time, Janet contacts local churches, service organizations, and businesses, which generously respond to her request for support in funding the scholarships.

Janet is proud to report that, “for many years now, we have been able to send between 18-22 children to camp. The school guidance counselors and nurses who recommend the children for the scholarships are very enthusiastic about the positive impact of the children’s summer camp experiences as they start back to school. This effort would not be possible without community-wide support and speaks to the greatness of this community!”

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For more information, contact Kathie Voigt Walsh and David Walsh, [kathleen.voigt.walsh@gmail.com](mailto:kathleen.voigt.walsh@gmail.com) or 802-734-6310.



Mike Glod (left), Senior Development and Communications Officer at Howard Center, receives a donation from Gail and Tim McKenna from the CATCH 22 Football foundation.

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# Jericho residents, Catch 22 make contribution to Howard Center

Jericho residents Gail and Tim McKenna recently donated \$3,333 to Howard Center from their CATCH 22 Football fundraiser, marking the third year the McKennas have made a contribution. The donation will be used to support Howard Center’s work in the community and will help individuals and families with substance use and mental health disorders and developmental disability challenges.

Denise Vignoe, Director of Development and Communications at Howard Center, thanked the McKennas for their contribution and said, “We are honored to be a recipient of the Catch 22 Foundation. We greatly appreciate the McKennas for their ongoing support and for their commitment to our organization and those we serve.”

This year marks the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the McKenna’s Catch 22 Football. Since it began, the organization has made donations to various community organizations, including the Shriner’s Hospital and the Vermont Children’s Hospital.



Westford, VT native Christian Kruse (above) will defend his 2016 title in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Culinary Classic to benefit the Cancer Patient Support Foundation (CPSF) will be held on Saturday, November 11 from 6:00 – 9:00 PM at UVM’s Davis Center. Five of the area’s most talented chefs will compete for the title. Attendees will be able to sample food from each participating chef and get to vote for their favorite for the People’s Choice Award. Vermont’s own Food Channel Chopped Junior Champion Peggy Fischer will be a judge for the Culinary Cup Champion Award. The Culinary Classic is sponsored by North Country Federal Credit Union (NCFCU). Proceeds benefit CPSF and its Emergency Fund, providing direct financial assistance to cancer patients and their families in Vermont and Northern New York. Tickets: \$85 individual /\$150 couple. Full dessert bar and live silent auction. For more info or tickets, [www.cpsfvt.org](http://www.cpsfvt.org) or 802-488-5495.

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4-H NEWS



*The Vermont Hippology A Team came in first overall in the hippology contest at the Northeast Regional 4-H Horse Contest, Sunday, October 15, 2017 in New Hampshire. Members of the award-winning team were (front, from left): Eva Joly, Essex Junction; Madison Bentley, Richmond. Back: Kimberly Gibson, Bristol; Haleigh Tyerman, Wilmington.*

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4-H’ers test their equine knowledge in regional competition

Twenty-nine Vermont 4-H horse club members traveled to New Hampshire on Sunday, October 15, 2017 to compete in the Northeast Regional 4-H Horse Contest. The event took place at Pembroke Academy in Pembroke and Chinquapin Farm, Pittsfield (horse judging) and included quiz bowl, hippology, judging, and communications contests. The latter involved public speaking and individual and team demonstrations.

New England, New Jersey, and New York 4-H’ers were invited to participate in the contests, which will help them prepare for Eastern National 4-H Horse Roundup in Louisville, KY in November.

Vermont came in first overall in communications. Kassidy Wyman, Cambridgeport, finished second with her talk, “To Breed or Not to Breed,” on the overabundance of unwanted horses. Hannah Lang, Essex Junction, took first place in individual demonstration with “A Shot in the Dark” about giving vaccinations to horses. Samantha Turgeon, St. Johnsbury, spoke on “Hippotherapy as an Aid,” finishing fifth.

Elyza Byrd, Benson, and Callon Fish, Rutland, teamed up to present “Importing: A Class of its Own” about importing horses to America. They came in second in the team demonstration contest.

Vermont sent two teams to compete in the quiz bowl, horse judging, and hippology contests. The A Team in each event was comprised of the 4-H’ers who will compete at Roundup in Kentucky. The B Teams include individuals who placed high at various state horse events this year but who were not selected for Roundup.

In quiz bowl, the A Team came in first, with Hailee Blades, Jeffersonville, and Olivia Suker, Shrewsbury, placing first and second, respectively, for high individual scores. Betsy Coburn, Castleton, and Breanna Johnson, Shrewsbury, also competed on this team.

The B Team came in fourth. Team members were Bella Joly, Essex Junction; Lilia Kocsis, Vernon; Olivia Peer, West Rutland; Tanya Wheeler, Wilmington.

In horse judging, the A Team placed first in oral reasons, fifth both in classes and overall. For individual high scores, in oral reasons Madison Zimmermann, Northfield, took first while Chelsea Carcoba, Danville, was third and Faith Ploof, Essex Junction, was eighth. The fourth member of the team, Lillie Tuckerman, South Woodstock, was second for classes and sixth overall.

The B Team came in third in oral reasons and fourth both in classes and overall. Riley Zager, Gill, MA, was third in classes, fourth in oral reasons and first overall. Other team members were Lauren Hodsden, Bridport; Makayla LaFlam, Vernon; and Katey Stone, St. Johnsbury.

The hippology contest included four phases: identification stations, judging, team problem solving, and a written exam. The A Team came in first overall and in the written exam, second in the stations phase, and third in judging and team problem solving.

Three of the four team members finished in the top 10 for highest overall scores. Kimberly Gibson, Bristol, came in first, Haleigh Tyerman, Wilmington, sixth, and Madison Bentley, Richmond, seventh. Kimberly was first in the written exam and second in judging and stations. Haleigh took second in the written exam and seventh in stations. Madison finished fourth in written exam. Eva Joly, Essex Junction, also was on the team.

Vermont’s B Team in the hippology contest placed fourth overall, second in judging, third in written exam and fifth in stations and team problem solving. Emma Cushman, Barre, was fourth high individual, first in judging, sixth in written exam and eighth in stations. Her teammates were Kami Latulippe and Grace Parks, both from Essex Junction, and Allison Tourville, Georgia.

For information about the Vermont 4-H horse program, contact UVM Extension 4-H livestock educator Wendy Sorrell at [wendy.sorrell@uvm.edu](mailto:wendy.sorrell@uvm.edu).

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COMING EVENTS

**Wednesday, November 1**  
Ray Padgett, 7:00 PM, Phoenix Books Burlington, 191 Bank St., Burlington. Join Ray Padgett for a conversation about his new book Cover Me: The Stories Behind the Greatest Cover Songs of All Time, with *Burlington Free Press* arts reporter Brent Hallenbeck, followed by live covers of songs from the book performed by Mark Daly (of *Madaila*) and Eric Olsen and Amanda Gustafson (of *Swale*). Padgett founded the blog *Cover Me*, now the largest blog devoted to cover songs on the web, in 2007. Tickets \$3 include coupon for \$5 off a copy of the featured book; proceeds go to the VT Foodbank. Coupons expire at closing the evening of the event. For information, [www.phoenixbooks.biz](http://www.phoenixbooks.biz) or 448-3350.

**Thursday, November 2**  
**Free Community Soup and Bread Supper**, 4:30 – 6:30 PM, Covenant Community Church, 1 Whitcomb Meadows Lane, Essex. Hearty soups, breads, and a sweet dessert. Stay at the church to enjoy your meal with friends and family, or pick up to take home. Donations not expected but welcome. Call Pastor Jeannette Conner at the church, 879-4313, for more information.

**Unshackling America**, 7:00 PM, Phoenix Books Burlington, 191 Bank St., Burlington. Join Willard Sterne Randall for a fresh retelling of the Revolution that counteracts the American mythology of a swift, straightforward victory over England. Willard Sterne Randall is a journalist and author of six biographies of Founding Fathers. He is a Distinguished Scholar in History and Professor Emeritus at Champlain College. He lives in Burlington with his wife, Nancy Nahra, with whom he has co-authored four volumes of history. Tickets \$3 include coupon for \$5 off a copy of the featured book; proceeds go to the VT Foodbank. Coupons expire at closing the evening of the event. For information, [www.phoenixbooks.biz](http://www.phoenixbooks.biz) or 448-3350.

**Saturday, November 4**  
**How to Weatherize an Outside Wall**, 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM, 40 Hiram’s Crossing, Jericho. A how-to demonstration at an open house, featuring materials and techniques for air sealing and insulation. Learn basic principles of building performance and weatherization. One free Energy Star dimmable LED per household, from Efficiency VT. For more information, contact Kathie Voigt Walsh and David Walsh, [Kathleen.voigt.walch@gmail.com](mailto:Kathleen.voigt.walch@gmail.com) or 802-734-6310.

**Annual Christmas Bazaar**, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM, St. Pius X Church, 20 Jericho Rd., VT Rt. 15, Essex. Start your holiday shopping by visiting our many crafters, “Treasures from the Attic,” or by purchasing tickets for our raffle drawing. Enjoy Santa and his helpers along with a delicious lunch at our Christmas Café and something scrumptious from the Sugar Plum Bakery. More information: [www.saintpiusx.net](http://www.saintpiusx.net), [saintpiusx@comcast.net](mailto:saintpiusx@comcast.net), or 878-5997.

**Christmas Craft Fair**, 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM, St. Luke’s Church, 17 Huntville Rd., Fairfax. Get an early start on holiday shopping and enjoy a delicious lunch of homemade soups and sandwiches made with home baked breads. Along with the crafts, there will be a bake sale and a variety of raffled items, including a 50/50 raffle. For more information contact Deb Mucia, 849-6256.

**Fall Bazaar**, 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM, Fairfax Community Center (aka Baptist Building), Main St., (VT Rt. 104), Fairfax. Handcrafted items, white elephant table, unique gifts, food table, jellies, pickles, fudge, and more. Benefits United Church of Fairfax for their Mission Work. For information, contact 849-6313 or [ucffairfaxvt@gmail.com](mailto:ucffairfaxvt@gmail.com).

**Cookies with Cookie Story Time**, 11:00 AM, Phoenix Books Essex, 2 Carmichael St., Essex. Join Lynda Graham-Barber for a story time featuring her new book, Cookie’s Fortune. Attendees will also be treated to a visit with Lynda’s rescue dog Biscuit, and delicious locally baked cookies! Lynda’s abiding passions for writing and animals have intermingled for four decades as children’s book editor, writing teacher, author of 13 books, and an animal rights advocate. She lives in the Northeast Kingdom in a small stone cottage that she helped build. Free and open to all ages. For information, 872-7111 or [www.phoenixbooks.biz](http://www.phoenixbooks.biz).

**EXCEL-erate your DNA Research**, 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM, VT Genealogy Library, Hegeman Ave., Fort Ethan Allen, Colchester. Keeping track of data generated from the most popular DNA tests is a challenge. In this talk, Patti Malone will draw on years of experience to demonstrate why a spreadsheet program is a huge improvement over a manual system if you have any experience with this type of software. She’ll discuss downloading your data from each company’s website, sorting and organizing it on your computer, merging it with data on known relatives, and then using it to understand how your DNA matches related to your family tree. For more details: [www.vtgenlib.org](http://www.vtgenlib.org) or 802-310-9285. Classes \$10. We are open for research Tuesdays 3:00 – 9:30 PM and Saturdays 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM.

**Sunday, November 5**  
**Country Breakfast**, 8:00 – 10:30 AM, St. Thomas Parish Hall, Underhill Center. Sponsored by the St. Thomas Parish Knights of Columbus, the buffet style breakfast will include juice, fruit, eggs, pancakes, sausage, bacon, jopme fries, and coffee or tea. Cost is by donation. All are welcome, bring the whole family. (Hall is not handicapped-accessible.) For more information, call the church office, 899-4632.

**Veterans’ Town Hall**, 1:00 PM, Contois Auditorium, Burlington City Hall, Burlington. All are welcome to this free special town hall event for veterans and members of the community. Join us for a community event aiming to establish a greater understanding between local veterans and the friends and neighbors they fought for. In the tradition of warrior storytelling, veterans are invited to share what their service means to them through a story, summary of service, message, letter home, etc. Non-veterans are invited to attend, to listen, and to learn. More information and RSVPs at [btvvetstownhall.eventbrite.com](http://btvvetstownhall.eventbrite.com).

**Tuesday, November 7**  
**Baking Bread: A Baker’s Journey Home in 75 Recipes**, 7:00 PM, Phoenix Books Burlington, 191 Bank St., Burlington. Join Martin Philip – banjo player, opera singer, and Head Bread Baker at King Arthur Flour – for an exploration of his journey from a career in finance in New York City to Vermont Renaissance man, through his original recipes. Martin Philip is the Head Bread Baker at King Arthur Flour in Norwich. He holds a degree from Oberlin Conservatory, is a MacDowell fellow, and attended the New York Art Students League and the Cooper Union for drawing. Tickets \$3 include coupon for \$5 off a copy of the featured book; proceeds go to the VT Foodbank. Coupons expire at closing the evening of the event. For information, [www.phoenixbooks.biz](http://www.phoenixbooks.biz) or 448-3350.

**Wednesday, November 8**  
**Embroiders’ Guild meeting**, 9:30 AM, Living/Dining Room, The Pines, 5 Aspen Dr., S. Burlington. All abilities welcome to this meeting of the Green Mountain Chapter of the Embroiderers’ Guild of America. We will be working on a crewel project, or bring your own to work on. First meeting complimentary; bring a bag lunch. Carpooling available from many areas. Information, [gmc.vt.ega@gmail.com](mailto:gmc.vt.ega@gmail.com) or 372-4255.

**Friday-Saturday, November 10-11**  
**Jericho Artisan Market annual holiday gift sale**, 5:00 – 8:00 PM Friday, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM Saturday, Jericho Community Center, 329 Browns Trace, Jericho Center. A community-based event encompassing fine art, craft, music, and food. High quality wares in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere, enhanced by local musicians. Refreshments from the Jericho Town Library soup sale and school bake sale. Information: <http://jerichoartisanmarket.com>.  
**Open House – Northern Vermont University**, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM, Friday at NVU-Lyndon, Lyndon; Saturday at NVU-Johnson, Johnson. A free event including a campus tour, student panel, lunch, and the opportunity to talk with faculty, coaches, and financial aid and admissions representatives. Participants will learn about the new NVU-Johnson and NVU-Lyndon, which becomes official July 1, 2018 when Johnson State College and Lyndon State College will unify as Northern Vermont University. The colleges will maintain separate campuses. Pre-registration for the open house is required. To register, visit [www.NorthernVermont.edu/visit](http://www.NorthernVermont.edu/visit).

**Saturday, November 11**  
**A Christmas Story**, 12:45 PM, bus from Jericho Town Hall to the Flynn Theatre, Burlington. The Jericho Recreation Committee presents tickets and bus to *A Christmas Story* – take the bus to the Flynn in Burlington with other Jericho residents for an afternoon of fun and theater for all ages. Bus leaves the Town Hall at 12:45 PM. \$30 includes tickets to the show and round-trip transportation. RSVP to [kimnormanmercero@gmail.com](mailto:kimnormanmercero@gmail.com) or 802-274-3043.

**Deer and Community Breakfast**, 4:00 – 9:00 AM, Fairfax Fire Station, Goodall St., Fairfax. Menu: bacon,, sausage, eggs, home fries, pancakes, toast, juice, coffee. All proceeds to Fairfax Food Shelf. Price varies depending on your choice of breakfast, \$7-10. Information: 802-309-8878.

**Meet the Grinch!** 11:00 AM, Phoenix Books Essex, 2 Carmichael St., Essex. Children and kids-at-heart will get to meet Dr. Seuss’ meanest and greenest creation when the Grinch himself visits Phoenix Books. All ages are welcome to bring a camera and get a photo taken with the Grinch. Free. Information: [www.phoenixbooks.biz](http://www.phoenixbooks.biz) or 448-3350.

**Online Genealogical Searches at the 95 Regional Archives of France**, 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM, VT Genealogy Library, Hegeman Ave., Fort Ethan Allen, Colchester. Learn how to research your ancestors in France using the 95 online departmental archives. First we will locate the Commune or town that they lived in, and then how to search for baptisms, marriages, and burials in either the Catholic churches or the Huguenot Temples. We will learn some basic translations. Since we typically are researching the people that populated New France (Québec) we will focus on the period before the 1792 Revolution changes to record-keeping in France. For more details: [www.vtgenlib.org](http://www.vtgenlib.org) or 802-310-9285. Classes \$10. We are open for research Tuesdays 3:00 – 9:30 PM and Saturdays 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM.

**I Will Never Not Eat A Tomato story time**, 11:00 AM, Phoenix Books Burlington, 191 Bank St., Burlington. In Lauren Child’s picture book, a fussy eater decides to sample the carrots after her brother convinces her that they are really orange twiglets from Jupiter. After reading together, there’s a fun and interactive healthy food activity. Presented in partnership with City Market. Free and open to all ages. Information: [www.phoenixbooks.biz](http://www.phoenixbooks.biz) or 448-3350.

**Monday, November 13**  
**Amazon’s Stealth Invasion of Vermont**, 6:00 PM, First Unitarian Universalist Society, 152 Pearl St., Burlington. Stacy Mitchell and Olivia LaVecchia of the Institute for Local Self-Reliance will discuss the findings of their in-depth study of Amazon and what the company’s growing dominance means for Vermont’s small businesses, jobs, and communities. They’ll talk about how policymakers can address Amazon’s market power and impacts, and what citizens can do to support a more diverse, equitable, and locally rooted economy, even when shopping online. Moderated by Vermont’s own Fran Stoddard. Light refreshments provided. Sponsored by Phoenix Books in partnership with VTDigger and Northshire Books. Free and open to the public. For more information and to RSVP, [www.facebook.com/events/127296504649354](https://www.facebook.com/events/127296504649354).

**Tuesday, November 14**  
**Burlington and Lamoille Railroad talk**, 6:30 PM, Deborah Rawson Memorial Library, 8 River Rd., Jericho. Speaker Jerry Fox is an historical researcher and an officer of the Central Vermont Railroad Society. The Burlington and Lamoille Railroad was organized in 1877 and ran until 1938 – yet another victim of the Great Depression. The line ran from Burlington to Cambridge Junction, where it connected with other railroads of the Central Vermont Railway. Sponsored by the Underhill Historical Society. All are welcome; refreshments will be served.

**Vanishing VermonTERS book talk**, 7:00 PM, Phoenix Books Essex, 2 Carmichael St., Essex. Join Peter Miller for a talk on this newest and most important of his five books on his home state. He has recorded 23 VermonTERS on how they cope in one of the most expensive states in the Union. Peter Miller began his career in 1959 as a reporter for *LIFE Magazine*. He has written nine books, won numerous awards, and was named VermonTER of the Year and honored by the Vermont Legislature for his work in documenting the culture of Vermont. He lives in Colbyville. Free and open to all. Information: [www.phoenixbooks.biz](http://www.phoenixbooks.biz) or 448-3350.

**Wednesday, November 15**  
**Hidden History of Vermont book talk**, 7:00 PM, Phoenix Books Burlington, 191 Bank St., Burlington. Join Mark Bushnell for a talk on his new book. Meet the widow who outwitted Tories and may have spied for the Green Mountain Boys. Encounter the family who gained a national following by summoning spirits. Discover why one governor opposed women’s suffrage and how that may have involved spirits of another sort. Visit an island retreat where Harpo Marx cheated at croquet and satirist Dorothy Parker wore nothing but a garden hat. Historian Mark Bushnell offers a glimpse of the Green Mountain State rarely seen. Tickets \$3 include coupon for \$5 off a copy of the featured book; proceeds go to the VT Foodbank. Coupons expire at closing the evening of the event. For information, [www.phoenixbooks.biz](http://www.phoenixbooks.biz) or 448-3350.





Come meet the mean and green Grinch himself when he visits Phoenix Books Essex, 21 Essex Way, Essex on Saturday, November 11 at 11:00 AM. PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

## Phoenix Books celebrated tenth anniversary

In October, Phoenix Books celebrated its tenth anniversary and Phoenix Books Essex’s recent move. The program included an array of events for all ages including story times, costumed character appearances, a ribbon cutting, an anniversary party, book talks by local authors, and more.

While the store’s new location at 2 Carmichael Street has been open for business since July, the official ribbon cutting took place the morning of Friday, October 20. The main event was the following evening, Saturday, October 21, when all attendees enjoyed light fare, music, and the company of neighbors, booksellers, authors, and more at an open house at Phoenix Books Essex.

Children enjoyed a series of Saturday morning events: Seuss’ the Cat in the Hat visited “in person” for a celebration of the character’s 60½ birthday on October 7. Families met Bruce the Bear at an October 14 event featuring the story book Bruce’s Big Move by Ryan T. Higgins. On October 21, the store hosted a celebration featuring the picture book When’s My Birthday? by Julie Fogliano.

Teens and adults weren’t left behind: The month also included visits from Julie C. Dao, author of the new young adult fantasy Forest of a Thousand Lanterns; Elayne Clift, editor of Take Care: Tips, Tricks and Love from Women Caregivers; Essex reflexologist and author of Put Your Best Feet Forward, Geraldine Villeneuve; and Random House Children’s Books sales associate Kate Sullivan, who led a discussion entitled Picture Books for Grown-ups.

Phoenix Books Essex moved to a larger space in late July of this year. The new location is just around the corner from the bookstore’s original spot at Essex Outlets. DeSanto reaffirmed the store’s commitment to Essex, and said that the new lease is for ten years or more. “We love this community, and our customers have been strong supporters of Phoenix Books,” said DeSanto. He adds that since the business has expanded, the Essex location needed more office, shipping and receiving, and storage spaces, which the larger location provides. The additional space will also allow Phoenix Books Essex to increase inventory, expand bargain book offerings, explore the possibility of selling used books, and better serve the community through partnerships with schools, offsite events, and other local organizations.

Phoenix Books was founded in Essex in 2007 by Michael DeSanto and Renee Reiner, and has since added locations in Burlington, Rutland, and Chester, Vermont, plus a sister store in Woodstock. “We believe that local, bricks-and-mortar bookshops offer something very important to a community – a physical place to go to discover and exchange ideas, to have conversations with neighbors, and to gather as community members,” says DeSanto. “It is part of our mission at Phoenix Books to ensure that local bookshops continue to be a vital part of Vermont’s communities – and to engage with and serve the communities where we do business.”

Phoenix Books Essex is located at 2 Carmichael Street in Essex, Vermont. For more information, please call 802-872-7111 or visit [www.phoenixbooks.biz](http://www.phoenixbooks.biz).



## When testicles won’t travel south

By Lewis First, MD  
*Chief of Pediatrics at UVM Children’s Hospital*

Parents of newborns have been testing me with lots of questions about what to do if they cannot find or see one of their baby boy’s testicles. Let me help find some information, and in turn the missing testicle, while discussing this problem.

Normally testicles form inside the abdomen or belly and then travel south into the scrotum. Occasionally this doesn’t happen. The testicle stays in the belly, resulting in what we call an undescended testicle. Interestingly enough, this is a fairly common condition affecting about 30 percent of preterm male infants and about four percent of full-term babies.

Often a testicle may be there but be too high up in the scrotum for someone to see. This may occur when it is cold, which is referred to as a retractile testicle. Putting your baby into a warm bath and then rechecking will often reveal the high-riding testicle. If the testicle is still not visible, further evaluation is a good idea.

The good news is that about half the time, an undescended testicle will find its way into the scrotum without any assistance, usually within the first six months of life. But if a testicle is not where it is supposed to be within the first 12 months, then some assistance from a pediatric urologist or surgeon is warranted.

Why do you need to get the testicle into the scrotum? Doing so has been found to prevent fertility problems up the road. If the undescended testicle is untreated for years, it can be exposed to warmer temperatures in the belly. This in turn can affect how sperm function years later when an infant becomes an adult. An undescended testicle can also put someone at increased risk for testicular cancer or increase a boy’s risk of having a twisting of the testicle, which can be very painful.

The surgery to bring down and secure an undescended testicle is often done on an outpatient basis. Boys recover usually within a week. Occasionally the testicle may have been damaged by being stuck up in the belly. In that case, it will need to be removed during the repair surgery. But be reassured that fertility is usually good even with only one healthy testicle.

Hopefully, tips like these will descend easily into your mind when and help you to know what to do about your baby boy having an undescended testicle.

## Backcountry’s 10<sup>th</sup> Barn Bash November 4 – new location

With each falling leaf, skiers and riders everywhere wait in anticipation for that first winter storm to kick off the 2017-18 season. Join *Backcountry Magazine*, Smugglers’ Notch Resort, and Union Bank at the Cambridge Community Center for the tenth annual Barn Bash and Raffle on Saturday, November, 4. Doors open at 6:30 PM and the films start at 7:00 PM. Live music by Brett Hughes and the *Honky Tonk Allstars*, drinks from Rock Art Brewery, food, and a huge gear raffle will follow.

All proceeds go towards the Cambridge Area Rotary Winter Wellness Days (WWD) program. The WWD gets fourth, fifth, and sixth grade students out on the slopes of Smugglers’ Notch for five full days of skiing and/or riding. For many of the students, the five days at Smuggs are their first introduction to skiing or snowboarding. “The impact that Winter Wellness Days has on Cambridge students is incredible,” says Cambridge Elementary School Principal Mary Anderson. “In addition to teaching them a wellness activity that they can enjoy throughout their lives, it helps to strengthen their self esteem and overall social and emotional development.”

Schedule of Events: doors open 6:30 PM; Backcountry’s own Fall Line Film Fest, 7:00 PM; Huge Raffle of the latest Ski & Snowboard gear with the grand prize a weekend getaway at Smuggs and a pass, 8:00 PM; Brett Hughes & The Honky Tonk Allstars, 8:30 PM.

Admission includes an early season Smuggs’ lift ticket, raffle ticket, food, and a beverage. Tickets in advance are available at [www.backcountrymagazine.com/barnbash2017](http://www.backcountrymagazine.com/barnbash2017) for \$25 (\$30 at the door).

The Cambridge Community Center is located at the 22 Old Main St., Jeffersonville. For more information contact Danny, 644-6606 x 212 or [danny@holpublications.com](mailto:danny@holpublications.com).

## COMMUNITY COLUMN

### Restoration on Old Schoolhouse progressing well

To the Editor:

Contrary to Carol Wagner’s letter in the October 5, 2017 *Mountain Gazette*, great progress is being made at the District 5 Schoolhouse in Underhill Center.

The chimney is scheduled to be repaired. The Old Schoolhouse is a public building, so all work must be approved by the Town, and the costs are shared equally. The northeast side has already been repaired. An initial lack of acceptable bids slowed our progress somewhat this summer, but thanks to a state historic preservation grant and contributions from the Town and the Historical Society’s Friends of the Old Schoolhouse, the rest of the exterior will be repaired next spring and summer.

Thanks also to the great generosity of some local craftsmen, the skilled restoration of all the windows is being donated, and a ramp has been installed, making the building accessible to everyone. A lot of work has been done by local craftsmen and volunteers on the second floor, and it’s now usable.

We appreciate all the work done by the Historical Society in the 1980s to bring the Old Schoolhouse back from the brink of collapse. We now have a maintenance plan and are determined that the building will be used and not allowed to deteriorate again. Because of the coordinated efforts of the Town, the UHS, and the generosity of many individual donors, this historic town building is being preserved for the community and future generations. The Friends of the Old Schoolhouse are always happy to answer any questions or talk with anyone about this project.

Scott Tower, President  
Underhill Historical Society

## Holes, Tunnels, and Old Froggy

By Doug Boardman  
*Special to the Mountain Gazette*

When we moved to East Montpelier Center when I was five years old and my sister Viv was three and a half, we entered a new world of farm life but only to the extent of having a big barn with a few animals and big gardens to furnish the family with vegetables. We had 200 hens that we sold or bartered for other stuff. In other words, we grew what we ate and we ate what we grew. We had an old farmhouse which Dad was constantly patching up and years later when he sold it for a paltry sum, everyone told him he sold it too cheap, but he told me that only me and him knew what there was inside them there walls. We had running water from a hose from a spring going into the kitchen and an outhouse. It was a two-holer attached to the mudroom but you had to go outside to enter it – and that’s why I developed into a good football player, because when it was cold I ran very fast and squatted in a three-point stance.

As long as it took to rid myself of what I had eaten, sometimes I didn’t have to go all the way in and was able to pee on the other side of the outhouse but my sis had to go inside and she learned to squat really well. We were best buddies and since we didn’t have a cellar that was dug out, Dad, Viv and I started digging out a place to put a hot air furnace, which we never got until I was in high school. Until then we never had heat run to the second floor where I slept. We dug tunnels around the inside perimeter and there were ledges and ditches where we could see the bottom of the floor. We did leave lots of undisturbed dirt around the edges to support the house so it wouldn’t cave in and subsequently we dug out tunnels and ditches under the whole house, and therefore we crawled around a lot and got really dirty and my sister loved the dirt.

After we got done digging, we didn’t realize that an animal had moved in until one day we were crawling beside this big hole that had been made in one of the dirt piles supporting the house, and that’s when we met OLD FROGGY. He was ensconced in this big hole and his huge beady eyes were staring at us. Needless to say, we backed out of there as fast as we could and told Dad that there was a huge green monster down there with big eyes, and he said to let him alone because he kept all the insects away so we developed a semi-relationship with Old Froggy, who was a toad, and he would stay in his hole when we crawled by and if we killed some flies he would toss them in to him.

We only had cold water upstairs so my mother June would boil water to add to this old tub. Of course my sister was usually much dirtier than I was but she got to take the third bath because Dad was first, then Mom, then Viv, and then me. I begged my mother to be third but she would never let me and believe me when I got to take my bath there was a lot of scum floating around. To this day I don’t put my head underwater in a tub!

*Excerpts from Just a Plumber, which is not entirely written yet. It is an autobiography of a fifth generation Vermonter – at least, that’s as far as I could find out about my relatives. I am a Master Plumber from Underhill Center, Vermont for the last 30 years and another 20-odd years in the plumbing heating business in New York State.*

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# Health workshops sponsored by Northwestern Medical Center

## Exercise

Cancer Exercise Rehab Group, every Tuesday and Thursday, 8:00 – 11:00 AM, NMC Rehab gym, Cobblestone Building. Featuring Wendy Lawrence, certified NMC Oncology Rehab Physical Therapist. A physical therapy evaluation is required to assure that the client is able to participate. This class pinpoints the common needs of patients. This includes decreased range of motion, decreased strength, cancer related fatigue and lymphedema. Pre-registration required, call 524-1064. Free for the first eight weeks, then \$40 for open gym access.

Prenatal Fitness, every Wednesday, 5:30 – 6:30 PM, NMC Wellness & Fitness Room. Featuring Stephanie Preedom, AFAA. Northwestern OB/GYN offers these free prenatal exercise sessions to strengthen and prepare you for a successful birthing experience. Join other moms as we lead you through a customized routine designed to make you feel energized and confident. Please consult a physician before beginning this exercise program. Pre-registration required, contact Stephanie, 802-288-1141 or [stephanie.preedom@gmail.com](mailto:stephanie.preedom@gmail.com). Free to Northwestern OB/GYN patients.

## Education

Program now enrolling first time mothers:

Franklin County Home Health Agency’s Nurse Family Partnership Program (NFP) helps first time mothers in Franklin, Lamoille, and Grand Isle counties. NFP is an evidenced based program that enrolls mothers during pregnancy and provides them with regular nurse visits until their child’s second birthday. Nurses provide support, education and counseling on health, behavioral, and self-sufficiency issues. Interested women and their healthcare providers can call 802-527-7531 for more information.

Vermont Quit Partners Fresh Start Tobacco Cessation Class, ongoing Wednesdays, 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM, Northwestern Medical Center, Cobblestone Building, Suite 202; and Thursdays, September 7-28, 4:00 – 5:00 PM, Richford Notch Health Center, 4<sup>th</sup> floor. Join others for this series to help you successfully quit smoking. Sessions include: understanding why you have an addiction and how to quit; mastering the first few days, mastering obstacles; and staying quit and enjoying it forever. When you are ready to quit, the tools and support can make all the difference. We can provide you with what you need to be successful! As a Vermont resident, you can get free patches, gum and lozenges. Pre-registration required; to sign up for a session call Chari, 524-8480. Free.

## Support Groups

Healing Circle Women’s Cancer Support Group, first Tuesday of every month, 4:30 – 6:30 PM, Northwestern Medical Center Conference Franklin Room. A self-help cancer support group for women of all ages and lifestyles who have cancer. At our monthly meetings, we share information, offer each other support and comfort, and learn new things from speakers. We extend an invitation to any woman who has cancer, whether you are newly diagnosed or a long term survivor. Please call 802-524-8479 with any questions or to RSVP (not required). Free.

Have You Lost a Loved One to Suicide? If the answer to the question is “yes” please consider attending a free, confidential group that meets monthly in St. Albans. Everyone in the group,

including its facilitators, has had someone close to them take their life and knows how devastating that experience can be. You can just come and listen to others share what they are going through and how they are coping or you can share your own story. The choice is always yours to do what feels best to you. For more information on dates, times and location or to answer any questions you may have call Tony at 802-393-6503. Second Thursday of every month, 6:00 – 7:30 PM, Northwestern Medical Center. No preregistration required. Free.

Chronic Disease Support Group Workshops – Are you or someone you know living with a Chronic Health Condition? Then the Healthier Living Workshop is for you! Learn to feel better by learning how to deal with frustration, fatigue and pain, manage symptoms and medications, and improve strength and flexibility. If you are interested, please contact 524-1031 or [drobertson@nmcinc.org](mailto:drobertson@nmcinc.org). Each session is 2½ hours once a week, for six weeks. Various locations. Pre-registration required, contact Deb Robertson, 524-1031 or [drobertson@nmcinc.org](mailto:drobertson@nmcinc.org). Free.

Grief and Recovery Support Group, First and Third Wednesday of each month, 7:00 – 8:00 PM, Franklin County Home Health Office, 3 Home Health Circle, St. Albans. Experiencing a loss can be painful to face alone. Franklin County Home Health’s Grief and Recovery Support Group serves as a safe place to share feelings with others who are coping with grief. This support group is offered free of charge to anyone who would like to talk to others and help one another. It also provides a resource for grief education in our community. Pre-registration required; to pre-register or for information, contact Lori Wright, 527-7531. Free.

Shadows of the Moon Autism Support Group. For one-on-one phone support, please call Cheryl, 802-868-7745, or Laura, 802-849-2817.

Alzheimer’s Support Group, last Tuesday of each month, 6:00 – 7:00 PM, Northwestern Medical Center Green Mountain Room. This group is for those with Alzheimer’s and caregivers, family members, and friends. For more information, contact the Alzheimer’s Association at 800-272-3900. No pre-registration required. Free.

Parkinson’s Support Group, second Tuesday of each month, 10:00 – 11:30 AM, conference room next to the library on the first floor, Pillsbury Senior Community, 3 Harborview Drive, St. Albans. This group is open to those with Parkinson’s and their caregivers including family and loved ones. The monthly meetings can provide an open forum to share experience with others who are coping with Parkinson’s disease, gaining education and support. Wheelchair accessible. Pre-registration not required, Contact Pat, 802-524-5520, or Judy 815-895-2312. Free.

## Maternity

Breastfeeding Moms Group, first Wednesday of each month, 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM, Northwestern Counseling and Support Services Family Center. Meet once a month for snacks, crafting activities,

making baby blankets, and information from the experts. Pre-registration required; call 393-6591. Free.

Breastfeeding and Infant Massage Group, second Wednesday of each month, 9:30 – 11:15 AM, Alburgh Library. Join other moms and babies to learn how to massage your baby and discover more about breastfeeding and parenting. No pre-registration required. Free.

Latch On! Discussion Group, third Saturday of each month, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM, Northwestern Medical Center Family Birth Center. Learn about breastfeeding and share your stories. Enjoy light refreshments and connect with other moms. No pre-registration required. Free.

Baby Bumps Support Group for Mothers and Pregnant Women, second and fourth Tuesday of the month, 5:30 – 6:30 PM, Northwestern Medical Center Family Birthing Center. Pregnancy can be a wonderful time of your life. But it can also be a time of stress that is often compounded by hormonal swings. If you are a pregnant woman, or have recently given birth and feel you need some help with managing the emotional bumps in the road that can come with motherhood, please come to this free support group led by an experienced pediatric Registered Nurse. This group is for both pregnant women and mothers. For more information or to pre-register (required), contact Rhonda Desrochers at Franklin County Home Health Agency, 802-527-7531. This program is presented jointly by Franklin County Home Health Agency, Northwest Counseling and Support Services, Northwestern Medical Center, and the VT Department of Health. Free.

## Miscellaneous

Foot Clinics – Regular care of your feet can prevent problems. If you are an elderly and/or disabled person who is unable to do your own foot care, please consider attending a Foot Clinic. Franklin County Home Health Agency offers monthly Foot Clinics throughout the year in St. Albans, Swanton, Franklin, East Fairfield and Enosburg. Various locations. Pre-registration required; call Franklin County Home Health Agency, 802-527-7531 to schedule. Fee: \$20.

Who’s Your Person, What’s Your Plan? (End of Life Planning) We plan for all life’s milestones – marriage, birth, retirement. But few of us have plans in place for our end of life. And none of us can plan for the unexpected. Do you know who you want to speak for you and make medical decisions for you when you can’t do this for yourself? Everyone 18 years and older should have a Health Care Agent – your person to speak on your behalf. By completing an advance directive you can provide this information to your family and physician. Start this conversation with your family before you are in a health crisis. Information and materials to help facilitate your conversation are available at <http://www.fchha.org/healthcareagent/> as well as [www.starttheconversationvt.org](http://www.starttheconversationvt.org). You can also call Franklin County Home Health Agency to learn more about completing an advance directive. We are also available to speak to community groups. Start the Conversation today.

## VT Health Connect Open Enrollment November 1-December 15

Enroll in a plan, make changes to existing plans, compare plans

Now is the time to consider your health insurance options and choose the health plan that best fits your medical needs and budget. The Department of Vermont Health Access (DVHA) has launched the “2018 Plan Comparison Tool,” an online tool that allows people to compare at least 24 health plan options by monthly premiums and deductible amounts as well as by estimated total annual costs.

The 2018 Plan Comparison tool is available online at <https://vt.checkbookhealth.org>.

Now is the time to consider your options, as the 2018 Open Enrollment for Vermont Health Connect runs November 1-December 15.

Copley Hospital’s Patient Financial Counselor is also available to assist people with enrollment; call 802-888-8336.

Open enrollment is the period of time when people who are eligible to enroll in a Vermont Health Connect plan can enroll in a plan, make changes to an existing plan, and/or choose a different plan. Current Vermont Health Connect members that are satisfied with their current health care plan are not required to take any action. As long as they continue to pay their bills, they will automatically be renewed into the 2018 version of their 2017 plan. However, if they wish to comparison shop various plans, state officials suggest they do their research now, before open enrollment begins.

Starting November 1, applicants can sign up for Vermont Health Connect in one of four ways: online, by phone, by paper, or with an in-person assister.

For more information or to get started, visit <http://VermontHealthConnect.gov> or call 1-855-899-9600. Copley Hospital’s Patient Financial Counselor is also available to assist people with enrollment; call 802-888-8336.

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LIBRARY NEWS

DEBORAH RAWSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY  
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We are open on Sunday afternoons from 1:00 – 4:00 PM. Stop in for an afternoon of library enjoyment.

Music Sunday: On Sunday, November 5 at 2:00 PM, we welcome *DaddyLonglegs*, the confluence of three well-known Vermont musicians, Rick Ceballos, David Gusakov and Matt Witten, whose talents merge to form a highly original acoustic trio. Playing fiddle, viola, banjo, gourd banjo, piano, guitar, percussion and vocals, *DaddyLongLegs* creates vibrant, sensitive and surprising 21<sup>st</sup> century folk music. Please join us for this musical treat!

Mah Jongg at DRML – We usually play Mah Jongg on the first and third Mondays of each month. However, in November, we are hosting a VHC book discussion on Monday, November 6 (more information below) and so we will be playing on Thursday, the 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM, and then on Monday, the 20<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM. Please join us as we explore the ancient Chinese tile game of winds, dragons, and number tiles. If you like card games, you’ll probably love Mah Jongg!

On Tuesday, November 14, come to a talk on the Burlington and Lamoille Railroad, at 6:30 PM. Speaker Jerry Fox is an historical researcher and an officer of the Central Vermont Railroad Society. The Burlington and Lamoille Railroad was organized in 1877 and ran until 1938 – yet another victim of the Great Depression. The line ran from Burlington to Cambridge Junction, where it connected with other railroads of the Central Vermont Railway. All are welcome; refreshments will be served.

Vermont Humanities Council Book Discussion. In honor of Veterans Day, we are hosting a book discussion of *Odysseus in America, Combat Trauma and the Trials of Homecoming*, by Jonathan Shay, on Monday, November 6 at 6:30 PM. For soldiers and civilians of any war, the battle doesn’t necessarily cease when the last guns are fired and the battlefield is left behind. We welcome Alan Berolzheimer, who will lead the discussion. The book traces a Vietnam veteran’s journey alongside that of the Greek hero Odysseus. Dr. Berolzheimer has directed the book publishing program of the Vermont Historical Society since 1998. He is also the project historian and assistant director of The Flow of History, a Teaching American History program providing professional development activities to Vermont teachers. He received a Ph.D. in 20<sup>th</sup> century U.S. History from the University of Virginia in 1996. Copies of the book, available to us through the generosity of the Vermont Humanities Council, are available at the circulation desk. Please join us for the discussion of this powerful, and thought-provoking book.

Library hours: Tuesday 12:00 – 8:00 PM, Wednesday 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM, Thursday 12:00 – 8:00 PM, Friday 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM, Saturday 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM, Sunday 1:00 – 4:00 PM; closed Monday.

For information on any of the library’s programs, call 899-4962. DRML is located at 8 River Rd., Jericho; [www.drml.org](http://www.drml.org).

JERICHO TOWN LIBRARY

Our new library director is Lisa Buckton. Please come in and say hello!

Board meetings are held the second Monday of every month at 7:15 PM at Jericho Town Library. All are welcome to attend.

Jericho Town Library is open Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursday, and Fridays 2:00 – 5:00 PM; Wednesdays 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM and 2:00 – 7:00 PM; and Saturday 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM.

For more information on programs and library services, please visit our website at [www.jerichotownlibraryvt.org](http://www.jerichotownlibraryvt.org) or give us a call at 899-4686.

VARNUM MEMORIAL LIBRARY  
JEFFERSONVILLE

Weekly Crafting Circle, Mondays, 5:00 – 7:00 PM. Come and enjoy fiber and fabric with craft novices, as well as folks who have enjoyed handwork arts for their lifetimes! Have a project you’re already working on? Bring it in and share your expertise and enthusiasms.

The Varnum Library, P.O. Box 198, 194 Main St., Jeffersonville, 802-644-2117; [thevarnum@gmail.com](mailto:thevarnum@gmail.com).

Hours: Mondays and Tuesdays 12:00 – 7:00 PM, Wednesdays 3:00 – 7:00 PM, Thursdays 9:00 AM – 7:00 PM, Fridays 2:00 – 5:00 PM, and Saturdays 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM. Closed Sundays.

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RICHMOND LIBRARY

Baby Laptime, Mondays, 10:30 AM: 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.

Playgroup 8:45 AM and Storytime 10:00 AM: For children age infant-5. Introduce your child to many new friends and to the wonderful world of books.

Early Bird Math Storytime, first three Fridays of the month, 11:00 AM: For children ages 2-5. We will explore numbers, shapes, patterns, and sets through books, songs, rhymes, and games. This fun, interactive storytime happens in the community room.

Yoga Storytime, fourth Friday of the month, 11:00 AM: For ages 2-5. We’ll enjoy thoughtful books and engage our bodies with active movement.

Read to Tippy the Dog, second Tuesday the month, 3:00 – 4:00 PM in the Community Room. Children ages 4-12 can sign up for a private session with Tippy, a Certified Therapy Dog. 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. Tippy will gain praise and adoration. Sign up for

a slot in advance or just drop by.

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.

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 list of large print titles, from the VT 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.

Open Monday and Wednesday, 10:00 AM – 8:00 PM; Tuesday and Thursday, 1:00 – 6:00 PM; Friday, 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM; Saturday, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM.

Richmond Free Library, 201 Bridge St., P.O. Box 997, Richmond, VT 05477; 434-3036; 434-3223 (fax); [www.richmondfreelibraryvt.org](http://www.richmondfreelibraryvt.org).

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All events free. Children 8 and younger must be accompanied by an adult while at the library.

LEGO Robotics, Mondays through November 13, 3:00 – 4:15 PM. Learn simple programming and make a robot using LEGO Mindstorms. Presented by Mark Sherwin of SciTech4Kids. Grades 3-5. Pre-register.

Food for Thought Teen Library Volunteers: Thursday, November 2, 4:00 – 5:00 PM. Teens meet for pizza, discussion, book/DVD selection, and planning special events at the library. Community service opportunity. Grades 7-12. New members welcome!

Fall Story Time: Tuesdays at 10:30 AM (except November 21). Join us for stories and a craft activity. November 7: Monkey Business with Victoria Francis; November 14: Socks & Shoes; November 28: Hibernation. All ages.

Preschool Music: Mondays 11:00 AM with Peter Alsen, and Thursdays 10:30 AM with Marcie Hernandez (except Thursday, November 23: library closed). Second Thursday of each month: Spanish Music with Constancia Gomez. For children up to age 5 with a caregiver. No pre-registration. Limit one session per week per family.

Thursday Playtime: Thursdays, 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM (except November 23: library closed). Preschoolers and their caregivers are invited for an informal playtime following our Preschool Music program. For children birth to age 5.

Read to a Dog: Thursdays, November 9, 16, 30, 3:30 – 4:30 PM. Bring a book and read to one of our registered Therapy Dogs of Vermont. All ages. Call 878-4918 to pre-register for individual sessions.

Preschool Yoga with Danielle: Friday, November 10, 10:30 AM. Simple yoga poses, stories, and songs for children birth to age 5 and their caregivers.

Chess Club: Wednesday, November 15, 5:30 – 7:00 PM. Have you wanted to learn how to play, revisit the game, or just love the game of chess? Come on your own or bring a friend and play with members of our community. All ages and experience levels are welcome.

Spanish Musical Playgroup: Saturday, November 18, 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM. Spanish rhymes, books, and songs for children birth to age 5. Presented by Constancia Gomez. Includes playtime and snack. Non-Spanish speakers welcome.

Dorothy Alling Memorial Library, 21 Library Lane, Williston. 802-878-4918, [www.williston.lib.vt.us](http://www.williston.lib.vt.us).

FAIRFAX COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Thursdays, November 2, 16, 3:15 – 4:15 PM: READ to a DOG. Kids ages 5-10 can read a book of their choice to a fuzzy, friendly dog. Call to reserve a 15-minute slot.

Thursday, November 2, 6:00 – 7:00 PM: PJ Story Hour. Kids age 0-6 listen to themed stories, followed by a craft and snack. Thanks to Building Bright Futures for this wonderful program.

Tuesdays, November 7, 21, 28, 9:30 – 10:30 AM: Preschool Story Hour. Join us for themed stories, songs, and activities for ages 0-6. No registration necessary. November 7: Numbers. November 21: Jungle. November 28: Pizza.

Tuesday, November 7, 3:00 – 4:30 PM: Sewing Club. Youth age 8+ will make accessory holders in this two-part class. Must register for both sessions. Space is limited.

Wednesday, November 8, 3:00 – 4:00 PM: Lego Club. Kids ages 6+ enjoy themed Lego play after school. Please register.

Thursday, November 9, 6:30 – 8:00 PM: Fiction Book Group discusses *Georgia* by Dawn Tripp. In a dazzling work of historical fiction in the vein of Nancy Horan’s *Loving Frank*, Dawn Tripp brings to life Georgia O’Keeffe, her love affair with photographer Alfred Stieglitz, and her quest to become an independent artist. A breathtaking work of the imagination, *Georgia* is the story of a passionate young woman, her search for love and artistic freedom, the sacrifices she will face, and the bold vision that will make her a legend. Copies available at the library.

Saturday, November 11, 10:00 – 11:00 AM: Exordium: Leaf Art. Mr. K from Exordium brings us another exciting science program. This month’s program will be leaf art. Best for ages 2+. Drop in program.

Monday, November 13, 3:00 – 4:00 PM: Crafternoon: Forest Animal Finger Puppets. Kids ages 6+ will learn some sewing basics to make these cute finger puppets. Must register.

Tuesday, November 14, 9:30 – 10:30 AM: Preschool Story Hour Special with Farmer Virginia. Join us for themed stories, songs, and activities for ages 0-6. No registration necessary.

Thursday, November 16, 6:30 – 7:30 PM: Family STEAM Night. Join us for this new family program, where each month parents and children will complete fun activities having to do with Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and/or Math (STEAM). This month our theme is “Robots.” Please register.

Saturday, November 18, 6:00 – 7:30 PM: Drop-in Card Making. Stop in on your way through the craft fair at the school. Make a holiday card to go with any treasures you find. All materials provided. No registration required.

Monday, November 27, 3 – 4 PM: Lab Girls. This club empowers young women to explore science and technology through hands-on

experiments and activities. For grades 4-8. This month we will be joined by the Watershed Alliance to conduct some water chemistry tests and look at some preserved benthic macroinvertebrate samples and discuss how these are indicators for water quality. Must register.

Wednesday, November 29, 3:00 – 4:00 PM: STEM Club. Kids age 6+ will continue to learn about simple machines and work on automaton with local inventor Ralph Lemnah. Must register.

Saturday, November 11, 9:00 – 11:00 AM: Tech Help. Get help with individual tech questions. You can ask any technological question and/or bring in a device with which you need help. You will be ably assisted by our techie, Josiah. Call to reserve a half hour time slot, or drop in.

Thursday, November 30, 6:30 – 7:30 PM: The Abenaki: History and Culture. Join Melody Brook, Chair of the Vermont Commission on Native American Affairs, for a panel discussion about the Abenaki, their history and culture, and what issues this group is facing today. Co-sponsored by the Fairfax Historical Society.

The Library will be closed Thursday, November 23 through Saturday, November 25 in observance of Thanksgiving. All events are free unless noted. Pre-registration encouraged. [www.fairfaxvtlibrary.org](http://www.fairfaxvtlibrary.org), 802-849-2420. Call or email [libraryprograms@fwsu.org](mailto:libraryprograms@fwsu.org).

ONGOING EVENTS

ADULT ACTIVITIES

**Veterans Job Networking**, Wednesdays, 9:30 – 11:00 AM, VFW Post, Essex Junction; 1:00 – 2:30 PM, American Legion Post, St. Albans.

**The Vermont Genealogy Library** in Fort Ethan Allen, Colchester has the resources to help you find those elusive ancestors. We are open every Tuesday from 3:00 – 9:30 PM. We continue to be open every Tuesday. Please see our website [www.vtgenlib.org](http://www.vtgenlib.org) for more information including directions and how to contact us if you are visiting the area.

**Toastmasters of Greater Burlington**, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays, 7:00 PM, Holiday Inn, 1068 Williston Rd., S. Burlington. Do you want to develop your speaking and leadership skills? Ace an interview? Ignite your career? If so, Toastmasters of Greater Burlington is the place for you. You’ll find a supportive learn-by-doing environment that helps you achieve your goals. For information, 802-782-4832.

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ART / MUSIC / THEATER

ART/PHOTOGRAPHY

Established and emerging artists are invited to submit one or two pieces of two-dimensional artwork in any medium (including photography) for *My Favorite Things*, an exhibit scheduled for January-April 2018 at the Jericho Town Hall. The work must depict one or more identifiable people, objects, or places. It must be able to be hung on a wall. Registration deadline Friday, December 15. Information and registration at [catherinemcmains@gmail.com](mailto:catherinemcmains@gmail.com). The exhibit is one of an ongoing series of shows that are part of a collaborative project between the Town of Jericho and a committee of volunteers involved in the arts. The Committee includes Jericho Selectboard member Catherine McMains, gallery owner Emilie Alexander, and artists Dianne Shullenberger and Carla Hochschild.

Fiber, Watercolor, and Ink, used on two-dimensional surfaces to capture representational images of real objects, places, and things – these are the tools of three artists opening in a new show at the Emile A Gruppe Gallery in Jericho Center. Meet the Artists Harald Aksdal, Anne Standish, and Gil Myers on Sunday, November 19 from 1:00 – 4:00 PM and view their works. Show dates are Thursday, November 16-Saturday, January 6. Anne Standish is an emerging artist in the field of fiber arts. Her inspiration for her quilted art work comes from the natural world. Harald Aksdal’s architectural background provides the eye for detail in the everyday world but his interpretation creates beauty from unlikely subjects. Gil Myers has been painting in watercolors for over 50 years and still discovers something new as he interprets the landscape. Emile A Gruppe Gallery, 22 Barber Farm Rd., Jericho; open 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM Thursday-Sunday or by appointment; 802-899-3211 or [www.emilegruppegallery.com](http://www.emilegruppegallery.com).

Helen Day Art Center in Stowe presents *Art of the Selfie* through Saturday, November 11. *Art of the Selfie* is an exhibition of work by Andy Warhol, Suzy Lake, Carrie Mae Weems, Marina Abramovic, Rafael Lozano-Hemmer, and emerging artists who explore the expression and transformation of self-images and identity. Also through Saturday, November 11, *Enough to Divide a Room: Michael Rocco Ruglio-Misurell* is a solo exhibition in the East Gallery featuring the work of the Berlin-based artist. In prints and sculpture his work explores the fluctuation between appearance and disappearance. The work is generated from debris and found objects of urban culture, often infused with a strong history. For more information, [www.helenday.com/exhibitions/upcoming144-2017-selfies](http://www.helenday.com/exhibitions/upcoming144-2017-selfies) or call 802-253-8358.

It’s time for River Arts’ annual fall fundraiser *Viva Las Artes!* which this year will feature all things green – recycled treasures, local products, services and an array of eco-friendly items, not to mention a delicious meal and live auction. On Friday, November 3, 6:00 – 9:00 PM this special evening brings supportive friends and partners together to celebrate and support local art. River Arts is committed to making the arts accessible to everyone regardless of age or financial means, and the funds raised will go directly towards programming. Join us as we come together to create a positive future through the arts! For information, to preview auction items, or purchase tickets, [www.riverartsvt.org](http://www.riverartsvt.org) or 802-888-1261. River Arts of Morrisville, 74 Pleasant St., Morrisville.

At the Fleming Museum at UVM in Burlington, the fall 2017 season features two special exhibitions. In the East Gallery will be *Spirited Things: Sacred Arts of the Black Atlantic* featuring objects from the Yorùbá religion of West Africa as well as Haitian Vodou, Cuban Santería, Brazilian Candomblé, and Caribbean Spiritism, faiths that emerged from the practices of enslaved Africans who blended their ancestral cultures with that of their captors. In the Wolcott gallery will be an exhibition of the mid-century modernist painter Herbert Barnett and his distinctive landscapes painted in Vermont between 1940-1948. Fleming Museum of Art, UVM, 61 Colchester Ave., Burlington.

Shelburne Vineyard has announced that Stowe-based artist Keilani Lime will display her works at the vineyard’s Tasting Room through the end of December. She holds a degree in Fine Art from the Academy of Art University in San Francisco, and resides in Stowe. She will exhibit large format pieces that focus on design and structural texture on canvas using acrylic and found media. Through her work’s minimalist philosophy, she aims to create balance, focus, and peace, reforming the “din that consumes us.” For information, [www.shelburnevineyard.com](http://www.shelburnevineyard.com) or 802-985-8222.

The Lamoille County Courthouse announces the second installation of artwork in the newly renovated Courthouse. Bryan Memorial Gallery of Jeffersonville has been invited by the Courthouse to install a newly refreshed exhibit of original paintings in its public spaces in anticipation of the fall season. The artworks comprise an exhibition on the theme of Vermont Landscape, and will remain in place through the end of the year. Bryan Memorial Gallery selected 37 artworks by 18 artists, all of whom paint frequently in Vermont, most of whom are Vermont residents. The paintings in oil, watercolor, pastel, and acrylics present vistas and views of mostly local scenes throughout the seasons. The works are installed in the Main Corridor and a conference room on the first

floor, and outside the Courtroom on the second floor. Among the artists featured are watercolor artists Lisa Forster Beach of Stowe, Kathrena Ravenhorst Adams of Northfield, and Littleton, NH artist Jeanette Fournier, formerly of Vermont, a specialist in paintings of animals. Many of the artists have seized the opportunity to present their version of the coming seasons such as Marilyn James with her painting *October*, Lisa Beach with her painting, *Golden Vermont*, and John Clarke Olson with his painting *Westford: Winter Barns*. The Lamoille County Courthouse is at 154 Main St., Hyde Park; open Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM (closed 12:00 – 12:30 PM). For a preview of the work on exhibit, visit [www.bryangallery.org](http://www.bryangallery.org). For more information, Bryan Memorial Gallery, 802-644-5100 or [mickey@bryangallery.org](mailto:mickey@bryangallery.org).

Bryan Memorial Gallery presents *Land and Light and Water and Air*, including over 100 juried landscape paintings of New England scenes from regional artists. The gallery is open daily, Thursday-Sunday, 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM and by appointment. Free admission. Bryan Memorial Gallery, 180 Main St., Jeffersonville; 802-644-5100; [www.bryangallery.org](http://www.bryangallery.org).

Visions of Vermont Art Galleries in Jeffersonville is open Tuesday-Sunday, 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM. Hosts Jane and Terry Shaw, 644-8183; Visions of Vermont, 100 Main St., Jeffersonville. For more information, visit [www.visionsofvermont.com](http://www.visionsofvermont.com).

Essex Art League meets the first Thursday of the month, September-May, 9:00 – 11:00 AM at the Essex Junction Congregational Church on VT Rt. 15, Essex Junction. The agenda includes a business and social time and a guest speaker/artist presentation. More information including a calendar and online gallery is available at the League’s website [www.essexartleague.com](http://www.essexartleague.com).

The Milton Artist Guild has a number of fun and varied workshops coming up. For information, contact the Milton Artists’ Guild, P.O. Box 369, Milton, VT 05468; [www.miltonartistsguild.org](http://www.miltonartistsguild.org).

MUSIC

The Community Center in Jericho is sponsoring a benefit holiday concert on Sunday, November 19 beginning at 3:00 PM at the Center, featuring the women’s vocal ensemble *Anima* and the instrumental group *Full Circle*. *Anima* specializes in the music of the Middle Ages and the Renaissance; *Full Circle* plays traditional pieces on recorders, hammered dulcimer, harp, guitar, and percussion. The groups will perform individually, and will combine together for the first time for a special presentation. Enjoy traditional holiday music and music that has been used for centuries to celebrate winter and the upcoming holidays. Suggested donation for an adult is \$10, \$20 for a family. Members of *Anima* are Liz Thompson (Director), Sue Carpenter, Susannah Blachly, Kathy Isaacs, Cara Hill, Sharon Newcomb, Ellie Blachly, Nancy Snow, Kathy Light, Ellie Hayes and Susan Comen. *Full Circle* includes Maeve Kim, Beth London, Susan Reit, Linda Rodd, and Mary Ann Samuels.

For the second concert of the season at the Deborah Rawson Memorial Library, Rick Ceballos will return with a group of talented musicians on Sunday, November 5 at 2:00 PM for a free concert for people of all ages. *DaddyLongLegs* is the confluence of three well-known Vermont musicians – Rick Ceballow, David Gusakov, and Matt Witten – whose talents merge to form a highly original acoustic trio. Infusing catchy folk songs, Celtic and “old-timey” melodies, and early minstrel and jazz pieces with passion and intricacy, *DaddyLongLegs* is playful and dynamic. Playing fiddle, viola, banjo, gourd banjo, piano, guitar, percussion, and vocals, DaddyLongLegs creates vibrant, sensitive, and surprising 21<sup>st</sup> century folk music. Admission is free; DRML, 8 River Rd., Jericho. For information, 899-4962.

The *Helian Consort* will perform an innovative program entitled *Crossing the Bar* on Sunday, November 12, 4:00 – 5:00 PM at the UCW white church, VT Rt. 128 on Westford Common. The program will explore the relationship between classical and folk music, ranging from creative selections of Flemish Renaissance folk songs to music of Bartok, Gershwin, and Dvorak. The trio features Berta Frank on flute, Katie Oprea on oboe, and Elizabeth LeBlanc on clarinet. All longtime Vermont residents, the *Helian Consort* presents engaging programs combining great classical repertoire with song and story. This performance will feature vocals of traditional songs of the British Isles associated with the setting of Alfred Lord Tennyson’s *Crossing The Bar*. Celebrating their eleventh season, *Helian Consort* is known to bring spirited performances to audiences throughout Vermont. Free will donation. Refreshments served. For information, call 879-4028.

The Eleva Chamber Players, Central Vermont’s only professional string chamber orchestra, will present *Breathless*. From a bold solemn opening followed by a light-hearted symphony to a rousing masterpiece, this program will leave you breathless. The program will include Tomaso Albinoni’s *Adagio in G minor for Strings and Organ*, Benjamin Britten’s *Simple Symphony, Op. 4*, and Josef Suk’s *Serenade in E flat major for Strings Op. 6*. The two concert performances will take place on Saturday, November 11 at 7:30 PM at the United Church of Christ/Waterbury Congregational Church, 8 North Main St., Waterbury, and on Sunday, November 12 at 3:00 PM at First Church Universalist of Barre, 19 Church St., Barre. General admission is \$20; \$10 for seniors, students and members of the VT Philharmonic or Montpelier Chamber Orchestra. Tickets available at the door. The Eleva Chamber Players was established in April 2006 in Waterbury with the mission of elevating the human spirit through music. Eleva’s concerts feature fine musicianship and fascinating dialogue that is both educational and inspiring. The conductor-less orchestra is composed of professional musicians with distinguished international careers from throughout Vermont and the northeastern U.S. In addition to its annual November concerts, Eleva has conducted concert tours of Vermont wineries, and various house concerts around the country. More information is available at [www.elevachamberplayers.org](http://www.elevachamberplayers.org).

The Burlington Civic Symphony (BCSO) will perform a concert directed by Daniel Bruce on Saturday, November 4 at 7:30 PM at the Elley-Long Music Center, Colchester, featuring Verdi’s *Overture to Nabucco*, Bach’s *Passacaglia and Fugue in C minor* (arranged for orchestra by Leopold Stokowski), and Hindemith’s *Symphonic Metamorphosis*, along with music by Debussy and a work by Vermont composer Patricia Julien. Tickets are available from the Flynn Regional Box Office ([www.flynnntix.org](http://www.flynnntix.org)). For more information, visit the orchestra’s website, [www.bcsovt.org](http://www.bcsovt.org).

The Burlington Chamber Orchestra’s eleventh season performances this season will include Soovin Kim, Conductor on Saturday, January 20; a Collaboration with

the UVM Dance Department featuring Claude Debussy’s *Prelude to the Afternoon of Faun* and Aaron Copland’s *Appalachian Spring* on March 3 and 4; and a collaboration with *Bella Voce Chorus* Mozart’s *Marriage of Figaro Overture*; Mel Bonis, *Suite en forme de valse pour orchestre*; and Gwyneth Walker’s *Love is a Rain of Diamonds, I Will be Earth, Thank you God, The Tree of Peace and How Can I Keep* on May 12. The Concerto Competition winner will also perform at the May concert. The Burlington Chamber Orchestra will be holding a special performance Classical Holidays on Sunday, December 17 that will include the music of Corelli, Amy Beach, and choral movements from *Messiah*. General admission is \$30 adults and \$10 students (with identification). Adult tickets for the January Concert with Soovin Kim will be \$40. Season tickets are \$120 for adults and \$40 for students. For more information go to [www.bcovt.org](http://www.bcovt.org), or contact Sharon Radtke, 802-893-4082 or [bco@bcovt.org](mailto:bco@bcovt.org).

THEATER/FILM

The Jericho Recreation Committee presents tickets and bus to *A Christmas Story!* Take the bus to the Flynn in Burlington with other Jericho residents for an afternoon of fun and theater! All ages! Saturday November 11. Bus leaves Jericho Town Hall at 12:45 PM. \$30 includes tickets to the show and round-trip transportation. RSVP to [kinnormanmercero@gmail.com](mailto:kinnormanmercero@gmail.com) or 802-274-3043.

Lyric Theatre Company presents *A Christmas Story, the Musical* at the Flynn MainStage in Burlington for just one weekend, Thursday-Sunday, November 9-12 – taking the stage by snowstorm, with pink bunny suit, kooky leg lamp, sticky flagpole, and all! Performances at 7:30 PM Thursday-Saturday; 6:30 PM Sunday; 2:00 PM matinee Saturday and Sunday. The Sunday matinee will be audio-described for patrons who are blind or visually impaired. Tickets \$24-42; student / senior discount at some performances. For information or to order tickets, [www.flynnntix.org](http://www.flynnntix.org) or 802-86-FLYNN.

The student theater troupe at Johnson State College will stage a nontraditional production of Sophocles’ tragedy *Antigone*, Thursday-Sunday, November 9-12 at the Dibden Center for the Arts on the JSC campus. With a script JSC students revised using three varied interpretations of *Antigone*, the cast changed the play’s approach to reflect the influence of social media feeds on public opinion. Audience members can vote on who they think is the play’s hero, and their vote will affect the ending. Cast members in leading roles include Vermonters Katelyn Shaw as Antigone and Lucas Sirois as Creon. Performances of *Antigone: Red Feed, Blue Feed* will start at 7:00 PM Thursday-Saturday, and at 2:00 PM Sunday. Tickets \$10 per person (cash only) for the public. For more information or to reserve tickets, contact the Dibden Center box office, [www.jsc.edu/Dibden](http://www.jsc.edu/Dibden), or call 635-1476 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM Monday-Friday.

Shelburne Players’ fall comedy production *I Hate Hamlet* by Paul Rudnick will be performed at Shelburne Town Center, 5420 Shelburne Rd., Shelburne on Friday-Saturday, November 10-11 and 17-18 and Wednesday, November 15 at 7:30 PM, and Sunday, November 12 at 2:00 PM. Tickets are \$15 (\$12 for the Sunday matinee), and can be purchased in advance at Shelburne Market. For more information or to reserve tickets go to [www.shelburneplayers.com](http://www.shelburneplayers.com) or call 343-2602. Open seating.



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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

COLLEGE NEWS

**Kathryn Devlin** of Bolton, VT was inducted into the Alpha Chi chapter at Colby-Sawyer College, New London, NH on Sunday, October 22, 2017. Devlin is a member of the class of 2019 majoring in studio art.

SPORTS NEWS

Kids’ basketball clinic at JSC

Johnson State College will conduct a Small Fry Basketball Clinic for girls and boys 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM on Saturday, November 4 and Sunday, November 12 at JSC’s SHAPE Center.

Each clinic, for grades K-8, is \$25 per child and includes a T-shirt. The clinics, conducted by Johnson State basketball players and coaches, will cover ball handling, shooting, defense, passing, and other skills. The clinics are fundraisers for the men’s and women’s basketball programs.

To register, visit [http://nvubadgers.com/camps-clinics/Small\\_Fry\\_Basketball\\_Clinic](http://nvubadgers.com/camps-clinics/Small_Fry_Basketball_Clinic), or register at the door.

For more information, contact JSC Assistant Athletic Director Greg Eckman, 233-6012 or [greg.eckman@jsc.edu](mailto:greg.eckman@jsc.edu).

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**Megan Elaine O’Neill** (Hinkle) (Fisher), 41, of Underhill, VT, passed away peacefully on Thursday, October 19, 2017. Surrounded by her loving family after suffering a cardiac arrest, she left us to be embraced in the loving arms of our Lord, her baby brother Patrick, her grandparents Veronica and W. Edward O’Neill, maternal grandmother Patricia J Taggart, aunts, uncles, and her much loved pets. Megan’s life may have been unexpectedly cut short, but it was well lived. She was passionate about all things that involved her children, family, and friends. She was an equestrian enthusiast, she dearly loved her horse Tucker. Her barn family was as important to her as her blood family. Megan is survived by her two children Kyra Hinkle, 15, and Jaxsen Fisher, 6, and her parents Ed and Marcia O’Neill, all of Underhill; her brother Timothy M. O’Neill of Stephens City VA; her niece Logan O’Neill of Waynesboro, VA; nephew Luke O’Neill of Prescott, AZ; her grandfather George L. Taggart of Castleton, VT; aunts and uncles Timothy and Gloria Taggart of Darlington SC; Mary and Sidney Waite of Castleton, VT; David O’Neill of Castleton, VT; Mack and Ann Smith of Lexington, VA; cousins Sarah Waite and Stacey Adamski, Steven and Theresa Waite, Amanda and John Trigaux, Margaret Smith, Martha Smith, Markus and Sarah Smith, Devin and Kelly O’Neill, Karen and Evan Sherman; Stacy and Martin Hutchins, Brent and Tammy Scarborough, Sean Taggart, Jason Taggart. James Fisher of Hagerstown, MD. Megan is also survived by her pets, her horse, and a diverse circle of loving and cherished friends. Megan was predeceased by her brother Patrick Edward O’Neill, her grandparents Ed and Veronica O’Neill, and Patricia J Taggart, several aunts and uncles, cousin Mackenzie Smith, and nephew Trey Hinkle, and her heart sister Crystal Ducharme. Visiting hours were Wednesday, October 25, 2017 at Durfee Funeral Home in Fair Haven, VT, with a service immediately following. A reception was held after the ceremony at Post 50 American Legion in Castleton, VT. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to be made to your favorite horse or pet rescue.

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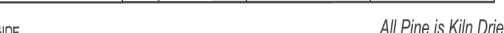
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**Eagles Auxiliary #3210** holds bingo at the club house, VT Rt. 109, Jeffersonville, Friday nights. Doors open at 5:30 PM. Bingo starts at 6:45 PM. For information, contact Sally, 644-5377.

**Handbell ringers**, Tuesday evenings, United Church of Underhill. All are welcome at rehearsals. Two ensembles; opportunity for small groups/shorter time periods. We ring a variety of music in a variety of settings and look forward to new faces joining us. Beginners welcome. Call Amy, 899-2154, for information.

**Mount Mansfield Scale Modelers**, 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month, 6:30 – 8:30 PM. Modelers encompassing all categories of interest and skill levels are welcome. Brownell Library, Kolvoord Community Room, Lincoln St., Essex Junction.

The **Underhill Historical Society** meets at the Underhill Town Hall on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month, 6:30 PM. Anyone welcome.

**HEALTH EVENTS & GROUPS**

**Healthier Living with Diabetes** – free six-week class at the Cambridge Health Center to learn self-management techniques to prevent low blood sugar, practice healthy eating, be more active, reduce stress, communicate effectively with your healthcare team, and more. Upcoming sessions will run Wednesdays, April 18-May 23, 2018, 2:00 – 4:30 PM. For information, contact Rorie, 644-5114.

**La Leche League** of Essex Junction – monthly breastfeeding support meetings, first Thursdays, 6:30 – 8:00 PM, Essex Free Library, 1 Browns River Rd., Essex Junction. Join us whether you are pregnant, nursing your first tiny baby, or weaning your last toddler. Free! We meet downstairs in

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**Al-Anon** meetings, Jericho United Methodist Church, Thursdays 10:00 AM, and Saturdays 10:00 AM.

**Alcoholics Anonymous meeting**, “Women’s Big Book” group meets Thursdays 6:00 – 7:00 PM, United Methodist Church, VT Rt. 15, Essex Junction, across from Grange Hall.

**Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting**, “Keep It Simple” group meets Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays 8:00 – 9:00 PM, and Saturdays 6:30 – 7:30 PM, United Church of Underhill, Underhill Flats.

**Alzheimer’s support group**, monthly on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday, 9:30 – 11:30 AM, The Arbors, 687 Harbor Rd., Shelburne. Free education for individuals and families in the early stages of Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias. For information and to register, contact Cathy Michaels, 985-8600.

**Brain Injury Support Group** – a place for survivors and family members, caregivers, friends, and the community to receive valuable resources and information about brain injury. The support group is a place to share experiences in a safe, secure, and confidential environment. Evening group: first Wednesday of every month 5:30 – 7:30 PM at Fanny Allen Campus, 790 College Parkway, Colchester, follow the signs; daytime group last Friday of every month at the Department of Labor, 63 Pearl St., Burlington, 12:00 – 1:00 PM conference room A. Call the BIAVT help line, 877-856-1772.

**Autism** – Vermont Healing Network, excellent autism resource 1-800-800-4005, [vermontfamilynetwork.org](http://vermontfamilynetwork.org).

**Foot Clinics** – Having trouble trimming your own toenails? Franklin County Home Health provides foot clinics around the county that can help. Call 802-527-7531 for an appointment and information. Cost: \$20.

**Champlain Valley Prostate Cancer Support Group**, 6:00 – 8:00 PM, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays, Hope Lodge, 237 East Ave., Burlington. Newly diagnosed? Prostate cancer reoccurrence? General discussion and sharing among survivors and those beginning or rejoining the battle. Information: Mary L. Guyette RN, MS, ACNS-BC, 802-274-4990.

**Lamoille Home Health & Hospice**: Hospice Volunteer Training. Health care professionals share their knowledge and passion for hospice. Please contact Charlene, 888-4651 or [ccamire@lhha.org](mailto:ccamire@lhha.org) for more information.

**Statewide Quit Line**, Telephone Smoking Cessation Counseling. Call 1-877-YES-QUIT (1-877-937-7848). Free.

**KIDS**

**Playgroups** free of charge and open to all children birth-5 years, and their caregivers. Stories, songs, crafts, free play, local events and information, and more – an opportunity to play with the children in your life, meet other playmates, and connect with other parents and caregivers. Playgroups follow the school calendar. Come to any or all groups that fit your schedule. For information on any playgroup, contact Heather Lebeis, 899-4415 or [underhillplaygroup@yahoo.com](mailto:underhillplaygroup@yahoo.com). Mondays: Good Shepherd Church, VT Rt. 15, Jericho, 9:30 – 11:00 AM; Wednesdays: Richmond Free Library, 8:45 – 10:15 AM; Fridays: Huntington Public Library, 10:00 AM – 11:30 PM.

**Early Literacy Storytime**, Thursdays, 11:00 AM, Westford Public Library. Stories and activities using early literacy concepts for ages birth-preschool. Drop-in; no registration needed. New families welcome. Information: Victoria, 878-5639 or [westford\\_pl@vals.state.vt.us](mailto:westford_pl@vals.state.vt.us), or visit [www.westford.lib.vt.us](http://www.westford.lib.vt.us) and click on Events @ Your Library.

**SENIORS/COMMUNITY MEALS**

**Jeri-Hill XYZ Seniors** meet at the Catalyst Church on the Raceway, Underhill on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month. All seniors welcome. Dinner served at 11:30 AM. Information, Bette Workman, 899-4446, Loreen Teer, 899-1363, or Doug Keith, 899-2582.

**Johnson Community Meal** – 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of the month, 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM, United Church, Johnson. Come for a hot meal and get to know your neighbors. Meal followed by community gathering. Information: Ellen Hill, 635-1439, [ellen.hill@jsc.edu](mailto:ellen.hill@jsc.edu).

**Westford Senior Lunches** – Join Westford Seniors for lunch at the Red Brick Meeting House on the Common, monthly on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday. Lunch, 12:00 PM; short meeting or presentation after. Call Carol Howrigan 878-3090 for information or for a ride.

**Bolton Up and Downtown Club** meets the last Thursday of the month at the Bolton Fire Station. Meal at 5:00 PM. Open to adults 60+. Contact Doris Wheelock at 434-3769.

**Huntington senior meal site** – The Huntington senior meals are served monthly on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, 12:00 PM at the Community Baptist Church, Huntington Center.

**“Good Food for All” free dinners**, 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month, United Church of Underhill, VT Rt. 15, Underhill Flats, 5:00 – 7:00 PM; and on the last Thursday of each month at Calvary Episcopal Church, VT Rt. 15, Underhill Flats, 5:00 – 7:00 PM. Everyone in the communities is invited.

**TOWN GOVERNMENT & ORGANIZATIONS**

**Cambridge Area Rotary** meets on 1<sup>st</sup>

four Thursdays of the month, upstairs at 158 Main restaurant, Jeffersonville, 7:00 – 8:00 AM. Information: Susan Lassiter, 644-6600 or [Slassiter@unionbankvt.com](mailto:Slassiter@unionbankvt.com).

**Westford Fire Department**, Mondays, 7:00 PM, at the fire station next to the town garage. Information: John Quinn, [jquinninv@aol.com](mailto:jquinninv@aol.com).

**Jericho Village Water District Board of Commissioners** meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month, 7:00 PM, Old Red Mill, Jericho.

**Jericho-Underhill Water District** meets 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month, United Church of Underhill, Underhill Flats, 7:00 PM. Information: 899-4076 or 899-3810.

**Jericho Historical Society**, monthly on 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursdays, 7:30 PM, Old Red Mill, Jericho.

**Jericho Underhill Park District Board** meeting, 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays, 7:00 PM, Deborah Rawson Memorial Library project room, Jericho. Residents of Jericho and Underhill always welcome. Information: 899-2693.

**Jericho Energy Task Force** meets monthly, 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays, 7:00 – 8:30 PM, Jericho Town Hall, VT Rt. 15, Jericho.

**THRIFT SHOPS & FOOD SHELVES**

**Essex/Jericho/Underhill Food Shelf**, open 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday each month, 9:00 – 11:30 AM, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, VT Rt. 15, Jericho. Meat, dairy, produce, pantry items, pet food, and some non-food items. All are welcome.

**Westford Food Shelf**, open monthly, 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays, 8:00 – 10:30 AM, United Church of Westford. All are welcome. Fresh produce, meat, and non-food items available.

The **Heavenly Cents Thrift Shop**, just east of Five Corners, Essex Junction, VT Rt. 15, 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM Tuesdays and Wednesdays; 4:00 – 8:00 PM Thursdays.

**St. Michael’s Professor visits math classrooms at BRMS**

*Is there a dependant relationship between the number of people performing a “wave” and the time it takes to complete the wave?*

On Tuesday, October 17, Professor George Ashline from Saint Michael’s College, Colchester, met with every eighth grade math class at Browns River Middle School, Jericho, and facilitated lively workshops that used statistics to answer this question. In each class, different numbers of students performed the wave. After plotting the data, Professor Ashline asked students to use the words strength, direction, and form to describe the “shape” of their data. He also shared the equation for calculating “r” that numerically describes the correlation between two variables. When the r value is close to 1 or -1, the variables have a very strong correlation and will look as if they follow a linear rule.

If the r value is close to zero, the data is not very correlated and the graph will show scattered points. The data presented a strong, positive, linear relationship between the number of people and the time it takes to complete a wave. BRMS students used pencil and paper to collect data and plot the points. With their new knowledge, they predicted the correlation coefficient. Classroom data was entered into DESMOS, a free online graphing calculator, and the correlation coefficient was calculated based on y=mx+b. Students who had the best predictions won bragging rights.

*Can we use properties of numbers to determine the number someone selects from a group of 63 numbers?* In a different activity, Professor George Ashline asked sixth grade students to choose a number and tell him on which of the cards their number appears. By just knowing this information, he was able to “guess” their number. Students on Team EPIC used their number theory knowledge and looked for patterns. They noticed “odd numbers,” “powers of 2,” and “consecutive numbers” were patterns that appeared on the cards and may help them figure out the puzzle. Some EPIC students took the task home and discussed it at the dinner table. The students who have “figured it out” are giving everyone else time to discover the rule.

The BRMS Mathematics Department thanks Professor George Ashline for donating his time and sharing his expertise to approximately 150 students and many teachers. We also thank the Vermont Math Coalition and Expanding Horizons program for helping us find Professor Ashline.

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