

The Readers Write

I would like to call the Shelburne community's attention to The Working Lands Enterprise Investment Bill which is currently in the Vermont legislature. Basically this bill supports the working landscape in Vermont. It recognizes that the people who work on the land are entrepreneurs and business owners and are important members of our vibrant community.

As much as this bill makes sense, the hard part will be in finding the funding to make it work. I hope you will join me in calling on our legislators to support the bill and work hard for its passage so that Shelburne might retain its quintessential Vermont look and feel and continue to provide a special place to live and work for all community members.

You can find further information about the bill at www.vtworkinglands.org.

Thanks for listening,

— Nancy Wayne Jaffe

Run Bob run

It really made my day to see in a recent edition of the *Shelburne News* that so many people are calling Bob Lake and encouraging him to run for State office — maybe we can get someone in Montpelier that actually answers emails — maybe we can get someone in Montpelier that does something about welfare when it is right before their eyes — we are currently represented by someone who thinks that a program can be created and funded for every perceived social

no longer needed — you shoot yourself in the foot and the State will bail you out — we need new representation and someone who can think for themselves instead of blindly following the democratic party line — again I say, run Bob run.

— Bruce Elmore, Shelburne

Beware of appliance fire hazards

I hope the *Shelburne News* will publish this letter to alert their readers to the dangers of household appliance fires.

Near the end of January our dishwasher control panel caught fire and seriously damaged the dishwasher. Damage to our home was only averted because my wife heard a strange noise coming from the kitchen and rushed in to find six-inch flames shooting from the control panel. In researching the problem, we found that this is a widespread concern. The Consumer Product Safety Commission says that from 2006 through 2008, major appliances caused 150,000 residential fires, with over 3,000 injuries, 150 deaths, and over \$500 million in property damage. We found these figures in a major article on appliance fires that appeared in this month's issue of *Consumer Reports*. Until our dishwasher fire, we had no idea that our model has caused damage in the past several years. The manufacturer refuses to issue a recall or notify the purchasers of this appliance that it may be dangerous and in most cases refuses to



your library

News from Pierson

Pierson Library will be closed on Monday, February 20 in observance of President's Day.

Adult Programs

Book Group: The Pierson Library Book Discussion Group meets on the third Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. This month's meeting will be on Tuesday, February 21. The book we will be discussing is "A Mercy" by Toni Morrison. New members are welcome. For information call the library at 985-5124.

Scrabble Thursdays: Every first and third Thursday of the month join fellow wordsmiths for a rousing game of Scrabble. Scrabble boards are open from 1 to 4 p.m. Come for as long as you can. Bring a friend. The next Scrabble afternoon will be this afternoon, Thursday, Feb. 16.

Events in the Youth Area

Thursday afternoon movies continue this month. Curl up with some popcorn for a cozy movie at 3:15 p.m. on Thursdays. This afternoon, Thursday, Feb. 16, we will show "Flushed Away," rated PG.

Back by popular demand: Friday afternoon Lego club at 3:15 p.m. Drop by after school to create a wonderful Lego construction with your friends. No registration is necessary. This program is geared to children ages five and older. Please note, children under the age of 11 need a

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