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The two story building at 67 Hunt Street in Fairfax, known around town as "the White House," has housed principals, superintendents, town government, and more, but its future is uncertain.

The White House Is For Sale

BY CHRIS SANTEE

When the BFA Fairfax School Board and Superintendent Armando Vilaseca authorized a study on a school building in 2009, the clock began ticking. The study determined the building, lovingly referred to as "the White House", was not suitable to be used as a Municipal Building due to government requirements. The occupants, the Town of Fairfax, who had a 20 year lease at \$1 per year, began seeking alternative arrangements for occupancy.

Several proposals were brought before the voters and a new Town Office building was approved to be constructed at 12 Buck Hollow Road near the corner with Main Street, next to Nan's Mobil. The new Town Office opened in February 2014.

With the tenants departure, the Bellows Free Academy Fairfax School Board now began exploring possibilities for the building's future.

On June 18th, 2014, Franklin West Supervisory Union posted the following on VTGrandpa.com:

For many people in the Fairfax Community the "White House" which used to be the town offices is a notable landmark and a historical structure within our community. Due to extensive refurbishments required to make the building compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act as

well as health concerns associated with moisture and mold in the basement and the high cost of correcting these issues, the school board has decided that this building cannot be utilized for educational purposes.

Understanding the importance that this building has to many members of the community, the School Board is seeking a person or persons who would be interested in purchasing the structure and moving it to a new location in order to preserve it. Parties interested in purchasing the building must commit to removing the building from its current location no later than November 1, 2014 and must submit a letter of interest which states your desire to purchase the building and your plan for removing it to Elaine Carpenter, School Board Director, Bellows Free Academy - Fairfax, 75 Hunt Street Fairfax, VT 05454. All letters of interest must be received prior to August 1, 2014.

If no interested parties come forward than the building will be salvaged and removed. If you have further questions regarding this matter please contact a school board member at fxboard@fwsu.org.

WHITE HOUSE FOR SALE

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NEWS IN BRIEF

New Town Office

Fairfax's new Town Office is located at 12 Buck Hollow Road, next to Nan's Mobil. You can reach the Town Clerk and the rest of the Town Offices at 849-6111, or just stop in to look around. Fairfax also has a website at www.fairfax-vt.gov. More on page 14.

BFA Sports

The Bellows Free Academy baseball team finished undefeated Vermont State Champions of Division III. Fairfax's baseball and softball teams have gone undefeated in the regular season for two consecutive seasons. More on page 6.

In Passing

Fairfax has lost several great people since our last printing. More on page 4.

Anti Energy Drinks

Fairfax Pharmacist Rick Hogle has some important information regarding "Anti-energy drinks" in Pill Board on page 16.

Honor Students

Congratulations to all the BFA Fairfax students who finished the year on the honor roll (and their parents). Honor Roll on page 2.

Fairfax FD Calcutta

Once again, the Fairfax Fire Department will be hosting their Annual Calcutta fundraiser at Smugglers' Notch. Get your tickets while they last! Details on page 5.

COMING NEXT ISSUE

Back to School



Fairfax Fire Chief Steps Down

BY MIKE CAIN

At the July 1st business meeting of the FXFD, Chief Justin Hayes announced he has taken a new job at the University of Tennessee, and he and his family will be moving down south in August. Justin then announced he has appointed Deputy Chief Tom Snyder to the position of Acting Chief.

In the picture above, Justin ceremoniously presents Tom with the Fire Chief's helmet.

Everyone on the Fairfax Fire Department wishes Justin and his family the best of luck with their new adventure in life. We thank Justin for his service and commitment to the Department.

We also look forward to serving on the Fairfax Fire Department under the direction of Tom Snyder.

Editor's Note: On July 22nd, many firefighters, friends and family gathered for a cookout at the Fairfax Fire House to thank Justin and his family. They will be truly missed. *The Fairfax News* would like to thank Justin for his service to our community, making us safer and better prepared for whatever comes our way.

Thanks, Justin!

Lifesaving Law Enforcement Officers

No. R-476. Senate concurrent resolution honoring Franklin County Deputy Sheriff Corporal Brendan McKenney and Enosburgh Ambulance Officer Dean Scott for their heroic rescue efforts in Montgomery.

(S.C.R. 61)

By Senators McAllister, Collins, French, Pollina, Rodgers, and White.

By Representatives Beyor of Highgate, Brennan of Colchester, Connor



On June 11, 2014, as a result of their courageous efforts, Cpl. Brendan McKenney, Deputy Thomas DuPont and EAS Director Dean Scott were presented Lifesaver awards.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

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Cronin Named to School Board

On Thursday evening, July 10th, the BFA Fairfax School Board met and selected Jesse Cronin, out of four interested parties, as the new member on the board filling the seat vacated by recently re-elected Lea Wimmette. School Board Chair Elaine Carpenter stated "The

board unanimously chose Jesse Cronin to be the new school director. We interviewed four excellent candidates, any one of which would have been a good board member. We did feel that Jesse brought a level of experience and understanding of public schools that would benefit the board in our work."

Postmaster, Please Mail To:

BELLOWS FREE ACADEMY-FAIRFAX

The following students were recently named to the Fourth Quarter Honor Roll at Bellows Free Academy, in Fairfax, Vermont:

SENIOR CLASS FIRST HONORS

Paige Beyor, Olivia Coon, Kevin Farmer, Clay Gerke, Francesca Harvey, Nathan Jiwatram, Devin Lowell, Faith Sampson, Daniel Thibault, and Ashley Williams

SECOND HONORS

Owen Bruning, Justin Enegren, Helen Holzscheiter, Alexis LaCross, Michelle LaPine, Lyndsay Potter, and Chelsea Tourville

THIRD HONORS

Justin Enegren, Franklin Hall, Jordan Hoffman, Cheyenne Hughes, Payton Kerkes, Kaitlyn Kirby, Mary Klauzenberg, Alexis LaCross, Nicole Peatman, Olivia Roupe, Zachary Roy, and Alison Santaw

The following students were recently named to the Fourth Quarter Honor Roll at Bellows Free Academy, in Fairfax, Vermont:

JUNIOR CLASS FIRST HONORS

Cory Abell, Chace Carpenter, Asa Hoover, Luke Langelier, Logan Langley, Alexandria McCabe, Courtney Meunier, Emily Pomichter, Sarah Ravinville and Luke Rebeor.

SECOND HONORS

Marshall Bushey, Taylor Hyer, Matthew Larose, Justice Lee, Mara Ormerod, Sarah Reinecke, Sean Stergas and Brooke Wheel.

THIRD HONORS

Connor Allan, Tanner Benoit, Amy Blair, Wayne Butchino, Sabrina Cunningham, Brandon Dunn, Grace Eastman, Dylan Faucett, Naomi Gregoire, Michael Groening, Kaitlyn Hackbart, Victoria Howard, Jocelyn Lawrence, Lindsay Legault-Knowles, Katelyn Love, John McGuinness, Elizabeth McMurray, Emily Miner, Kayla Nester, Benjamin Tague, Margaret Wheel and Mark Woodward.

SOPHOMORE CLASS FIRST HONORS

Kaitlyn Barnack, Benjamin Bosland, Loren Bourne, Victoria Brown, Rebecca Cook, Alexander Ferguson, India Hoover, Madison Irish, Ekaterina Langlois, Brandon Lawrence, David Legris, Bailie McDonald, Christopher Pendris, Geoffrey Shukei, CeLynn Simons, Bhupinderjit Singh, Elizabeth Skerrett, Mikayla Sullivan, Bastien Taylor, Kaitlyn Thibault and Lucas Wells.

SECOND HONORS

Nicholas Hendee, Frances Holmes-Henry, Jessica King, Meadow Linderman, Christian Soychak and Gianna Trono.

THIRD HONORS

Nikki Bedell, Alexis Boyd, Noah Clokey, Scout Donahue, Hudson Elledge, Colynn Gillilan, Cooper Gonyaw, Lana Goodrich, Emily Johnson, Tyler King, Morgan McNall, Jacob Moore, Kaitlin Morin, Seamus Rooney, Kailey Ware-O'Brien, Kevin West and Kaitlynn Wimble.

FRESHMEN CLASS FIRST HONORS

Gracie Baker, Skyler Billado, Katherine Brown, Jon Clark, Annika Coloney, Nicholas Degree, Annal-

iese DeZalia, Jake Hakey, Alexandre Hamel, Morgan Haulenbeek, Ashley Hinton, Samantha King, Rebekah Larose, Sophie Lee, Huck Marchant, Mayla Mashtear, Jennifer Plankey, Mara Quick, Sierra Salter, Mason Sawyer, Julia Stergas,

Jazmyn Townsend, Caleb Weis, Kiraleigh Weis, Chloe White and Lily Wilson.

SECOND HONORS

Hannah Corrigan, Mary Fitzgerald, Kamrin French, Noah Harris, Dylan Lumbr, Amanda MacKenzie, Nathaniel Mercer and Saige Turner.

THIRD HONORS

Jamie Coli, Moses Delane, Matthew Halliday, Brooke Hamel, Isaac Jiwatram, Elizabeth Jones, Kevin Mahoney, Megan Mossey, Daeton Orton, Courtney Paquette, Rachal Peatman, Marie Rainville, Brooke Tully, Molly White and Matthew Wood.

The following students were named to the Third Trimester/Quarter 4 Middle School Honor Roll at Bellows Free Academy Fairfax:

GRADE 8

Ethan Brueckner, Isaac Collins, Lillian Eastman, Meghan Hakey, Hallie Hoffman, Emily Horton, Jennifer King, Grace LaCross, Casey Langlois, Briana Mossey, Julia Ormerod, Rachel Pigeon, Alexis Soychak and Jshauna Tilton.

GRADE 7

Caitlin Allan, Emily Allard, Hope Beyor, Alyese Caruso-Randall, Madison Cholewa, Jennsen Clark, Elias Davis, William Hackett, Everett Haddock, Bridget Hamel, Megane Hamel, Ethan Harris, Abigail Jones, Grace Keough, Katelyn Lonko, Taylor Martell, Connor Rogers, Michael Roy, Shane Seals, Jaylin Seaman, Cathryn Senesac, Anna Skerrett and Elanor Swanson.

GRADE 6

Natalie Bates, Weston Black, Avery Daudelin, Lucy Goldman, Gwenyth Jumper, Kiana Labor, Nathan Langlois, Emma Latimer, Abigail Pease, Jordan Potvin, Cale Santee, Anna Senasac, Kiernan Shea, Ada Sorenson, Jared Thatcher, Levi Trask and Ethan Wimette.

Combs Named to Dean's List

Alexis J. Combs, daughter of Kimberly and Timothy Combs of Fairfax, was named to the Dean's List for the fall of 2013 semester at St. Michael's College. Combs is a sophomore Accounting major at the liberal arts and sciences, residential Catholic college located in the greater Burlington, Vermont area, one of the Top 10 college towns in America.

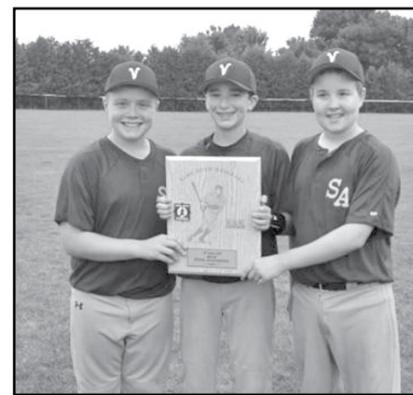
Students who complete a minimum of 12 credits and achieve a grade point average of at least 3.4 at the end of the semester are recognized for their scholarship by inclusion on the Dean's List. Alexis achieved a grade point average of 3.65.

Alexis Combs graduated from Bellows Free Academy Fairfax before attending St. Michael's.

Congratulations to all.

Champions

The Franklin County Babe Ruth 13 year olds won the Vermont State Championship in August and traveled to Connecticut this August 25th to compete in the National Tournament.



Three boys from Fairfax are on that team. Avery Russin, Silas Biggie and Michael Roy.

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Take A Minute To Call Someone You Love or Care About

Sometimes life seems to get away from us. With our everyday routines and seeming like no time for ourselves we tend to put off the little things in life that matter. Please take a minute after reading this to reach out to someone you love or care about to say Hello. I was once told that a phone call is as good as a hug when you can't be right there.



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COMMUNITY EVENTS

At the Library

NOTE: THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED FOR CLEANING STARTING MONDAY, AUGUST 11. WE'LL REOPEN ON SATURDAY THE 16TH from 9-1.

Monday, August 18, 1:30-3:00: Make a Lava Lamp! Discover how cool it is that water and oil don't mix! Ages 8+. Pre-register.

Tuesday, August 19, 6:30-8:00: Local Storyteller Grannie Snow Joins Us to Read from "Big Ole Silas" Hear stories about cats! Perfect for kids of all ages!

Thursday, August 21, 10:00-12:00: Summer Reading Program Finale! Master Magician Tom Joyce presents a show, followed by snacks and prize drawings!

Wednesday, August 27: FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL. REGULAR LIBRARY HOURS RESUME.

M & W: 8-5:30; T & Th: 8-8
F: 8-3:15; Sat: 9-1

BFA Fairfax Cross-Country Running 2014

Season Schedule

August 13th Camp Meeting at the Hut, 6:30 pm. All the info you need to be ready for camp; gear shared with campers who need sleeping bags, ground pads, packs etc; you sign up with friends for your lean-tos; parents welcome.

August 15, 16, 17, 18, Running Camp at Underhill State Park

Four days of hiking, relay games, volleyball communal meals, and just plain fun. What a great way to start our season!

Tuesday, September 2, BFA St. Albans Class Races. (Boys Races run first; Girls Races run second. Middle Time Trial); 3:30 p.m.

BFA St. Albans, BFA Fairfax, Colchester, Enosburg, Milton, Missisquoi & Richford.

Dismissal 1:45. Bus leaves 1:55; Bus Home +/- 6:15pm?.

Tuesday, September 9, Spaulding Invitational, (Girls Races run first; Boys Races run second; Middies time trial or Race TBA). BFA Fairfax, Milton, Missisquoi, Mt. Abraham & South Burlington Girls at Spaulding; 4:00 p.m.

Dismissal, 1:00; Bus leaves 1:10 Bus Home +/- 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 13, Burlington Invitational

Burlington Invitational (WITH MIDDLE SCHOOLS); 9:30 a.m.

Bus leaves 7:30, Bus Home +/- 3:00pm.

Tuesday, September 16, at Colchester (Boys Races run first; Girls Races run second; Middle time trial or race TBA).

BFA Fairfax, Burlington, Champlain Valley, Middlebury, Mt. Abraham, Rice & Spaulding at Colchester; 4:00 p.m.

Dismissal 1:45, Bus leaves 1:55, Bus Home +/- 7:15pm?.

Saturday September 20th U-32 Invitational at U-32 high school (WITH MIDDLE SCHOOLS); 10:00/11:00 a.m. Details TBA.

Tuesday, September 23: Mt Abe (Girls Races run first; Boys Races run second; Middies race or timetrial); 3:30 p.m.

BFA Fairfax, Colchester, Middle-

bury, Milton, Missisquoi, Rice & Richford at Mt. Abraham; 3:30 p.m.

Tuesday, September 30: St Albans Race (Boys Races run first; Girls Races run second; Middies race or timetrial).

BFA Fairfax, Burlington, Champlain Valley, Colchester, Enosburg, Essex, Missisquoi, Rice, Richford, St. Johnsbury & South Burlington at BFA St. St. Albans (at Hardack)

Dismissal 1:45, Bus leaves 1:55, Bus Home +/- 6:45pm?.

Saturday, October 4: Thetford Invitational); 10:00 a.m. Details TBA.

Tuesday, October 7: BFA Fairfax Relays all parents will be asked to provide baked goods and/or to work this event. It is a Community Event with 700 runners and another 700 spectators. Mark this date on your calendars; 3:15/3:45 p.m.

Saturday, October 11: Harwood Invitational Middle race; 2:00/3:00 p.m.

11:00 leave time, Bus Home 6:00pm?.

Saturday, October 18: N.V.A.C. Metro Championships at Missisquoi (1:30 P.M.).

- 1:30 — Small School Girls Race
- 2:00 — Small School Boys Race
- 2:30 — Large School Girls Race
- 2:45 — Small School Awards
- 3:00 — Large School Boys Race
- 3:45 — Large School Awards

STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS: Saturday, October 25, 2014 at Thetford; 10:00 a.m.

NEW ENGLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS: Saturday, November 8, 2014 at TBA.

VYUL to Minnesota

The Vermont Youth Ultimate League (VYUL) is very excited to announce the formation of Vermont's first ever youth Ultimate all-star team, Green Mountain Mixed (GMX). GMX is a co-ed team of Vermonters who aim to show the rest of the country just how talented they are at the National Youth Championship Tournament (Youth Club Championships — YCC) in Minneapolis on August 9-10. This is the first time Vermont has put-together such a traveling youth all-star team - but the early signs point to GMX having a fair shot of claiming the national championship!

VYUL's 2014 summer fundraising campaign aims to raise \$30,000 to grow the youth Ultimate community in Vermont, as well as to bring the GMX all-star team to Minneapolis this August. If you would like to follow the VYUL or GMX more closely, have any questions, or would like to support VYUL, call (802) 778-0924 or write a check to: "Vermont Youth Ultimate League," and mail to: VYUL, c/o Syrus Amedore, A8 Stonehedge Drive, South Burlington, VT 05403.

Of the twenty three players named to the Vermont All-Star Ultimate team, seven are from BFA Fairfax. Congratulations to

CeLynn Simons, Scout Donahue, Cooper Gonyaw, Ben Bosland, Adi Toof, Katy Thibault and Amy Blair.

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WHITE HOUSE FOR SALE

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David Keefe came before the Selectboard on July 21st to discuss the old Town Office. He had sent a note earlier telling of plans to move the building across the street to property owned by the family. He asked the board to consider allowing the sewer rights from the old Town Office to transfer to the new location.

Chris Santee acted as Chair in Tom Fontaine's absence. Leebeth Ann Lemieux was also not present.

Fairfax Water Superintendent Randy DeVine weighed in on the matter as well as the unavailability of water. Selectperson Peter King asked what the Selectboard would be opening themselves up to.

Zoning Administrator Skip Taylor stated that the Keefes would be subdividing their property and, as a prerequisite, the subdivision would need to be approved by the Developmental Review Board.

Peter King made a motion stating that considering the historical value and that it's being moved across the street, it is going to increase the value of the property and generate revenue for the Town; and, even though

there will be some modifications to the building, it will still look the same, he was willing to make a motion given all those factors that the Selectboard give them the sewer allocation. He stated it was for the betterment of the building.

The motion was seconded by Randy and passed 3-0.

This is a very rare case due to the historical value of the building and that another building will not be erected on this piece of property.

Editor's note: Parts of this story were taken directly from the official Selectboard minutes.

Football

- 08/30 M.S.J.
- 09/06 Otter Valley
- 09/13 @ Mt. Abraham
- 09/20 @Windsor
- 09/27 U-32
- 10/04 North Country
- 10/11 @Poultney
- 10/17 @Winooski
- Under the Lights

Boys Soccer

- 08/19 @Williamstown
- 08/22 Cabot
- 08/30 @Leland & Gray
- 09/03 Lamoille
- 09/06 Peoples
- 09/09 @Mt. Abraham
- 09/13 @MMU (JV)
- 09/15 @Danville
- 09/17 @Enosburgh
- 09/20 @Winooski
- 09/23 Richford
- 09/23 @MVU (JV)
- 09/26 @Lake Region
- 09/27 MMU (JV)
- 10/01 Hazen
- 10/06 Winooski
- 10/06 MVU (JV)
- Homecoming on
- 10/10 Enosburgh
- 10/15 Oxbow
- 10/19 @Richford

To Fairfax

On behalf of Brooke Webb, Dean and Kim Williams, Dale Webb and her entire family, we would like to extend a heartfelt thank you for this town we grew up in and the people who live in it.

It has been a very humbling experience to accept the many gifts that we have received. We not only received gifts but a tremendous outpouring of emotional support throughout the duration of the tough experience we endured these past 3 months.

Our Fairfax and Fletcher friends were with us and hung tough even while we were in NC! Anytime of day or night we had someone to talk to if needed as some of you know only so well. Your prayers gave us strength and were read over and over. We were then blessed with a miracle and all of your prayers were answered!

It was the bond of these towns and families and friends, prayer chains from all over that could possibly make this happen! Forever we will remember, never forget, and will always be there for you.

Upon homecoming in the frigid weather, not only did family and friends help us drive home, unload, and unpack but food poured in and didn't stop for weeks to follow. We felt so loved and blessed and continue to do so.

We received cash gifts from the Free Masons of Fairfax, presented by Danny Gross, a cash gift from St. Albans hospital (Rehab center), presented by Casey Webb, and a cash gift from Ashley Rae Smith from a Silpada jewelry and a T-shirt fundraiser.

We also received 2 extraordinary gifts, one from the Tucker family, Lori, Richard, Sarah and Joey, their helpers Stacey Wells, Brenna Keefe, Sara Daniels Villeneuve, Heather Weeks and Casey Webb, who sold bracelets in honor of Brooke and presented us with a cash gift of over \$1000.00. Minutes after the Tucker family left Chris Ryan and Jordon Boucher (Logan's best friend and board member) representing the Logan J. Newell Foundation presented us with gift cards for food and gas for \$1500.00.

Words cannot express the emotions felt then or now! We as a family thank everyone from the bottom of our souls who prayed, called, wrote, sent gifts, posted on facebook, bought a bracelet, t-shirt or jewelry or sat in on a committee that decided to donate to Brooke.

The money will be used wisely and has already helped us tremendously. We thank you the people and for Fairfax and Fletcher for setting the example of how special it is to be raised in a small town. Small towns never forget you, they always forgive you, they look after you and pray for you! And most of all even if you wander away you are always welcome HOME and for that we love you! All of you!

*Brooke Webb
Kim & Dean Williams
Dale Webb*



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Fairfax FD Calcutta

Dear Friend & Supporter,

The Fairfax Fire Department will be hosting its twelfth annual Calcutta. This will be our main fund-raiser for the year.

This year as in the past we will sell only 98 tickets at \$100.00 each and raffle off ticket #99 and #100 that evening for \$10.00 a ticket. The winners have another chance at the prize money. At the end of the raffle, there will be four drawings from among the non-winning tickets for \$50.00 each. You must be present to win non-winning draw. The \$100.00 ticket will include two dinners. The dinner and drawing will be held at Smugglers Notch Meeting House in the village on Saturday

evening, October 11, 2014. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. there will be a full cash bar available; a full buffet will be served at 7:00 p.m. The raffle will follow the meal. Dessert and coffee will be served during this time. You do not need to be present to win draw 1 thru 100. If additional people wish to attend the meal, the cost will be \$25.00 per person.

The schedule of prize money (\$4000.00) is as follows:

Draw #1 \$100.00; Draw #10 \$100.00; Draw #20 \$100.00; Draw #30 \$100.00; Draw #40 \$100.00; Draw #50 \$100.00; Draw #60 \$100.00; Draw #70 \$100.00; Draw #80 \$100.00; Draw #90 \$100.00; Draw #91 \$100.00; Draw #92 \$100.00; Draw #93 \$100.00; Draw #94 \$100.00; Draw #95 \$100.00; Draw #96 \$125.00; Draw #97 \$175.00; Draw #98 \$200.00; Draw #99 \$300.00; Draw #100 \$1500.00; Losers Draw \$50.00 MBP; Losers Draw \$50.00 MBP; Losers Draw \$50.00 MBP.

We hope you can join us and take advantage of these cash prizes. Please respond by October 4, to insure your ticket (and additional dinner guests). If you would like a special number, please indicate your 1st, 2nd, or 3rd choice; and if your choice is not available, a number will be assigned to you. If you cannot attend or would prefer not to purchase a ticket any donation would be greatly appreciated.

For any further questions, please call Dave Yergeau at 324-2619, Greg Hartmann at 849-6232, or Tom Snyder at 849-2403.

Please accept our sincere "Thank you" for considering our raffle, and we hope you will join us on October 11, 2014.

Sincerely, The Fairfax Fire Department.

Girls Soccer

- 08/23 Essex Jamboree
- 08/25 Milton
- 08/27 Vergennes
- 08/30 @Leland & Gray
- 09/05 Lamoille
- 09/08 Burke Mt. Academy
- 09/10 @Enosburgh
- 09/13 @Mt. Abraham
- 09/16 @Hazen
- 09/19 @Winooski
- 09/22 Essex (JV)
- 09/24 Richford
- 09/27 @Lake Region
- 09/30 Hazen
- 10/03 @Danville
- 10/06 @Richford
- 10/08 @Essex (JV)
- Homecoming on
- 10/11 Enosburgh
- 10/14 Oxbow

Learn to Solder

Enrollment is now open for the Summer Camp #2 class titled "Learn to Solder," to be held on August 23rd, from 9:00 am to noon.

Visit CatamountKids.com to register for \$35. Open to grade 3 and up.

Brain Teaser

How many flowers do I have if all but two are dandelions, all but two are roses and all but two are pansies ?

Answer on page 8.

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The Bellows Free Academy Lady Bullets softball team hasn't lost a regular season game since May of 2012.

Kayla Mathieu was named our first ever softball Gatorade Player of the Year and she joins Pat Hakey (Baseball 2001) as only two Fairfax recipients.

The following players were named to the 2014 Mountain Division All-Stars: Kayla Mathieu (Junior, Pitcher of the Year, Defensive POY, 1st Team Pitcher), Sierra Benoit (Senior, 1st Team Outfield), Amanda Varney (Senior, 1st Team Pitcher/Outfield), Kaitlyn Barnack (Sophomore, 1st Team SS), Kayla Nester (Junior, 2nd Team Catcher), Ashley Williams (Senior, 2nd Team 3B).

Sierra Benoit and Amanda Varney were both selected as members of the 2014 North All-Star team and competed in the VSCA North/South Classic at Castleton State College.

Sierra Benoit was the recipient of the Mackenzie Pratt Memorial Scholarship at the N/S All-Star Classic.

BFA Fairfax currently has 3 alums in the starting lineup at Castleton State College (Jess Babcock '12, Brooke Naylor '13, Ruby Bushey '12).

BFA Softball started the 2014 season by heading to Spring Training at the ESPN Wide World of Sports in Orlando, FL. Not only did they have the opportunity to play scrimmages and practice at one of the premier facilities in the country, but more importantly they were able to give back to the greater national community by spending a day of service at the Boys and Girls Club of Central Florida. It was a meaningful and truly memorable experience for our young ladies.

These accolades are the result of the hard work and athleticism of the student-athletes, and the commitment of parents, families, and the greater Fairfax community. Although softball numbers are falling throughout the state, the sport is alive and well in Fairfax, and we can expect continued success for the program!

Mathieu Honored

BY ANDY KIRKALDY

The Vermont Sports Media Association chose a 72-year-old marathon specialist, a junior softball pitcher from BFA-Fairfax High School, and a junior track and field athlete from Mount Mansfield Union as its athletes of the month for May.

Elected in statewide balloting of VSMA membership were Newton Baker of Montpelier as the Open Division Athlete of the Month, Kayla Mathieu of BFA-Fairfax as the High School Female Athlete of the Month, and Alec Eschholz of Mount Mansfield Union as the High School Male Athlete of the Month.

Each was first nominated by a VSMA member for his or her outstanding efforts during May.

In that month, Baker, who has undergone knee, ankle and prostate cancer surgeries, completed seven marathons in a span of 14 days, including the New England Challenge of five marathons in five days in five states. Baker then finished the Shires of Vermont Marathon a day later and later added his 26th consecutive Key Bank Vermont City Marathon. Baker has run in all of the Key Bank marathons since the event was founded.

Also nominated for the Open Division award was Castleton State College freshman women's lacrosse player Kim Gosselin.

In two of May's biggest meets, Eschholz owned the hurdling events. In the Burlington Invitational he won the 110-meter high hurdles and 300 intermediate hurdles, setting meet records of 14.66 and 39.12, respectively. At that meet, Eschholz also won the long jump with a 21'6" leap, and his 5'10" high jump was good for third.

At the Essex Invitational, Eschholz won the 110m high hurdles in a meet-

record 14.64, and then broke a state record set in 1987 in the 300 intermediate hurdles with a time of 38.34. He also took second in the long jump at 21'1.5".

Eschholz outpolled Poultney senior baseball player Sean Shepardson and Middlebury Union senior lacrosse player Sam Usilton.

In May, Mathieu, Vermont's Gatorade Softball Player of the Year, dominated every lineup she faced, going 9-0 to improve her career record to 34-0 through the end of the month. For the month, her earned run average was 0.25, and she walked fewer than one batter per game while averaging 2.1 strikeouts per inning. At the plate, she batted .600 with a .696 on-base percentage and a 1.230 slugging percentage.

Mathieu earned the VSMA nod among a field of five nominees that included U-32 senior lacrosse player Nicole Lavigne, Otter Valley Union senior softball player Cortney Poljacik, and two senior track and field athletes, Katherine Furland of Essex and Hannah Merriam of Peoples Academy.

The three May winners will receive plaques from the VSMA's sponsor of the organization's Athlete of the Month program, Initial Ideas of Rutland. More information about the VSMA is available from organization president Josh Kaufmann of the *St. Albans Messenger* at josh@samesessenger.com.



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U.S. Congressman Peter Welch joins Fairfax's Betty Parker at the 4th of July parade in Colchester.

Key House Committee Approves Welch-Authored Tourism Bill

At a press conference July 18th aboard the Spirit of Ethan Allen III on Burlington's waterfront, Rep. Peter Welch announced the advancement of his bipartisan legislation to boost Vermont as a destination for international visitors.

Welch's bill, the Travel Promotion, Enhancement, and Modernization Act of 2014 (H.R.4450), reauthorizes the successful Brand USA tourism promotion program for five additional years. Cosponsored by Representative Gus Bilirakis (R-FL), the bill was unanimously approved by the House Energy and Commerce Committee last week. Welch and Bilirakis are members of the committee.

Brand USA is a voluntary public-private partnership that attracts international visitors to Vermont and the rest of the country through a global marketing campaign. The program is funded at no cost to the taxpayer through private sector contributions matched by fees collected from international visitors through the Visa Waiver Program.

Brand USA is making a tremendous contribution to the tourism sector of the American economy, including in Vermont, said Welch. At no cost to the taxpayer, the marketing initiatives of this program are boosting international visits and supporting tourism jobs in Vermont and across the country. I am pleased that our bill is receiving overwhelming bipartisan support in Congress.

Welch was joined by state tourism leaders, including Commissioner of Tourism and Marketing, Megan Smith, and Vermont Ski Area Association President Parker Riehle.

"Brand USA enables the State of Vermont to efficiently and effectively grow its reach within the international market, with a focus on results," Megan Smith, Commissioner of Tourism and Marketing said. "Most recently, we introduced Vermont to the Chinese market via a Discover New England website in partnership with Brand USA. We are also implementing a foliage season marketing campaign in Quebec and Ontario with the support of industry partners, Orbitz and Brand USA."

"Brand USA has been a crucial partner in our efforts to attract international visitors to Vermont's ski areas," said Ski Vermont President Parker Riehle. "The reauthorization of this program is a key ingredient to boosting

Vermont's critically important tourism economy and we are extremely grateful to Congressman Welch for leading this bipartisan effort."

A recent study by Oxford Economics, estimates that Brand USA attracted 1.1 million additional visitors to the U.S. in 2013, who spent \$3.4 billion. It's estimated that each overseas visitor to the United States spends an average of \$4,300 in the country. According to the Vermont Department of Tourism, tourism contributed \$1.7 billion of economic activity in Vermont in 2013, with almost 14 million visitors.

By a vote of 347-57, the House of Representatives on July 22nd passed the Welch-authored *Travel Promotion, Enhancement, and Modernization Act of 2014* (H.R.4450) which reauthorizes the successful Brand USA tourism promotion program for five additional years. His bill passed with an overwhelming bipartisan vote in the face of strong opposition from the Club for Growth.

Also in Washington D. C., Representative Peter Welch of Vermont, was chosen as the recipient of the American Association of University Professors' 2014 Henry T. Yost Congressional Recognition Award, given annually to a member of Congress who has championed the causes of higher education. He was nominated for the award by the Executive Committee of United Academics (AAUP/AFT), the union representing 850 full- and part-time faculty members at the University of Vermont.

The award was presented last month in the Congressman's office, 2303 Rayburn House Office Building, by Professor Brian Turner of Randolph-Macon College, chair of the AAUP Government Relations Committee. Also present were Professor Denise Youngblood, president of United Academics, AAUP National Executive Committee member Professor Charles Baker of the College of the Holy Cross from which Congressman Welch is a magna cum laude graduate, Dan Wells, United Academics Communication Director, and Steve Finner, United Academics Higher Education Consultant.



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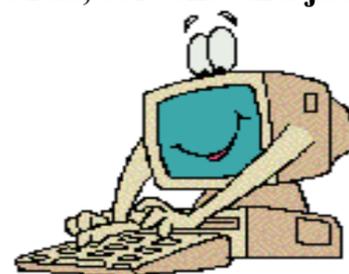
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In Passing

Since our last issue, Fairfax has lost many great people. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the families and friends.

Betty Mae Bordeau



Betty Mae Bordeau, 85, died peacefully at her home, surrounded by her loving family, Sunday November 10, 2013.

Betty was born on November 26, 1927 in Bolton Flats, the daughter of Hosea and Sara (Hadley) Hovey.

On February 4, 1950, she married Robert Bordeau in Fairfax.

Betty had worked for the U.S. Post Office for 15 years.

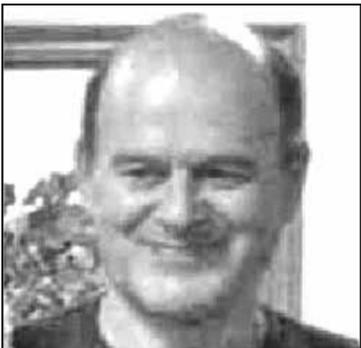
Ernest Elvin Sweet



On Dec. 7, 2013, Ernest Elvin Sweet, 84, passed away peacefully in his loving home. Ernest was a lifelong resident of Fletcher.

Ernest was loved and will be missed by all who knew him. He was always willing to help those in need. He was a lifelong dairy farmer and spent countless hours leveling the local hills while saddled up on his bulldozer. His home was a welcoming place for all of his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Known as "Gramp" by most residing in the area, he always projected a quick wit and uncompromising sense of humor.

James Ryan



James Joseph Ryan, 71, died peacefully Tuesday, January 7, 2014, at the Vermont Respite House in Williston with this family by his side. Jim was born on July 9, 1942, in Burlington, the son of William and Mary (Southwell) Ryan Sr. He graduated from BFA Fairfax and entered the U.S. Air Force during the Vietnam Conflict. He loved to hunt and listen to country music, and enjoyed eating at the Country Pantry.

James Perry

The Rev. James Myron Perry, 67, of Colchester, passed away peacefully on Jan. 29, 2014.

He was born in Fairfax on Oct. 16, 1946, the son of the late Francis and Melba (Chandler) Perry. Jim was a 1964 graduate of the BFA Fairfax High School.

Patricia Hudson



Patricia (Harhan) Hudson, 84, passed away on Sunday, Jan. 19, 2014, in Northwestern Medical Center in St. Albans. She was born on June 16, 1929, in New Brunswick, N.J., the daughter of the late William and Frances (Cookson) Harhan. She is survived by her loving husband of 61 years, Samuel Hudson of Fairfax.

Ronald Gross



Ronald A. Gross, age 78, passed away Saturday, January 25, 2014 at his home in Essex Jct

He was born September 20, 1935 in Barre the son of the late Frank & Hazel (Gamble) Gross.

Ron graduated from Richford High School class of 1953. After high school he joined the U.S. Army and served in the Korean War. When Ron was discharged from the Army in 1957 he began working at IBM; where he spent 30 years before retiring in 1987. He was a member of the American Legion Post #35 in Cambridge and served as groundskeeper for the Sanderson Corners Cemetery. Ron's hobbies included ice fishing, camping, reading and gardening. He was an avid NASCAR fan and also completed the 251 club.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Theresa (Lavoie) Gross of Essex Jct.; 3 children, Dan Gross and his wife Nancy of Fairfax, Kevin Gross and his wife Sherry of Charlotte and Donny Gross of Fairfax; 5 grandchildren, Erin, Andrew, Jordan, Zach and Matt Gross; 3 step-grandchildren, Dylan, Morgan and Kacy Preston; 6 siblings, Conan Gross and his wife Bea of Palm Bay, FL, Mary Ducolon and her husband Bernard of St. Albans, Marty Hoadley and her husband Pat of Berkshire, Fran Mercure and her husband Mike of Richford, David Gross of Richford and Becky Thompson and her husband Orlyn of Berkshire; sister-in-law, Annette Blouin and her husband Noel of Enosburg Falls; brother-in-law, George Perry of St. Albans and several cousins and nieces & nephews. Besides his parents, Ron was predeceased by an infant daughter, Doreen Gross.

Brain Teaser Answer:

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I have one dandelion, one rose
and one pansy.

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Doris Mae Hakey



Doris Mae Hakey, 89, died peacefully early Monday morning, February 10, 2014 at her home, with her loving family by her side. Doris was born in Colchester on July 31, 1924, the daughter of George and Sarah (Acker-son) Bean.

She is survived by her loving husband Charles of Milton, to whom she was married for 64 years, her children and their spouses, Mark and Louise Hakey of Fairfax, Christine and William Gorman of Milton, Joyce Hakey and Norm Stinehour of Fairfax, her daughter-in-law Johanne Hakey of Estero, FL, her grandchildren and their spouses, Michael Hakey, Holly and Earl Magoon, Maureen Hakey, Patrick Hakey, Kevin and Heather Gorman, Scott Gorman, Jeremy and Genevieve Hunnewell, and Elizabeth Hakey, great-grandchildren Brett, Thomas, Jake, Meghan, Riley, Taylor, Colin, and Emma; her sisters-in-law Winifred Bean and Bernice Hakey, brother-in-law Harvey Amilhat, and many nieces and nephews.

Carol Ann Fontanilles

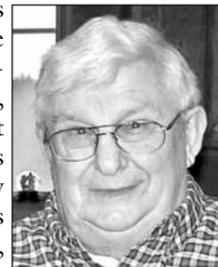
Carol Ann Fontanilles, 66, of Fairfax, died Feb. 7, 2014, following a stroke.

She was born June 14, 1947, in Yonkers, N.Y., the daughter of Cy and Angie Caserta. Following college, she married Henry "Hank" Fontanilles. They made their home in Fishkill, N.Y., then in Pleasant Valley, N.Y., where they raised two sons. They moved to Vermont in 2004. Carol Ann was a devoted Yankee fan, and a supreme baker, engaging in the "Christmas Cookie Wars" with her sister and always winning with the most varieties made, often over 20.

She is survived by her husband, Hank; two sons, John of Ripton, and Mark of Fairfax; sister, Louise Caserta Thompson and husband, Donald, of Stowe.

Jean Louis "Joe" Rainville

Jean Louis "Joe" Rainville 85, died peacefully on Tuesday, March 4, 2014 at his home with his loving family by his side. Joe was born on July 15, 1928, in St. Hyacinthe, P.Q. Canada, the son of the late Omer and Cecilia Bernard Rainville. On August 18, 1951 he married the love of his life, Cecile Laferriere and they were married for over 62 years.



Joe's first love was his wife, his children, grandchildren & great grandchildren. He was a farmer most his life and taught himself the trade of wood-working after retiring from farming. He loved his vegetable garden and the outdoors. He touched and comforted many people throughout his lifetime by giving them strength, support, and encouragement during their troubled times.

He is survived by his wife, Cecile and his children and their spouses, Claude & Christine Rainville, Mark & Sheri Rainville, Diane & Rick Marsh, Norman Rainville, Louise & Jeff Webb and Lynn Parah. He also leaves 12 grandchildren and their spouses, Aaron Rainville & Tara Cushing, Nicole & Lee Bates, Matt & Mira Rainville, Adam and Brenon Rainville, Michelle & Dan Fletcher, Ryan & Ashley Marsh, Katie & Tim Bessette, Allison & Paul Lague, Ashley, Melanie, and Danielle Parah and 10 great grandchildren, Natalic, Mariah, Kayleigh, Megan, Maya, Evan, Sean, Anna, Ryaleigh and Kelsey.

He is also survived by 2 brothers and their spouses, Jean Guy & Fernande Rainville and Gilles & Claudette Rainville of Fairfax; 3 sisters, Fernande Tougas; Imelda & spouse, John Tougas, of Swanton & Therese Paquette of Jericho; 5 brother & and sister-in-laws, Denise & Alan Parent of Lyndonville, Reginald & Sandra Laferriere of St. Albans & Monica Butler of Claremont, NH and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by 6 brothers, Harvey, Gaston, Laurent, Robert, Bernard & Paul; 3 sisters, Madeleine; Marie Paule & Noella; 5 brothers-in-law, 3 sisters-in-law & 4 nieces & nephews.

Rita Marie Bourgeois Bessette

Rita entered this life 13 July 1926, and was finally able to catch the 2:29 pm bus on Sunday, 09 March 2014, to begin her journey to her Heavenly Home. Our precious Mom, Memere, Sister, Aunt and Friend was helped onto the bus by her dedicated and loving family, and by the guardian angels who so lovingly cared for her over the past few years at the Franklin County Rehabilitation Center in St. Albans.

Born in Burlington, VT the fifth child and second daughter of the eleven children of Edouard and Orinda (Duhamel) Bourgeois, Rita grew up in family with little material wealth, but gifted with a deep faith in God and His will in their lives. This deep faith would manifest itself many times over the years among her brothers and sisters and their families as life's twists and turns brought both great joy and great sadness: great joy, especially with the birth of each child into the ever-expanding extended family, and great sadness as one family member after another passed away leaving a hole that could never really be filled.

Rita is survived by her youngest son Stephen and eldest son Bob, his wife Kathy, and their children, Emily and Justin Wills, Marc Bessette and his girlfriend Brittany Northam, and Tim and Katie Bessette, who are the parents of Rita's first great-grandchild to be born in September 2014.



Harley D. Rushford, Jr.

Harley Doner Rushford, Jr., 73 passed away on Monday, April 14, 2014. He was born in Bakersfield, VT on September 24, 1940.

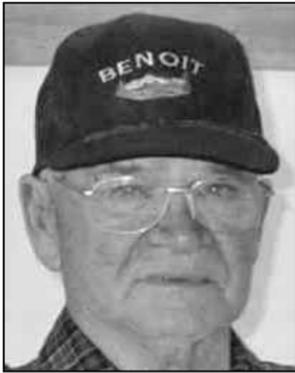
Harley drove a fuel truck for over 30 years. He enjoyed spending time with his family and friends, fishing, and watching the Boston Red Sox.

He was predeceased by his parents Harley Rushford Sr. and Ruby Winfred (Mercey) Rushford, his wife Dorothy Rushford, and son Richard Rushford.

He is survived by his brother Larry Rushford of Plymouth, CT, his sister Beulah Sylvester of Saint Albans, a special Aunt June Rushford of Enosburg, his son Harley Rushford, III of Sheldon; Louie Rushford of Fairfax; His daughters Debra K. Thompson and husband Wayne of Fairfax; Angela J. Woodward and husband Brian of Fairfax;

Leo J. Benoit

Leo J. Benoit, a lifelong Fairfax resident, passed away unexpectedly Friday, April 11, 2014, at his home at the age of 80. He



will be remembered as a kind hearted man with a work ethic like none other, who still enjoyed chopping wood, gardening and working in the woods.

Born in Burlington, March 8, 1934, he was a son of the late Salime and Doris (Samson) Benoit. On August 21, 1965, he married the former Marie McMahon.

Leo first served in the U.S. Army, and then operated the family dairy farm until 1990, at which time he became employed with the St. Albans Town Highway Department until his retirement in 1996. After retirement he loved his frequent social visits to Mac's Quick Stop, Hannafords, the Co-op Creamery and Price Chopper.

Leo enjoyed playing pool with his family, fishing, trapping and hunting. If you stopped in at 7:00 you had better set a half an hour aside to watch "Jeopardy". He was a former member of the Loyal Order of Moose.

He leaves his wife of nearly 49 years, Marie Benoit of Fairfax, his children, John Benoit and wife, Nancy, of Fairfax, Gerald Benoit and wife, Rhoda, of Fairfax, Lori Benoit and special friend, Andre Boudreau, of Swanton and Brenda Hood and husband, Dana of Williston. His grandchildren, Thomas, Emily, Cameron, Nevin and Andre, his surviving siblings, Evelyn Ashline and husband, Robert, of Fairfax, Mary Shorey and husband, Dennis, of St. Albans, Norman Benoit and wife, Jacqueline, of Fairfax and Claire Benoit of Franklin, and several nieces, nephews and cousins. In addition to his parents,

he was predeceased by a sister, Dorothy Scanlon and her husband, Robert "Bob".

The Benoit Family would like to express their heartfelt and grateful appreciation for the support and generosity extended to them by family, friends, neighbors, the Fairfax community, American Red Cross, Fairfax Rescue Squad, Fairfax, Georgia and St. Albans Town Fire Departments and very special neighbors Jerry and Shelly Charboneau.

Wayne C. Pariseau

Wayne C. Pariseau, 65, of South Burlington, passed away peacefully at his home on April 15, 2014, with his loving wife, Pam, by his side. He was



born April 23, 1948, in Burlington, to Clement and Genevieve "Jenny" Pariseau. Wayne graduated from Winooski High School. After graduation, he enlisted in the Navy and was stationed at the Naval Air Station in Keflavik, Iceland.

Wayne was a devoted husband and father who loved Labrador Retrievers, which he bred and raised for awhile. He had a long career at IBM starting in manufacturing and working his way up in the technical field to management. In his late 50's, he retired and focused on his love of football. He helped establish the Fairfax High School football team. He also coached youth football in Milton and Fairfax for many years. He loved to watch these children develop into young men and women. Wayne considered this one of his greatest accomplishments.

Allen Francis Phillips

Allen Francis Phillips, (Clem), 54 passed away on Tuesday April 15, 2014 at Northwestern Medical Center in St. Albans. He was born in St. Albans on December 11, 1959 to William & Frena (Webb) Phillips.



Allen graduated from BFA, Fairfax, Class of 1978. He was employed delivering office supplies until he retired due to health problems. Allen lived in California in the early 80's. Through the years he managed to travel to all 50 states. Always returning to Vermont where he enjoyed many trips with his nieces and nephews. He loved super bowl parties with his friends and hiding Easter eggs for his nieces and nephews.

Andy Snow

Andrew Snow, 45, of Colchester, left this earth on April 28, 2014. He was born in Burlington on Sept. 6, 1968, the son of Walter W. Snow and Donna Snow. Andy was a carpenter and loved his craft. He followed in his father and grandfather's trade. Andy had a big heart, very hearty laugh, and loved to spend time with his family and many friends. He is survived by his daughter, Amy; granddaughter, Morgan; two brothers, Bill and Mi-



chael; three sisters, Judy, Kelly, Cary; three stepchildren, Shanna, Joey, and Tommy; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was predeceased by his parents and grandparents.

Nancy Barrows Liberty

Nancy Barrows Liberty, 67, died peacefully at her home, late Friday evening, May 2, 2014,



with her husband by her side, following a courageous battle with cancer. Nancy was born Nancy Louise Wilkins on June 9, 1946 in Burlington, the daughter of the late Herbert and Blanche (Glazier) Wilkins. She graduated from BFA Fairfax in 1964. She was a member of the United Church of Fairfax. Nancy enjoyed reading, puzzles, and feeding her birds. Family gatherings were very important to her. On August 16, 1986, Nancy married Brian Barrows in Fairfax. Brian predeceased her on December 6, 2007. On September 12, 2009, Nancy married Robert Liberty of Richmond. Nancy is survived by Robert, her daughter Michelle Anna Dunn and her husband Marc of Milton, by her step children Melissa Beaupre and husband Rusty and their children Bethany, Rebecca, Anna and Amber, all of Milton, Seth Barrows of St. Albans, and Robert's children Todd, Laurie, and Troy and their families, her sister Sally Sweet and husband Wayne, her brother Robert Wilkins and wife Sheryl, her brother-in-law James Woodward, all of Fairfax.

The Fairfax News would like to extend our thoughts, prayers, and best wishes to the families of loved ones lost in Fairfax. Recently, we have lost Carry Parsons, Phyllis Soule, Roger Dreher and others and their obituaries will appear in the next issue.

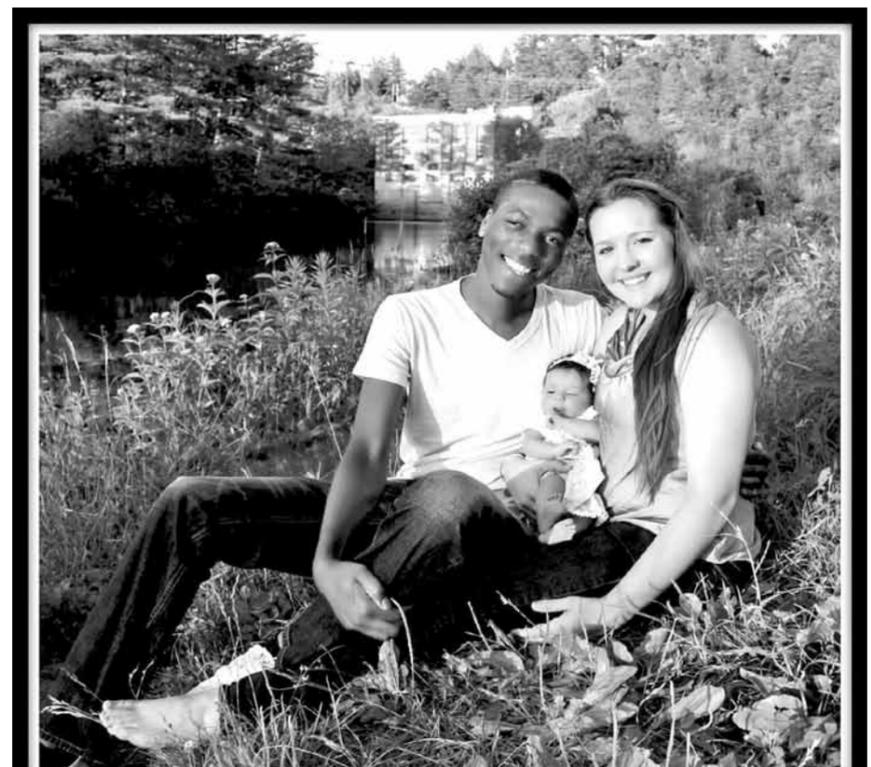
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As always, thank you and we hope to see you on August 19th! School starts on September 2nd and we are excited for this upcoming awesome year!

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Vermont's D-III State Champions — 2014 BFA Fairfax Bullets

On April 22nd, the 2014 BFA Fairfax Bullets baseball season opened with a nail biting 3-2 win over Lamoille. They had come so close in 2013 to finishing perfect, but had lost in the State Championship game. Though it was only by a run, the Bullets opened with a win and followed with 19 more. On May 29th, the Bullets completed their second consecutive undefeated with a 12-5 win over rival Winooski. The playoffs brought determined Randolph and Peoples Academy squads, but there was no stopping the 2014 BFA Fairfax Bullets baseball team.

At Centennial Field, the Bullets unloaded on an ill prepared Poultney ballclub that had only lost two games all year. Fairfax won 15-1 to capture the 2014 D-III Vermont State baseball Championship.

I caught up with Head Coach Mike Brown and asked for his thoughts on the team and the future at BFA Fairfax:

"This year was the 10th anniversary of the 2004 championship team that went 19-1 and closed the season on an 18 game winning streak. We were hunting Northfield that year who was the #1 seed. They were upset in the semifinals by upstart Williamstown who we defeated easily to win the title. The 2011 championship team made a magical run through the tournament defeating #3 Winooski, #2 Bellows Falls, and undefeated Northfield. The 2014 team was dominate start to finish joining the Boys of '78 as the only baseball teams in school history to go undefeated.

Our record the past two seasons is impressive (37-1), especially in this

era of high school baseball with pitch counts and the importance of developing a pitching staff and going undefeated is a great accomplishment, but it's not who we are.

What's truly impressive about this team is devotion to the process. Trust the process, win pitches, enjoy the journey, and the outcome will take care of itself. Process over Outcome is our culture. It's what we're about and it's the devotion by our players to the process that makes this team truly special.

We are about maintaining perspective, staying in the present moment, being positive, trusting the process, and quality practice. One of the lessons we learned from last year is that, win or lose, staying true to the process is a controllable. So yes, our record is impressive, but even more impressive is our daily commitment to excellence and our consistency in playing our best when it matters most. Trust the process and the outcome will take care of itself. I couldn't be more proud of a team's devotion to our program's core values: Respect the Game; Be Self Disciplined and Team Before Me.

Anyone who saw us play this year saw a team that played together and with great energy. We said at the start of the season that when a proven system of success meets talent, meets team chemistry, you can become a champion. The boys devoted themselves daily to the process and to each other. They started strong, finished stronger, and had a phenomenal season.

Last year's 3-2 defeat in the championship game to an excellent and deserving Randolph team was bitterly disappointing. I use that word inten-



tionally because we had a choice going into 2014. We could be bitter or we could get better. Certainly I felt that way as a coach. We chose to get better and it resulted in finishing what we started in 2013. So, like I said, the stats and the record are impressive and we're proud of our accomplishments. It crucial to remember that consistent success is about process over outcome. This team started strong, finished stronger, and were phenomenal going undefeated.

Our three seniors deserve special recognition — Franky Hall, Thomas Hakey, and Zac Roy. I believe as a coach that a team goes as their seniors go. Seniors greatly influence the tone for the rest of the team in terms of attitude, effort, and commitment to being great teammates. Especially in the spring when senior student-athletes are pulled in so many directions. These guys provided great leadership, great production, and were great teammates.

Side Note: Zac and Tom are the first baseball players in school history to go to 3 championship (2011, 2013, 2014) games and win two state titles (2011, 2014).

It's been a great ten years of baseball at BFA — 6 final fours, 4 championship games, and 3 state titles. The 2014 team has solidified their legacy as one of the all-time great teams in school history. Will our seniors in 2015 be hungry to cement their legacy as the greatest baseball class in school history?

At season's end is when you can take stock and reflect on your body of work. That time is now and it's fun to reminisce. Next year we start over again, 0-0, with a fresh season full of promise and new possibilities. I can't wait for indoor practice, snowy long toss in the parking lot, our first out-

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Whereas, on April 15, 2014, flood waters were raging on Longley Bridge Road in Montgomery, and this sudden surge trapped a woman in her truck, threatening her life and

Whereas, due to the weather, local fire and rescue crews were blocked from quickly getting to the scene, and

Whereas, Corporal Brendan McKenney, an eight-year Franklin County Deputy Sheriff, was the first emergency responder on the scene, and

Whereas, after several valiant attempts, and with the flood waters posing a rapidly increasing threat, Corporal McKenney jumped from the tractor a local resident brought to the scene onto the truck's roof, and

Whereas, from his perilous location, Corporal McKenney was able to break the window on the driver's side of the truck, and

Whereas, he pulled the woman, who was dazed from being in the cold water for over an hour, onto the bed of the truck and tied the rope around her, connecting the two of them, and

Whereas, they headed for the tractor, but were swept off their feet by the strong current, and

Whereas, Dean Scott, of the Enosburgh Ambulance Service, had arrived on the scene, and, without a second thought, jumped into the water to assist Corporal McKenney, and

Whereas, as a result of Corporal McKenney and Officer Scott's willingness to place their own lives in great danger, the woman was saved, and

Whereas, both of these brave first responders were honored at a press event held the next day at the Franklin County Sheriff's headquarters, now therefor be it

Resolved by the Senate and the House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Franklin County Deputy Sheriff Corporal Brandan McKenney and Enosburgh Ambulance Office Dean Scott for their heroic rescue efforts in Montgomery, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to each of the emergency responders honored in this resolution.

A Recommendation from Captain Jay H. Sweeney to Sheriff Robert W. Norris:

On February 13, 2014, Deputy Thomas DuPont was on duty for the Franklin County Sheriff's Office. Deputy DuPont was traveling on North Road in Fairfield at approximately 1:30am when he observed a glow coming from a residence determined to be 2893 North Road, the residence of Robert and Lisa Draleus. Deputy DuPont realized that the glow was actually a fire that appeared to have been started on the outside of the residence but was quickly building and would soon become out of control. Deputy DuPont notified dispatch to send the Fire Department and then ran to the residence in an attempt to awaken the occupants. After pounding on the door for a couple of minutes, a male occu-

pant came to the door and Deputy DuPont alerted him to the fire. Deputy DuPont instructed the occupant to get everyone out of the house and into the vehicles parked in the yard as the weather was cold at the time. Robert and Lisa Draleus exited the residence with their two children and their dog and went to their vehicles which Deputy DuPont instructed them to move to allow easier access for the Fire Department and get them away from the danger of the fire.

By that time, Vermont State Trooper Benjamin Patnaude had arrived and both Deputy DuPont and Trooper Patnaude attempted to extinguish the fire with their fire extinguishers. Although unable to extinguish the fire, their attempt slowed the fire and the Fire Department was able to save the structure from total loss, although there was significant damage to the structure.

I later spoke with Robert Draleus and confirmed the account as outlined by Deputy DuPont. Mr. Draleus stated that had the fire continued to burn unnoticed for another ten minutes, that he feels that his family may not have been able to escape the residence.

The fire was burning directly under the master bedroom and may have resulted in the deaths of the family had they been overcome by smoke had they not been awakened when they were.

Based on the above facts, I feel that Deputy Thomas DuPont should be recognized for his actions on February 13, 2014. Deputy DuPont's actions in recognizing the fire, alerting the residents and having them go to

the safety of their vehicles, undoubtedly saved their lives. His efforts along with Trooper Patnaude to extinguish the fire although unsuccessful, certainly slowed the progress of the fire and allowed the Fire Department to save more of the structure than if they had done nothing.

I recommend that Deputy Thomas DuPont receive the Life Saving Award for his actions on February 13, 2014.

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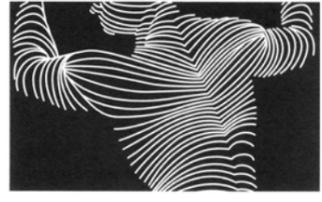


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TOOTH WHITENERS ARE MORE POPULAR THAN EVER and many people turn to them to get a brighter smile. Before using any over the counter product, a dental checkup and cleaning is a good idea. Doing this will get better results with the OTC products. Whitening toothpastes contain abrasives and chemicals that polish and break up surface stains but do not correct deeper stains. Whitening strips, gels and paints contain peroxide which bleaches out stains by penetrating through the enamel surface. A dentist can use a stronger solution of peroxide with quicker and more dramatic results. Tooth sensitization and gum irritation often occurs with these products. Bleaching agents should not be used for an extended period and if irritation occurs try a fluoride rinse or use toothpaste meant for sensitive teeth.

ANTI-ENERGY DRINKS HAVE HIT THE SHELVES. Neuro Bliss, Just Chill and Marley's Mellow Mood are a few of the names available. They contain supplements like kava, melatonin, valerian and GABA that have a sedative effect. The problem is that the dosage of the active ingredient is not generally listed on the container and there are concerns about long term use especially with kava which is known to cause liver damage. Combining with alcohol or driving can be a recipe for disaster and they probably should be avoided.

THE PATH TO BETTER HEALTH HAS ALWAYS BEEN DIET AND EXERCISE. DASH (Dietary Approaches to Stop Hypertension) or the Mediterranean diet is the best methods of lowering cardiovascular risk. More fruits and veggies, low fat milk, whole grains, fish and poultry as well as less red meat and sweets is an approach that works well. Saturated fats should be no more than 6 percent of caloric intake. Stay away from trans fats and use canola, olive or avocado oil to cook. Cutting the amount of salt use by just 1/2 teaspoonfuls daily can modestly lower blood pressure. Processed foods are loaded with salt and should be avoided. Reducing weight by just 5 percent can lead to reductions in blood pressure and glucose as well as lipids. As you can see it doesn't take much to have a benefit.

A VERSION OF NEXIUM HAS APPEARED ON THE OVER THE COUNTER SHELVES RECENTLY. It is not the same as the prescription product in terms of potency. Since it is a different salt of the esomeprazole the doses are a little different and 20mg of OTC is not the same as 20mg of the prescription Nexium. Since the OTC product is the strontium salt it should not be used in children. When it doubt about using OTC Nexium or any OTC products ask your pharmacist.

WHEN LOOKING FOR A HAND SANITIZER, soap and water are the best choice. If they are not available then choose an alcohol based product such as Purell. Broad spectrum antimicrobials such as triclosan may increase bacterial resistance and animal studies suggest also may affect thyroid and sex hormones.

VITL Adds Four to its Growing Staff

Vermont Information Technology Leaders (VITL) announced the appointment of Dana Clark to lead technical support specialist, Suzanne Garrow to project manager, Sue Powers to clinical analyst, and Angela Shaheen to technical support specialist.

As lead technical support specialist with VITL, Clark will assist in providing client service with regards to data delivery and education on technical topics. Most recently employed at General Dynamics, she has a background in systems analysis and accounting/finance. Clark resides in Fairfax.

About VITL: Vermont Information Technology Leaders, Inc. (VITL) is a non-profit organization that assists Vermont health care providers statewide with adopting and using health information technology to improve the quality of care delivery as well as to enhance patient safety and outcomes. Comprised of a collaborative group of stakeholders including health plans, hospitals, physicians, other health care providers, state government, employers, and consumers, VITL is the designated health information exchange (HIE) for the state of Vermont and also the state's federally-designated regional extension center. For more information, please visit www.vitl.net.

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