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## HENRY RAYMOND'S COVER PHOTO



It was 70 years ago, January 17, 2011 that our Old BEA here in Fairfax burned to the ground. We still have a number of people here in town that remember the Old School as well as remember attending it. It was truly an elaborate building as you can see from this photo and the Old Principal's House still stands beside the new school and is used as our Fairfax Town Office to this day.

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## NEWS IN BRIEF

This has certainly been a cold and snowy winter but there have been many events in Fairfax. There are also many more events scheduled heading towards spring.

The abundance of snow has been the big newsmaker so far for 2011 and Fairfax folks are wondering where to put it all. Snowbanks are around six feet high, making driving dangerous and covering Fairfax's sidewalks, forcing children to walk to school in the road or on snowbanks.

Those who ski and snowboard are enjoying conditions not seen for decades.

While some are shoveling with aching backs, others are frolicking in the winter wonderland, while others find employment.

Shoveling and plowing driveways have become lucrative operations once again after years when many suffered through new plow payments with nothing to plow for income. Roof clearing is another way some are making ends meet in tough economic times.

Believe it or not though, spring is right around the corner and when the thaw comes, flooding will become another problem, followed by a mud season some are fearing already, but it's also sugaring season and baseball.

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### B.F.A. Fairfax Honor Roll

#### Class of 2011 First Honors

Alyssa Ashley, Kourtney Bessette, Lara Bessette, James Bryce, Adam Bushell, Bradley Bushey, Alexander DeRaps, Callie Froebel, Kelsie Irish, Kelly Kerrigan, Jackie Marchmont, Whitney Maxham, Adelle Rebeor, Taylor Terry and Cameron Weber.

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**COMING NEXT  
MONTH  
SPRING**

## School Board News

BY MARGERET STEWART, CHAIR

Bellows Free Academy has met the Challenge For Change as requested by the Commissioner of Education. This has been accomplished with no ill effect on student learning. Difficult decisions were made. By accomplishing the task this year we will be better able to plan for the following years.

A new area has been added to the BFA campus. The Fitness Center is now located in the area where Tech Ed had been. Equipment was donated by Fairfax football and the Fairfax Family Physical Therapy. The area may be made available in the future when not being utilized by the student classes or athletic teams.

Power School is now up and running. This allows the ability of sending information home, print report cards and also the ability to print transcripts. It is still in its infant stages.

The RED (Regional Education District) committee has begun its meetings to investigate the merging of BFA and Fletcher schools. At this point in time Georgia does not want to become part of this procedure. The intent is to have both communities vote approval in September. Meetings will be held every other Wednesday at alternating schools to allow community member to attend.

Many other challenges have been met including establishing a minimum staff/student ratio, providing positive behavior invention, differentiated instruction and other areas for special education.

The 2012 budget will be presented at Town Meeting, February 26th in the Elementary Gym.

School Board meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at 6:30 in the Library. Plan to attend and voice your concerns.

## Fairfax Town Meeting 2011

BY CHRIS SANTEE

On Saturday, February 26th at 10:00 am, the doors will open to the Elementary Gymnasium at Bellows Free Academy Fairfax for Town Meeting 2011. Residents and voters will hear presentations from the BFA Fairfax School Board and the Fairfax Select Board and will voice their opinions on many topics affecting us all, sometimes in different ways, and certainly in difficult times.

The School will go first with a Proposed Budget of \$11,234,266, down from last year's \$11,415,160.

The Town will present their Proposed Budget of \$1,976,405 after the lunch break.

The school presentation highlights include expanding kindergarten to full day; implementing middle school one-to-one computing initiative in grades 7 and 8; completing the wireless connectivity project; partnering with the Virtual High School Global Consortium; new music; funding ACT's; spring one act dramas and extending the school day by about 20 minutes.

Henry Raymond's local website VT-Grandpa.com has a blog with 86 posts (as I write this) and over 3,500 views on the full-day kindergarten topic, so expect some discussion on this.

Reductions to the School Budget include the elimination of a part-time elementary health educator; reducing unified arts at the middle school level; eliminating Computer Lab Monitor position; restructuring high school Business and Technology programs; overall reduction in books and supplies; and moving the business office to FWSU. Again, with reductions, people will want to voice their concerns. Please come to the Saturday meeting and voice your opinions before voting on the budget on Tuesday.

If the statewide education rate is set at 87 cents, the tax on a \$150,000 home would be \$1,731 (down from last year's \$1,764). The tax on a \$250,000 home would be \$2,885. Any changes to the Fairfax Common Level of Ap-

praisal would result in a change in the local tax rate.

After lunch, the Town of Fairfax will present information on a proposed land purchase of 9.9 acres for \$247,500 in the village growth center for a future Town Office. This presentation is available now on FranklinOne.com and VTGrandpa.com. The land sits between the Fairfax Fire House and the Fairfax Green Adult Community building, behind the Baptist Church building. The proposal may alleviate the problem of the aging "White House" the Town Offices currently occupy.

When you enter the Elementary Gymnasium at Bellows Free Academy Fairfax on Saturday, February 26th, registered voters will receive a colored card for voting. Saturday's voting will include ARTICLE 4 To act on the reports of the several town officers.

ARTICLE 5 To see if the voters of the Town of Fairfax will authorize the sum of \$3,000.00 for the sidewalk improvement fund which will accumulate to a substantial amount for a sidewalk project approved by the Selectboard.

ARTICLE 6 To see if the Town of Fairfax will approve the sum of \$28,717.00 in support of the Fairfax Rescue toward their operation expenses.

ARTICLE 7 To see if the Town will authorize the Selectboard to place the tax bills in the hands of the treasurer as here to fore.

ARTICLE 8 To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer to collect the taxes on real estate that are due to the Town of Fairfax, with a due date of Nov. 15, 2011.

ARTICLE 9 To see if the Town will authorize the Selectboard to borrow money in anticipation of property taxes for the current year expenses.

ARTICLE 10 To act on any other business.

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### Dean Potter hands over the Fire Chief's helmet to Justin Hayes.

The Fairfax Fire Department held their annual election of officers February 1st at the fire station.

Chief Dean Potter stepped down after five years on the job. The members voted current Deputy Chief Justin Hayes as the new Chief. Dean stayed on as Deputy Chief.

The complete list of officers: Chief: Justin Hayes; Deputy Chief: Dean Potter; Captain: Matt Gillilan; Captain: Tom Snyder; Lieutenant: Jordan Hayes; Safety Officer: Greg Hartmann; Secretary: Steve Bessette and Treasurer: Dave Yergeau.

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Fairfax,

As the world around us seems to go crazier and crazier, Fairfax remains a great place to raise a family. In this issue, you'll notice a theme of local people who help other people locally and around the world.

Whether it be students at our fine school, their parents in their spare time or our community leaders, there is a sense of caring that makes me proud to live here, raise my family here and call Fairfax, Vermont, my home.

We've almost made it through winter, and sunshine and flowers are not far way, but some still need a hand from time to time, so keep your eyes and ears open and join in where you see a need.

Take care and God bless,

*Chris Santee*

## Color Poems

BY BEA FAIRFAX 3RD GRADERS

### Pink

Pink is like hair dye in my hair  
 Pink is like my favorite pair of shoes tapping  
 Pink is like my favorite shirt sparkling  
 Pink is like my favorite pair of pants I'm wondering if I should wear.  
 Pink is like my favorite sweatshirt waving in the air  
 Pink is the color of nail polish shining in the sun  
 Pink is the color of a flamingo doing back flips  
 By Abby

### Purple

Purple is a plum hanging on a tree  
 Purple is a grape going in my mouth  
 Purple is a leave blowing in the breeze  
 Purple is a marker I like the best  
 Purple is a pillow case I sleep on every night

Purple is a flower I pick in summer  
 Purple is a sweat shirt I wear to keep warm  
 I LOVE PURPLE  
 By Ada

### Green

Green is like grapes in a bowl  
 Green is the sparkling eyes on my mom  
 Green is the pond next to my Meme's house  
 Green is like the color of the sea turtles in Florida  
 Green is the color of the markers in the classroom  
 Green is the lime juice in guacamole  
 I LOVE GREEN  
 By Lauren

### Blue

Blue is like blueberries on a bush  
 Blue is veins in my body  
 Blue is like the chart I write on  
 Blue is like water I drink  
 Blue is the shirt I wear

Blue is a marker in a box  
 Blue is a flower for mom  
 Blue is cool  
 By Michael

### Black

Black is like a bird way up there  
 Black is my shirt that I wear  
 Black is my pants that goes with my shirt  
 Black is rotten food that I do not eat  
 Black is chalk that I do graffiti with  
 Black is a frame that I put my graffiti in  
 Black is my favorite color  
 By Quinn

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Tyler and Kayla Troxell have joined the staff at A.W. Rich Funeral Homes as Funeral Directors. John Workman, owner, hopes the community will join him in welcoming them to Fairfax from Indiana.

Watch for an introduction in our next issue.

**A.W. Rich Funeral Homes**

**February 22nd**  
BFA Fairfax Home Ski Meet

**February 25th**  
Richford at Bullets 7:30 pm  
JV plays at 6:00 pm

**February 26th**  
Town Meeting 10:00 am  
Lady Bullets at Home  
Senior Day at 2:30 pm  
JV plays at 1:00 pm

**March 1st**  
Polls Open  
7:00 am—7:00 pm  
Old Gym at B.F.A.

**First Friday**  
First Fridays is a new organization at BFA dedicated to showcasing the arts in the musical, poetic, and visual sense. It is a monthly coffee house on the first Friday of every month that creates a safe, and enjoyable local venue for live music. First Fridays is the brain child of Cynthia Pease, Chris Chouniere, Troy Millette, and Cameron Loller. As well as John Waghenknect, Eli Philips, Chris Hogan, Tyler Menuier, Sam Lesnikoski, Liz Stratton, Olivia Snyder, Sam Jones, and Kellie Charron. Please note that due to scheduling conflicts, the 2nd First Friday will take place on the second Friday of March.

# Go Bullets!

## Around Fairfax

### In Passing

Fairfax lost Dr. James E. Manning, Jr., in December. Dr. Manning was a Major in the US Army during the Vietnam war where he was a dentist and is fondly remembered as the founder of the Fairfax Fletcher Westford Little League.

In mid-January, Fairfax lost Mark Wright, a longtime friend who worked hard and enjoyed time spent with friends and family.

Recently, Fairfax lost another Vietnam vet (US Marines) when Michael Hardy passed at 62. Michael's daughter is Angela Hardy Toof, married to Kevin, formerly of Fairfax Rescue.

### Karr Named

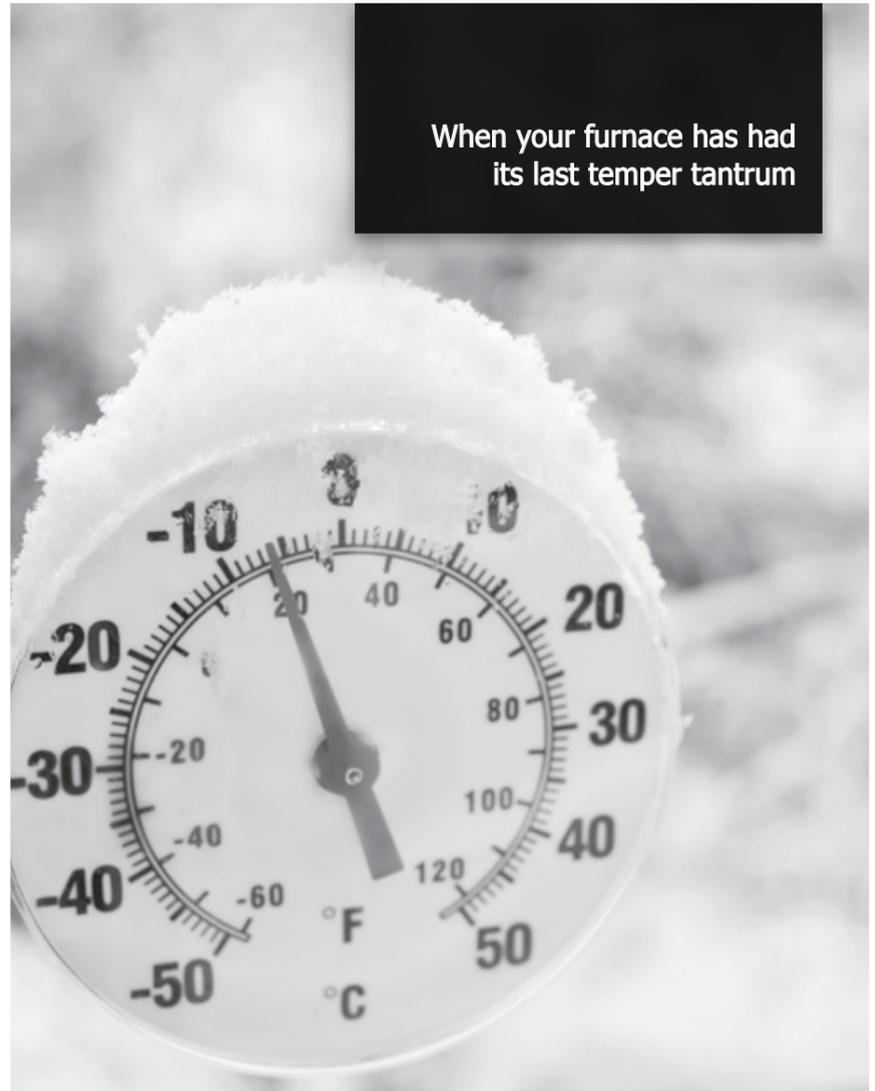
Stephanie Karr of Fairfax, Vt., has been named to the dean's list at Paul Smith's College for the fall 2010 semester. Karr, who is majoring in business management and entrepreneurial studies, is enrolled in the college's School of Sciences, Liberal Arts and Business and earned a semester average of 3.3 or higher to receive this distinction. Karr was also named an Adirondack Scholar, having achieved a cumulative average of at least 3.8.

### Religious Changes

Reverend Elizabeth Griffith stepped down as pastor at the United Church in Fairfax.

The United Church of Fairfax put together a memory book to honor Pas-

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## Help for Haiti

BY CHRIS SANTEE

Greg Hartmann could see the poverty from the air as his plane approached the run-down airport of Port-au-Prince, Haiti. He had just left the comfort of the United States and was about to arrive in an earthquake ravaged country that seemed a world away.

His flight had departed posh JFK at noon and the four hour trip brought him to famine and disease. Upon arrival, Greg found no organization at the airport and hungry people lined up on the way to the vehicles, begging anything arriving people might have. Greg said it was sad.

Eight people hopped into the back of a pick-up and travelled about two hours to the church complex Greg would stay at.

While on vacation with his wife Helen, visiting their daughter in Europe, Greg had struck up a conversation with another parent who had been to Haiti and encouraged Greg to come along. Greg took action on the friendly conversation and now found himself with three police escorts since it was dangerous place for Americans.

By day three, the carpenter crew was building feverishly, making 6 homes and adding eight more on day four. Homes ranged from 11 feet by 16 feet for a small home and 14 feet by 24 feet for a large home.

The medical crews were also busy, seeing 102 people on day three and 132 on day four.

Sunday Mass was packed with many kids and everyone was dressed nicely. Greg said the music was great and in another busy afternoon, the medical crew saw 65 people and the carpenters built 8 homes.

Monday's medical crew saw 205 people, mostly kids and the carpenters built 14 homes and with a lot of walking, went up into the hills for a spectacular view. While Greg worked with carpenters he had never met before, they were all touched as people were moved to tears when they started work on their new homes.

Greg started work everyday after 6:00 am Mass and a quick, not

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**TOWN MEETING**

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ARTICLE 11 To adopt the Town report

ARTICLE 12 To recess Town Meeting until March 1, 2011 at 7:00 a.m.

On Tuesday, March 1st, when you enter the old gymnasium at Bellows Free Academy Fairfax, you will receive a ballot to vote on:

ARTICLE 1 To elect from the legal voters of the Town of Fairfax the following officers:

There are no candidates on the ballot for Town Moderator one year term. Chris Santee is on the ballot for Selectperson three year term; Robert A. Horr is on the ballot for Selectperson two year term; There are no candidates on the ballot for Lister three year term; There are no candidates on the ballot for Town Grand Juror one year term; There are no candidates on the ballot for Town Agent one year term; Elizabeth Griffin is on the ballot for Community Library Trustee five year term; James A. Minor is on the ballot for Cemetery Commissioner five year term; There are no candidates on the ballot for School District Moderator; Elaine Carpenter is on the ballot for BFA School Director three year term; Rachelle Howard and Chris Santee are on the ballot for BFA School Director two year term; There are no candidates on the ballot for BFA Trustee.

On the back of the ballot, on the Town Meeting Ballot, you will vote on ARTICLE 2 To see if the voters of the Town of Fairfax will approve a Town Budget of \$1,976,405.00 of which \$1,583,618.00 is to be raised by taxes. (Town) ARTICLE 3 To see if the

registered voters of the Town of Fairfax will authorize the Selectboard of the Town of Fairfax to borrow the sum of \$247,500 to purchase 9.9 acres as the site on which to construct a new Town Office building. This loan shall be repaid over a period of 5 years.

The School Meeting Ballot includes ARTICLE 2 Shall the voters of said school district appropriate \$11,234,266 necessary for the support of its schools for the year beginning July 1, 2011?

ARTICLE 3 Shall the voters of said school district authorize the school directors to borrow money for school expenses in anticipation of revenue for the ensuing year?

The polls will be open from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm.

**FAIRFAX TOWN MEETING**  
 Saturday, February 26th  
 10:00 am  
 Elementary Gymnasium  
 at B.F.A. Fairfax  
 Budget Presentations & some voting  
*(see article above)*

**FAIRFAX VOTING**  
 Voting by Australian Ballot  
 on Tuesday, March 1st  
 7:00 am to 7:00 pm  
 Old Gymnasium at B.F.A. Fairfax

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tor Elizabeth on her retirement. Anyone in the community who wanted to contribute was welcome to write a brief paragraph, or contribute a poem, quotation or anything else he or she would like to share.

Reverend Elizabeth posted on VT-Grandpa.com "Just so folks who aren't involved will know: I remain pastor of the St. Albans Bay UMC; I will still teach exercise class (hint hint) and organize the food shelf. I will now have more time for the garden, the house, my dear husband, and other community activities!"

Father John G. Feltz, of St. Luke's in Fairfax, became Colonel John G. Feltz *(photo below)*.

**Business Changes**

Fairfax was saddened when word spread that the Vermont Breakfast Company was closed, but very happy when word spread that Eastman's Bakery was open in the Fairfax Commons Shopping Mall by the Fairfax Post Office.

There is no word yet on a new tenant for the former Country Pantry spot, but keep an eye on FranklinOne.com for updates.

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The Food Venture Building at the blinking light sits vacant and an offer on the building was refused. The U.S.D.A. currently holds a note on the building.

**Crime Spree**

Both Steeple Market in Fairfax and Peoples Trust in Georgia were targets for crooks this winter and all suspects have been arrested and will soon be going to court. Steeple Market was victim to a late night break-in, losing mostly cigarettes and Peoples Trust robbery was a daytime bank hold-up.

Thanks to the Vermont State Police (524-5993) and the Franklin County Sheriff's Department (524-2121). Several homes have been targets as well and residents should be advised to lock up your homes, cars, snowmobiles and anything of value.

**Fairfax Students with Helping Hands**

Helping Hands is a student run volunteer group at BFA-Fairfax with the mission to perform community service in the Fairfax area.

The holidays are a stressful time for many families; the Helping Hands group decided to do something about it.

Chrissy LeClair, Anna Hartmann and Emily Woodward contacted the Lund Family Center to help support Lund Center families.

Helping Hands members and BFA Fairfax staff and faculty purchased toys, linen and sundries to help make Lund Center families enjoy the holiday season.

We want to thank all who donated for their support.

**Special Thanks to Four BFA Fairfax Students**

Four "honor" students from Belows Free Academy Fairfax came to my house and shoveled four feet of snow from my deck, two gentlemen and two ladies. As I have a bad right shoulder, I had made it known that pay for this job to be done, but they would not accept any pay, just a soda when done.

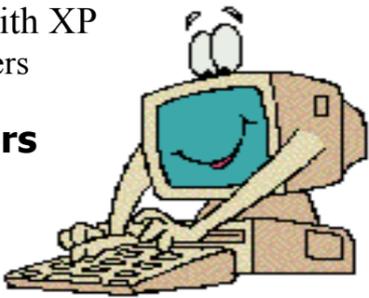
I have made it a point to give them a letter of thanks and a donation to the honor system.

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Names not known, but thank you, for the good job.

*Richard Warren*

**Poetry Out Loud Winners**

The following young people, after presenting their second poem to an audience of judges and peers, were the winners in the 2011 Poetry Out Loud competition at BFA. Organized by Fred Griffin, students select poems from the Poetry Out Loud collection of poetry, memorize them, and then present them in a balanced way that fully expresses the meaning of the poem without being excessively dramatic. All students in Mr. Griffin's classes participate and then those who choose go on to the competitive level. After a first performance before an audience of peers and judges, a small group went to the second level. The winners were then selected. They are:

- 1st place: Jordan Rock
- 2nd Place: Elizabeth Stratton
- 3rd Place: Elena Bourne

Poetry Outloud is a nationwide competition involving over 250,000

students. Jordan Rock will represent BFA Fairfax against 40 other high school winners in the Vermont State Championships in Montpelier in March.. The Vermont winner travels to Washington DC in April for the national championships.

Thanks to Reverend Elizabeth for this submission.

**Bullets Sports**

Jim Driscoll, coach of the B.F.A. Fairfax Lady Bullets basketball team, resigned and was replaced by Gary Pomichter for the remainder of the season. Gary guided Meghan Bochanski, Maureen McGuinness and the ladies to a victory over Danville in his first game, but the girls came up short at Hazen in the second.

Please come to the high school gymnasium on Saturday, February 26th at 2:30 pm for a special "Senior Day" for the graduating Lady Bullets.

The girls will make the playoffs, but will be "On the Road".

The Bullets boys basketball team has been inconsistent this year, playing well with a D-1 power and struggling with a D-4 opponent. Captain Alex

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*Evan Marnell, a 5th grader at Bellows Free Academy in Fairfax, has been recognized by the National Association for Gifted Children for his outstanding character and dedicated work ethic. He received a certificate of recognition and a \$500 savings bond at a recent "On the Road" event held at Georgia Elementary and Middle School. "On the Road" is an event put on by the Vermont Council for Gifted Education to provide educational enrichment experiences for children throughout the state. The Nicholas Green Award "is designed to recognize distinguished achievement in academics, leadership, or the arts, in children grades 3 through 6. The Nicholas Green Foundation was established by Maggie and Reg Green to honor the memory of their seven-year-old son Nicholas who was killed in a drive-by shooting while visiting Italy in 1994. (NAGC website) Information can be found at www.vcge.org or www.nagc.org.*

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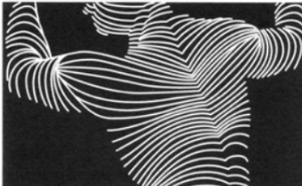
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so good, breakfast. He continued till 5:30 pm with dinner at the complex at 7:00 pm. One afternoon, while walking with some Haitians, Greg began asking some questions. Two of the men could speak some English and Greg can speak a little French. Five of the six men Greg was talking with had lost family in the earthquake, but Greg was amazed how they all could smile and none complained.

On the next day, another hot one, Greg worked on a house for "Joseph" who had worked for 11 years to pay for the block walls of his home, which was destroyed. His was the biggest house at 30 feet by 40 feet. After lunch and six more houses erected, a friend Charlie, asked Greg to go for a walk to a

woman's place, which was a tent near the river. They asked her if she wanted a new home and of course, she said yes. They explained it would be built near the compound where the Haitian brothers and priests live, and her eyes filled with tears.

The next day, Charlie asked Greg to take a team and build her a home, 10 feet by 16 feet, steel on walls and roof and Greg went ahead and added a bed frame, low to the ground, which she loved. At lunch, Father Bernie asked Greg if he could do one more roof for a blind man.

Greg headed to an unknown area, which he said was a little intimidating with many people all around. Desperate people can do desperate things.

All went well and Greg headed back to the compound.

The "Food Give Away" started 45 minutes late so Greg was able to assist in the distribution of food to 485 families in a long line. Greg said the carpenters and nurses giving away the food was heartwarming.

When they arrived at the compound for dinner, the tables and chairs were surprisingly set up outside for a special treat of about 40 Haitian children performing a dance for the crews to send them off with thanks. Greg says he will never forget those smiles and tears of joy.

On the last morning, Greg rose, attended Mass and a blessing of a house with breathtaking views, then boarded along with the crews into two pickups and a bus. The smell and the lawlessness of the streets was also something Greg will remember. Trash piled up and human waste flowing in the streams remains.

He noticed the Parliament Building, which was seen many times on television here in the States, has not been touched.

Greg Hartmann provided some Haitian people he had never met with hope and happiness and they were truly lucky to have him down there.

As we are fortunate to have him back in Fairfax.

Thank you Greg!

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DeRaps (who also made First Honors) has been directing the squad from the floor as they have had a learning season and hopefully will put it together for a playoff run. Tyler Meunier is key to the Bullets success in bringing the ball up the court. Sam Jones is as exciting as he is tall and Brandon Bates will mix it up with anybody, anywhere, anytime. Jackson Keogh has been solid in the paint and several other Bullets have been contributing.

The Bullets are home for Richford on February 25th.

The Bullets should have one home playoff game and one "On the Road" before hopefully returning to Barre for the Vermont State Championship.

The B.F.A. Fairfax Ski team will compete in the Vermont State Championship at Craftsbury on February 26th. The skiers have had a tremendously successful year which included a Home Ski Meet in Fairfax.

The B.F.A. Fairfax Cheerleaders competed in South Burlington on February 19th and will be in Windsor on the 26th for the Vermont State Championships.

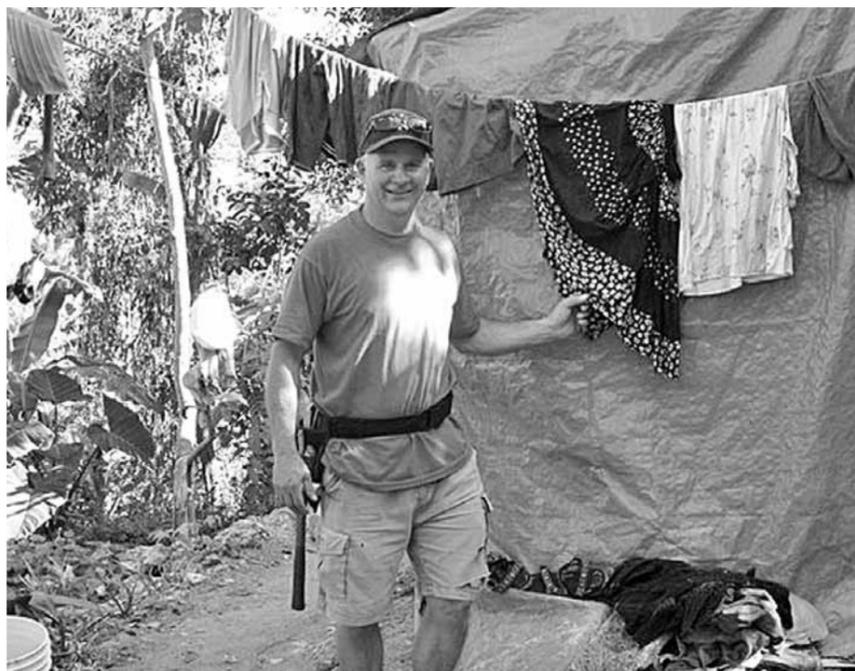
Watch FranklinOne.com for updates.



**CFC. Inc**

Citizens for Fairfax Community, Inc. (CFC) February 16th, 2011 Meeting Minutes: Discussions and Reports: Eda's sister removed some of the lines in her woodblock image of the Baptist building, as per our request. We agreed that it will now work

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Greg Hartmann in Haiti

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Zac Roy with a buck he bagged last hunting season!

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quite well for use in a CFC logo; We reviewed about 30 font suggestions for use in the logo and agreed to go with "Footlight MT Light;" The grant application should be considered at VCDP's April meeting. Next Meeting: Wed, March 16, 6:30 pm at the Hunzikers' home; February agenda in brief: Reports, discussion and "to-dos" re: VCDP grant status; Initiating process for finding people for heading up our projects. For more information, please call Mark at 849-6561.

**Fairfax Resident Wins Rower for Cancer**

The winner of the Concept2 Rower raffle for the Boot Cancer Fitness Challenge was randomly selected on December 31. The official winner, Kevin Greene from Fairfax, Vermont, gladly visited the Concept2 facilities

to receive his rower. The rower raffle generated over \$700, which capped the 2010 Boot Cancer Fitness Challenge fundraising amount to just under \$7,500. The rower was made possible by Greg Hammond of Concept2. The Boot Cancer Fitness Challenge supports the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life.

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- \* New recycle bins can be picked up at the Town Office during regular office hours.
- \* Selectboard Meetings on first and third Mondays of the month at 7:00 pm
- \* Town Meeting Saturday, February 26th, Elementary Gym
- \* Polls Open Tuesday, March 1st  
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### Main Street Sidewalk Scoping Study

Monday, February 21st 7:00 pm in the BFA Elementary Gym.

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The purpose of the meeting is to in-

roduce the project to residents of the Town and to gain awareness of what is being done to establish a viable sidewalk access in the village area and how.

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2. Pour into a greased 9"x5" loaf pan.
3. Bake for 40-45 minutes, or until a skewer inserted in the middle comes out dry. Turn out onto a wire rack; leave for 10 minutes before slicing.
4. Brush maple syrup onto the top of the bread after it has cooled for extra sweetness and glaze.

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**PARENTS ARE CONCERNED ABOUT HEARING THAT ACETAMINOPHEN** might increase the risk of asthma in kids. Some researchers theorize that acetaminophen reduces the lungs' ability to fight free radical damage. This is an old issue that has come up again due some studies that suggest a link between asthma in younger kids and adults and acetaminophen use during adolescence or by mothers during pregnancy. There is no proof of a link only an association between acetaminophen and asthma. Acetaminophen or ibuprofen is fine for most children and for pregnant women especially during the first and third trimesters when NSAIDS and aspirin can be harmful.

**FLOMAX HAS BEEN USED QUITE EFFECTIVELY** to treat urinary retention symptoms in men with enlarged prostates. Now women are getting relief from similar symptoms caused by bladder outlet obstruction by taking this alpha-blocker. Up to now the only options were surgery or catheters but alpha-blockers increase urine flow by relaxing the bladder neck and urethra. A significant decrease in symptoms was reported by about half of the women taking the drug. Improvement reaches maximum effect in about 6 weeks and dizziness is the major reported side ef-

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