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NEWS BRIEFS

BFA Graduation

It was a day of joy for seniors and parents as the former BFA Fairfax students graduated in June and it was a day of sadness as Principal Scott Lang spoke at his last Fairfax graduation. Will Brooks gave a humorous address and seniors Adam Benay and Amit Saini also made the crowd laugh.

Awards start in column 4 of the frontpage and continue inside on page 6, followed by the honor roll for graduating seniors and Superintendent Bruce Chattman's column for you.

Pie & Ice Cream

The Annual Fairfax Pie & Ice Cream Social was held in June on a rainy evening, moving festivities inside. Sponsored by the Fairfax Historical Society, their President Mike Cain offers his thanks inside on page 9.

Births

Gabrielle Paige Briant was born May 10th to Terry (Fanton) Briant and Stephen Briant of Fairfax.

Our Changing School

Due to the departure of Scott Lang, there is no Principal's piece this month but next month we should have a column from the new Principal Michael Clark.

StoryWalk

Bring your children for a walk on the Fairfax Recreation Path and read a storybook at the same time. Story on page 7.

Steeple Update

Fairfax's landmark supermarket is under construction. Story on page 5.

Property Taxes

Franklin-1 Representative Carloyn Branagan has some important information on page 2.

COMING NEXT MONTH

Fairfax Egg Run

&

New Principal

Art in Bloom in Fairfax

BY CHRIS SANTEE

HENRY RAYMOND'S COVER PHOTO



A coffer dam is being constructed to turn all the water in the river through channels that conveyed the water to the mills, so that a new concrete dam can be built near where the old crib dam now stands. Several high derrick poles with their guy ropes remind one of a ship yard. Numerous steam drills are in operation on the South and Westerly side, and by the use of modern explosives rocks are being reduced to a grade for a pipe line from the dam for the foot of the fall where the power house is to be, whose powerful turbines will propel the dynamos that will send the electric current along our valleys to light towns and cities beyond and propel machinery or run the electric car. A score of men are now setting transmission poles along the highway leading to the city of St. Albans. Our town will get all the light we want; later trolleys will make us next door neighbors to adjoining towns and cities.

F. W. Shepardson - Fairfax, September 14, 1903

School Board News

BY PEG STEWART, SCHOOL BOARD CHAIRPERSON

Congratulations to the Class of 2009 as you leave the halls of Bellows Free Academy. More than three quarters of the class are going on to further their education or entering the Armed Services. Fairfax can be very proud of the support the community gives to the school both academically and athletically.

Many community members have often wondered that enrichment activities occur within BFA. The Elementary School this year Included Drama Club, Computer Club, Science equipment and early Education Art Camp and also showcased their artwork at the Franklin County Art Show held in St. Albans. The Geo-Bee team was a finalist in that competition. The Middle School also had a presentation on Bullying. High School students were involved in Scholar's Bowl, Lego Mindstorms, Team Leadership Conference and also took part in the Jr. Iron Chef Competition.

The school Action Plan addresses areas for school improvement based on student results. This is a three year plan that has annual reviews and reports to address the progress in achieving the goals. The Bellows Free academy Action Plan has been approved at the June meeting as part of the Franklin west Supervisory Union Plan which includes Georgia and Fletcher and will be available.

The School Board will be taking a break during July and will be holding an all day seminar in August with the Administration and the Superintendent to review the past year and plan for the coming year keeping in mind the safety and interests of our students. We intend to continue to provide the best education possible for all students.

BFA will also be welcoming a new High School Principal, Mr. Michael Clark and several new faculty members throughout the school.

Have a safe and restful summer. The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be August 10th at 6:30 pm in the Library.

Lady Bullets Runners Up

The season started with a heartbreaking loss and it ended on the same note, but in between there were many success and victories that will keep the 2009 Bellows Free Academy softball team remembered as one of Fairfax's best ever.

With the score tied in the bottom of the seventh on opening day, Enosburgh was in the field with Fairfax was rallying for the win. Bases were loaded as Stephanie Karr stepped up to the plate and launched what appeared to be a walkoff game winning grand slam homer, but a Lady Hornet glove went up above the outfield fence and robbed Stephanie. The game went to extra innings and Enosburgh snuck out of town with the win.

BULLETS

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It's July and that means it's time for "Art in Bloom" in Fairfax. The Art in Bloom Festival, now in its third year, brings many exhibits and a day of music and fun to Swanson's Farm & Nursery on Saturday, July 25th, from 9:00am to 4:00pm to benefit the Fairfax Fire and Rescue Departments. In 2008, the festival raised \$1,453.

The music will start at 11:00 am with the acoustic rock of Hubcaps. Classic Rock starts at noon with Backside Grind from Westford and Wilbur's Dog will provide some electro-acoustic Alternative Rock at 1:00 pm. Hillbillies from Outer Space will perform zydeco blues at 2:00 pm and Alzona Watson will provide some killer blues and slide guitar from 3:00 pm on.

Art in Bloom
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Congratulations Fairfax Grads

BY SCOTT LANG

The following BFA graduates received a number awards for which they were recognized at Commencement on June 13.

Marie Aja is a Pro Merito Scholar, received the Presidents Award for Excellence, the Principal's Leadership Award, the BFA Challenge Award, the Daughters of the American Revolution Award and was a VPA Scholar Participant.

Adam Benay received the Pro Merito Award, the President's Award for Academic Excellence, the School Directors' Award for two years of service to the Fairfax Board of School Directors, the BFA Challenge Award, the Marine Corps Scholar Award, the Balfour Award for loyalty, the Trustees Award for Music and he was a VPA Scholar participant. Adam was the Salutatorian of the Class of '09.

Fairfax Grads
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With the pressure of an undefeated record off, the Lady Bullets went on to win each and every game they played, demolishing some teams by 20 runs, until Peoples Academy came to Fairfax for the final regular game of the season.

Peoples had an impressive 12 straight wins, but Fairfax had 14 straight wins.

Victoria Bessette pitched extremely well, as she had all season and trailing 2-1 in the bottom of the seventh, the

BULLETS

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Fairfax,

We are lucky to live in the United States of America. We have freedom.

We are fortunate to live in Vermont. We have clean air and water and a very low crime rate.

We are extremely lucky and fortunate to live in Fairfax. We have community.

We celebrated Community Day in June, held a ducky race, added a Story-Walk to the Recreation Path, held a Pie & Ice Cream Social on a rainy evening, but everyone still had a great time.

We attended sporting events for some very successful athletes. We improved Fairfax Falls, now a great place to visit and fish.

In July we didn't have an organized fireworks, but we might next year. We have the Art in Bloom Festival on July 25th and in August, we'll have the annual Egg Run.

Enjoy your summer in Fairfax, Vermont in the United States of America, we're extremely fortunate and lucky.

Take care and God bless,

Chris Santee

Hey brother, can you spare some time?

From Fairfax Rescue

Are you a 'professional volunteer?' Have you been involved in so many things that people recognize you as the coach of ... or the scout leader of...or the one who ran the...you know who you are.

You care about people, you care about kids, and you want to help. You've done a lot for the community already and you've read the notices time and again about Fairfax Rescue needing volunteers. You thought: "Some day I'd like to do that, when I have time," or, "Gee, I love those yellow jumpsuits they wear and banana yellow matches my hair!"

Perhaps you're the one thinking, "Oh, I could never do that! Oh, it must be awful—the blood, the guts, the gore! It must be hard to get THAT out of yellow, blood leaves such a nasty stain...but those rescue folks always looks so nice! I wonder how do they do that?"

The skinny is this: responding to a Fairfax Rescue call is really not like being in a slasher movie. There is the occasional bloody nose that won't quit or the patient that fell and hit his head on something—if you have a head you know even a small cut will bleed profusely, making it look as though someone took a machete to it.

However, a vast majority of our calls do not involve blood at all. They're what we call "medical calls." Although they have the potential to be very serious, thankfully for our victims...er patients, most of the time, they are not.

These calls are usually diabetic, respiratory, or cardiac related. Sometimes there are the ambiguous abdominal pains, dizziness, coughing, or just not feeling quite right. We have our share of car accidents in town as you and various store owners know, but many result in no more than minor injuries, if anyone is hurt at all.

In soothing your fears about joining our organization, I don't want to mislead you into thinking that nothing ever happens. I want to be clear that a lot of the time things are as stated above, but sometimes there are broken bones and trips to Fletcher Allen Health Care with a critically ill patient.

There are the occasional bad accidents with serious injuries, cardiac arrests that require CPR in transport all the way to the hospital, and medical calls that become life threatening.

Some of those crashes are fatal and sometimes CPR doesn't work. People do die. It's a fact of life and a reality for an EMT or anyone in health-care. However, that prickly little point should not stop you from doing what you do best—helping people. That's why we need you to join our team. Besides those are exceptions to the norm, not a daily occurrence.

Fairfax Rescue is full of people like you who have been volunteers for all sorts of things in whatever community they've lived in. Like you, always wanted to do it, but couldn't because the kids were too young, or too much was going on, or whatever, but eventually we all worked things out and I'm sure you will figure it out for you too.

So, the time is right now. If you've thought about it, but didn't think you could do it, you'll be amazed to see that you really can and it's not as bad as you think. Fairfax Rescue is a volunteer squad that has members from each of its service areas (and beyond), Fairfax, Fletcher, and Westford.

Our call volume is expanding and this September we're expecting the arrival of our new Braun ambulance. A decision was made to keep our old rig, so we will be a two ambulance squad allowing us to be available for our own calls when the first ambulance is already out.

The addition of a second ambulance also opens the door for opportunities that we didn't have before; however we need available crews to run both if needed. That's why we need you to join our team!

Fairfax Rescue provides all the training you will need to become an Emergency Care Attendant (ECA) and/or Emergency Medical Technician (EMT). We're a diverse group of people with varied backgrounds. Join us for a business meeting the first Monday of each month or training in service the third Monday of each month, just to see what we're like and what it's about.

You're also welcome to "ride along" to see if you are interested in what we do. That of course is a little hit or miss and requires some hanging around,

but what better way to get a feel for things and get to know a few crew members?

The Squad also has two junior members (a HS student who is at least 16years old), and is always happy to have more.

Contact Andy Higgins our Recruiting Guru at 802-370-1223 or Leader Extraordinaire, Mike Spaulding at 802-578-0255 and let them know you'd like to attend a meeting to see what we're about, because you're thinking about joining. Be sure to tell them you were beckoned by the letter in the Fairfax News.

Thanks to all who will join Fairfax Rescue. We promise not to scare you off immediately.

Members of Fairfax Rescue

Property Tax

School property tax rates are set annually by the Vermont Tax Department working with the Vermont Department of Education. The starting point for the tax rate calculation is the statutory rate, this year set in law at 86 cents for Homestead properties and \$1.35 for Non-resident properties. The Homestead rate goes up or down from there for each school district depending on the Common Level of Appraisal figure and how much the district decides to spend on its schools. The Non-resident rate is not affected by amount the district spends, just the CLA. Here are the figures released last week for Franklin County:

(Town, CLA, Homestead, Non-Resident).

Bakersfield and Sheldon are pending reappraisal.

Berkshire (104.42, \$1.0019, \$1.2929); Enosburg (103.72, \$1.0668, \$1.3016); Fairfax (90.57, \$1.1178, \$1.4906); Fairfield (98.04, \$1.1208, \$1.377); Fletcher (84.83, \$1.3806, \$1.5914); Franklin (78.18, \$1.2884, \$1.7268); Georgia (101.17, \$1.1081, \$1.3344); Highgate (105.08, \$1.009, \$1.2847); Richford (103.71, \$1.0229, \$1.3017); St. Albans City (71.25, \$1.6525, \$1.8947); St. Albans Town (102.26, \$1.1272, \$1.3202); Swanton (103.98, \$1.0145, \$1.2983).

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

United Church News

During July, the United Church will hold Sunday worship at the Baptist Church Building on Main Street. The time of worship, 10:45 am, remains the same.

For over a year the United Church has been hosting a monthly Community Meal on the last Thursday of the month. Due to renovations going on in the Basement, there will be no meal from June through August. The Community Meal, which is free and open to anyone, will begin again on the last Thursday of September.

Summer Concert Series

July 14th — 7:00 pm the Milton Community Band.

July 21st — 7:00 pm the Fairfax, Fletcher, Westford Community Band.

July 28th — 7:00 pm Carol Jones of the Superchargers.

August 4th — 7:00 pm The Fiddleheads.

Be Creative @ The Fairfax Community Library

The summer reading program at the library is under way.

This year we will be giving away bicycles for elementary and middle school, iPods for highschool, and books and toys for preschoolers. Come into the library to get your reading logs and enter to WIN! Prizes generously funded by the Fairfax Community Library, The Fairfax PTSA and community members.

July 9th — 10:00 am Jerry Schneider – The Butterfly Guy

July 16th — 10:00 am Gary Dulabaum – Creative Literacy

July 23rd — 10:00 am Sally Ziegler – Get creative with art

July 30th — 10:00 am Garbage Games – create your own game or artwork with household objects

August 6th — 10:00 am Success by Six sponsors, get Creative!

August 13th — Grand Finale with Tom Joyce – Magic Man. Raffle prizes awarded today.

Calling all High School Students!

READ FOR TUNES at the Fairfax Community Library!

If you are between the ages of 13-18 on August 13th here is how:

Fill out a Read for Tunes entry form for every book you read this summer by August 13th and place in the box at the Fairfax Community Library. You will then be entered in the drawing to win an Apple® iPod nano 8GB MP3 player.

Farmers Markets

The Westford Farmers' Market will be held on the Westford Common (town center) every Friday, rain or shine, from 3:30-6:30 pm.

The Fairfax Farmers' Market will be held at Swanson's Farm & Nursery on Route 104 in Fairfax every Saturday, rain or shine, from 8:00 am to noon.

Egg Run Volunteers Needed

The egg run is just around the corner! We need volunteers for the following areas

Registration, Race Course Set up, Friday night set up, and Timing.

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The Egg Run benefits the Fairfax Parks and Recreation Department.

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Art in Bloom
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The artists and artisans include Russ & Jan DeCooman of Apple View Acres with Organically Grown Vegetables & Bantam Chickens, French Angora Rabbits, Fiber Art & Fine Art; Ally Volz; Amanda Bates; Barbara & Joshua Derner; Bruce Gilbert Smith; Christine Soycheck; Granny Lynn's Country Greetings; Green Mountain Pottery; Hearts Ease Bears; In the Ferns Stained Glass and Hand Etching a member of ZacharyDeans.com check the "art" section; It's Arthurs Fault; Joanne Delaney; Lena Meunier with bead jewelry, necklaces, bracelets; Marje Ellsworth & Beth Tole and Jams; Mary Rooney; Pat & Andrew Reed; Sally's Sweet and Savory; Sandi Rexford Snowy Day Bears with one of a kind collectible artist bears; Shedd's Spread Painting & Decorating; Tia Rooney; Tie Dye Sisters, bring something to tie-dye like shirts, socks and whatever you think of; Trevor Russell; Vermont Animal Whisperer; Weavers Shed Art Studio; and Wildflower Farm & Studio.

Granny Lynn writes "Seasons spent in New England touch my senses in impressionable ways and form the

backdrop for many of my paintings. Although I've been working in watercolor for 30 years, and have taught a few beginner classes, I still consider myself a student as well, always learning from the wonderfully talented people I met along the way. It's for this reason I joined the Essex Art League, where I've found like-minded souls and an atmosphere of creative inspiration! I offer framed and unframed colored prints, cards and originals under my business name, Granny Lynn's Country Greetings".

The Festival offers music all day from various artists, listed earlier. Food will be sold by the Burger Barn; Iced Coffees from Green Mountain Coffee Roasters and Trevor Russell; Samosa Man from Winooski with congo food and fresh mango juice; and donated ice cream from a local producer.

Shelly's Raffle Basket is chock-a-block full with items from various artisans. Admission is Free. We are only asking for parking and ice cream donations.

Event Organizer Shelly Pottala says "Join us for the Third Annual Art in Bloom Festival on July 25th from 9:00am to 4:00pm at Swanson's Farm & Nursey in downtown Fairfax on Route 104. It will be a day of entertain-

ment, art and fun for the whole family with lots of art, music and food. It is a benefit for the Fairfax Fire and Rescue. There will also be raffles and other fun things going on. Please come join us! Admission is FREE, we are only asking for parking donations. It is an event worth attending. See you there!"

Special Thanks to the Inn at Buck Hollow Farm, see their recipe of the month on page 11, and thanks to the Inn at Grace Farm B&B for their contributions to Shelly's Raffle Basket. Thanks to Earl's Bicycles, Green Mountain Coffee Roasters, Creative Edge and Professional Nails of St. Albans.



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There are personalized, awesome omelets for all race participants.

For more information, e-mail Katrina Antonovich, egg run race Director, Fairfaxparksandrec@yahoo.com, or call 802-849-2641, at FairfaxRecreation.com, the evnt brochure is available online.

Cost is \$20 for adults, \$6 for youth 12 and under and seniors, 60 plus or a family price with children under 18 is \$45. Kids Fun run is \$5.

Parking will be available at BFA Fairfax on Hunt Street, there is No Parking at or around the church!

Registration is July 31st from 6:00 to 7:00 pm and August 1st from 7:45 to 8:30 am.

Sponsors: All Motion Fitness, Catamount Family Center, Comfort Inn and Suites, Creative Edge, Eastern Mountain Sports, Essex Outlet Cinema, Family Video Plus, Foothills Bakery, Inn at Essex, J&L Hardware, Jeff's Maine Seafood, Green Mountain Coffee Roasters, Hillcrest Foods, Olive Garden, Outdoor Gear Exchange, Petra Cliffs, Racquet's Edge, Ski Rack, Smuggler's Notch, Swanson's Nursery, The Green Room, Vermont Expos, Vermont Symphony Orchestra, University Mall.

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Steeple Update

The exterior walls are being framed at Steeple Market on Route 104 in Fairfax. Fire destroyed the landmark supermarket and residents anxiously await its re-opening, hopefully by Labor Day 2009.

Bridge 10

The small concrete bridge on Main Street in Fairfax, next to the blinking light will be re-built. Workers have been installing conduit pipe.

Watch FranklinOne.com for this and more on Fairfax.



Nicole Swanson of Swanson's Farm & Nursery stands among the Fresh Flowers table at the 2008 Art in Bloom Festival. The 2009 Festival promises to be the best yet so mark Saturday, July 25th your calendars and come to Swanson's on Main Street, next to the Lamoille River Bridge for the Third Annual Art in Bloom Festival to benefit Fairfax and Rescue Departments.

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It's Over!!

The water lawsuits between Fairfax Green Adult Community (Gabe & Diane Handy) and the Town of Fairfax have been resolved.

Vermont League of Cities & Towns paid \$50,000 of the Handy's legal fees.

We'll have more on FranklinOne.com and in August's issue of *The Fairfax News*.

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Melissa Benson received the Principal's Award for Most Improved Student.

Jennifer Chamberlin was a Pro Merito Scholar, received the President's Award for Academic Excellence, the Green and Gold Scholarship from the University of Vermont, the Marine Corp Scholars Award, the North Country Credit Union Community Service Award, the Prudential Spirit of the Community Award, the BFA Challenge Award, the Society of Women Engineers Honors Award and was a VPA Scholar Participant. She was the Valedictorian of the Class of 2009.

Jessica Champagne received the Marine Corps Distinguished Athlete Award, the Billy Howrigan Scholarship and the Paul Smith's Provost Award.

Callie Chapman was a Pro Merito Scholar, received the President's Award for Academic Excellence, the BFA Challenge Award, the Clarkson Achievement Award, the Young Scholars Award, a Clarkson School Scholarship and was a VPA Scholar Participant.

Andrew Duprat received a Parish Scholarship and an Honors Scholarship from St. Michael's College. Andrew also received an attendance award.

Jessie Froebel received the Eagles Club Scholarship and the Chauncey Warner Scholarship.

Matt Gonzales was the Parliamentarian for the Vermont State Skills USA Organization was inducted into the National Technical honor Society and is a certified Webmaster.

Dylan Gratton received a Freshman Recognition Scholarship from SUNY Plattsburg.

Joseph Gregoire received a BFA Attendance Award.

Eric Hodet received a Skills USA Silver Medal.

Kat Hogan received the Michael Sturgeon Scholarship, the Walden Barkyoub Scholarship and the Principal's Award as Most Respectful.

Lizzy Hubbard received the BFA Trustees Drama Award and the Trustees Music award. Lizzy also received a Merit Scholarship from Landmark College and a VSAC Scholarship

Stephanie Karr was a Pro Merito Scholar, received the President's Award for Excellence, was named the Army Reserve Scholar Athlete, received the BFA Challenge Award and the Society of Women Engineers Honors Award. Stephanie also received the Betty and Raymond Howard Scholarship and the PTSA Scholarship at Commencement.

Zach Kelley received the Eleanor Berry Scholarship.

Shane Kirby received the Fairfax Football Boosters Dare to Dream Scholarship and a VSAC Scholarship.

Matt Lawrence was a Pro Merito Scholar, received the President's Award for Excellence, a Vermont Honors Scholarship, the BFA Challenge Award, the McCardle Scholarship, the Trustees Drama Award, the University of New England Scholarship, a You Lead Scholarship, a ENE Diversity scholarship, and an Attendance Award.

Jordan Lupien received a Chauncey Warner Scholarship, a Champlain College Awards Scholarship and a Chittenden County 4H Scholarship.

Andrea Mucia received the Nona Bergeron Scholarship.

Sam Naylor received the Eastern Star Scholarship and the American Citizenship Award.

Carter Peterson was a Pro Merito Scholar, received the President's Award for Excellence, and the Order of Masons Scholarship, attended Boys State, was named the Army Reserve Scholar Athlete, the Albert Rich Award, a Vermont Grocers Scholarship, the American Citizenship Award, the BFA Challenge Award and was a VPA Scholar Athlete.

Seth Rebeor received the Marine Corps Distinguished Athlete Award, was a VPA Scholar Participant, received the Principals Award as Outstanding Athlete, the VPA Sportsmanship Award and a Comcast Leadership

Scholarship.

Amit Saini was a Pro Merito Scholar, received the President's Award for Excellence, attended Boys State, was a VPA Scholar Participant and received the Principal's Award as Most Respectful.

Colin Santee received the BFA Challenge Award.

Sheilagh Smith – received the Marine Corp Semper Fi Award, the BFA Challenge Award, and the Emily Rose Aja Scholarship.

Brittany Sweet received the Nona Bergeron Scholarship.

Alex Tinker received the Principal's Most Improved Award.

Hope Towle received the Dale and Sherry Spaulding Scholarship.

Kyle Trayah was the Historian/Sgt. At Arms for the Vermont State Skills USA Organization, is a certified Webmaster and received a gold medal in the Quiz Bowl, Skills USA Competition.

Jenna Tucker received the BFA Challenge Award and the Society of Women Engineers Honors Award.

Willy Watson was a Pro Merito Scholar, received the President's Award for Excellence and a St. Michael's College Green Mountain Scholarship.

Kate Wells was a Pro Merito Scholar, a William Randolph Hearst Nominee, received the Jade and McAllister Myers Scholarship, the University of British Columbia President's Entrance Scholarship and was a VPA Scholar Participant.

Jessica White was a Pro Merito Scholar, received the President's Award for Excellence, a St. Michael's College Honors Scholarship and the Principal's Award as Most Athletic.

Christian Williams received a Skills USA Bronze Medal in Web Design and is a certified Webmaster.

Colby Yandow was the Outstanding Student in the CTE Engineering and Architectural Design Program.

Joe Yergeau received a Skills USA Internet Networking Award and participated in the Skills USA National Competition.

There are five students from the Class of 2009 who will be entering or who have already entered the military.

Kirk Mossey has entered the Army National Guard. Marissa Mahoney will be entering the United States Army. Krystina Higgins will be entering the United States Army. Josh King will be entering the United States Navy. Aaron Wells will be entering the United States Marine Corps.

BFA Fairfax Class of 2009 Honor Roll

First Honors: Adam Benay, Andrew DuPrat, Eric Hodet, Marissa Mahoney, Carter Peterson, Amit Saini, Samantha Santaw, Caitlyn Trainer, Corey Vincelette, William Watson and Jessica White.

Second Honors: Jennifer Chamberlin, Stephanie Karr, Brittany Mossy, Colin Santee and Kathleen Wells.

Third Honors: Marie Aja, Victoria Besette, Cameron Caruso-Randall, Jessica Champagne, Patrick Fondry, Kathryn Hogan, Devin Keefe, Joshua King, Shayne Kirby, Matthew Lawrence, Caytlyn LeDuc, Jordan Lupien, Samantha Naylor, Daniel Orisko, Seth Rebeor, Brittany Sweet, Hope Towle, Jennifer Tucker and Joseph Yergeau.

FWSU News

BY SUPERINTENDENT BRUCE CHATTMAN

As the 2009-2009 school year ends, it is important for all our students to understand that their learning does not end. Our students will venture forth into new experiences for the summer that will provide them with opportunities to apply their knowledge and skills in different arenas. The array of opportunities include summer camps, parks and recreation programs, youth athletics, family vacations, summer school, travel, and work opportunities. There will also be time for play, reading, and just being "kids." It is our hope that each student

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will have a safe, meaningful and fulfilling summer experience from which they will continue to develop essential interpersonal skills, motivation, and confidence to be the best they can be.

When they return to school in the Fall, students will find that teachers and administrators will also have had new learning experiences during the summer varying from formal education and workshops to fulfilling personal endeavors. The FWSU Board and each town school board within the supervisory union adopted an ambitious "Action Plan" in June that provides direction for the professional development for teachers, administrators and all staff over the next three years. This plan has the explicit goal of improving student learning and results in target areas as measured by the New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP). In addition, the plan calls for the development curriculum and assessment in areas such as art, music, physical education, and world languages that are not measured by standardized assessment. The foundation for the Action Plan was provided by teams of dedicated teachers and administrators who worked throughout the 2009 school year, in addition to their regular responsibilities, to conduct an in-depth analysis of student data, curriculum alignment, grade level expectations and curricula alignment.

The district has developed a professional development schedule to fully implement the strategies in the Action Plan and work on this plan has already begun. A team of teachers and administrators will be participating in a workshop sponsored by the Association Supervision and Curriculum Development to continue their work on Understanding by Design – a program in best practices for instruction. Another group of 40 FWSU teachers and administrators will be participating in a technology workshop to develop the

knowledge and skills to effectively use of 21st century technology/learning tools in conjunction with best practices in teaching, while others will be pursuing formal course work at state colleges and UVM to fulfill their individual professional development plans. This work will continue throughout the school year through this embedded professional development program. As we strive to move forward to teach our students the 21st Century Skills they need to be successful, we must also purge ourselves of routines and practices that are impediments to effective and efficient use of professional time. We will begin by the replacement of weekly "management" meetings with collaborative teams working on professional development activities. Administrators are working across all schools to schedule learning blocks more efficiently so students will have concentrated time to focus on literacy and math as well as teacher time for work on assessments and instruction.

The Fairfax School Board will hold its annual summer retreat/workshop on August 5th. Fairfax residents are invited to contact the Board Chair (Peggy Stewart; 849-6548) or me (849-2283) by August 1st if you have any ideas, concerns or suggestions you would like the Board to consider for their agenda.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Fairfax Pharmacy for selling the most duckies in Fairfax's Community Day Ducky Race held on Community Day in June. The Golden Duck has been awarded and is on display at Fairfax Pharmacy in the Fairfax Commons.

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The Alzona Watson Band performs at the 2008 Art in Bloom Festival at Swanson's Farm & Nursery. The 2009 Festival is scheduled for July 25th, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, again at Swanson's on Main Street Fairfax next to the Lamouille River bridge.

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Fairfax Recreation Path StoryWalk

A StoryWalk has been organized for the Fairfax Recreation Path, which is located across from the school, near the school's ball fields. The Recreation Path is a beautiful trail used by many students and Fairfax residents.

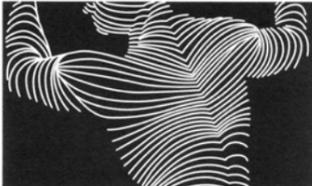
The StoryWalk project provides consecutive pages from a children's book laminated and mounted on stakes that are spaced along the Recreation Path. StoryWalk allows a child to read and experience a wonderful book while surrounded by the beauty of nature. Children in Fairfax will now be able to combine the joy of being outside with opportunities to develop literacy and physical fitness thanks to a grant through the Safe Routes to School Program, which is funded through Vermont Agency of Transportation and administered through Northwest Regional Planning Commission. Belows Free Academy-Fairfax was one of the two schools to participate in

the Safe Routes to School agreement, which started in 2006.

The first story featured on the StoryWalk in Fairfax is "Too Many Frogs," by Sandy Asher. Some of the upcoming stories will be "If You Give A Mouse A Cookie," by Laura Joffe Numeroff, and "Click, Clack, Moo Cows That Type," by Doreen Cronin. Please share your comments or suggestions with the Fairfax Recreation Department or the Fairfax Safe Routes to School Team if you have an opportunity to enjoy the StoryWalk.

The StoryWalk project for the Belows Free Academy-Fairfax will continue until August. At that time the grant will end for the School and for Northwest Regional Planning Commission. The School may choose to continue the project with the help of volunteers after the grant closes.

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Franklin Central School is also participating in the Safe Routes to School program and has had a successful StoryWalk since May 2009.

The StoryWalk Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, Vermont and developed in collaboration with the Vermont Bicycle & Pedestrian Coalition and the Kellogg-Hubbard Library.

Posted by Shaun on Henry Raymond's VTGrandpa.com.

Thanks to Amy Adams of the NRPC.

Patriots Youth Football

The Patriots Youth Football team will be holding Equipment Fit Day on Saturday, July 18th at Stuff-It-Storage on Route 104 in Fairfax.

Seventh and eighth grade players are scheduled for 8:00 am to 8:30 am. Fifth and sixth grade players from 9:30 am to 10:30 am and Flag players are scheduled from 10:30 am 11:30 am.

Don't forget to bring a large equipment bag and if you have more than one player, all may come at the same time.



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BULLETS

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Lady Bullets rallied, but two runners were thrown out at the plate and the Fairfax girls suffered only their second loss of the season.

BFA Fairfax cruised through the first three rounds of the playoffs, playing at home, beating Arlington, Green Mountain and Rivendell and a rematch with Peoples was the scene for the Vermont State Championship, played at Post Field at U.V.M.

The Fairfax fans came to support their team in great numbers. The enthusiasm and spirit on this team was evident all year as encouragement flowed from the dugout. All year, cars had been lining up Hunt Street all the way to home-plate at the baseball field game for one game. Yes, Fairfax was alive with Championship Dreams once again, hoping to accomplish what the boys basketball team could not.

But the Vermont State Championship was not to be. Though the Fairfax girls hit the ball hard, Peoples Academy outfielders caught chance after chance and won 3-0.

Seniors on the team include Stephanie Karr, Brittany Sweet (both named to the North/South All-Star Squad), Victoria Bessette, Samantha Naylor and Katelyn Feerick.

We're looking forward to next year and the returning players Casey Baczewski, Olivia Root, Kelsey Klauzenberg, Allyshia Jones, Laura Bellack, Chelsea King, Clara Bourdeau, Kayla St. Pierre, Jessica Babcock, Annie Dreher, Emily Santaw and Ruby Bushey.

Olivia, Casey, Jessica, Samantha, Stephanie and Victoria were first team Mountain Division All-Stars. Emily, and Brittany were on the second team.

Coach Seth McQuade was assisted by Karen McNall and Quintin Karr and of the year, he said "I am very proud of what these girls accomplished this season. They worked hard everyday and played the game for each other and because of that they were successful. They have set a high standard to which all future teams will strive. Our program owes a great deal to the five

seniors that are leaving our program."

This softball team contributed more than just great athletics at Bellows Free Academy Fairfax, they contributed to the pride of the community and that's why this team will always be remembered as one of Fairfax's best.

Pie & Ice Cream

Another successful annual Pie & Ice Cream Social was held in June at the Baptist Building on Main Street in Fairfax.

The Fairfax Historical Society sponsored the event. President Mike Cain thanks Wayne and Sally Sweet for putting the sign out and trusting him with the key. Our pie servers: Bob and Kathy Bessette and Margie Cain. Al Daniels for serving drinks. Elaine Kirkpatrick and Sally Sweet for being cashiers. All you people were BUSY!!

Barb Duvall and Colleen Steen for doing the T-shirt table. Al Daniels, Paul Lavallee, TJ Benoit, and Margie Cain for setting up.

Everyone for helping tear down. The Fairfax-Fletcher-Westford Band for putting on a wonderful performance.

Everyone connected with the United Church for letting us use the Baptist Building.

Jeff Minor and Minor's Country Store for getting us the ice cream.

Everyone who came, had some

Pie & Ice Cream
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Stephanie Karr, Coach Seth McQuaid and Brittany Sweet at the North South All-Star game.



Stephanie Karr, Vermont 2009 Mountain Division Player of the Year collects one of her many hits.

From BFA Football

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pie and ice cream, and listened to the band. When I passed the hat for the band, you were very generous.

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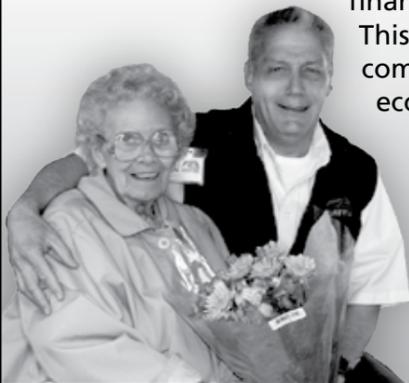
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Thanks to the Vermont State Police for their efforts to combat drug abuse and home break-ins.

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H1N1 "SWINE FLU" WILL MAKE THIS UPCOMING FLU SEASON A LITTLE MORE COMPLICATED. Seasonal flu vaccine is already being made so it may take at least two and maybe three injections for full coverage. The H1N1 vaccine may not be ready for fall as the cultures of virus needed to make it are not growing fast enough in the lab. H1N1 may require two shots since most people have not been exposed and have no immunity—the first shot is a priming dose and the second shot several weeks later would be necessary to boost antibody titers. H1N1 is sensitive to both Tamiflu and Relenza so patients with severe symptoms or at high risk for complications can be treated and Tamiflu can be given to infants under one year of age. As always the best medicine is prevention with hand washing, covering mouth for coughs and sneezes and staying home if you are ill with symptoms.

PATIENTS TAKING WARFARIN are often warned to be aware of their dietary intake of green leafy vegetables due to the vitamin K content interfering with the effectiveness of the warfarin. Some clinicians are having patients with unstable INRs, the measurement regimen used to regulate warfarin dosing, take a small daily vitamin K supplement. It may seem against conventional wisdom but having a consistent daily intake of vitamin K appears to make it easier to maintain a steady warfarin dose.

TOPICAL CAFFEINE APPLIED TO THE SKIN OF MICE suppressed the development of skin cancer by up to 72%. Researchers believe the caffeine protects against non-melanoma skin cancer and may reverse sun damage. I guess it won't be long before we have coffee based sunscreen and moisturizers.

GINSENG IS ALREADY BEING USED TO IMPROVE MENTAL AND PHYSICAL PERFORMANCE as well as treat hepatitis C, erectile dysfunction, menopause symptoms and control blood pressure. You can now add reducing inflammation. A recent study indicates that ginseng may reduce inflammation.

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PATIENT WITH HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE can have a dramatic effect on controlling their illness. The normal limit for salt intake is one teaspoon daily, about 2300 mgs. Hypertensive patients should not exceed 1500mgs daily or about 2/3 of a teaspoon. Just because you don't use the salt shaker doesn't mean your not getting too much salt. Campbell's chicken noodle soup has about 2000mgs in a can, while some restaurant meals may contain over 5000mgs. Reducing salt intake to 1500mgs per day may lower blood pressure as much as hydrochlorothiazide or an ACE inhibitor and too much salt will make diuretics less effective. Effervescent antacids like Alka-Seltzer Original contain 500mg per tablet.

Ride For The Guard

The 2009 Ride For The Guard will be on Sunday, July 26th. The funds raised are used to support Vermont Guard members' families in times of need.

If you have a motorcycle and would like to ride check out RidefortheGuard.com or possibly contribute in some fashion.

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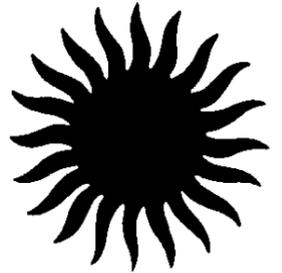
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